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A personal invitation to the XII American Sokol Slet was extended to Mayor Emil Vacin at the Berwyn City Hall by Slet Chairman, George Basta, and ASO. Directors, sis. Lorraine Zdenek and bro. Ed Linhart. The Slet poster will be displayed on the City Hall bulletin board. Slet activities will be held at Morton West High School gym and Stadium, Harlem Ave. and 24th Street, Berwyn, Illinois, from June 26 to June 29, 1969.

At this time the Slet Committee again invites all Sokol members, their families and friends to participate OR attend

the XII American Sokol Slet. Meet your old Sokol friends from previous Slets and make new friends at the 1969 Slet. A week-end of Sokol activities are planned for you to enjoy during your stay.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE SLET.

XII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET COMMITTEES

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Calendar of Events

- MAY 30th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Opening of the Camp.
- JUNE 8th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
- JUNE 8th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Picnic, White Eagle Grove Center, Lyons, Ill.
- JUNE 10th—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chicago.
Annual Smorgasbord.
- JUNE 17th—SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Falstaff Party. 7:30 p.m.
- JUNE 21 and 22—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.
Competition and Slet—held in Corpus Christi.
- JUNE 22nd—NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT, Cleve-
land, Ohio. — Slet—I.O.O.F. Camp.
- JUNE 22nd—SOKOL SO. OMAHA, NEBRASKA.
Sokol Day. Sokol Park, La Platte, Nebraska.
Gymnastic Exhibition. St. Aloysius Gymnasium,
1432 S. 92nd Street at 2:00 P.M.
- JULY 4th—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chicago.
Opening of the Camp.
- JULY 4th—SOKOL NEW YORK, N. Y.
Opening of the Camp.
- JULY 13th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
- JULY 13-19—SOKOL ST. PAUL, MINN.
Camp week.
- AUG. 16th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Summer Festival.
- SEPT. 7th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
Crab Feast.

- SEPT. 21st—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Picnic, White Eagle Grove Center, Lyons, Ill.
- OCT. 4th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Celebration of 50th Anniversary. Banquet.
- OCT. 25th—PLZENSKY SOKOL, CHICAGO, ILL.
90th Anniversary at the Midwest Country Club.
- NOV. 8th and 9th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Bazaar.

Housing and Hospitality Committee

The Housing and Hospitality Committee have selected the following hotels and motels for accommodations during the XII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET June 25-29, 1969. Reservations must be made at least four weeks in advance. Kindly make your reservations directly to the hotel or motel of your choice.

Pick-Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave., Chi-
cago, Ill. 60605, c/o Mr. Bartilotta, HA 7-3800,
ext. 288 or 289.

Oak Park Arms Hotel, 408 So. Oak Park Ave.,
Oak Park, Ill., c/o Mrs. Bess Muir, EU 6-4040.

Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant, Oak Park, Ill., VI
8-5000. Mrs. M. Krueger.

Carleton Motel (same as above).

Karavan Motel, 1620 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Ill.
OL 2-4220.

Key Stop Motel, 3026 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Ill.
656-4500.

Plaza Motel, 3030 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Ill., OL
6-0300.

Turf Motel, 3126 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Ill., OL
6-3810.

Pioneer Motel, 8835 W. Ogden Ave., Brookfield,
Ill., 485-9686.

Colony Motel, 9232 W. Ogden Ave., Brookfield,
Ill., 485-0300.

Brookfield Motel, 8809 W. Ogden Ave., Brook-
field, Ill., 485-0948. Carrie Kalais.

Chalet Motel, 8640 W. Ogden Ave., Lyons, Ill.,
447-6363.

Chicagoland Motel, 7225 W. Ogden Ave., Lyons,
Ill., 447-7910.

Presidential Inn, 3922 S. Harlem Ave., Lyons, Ill.,
4447-2890.

Maywood Motel, 113 Roosevelt Road, Maywood,
Ill., MU 1-2770.

Regency House Motel, 1150 Roosevelt Rd., Broad-
view, Ill., MU 1-2550.

Hillside Manor Motel, 4740 Roosevelt Rd., Hill-
side, Ill., 449-6500.

Southwind Motel, 5701 S. La Grange Road, La
Grange, Ill., FL 2-2630.

Sunnyside Motel, Joilet Road and S. La Grange
Road, LaGrange, Ill., 354-4200.

Colonial Motel, 5631 So. La Grange Road, La
Grange, Ill., FL 2-2480.

La Grange Motel, 5846 S. La Grange Road, La
Grange, Ill., FL 2-5640.

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AMERICAN SOKOL

IS MANIFESTED BY THEIR SLETS!

SALUTE TO OUR YOUTH

THE XII SLET PROMISES TO FULFILL THE HOPES AND

WISHES OF ALL GYMNASTS AND VISITORS!

WELCOME TO BERWYN, ILLINOIS, IN GREATER CHICAGO

JUNE 25-29, 1969

JAMES L. CIHAK:

COME TO THE XII SOKOL SLET OF ASO.

This is a many times renewed invitation for all of you to attend the XII Sokol Slet of the ASO., and become an active participant in those happy days of June 26-29, 1969. The memories you will carry home with you can only be gotten at a Sokol Slet. And a great Slet it will be. The enthusiasm thruout the country will assure it.

See the competition and watch the keen, if friendly striving of the gymnasts. Attend the Sokols banquet at the Pick-Congress Hotel where Col. Frank Kobes, Professor of Physical Education at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., will be the main speaker. He is a recognized authority on physical fitness. Attend the Championship Division competitions on Saturday afternoon. And by all means attend the Slet itself, Sunday afternoon, at Morton West Stadium.

See the Sokols in their full strength present their beautiful mass calisthenics, from the tots to their grandparents. Do not let this opportunity slip by—for it will be another 4 years before another spectacle like this will be seen again. Be, instead, among those who will be able to say, "I was at the XII Slet, and the memories I stored up there make me even prouder that I too am a Sokol."

You too can be a torchbearer into the future, a man or woman realizing the value of physical fitness and ready and willing to keep the flame alive. It is not how long you have lived, but how meaningful and valuable has been your path thru life.

Come to the XII Sokol Slet of the ASO. and live again in the knowledge that the Sokols are here to stay.

Nazdar!

Frank J. Rosner:

ANOTHER SOKOL MILESTONE

Another outstanding event will be held during the days of June 25-29, 1969, when the American Sokol Organization presents its XII Slet. For many this word may be an enigma, but as aptly described by experts, "it is the culmination of gymnastic activity, a festival of performing gymnasts in unison."

The Chicago Metropolitan Area will be fortunate, for this region will witness this wonderful meet, for which thousands of youngsters, as well as Sokols of all ages trained for months to achieve physical perfection. The end result will be produced on the field and gymnasium of Morton West High School and elsewhere.

Conscious of our heritage, and the reputation which this organization enjoys, we are looking forward to a special presentation of prowess in physical culture, which only Sokols are capable of achieving. We are grateful to our ancestors for having brought and introduced this idea with them from the old country.

It is well known that in the opinion of Miroslav Tyrs, the founder of this organization, "the Sokol idea appeals to all professions and strata of society, and it signifies both the physical and spiritual education of the people." Hence, the special appeal to our people is stressed in this democratic society.

The tradition of this movement is not static, it constantly grows and expands, and it is to the credit of Sokol that most prominently known people of Czechoslovak extraction, or members of their families, were Sokols. Many thousands journeyed over-

seas to witness the magnificent spectacles in Prague, Czechoslovakia, when Sokol Slets were held there during the first 20 years of the Czechoslovak Republic.

In many parts of this country, where there are larger communities of Americans of Czechoslovak descent, Sokol units are preparing hastily for participation in activities of this year's Slet, with the hope that their efforts will be rewarded by the presence of many visitors, who will come to witness their skill and dexterity.

They will want to prove that they do not lag behind their elders, but are anxious to uphold the very good name of the Sokol. This organization is truly proud of the fact that the physical education program which it follows and promulgates, is contributing in a large degree to the building of healthy minds in healthy bodies of our citizens, and their children.

Let us show our American fellow citizens, how we cherish this gift, and wish to preserve it for the future. We are surrounded by many elderly Sokols, who reached the ripe old age of late eighties, or early nineties, mainly due to the cultivation of their bodies and minds in the Sokol way.

Whoever can spare the time and effort should try to be present at this historic XII Slet of the American Sokol Organization, which will be held June 25-29, 1969, in the Chicago Metropolitan area. For further information, please write the American Sokol, 6426 West Cermak Road, Berwyn, Illinois 60402.

Colonel Frank J. Kobes, Jr. Main Speaker at the XII Slet Banquet



We feel particularly fortunate and honored in having secured Col. Frank J. Kobes as the main speaker at the XII Slet banquet. The Colonel will be accompanied by his wife. Both of them are veterans of the Sokol training in Crete and Wilber, Nebraska.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ASO.

April 22, 1969

Correspondence: M. Svoboda, Editor Narodni Politika, given to bro J. Rabas. — Bro. Charles Jahoda, St. Petersburg, Fla., sends heartiest greetings to Slet Comm. — Invitation extended bro. S. Barcal to attend 50th anniversary commemoration and celebration of Sokol Tyrs Oct. 4, 1969. Bro. Barcal's attendance approved and will expect to meet with as many District representatives as possible. — Letter of thanks to bro. J. Cihak from Sokol Detroit and Ladies Auxiliary for inspiring comments at joint annual meeting — Invitation to anniversary banquet at Sokol Los Angeles April 27, 1969. — Acknowledgment of expression of sympathy from Simon Rokusek family. — CNCA, Washington, D. C. Chapter, advising of publishing book "The Birth of Czechoslovakia," 3 copies to be ordered for our library. American Sokol carried two articles about this book.

Reports: Northeastern District minutes of Executive Comm. meeting March 26, 1969. — Western District BOI. annual meeting March 1, 1969. West-

Col. Kobes wrote that his father was President of Sokol Crete for many years and was a competitor in the Slet in 1909.

Col. Kobes was commissioned 2nd Lieut. upon graduation from USMA. in 1939. He served with the 3rd Inf. Division in Europe in 1942-43. After serving in many capacities he became Director of Physical Education at the United States Military Academy in 1953 and permanent Prof. of Physical Education there in 1959.

He works closely with the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

He is a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. He has contributed articles to SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER, SCHOLASTIC COACH, and ATHLETIC JOURNAL.

His views and studies on the fitness of American youth have appeared in the Congressional Record, newspapers and magazines. He is recognized as one of the country's authorities on physical fitness. He is a consultant to the New York State Department of Education on Physical Education, as well as to the Department of the Army on Physical Training. A busy lecturer and speaker at meetings of professional societies and organizations as well as lay groups.

ern District Executive Board meeting March 2, 1969. Western District Executive Board meeting March 10, 1969. Western District BOI. meeting March 10, 1969.

BOI.—Bro. E. Linhart: Apparatus film loaned to Southern District and returned, package received in bad condition, Post Office notified. Northeastern, Western and Southern Districts will attend Slet in force. Requested use of apparatus for Slet from Nissen Corp. and Porter Leavitt Co. Belting received from SMS — 50 pairs of men's pants (unfinished) will be sent to ASO. office. Units will be contacted to ascertain if monies have been refunded for unfilled orders. Slet Workshop N.E. District May 25, bro. Linhart will attend, approved. Expense to be allocated equally to ASO. and XII Slet. Matter of reimbursement to Sokol Detroit will be resolved at that time. Approved sponsorship of clinic to be given by Czech Olympian Eva Bosakova and USGF. so informed.

Sis. L. Zdenek: Completed assignments of competition directors — line up of classes at Slet — tabulating committee. Cut stencils for Czechoslovak Beseda, edited and taped music for same. Sent copy of music to bro. Zakrocky. Also taped music for

juniors and women's floor ex. Has possible new source of supply for gym uniforms. All correspondence and requests answered.

Slet Committee—Bro. G. Basta: Financial Comm. souvenirs ordered. Tickets being printed. Sales of tickets—R. R. Donnelley (Lakeside Press) offered to sell at commission of 15%. Publicity good, pictures being obtained. Banquet in progress. Management Comm. all lined up. Slet posters being finalized. Souvenir Program Book and seals coming along. Bro. Bill Vrba working on junior outing for June 27, 1969. Request of Sokol Berwyn to run barbecue, granted. Film, will request information for color film. Pictures of Slet Committees scheduled. Establish price of admission for Sock Hop.

Financial Secy.—Sis. A. Falta read report of receipts and disbursements for March. Checked books for units delinquent in payment of dues and assessments. Units will be notified. Presented bill for floral piece for bro. S. Rokusek, deceased. Matter of office salaries to be adjusted by sis. B. Prener.

Treasurer—Bro. F. Vodrazka: Report coincides with that of Fin. Secy. Office working well — sending out more seals.

Editor—Bro. C. Prchal: American Sokol is in pages. Many articles and reports came late. Attended and spoke at funeral services for bro. S. Rokusek. Spoke on Sokol Slet at Lodge Křivoklat-Trocnov and Svobodná Obec, and at banquet of Lodge Jan Hus. At the C.S.A. banquet commemorating its 115th anniversary, both bro. Barcal and bro. Basta were present and introduced. At the akademie of Bohemian Schools bro. Cejka gave a fine speech for the Slet.

Educational Committee—Bro. J. Cihak: Writing articles for American Sokol; gathering material for the Slet Journal. Wrote articles for District and individual officers. Answered heavy correspondence. All efforts directed toward Slet.

Publicity—Sis. A. Basta: Had nice session with Sun-Times photographer. Pictures of action shots taken and article will appear in about 3—4 weeks. Pictures taken April 30th of Berwyn Mayor and Slet President and Secretary to be used on front page of American Sokol May issue. Sent article to S.W. Suburban papers about sis. L. Zdenek leading program activities. Another is ready for Life papers on bro. E. Linhart and then will follow general articles on Slet. Will try to contact Chicago American and Daily News. Bro. Prchal advised Bohemian National Cemetery granted us time on Sunday radio program.

Organization Committee—Sis. E. Welcl-Ruzicka sent written report. Requests information on insurance carried by units. Bro. Barcal made summary report of sis. Ruzicka's trip through Washington, D. C., Belcamp, Baltimore, New York, New Jersey, Cleveland and Detroit. Detailed progress report on Miami. Drive for charter members—closing date set for May 10, 1969. Listed names of officers.

Secretary—Office report: Sis. Agnes Sotka reports requests filled for belting, emblems, book "Progressive Czech," parliamentary procedure, and plaque. Various material sent to Miami, Fla., where new Sokol unit is started. Authorization received from Chicago P. O. to mail at bulk 3rd class rate. Sis. Schnabl will secure number assigned to us

from Berwyn P. O. Responses coming in for seals, ads and well wishers. Sis. Ellen-Jeanne Schnabl: Correspondence answered. Prepared names on Certificates of Merit for Sokol Los Angeles. Taped revised Beseda and made 10 copies for distribution. Taped women's and junior girls floor ex. music and is making copies for distribution. Sis. June Pros, Slet Secy., reports: For BOI. sent information on uniform source to Directors. Also final survey, entry forms and medical releases. Sent copies of Beseda to various groups. **Publicity**—sent articles and information as requested by committee. **Program Book and Seals**—sent ad and seal requests to various organizations. Sent letter to President Nixon and Governor Ogilvie asking for their greetings for Program Book. Mailed 2 Slet Bulletins (200 each mailing). All correspondence answered. Sis. Betty Prener reported on office matters taken care of. Attended Central District annual meeting and gymnastic exhibition of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs. Ordered lettering for Certificate of Merit and inside mat for office, presented bills for phone call and lettering. Bro. Barcal welcomed sis. Prener back, after absence due to injury.

President—Bro. S. Barcal attended CSA banquet; also Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs gym exhibition. Congratulations to authors of men's, women's and junior boys and girls calisthenics. Talked to sis. B. Duffey of San Francisco by phone. Write to bro. Salak, President Pacific District, about possibility of conducting meeting during trip to West Coast. Attended BOI. meeting and 2 meetings of Slet Committee. Banquet reservations are coming in.

Membership Committee—Bro. G. Basta advised he prepared letter regarding Membership Kits and will be sent out. Poster, some changes were made in art work and Joe Kral is finalizing.

Financial Report ASO.

April 1969

INCOME:

Dues	\$2,149.50
T. J. Masaryk dues	9.00
Convention Fund	84.50
Special assessment	338.00
Dividends and interest	147.31
Resale of jewelry	31.00
Sokol emblems, belting	85.10
Educational pamphlets, decals, postage ...	1.65
Resale of books, manuals	44.00
Film rentals	100.00
Petty cash rebate84
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	\$2,990.90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department	
Salaries	\$308.29
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for March	98.80
Rental, janitor service, phone, express charges	474.40
Repairs to office machines	12.00
Office furniture	175.46
Office supplies	11.58
Travel expense	83.10
Petty cash	88.52
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Educational Department BOI.

Salaries	\$206.80	
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for March	55.20	
Printing additional copies of "Sokol Gymnast"	27.72	
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00	
Phone	2.00	
		\$ 316.72

Sokol Publication

Printing "American Sokol" — April issue	\$869.16	
Editor "American Sokol"	75.00	
Postage	48.83	
		\$ 992.99

Miscellaneous

Film rental refund	\$ 80.00	
Books for resale	21 00	
XII Slet expense	168.86	
Miscellaneous expense	25.50	
		\$ 295.36

Total Disbursements\$2,857.22

BALANCE:

Totals brought forward:		
Western National Bank of Cicero—check- ing account	\$5,442.12	
Income — April 1969	2,990.90	
		\$8,433.02
Disbursements — April 1969	2,857.22	
		\$5,575.80

Meeting of Officers and Comm. Chairmen — XII ASO. Slet Comm.

April 18, 1969

Correspondence: Letter from Cenek Torn and Boris Belousov, tabled. Letter from Otto Vanek, Washington D.C., regarding Slet film. Obtain information on 1800' complete, ½ hour run 16mm color and 8mm super. Letter from Sokol Beach Motel re: display, their panel size 30" x 45" — 3 panels to be sent to ASO office.

Bro Bill Vrba accepted chairmanship of Committee for Junior non-gymnastic activities Friday, June 27, 1969. There is a possibility Sokol Pilsen in New Buffalo, Mich. will accommodate our activity. Chaperones must accompany Juniors. Bro. Vrba will prepare "package deal" which will be offered.

BOI: Sis. Lorraine Zdenek, Beseda coordinated and all Slet material is out.

Bro Ed Linhart:

1. Parade inside Stadium, Mayors of surrounding towns, including Chicago, to be incited to participate, riding in open cars, each to furnish own car. Will be introduced. Ask them for greetings to be published in Souvenir Program.
2. Speakers for program. Slet Chairman Bro. George Basta; ASO President bro. Stanley Barcal; Senator Roman L. Hruska as guest speaker; Narrator bro. Roderick Gorman. All other announcements to be made by sis. Zde-

nek and bro. Linhart, ASO Directors. All participating organizations will assemble on the field, carrying flags. Tots will be included in Slet program.

3. Request decorating of Stadium with bunting and flags.
4. Letter from Mr. Ondrus — BOI tentatively listed their needs for week-end of 6—29—69— facilities needed. Bro. Joe Drnec and bro. Ed Linhart will make final arrangements with Mr. Geo. Rohlicek.

Invite Veteran's Post, Berwyn, Cicero and Chicago, to parade around field. Invite CSA Drill Teams to participate in the parade. Auxiliary Police to be requested, referred to Management Committee. Also make arrangements to have Home Avenue blocked off from Riverside Drive to 22nd Street for purpose of lining up.

Banquet: Sis. Blanche Cihak reported "Lyra" accepted invitation to sing. Invitations are being printed. Letters sent to units. Sent letters to organizations to set up tables of 10. Head table limited to 16 people. — Col. Frank J. Kobes, Jr. Director of Physical Education U. S. Military Academy at West Point has accepted our invitation to be guest speaker.

Sokol Exhibit: Bro. Joe Janecka got in touch with bro. Drnar of Yugoslav Sokol and they will participate in our exhibit. Also will contact Polish Falcons. The size of the frames are 18" x 24" and can contain pictures, photographs, pins, etc. — letters will be sent to Sokol Units.

Publicity — English: Sis. Anne Basta arranged for picture of new Mayor of Berwyn and Slet Chairman and Secretary to be taken for Suburban and Berwyn Life. Will obtain copies for our use. Sun Times is arranging to take pictures at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs for further publicity. Arranged for radio spot announcements early part of June.

Czech: Bro Jerry Rabas, articles for all Czech newspapers and radio stations prepared. Will ask them to use our material in newspapers and radio announcements 2 months previous to Slet. Suggestion: Cermak Plaza merchants be asked to display posters in their windows publicizing Slet.

Slet Poster: Bro. George Basta contacted Joe Kral for art work; sketch approved. Contacted printers and obtained 2 bids. Will contact one more printer. Bro. Basta was authorized to order 400 and to use his judgement as to printer.

Management: Bro. Joe Drnec, Andy Frain Ushers will be contacted for Sunday 6—29—69. Canteens during competitions and on Sunday. Suggestion that inactive units be contacted to help in canteens on Sunday. Arrange for Central District to loan podium and rings, gratis. Will arrange for loan of canopy for musicians from Bohemian National Cemetery.

Souvenir Program Book: Bro Jim Cihak reported on ads and seals. Will send follow-up letters. Articles for program should be forwarded May 1st.

Finance Committee: Sis. Prener reported as bro. Vondrazka excused. Contracts for stadium were given to sis. Pros. Any changes would have to be taken up with Mr. Ondrus. Souvenirs, working on design layout. Tickets for Slet are being

printed; awaiting proof. Tickets will be delivered to ASO Office. Check numbering sequence. — Awards nite and Sock Hop tickets will have printed. Championship competition — will get roll tickets. Sweat Shirts — waiting for prices. Decorating office for Slet. Obtain permission from Bldg. Manager to put sign across top outside of office and use bunting and flags.

Sokol Berwyn sponsoring barbeque 6—29—69 as Slet farewell. Permission given for use of Slet stationary and envelopes for this purpose and ASO Office facilities.

Bumper sticker — Bro. Basta will arrange to have made as suggested.

Arrangements for photographer to take pictures of Slet Committee, ASO Executive Board and ASO BOI set for 7:30 p.m. April 30th.

Bro. Joe Drnec will attend gymnastic Exhibition in St. Louis and will extend invitation to Slet and Banquet.

XII ASO. Slet Committee

Meeting Held April 30, 1969

Minutes of April 18th meeting of Slet officers and Committee Chairmen read and accepted with correction that Home Avenue to be blocked off from 22nd Street to Riverside Drive.

CNC will loan us bunting for decorating purposes, as advised by bro. Pechar.

Correspondence: Letter from Lodge Meadowlands, W.B.F.A., has been answered. Request from bro. Frank Rosner of St. Petersburg, Fla., about Slet information has been answered. Wrote Otto Vanek for further information on film requirements. CSA letter—box seats and ad. Pick-Congress Hotel.

Sis. June Pros, Secretary, reported on the many letters sent out by the office concerning every phase of the Slet. Expressed thanks to sisters Jeannette Berquist, Irene Ruzicka, Lorie Thiesen, Ellen-Jeanne Schnabl, and bro. Tony Smunt for assistance in typing.

Reports: BOI.—Combined report. Bro. Ed Linhart reported their activities. Trophy Committee suggests trophies for individual awards. AAU. will be contacted on availability of Olympic development medals. Volleyball tournament rules will be sent each unit. Two Slet Bulletins sent all unit directors. Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs men (Box number) will be on banquet program Speakers—Slet Chairman, bro. George Basta, ASO. President bro. Stanley Barcal greetings; extend invitation to Senator Roman L. Hruska to be our guest speaker at Slet. Red Cross and police departments will be contacted. Fire department ambulance will be requested. Tapes will be used for rehearsals on field other than Sunday morning rehearsal. Bro. Frank Vorel in charge of field marking. Sokol Berwyn in charge of American and Czechoslovak flags for field American, Czechoslovak and Canadian anthems during assembly. Stadium festively decorated: Slet flags and fan bunting (this to be borrowed from Central District). Units and Districts to bring their flags. Music for Slet flame lighting ceremony being chosen. Bro. Roderick Gorman suggested as Slet narrator. Tot classes will perform at Slet, but will not participate in parade or assembly. Parents not allowed on field.

Central District working on tumbling number and pennant number. Bro. Linhart working on ASO. vaulting number.

Financial Committee: Souvenirs ordered; also bumper stickers. Proof of Slet tickets received—will be approved and sent to printer for printing of tickets.

Publicity: Sis. Anne Basta. Southwest Herald arranging for publicity. Articles and pictures appeared in Sun-Times. WTAQ radio station 15 minutes scheduled for June 16. Will coordinate with BOI. Suburban Life carrying articles; write-up on bro. Linhart. Have approval for time of 4 combined CSA and Bohemian National Cemetery hour programs on Sundays. Will have two in Czech and two in English.

Bro. Jerry Rabas—Czech publicity. Sent letter to editors of Czechoslovak papers and radio stations thanking them for previous cooperation and seeking their intensive cooperation before Slet. Letter sent to Czechoslovak Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, asking for broadcasting of our Slet to Czechoslovakia and inviting them to our Slet. Arranged broadcast on Czechoslovak radio hours of sis. Jaromira Zacek and Karel Vrzal. Started with small announcement in "Hlasatel." 14 days before Slet will make larger announcement. Articles being prepared to be sent out in weekly intervals. Bro. Bill Vrba suggests publicity in Polish, Hungarian and Yugoslav papers.

Poster: Bro. George Basta presented completed Slet poster. These have been mailed out to units.

Sis. Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka while traveling in the East sent articles to the Life Newspapers, to Hlasatel, and Cleveland papers. Made arrangements with bro. Frank Rosner to send in articles of activity.

Housing: Bro. Lankas. Checked hotels and motels. Also called Pick-Congress re: list of reservations. Checked Oak Park Arms. Carlton Hotel in Oak Park, Mrs. Krueger, notify 3 days before arrival. Pioneer Hotel has people from Nebraska Colony Motel—South Omaha reserved 5 rooms—more available. Should notify 2-3 weeks prior to Slet. Brookfield Motel, notify 3 days before date of arrival. Shelby Motel, Lyons, Ill. Had letter from Bellevue. Nebraska. Reservations are available. Make as soon as possible. Chicagoland Motel. Presidential Inn, Lyons, 2 weeks prior to June 25 can make reservations. Regency House Motel—2 weeks notice required

Hospitality: Bro. Tony Smunt. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will have committee functioning at Pick-Congress.

Banquet Committee: Sis. Blanche Cihak. Invitations will be sent. Prepared article for American Sokol; another will be prepared announcing the speaker. CSA Singing Society has accepted. Lyra advised their acceptance. Read letter of acceptance from Col Kobes, U.S. Military Academy. Program is being worked on—looking for additional number. Letter of invitation sent to all Sokol units asking them to send in their reservations.

Souvenir Program Book: Bro. Jim Cihak. Follow-up letters being sent out. More will go out as soon as lists and returns are checked. Response for articles and historical photographs is disappointing. Other material will have to be selected. Material

SOKOL GYMNAST

May 1969

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MILDRED PRCHAL:

FINAL NOTES

Only a few weeks remain before the Sokol Slet activities begin. By now all final entries should have been sent to the ASO.-BOI. No doubt, all gymnasts participating in competitions will be "working" during every available gym night, even Wednesdays or Sundays.

Let us not make the same mistakes, however, that have been made heretofore. The score for each event is the same. Therefore the same time and practice should be given to each event. The one event that is usually neglected is the part of compulsory calisthenics selected just before competitions. The calisthenics in many cases are the deciding event for the gymnast. They are also the easiest, although they require good posture, precision and rhythm.

Information for Slet and Competitions

Judging sessions should be held for judges who will be sent by units. Assignments and Competition Rules will be sent to each judge. Review the Rules and be certain that you are familiar with the exercises you will judge.

LOCKERS and locker room space will be available for contestants and participants. Bring your own lock, towels and soap.

ALL UNITS AND DISTRICTS: WE DEPEND ON YOU TO BE PREPARED, KNOW YOUR CALISTHENICS, SO WE MAY AVOID REPEATED REHEARSALS.

All participants will be expected to join the General Assembly.

ENTRY FORMS: Final Surveys must be returned so that we may set columns, assign judges and make some estimation of participants we may expect.

Volleyball tournament entries must be returned by the due date. Don't forget to enclose any entry fees required.

INSTRUCTORS: Please stress the importance of correct marching — teach good posture, free stride, how to turn corners, how to keep in line.

DIRECTORS: The final entries, as mentioned before, must be in by this time. It is expected that each district will have formed blocks of 16 women and men, that each individual will have his own "place" and that the units will have met and "gone thru" the calisthenics and synchronized their work. Charts will be sent to all district directors showing the exact placing of each district on the field.

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND THE MORNING REHEARSAL.

Welcome To All Participants and Contestants

The members of the ASO. Board of Instructors are looking forward to greeting all of the gymnasts. Members and guests who will be converging on Chicagoland during the last week of June.

Our Competitions and Slet are an important milestone in Sokol annals.

For those of you who have participated in previous ASO. Slets, we will again welcome you. For newcomers also, we hope that you will experience all that is possible during these Slet days, that your participation will bring a wealth of memories, good friends, good work.

Nazdar!

LORRAINE ZDENEK

ASO. Director of Women

CALISTHENICS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

PASSAGE TO PART II.

16 measures — 2/4.

PART II. will be in CHECKERBOARD PATTERN. DESIGNATED blocks of 16 men will change places with neighboring blocks of women on right. (MEN AND WOMEN FINISH PART I. AND ARE IN OPEN INTERVAL.)

MEN: Turning 90° to right, beginning with L, 24 small runs forward to marker in women's block, No. 1 man to No. 1 women's marker, No. 2 to No. 2's marker, etc. (6 runs between markers 4 times.) Then 6 runs in place turning 90° to left (to face front), and 2 counts to hold. PART II. starts immediately. Men pass women to right just a little to the back of markers.

WOMEN: Turning 90° to left beginning with L, 24 small runs forward to marker in men's block, No. 1 to No. 1 man's marker, No. 2 to No. 2's marker, etc. 6 runs between markers four times, 6 runs in place turning 90° to right (to face front) and 2 counts to hold. PART II. starts immediately. Women pass to right of men and run along line of markers.

After PART II., same passage is used to return to own markers. Women again on line with markers—both men and women passing to right of each other.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WHILE CHANGING PLACES LOOK TO BOTH SIDES FOR ALINEMENT.

CALISTHENICS CORRECTIONS AND REMARKS — WOMEN

INTRODUCTION — MEAS. III. 1.-2. "Cross R over L, knuckles front." Hands are soft and on 2. hands begin to turn palms up for reararm. The movement starts in wrist.

PASSAGE TO FREE INTERVAL—MEAS. V. AND VI. Do not omit half squat when crossing behind traveling foot when executing open interval.

MEAS. VII. 1. "Sideway uparm outward":

arms press backward while moving upward — stretch high — should be done sharply.

PART I.-A—MEAS. IV. Correction: Change squat to half squat; omit "fingers touch floor."

MEAS. VII. 1.-2. Do not omit "body wave." 3.-4. Touch floor two times, in frontbow and again in dip.

PART I.-B — MEAS. II. 1.-4. "Push weight forward on left halftoe" should be bigger than illustration shows. Knee of rear leg remains on floor.

MEAS. VII. The following was omitted in notes in Sokol Gymnast: "3.-4. upright, uprise on L, R reartouch—flank swing downward to uparm, thumbs back."

MEAS. VIII. 1. BE SURE TO CLOSE ARMS FRONTWAY AFTER "180° turn to right on L foot, dip step forward on R, L reartouch."

NOTE: PASSAGE TO CHECKERBOARD GIVEN IN SEPARATE COLUMN.

PART II.-A — MEAS. VII.-VIII. Should be same as I.-II.

PART II.-B — MEAS. XV. to XXXVIII. In cross formation, in kneel as well as during entire run around in cross, Nos. 6, 8, 9, 11, hold left hands (6 with 11 and 8 with 9) and cross should be held until XXXIX. before breaking cross.

PART III.-A — MEAS. XVIII. Do not omit head movements—side body wave should be practiced until it is executed smoothly. (Side body wave was illustrated in a previous issue.)

MEAS. XXI.-XXIV. When forming outside circle of 12, Nos. 1, 4, 13 and 16 (those on corners) must make bigger steps to form circle. Nos. 2, 3, 8, 12, 15, 14, 9 and 5 turn toward center but the "step L and chasse R forward" are executed almost in place. ANY TURNS NECESSARY TO FORM CIRCLE ARE TO THE LEFT.

MEAS. XVII.-XXIV. "Like PART III.-A, MEAS. IX.-XVI," but in MEAS. XVII, Count 1. add "L sidearm."

PART IV.-A — MEAS. I. 1.-4. On 4. women stand ONE foot apart when hands are joined in sidearm. MEAS. II. Frontbow in half squat foretouch, should be parallel

with floor. (These are not being executed deep enough), head should be between arms. MEAS. IX. 1.-2. Instead of "turn head left, look at partner" do **SIDEBEND OF HEAD TO LEFT** (heads touch).

PART IV.-B. Thruout all of **PART IV.-B**, fours try to remain close together.

MEAS. VIII. 1. Should read "DIP fore-step L, R reartouch, etc."

FINALE — MEAS. IX. 1.-2. Should read "Upright, closearm, DIP rearstep R, etc." 3.-4. "DIP rearstep L."

MEAS. XIII. 1. Should read "DIP L fore-step — closearm frontward." 2. Hold. 3. "DIP R forestep." 4. Hold.

XIV. 1. Arms are raised bent, hands before chest with elbows close to body, knuckles up, palms turn upward while still before chest and then thrust sharply to uparm outward — rearbow, palms up (hands supinated).

LUNGE IS VERY DEEP, BOTH FEET ON GROUND.

NO. 1 WOMEN FACE DIRECTLY TO RIGHT.

NO. 4 WOMEN FACE DIRECTLY TO LEFT.

NOS. 2 and 3 FACE ON ANGLE.

MEAS. XVI. should read: "ALL: Upright, uprise; No. 1 90° turn left, No. 2, 45° turn left, No. 3, 45° turn right, No. 4, 90° turn right. Close L to R in toestand—uparm, palms front, head rearbow (body very stretched)."

2.-4. Hold.

REMARK: PART IV.-B (Marching) should be brisk with good posture.

FINALE MEAS. IX. to XVIII. should gradually build up to strong dynamic **LUNGE**, and ending.

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PART II.-B (TURNING IN CROSS) MEAS. XXXIII. Instead of partner's hands at elbows, men move closer together and place arms across back, right arm over left, (shoulder high).

CORRECTIONS

Junior Boys — Low Division

SIDE HORSE

No. 5. Should read "dismount frontleg vault to right to stand right side to horse."

A GOOD SPORT DOES . . .

Plays fair at all times.
Plays hard to the end.
Keeps his head.
Plays for joy of playing and success of the team.
Is a good team worker.
Keeps training rules.
Obeys orders of coach or captain.
Does his best in all school work.
Backs his team in every honest way but —
Always gives his opponent a square deal.
Is respectful to officials. Accepts adverse decisions graciously. Expects officials to enforce rules.

DOES NOT . . .

Does not cheat.
Does not quit. Is not "yellow."
Does not lose his temper, though wronged.
Does not play for money or other reward.
Does not play to grandstand.
Does not shirk.
Does not neglect his studies.
Does not bet—betting is not necessary to show loyalty.
Does not take any technical advantage Treats visiting players as guests.
Never blames officials for defeat. Does not "crab."
Does not "kick." Does not complain.

WHEN HE LOSES . . .

Congratulates the winner. Gives his opponent full credit under most trying circumstances. Learns to correct his faults through his failures.
Does not show his disappointment. Is not a "sorehead." Does not "alibi." Does not make excuses.

WHEN HE WINS . . .

Is generous Is modest. Is considerate.
Does not boast. Does not crow. Does not rub-it-in.

AT ALL TIMES . . .

Is true to his highest ideals.
Does nothing unworthy of a gentleman and a 100 per cent American.

(Copied from Jan. 1955 American Sokol)

XII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET ACTIVITIES

SLET HEADQUARTERS: 6424-26 W. Cermak Road, Berwyn, Illinois 60402

Phone: Area Code 312 — 749-6671

SLET DATES: June 25-29, 1969

- Wednesday, June 25** District Directors Meeting — Slet Headquarters, 7 p.m.
Judges Meeting — Slet Headquarters, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, June 26** Junior Girls and Boys Competition — Morton West High School Gymnasium, 24th St. and Home Ave., Berwyn, Ill., early a.m.
Volleyball Tournament — evening.
Sock Hop (Juniors) — Sokol Brookfield, 3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, Ill. (evening) \$1.00.
- Friday, June 27** Senior Men and Women Competitions — Morton West High School Gymnasium.
Junior Girls High Division Competition.
Banquet — Pick-Congress Hotel — Gold Room — Downtown Chicago — \$10.00 per person (tables of 10). — Cocktails 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 28** Championship Competitions — afternoon — Morton West High School Gymnasium — \$1.00 general admission.
Awards Nite and Victory Dance — Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, 2619 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. \$1.25 adults — 75c Juniors.
- Sunday, June 29** SLET — 2 p.m. — Morton West Stadium — General admission: \$2.00 adults — \$1.00 students — reserved seats \$3.00 — box seats \$30.00 (6 seats per box).
Farewell Barbecue — Sokol Berwyn, 6445 W. 27th Place, Berwyn, Illinois — immediately after Slet.

ANY QUESTIONS — please contact our office — 749-6671

TICKET ORDERS — write or call our office

GEORGE BASTA, Slet Chairman

JUNE PROS, Slet Secretary

will be going to printer early to prevent last minute tie-up. Need volunteers to type up ads.

Exhibit: Bro. Joe Janecka. Trying to obtain women's costume or Sokol uniform from Czechoslovakia. Exhibit on main floor 2 or 3 weeks before Slet. Pictures and unusual mementos wanted. Frames 18" x 24". Pegboard on one easel to mount bits of unusual nature. Exhibit from Omaha (inadvertently left with philatelic material) is on hand.

Management: Bro. Joe Drnec. Talked to bro. Otto Oplatka, member of the School Board and asked him to extend invitation to the Board to our Slet. Sis. Pros will send letter of invitation. Bro. Pechar, V. P. Central District, will assist with decorations. Decorations secured plastic banners in 100' lengths (donated 2 — 100' lengths). After discussion, Management Committee is authorized to use the pennants in addition to the bunting for decoration of the stadium and the amount to be up to the judgment of that committee. Approved Canopy for musicians will be obtained from Bohemian National Cemetery. Canteen service—asked bro. Vrba to contact for a meeting in 2 weeks to see what we will want in canteen set up. While in St. Louis asked for help on Sunday. St. Louis is planning on participation at Slet — extended invitation to banquet. Will visit Racine and will invite their participation at Slet and banquet

Non-gymnastic activity: Bro. Bill Vrba reported on having contacted bus lines for prices on trip to Michigan. Sokol Plzensky advised too much responsibility is involved. Alternate plan—trip to the zoo or Cubs Park. Obtained price on LaGrange Transit Bus. Also contacted caterer—box lunch consisting of sandwich, pie, and potato chips \$1.00. Matter referred to the BOI.—recommend use of the swimming pool at Morton, small tours of the city and assortment of activities to be arranged. Carried.

Bro. Vodrazka reports has received price on sweat shirts. Sock Hop price of admission set for \$1.00, to be held at Sokol Brookfield.

Other Business: Sis. Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka reported on trip through Eastern District. Visited 8 units and preparations for attending the Slet are in full sway. Instructors and classes working hard. One bus of guests coming from New York for the Slet. Wondering if there will be shuttle busses from Loop to the suburban area. Miami—the new Director of Men will be present at the Slet. Visited main office of Sokol USA. Asked all, where visited, for cooperation, larger number of visitors, well wishers, ads, attendance at Instructors Course. Now will keep in touch with the office and assist where possible. Thanked sis. A. Basta for the wonderful work done in publicity.

Teen Hop—musicians. Booking will be taken care of by Management Committee.

Bro. Charles Prchal read manifesto in Czech as a protest against Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, which he would translate into English, this to be read before the assembly, at the beginning of the program. Motion made, seconded and carried. Discussion followed and since BOI is in charge of Sunday's program, it was motioned that this body recommends unanimously that the BOI consider putting this manifesto into the program. Carried.

Bro. Tony Smunt recommends the CTA be contacted for a supply of maps. Also mentioned that there is very good bus transportation from the downtown area to the suburbs.

Bro. Bill Vrba suggested the units invite visiting units over for a breakfast. Their unit Sokol Stickney is considering doing so. After further discussion, it was felt the units are very busy with Slet preparations and that this be left to their own discretion.

Bro. Charles Prchal called attention to the BOI. to the matter of narrator. Bro. Gorman is leaving the city on a business trip and will be away from June 19 to July 12, 1969.

Members of units present were asked to take posters for their units. Bro. Basta thanked bro. Drnec for donating the two lengths of plastic pennants for decoration.

Bro. Drnec called attention to those units present to participate in the Memorial Day parade and services held at the Bohemian National Cemetery.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th, 8 p.m.—committees to meet before the general meeting.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

March 26, 1969

Secretary's Report—Read excerpts from the minutes of the ASO. Executive Board meeting of Feb. 25, 1969. District purchased a full-page ad in the Historical Slet Souvenir Program and that the amount of the ad be prorated among the units and the district.

President—Bro. Pekar was present at each of unit's annual winter exhibition in Cleveland. He was pleased with the fine work of all the gymnasts, the teachers and leaders.

UNIT REPORTS:

Sokol Detroit—Bro. Kovar stated that the unit has received over \$10,000.00 in memory of the six brothers who died during the past three months. This money is placed in the unit's building fund. The unit is presently clearing its rolls of delinquent members. The annual spring dance will be held on May 9, 1969. The hall is booked through Nov. 1969 on the prime nights of Friday and Saturday.

Sokol Detroit Ladies Auxiliary—Sis. Teichman submitted a written report. Seven juniors and one woman attended the Calisthenic Clinic in Cleveland. The unit is holding a card party on April 17 and a rummage sale on May 21 and 22.

Sokol Tyrs—Sis. Voris: Unit had its 47th annual winter exhibition. 213 gymnasts participated. The attendance was good, with 415 paid admissions, about 20% higher than last year. The Board of Instructors organized a training program on Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation.

Sokol Nova Vlast—Bro. Galik: Unit's winter exhibition was a success.

Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek—Sis. Kunc: Winter exhibition was successful with an excellent attendance. On April 13th the unit will hold a pork dinner in memory of those early pioneering brothers and sisters who started Sokol Cech 100 years ago, Sokol Havlicek 90 years ago and Sokol Cleveland 73 years ago.

BOI.—Bro. Jirousek asked that sis. Hantl be excused from this meeting. All the units are preparing for the District Slet and for the Slet in Chicago. The Northeastern District will not perform a special number at the Slet in Chicago because the calisthenics were not received in time to learn them and the special number.

XII Slet—Bro. Galik, who is coordinator for transportation and housing for the District, reported that the Pick-Congress will have sufficient rooms for our Cleveland units. The Pick-Congress Hotel is the official headquarters for the ASO. during the Slet.

Bro. Pekar reminded Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek is responsible for the kitchen during the District Slet on June 22. Bro. Pekar announced that bro. Gruber and bro. Khol will be chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, for the District Slet.

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WESTERN DISTRICT

April 14, 1969

Sokolice Cedar Rapids gained 2 members, Sokol Wilber 9 members, Sokolice Crete 1, Sokol South Omaha 21 members.

Letter from sis. Alice Sula, Sokol Karel Jonas, have 17 new members. Made inquiry as to the possibility that Sokol Karel Jonas could undertake the financial obligation of bringing the Western District Sokols to Wilson for their Czech Festival. Also made inquiry as to admission fee and other costs. Asked regarding a Sokol trainer and the cost of sending someone to Omaha for several weeks.

Reply sent to bro. Emil Zahradnik as sis. Sula requested. Advised Sokol Karel Jonas that we are happy with their increase in membership and activities. Explained the costs, etc. in connection with our participation last year in their Czech Festival. Also advised that the District does not have funds available for this purpose. Advised that a Sokol traveling instructor is not available from the ASO. Explained the workings of the \$1.00 per member special assessment, District Course, District Workshop, Potter's Lake, etc.

Received list of Slets from bro. Stefl, Sokol Cedar Rapids.

Letter from bro. Lester Bruns, Sokol Crete, making inquiry as to contacting bro. Eduard Ingris re: "Twice Across the Pacific on a Raft"—reply sent to bro. Bruns and a copy to bro. Ingris.

The District would like very much to have a full circle of women representing them at the Slet. Since there are not enough women in each unit to make up a complete circle, we are suggesting that we learn the calisthenics in groups of fours. Following is number of women: Omaha—3 thru 4, So. Omaha—5 thru 8, Cedar Rapids—13 thru 16, Crete, Wilber and St. Paul will combine to make up 9 thru 12.

EMILIE WELCL-RUZICKA:

SLET IN ILLINOIS GOAL FOR EASTERN UNITS

We dropped in on EIGHT of our units in the Eastern and Northeastern Districts. On our way from Miami to the District meeting in New York we couldn't by-pass our units in Washington, D. C.,

Baltimore, Md. and Belcamp, Md., and so arranged in advance, meetings and talks from which we came away enthusiastic and satisfied.

Washington, D. C. was crowded with visitors to the Cherry Blossom Festival and we met with Milly Barcal, our long-time friend, and with bro. Neumann visited Sokol Baltimore on Sunday afternoon, where almost 100 members attended the meeting and social hour. We were impressed with the marching songs done by all present after the meeting—headed by two flag bearers. Good work sis. Peifer, bro. Ocenasek, bro. Stetka, sis. Pokorny and many others. In Belcamp, Md. our unit is part of the Bata Shoe Co. complex of factory, hotel, homes and apartments. The President, bro. Novak, was away on business and was represented by bro. Hesoun and others in a specially called meeting where we were asked to install six new young members.

On to New York City where we saw the great changes on the lower East Side and our Sokol unit on 71st Street in their old building in the heart of new high-rise buildings.

Out of Manhattan one travels over the East River to Queens to visit Sokol Fuegner on Long Island in a building they share with other organizations and where they have just completed remodeling their hall, lobby, etc. and it looks very nice. They have a large piece of land attached which serves for social occasions when weather permits. Further along on Broadway the Slovak Sokol USA have a new building of 72 apartments with a large gym on the lower level, bar-lounge and fine restaurant. We attended a meeting here of the United Sokols of the East where they were planning their Boonton, N. J. Slet in May. We visited the Slovak main office in E. Orange, N. J., where they also have a new 72 apt. building in a fine section with their offices on the main floor and lower level. Bro. Venglarcik and bro. Babuska were fine hosts and work hard for their organization.

Bro. Charles Zraly, President of the Eastern District, and his wife Blanche, who is Secretary of the Eastern District, planned our six days and evenings well and we had an opportunity to meet all our leaders and talk over the good and the bad. The District meeting was well attended, written reports were made by all chairmen and sis. Norma Zabka's report as District Director shows she's busy all the time. Bro. Capek wasn't present as on that evening he had a final rehearsal for his annual exhibition which we attended Sunday in Little Ferry, N. J. Bro. Zabransky, well over 80, welcomed us and had charge of committees. His father was founder of the Sokol unit. His son, who was with our team in Praha in 1938, is President of the unit, and his two sons were leading boys' classes—hence—four generations of Zabranskys in Little Ferry.

The Rotary Club of Little Ferry presented a large trophy to the Sokol unit for the outstanding work it is doing in the community. Every one of our units all over the country deserves such a trophy.

The Mayor was present and ended his speech in Czech and expressed his gratitude to the officers and instructors for their work with the youth. Sokol Little Ferry is completing a remodeling job on their building.

So we left the Eastern District that evening with a promise from all that we shall meet at the SLET, at the competitions and at the Instructor's Course following the Slet. They will use busses this time and a special bus is being arranged for a package tour for guests.

We missed meeting with the ladies of Sokol Newark, an inactive unit.

We stopped in Pittsburgh and phoned the President of Sokol Rip, bro. Hranicky. This unit has no gym classes and need some new life if someone could be found to get things started. We went on to Toledo where we phoned the President and were terribly sorry to hear that just that morning their financial secretary, sis. Hope Saleta, passed away. Bro. Capoun explained that most of their members were over 70 years of age and that they sold their building. In Detroit we came into their sparkling new building and found the floor crowded with boys, later with juniors and seniors, all dressed in white regulation gym uniforms. The President, bro. De Conti, was away on business and bro. Siedlik headed the meeting. With sis. Zboril we talked SLET and general conditions. This unit started in their new building on the FAMILY membership plan, as was suggested at the last Convention and it is working very well for them.

We doubled back to attend the District meeting in Cleveland where we found bro. Pekar doing a fine job. Bro. Suster came in with bro. Kralovaneč of the Slovak Sokol and many items were discussed. For some time now some of the units have been organized in a corporation for the purpose of erecting a Sokol Center and they are searching for suitable acreage to be able to proceed. They were planning their District exhibition in June at one of the recreation camps on the outskirts of the city. This evening ended our tour of units and the next morning, after a good rest at the home of the Pekars, we went on to Berwyn, Ill.

In closing we can readily report that the units in newer buildings have the advantage over units in old premises BUT more important is the matter of instructors in the gym and a good president at the top of the unit. Proper selection and supervision of instructors is important, as results of their work become evident in the near future. The same applies to the officers in the units, the responsibility is great.

From An Interesting Letter

Greetings and Salutations:

Musím psát. Being a ½ baked Czech, looking back a ½ century, tears and sweat, governments that are no more. The continuation of the fight for Liberty and Freedom and the survival of nations. Still the most surprising thing is "Survival of Man." One wonders, "How long can man survive?"

So this Edward J. Bouse sends me his copy of "American Sokol." I am going to take the liberty of addressing you, Sir, as Charles . . .

Yes, I take a fast look-see at Mr. Stanley Barcal's picture in the American Sokol and says I to myself, "This feller sure looks like Red Skelton." Which he does. He sure has a fabulous smile. Anyway, he's starosta and he's got his work cut out for him. So, good luck, Mr. Barcal!

But this ain't the big spiel. Discipline, discipline, discipline! This is also the fruit of the Sokol movement. Physical fitness. Yes, I got my discipline in a tělovična as a kid and it sure stuck with me for years. At times me thinks the Sokol style ought to be introduced in some of our colleges. In the same token, SOKOL = patriotism, physical fitness, pride, dignity, personality. I live and learn everyday. A healthy mind thru gymnastics.

Charles, when I first joined the Navy, the Navy used the Swedish calisthenics, which I enjoyed. Then as the years rolled by, the system changed into a mass exercise, stoop-falling, knee-bends, etc. Stationary running. So I kept myself in shape by pulling an oar in the race boat known as a racing cutter. Also pulled an oar in a whale boat. Pulled weights, old grate bars out of boilers, rigged thru a head block to a foot or heel block, and you sat yourself on a "stolička" and pulled ½ hour to an hour. Now there's no boat racing in the Navy. It's all technical. It's a changing world.

Usually I pass my old copies of "American Sokol" to some human who is Bohemian, but doesn't speak Czech, but their grandmother does. So to the youngsters going to college, I say, study foreign languages. You will find them very handy in your communications on foreign soil. In World War II my ship happened to stop in Auckland, New Zealand. There I made an acquaintance of a Serb, and he was a Sokol. Yes, he still had his old Sokol uniform. He also showed me photographs. His niece at that time was fighting in Egypt.

"Enthusiasm" is a great favorite of mine. Nothing can phase that word. Nations don't die if they got spirit and lots of enthusiasm. The Sokol movement can't fail. At times I say its like our life line.

I just received a book from Praha. Karel Plicka, "Praha ve Fotografii." Never having been in Czechoslovakia, I am very happy to see something of old Bohemia. Now I've got to send something picturesque like our Yellowstone National Park. Our cities are not like Praha. They are a conglomeration of cement and steel. Architecture??? I am in doubt. So it must be something like our Grand Canyon—"Magnifique" like the French say.

Thanks for listening.

A song in your heart.

Nazdar!

Anton Eminger (Branson, Missouri)

(Now a gen-u-wine hill billy)

Mother's Day Address by Roderick Gorman for Sokol Tabor, Friday, May 2, 1969

QUOTATION:

"A day that has shown that it has heart and living interest in all classes, races, creeds, native and foreign born, high and low, rich

and poor, scoffer and churchman, man, woman and child, is Mother's Day, observed the second Sunday in May. Everyone has, or has had a mother. The common possession of the liv-

ing world is a mother. The marvelous growth of Mother's Day in a few years to a national and international day, can be attributed to the heart and living interest it possesses for almost every home and every person of a mother-loving heart in this and other countries."

The words you have just heard are not my own, but are a verbatim quotation from a leaflet circulated 58 years ago, when the observance of Mother's Day first assumed nation-wide significance. The leaflet was printed in ten different languages and included suggestions for various programs to be staged in honor of the mothers of America.

Thus the day that began so humbly in Philadelphia in 1907 under the inspirational guidance of Miss Anna M. Jarvis, reached nation-wide proportions in a few short years and has become part of our American way of living ever since. It is worthy to note that although other countries have observed some sort of Mother's Day celebration in the past fifty years, as of today the United States and Canada are the only countries to have given this day its governmental blessings and to observe it each year just when nature begins to glow at its very best.

What I have just said does not mean that we here in America are the originators of some sort of Mother's Day observance. Way back in ancient Greece better than 2000 years ago a festival in honor of Motherhood was held each year and dedicated to the goddess Cyblos, herself known as the Mother of Gods. The festival highlighted by pagan rites in woods and caves was held in the opening months of the year when nature was at its best, when the acts of fertilization and fructification were in abundant evidence.

About the year 250 B.C. the custom was introduced in Rome and the Ides of March (March 15th) was set aside as the Festival of Hilaria and lasted a full three days with abundant joy and merriment honoring the Mother of Gods. Our own word hilarious or hilarity denoting abundance of fun and laughter is actually a derivative of the Greek word Hilaros and should be a cheerful reminder of the days of antiquity when even serious observances were tempered with merriment and bright laughter.

Records indicate that at one time or another Mother's Day was noted in passing in medieval Germany, Sweden, the Nordic countries in general. Unfortunately I was unable to find any historical evidence of the observance of Mother's Day in the Slav countries but I am fairly certain that since national customs are fluid and flow from land to land something must have reached the Slavs of old and at least once a year mother got a break.

An interesting commentary along this historic flashback is an insight into an old English custom, prevalent in the opening years of the 17th century. One day each year and usually in early spring was set aside by custom, not by law, as Mothering Day . . . to enable young boys and girls who had been apprenticed at an early age to work in factories or shops, or in the household of wealthy families or as farm hands in the fields of old England . . . to visit their homes, their mothers and to bring with them a little package, a gift from

their employers. Perhaps our custom of giving little packages to our mothers today dates back to those grim, feudal days of pre-Shakespearean England.

So much then for the evolution of Mother's Day . . . in our own country over a period of less than sixty years. But what is the true meaning of Mother's Day? Is it merely a day played up by the nation's florists, jewelers, confectioners, restaurants and other businessmen to stimulate business, to increase sales? If that is all it is then the true meaning of Mother's Day must have been lost somewhere in the passing of years and it is high time that we pause and search for it and bring it forth in its full significance. To understand Mother's Day we must realize mother's role in our lives, in the lives of all men, humble or prominent. We must look into our own hearts and ask in all sincerity, "What role has mother played in my life? How has she moulded my destiny, guided my steps, taught me the rudiments of physical and moral well-being? And finally how have I repaid her the great debt I owe to her loving care and guidance?"

Great men, warriors, scientists, statesmen of all ages have asked and answered this same question. For instance:

Napoleon wrote in his memoirs: "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother."

Henry Ward Beecher wrote: "The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."

Louis De Beaufort wrote: "The future of society is in the hands of the mothers. If the world was lost through woman, mother alone can save it."

Dorothy Canfield Fisher: "A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary."

Thomas Alva Edison wrote this tribute to his mother: "I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber, I should have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness, were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me."

It is often said that from the mouths of babes comes the real truth, and with this in mind it may be well to hear an essay of an eight year old school girl on the subject of Mothers. She wrote:

"Mothers are the ladies you live with if you're not an orphan. They are very useful especially at night when you are sick. Mothers rock babies and girls every night, but boys have to pretend that they don't like it; and only do it when there is nobody around. They make you wash your ears every day and they can tell if you do not brush your teeth, even if you wet the toothbrush."

And to summarize these tributes and views about mother let me quote a minister who said in the course of his Mother's Day sermon and in tribute to his own mother: "My mother practices what I preach."

It might be well for all of us to stop preaching goodness, and brotherhood, and justice, and fairness, and equality and all those nice verbal precepts and to take a lesson from our mothers and their every day attitudes of life. A mother does not differentiate between a bright child and one less gifted, a handsome boy or one stunted in his growth, a beautiful girl or her less attractive sister. No, mother loves them all and bestows on all the same amount of affection and encouragement and inspirational guidance. There are many proverbs in many languages expressing the meaning of Mother and Motherhood in short terse sentences and I would like to quote just a few to show that through all the languages, all the nations, all the creeds, runs one unchanging appreciation of mother. The words may be different but the sentiments remain:

Chinese proverb: One may desert his father though he be a high official, but not one's mother though she be a beggar.

Estonian proverb: It is safer in a mother's lap than in a lord's bed.

Russian proverb: No bones are ever broken by a mother's beating.

Spanish proverb: An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest.

Yiddish proverb: God could not be everywhere so He made mothers.

Moroccan proverb: In the eyes of its mother every beetle is a gazelle."

I doubt I could conclude this evening's discourse on Mother more eloquently than by reading from Washington Irving's Sketch Book, written better than 125 years ago and still being read in our schools to the delight of some and disgust of others. Let me quote the following:

"The love of a mother is never exhausted, it never changes, it never tires. A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands, but a mother's love endures through all in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy.

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden fall upon us, when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us, when trouble thickens around us, still she clings to us, and endeavors by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."

With these thoughts in our minds, these beautiful sentiments in our hearts, let us make this year's Mother's Day truly meaningful, truly attuned to the true meaning of its founders and in the spirit of President Wilson's proclamation issued 55 years ago on May 9th, 1914, asking the people of America to display the flag on their homes as a "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of the country."

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PŘED SLETEM.

Sokolské slety bývaly a jsou v sokolských dějinách důležitými mezníky. Byly vždy ukázkou bohaté náplně sokolské práce vykonané v určitých časových úsecích.

Vzpomeňme třeba sletů předcházejících oběma světovým válkám nebo těch, kterými jsme pak opětně zahajovali období nové pravidelné práce. V historii amerického sokolstva je takových významných a slavných sletů celá řada. Všechny měly v podstatě za úkol ukázat stálý pracovní pokrok i organizační vyspělost a vzrůst. Byly vždy velkými svátky. Na jejich uskutečnění se podílela celá sokolská obec. Cvičitelé, cvičenci a cvičenky připravovali svojí tvrdou prací a vytrvalostí úspěšná veřejná vystoupení a závody; činovníci zajišťovali svojí obětavostí jejich průběh a výsledek po stránce organizační a pořadatelské a všichni ostatní věrní příslušníci se k nim sjížděli se svými hosty jako k rodinným schůzkám. Sokolstvo je opravdu

velká rodina a o sletech je nejlepší příležitost k radostnému setkání. Alespoň těch z nejbližšího okolí a dosažitelné dálky.

Čím je kdo sokolsky uvědomělejší tím jsou pro něho oběti, spojené s účastí na sletu překonatelnější. Věnovaný čas i vzniklé náklady budou účastníkům mnohokrát nahrazeny krásnými dojmy ze cvičení, závodů a ostatních podniků a z celkového sletového ovzduší.

Letošní slet v Chicagu — pořadím dvanáctý — má v sobě, kromě uvedeného, ještě řadu jiných závažností. Měl by být manifestací za lidská práva, za svobodu a nezávislost našich nejbližších, doma, v Československu. Vždyť jde o zem, v níž má každá krajanská rodina své kořeny. Slet by měl být proto událostí připomínající každému Čechu a Slovákovi ve Spoj. státech, pravou podstatu a cenu sokolských zásad, bratrství a demokracie. Měl by být příležitostí ke zhod-

nocení toho co nám dává naše nová vlast — Amerika — s poměry v jakých musí dnes žít naši lidé v mateřské zemi. Měli bychom uvážit jak mnoho nám zdejší prostředí dává a oč jsou ochuzeni ti, kterým je to cizáckým režimem upíráno.

Náš XII. slet by měl být proto nejzdařilejším a nejradostnějším. Měl by nám zde, světu i domovu ukázat jaké má svobodné sokolství hodnoty a jak hluboce jsou zdejší Sokolové spjati porozuměním i osudem se svým starým domovem. Jeho odezva, jeho úspěch bude určitě — zejména v dnešní situaci — posilou těm, kteří o skutečné sokolství doma statečně bojují.

Také v Praze, kdyby bylo svobodné Sokolstvo, měl být konán pořadím XII. Všesokolský slet. Zatím to tam možné není. Budeme jej tedy konat v Chicagu, v sídle AOS., v

místě prvního amerického sletu a všech dalších tradičních sletů. Bude symbolickým projevem pevné důvěry, že i v Praze bude zase jednou XII. Všesokolský slet; slet všeho sokolstva, z celého světa.

Sejdeme se proto v Chicagu v nejhojnější možné míře; mladí i staří, a manifestujeme tím za pravé Tyršovo sokolství, za jeho zásady tělesného a mravního zdraví, za věrnost a víru v demokracii, bratrství a sesterství.

A má-li tento slet vyznět opravdu mohutně pak se nedejme odradit ničím od účasti. Cvičitelé, činovníci a cvičenci zvýší proto ještě víc svoji obětavost a vytrvalost a všichni ostatní přijdou oplátit jejich těžkou práci svojí podporou a pozorností. Jen tak všichni prokážeme, že jsme jednotlivý celek, myšlenec i organizaci opravdu oddaných mužů a žen. EK

VÝZVA KE VŠEM! – ROZŠÍŘTE ŘADY SOKOLA!

Dvanáctý slet Amerického Sokolstva je přede dveřmi. Tato Sokolská olympiáda byla vždy největším svátkem všech Sokolů, jak doma v době demokratických poměrů, tak i zde v Americe. Dnešní americký Sokol pokračuje v tradicích, které světu dal v ideologických zásadách Dr. Miroslav Tyrš.

Byli jsme dojatí, když jsme loňského roku četli v denním tisku zprávy o snahách o znovuzaložení Sokola doma v Československu. Bohužel reformisté byli zatlačeni do pozadí zásahem sovětů a tak zůstalo jen při snaze. Sokolové, kteří jsou roztroušeni po celém světě, přijali tyto zprávy o znovuzaložení Sokola s velkou radostí a již jsme slyšeli i ty, kteří stojí mimo naše sokolské řady: "Pojedeme domů na svobodný slet!" Radost ta netrvala dlouho a celý sen se rozpadnul jako domeček z karet. Jen skutečnost nám zůstala a staří osvědčení pracovníci se pustili do práce s houževnatostí, aby dokázali, že Sokolstvo žije a že nebude nikdy poraženo.

Do USA přijelo od loňského roku několik tisíc nových, kteří se nechtěli vrátit ze svých dovolených, které trávili mimo hranice Československa a také ti, kteří ve vzniklém zmatku pronikli "Železnou oponou". Dnešní moje řádky patří jim a i těm, kteří jsou již ve světě dvacet roků a dosud stáli mimo šiky sokolské. Bratři a sestry, promiňte, že vás oslovuji takto, mnozí jste takové oslovení neslyšeli a nevíte ani podstatný jeho význam, protože jste se narodili po době, kdy slovo Sokol jste nemohli ani najít v Ottově naučném slovníku. Vstupte do našich řad a poznejte co světu a národu dal zakladatel hnutí sokolského Dr. Miroslav Tyrš.

Éstet a filozof dal našemu Sokolu to, co druzí nazvali předvojem národním! Sokol jako takový vznikl z potřeby doby a dnes, kdy doba je ještě horší co se týče národní nesvobody, je třeba Sokola a Sokolů daleko více, než tomu bylo v dobách minulých!

Přejdeme v duchu pohnuté dějiny našeho národa a musíme uznat, že ta naše země a lidé z ní

vyrůstající je nasáklá něčím, co přes všechny pohromy dává růst znovu a znovu ušlechtilému lidství, bratrství a demokracii. Sokolstvo je toho největším a nejskvělejším důkazem.

Chci, aby tento článek zněl v uších všech těch, kteří se ještě nezapojili do práce v řadách Sokola jako hlas polnice, která volá "vojáky národa". K vytrvání i silný potřebuje posílení a takovým posílením jste vy, bratři a sestry, kteří jste před krátkým časem přijeli z Československa a i vy, kteří jste dosud stáli mimo řady. Sokolská a bratrská náruč je otevřena pro všechny bez rozdílu. Stejně jako v minulosti, tak i nyní Sokol chce a bude tvořit a ne bourat. Jsme věrní odkazu našich otců a jsme na tento odkaz hrdí! Musíme pokračovat v práci této, protože je to v zájmu naší národní větve a ne protože je v zájmu jednotlivců! Jednotlivec málo znamená, celek je všechno a v jednotě je síla!

Vím, že každý z nás má mnoho osobních a rodinných problémů, my je máme všichni. Podívejte se na naše otce a dědy, kteří přijeli do této země za daleko nepříznivých poměrů a s jakou láskou opravdu bratrskou budovali Sokol a dnes kdy v jejich díle se pokračuje vzdejte tichou vzpomínku těmto mužům, kteří nebyli universitními profesory, ale dělníky národa na břázdě roli dědičné!

Tento článek nesmí znít jako výstražně vztyčený prst, ale tento článek vám musí připomenout, že všech pět prstů když se sevře v pěst, že tím se dostává každému z nás silný instrument k obraně toho co nám naši předkové odkázali!

Bratři a sestry, mluvte o Sokole, propagujte jeho ideály a vstupte do jeho řad, stanete se tak vojiny "předvoje národního". Každá etnická skupina dala tomuto kontinentu nějakou svéráznou "originalitu", necht' po Čechách a Slovácích v Americe zůstane SOKOL se všemi jeho estetickými, mravními a demokratickými ideály!

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těl."

Žák vyslovil nepěkné slovo a cvičitel mu domlouvá: "Není to hezké — co by tak řekla tvoje máma, kdyby tě slyšela!"

"Měla by jistě radost."

"Cože?"

"Protože ona neslyší."

"Tak se podívej. Není tomu dlouho co umřel Churchill a koncem března Eisenhower. To nám ty slavný lidé ňák vymírají . . ."

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Berwyn, Ill. 60402. We stand corrected and include also Slet of 1912 and 1920, as we do have applicants who took part in those years. You will receive further information thru the mail.

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(Čsl. krajanské zpravodajství z Washingtonu.)

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