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ZA NAŠIM XII. SLETEM.

Brány Hoffmanova stadionu vyšší školy Morton West se uzavřely. Nejkrásnější chvíle největšího svátku Americké Obce Sokolské, chvíle XII. sletu, jsou za námi. Po dvanácté zavlály rozechřátým vzduchem sokolské prapory a prapory našich věrných přátel. V slavnostním průvodu byli s námi naši slovenští a jihoslovenští bratři, Dělnický Americký Sokol, Kanadský Sokol, Československý Sokol v zahraničí, bratři legionáři, Československý Orel v Exilu, Svaz československých sportovců v zahraničí, Československé Spolky v Americe, zařazeny národní kroje Ústředny Moravských Spolků, Československá taneční skupina z Owosso, Michigan, Baráčníci, Česká škola "Alois Jirásek", Moravská kulturní společnost, Československé Ženy v Exilu, Kulturní Klub Domov a jiné. Co tu krásy, co barev!

Nikomu jinému se nepodařilo získat tolik přátel z různých tříd našeho života. Do žádných vyšších ideálů nevkládá převážná většina českých duší tolik pochopení a oddanosti, jako do sokolských ideálů o bratrství, o spravedlnosti, posilování národního vědomí — pravdou Husovou, silou Žižkovou, cestou Tyršovou. Sokolství jest renesancí v životě naší větve a všichni o sletu to slavně demonstrovali. Slet prokázal, že sokolství nese znaky nejušlechtilejšího lidského snažení, antického pojetí krásy a síly. Slet ukázal, že žijeme zde životem důstojným, že odchováváme k silné a slavné budoucnosti. Že neměříme život tím, co tento nám dá, ale co sami dáváme životu.

Ráno zamračené nebe a silný déšť, který zahnal škoušky do tělocvičen, nedával tušit nic dobrého, ale brzy se vyjasnilo a sletovému programu přála znamenitě sluneční pohoda.

O průběhu jednotlivých cvičení nebudu psát. Nechám to těm, kteří jsou v tělocvičném ruchu více účastní. Obecenstvo přijímalo cvičení vděčně a mnohdy bylo strhnuto k nadšenému potlesku. Kochalo se pohledem na zkázněné řady cvičících a obdivovalo jejich připravenost. Podán zde důkaz o jednotě duší a srdcí Sokolstva a naší veřejnosti. O lásce, která pojí srdce v jeden tep a nedá se vyvážit ani koupit statky pozemskými.

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Package Bus Tour To Installation of Sokol Miami

The American Sokol office will conduct a bus tour to Florida in about the middle of November 1969 to attend the program of installing our newest Sokol unit. The tour is scheduled to run about 10 days from Chicago to various points of interest in Florida with several days in the Miami area. A modern highway bus will be ours for all transportation; each night stop off will be made in good motels. Ask for itinerary, etc. American Sokol, 6426 Cermak Rd., Berwyn, Ill. 60402, phone 749-6671.

Get-Together of Praha Slet Participants

The first get-together of participants in the Praha Slets took place Friday, June 27th, at 4:30 p.m., in the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago.

The meeting was called by sis. Em. Welcl-Ruzicka and presided over by bro. Edwin Halik. It was gratifying to note that all those present are occupied in Sokol work in their communities, Districts and several are members of the Executive Board of ASO. The next meeting will be held in Cleveland in June 1970 during the Convention of ASO.

Calendar of Events

- SEPT. 6th—AMERICAN SOKOL, INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO. Beer Festival at Sokol Nova Vlast.
- SEPT. 7th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Crab Feast.
- SEPT. 12th—SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR. Chicken/Shrimp Dinner.
- SEPT. 21st—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL. Picnic, White Eagle Grove Center, Lyons, Ill.
- SEPT. 24th—SOKOL BERWYN. — Social Game.
- SEPT. 27th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Hootenanny.
- OCT. 4th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO. Celebration of 50th Anniversary. Banquet.
- OCT. 18-19th—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Homecoming.
- OCT. 25th—PLZENSKY SOKOL, CHICAGO, ILL. 90th Anniversary at the Midwest Country Club.
- NOV. 1st—SOKOL BERWYN. — Fun Fair.
- NOV. 1st—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO. CAMP COMMITTEE. — Halloween Dance.
- NOV. 8th and 9th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICH. Bazaar.
- DEC. 7th—SOKOL BERWYN. — Spaghetti Dinner.

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To our many brother and sister Sokols and friends from all over the U.S.A. we extend a very grateful "Thank you!" We of Sokol Berwyn were proud and delighted that so many people, far more than anticipated, turned out for the farewell evening following the XII American Sokol Slet. We tried to serve all of you as quickly as was possible. We thank you for your patience and certainly hope you had a good time.

Nazdar!

Ed Schnabl

Chairman, Sokol Berwyn Bar-B-Q

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FROM THE XII SOKOL SLET CHAIRMAN

The XII American Sokol Slet is now history. Being the first Slet during our second century of our organization, we can truthfully say it was a step up the ladder of success.

For many of us, on the Executive Board as well as on the Slet committees, this was a first venture at an undertaking as great as the XII Slet. During the event, as in every first attempt at a major project, we learned much and learned mostly thru our own experience. In most aspects we were successful; in some things we could improve upon, but we all learned together thru our first successful SLET. To the Slet sub-committee chairmen and their committees who worked for many months preceding the Slet, a sincere thank you for a job well done. Without the complete co-operation of all, it would have been difficult to do the job well.

Our Directors and their capable Board of Instructors deserve our heartiest praise for their efforts during the Slet days. The competitions of all classes, regardless of size, were well planned and conducted without confusion. Their selection of gymnastic numbers for the Slet Banquet made it an

enjoyable part of the evening for those in attendance. The Presentation of Awards went quickly and left time for rejoicing and dancing for those present. Our main event, the Slet, was something they can all be proud of and know that their efforts were not in vain. From our vast audience, the comments, enthusiasm and praises of the Slet were well earned and gave all who worked for the Slet a feeling of satisfaction upon the successful completion of our task—the XII American Sokol Slet.

To our Youth we gave a fine Physical Fitness Salute. We feel confident we have given them a heritage that they can feel very proud of. No doubt they will work equally as hard as we have in promoting and preserving our Sokol system of physical fitness to be passed on to future generations during our second century.

As to our future Slets, let us all promise to work faithfully to continue our Sokol spirit and resolve to work just as hard in the future in promoting physical fitness. Not only for ourselves, our Sokol units and districts, but for the community and Nation as well.

George Basta

XII SOKOL SLET (BERWYN, ILLINOIS) SOKOL IS FOR YOUTH! — SOKOL IS RELEVANT!

(Excerpts from the Address by U.S. Senator Roman L. Hruska of the Great State of Nebraska at the XII American Sokol Slet)

These times, especially for our youth, are times of questioning, doubt, attack, rejection and even destruction. This is especially true in our educational institutions. The main complaint seems to be that our present education is unsuitable and unrelated to the modern age. Hence it is said, "Let us destroy the existing order." This is the policy of some—but fortunately only a few.

To such critics there is an answer: Before changing the present world, make up your mind what kind of a world you want. Whatever kind it is, it should include those things Sokol stands for. Sokol is relevant and important. It stands for wholesome, exciting and beautiful activities; healthful development of the body; its co-ordination with the mind; ability to live with others

in harmony, yet remaining self-sufficient; self-respect, respect for others; development of moral and ethical standards; development of the whole person. These qualities should be part of any new world, whatever else it may contain. Hence Sokol's great promise for youth.

In addition, Sokol is relevant for people of all ages. The character building ideals stand in good stead throughout life.

So we carry on the Sokol program, now 104 years old in America. There is much heartening news!

1—This year's gala event of calisthenics and gymnastics has drawn a larger and more enthusiastic audience than in recent years.

2—The presence of our Sokol friends from Canada, who are with us in such large numbers, thrilled us with their pride and verve and the fashion in which they carried

their national flag.

3—A new Sokol unit has been formed in Florida under the leadership of sister Emily Welcl-Ruzicka.

4—We are assured of success of the efforts to establish a University of Chicago Chair for Czech and Slovak studies. This is being done under the direction of Dr. Streeter, Dean of Humanities. Dr. Jan Micka, Chairman of the Committee to Raise Funds, tells us \$120,000 is assured and there is high hope for raising the additional \$80,000 required.

So we congratulate and commend all who participated in the Slet:

1—The gymnasts.

2—The committees.

3—The regular Sokol organizations.

4—And the audience for its moral and financial support.

Nazdar! Na shledanou!

ADDRESS BY COLONEL FRANK J. KOBES, JR.

Professor and Director of Physical Education, U.S. Military Academy,
at the XII American Sokol Slet Banquet

We are living in a time of tremendous material progress. This has often been called the space age. It might also be referred to as the age of the gaps—the creditability gap, the generation gap, the missile gap, the education gap. Others have called this the age of anxiety, or the aspirin age, or the pill age. Whatever its name, it is a protective age.

Parents protect their children from the jolts which they themselves absorbed. The State protects its citizens against unemployment, sickness, profit or loss. There are those who would have us believe it is almost sinful to put in an honest day's work for our pay, and that the State owes everyone a guaranteed financial income.

Our schools, more and more protect their pupils from the reliable old corrective of trial and error.

Too many of our youngsters, and oldsters too, are overfed, overweight, and underactive. This generation of the tallest, heaviest, and most nearly disease-free youth in all history is being victimized by the prosperity of progress—to be specific, by mechanization, specialization and materialism. There are many who, I fear, expect too much of science and technology. Of course, our scientific knowledge has brought into our lives many wonderful things and, undoubtedly, millions of people in our country firmly believe that the better world of tomorrow will be given to us by science. I would urge that we question this very closely. I submit that science and, indeed, academic excellence by itself will not ingrain within us the moral insight

and wisdom needed to mold the balance wheel of sound judgment.

Many decisions in life must be made, not on the grounds of truth or falsity, accuracy or inaccuracy, but rather on the grounds of right vs. wrong. For example, irrational thinking and behavior are at the root of most of the civil disorder in our academic communities. We have always opposed the tyranny of the majority and rightly so, but now we are faced with the tyranny of an irrational minority. If we do not provide a bridge between the classroom and the real world of people and responsibility and individual discipline we will become a nation of "eggheads walking around on birdlegs" who will have scarcely enough strength to carry their protest posters. Good health and physical fitness are certainly foundation stones in that bridge. We have devised mechanical brains, and are about to land on the moon, but we have failed to learn how to live together effectively on our earth.

Sokols have always taught that high standards of health and physical fitness are the backbone of good citizenship. Today this needs more emphasis than ever before and I am happy that the Sokol organization has in recent years renewed its efforts and seized a leadership role in this area of training.

We need to stress the development of physical vigor as well as the strength of character and courage which go along with it.

If we hope to accomplish anything of significance in this life, it must be related to health and fit-

ness. "It is indeed tragic when individuals cannot achieve to their full potential because they lack the strength and stamina to do so. It is even more tragic when the lives of men and women who have achieved success are cut short by illness which could have been prevented. It doesn't make sense to put great effort and money into preparing fine scientists, doctors, lawyers and then fail to provide them with the means and incentive to remain fit and healthy."

At West Point, our educational environment is one of balance. Proper attention is given to the mental, moral and physical aspects of learning. We make it clear to our cadets that mental strength and intelligence are essential to the success of an Army Officer. It is vital that they have a solid academic background. But they must also realize that the smartest tactician in the world is of limited value to his men if he does not possess the physical strength and moral fiber to lead them in time of stress.

And the same is true of every citizen in these United States of ours. If we do not possess the physical fitness and moral courage to meet the challenges which face us, we are losers before we get started.

We often refer to the golden age of the Greeks. They believed in educating the "Whole" man, physically, mentally, and morally. The Spartans, in particular, were great believers in the fact that health and physical fitness were the foundation for building good citizens. When a child was born, he would be examined by his father and if there was evidence of physical weakness or ill health, the child was abandoned on a mountainside to perish.

Thank goodness that our respect for human life today considers such a screening method unthinkable. However, the pendulum appears to have swung too far in the opposite direction. Too many of our people are of the same opinion as one of our supposedly outstanding educators who once stated that when he feels the urge to exercise, he lies down until the feeling goes away.

Any really informed person knows that man develops as a total entity, that growth and development of any part is related to the growth and development of the whole. And, that if active cells are wanted in the brain or any other part of the body, activity of the total organism is a necessity.

If our job does not require us to be physically active, then we must seek activity elsewhere, or eventually atrophy as a people and as a nation. It is just that simple. Physical fitness is not only the key to a healthy body, it is the basis of creative intellectual activity and adjustment to our ever changing environment. We don't understand all the aspects of this—the molding of a sound body with an energetic mind is complicated. Nevertheless, it is there. We have made a number of studies at West Point which have convinced us that this is true.

Programs of physical fitness and athletics have unlimited potential for educating young people not only physically but especially developing in them what I like to call moral fiber. By moral fiber, I mean such attributes of character as courage, the will to win, daring, perseverance, sportsmanship.

It is a recognized fact that the worth of any activity for character development depends upon the nature and intensity of the emotions it arouses, and the standards which control the expression of these emotions. Because physical and athletic activities involve the deepest and most powerful of human emotions, they are of exceptional value from the character development standpoint. In addition, they appeal strongly to young people and elicit their energetic, enthusiastic participation. Of all the experiences which they undergo, none possesses more opportunity for the building of these desirable qualities. Since many of the activities are contests in which the participants compete closely and in harmony with one another, and in which personal courage and daring play very decided roles, aggressiveness, confidence, determination and the ability to think and act quickly and efficiently under pressure are developed to a degree unattainable by other means.

Hundreds of young men and women in whom these attributes might have never been awakened are, for the first time, given a chance to find themselves. This laboratory of the sports field simulates the conditions of life where leadership, self-discipline and teamwork are experienced over and over again.

Athletics and physical training are an integral part of a youngster's educational experience, not just a diversion or safety valve for excess animal energy.

They offer him the chance to meet the challenge of his own inadequacy face to face, and do something about it as no other activity does. They give him the spirit of adventure, the opportunity to dare.

An end in football may wear a protective face mask, but he still must tackle a hard running back. If he flinches or fails, he knows. Negotiations will not pin another wrestler's shoulders to the mat. Promises will not put a soccer ball into the goal or give a flawless exercise on the horizontal bar. Guidance counseling will not produce a winning performance on the parallel bars. Only the athlete can accomplish these feats and he does so, primarily alone. It is the program's function to see to it that he faces the task squarely and does not hide from it. The help it gives is to gain satisfaction and confidence from continuous self-improvement.

Teddy Roosevelt had this to say about physical activity: "We cannot afford to turn out men who shrink from physical effort or from a little physical pain. In any republic, courage is a prime necessity for the average citizen if he is to be a good citizen, and he needs physical courage no less than moral courage—the courage that dares as well as the courage that endures, the courage that will fight valiantly against the foes of the soul and the foes of the body.

"Athletics are good because they tend to develop such courage. They are good, also, because they encourage a true democratic spirit; for, on the athletic field the man must be judged, not with reference to outside and accidental attributes but to that combination of bodily vigor and moral quality which go to make up prowess."

A well-known educator had this to say about the value of sports "It is not sheer coincidence that in the world today described by cold war, hot war, hippies, race riots and campus protests, sport remains one of the few bridges between men as men. In sport, the accidents of birth, race, creed or station is transcended by performance alone. Sport speaks a universal language of movement and morality recognized in every culture and tongue. In its arena, kings may be brought low, beggars crowned, phonies found out, and simple excellence celebrated for what it is."

If given serious consideration, sports can revitalize our education and our culture. On the football field, a basketball court, in track, in gymnastics, and in swimming, in all the wide range of modern sports, a youngster learns without really knowing that he is learning.

Respect for the rights of others is impressed on him through the rules that he expects to obey and expects his teammates to obey. He must get along with his own side, but he must also guard the rights of the other side as he will expect them to guard his.

Play serves to relieve his tensions and aggressive instincts; team spirit gives him the sense of place and importance that every human being needs. The rules of social behavior, the "shall and shall not" become gradually a part of his whole personality and makeup, and are carried over, naturally and easily, into the world that exists outside sports—the world that will soon absorb him. In athletics, a boy or girl learns the importance of individual merit, and he gains the abiding knowledge that fair play is a two-way street.

Public opinion—that is, the immediate public opinion of his team and his opponents—stresses the good sportsman as well as the good athlete. Under the inspiration of a thoughtful coach, loyalty to the team grows easily into loyalty to country. There is no better arena for democracy.

A seriously organized, widely-shared program of athletics offers, of course, certain obvious pitfalls. There is the danger of too much emphasis being placed on winning. But this can be counter-balanced by a healthy atmosphere, the wise leadership and encouragement of a thoughtful parent and honorable coaches, and perhaps, most of all, by a

belief in the game for the game's sake and not just for its rewards.

I must point out that all the emphasis on fair play about which we talk so much in America, can easily be nullified by shady practices condoned by parents and coaches. We cannot be too happy about the modern day tendency to resort to anything in order to win, or the habit of booing the referee before he even blows the whistle to start the game, or worse yet, booing the little 10-year old who strikes out in a little league ball game.

We can't be too proud of the coach who says: "What they don't know won't hurt them; if we don't get caught, it's all right."

In programs of P.E. and athletics, we have a tremendous opportunity to teach young people to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, to help them along the road toward growing into men and women of high standards of morality and strong character. General MacArthur in his late years, was asked if he had changed his mind about the value of competitive athletics. He replied:

"The opinions I expressed at West Point on the infinite value of athletic competition have but intensified with the passage of time. It is a vital character builder. It molds the youth of our country for their future roles as custodians of the republic. It teaches them to be strong enough to know when they are weak, and brave enough to face themselves when they are afraid. It teaches them to be proud and unbending in honest defeat, but humble and gentle in victory. It teaches them humility so that they may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

"It gives them a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It gives them a predominance of courage over timidity, an appetite for adventure over love of ease. Fathers and mothers who would make their sons into men should have them play the game."

Physical fitness is basic to excellence in any form.

To all of you here in this room, whose energies are dedicated to developing youth into manhood and womanhood I say good luck and thank God that our country is blessed by your devotion. It has been a privilege and an inspiration to be with you this evening.

A TASK MADE EASY

The trickling of sand through the small aperture into the lower compartment of the hourglass serves as a reminder that several weeks have passed since the successful conclusion of the XII American Sokol Slet held at the Morton West Stadium in Berwyn, Illinois.

The Slet Committee was divided into a number of sub-committees. One of these was the Finance Committee whose responsibility was to raise funds to finance this gigantic exhibition. The committee began working immediately after the organizational meeting, approaching its responsibility by working up an estimated budget of expense which

showed that we would require approximately \$24,730 to cover the expense of the championship competitions and Slet, the Teen Hop, Awards Night and Victory Dance, the banquet, printing of the highly informative souvenir program books, purchase of souvenirs and Sokol seals, plus all administrative expenses.

The Committee was constituted of the following sisters: Rose Barcal, Elsie Bocek, Helen Dantino, Cleo DeVito, Mildred Drahorad, Anne Fara, Armi Kalivoda, Zdenka Kovar, Lillian Ludicky, Irene Marek, Betty Premer, Agnes Sotka, Georgiana Svoboda, Marie Toman, Violet Vrba, and brothers: Jo-

seph Fara, Frank Kourim, Anton Rohel, Frank Ruzicka, Rudolph Svoboda, Irv Toman, Bretislav Vanek and Frank Vorel.

Whenever the occasion presented itself, and a problem needed to be resolved, the committee received a great deal of help and advice from the Chairman of the Slet Committee, bro. George Basta, and the President of the ASO., bro. Stanley Barcal.

The credit for the design of the Slet seal belongs to sis. Betty Prener who had seen a similar motif exhibited during her visit to Sokol Detroit.

For the Teen Hop, the committee was very fortunate in getting able assistance from the men and women at Sokol Brookfield who took charge of the kitchen and manned the refreshment bar. Bro. Rudolph Svoboda took charge of the sale of tickets, and sis. Armilla Kalivoda handled the ticket collecting at the cellar entrance. Sisters Elsie Bocek and Anne Fara handled the sale of chips.

I wish to salute the women at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs who did a yeoman's job in preparing the delicious food for Saturday's affair. Sis. Ann Basta and bro. Joseph Drnec both deserve special credit for their able assistance in speeding up the sale of tickets at the door. They were a great help to bros. Anton Smunt and Bennie Lankas who were also handling the sale of tickets in the booth. A special thanks must be given to the brothers of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs who assumed complete charge of the bar, and to brothers George Basta and Jerry Rabas, who were a great help in making my job much easier.

Of course, without chip sellers, we could not function, therefore, let us give credit to sisters Elsie Bocek, Ann Svoboda, bros. Bratislav Vanek, Charles Svoboda, and Vaclav Baloun.

The big day arrived, rain had delayed the early morning preparations. No one was certain if the Slet would be held. In the latter part of the morning, we got a break and began working like beavers. Bros. Frank Ruzicka and Bennie Lankas arranged the box seats and completed the roping off of the reserved sections.

Sis. Blanche Cihak was the first to report for her assignment of selling tickets at the stadium. She was later joined by bro. Frank and sis. Emily

Zibrid at the other booth. With the large influx of people trying to get into the stadium, bro. Anton Smunt and sis. Agnes Drozd were recruited to handle the sale of tickets at the north gate, and eventually, the east stands.

Sincere thanks go to Mildred Drahorad, Josephine Drnec, Betty Janous, Irene Marik, Betty Prener, Anton Smunt, Mary Toman, Bess and Frank Vorel and Violet Vrba for their help in the sale of souvenirs at the various stations, during the four days.

Frank and Mary Balsanek, Frank Batista, Marie Kalina, Julia Kaspar, Agnes Drozd, Antonin Rohel, Ann and Charles Svoboda were a great help in the sale of chips on Sunday.

Before the Slet, the sale of souvenir program books was lagging. As a matter of fact, at the Championship competitions, at the Morton West Gymnasium, bro. James Cihak assumed the role of a huckster by taking over the sale of the books and sold a goodly number. Sunday was the day of the big drive, and we were very fortunate that with the help of Ben Lankas, Jos. Sheridan, Stevie Cihak, age 9 (grandson of James and Blanche Cihak), Debbie Kalivoda, Annette and Bill Sholar, and three youngsters from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, whom bro. Paul Lebloch had recruited for us, and bro. Cihak's constant pushing, we were able to surpass all previous sales records.

My sincerest thanks to sisters June Pros, Agnes Sotka and Anne Falta for their help in handling the ticket and souvenir sales at the office, and all of the others who came in to stuff letters and Slet seals, which enabled us to receive additional financial assistance.

Sis. Sotka proved to be an able assistant treasurer. She handled the posting of all receipts prior to and during the Slet. As a matter of fact, her son, Thomas, worked with us into the late hours of the night in balancing out the cash for deposit the following day.

To all who served on the committee so conscientiously, I wish to express my sincerest thanks for a job well done. It is people like you who make the Chairman look good.

Frank J. Vodrazka
Chairman, Finance Committee

BLANCHE J. CIHAK:

XII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET BANQUET Great Hall, Pick-Congress Hotel - June 27, 1969

From the moment when the Sokol Slet Banquet Committee was formed there was no doubt as to the outcome of this always popular event. Added assurance was evident when the following veteran pros took the reins into their hands: Sis. Blanche J. Cihak and bro. Frank J. Vodrazka, Co-Chairmen, sis. Agnes Sotka, Secretary, bro. Jerry Madera, Treasurer, sis. Jeanette Berquist, Adeline Lankas and Irene Ruzicka, committee members.

Meetings were exemplary and held often with every operation thoroughly discussed and evaluated. The operation in its entirety became rapidly

evident with one part after another falling smoothly into place. As with any major event, everything is a big question mark, especially when novel ideas are suggested. Leaving plenty of room for the unexpected, as the deadline came near and all the Slet event were beginning to crystalize, without evident pressure but with plenty of determination, the main parts of the banquet and program became positive.

We had the gracious and always valued acceptance to participate of the Czech Singing Society Lyra, the Men's and Women's Choruses of the

Czechoslovak Society of America, all directed by Prof. Frank Kubina, and as the Board of Instructors had not planned on an Akademie for this Slet, the banquet program was enriched by four gymnastic numbers. Coaches and men in the physical fitness field were sought as our main speaker. Happy indeed were we by the early acceptance of Col. Frank J. Kobes, Jr., Professor and Director of Physical Education, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, to be our speaker. Col. and Mrs. Kobes' rich Sokol background coupled with his high place in the national physical fitness field made him an even more welcome visitor to us.

Our Sokol banquets were always noted for the high quality and individuality of the musical part of their program. This year was no exception. We were very fortunate to secure the services of the Contemporary Arts String Quartet, an outstanding group of accomplished musicians. Composed of Otakar Sroubek and Fred Spector, violinists, violist Richard Ferrin and cellist Don Moline, all members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. They have a distinguished career as individuals and have gained added stature as a quartet.

All of these one might call the ingredients out of which grew a memorable evening. Early reservations indicated a sellout for the Gold Room of the Pick-Congress Hotel. Just two weeks before the banquet a cancellation secured for us the Great Hall, enabling another 250 to attend the banquet, and even this was sold out. This was also the first time in decades that the Board of Instructors of ASO., the districts and units were able to attend this event.

After a delicious dinner the program was opened with the singing of the National Anthem by the Czech Singing Society Lyra and the C.S.A. Men's Chorus directed by Prof. Frank Kubina, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, led by Julie Ann Barcal. Chairman sis. Blanche J. Cihak welcomed the large audience of Sokols and their friends in Czech and English and introduced bro. Frank J. Vodrazka as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. In his experienced hands a rich, fast moving program held the keen attention of the audience.

Bro. George Basta, Chairman of the XII Slet Committee, greeted the assembly stressing the constant need for all to remember the Sokol's main role in life. Now Lyra sang "Znáš onu zem" by Felix Zrno, Choral Cechů by Arnošt Praus and "This Is My Country" by A. L. Jacobs with Prof. Frank Kubina directing. Well earned applause was their just due.

Bro. Stanley Barcal, President of the ASO., was next introduced and in a few well chosen words greeted the assembly and thanked them as well as all who were working so diligently to make the

With this issue, we begin the 9th year of publication of ye TOPIX. The PULLAG POLL indicates that about 75 or 80% of the members read the contents to some extent. About 40-50% read the entire contents. 3% spend their time looking for mistakes and 5% for something to criticize. Then there is the infinitesimal percentage who are critical about the articles on Sokol in Czechoslovakia, etc., which

Slet a success. He stated the Sokols will always strive to merit the high regard and support of the general public.

Gymnastic numbers normally used in the gymnasticale were now presented.

1. Pyramids by the men and junior girls of Sokol Berwyn.
2. Side Horse exhibition by Edward Slezak of Sokol Brookfield, now State High School Champion, and John Kocourek of Sokol South Omaha.
3. Pyramids by the men of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs of Chicago and
4. Free Exercises by Julie Ann Barcal of Sokol Slavsky and Linda Beran of Sokol Omaha.

Every member showed the precision and dexterity as well as assurance in execution that can only be acquired by years of devoted training. Those who performed this evening were veterans, whether young or old. Appreciation for their performance was freely expressed.

The performance of Antonin Dvořák's Quartet in F Major by the Contemporary Arts String Quartet was everything we had expected of this talented group. The undivided attention of the audience was as much one of appreciation as it was of respect for a masterly rendition of Dvorak's composition.

Col. Frank J. Kobes, Jr., walked off with the hearts of the Sokols. His family's and his own rich Sokol background intensified our high regard for him and the high positions he occupies in the physical fitness field on a national level. His message found a very receptive audience fully aware of the thoughts he conveyed to us. (His address is published in its entirety.)

Master of Ceremonies bro. Frank J. Vodrazka next introduced the Chairman and officers of the XII Slet Committee and our guest organizations.

The combined Men's and Women's Glee Club of the Czechoslovak Society of America sang in the happy mood of the evening a Medley from "The Bartered Bride," by Bedrich Smetana, "Aká si mi krásná" by Evžen Suchon and "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin. Their love of music showed in the vivacity of their singing and the stars in their eyes.

What more fitting ending for such an evening could have been devised than the presentation of a tableau of ancient Olympic Champions.

Tom Sotka of Sokol Tabor executed these to perfection:

1. The Shot-put Competitor.
2. The Javelin Thrower.
3. The Discus Thrower.

And so another evening has been placed in our treasury of memories to be brought out time and again for future pleasure in the decades that lie ahead.

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would be the same as being against the teaching in schools of how Christopher Columbus came to discover America.

So, as we enter our 9th year, we will continue with the policy of pleasing some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, because we know that we cannot please all of the people all of the time Sokol Baltimore "Topix"

ANN BASTA:

SLET PUBLICITY

The efforts of the Slet Publicity Committee undoubtedly helped in some small way to fill the stands of Hoffman Stadium to capacity on the afternoon of June 29th, our XII American Slet.

Work of the group began in fall of 1968, shortly after the various committees were organized and the date of the Slet selected. Bro. Jerry Rabas, Czech publicity chairman, immediately appealed to the main lodges of the Czech fraternal organizations requesting that they not sponsor any events on that day that could conflict with our great day. They all promised their co-operation and support of the Slet wholeheartedly.

In early spring of 1969, Mr. Goldsborough, feature editor of the Chicago Tribune, was preparing an article on the ethnic groups and became very interested in the Czechs and their activities and customs. His article in the "Chicago" magazine was very well written and thru his efforts contact was made for a Tribune article and photos of our Sokol units in the suburbs. Several area editions carried a full page informative article on Sokols and our history with pictures of tots of Sokol Brookfield and adults from Havlicek-Tyrs. Some editions carried a half page story with fewer pictures. This brought inquiries to the Sokol office, not only on the Slet, but locations of units and class schedules. Keeping a schedule for the photographers for this article proved somewhat difficult, as due to unforeseen circumstances, they canceled some of our prepared class pictures without notice. In spite of the disappointment of the children and their instructors, they were most understanding, realizing it was beyond the powers of the Publicity Committee and due to conditions at the newspaper office.

Further contact was made with the Chicago Sun-Times which gave coverage again with a full page in some editions and half page in others. Members of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs children's and adult's classes were shown in action. It is often said a picture is better than thousands of words as it helps convey the message to the public, and again response to this was received at the Slet office.

Local community and the suburban papers gave frequent coverage of Slet preparations. Heaviest publicity was during June in the Cicero-Berwyn Life, Suburban Life and Brookfield Citizen, having almost weekly articles, either as sports or feature news. With the Slet being held in Berwyn, and the majority of our membership in the suburbs, these frequent news releases listing members of the various communities taking active part brought the Slet closer to the area residents. Other community papers also published news of the Slet mainly by mentioning area residents that were taking part on committees. In this were even areas not having a local Sokol unit, but with many Czechs residing in the area, were informed of the coming Sokol Slet.

Cermak Road businessmen with large billboards on their premises were contacted and most co-

operative about promoting our Slet held in their immediate area. The management of the Plaza adjacent to the Stadium also provided use of one sign. A large billboard on the Eisenhower expressway gave five minute flashes of our Slet, even though our greatest competitor was Astronaut Cernan, of Czech ancestry, who was guest of honor at a parade in the local Broadview area. The merchants of Cermak Road had "Welcome Sokols" small stickertype banners printed and displayed on local windows, some had special large signs displayed, these being mostly our loyal Czech merchants.

Several interviews were held at the local radio station WTAQ, serving our western suburbs, which are heavily populated by second and third generation Czechs. A Czech interview directed by sis. Jaromira Zacek with guests sis. Ruzicka and bro. Rabas took place about two weeks prior to the Slet. An English taped interview of sisters Basta and Pros was re-broadcasted twice as Community Highlights. Sis. Prener had a very informative and lengthy interview on June 24th, a few days before our great event. Notices were sent to the downtown radio stations for community news spot announcements.

A direct mailing approach directed by sis. Ruzicka proved very effective. Using mailing lists of our organizations, contact was made to our Czechs living in areas outside the suburbs served by the local papers and who perhaps do not receive our Czech daily Hlasatel. It included an order blank type portion for ordering their Slet tickets directly from the Slet office.

In addition to the radio interviews previously mentioned, we also had our Slet announced thru the courtesy of the Bohemian National Cemetery and Czechoslovak Society of America on their weekly Sunday morning program. They allotted time for short announcements each Sunday and a special Slet program on June 29th for which we are most appreciative. Thru the courtesy of bro. Basta, announcement was made on the Sunday evening Slovak hour directed by Mr. Scheibenreif for several weeks before the Slet. In addition Slet information was broadcasted for several weeks on the Czech radio programs directed by Karel Vrzal and Jaromira Zacek. One announcement was also made on the Slovak Saturday night radio program which began just before the Slet activities.

We also had an unrehearsed radio interview on the station broadcasting out of Pick-Congress hotel, WEBH, directed by Buddy Black. Several Sokol gymnasts from Sokol USA found him broadcasting and appeared on his program with bro. Andrew Venglarchik. Mr. Black stated, "They brought to our listeners an unrehearsed report of the work of their fine organization and expressed themselves in the direction of bringing "back" if you will, those other boys and girls in this country whose voices and action bring so much unrest among the youth of America. The interview was most

enlightening to me and I am certain our listeners appreciated these young people taking time from their normal activities to reveal their thoughts of traveling, working and playing together in a normal healthy and happy All-American way." This certainly is a credit to our Sokol youth to whom we had dedicated our XII American Sokol Slet.

Several window displays showing pictures of previous Sokol events were prepared by bro. Rabas for exhibit in the 26th street area and sis. Ruzicka prepared one for Cermak Road. These were in addition to the Sokol exhibit directed by bro. and sis. Janecka for a week prior to the Slet which showed many historical pictures and publications of the past.

We were unable to satisfactorily get into the TV media with the exception of a spot announcement. However, with the experience and knowledge gained working on this great event, we are

hopeful of working harder on this aspect of advertising in the future.

Bro. Rabas made contact with Radio Free Europe for taping of parts of our Slet activities for broadcast to our Sokol brothers and sisters in Czechoslovakia or wherever their broadcasts can be heard.

Several photos appeared during competitions in the large Chicago papers and also pictures of our children's and junior's calisthenics; these were published after the Slet. We all feel confident that more people have been informed of our Sokol Slet and our activities in our local gyms. Our thanks to our loyal Czech papers all over the U.S. who gave the Slet publicity thru their readers and to the fraternal organization publications that also helped promote this great Sokol event to its membership.

JAMES L. CIHAK:

HISTORICAL JOURNAL – SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK OF THE XII ASO. SOKOL SLET, 1969

The trend which began about 20 years ago to make the Slet Souvenir Program Book more than just a collection of ads, has progressed to the point where it is an educational, informative, statistical and historical publication. From a few greetings and a half dozen articles, it has grown to 206 pages of which over 100 are the reading material mentioned above while others make it a highly personalized memento of the Slet.

We are very conscious of the debt of appreciation we owe to the hundreds of organizations and individuals whose faith in the value of Sokol prompted them to the generosity that made this publication possible.

The red, white, blue and black cover design is the creation of our well-known artist bro. John Stribrny, a member of Sokol Town of Lake since childhood as is his wife Vlasta. The striking design of the four Sokol figures in a field of blue breathes a spirit of assurance for the future, well aware of the century thru which it has passed.

In every one of the greetings received from President Nixon to suburban officers, we can easily see that the Sokol and its role are well understood today. The greetings are followed by 88 articles in English and Czech, some written specifically for this Slet and others gleaned from unit and district publications as far back as the early 20's. In all of them, written by veteran Sokols or those younger ones just entering the lists, there is discernable a depth of feeling and understanding for the basic philosophy upon which the Sokol has been built. Here is visual proof why the Sokols have come so far and why they shall keep marching into the future ad infinitum.

Seventy-eight pictures enrich the text, a great many of them used for the first time. Two pages had been allotted toward the end of the book for "Personal Diaries" of the Slet, two for Slet snapshots, two for autographs and six pages for the "First Day of Issue of the Sokol Stamp Envelopes and Postcards." The envelopes and postcards are still available in a limited quantity at the ASO. office.

The reason for the high degree of personalization was to do everything possible to make the book valuable, especially to the young. The hope is that they will keep it in their home library as source material on the Sokols.

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A project of this size could never have been achieved without the closest cooperation of many individuals and many, many hours of manual labor in sending out thousands of pieces of mail, recording the returns, typing, proofreading, answering mail, improvising and a dozen other tasks. Scores of our Sokolice and Sokols were involved, mainly from Sokol and Sokolice Town of Lake, Brookfield, Tabor and Slavsky.

Our special thanks go to sisters Agnes Sotka, June Pros, Anči Falta, Hattie Vrba, Fonda Guertler and bros. Frank J. Vodrazka, Joseph Sotka and Lad Mejdrieh for their long hours of labor and willingness to tackle every task.

Copies of the XII Slet Historical Souvenir Program can be secured from the ASO. office, 6426 West Cermak Road, Berwyn, Illinois 60402. Price is \$1.50 per copy including mailing.

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– SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER –
– TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR UNIT –

MANIFESTO

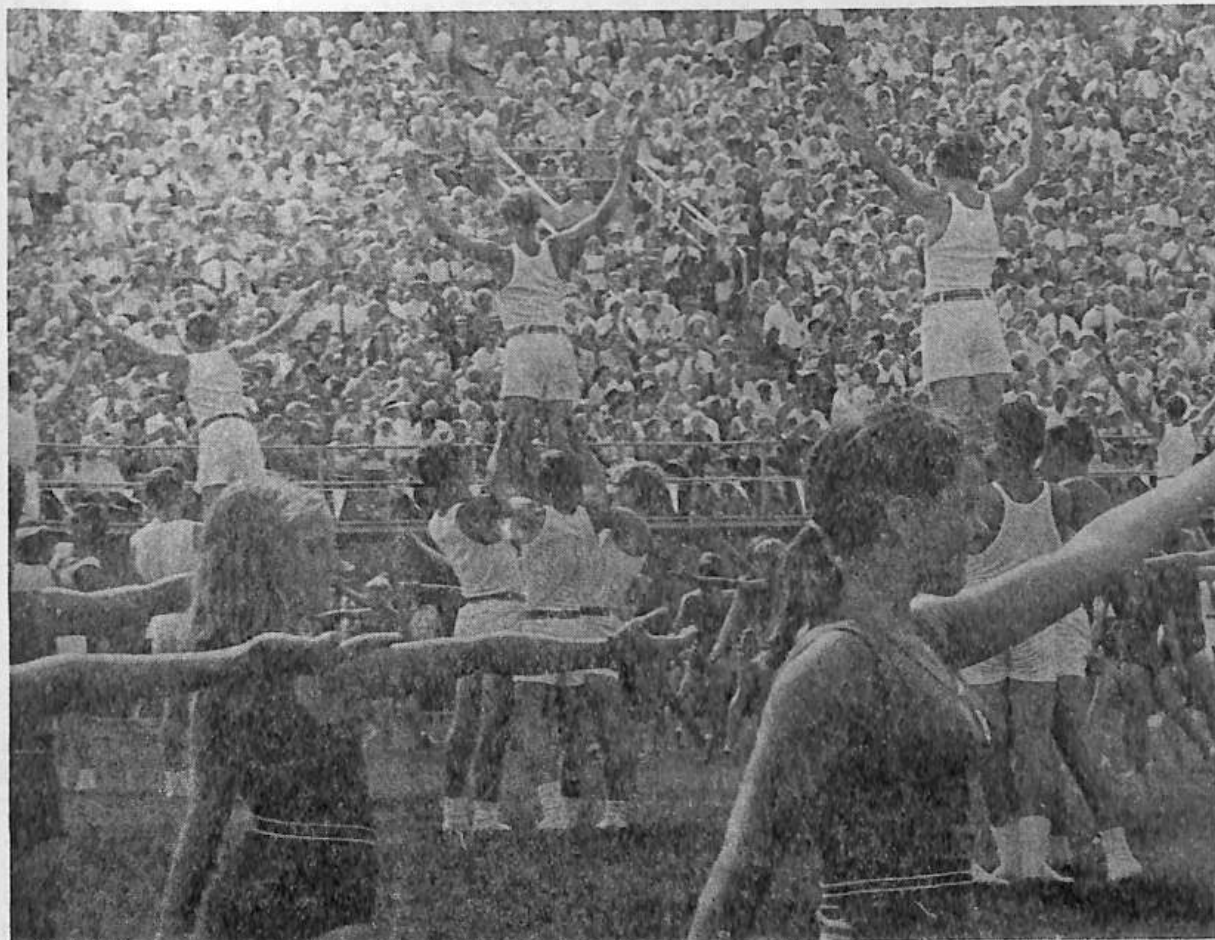
We are met here this afternoon to voice our condemnation of the brutal invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet hordes and their blind obedient Satellites. In the true Sokol spirit we affirm and reiterate our steadfast resolve to oppose all communist efforts at dominating and subjugating freedom loving people here and wherever the bloody red banner of the sickle and hammer may be raised.

We, who have clung tenaciously to the principles of brotherhood and equality and justice for all, as promulgated by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš more than 100 years ago and to these very same ideals embodied in our American Declaration of Independence and Constitution, promise here and now never to yield, never to succumb or to slavishly bow our heads in abject capitulation.

Brothers! Sisters! Let us raise our heads proudly, let us look earnestly and realistically at the problems that beset us today and that may be aggravated tomorrow; and let us say to all the world that we the Sokols of America are united in the defense of our ideals and are ready to offer our all on the altar of liberty and justice.

Your presence here this afternoon, the disciplined portrayal of physical fitness and high moral ideals, which are deeply rooted in our very being constitute our mighty answer of protest. We hurl our united defiance at those who prefer to believe that might is right, that hatred can replace love of mankind, and that lies and chicanery can permanently destroy our own ideals of equality and justice!

Delivered by Ed Linhart;



Junior Calisthenics

Sokol Detroit

By Charles Novacek

On May 23, the Engineering Society of Detroit honored the American Czechs, presenting "Czechoslovakia . . . European Question Mark." Distinguished members of Sokol and Sokolice provided the proper national atmosphere. Their presence in national costumes readily identified the program. Mr. and Mrs. Teichman, Mr. and Mrs. Novotny, Mr. Kovarik and his mother Mrs. Kovarik, Mrs. Husak, Mr. and Mrs. Horak, Miss R. Zboril, Mr. Kozumplik with his accordion, and the Novaceks were present. Mr. Linde, known traveler and author, showed an almost two-hour documentary motion picture program with personal comments about Czechoslovakia.

The occupation of Czechoslovakia last year stirred up many comments, interviews and political arguments. All over the world people were

horrified to see a small nation slowly drowning and losing its natural right to maintain freedom. Free society in the United States condemned the Soviet aggression and asked for reinstatement of the Czech self-government. Of course these attempts were futile. People here in Detroit in quiet respect towards the Czechs, with sincere interest in what is happening in Central Europe, participate in showing concern and disapproval.

That evening at the Rackham Memorial Building, The Engineering Society of Detroit and its fine guests pretended to ignore the tragedy looking towards the bright and ideal future, remembering the glorious past.

"And so the line up of the Saints continues. Who are the warriors of God and his law, asketh God's help and belief in Him . . ."



Picture which was taken on that evening at the Engineering Society of Detroit. The names from left to right are: Miss Zboril, Mrs. Husak, Mr. and

Mrs. Novacek, Mr. and Mrs. Rorak, Mr. Kovarik, Mr. Novotny, Miss V. Novacek, Miss M. Novacek, Mr. Kozumplik.

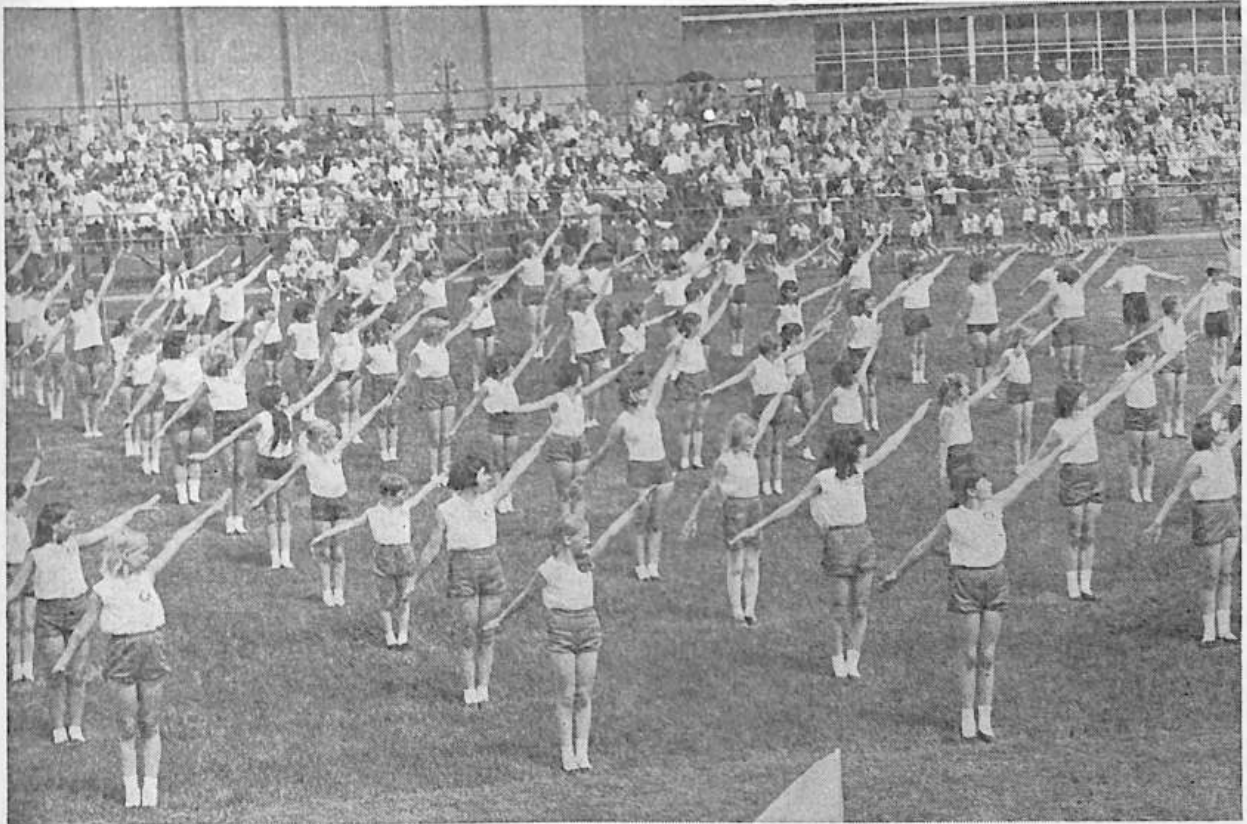
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Small Girls Class Calisthenics

MILDRED PRCHAL:

SLET COMMENTS

The technical success of our XII Sokol Slet was, in a great measure, due to the close cooperation of the Central District Women's BOI. in preparing their classes of girls and women for competitions and the Slet exhibition program. Some Central District BOI. members are also members of the National BOI., most of them have attended Sokol classes since childhood and, in fact, their own children are being educated in our Sokol gymnasiums.

It was my privilege during the months preceding the XII Sokol Slet competitions

and exhibition to visit nine gymnasiums in the Central District upon their requests, (some, several times) to assist in teaching the women's calisthenics (196 Central District women participated in the Slet mass calisthenics). Later I taught the special modern gymnastics pennant number that was offered by the Central District women for the Sunday program. This number was presented by a group of 108 individuals from various grades and classes; members of "women's day classes," a few juniors, even a couple of 2nd class girls. The major-

ity, however, were experienced and dependable sisters upon whom the responsibility of teaching the composition to others in their units rested. The original pennant composition was for a group of 12 and was not intended for a field. It was, therefore, necessary to almost completely revise it for adaptation to markers and degrees of ability. Though the composition was comparatively simple, I stressed the new modern gymnastics total and amplified movements throughout the routine; the steps and passages were quite fast. The running entrance

I decided upon was risky but appropriate and effective as was the "free" exit. The whole group "got together" for the first time during the Sunday morning rehearsal.

The atmosphere in all the gymnasiums I visited was warmly cooperative and enthusiastic. The impressive execution of the women's mass calisthenics on the field was ample repayment for the hours spent in the gymnasiums beside the pleasurable experience of personally contacting all of our sisters in the Central District.



Men and Women Calisthenics

RESULTS OF THE XII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET COMPETITIONS

JUNIOR GIRLS

Starting bright and early on Thursday, June 26th, the Low Division began its competitions. It was decided that the exercises would not be shown on the apparatus to the contestants as a whole, recognizing the fact that differences in interpretation by the instructors could not be avoided, due to the lack of a traveling instructor. The youngsters were judged on the basis of how they were taught (within limitations at the discretion of the judges and Meet Director) and as a result time was saved and no great discrepancies occurred.

Keeping to a fairly good schedule, the day's tournaments ended with only one injury, to my knowledge—Marilyn Michalek of Sokol Detroit, who sprained her ankle during a warm-up.

The Tabulating Department, run efficiently by sis. Anne Halik and sis. Lori Theisen, had all the results checked, double-checked and typed on stencils by 8:00 P.M.

The following morning, we finished the Junior Competitions with the High Division.

My thanks to all the patient judges, the men

who helped move apparatus, our Tabulating Department and to the tireless runners Diana Schnabl, Anita Schnabl, Linda Kluiber and Gail Krimmel, all of Sokol Berwyn.

Total entries:

- High Division 23 individuals, 7 teams
- Intermediate Division ... 70 individuals, 18 teams
(13 Sokol U.S.A. girls)
- Low A Division139 individuals, 17 teams
(32 U.S.A., 3 Canadians,
5 D.A.)
- Low B Division 74 individuals, 10 teams
(3 U.S.A.)

306 contestants

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EllenJeanne Schnabl,
1st Assistant Women's Director

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Place	Name	Unit	Grand Total
1.	Bunny Buckingham,	Omaha	180.10
2.	Betty Cieply,	Lodge 47, Monessen	179.90
3.	Pamela Chilla,	Lodge 306, L. Stur	174.75
4.	Cheryl Perozzi,	Lodge 47, Monessen	173.90
5.	Laurie Mager,	Lodge 47, Monessen	172.75
6.	Kathy Kelley,	Cedar Rapids	142.33
7.	Jeri Kriz,	Cedar Rapids	141.40
8.	Jan Clement,	Cedar Rapids	129.15
9.	JoEllen Kelley,	Cedar Rapids	125.70
10.	Sheri Abney,	Cedar Rapids	122.85

10 individuals competing.

HIGH DIVISION

Teams

Place	Unit	District	Points
1.	Slavsky,	Central	413.0
2.	South Omaha,	Western	411.2
3.	Omaha No. 1,	Western	404.8
4.	Northeastern District,	N.E.	401.7
5.	Omaha No. 2,	Western	385.8
6.	West Suburban,	Central	381.6
7.	Detroit,	Northeastern	341.8

Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1.	Lea Nesnadny,	Tyrs—N.E. Dist. Team	147.9
2.	Sandy Cramer,	Omaha No. 1	143.7
3.	Julie Barcal,	Slavsky	142.5
4.	Sue List,	West Suburban	140.6
5.	Denise Minarik,	South Omaha	139.1
6.	Georgia Nesladek,	Slavsky	138.2
7.	Laura Hartung,	Omaha No. 1	137.6
8.	Phyllis Swoboda,	South Omaha	136.4
9.	Judy Pauley,	South Omaha	135.7
10.	Carole Drenth,	West Suburban	133.3
11.	Anne Skinner,	Cleveland—NE Dist. Team	133.2
12.	Sue Schaefer,	Slavsky	132.3
13.	Mary Kay Marchese,	Omaha No. 2	130.7
14.	Marilyn Veiggerr,	Omaha No. 2	128.9
15.	Karen Prosterman,	Omaha No. 2	126.2

16.	Sue Grisinger,	Omaha No. 1	123.5
17.	Vlasta Novacek,	Detroit	122.8
18.	Karen Vavra,	Tyrs—N.E. Dist. Team	120.6
19.	Barb. Lock,	Nova Vlast—NE Dist. Team	117.8
20.	Audry Beery,	South Omaha	117.2
21.	Judy Smahay,	Detroit	110.4
22.	Karen Belgrave,	Detroit	108.6
23.	Carolyn Jirka,	West Suburban	107.7

23 individuals; 7 teams.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Teams

Place	Unit	District	Points
1.	Sokol Zizka,	Southern	443.2
2.	Lodge No. 130,	MCT	426.1
3.	South Omaha,	Western	419.3
4.	Monessen, USA		413.0
5.	Sokol Tabor,	Central	408.0
6.	Ludevit Stur,	USA	394.1
7.	Slavsky,	Central	393.3
8.	Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek,	Northeastern	392.8
9.	Detroit No. 1,	Northeastern	382.8
10.	Omaha No. 2,	Western	375.3
11.	St. Louis,	Central	370.6
12.	Baltimore,	Eastern	370.2
13.	Cedar Rapids,	Western	369.6
14.	West Suburban,	Central	368.6
15.	Tyrs,	Northeastern	367.5
16.	Omaha No. 1,	Western	360.5
17.	Belcamp,	Eastern	352.2
18.	Nova Vlast,	Northeastern	350.2

Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1.	Ann Marek,	Zizka	148.1
2.	Lisa Martin,	Zizka	147.8
3.	Michelle Caldwell,	Zizka	147.3
4.	Lori Warbutton,	Monessen	146.9
5.	Linda Massarelli,	No. 130 MCT	145.9
6.	Darlene Summers,	Monessen	145.6
7.	Terri Cale,	Zizka	145.0
8.	Barbara Kavicky,	MM Hodza	143.9
9.	Valerie Prescott,	No. 130 MCT	141.7
10.	Geri Dukish,	South Omaha	141.3
11.	Vicki Hurt,	South Omaha	139.7
12.	Donna Peska,	Tabor	139.0
13.	Gail Capitan,	Tabor	138.6
14.	Nancy Cameron,	No. 130 MCT	138.5
15.	Karen Prazen,	South Omaha	138.3

70 contestants; 18 teams.

LOW "A" DIVISION

Teams

Place	Unit	District	Points
1.	Sokol St. Paul,	Western	662.5
2.	Sokol Tabor,	Central	643.4
3.	Sokol St. Louis,	Central	637.1
4.	Lodge No. 130,	MCT	636.7
5.	Southern District		626.1
6.	Sokol Stickney,	Central	622.8
7.	Slavsky No. 1,	Central	619.8
8.	Sokol Tyrs No. 2,	Northeastern	618.2
9.	Ludevit Stur	District	610.6
10.	D.A. Sokol		605.3

11. Sokol Mladocech, Central	589.4
12. M.M. Hodza District	587.2
13. Ludevít Stur District	575.4
14. Sokol Omaha, Western	565.9
15. Lodge No. 20, MCT	560.0
16. Sokol Detroit, Northeastern	557.5
17. Sokol Tyrs No. 1, Northeastern	552.3

Individuals

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. Sue Vykruta, Sokol Tabor		143.3
2. Sharon Baroni, Tyrs No. 2		135.3
3. Susan McCutcheon, Toronto		134.7
4. Pauline Vanyo, St. Paul		134.5
5. Vickie Reider, St. Paul		134.4
6. JoAnne Baur, St. Paul		134.3
7. Debra Rapp, Little Ferry		134.1
8. JoAnne Mazanec, St. Paul		134.0
9. LaVone Schiszik, Stickney		133.7
10. Pat Tabash, St. Louis		132.6
11. tie Chris Bohlíg, D.A., N.Y.		132.1
Bernadette Potensky, #130, MCT		132.1
12. Debbie Huneke, Tabor		131.6
13. Mary Kucera, Havlicek-Tyrs		131.4
14. Kathy Walker, St. Louis		131.2
15. Janet Vodicka, Berwyn		131.1

139 contestants; 10 teams.

LOW "B" DIVISION**Teams**

Place Unit	District	Points
1. South Omaha, Western		694.2
2. Brookfield No. 1, Central		644.4
3. West Suburban, Central		630.6
4. Berwyn, Central		610.2
5. Libuse, Crete, Western		595.1
6. Havlicek-Tyrs, Central		589.1
7. Brookfield No. 2, Central		587.0
8. St. Louis No. 2, Central		585.0
9. St. Louis No. 1, Central		576.9
10. Detroit, Northeastern		562.0

Individuals

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. Georgia Prokupik, South Omaha		141.4
2. Jackie Vankat, South Omaha		140.6
3. Patty Swoboda, South Omaha		139.6
4. Debbie Swezak, South Omaha		138.3
5. Karen Brkovic, Brookfield No. 1		135.2
6. Linda Stranglen, South Omaha		134.3
7. Linda Bahr, West Suburban		133.7
8. Michele Colb, MM Hodza		133.0
9. Karen Vocelka, West Suburban		132.8
10. Jill Zawadzki, Brookfield No. 1		130.3
11. Susie Smith, Crete		129.4
12. Judy Slazek, Brookfield No. 1		128.9
13. Cathy Swoboda, South Omaha		128.0
14. Juanita Rus, Brookfield No. 1		127.0
15. Janet Kopecek, Detroit		126.8

74 individuals.

WOMEN'S COMPETITION**CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION**

Place Name	Unit	Grand Total
1. Ellen Babuska, MM Hodza		189.30
2. Linda Beran, Omaha		179.40
3. Karen Peterson, Omaha		177.70
4. Carol Augustyn, Lodge 306, L. Stur		176.61

4 individuals competing.

HIGH DIVISION

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. Bonnie Dzyak, Lodge No. 47		140.4
2. Karen Cieply, Lodge No. 47		133.8
3. Janice Madsen, Omaha		131.6
4. Sandy Moody, Tyrs	(Inc.)	28.2

4 individuals.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**Teams**

Place Unit	District	Points
1. Tabor No. 2, Central		420.3
2. Tabor No. 1, Central		377.6
3. Slavsky, Central		368.8

Individuals

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. Mildred Foltyn, Tabor No. 2		146.9
2. Sharon Benesh, Tabor No. 2		137.5
3. Jane Mastny, Tyrs		137.3
4. Sandy Peska, Tabor No. 2		135.9
5. Susan Basta, Brookfield		134.3
6. Audrey Willet, Tabor No. 1		132.8
7. Linda Babuska, M.M. Hodza U.S.A.		131.1
8. Elizabeth Moucka, Ennis		129.2
9. tie Donna Neary, Little Ferry		128.2
Deborah Simanovsky, Hav-Tyrs		128.2
10. Jean Burda, Slavsky		127.9
11. Florence Lutha, Slavsky		127.3
12. Carol Slimak, M.M. Hodza USA		126.5
13. Janet Janakis, Little Ferry		124.7
14. Sheryl Geiger, Tabor No. 1		122.8
15. Millie Michalek, Brookfield		122.3
16. Julie Barcik, Tabor No. 1		122.0
17. Dorothy Turek, Slavsky		113.6

3 teams; 18 individuals.

LOW DIVISION**Teams**

Place Unit	District	Points
1. Havlicek-Tyrs, Central		686.3
2. Tyrs, Northeastern		683.6
3. Tabor, Central		675.0
4. Detroit, Northeastern		671.2
5. New York, Eastern		663.5

Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1.	Mary Anne Kerr,	Detroit	148.3
2.	Donna Minarik,	South Omaha	144.9
3.	Mary Gilbert,	Berwyn	144.5
4.	Charla Svoboda,	Brookfield	143.3
5.	Rose Kirby,	Tyrs	143.2
6.	Mary Anne Satek,	Slavsky	142.7
7.	tie Susan Padalek,	Tabor	142.6
	Olga Kornijczuk,	New York	142.6
8.	Jolene Swoboda,	So. Omaha	141.7

9.	Dolly Baca,	Tyrs	141.4
10.	Vickie Jirousek,	Tyrs	140.8
11.	Linda Matyas,	Lodge No. 260	140.7
12.	Cecelia Maniscalco,	M.M. Hodza	140.5
13.	tie Phyllis Morgan,	Havlicek-Tyrs	140.0
	Patricia Holub,	New York	140.0
14.	Carolee Michalek,	Havlicek-Tyrs	139.5
15.	tie Ruth Vrzalik,	Baltimore	139.0
	Vera Springer,	D.A. Sokol	139.0

58 contestants; 5 teams.

JUNIOR BOYS

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1.	Paul Blasko,	Lodge 63 Homestd.	230.35
2.	John Kocourek,	South Omaha	221.55
3.	Terry Johnson,	Cedar Rapids	200.05
4.	Roger Belieu,	Cedar Rapids	195.00
5.	Allan Kittrell,	Cedar Rapids	175.55

5 individuals.

HIGH DIVISION

Teams

1.	Western District	533.80
2.	Sokol Cedar Rapids	483.00

Individuals

1.	*John Kocourek,	So. Omaha	184.50
2.	Joe Rayer,	Omaha	179.90
3.	Stan Sudduth,	Omaha	169.40
4.	*Terry Johnson,	Cedar Rapids	168.40
5.	*Roger Belieu,	Cedar Rapids	164.80
6.	John Klinchek,	No. 63 Homestd.	157.20
7.	*Allan Kittrell,	Cedar Rapids	149.80

* In Championship Division — Scores for TEAM TROPHY ONLY.

2 teams; 7 individuals.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Teams

1.	Sokol Nova Vlast	492.60
2.	Sokol South Omaha	489.30
3.	Northeastern District	487.70
4.	Sokol Brookfield	464.30
5.	Sokol Cedar Rapids	448.40
6.	Sokol Baltimore	389.90

Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1.	Gary Rafalosky,	Homestead No. 46	188.80
2.	Kelly Harmon,	Omaha	187.90
3.	Dave Bilek,	So. Omaha	183.90
4.	Thomas Nikl,	Mladocech	176.80
5.	Howard Atkinson,	Monessen	176.20
6.	John D. Babuska,	Hodza	173.30
7.	Richard Bazzo,	Nova Vlast	173.00
8.	Jeff Jana,	Nova Vlast	172.90

9.	Joe Ehrenberger,	Zizka	172.50
10.	Ed Slezak,	Brookfield	171.30
11.	John Wengerter,	Hodza	169.80
12.	Jeff Stillmock,	So. Omaha	169.30
13.	Robert Peshlakai,	Zizka	168.20
14.	Jeff Mily,	Northeastern	168.10
15.	tie Steve Wickstrom,	Omaha	167.00
	Victor Tomecek,	Baltimore	167.00

6 teams; 32 individuals.

LOW DIVISION

Teams

1.	Sokol St. Louis,	Team 2	873.8
2.	USA Dist. MM Hodza,	Team 1	856.5
3.	Nova Vlast		852.0
4.	tie Sokol Tabor		849.4
	Sokol Crete		849.4
5.	Sokol Mladocech		841.1
6.	Sokol Omaha		825.0
7.	Sokol South Omaha		822.2
8.	Southern District		818.4
9.	Sokol Tyrs		810.1
10.	D.A. Sokol		808.9
11.	Sokol Detroit		799.5
12.	USA Dist. MM Hodza,	Team 2	788.7
13.	Sokol Baltimore		783.0
14.	Lodge 306,	Team 1	753.9
15.	Central District,	Team 2	750.1
16.	Sokol Tyrs,	Team 2	724.1
17.	Central District,	Team 1	711.2
18.	Sokol Milwaukee,	Team 1	605.4
19.	Sokol Detroit		600.5

Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1.	David Jurena,	Crete	182.70
2.	Daniel Jurena,	Crete	182.10
3.	Robert Pasterick,	Monessen	180.70
4.	R. Ulrich,	St. Louis	180.30
5.	Tom Slott,	Tabor	179.60
6.	James Prochaza,	Baltimore	179.50
7.	tie Stanord Bonan,	D.A. Sokol	178.40
	Peter Sikora,	Nova Vlast	178.40
8.	Gerard Hluchan,	MM Hodza	177.70
9.	Dean Spina,	Cedar Rapids	177.40
10.	S. Stanley,	St. Louis	177.20
11.	tie Gerald Schnackenberg,	Crete	177.00
	Eric Wagner,	Nova Vlast	177.00
12.	Dennis Gilbert,	Central District	176.80
13.	John Petro,	Mladocech	176.50

14. tie Mike Miller, Mladocech	176.10
T. Galbierz, St. Louis	176.10
15. George R. Ringwald, Tyrs	175.10

20 teams; 135 individuals.

MEN

HIGH DIVISION

Team

1. Toronto	452.2
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Individuals

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. Mike Bazar, Toronto		161.8
2. Peter Hemmerling, 306, L. Stur		161.2
3. Al Forest, Toronto		158.8
4. Vojmir Benak, So. Omaha		147.5
5. Jerry Taylor, Detroit		142.4
6. James Hale, Toronto		131.6
7. Brian Kavanagh, Toronto		119.0

1 team; 7 individuals.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Teams

1. Northeastern District	502.0
2. Southern District	456.2
3. Toronto	412.5

Individuals

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. Edward Linhart, N.E. Dist.		181.9
2. Don Kotlan, N.E. Dist.		179.4
3. Ken Heidler, Tabor		170.7
4. Larry Laznovsky, Southern Dist.		158.4
5. John Duffy, MM Hodza		157.8

6. Bill Beadle, Toronto	157.0
7. Don Pulkkrab, Cedar Rapids	154.3
8. Paul Jackman, So. Omaha	151.0
9. Tommy Jordan, Southern Dist.	150.3
10. Frank Michalek, Havlicek-Tyrs	148.4
11. Bob Podhradsky, Southern Dist.	147.0
12. Herman Kopacek, N.E. Dist.	141.5
13. Greg Schell, Toronto	138.7
14. Milan Perovich, Toronto	116.8

3 teams; 14 individuals.

LOW DIVISION

Teams

1. Northeastern District	803.5
2. District MM Hodza	756.3
3. Sokol St. Louis	742.4

Individuals

Place Name	Unit	Points
1. J. Ulrich, St. Louis		175.90
2. tie Darrell Netolicky, Cedar Rapids		174.0
Robert Liptak, D.A. Sokol		174.0
3. N. Ulrich, St. Louis		170.90
4. tie Franz Schmidt, Toronto		168.50
Jack Meredith, N.E. Dist.		168.50
5. Robert Kunc, N.E. Dist.		165.70
6. George Dano, MM Hodza		165.20
7. Dale Kotlan, N.E. Dist.		163.00
8. Frank Matyas, Lodge 260		162.10
9. Stan Pochop, So. Omaha		160.10
10. Paul Mallon, MM Hodza		159.50
11. George Hladky, Belcamp		159.40
12. Everett Bonan, D.A. Sokol		159.20
13. Frank Hladky, Belcamp		158.10
14. Jim Kalivoda, N.E. Dist.		156.90
15. Edward Sukup, MM Hodza		156.00

3 teams, 31 individuals.

From the Authors of the Junior Drill

When the Junior Girls and Boys marched forward onto the field, we knew that before us was the future of our Sokol Organization. Those healthy and vibrant teenagers stood proudly and drilled excellently.

Our hearts swelled with pride at a flawless performance and we are still proud to have been associated with these youngsters.

We hope that instructors reading this will convey our heartfelt thanks to all those of the Junior Classes who performed for us at the XII American Sokol Slet.

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Ed and EllenJeanne Schnabl

ASO. Instructors School Attendance by Districts

CENTRAL: Berwyn 2, Brookfield 1, Havlicek-Tyrs 1, Milwaukee 1, Racine 4, St. Louis 1, Slavsky 6, Stickney 6, Tabor 4, West Suburban 5.

EASTERN: Baltimore 3, New York 2, Washington 1.

NORTHEASTERN: Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek 4, Detroit 9, Nova Vlast 3, Tyrs 7.

PACIFIC: Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 1.

SOUTHERN: Fort Worth 1.

WESTERN: Cedar Rapids 2, St. Paul 2, South Omaha 5, Wilber 2.

SOKOL U.S.A.—20. TOTAL 94.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL

June 30 - July 12, 1969 — Held at Sokol Country Club, Potters Lake, East Troy, Wis.

**Students and Instructors at the Course**

On Monday morning, June 30th, 2 busloads of school participants departed from Sokol Headquarters to enroll in one of the largest Sokol Instructors Schools held in recent years. Listed in the names were Sokols from Florida, California, Texas, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

The school started with an enrollment of 94 pupils and a complement of 10 instructors.

The course was held on the spacious grounds of Sokol Country Club, Potters Lake, near East Troy, Wisconsin. The camp is owned and well maintained by the District Ludevít Stur of Sokol USA. Students were housed in the new dormitory type building, apartment houses, and in individual cottages. Activities were held in the recreation hall, which housed numerous pieces of apparatus, and in the outdoor field where there was more than adequate shade and room. Meals were served in the large dining room of the main building.

On the teaching staff were bro. Al Walko, Chief Physical Director of Sokol USA; sister Bea Walko, Asst. Women's Physical Director; sister Pam Chilla, Lodge 306; bro. Edwin Halik, former National Men's Director; bro. Frank Michalek, teacher at Chicago Teachers College; bro. Vojmir Benak from Sokol South Omaha; sister Geri Krizenecky, American Sokol School instructor; sister Mildred Prchal, former Nat. Women's Director; sister Lorraine Zdenek, Nat. Women's Director, and bro. Edward Linhart, Nat. Men's Director and Director of this year's Instructors School.

Subjects taught in the daily schedule were: marching tactics and terminology, artistic gymnastics, modern gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatics, stunts and pyramids, games, Indian clubs, apparatus, and calisthenic terminology, self-improvement on apparatus, anatomy, hygiene, first aid, singing, and lectures and films on various subjects. For recreation, swimming in Potters Lake, and a volleyball tournament held. Social events included a dance, talent show, campfire and weenie roast.

Because of the large number of participants, classes were divided in half. A large tent was erected and regular sessions were held in this structure, while the other half utilized facilities in the recreation hall.

The day at school started at 7 a.m. and continued without interruption until 10:00 p.m. with lights out at 10:30 p.m. All instructors assisted in combined class efforts in addition to their special subjects with a staff meeting held nightly to discuss the next day's teaching activities.

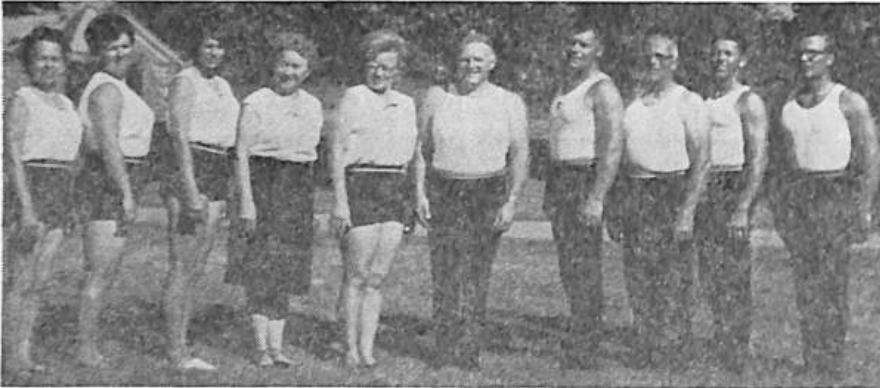
Toward the close of the school, instructors gave examinations on material presented. These were held not only to give an indication of how much was absorbed by the students, but also to aid in determining how to present this more favorably in future schools. Scoring highest scholastically was sister Jolene Swoboda of Sokol South Omaha, followed by bro. John Kotlarik of Lodge 306.

During the second week, preparations were started for a gymnastic program which was presented at the school graduation on Saturday afternoon. These included a lively polka dance, swinging Indian club number, tumbling and pyramids, horse vaulting, modern gymnastics, and, closed with a mass marching group. Sister Betty Prener, Secretary of, and representing the American Sokol, gave an inspiring message to the young graduates who had assembled on the field.

Bro. Albert Walko, representing Sokol USA, spoke and expressed his organization's desires of combined efforts in future Sokol endeavors. In the closing ceremonies, school diplomas were awarded to all students by National Sokol Directors Lorraine Zdenek, Albert Walko, and Edward Linhart.

In closing the report I wish to express deep satisfaction and gratitude for the efforts of all instructors. To bro. Al Walko and his staff I wish to state that his close cooperation and mutual understanding were greatly appreciated. A very successful Sokol Instructors School.

Ed Linhart
Director of Sokol School 1969



Instructors at Potters Lake Course

From left to right: Geri Krizenecky, Bea Walko, Pamela Chilla, Mildred Prchal, Lorraine Zdenek, Ed Linhart, Al Walko, Edwin Halik, Frank Michalek, Bud Benak.

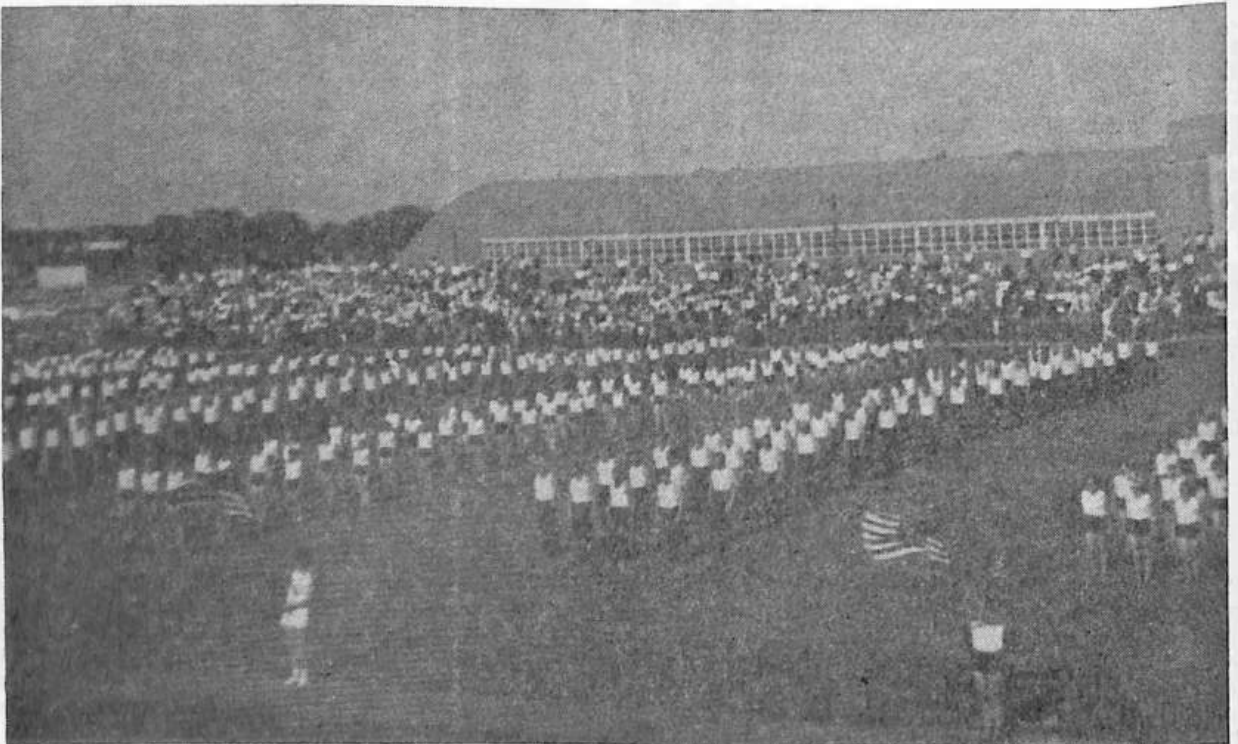
Number of Participants in XII American Sokol Slet – June 29

TOTS	112
I. & II. GIRLS	250
I. & II. BOYS	240
JUNIOR GIRLS	376
JUNIOR BOYS	186
WOMEN	368
MEN	216
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TOTAL	1,748

From U.S.G.F. News Service Report – Summer 1969

Mildred Prchal, Chairman of the USGF Gymnastique Moderne Committee, has the World Championships compulsory routine for the Modern Gymnastics Competition ready for distribution—\$1.00 per copy for the booklet which is a masterpiece of work. Write the USGF, P.O. Box 4699, Tucson, Arizona 85717, for your copy.

(The Gymnastique Moderne Championships will be held September 27 to 29, 1969, in Varna, Bulgaria.)



Men and Women Calisthenics

ASO. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 22, 1969

Districts: Minutes of Eastern District (5-18-69), Southern District (5-8-69), Pacific District (6-6-69), Western District (6-9-69).

Correspondence: Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs, So. Omaha re: evening honoring 17 members each having 45 years or more of membership. Letter and Citation Awards will be sent. — Letter of expression of thanks and congratulations on the XII ASO. Slet from sis. Louise Nekuda, Pres. Sokolice Los Angeles. Sis. Nekuda was the Pacific District representative as bro. J. Pokorny underwent an operation and was unable to attend. — Congratulatory letter to ASO. from Unity of Czech Ladies and Men expressing admiration for enormous task well done. Also letter to bro. Barcal expressing felicitations to the corps of officers and all committees for time and efforts expended. — Sis. Sevcik, Secy. N.E. Dist., advised bro. E. Pekar will gladly represent ASO. at annual gym exhibition of Sokol Toronto at Masaryktown, Ontario, Canada. Bro. and sis. Pekar will attend XII ASO. Slet. — Bro. F. P. DeConti, Pres. Sokol Detroit, expressing regret at inability of attending meeting of Unit and District Presidents at Pick-Congress during the XII ASO. Slet. — Letter from bro. J. Wienr, Sokol San Francisco, expressing appreciation to bro. S. Barcal for making trip out there. Bro. John Lorenz, Pres. of Sokol San Francisco, advising of their purchase of new building and asking cooperation of all members. — Letter from Z. Dlabac—sis. E. Welcl-Ruzicka will take care of. — Letter from Czechoslovak Ore! in Exile tabled. — Letter from Wm. Zabransky. — Expense report of trip through Eastern and Northeastern Districts of sis. E. Welcl-Ruzicka, a total of \$292.00. Sis. Ruzicka is contributing \$92.00 to the ASO.; net amount of \$200.00 was approved. Bro. Barcal thanked sis. E. Ruzicka for the contribution and for all the work accomplished.

Report: BOI.—Bro. E. Linhart read report for month of July. No meetings will be held throughout the summer. Reported Slet activities by days. Read statistical report of Slet calisthenics and of competition participation.

Sis. L. Zdenek read complete report of Slet activity; also complete results of competitions were submitted. Gave partial financial report on course held at Potter Lake, Wis. Total of 74 students participated. Bro. and sis. Walko cooperated very nicely.

Fin. Secy.—Sis. A. Falta. June 1969 report of income and disbursements was read. One unit delinquent in payment of dues will be visited. Sis. Falta reports an increase of 50 members in one unit.

Editor—Bro. C. Prchal. Publisher got all material in time. Last issue was delayed because of Slet requirements. Has quite a bit of material

ready for July-August issue. Deadline is first of the month. Attended funeral services of bro. M. L. Hromadka of Cedar Rapids. Bro. Prchal reported there was no expense in connection with trip. Also that bro. Roman L. Hruska sends his regards to all.

Organization Com.—Sis. E. Welcl Ruzicka. Made trip to Toronto, stopping in Detroit en route. Reported on conditions in Toronto. Slet was well attended. Bro. Emil Pekar addressed audience in the name of American Sokol Org. Writing first issue of the Organization Bulletin. Slet Publicity Scrap Book being set up. Sokol Miami installation being set for November 15, 1969. Read preliminary schedule of tour to Miami on occasion of unit installation. Details would have to be worked out. Approved that a tour be conducted in connection with installation of Miami unit. The Praha Slet participants met at 4:30 p.m. June 27th at Pick-Congress. Bro. E. Halik presided at the 1½ hour meeting. Many present hold District or Unit offices. Decided to meet next year in Cleveland.

Slet Chairman—Bro. G. Basta. Special meeting of the Chairmen of Committees and discussed various Slet days. Hope to present complete report, including financial report, some time in September, possibly week before meeting of Executive Board.

Secretary: Accounting Dept. Sis. A. Sotka reported preparation of financial reports for May and June, deposits of Federal taxes, and recording of income and expense. Office was kept very busy for weeks before the Slet. — Sis. June Pros presented bills for payment, sent out thank you letters. Souvenir Program Books are being sent to advertisers and authors of articles. — Sis. B. Prener took statistics of participants at main Slet Day. Received copies of Col. Kobes' speech. Attended graduation exercises at Potter Lake and extended greetings of the Ex. Bd. ASO. Took 3 participants of the course to Milwaukee airport. Helped finalize ASO. account at Potter Lake together with sisters Falta and Zdenek. Worked up special assessment fund through 1968. Sent letter of condolence to bro. C. Vyskocil, Pres. Western Bohemian Fraternal Assn., and to sis. Hromadka, Cedar Rapids, Ia. At the suggestion of sis. Ruzicka, together with bro. Barcal, co-ordinated the 2-hour panel discussion held June 28, Washington Room at the Pick-Congress for Unit and District Presidents. Working on preparations for Convention.

President—Bro. S. Barcal reported on trip to Sokol San Francisco and the matters pertaining to sale and acquisition of new property. Also reported on the sale of property held by Sokol Curtis Bay and that they would merge with Sokol Baltimore. Bro. C. Zraly, Pres. Eastern District, reported result of meeting to bro. Barcal. Meeting held Saturday morning also centered around the Convention outline of the days and the items necessary to conduct a successful Convention. This type of get-together should be conducted more often strengthening our lines of communication. Slet activity took up rest of his time.

Financial Report ASO.

June 1969

INCOME:

Dues	\$1,679.00
Convention Fund	53.75
Special assessment	187.00
Dividends and interest	516.43
Subscriptions and advertising — "American Sokol"	30.25
Resale of jewelry and hats	135.50
Resale of Sokol belting, emblems and trousers	105.60
Resale of books, manuals and educational booklets	15.40
Postage	1.70
Rebate from Frank's Bindery, Inc.	150.00
Miscellaneous	56.27
Total Income	\$2,930.90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department	
Salaries	\$372.72
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for May	171.66
Rental, janitor service, phone	265.50
Office supplies	46.36
Office furniture	94.62
Travel expense	23.00
Miscellaneous	7.00
Petty Cash	22.97
Total	\$1,003.83
Educational Department BOI.	
Salaries	\$206.80
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for May	55.20
Printing additional copies of "Sokol Gymnast"	27.72
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Total	\$ 314.72
Sokol Publication	
Printing "American Sokol" — June issue	\$636.77
Editor "American Sokol"	75.00
Postage	37.28
Total	\$ 749.05
Miscellaneous	
XII Slet expense	\$428.50
Miscellaneous	130.73
Total	\$ 559.23
Total Disbursements	\$2,626.83

BALANCE:

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero—checking account	\$5,618.76
Income — June 1969	2,930.90
Total	\$8,549.66
Disbursements — June 1969	2,626.83
Total	\$5,922.83

Financial Report ASO.

July 1969

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 1,294.50
T. G. Masaryk dues	14.00
Dividends and interest	153.75
Subscriptions and advertising — "American Sokol"	183.00
Resale of plaques	100.00
Resale of Sokol belting	50.00
Sokol manuals and educational pamphlets	5.60
Advance from Slet Committee	2,500.00
ASO.-BOI. Instructors Course at Potters Lake	2,348.00
Total Income	\$ 6,648.85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department	
Salaries	\$ 268.28
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for June	215.74
Rental, janitor service, phone, electric	308.66
Office supplies	31.47
Travel expense	464.25
Petty cash	20.30
General office — repairs	35.00
Total	\$ 1,343.70
Educational Department BOI.	
Salaries	\$ 206.80
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for June	55.20
Phone	6.85
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Total	\$ 293.85
Sokol Publication	
Editor "American Sokol"	\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 75.00
Miscellaneous	
XII Slet expense	\$ 272.82
Special appropriations—Eastern District ASO.	27.50
ASO.-BOI. Instructors Course at Potters Lake	8,342.25
Total	\$ 8,642.57

Total Disbursements \$10,355.12**BALANCE:**

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero—checking account	\$ 5,922.83
Income — July 1969	6,648.85
Total	\$12,571.68
Disbursements — July 1969	10,355.12
Total	\$ 2,216.56

Future Sokol Leaders Fund

Marie Prevratil, in memory of husband, Ben Prevratil	\$ 5.00
Marie Prevratil, in memory of J. E. Vrla	5.00
Marie Prevratil, in memory of V. J. Kucera	5.00
Marie Prevratil, in memory of S. Rokusek	5.00

Frank and Antoinette Pelich	2.00
	\$ 22.00
Hoyne Savings and Loan Association —	
Dividend	258.74
	\$280.74

(Above contributions are tax exempt.)

Liberty lives in the hearts of men and women, and when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can do much to save it.

There can be no freedom while our campuses are battlegrounds and our streets parade grounds for the mob.

The "liberty" to hurl stones and bottles, to taunt and harass police, to do as one likes is actually a denial of liberty and leads to anarchy!

America is the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government and human equality. No man, no group, must ever be allowed to take this from us.

There are five things in life which everyone ought to learn.

1. LEARN TO LAUGH. A good laugh is better than medicine. When you smile or laugh, your brain for the moment is freed from the load that it ordinarily carries.

2. LEARN TO TELL A HELPFUL STORY. A well-told story is as wholesome and welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

3. LEARN TO KEEP YOUR TROUBLES TO YOURSELF. The world is too busy to linger over your ills.

4. LEARN TO STOP CROAKING. If you cannot see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself.

5. LEARN TO GREET YOUR FRIENDS WITH A SMILE. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

(Sokol Baltimore "Topix")

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT

May 18, 1969

Correspondence—Minutes from the ASO. Executive Board of April 22, 1969. The BOI reports that there is a possibility of a new source of supply for gym uniforms.

ASO. Bulletin. Reminder to make hotel reservations.

The BOI requests the names of participants in competitions and volleyball. Tape has been distributed to District Directors for junior girls and women's intermediate and high division free calisthenics. Members with costumes are being asked to participate in the picture pattern in the field.

Bros. George Novak and Joseph Tunkl have offered their services at the Boonton Slet.

Phone call received from D. A. Sokol on decision to go along with our members on the bus to the Slet in Chicago.

Bro. and sis. Zraly received an invitation to attend the Gymnastic and Sports Festival of the USA. at Barryville, N. Y.

Report of Director of Men, bro. Capek—Attended exhibitions of all units, also meetings of the United Sokols of the East. A children's competition was held at Little Ferry Sokol.

Report of Director of Women, sis. Zabka—Sokols Little Ferry and New York children's classes competed at Little Ferry. Sokol Fuegner could not enter since their rings have not been set up due to the renovation of Bohemian Hall. Two volleyball teams will compete at Chicago.

Report of Educator, sis. Misek—Attended unit exhibitions. Requested a supply of by-laws and Sokol education booklets from bro. Cihak, Educational Director. Received several. Units are requested to please send in a report of their activities.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokol Little Ferry—Progress is being made on the addition of a kitchen to their hall. Bro. Frank Ranuska was presented with a 50 year pin.

Sokolice Little Ferry—Their 60th Anniversary celebration was a success. Sis. Zraly commented on the beautiful decorations which the women had prepared far in advance.

Sokol New York—Exhibition was a success. Will pay fare for 30 children to the Boonton Exhibition. Two junior boys will compete in Chicago. The unit will allot them each \$50.00 toward expenses. Those participating only in calisthenics will receive \$30.00 per person. All of these funds were raised by the members of Sokol New York.

Two students will attend the Sokol Course at Potters Lake, Wisconsin. A letter will be sent to the ASO. in regards to the age of students who will enlist at the course. It had been suggested that only those having previous courses should be permitted to attend, but since the age of 13 had been approved by the ASO., that the students be graded. Sis. Turchik will apply for a scholarship.

Sokol Fuegner—At the present time do not know how many will participate in the Slet at Chicago. Sis. Sebik will apply for a scholarship.

The board for students attending the Sokol Course at Potters Lake is \$50.00 per week. The ASO. will reimburse one half of the board for each student. Units will pay the full board in advance.

A letter will be sent to the ASO. requesting that only those with previous courses be reimbursed.

Two students from Baltimore will attend the Course.

Units will be reimbursed \$10.00 for each participant in the Chicago Slet.

Since the present officers of the Eastern District do not wish to accept their positions for the next year, it was suggested that the Okrsek take over the seat of the Eastern District for the ensuing year on a trial basis. One delegate from each unit should serve on the nominating committee.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

April 23, 1969

Guests: Bro. and sis. Ruzicka from ASO., bro. Karlovaneč from Tampa, Florida.

Read excerpts from the minutes of the various districts and from the minutes of ASO. Executive Board meeting of March 25, 1969.

Brother Pekar stated that he represented the Northeastern District at the Nationalities meeting conducted by Auditor Perk for the purpose of promoting ethnic groups in Cleveland.

Sokol Tyrš—Brother Voris reported that the unit, at its regular membership meeting voted not to accept members who are interested only in placing their children in gym classes. The unit plans to have a probationary period for those asking to join Sokol Tyrš.

Krajansky Vybor—Brother Kocian stated that the Vybor is still caring for the refugees from Czechoslovakia. About 100 persons have been helped by the Vybor from August 1968 to date. Two of the families joined Sokol.

Brother Suster, chairman, stated that the hotel arrangements programs and seminars are already arranged for the 1970 Convention.

All units are preparing for the Slet in Chicago and for the District Slet.

Brother Pekar asked sister Welcl-Ruzicka to take the floor. Sister Ruzicka spoke of the problems of Sokol New York where she visited before coming to Cleveland. Sister Ruzicka felt, after visiting the units in the Eastern District, that Sokol work seems to depend upon a small group of people. She stated that her job is to re-activate inactive units. She will recommend that the District assume more responsibility for keeping units active. She reported that she started a new Sokol unit in Miami, Florida, with 72 charter members, and six instructors. She strongly believes that the key to Sokol is to build gymnastic classes with good instructors. She suggested that the districts send gymnasts to the Clinic to be held after the ASO. Slet. Sister Ruzicka stated that she met with brother Capoun of Toledo and brother Gotlieb of Pittsburgh and discussed the problems of Sokol in those cities. She expressed disappointment that many Sokol halls are empty and unused during the day and she urged that the hall be opened to extra activities.

Brother Pekar then asked brother Karlovaneč to speak. Brother Karlovaneč briefly discussed the problems of Sokol in Florida. He invited the delegates to visit the motel in Tampa, Florida.

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May 28, 1969

Secretary read excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the ASO Executive Board of April 22, 1969.

Brother Pekar reported that he attended the BOI. District meeting held on May 24, 1969, when bro. Linhart from Chicago attended.

Sokol Detroit Ladies Auxiliary—Sis. Teichman submitted a written report from May, 1969—two members resigned but nine members were initiated.

Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek—Bro. Gruber reported that at the May meeting, the unit presented

eight 25-year pins, 40-year pins to three members and 50-year pins to three members. One of the members showed movies on an extensive trailer trip through Europe.

Sokol Tyrš—Sis. Voris submitted a report on behalf of bro. Voris. The unit is preparing for a celebration of its 50th anniversary. The Czech radio programs will feature a program commemorating the founding of Sokol Tyrš. On July 20, the exact day of the anniversary, there will be a special radio program.

Sokol Detroit—Bro. Kovar gave a complete report on the unit. The classes are busy preparing for the National Slet. Bro. Kovar invited the Cleveland units to the Detroit Slet.

Krajansky Vybor—Bro. Kocian reported that the Vybor is still planning for more newcomers from Czechoslovakia. Some of the recent comers to Cleveland have been gyming at Sokol Nova Vlast and Tyrš.

District Directors of men and women and the president of the Executive Committee and his wife will attend the XII Slet in Chicago as delegates of the Northeastern District.

BOI—Bro. E. Jirousek reported that all units are preparing for the District Slet as well as for the Slet in Chicago. The District gymnasts have been invited to participate in the DTJ and Toronto Sokol Slets. On May 24 brother Linhart from ASO. attended a clinic here in Cleveland for the purpose of helping the district gymnasts to refine their calisthenics. Bro. Jirousek reminded the delegates to ask the gymnasts to be prompt at the rehearsal for the District Slet. Sis. Hantl stated that the district will attend the DTJ and Toronto Slets.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

May 8, 1969

ASO. Slet Committee requesting donations to the trophy fund—plans for a farewell dinner and dance after the Slet. — A Slet bulletin. Unit reports from Sokol Corpus Christi and Houston.

REPORTS OF UNITS:

Corpus Christi—Gained 2 members. Dance, April 26, Mother's Day covered dish supper, May 11—in preparation for the District Slet to be held June 21 and 22nd.

Dallas—Several gymnasts attended and participated in the parade and program at Polka Festival in Ennis. Junior girls team won a trophy at the SWAAU. championship. Gymnastic program will be presented to a boy scout camp-out.

Ennis—Held a benefit dinner for the traveling fund. Participated in the two day Polka Festival of the city, entered a float in the parade, membership ladies baked approximately 260 dozen kolachkys for the occasion plus other food (barbecue, sausage, dumplings, sauerkraut, etc.) was prepared.

Fort Worth—Preparations for the Slets, will have a special number for the District Slet. One student approved for the national course.

Houston—Gained 3 members.

Director of Women gave report—Received correspondence from ASO. in regard to Slet activities, schedule, volleyball tournament rules, final survey

PACIFIC DISTRICT

Special Meeting — June 6, 1969

sheets, information on the national course, course applications, doctor releases for competitors. So far there are 3 applicants for the course from the District. Approximately 70 gymnasts marched in the Ennis Polka Festival parade and a gymnastic program was presented to a large crowd at the Sokol. District Directors made a trip to Sokol Corpus Christi, April 25 and 26 to assist the Unit Technical Staff in preparation for the Slet. — A tentative schedule was worked out with the Technical Staff for District Slet activities. Saturday—judges meeting; children's competition; juniors and seniors competition. Volleyball competition will follow the seniors. Sunday—rehearsal and Slet program. Slet program will take place on the outside.

National Course at Potters Lake, Wisconsin: June 30 thru July 12th. Motion by sis. Kane that the District extend financial assistance to each student to cover the cost of one week (\$50) plus the bus fare (\$8). Approved.

Brother Prevratil gave a further report on Corpus Christi. A meeting was held with the Slet Committee and officers of the Unit to review progress of the Slet. Reports that committees had been set up and are hard at work. The program will be held on the outside. Bleachers will be obtained from a local school board with the understanding that there be no charge attached for the seats when in use. Souvenir book is due to be at the printers. Plans are to charge 50c for the souvenir book. The speakers, orchestra for the program and special invitations to fraternal, Czech organizations and the mayor of the city will be taken care of by the Unit. The trophies, medals and ribbons by the District Directors and will be included in the Slet expense.

XII. Výroční Čsl. Den Dobročinnosti České Útulny.

V měsíci září 1958 uspořádán byl první Den Dobročinnosti České Útulny a setkal se s takovým obrovským úspěchem, že bylo rozhodnuto jej učinit Dnem výročním. Hlavním účelem těchto dnů bylo dáti naší krajanské veřejnosti příležitost shlédnouti Domov a obeznámiti se s jeho vedením a osazenstvem. Jednoho roku účast obecnstva byla na 3,000 osob.

Na letos připadá tedy už XII. Čsl. Den a přípravy k němu jsou dávány do proudu zvláštním výborem spadajícím do rámce Public Relations, který opět jest částí zodpovědnosti místopředs. Z. P. Brandlera. Rok od roku Domov se prokazuje důležitým zvelebením, takže Čsl. Dny podávají bílanci vykonané práce. Netřeba podotýkat, že pro stáříkové osadníky takový velký Den jest svátkem, na který se vždy těší. Většinou dostaví se jejich rodiny s vnuky a pravnučky a setkávají se starí známí, z nichž někteří se vidí jednou za rok. Pečlivě připravený program neobsahuje žádné únavné řeči, při kterých by návštěvníci museli dlouho sedět namísto prohlídky Domova, návštěvy dárkových stánků a besedy s přáteli.

Během letošního Čsl. Dne Dobročinnosti, který připadne na neděli, 21. září, bude současně dána

Bro. Hintnaus, Dir. of Men, announced that a camp-out will be held again this year at Hume Lake over the Labor Day holiday (Aug. 29th thru Sept. 1st). It is important that each unit let him know the number of people planning to participate in this Sokol camp-out. Please address your answer to bro. Lubor Hintnus, 1321 21st St., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Bro. Salak stated he mailed two applications for the Sokol Course in Potters Lake, Wis., to ASO, c/o bro. Linhart. The two applicants are George Zboril, Sokol Los Angeles, and sis. Lorenz, San Francisco Sokol.

Bro. Salak opened the discussion on a proposed Sokol Camp to be held next summer for a 2-week period. We are searching for a good location, centrally located. Would ALL UNITS please send their suggestions for locations and also indicate what time of year would be most suitable. Since space must be reserved about a year in advance, it is important we hear from all of you very soon. Monies available to us from the ASO. Fund would be used to pay for a qualified instructor. Send your replies to Secretary Bess Haralik, 10246 McVine Ave., Sunland, Calif. 91040.

Bro. Salak announced that bro. Pokorny will represent the Pacific District at the Sokol Slet in Chicago June 27th-29th, 1969.

Sis. Nekuda suggests District dues be increased. It was agreed by all present that since each District makes its own regulations on the amount of the dues, the matter should be discussed at the Annual Meeting when delegates from all units are present.

naší veřejnosti příležitost přispěti hmotně na letošní velké vydání spojené s instalací nového, spolehlivého vytápěcího zařízení. Kontrakt na tuto důležitou práci byl zadán v květnu nákladem \$140,000. Mnozí tomuto vydání správně říkají "investment", neboť staré vytápěcí zařízení sloužilo přes 50 let a v posledních asi 10 neb více let opravy šly do tisíců dolarů, aniž by bylo zajištěno žádoucí teplo, jehož Domov s půl druhým stem starých lidí potřebuje.

Na Českou Útulnu se pohlížejí jako na společné dílo amerických Čechoslováků a to je příčina, proč výkazy darů uveřejňované v časopisech nesou případné ohlavení "Krajanská Amerika svým nejpotřebnějším". I když jsou tu jiné záslužné účely hodné podpory, přece jen náš Domov zasvěcený péči starým lidem, kteří po celý svůj život pracovali poctivě, budovali bratrské a sesterské Jednoty a Sokol, odchovali generace mladých občanů této krásné země, měl by býti mezi předními po stránce porozumění a pomoci. Také je známo, že Česká Útulna neslouží pouze "chicagským", ale je otevřena všem, kdož si zažádají a mírným podmínkám vyhoví.

Hled'me, aby XII. Čsl. Den naší Útulny vyzněl v plný úspěch v každém směru. Přípravný výbor učiní vše pro pobavení, obveselení a samozřejmě nebude zapomenuto na chutná jídla, zákusky a občerstvení.

Karel Prchal.

MANIFEST.

Shromáždili jsme se zde dnes u příležitosti XII. sletu Amerického sokolstva, abychom prohlásili naše odsouzení brutální okupace Československa sovětskými hordami a jejich zaslepenými a poslušnými nohlasy. V pravém sokolském duchu zdůrazňujeme naše pevné rozhodnutí státi neochvějně proti komunistickým snahám po ovládnutí a ujařmení svobody milujících lidí, zde i kdekoliv jinde, kde krvavý rudý prapor by mohl být vztýčen.

My, kteří jsme vždy lpěli pevně na zásadách bratrství, rovnosti a spravedlnosti pro všechny, na zásadách vyhlášených Dr. Miroslavem Tyršem více než před sto lety, prohlašujeme slavně, že stejné ideály jsou vtěleny v našem Americkém Prohlášení nezávislosti a ústavě a slibujeme zde dnes, že nikdy nepodlehne a nikdy otrocky neskloníme své hlavy v bídné kapitulaci před největším nepřítelem dnešních dnů.

Přátelé, bratři a sestry! Zvedněme hrde své hlavy a pohlédněme vážně a opravdově do problémů dnešních dnů a prohláše před celým světem, že my, Američtí Sokolové, jsme svorní v obraně našich ideálů a připraveni nabídnouti své vše na oltář svobody i spravedlnosti naší vlasti i rodné vlasti naší a našich předků.

Vaše přítomnost zde tohoto odpoledne k předvedení tělesné zdatnosti vysokých morálních kvalit, hluboce zakořeněných v našem samém bytí, představuje mohutný základ k našemu protestu, který vrháme ve tvář těm, kteří věří, že MOC je právo a že nenávisť může nahradit lásku a bratrství a že zrada a překrucování skutečnosti může trvale zničit lidské ideály svobody a spravedlnosti.

Slibujeme, že tyto ideály neznadíme!

Přednesl Jaroslav Rabas.

Dr. Petr Zenkl

Dne 13. června dožil se pětáosmdesáti let br. Petr Zenkl — velký bojovník za práva vlasti a národa.

Veřejně pracoval po šedesát let. Nemíním a nemohu vyjmenovat všechny úkoly, které splnil, všechnu jeho poctivou, nenáročnou, houževnatou práci těch dlouhých let. Duch jeho se projevoval v činech, které jsou jeho ctí. Jen o jednom velkém díle se zmiňuji: Za první republiky, z jeho popudu, byly vybudovány v Krči-Praha Masarykovy domovy. Ústav, v němž našlo št'astný domov desítitisíce chovanců — sirotků, dětí trpících nevyhlášenými neduhy, osoby staré, chudé, nemocné.

Po šest let byl nacisty žalářován v koncentračním táboře v Buchenwaldě, v Německu. Nám je nemožno chápat, čím prošel, co vytrpěl. Když v dubnu 1945 byl osvobozen a převezen do Anglie, byl mu poslán Americkou Obcí Sokolskou pozdravný kabelogram. Vrátil se do Prahy a později, téhož roku, zdravil jsem ho tam osobně — opět primátora hlavního města Prahy. Se svým štábem, s lidmi, kteří byli stejného smýšlení, stejné horoucí lásky k matičce Praze, chránili českou její čistotu, Prahu svobodnou, Prahu naši v plném duchovním smyslu toho slova.

Petr Zenkl mluvil a jednal určitě a jasně. Zůstal statečným obráncem československé demokracie a nezávislosti. Komunistům viděl do karet, dělal jim čáry přes rozpočty. Tím se jim stal nebezpečným a stal se terčem záští a zlomyslnosti lidí lačných moci.

Po komunistickém puči v únoru 1948, kdy právo ustoupilo násilí, byl vyslán národem do zahraničí.

Přijel k nám a je zde již dvacet jeden rok. Cílem jeho života zůstává prospěch vlasti a národa. Zenklova láska k vlasti a národu je neochvějná, čistá, plamenná. Té horoucnosti bychom přáli mnohým, kteří po roce 1948 přibyli mezi nás.

Největší porozumění a podporu ve svém životním díle našel ve své statečné ženě, Pavle. Také jí září do života stejné ideály, také ona je jimi plně zaujata a bez výhrad jim slouží.

My, američtí sokolové, máme na br. Zenkla vzpomínky. Vital nás vřele na nádraží při příjezdu výpravy AOS. k X. všesokolskému sletu v Praze v r. 1938. Zdravil nás při vstupu do dějinné, slovanské, slavné Prahy. Pochodoval s námi do Tyršova Domu. Poznali jsme, že je hrdým nositelem sokolského bratrství a viděli jsme, jak ho ten zlatý pražský lid měl rád. Několikrát přišel mezi nás, porozprávěl, otevřel nám své dobré srdce a získal si lásku našich sester, bratří i mládeže.

Petr má v žilách vřelou krev, v páteři ocel, v srdci lásku, která milovala jen to, co bylo v československém životě lásky hodno. Vykonal nesmírný kus práce ve prospěch národa a národní věci.

My, sdružení pod sokolskými prapory Americké Obce, vzdáváme úctu jeho práci i práci jeho manželky. Zdravíme sestersky a bratrsky oba a přeje-
me jim dlouhá léta ve zdraví a aby splnila se jejich víra o svobodném a št'astnějším Československu.

Tiskneme Vám ruce. Nazdar!

Karel M. Prchal

Za našim XII. sletem.

(Pokračování z první strany)

Na sletu byl učiněn projev proti okupaci Československa. Je to jistě významné, že my zde, v zemi svobody, občané této země, manifestovali jsme pro rodnou svoji, neb našich otců a matek vlast, protestovali proti persekuci páchané na zrazeném lidu tam doma . . . Žádali, aby rozhodování o osudech národa a země bylo vráceno do rukou československého lidu; aby Svoboda, která stála tolik obětí, krve a životů, v nemalé míře i našich amerických bratří, sester a mnohých, mnohých krajanů, byla sluncem v životě lidu československého. Projev našel příznivou odezvu u všech účastníků.

Přehlédneme dílo vykonané a můžeme říci, že mezi členstvem nahromaděno je mnoho nadšení a je řada pracovníků, kteří obětují co možno vše pro velkou myšlenku, chápajících sokolské poslání, usilující o lepšího a silnějšího člověka tělem, duchem a srdcem. 104 léta trvání Sokolstva na půdě Spojených států je dílem veliké práce, úsilovných snah a schopností našeho členstva. Spolehlivá výchova 104 let dává víru heslům, s kterými Sokolstvo vystupovalo.

Dobrá věc se podařila. Vyčistěna srdce, vzpruženy mysli. Promluvila naše síla, vůle, láska a odhodlání. Nemůžeme však žít vzpomínkám — ale dnešku a jít dále cestou 104 let, která dávají spolehlivou základnu pro další práce.

Sokolská idea, stále živá, hoří jasným plamenem v srdcích všech, kdož se hlásí pod prapor velké idee volnosti, rovnosti, bratrství, zdraví, síly a krásy, pod prapor sokolský.

Stojíme s pevným pohledem do budoucích dnů, spojení ve snaze uchovat to, co dává život nám i budoucím! Co je v nás krásného a šlechtetného necht' stane se majetkem všech a z nás at' se tyto sokolské ctnosti rozlijí po celé naší americké vlasti a pomáhají k její slávě, cti a moci!

Nazdar!

Sokol San Francisco.

(Z dopisu starosty br. Johna Lorenze.)

. . . Pro nás jediným vodítkem je naše morální přesvědčení, že sokolský program je dobrý program, který je víc než záhodno následovat a plnit. Stojíme na prahu nové éry. Praktické podmínky pro náš sokolský program jsou nyní výhodnější než byly v nedávné době.

My všichni svojí aktivní spoluprací můžeme demonstrovat, že sokolský duch stále žije. Zároveň očekáváme od všech těch, kteří nikdy nepochybovali o existenci tohoto nadšení, ale kteří se nemohli aktivně zúčastnit, buď pro vzdálenost či pro nedostatek času nebo ze zdravotních důvodů, že

Dr. Juraj Slávik — Sokol.

Po smrti bratra Slávika byla především zdůrazněna a oceněna jeho bohatá práce politická, diplomatická a literární. Snad bezděky nebylo vzpomenu to jeho vřelého sokolství, ačkoliv právě jemu byl hluboce nakloněn a projevoval je všude ve styku s lidmi i ve své diplomatické a politické práci. Při

nám budou stát po boku a podporovat nás alespoň morálně tak jak to činili v minulosti.

Máme nyní svoji novou Sokolovnu. Na zvláštní schůzi, konané dne 16. června, více než dvě třetiny členů rozhodlo hlasováním pro zakoupení majetku, který patřil "Russian Community Club" v San Mateo. Naše nabídka \$70,000.00 byla přijata a tím tato pěkná budova připadla do našeho majetku.

Máme výborné a obětavé cvičitele, máme místnosti a víme, že mezi námi je spousta nadšených cvičenců. Pokračujme tedy v dobré práci, která byla v tomto kraji započata už před 65 léty!

Vítáme vás všechny do nového domova a vybijíme vás každého, aby se přidal.

Do čela, bratří, nepovolte a vždycky vpřed!

Už opravdu nezbyvá žádný důvod, proč by Sokol San Francisco měl zůstat v nečinnosti a čekat . . .!

Nebraska stále vede.

V rámci naší práce obrodit lásku k mateřské řeči otců a tak zajistit budoucnost jazyka českých pionýrů v Nebrasce zahájili jsme velmi významnou akci: začít s vyučováním češtiny na obecných školách (public schools) a to v místech původního českého osídlení. A naše akce zaznamenává první úspěch. Školní výbor ve Dwight a Brainard rozhodl zahájit s vyučováním češtiny v příštím školním roce a to pro šestý a sedmý stupeň obecných škol. Desítky let uplynuly od těch dob, kdy v tak mnohých amerických školách byla čeština vyučována. Proto nutno jen pochválit školní výbor ve Dwight a Brainard za jejich zdravé rozhodnutí, ale nutno také vyzvednout ten fakt, že to bude první obecná škola ve Spojených státech, kde se bude naše řeč vyučovat. Dr. Kučera z university v Lincoln připravil pro tyto školy českou konverzací s jednoduchými vysvětlivkami gramatiky, zajímavou četbou a řadou lidových písniček. Vyučovat bude agilní naše spolupracovnice pí. V. Polická.

Kdy budou následovat ostatní česká města a městečka? To záleží jen na vás, a jen na vás, čeští rodiče. Záleží na tom, abyste důrazněji žádali místní školní výbory, aby češtinu do škol zavedly. Jen tak zajistíme budoucnost naší krásné české řeči v Americe. — K.

tom však vždy přísně dbal pravidla: Sokolství do politiky, ale nikdy politika do Sokola.

Bratr Juraj Slávik byl rodilý Slovák. Věrný a krásný duši i zjevem. Sokolství bylo pro něho však ideou československou. Zanechalo v něm trvalé povahové znaky. Kdo měl čest s ním spolupracovat v ústředních složkách, nikdy nezapomene jeho účelných i nadšených projevů a jeho vhodných zásahů

do jednání. Uměl spravedlivě ocenit klady a hodnoty práce, ale též přísně odporovat tam, kde soudil, že by mohlo být nějak sokolské věci ublíženo. Jeho připomínky, podněty nebo komentáře byly vždy věcné a vážné. Cítil se vždy zodpovědným reprezentantem slovenských žup a jednot jak ve výboru tak v předsednictvu ČOS. Byl dlouholetým náměstkem starosty ČOS. Jeho neúřední titul "slovenský sokolský konsul" si plně zasloužil. Byl ovšem také vedoucím a spolupracovníkem řady dalších ústředních pracovních složek jak zahraničních, organizačních tak i kulturních. Kdykoliv šlo o citlivé úkoly jako o styk se zahraničními hosty, tam byl bratr Slávik na svém místě. Když byl našim velvyslancem ve Varšavě, byly styky a poměr s Polskem daleko srdečnější, zejména se Sokoly. Když vedl oficiální výpravu ČOS. do Lvova, psaly noviny o významné československo-polské manifestaci.

Kdykoliv šlo o uklidnění přechodně rozbouřené diskusní hladiny sokolských schůzí nebo o řešení vážnějších otázek ze slovenského úseku, platily jeho zásahy jako zdravá operace. A to řešil vždy klidně a s úsměvem. Bylo-li však třeba, doprovázel svá typická řečnická gesta obou rukou potřebným hlasovým důrazem a varováním. Ve svých činnostech zásadně měl zpravidla vždy úspěch, protože byl všemi upřímně vážen a dovedl nasadit správný tón, sokolský cit a sokolsky jednat.

V Sokole byl od mládí. Hlásil se k němu ještě za Rakousko-uherské říše, kdy byl členem jednoty v Pešti a přirozeně i v pozdějším Československu. Svoji příslušnost k Tyršovu bratrstvu upřímně zdůrazňoval. Bylo pro něho samozřejmostí, že i v době, kdy byl československým velvyslancem ve Spojených státech, že se k Sokolu hlásil a že byl mezi prvními zakladateli mladé americké sokolské jednoty ve Washingtoně, D. C., ve které zastával řadu funkcí.

Po komunistickém puči v Československu zůstal ve svobodném světě a byl zvolen místostarostou Československého sokolstva v zahraničí, kde se účastnil všech sokolských sletů i porad.

Dr. Juraj Slávik se zasloužil o sokolstvo plnou měrou. Mohou to potvrdit snad všichni, s nimiž se kdy stýkal, ať jako politik, diplomat, činovník či jen soukromá osoba.

Jeho vřelé bratrství, lidství a vlastenectví bylo nejupřímnějším projevem jeho hluboké sokolské víry a výchovy.

M. Neumann, starosta Sokola Washington, D. C.

Br. dr. Juraj Slávik zemřel 31. května 1969 ve věku 79 roků. Velký syn slovenské země, nadšený Čechoslovák. Věnoval se politické činnosti, ale bezmezná víra a obětavá láska ho vodila do Sokola, kterému zůstal věren po všechny své dny. Bral plnou účast při zakládání a budování Sokolstva na Slovensku.

V osvobozené vlasti po roce 1918 se stal členem Revolučního národního shromáždění, byl generálním tajemníkem agrární strany na Slovensku, velkožupanem ve Zvoleni a v Košicích, ministrem, později diplomatem, náměstkem starosty Československé Obce Sokolské. V roce 1939 odešel do USA a úzce spolupracoval s prezidentem Benešem ve II. světové válce na osvobození své vlasti. Od 1. čer-

vence 1946 byl československým velvyslancem ve Washingtonu — až do 3. března 1948, kdy na protest proti komunistickému puči rezignoval. Stal se jedním ze zakladatelů Rady svobodného Československa a neúnavně pracoval v exilu. V Československém Sokolstvu v zahraničí byl místostarostou.

Vzpomínám rád mnohých národních a hlavně sokolských podniků, kdy jsme hovořili na stejných platformách, kdy horoval za práva, za svobodu a nezávislost rodných krajů, v kterou nepřestal věřit. Vědomí práva, které bylo zrazeno, dávalo mu sílu, která ho vedla k největšímu vypjetí sil a přínáseti i největší oběti pro rodné kraje a drahý národ.

Manželce zesnulého, paní Gitě Slávikové a celé rodině neseme upřímnou soustrast nás všech.

Bratr Juraj Slávik zasloužil se o národ, o jednotnou Československou republiku. Zasloužil se o Sokolstvo, o velkou ideu Tyršova Sokolstva, kterou naše duše opatrují jako nejdražší majetek. V ní sdružují se všechny naše city, z té jedné myšlenky pramení skutečná, čistá a pravá láska sokolského bratrství, které nás pojí v jediné tělo, v jediné hnutí. Nezapomeneme příkladu bratra Juraje Slávikova a neopustíme cestu, kterou šel jeho život. K drahým jeho ostatkům v duchu kladu vavřínovou větévku jménem Americké Obce Sokolské.

Karel M. Prchal.

KAREL M. PRCHAL:

MIROSLAV L. HROMADKA

On July 14th I received a call from Cedar Rapids that bro. Miroslav L. Hromadka had passed away.

Bros. Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska and Charles M. Prchal were requested to officiate at services held in the chapel of Kaneba-Kuba Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids.

EXCERPTS from their eulogies

Senator Roman L. Hruska:

"We gather here today in sorrow and in grief to pay our last and very grateful tribute to a friend, fraternalist, patriot, loyal citizen, an artist, impassionate gentle man and devoted husband.

There is a long list of achievements for which he is respected and beloved. We have great affection not only for what he did but the enthusiastic, spirited way in which he did them.

The first seven years in America he spent in Omaha. We remember him in Omaha, claim him as do so many others. In these days I was attending high school. He and his lovely, gracious and talented wife were so active in Sokol drama, music. . . .

Times were hard, but all learned to do with little but lived happily, actively.

In Cedar Rapids he found his life's work with Západní Česko-Bratrská Jednota — Western Bohemian Fraternal Association. He served the association for forty years as Secretary, President, Emeritus. Years of tedious, unselfish work and dedication. His life was evaluated in the Fraternal Herald of the W.B.F.A.

During his years of service membership grew from 24,000 to 60,000, assets from \$2,600,000 to

Na University of Chicago se Dr. Prohaska vrátil roku 1954 jako profesor chirurgie. Zde pokračoval ve vědeckém výzkumu rakoviny a nemocí střev. Publikoval více než sto článků ve vědeckých časopisech, napsal kapitoly do čtyř knih a jeden monograph. Byl vyhledávaným rádcem svých kolegů, které učil osvědčeným metodám proslavených operativních zákroků. Mezi jeho žáky jsou i dva významní chirurgové z Prahy. Dr. Prohaska byl oblíbený mezi studenty lékařské školy; někdy krátce ho jmenovali nejlepším učitelem.

Dr. Prohaska byl členem mnoha lékařských a vědeckých spolků. Mohu zde jmenovat jen několik z nich. Byl předsedou chicagské chirurgické společnosti. Byl sekretářem a zvolen presidentem Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. Byl ve výboru American Surgical Association, předseda rehabilitačního výboru American Cancer Society pro Illinois. Byl zejména hrdý na své členství ve společnosti Jana Evangelisty Purkyně. Udržoval vědecké styky s vlastí. Roku 1961 přednášel na Ústavě pro klinickou a experimentální chirurgii v Praze. Roku 1968 byl spolupředsedou mezinárodního kongresu gastroenterologie v Praze.

Činnost Dr. Prohasky na vlasteneckém poli je méně známa. S oblibou studoval Komenského. Byl členem Společnosti českých lékařů v Chicagu a Matice vyššího vzdělání. Pomáhal nově příšlým studentům a po léta byl protektorem Masarykova klubu. V tomto klubu přednášel nejen o pokroku chirurgie, ale také předčítal vlastenecké úvahy ze svých českých spisů. Psal výborně i anglicky a byl členem Chicago Literary Club. V posledních měsících mnoho uvažoval o založení Stolice českých a slovenských studií na University of Chicago. Tato myšlenka mu ležela na srdci a pokládal ji za náš nejdůležitější úkol v přítomné době.

Třicet pět let úspěšné práce Dr. Prohasky bylo zasvěceno nemocným a trpícím lidem. Ztráta Dr. Prohasky, přítele, kolegy a velkého dobroditele trpících je nesmírná. Je nás mnoho po celé Americe, kteří jsme mu hluboce zavázáni. Rodina Dr. Prohasky si přeje, aby všichni, kdož chtějí památku tohoto velkého Čecha uctít, posílali dary na Stolicu českých a slovenských studií. Adresa: University of Chicago — Czech and Slovak Studies, 1050 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Dr. Zdenek Hruban

In Memoriam

(Delayed report)

Brother Joe Edward Vrla was born in Ennis, Texas, on September 17, 1901. Died April 4, 1969, at the age of 67 years, 6 months and 18 days. Brother Vrla came to Dallas in 1924, with only a few coins in his pocket and the determination to succeed; this mission he accomplished.

He married Helen Julie Matous on January 27, 1925, in Ennis, Texas. They reared three children: Helen Jo, who married Arnold M. Vrla, Stanley, who married Martha Brown, and Rose Ann, who married Eugene C. Parma.

Brother Vrla took an active part in community life, being a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and past president of Sokol Zizka. He

would have received his fifty year pin this year. He is also past president of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association lodge and member of Lodge 401 in Dallas and a member of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, the S.P.J.S.T. Lodge 130 in Dallas.

He started his ornamental iron craftsmanship with the Potter Art Studio, when he first came to Dallas. In 1946 he founded the Central Model Ironcraft Studio. Brother Vrla operated his own business with his son, Stanley, until his brief illness. He loved his work and was an artist in his profession. He left many landmarks in the City of Dallas, the State of Texas and the United States, as a result of his craftsmanship with metals.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and three children: one son, Stanley Ervin Vrla, two daughters, Mrs. Arnold M. Vrla and Mrs. Eugene C. Parma, and eleven grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, Bill Vrla of Ennis, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Kovarnik of Hurst, Mrs. Carrie Galetka of Ennis, Mrs. Lillian Kucera of Bryan, and Mrs. Christine Gaida of Dallas.

As a fitting and personal tribute to this dear man, whom I considered not only as a friend and brother Sokol, but with daughterly affection, I would like to include this poem by Robert Burns:

In Memory of My Father

O ye whose cheek the tear of pity stains —
Draw near with pious reverence, and attend!
Here lies the loving husband's dear remains,
The tender father, and the generous friend;
The pitying heart that felt for human woe,
The dauntless heart that feared no human pride —
The friend of man — to vice alone foe;
For even his failings leaned to virtue's side.

Helen N. Oates

In Memoriam

Mrs. Anna Andrlé passed away at a Lincoln hospital June 11, 1969, at the age of 96 years, 7 months, 28 days.

She was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, October 14, 1872, to Frank and Emilie Rychtarik. At the age of 4 years she moved with her parents to Saline County, Nebraska, and they settled on a farm west of Wilber.

In 1893 she was united in marriage to John Andrlé. They were blessed with one child, Sylvia, who took care of her mother faithfully until the time she was admitted to the hospital.

Mrs. Andrlé was a very happy individual. She enjoyed attending the Sokol meetings regularly until her health failed her. She saluted the colors like an ardent little soldier and tried to make her voice heard with the rest when the National Anthem was sung. She will always be remembered.

Anna Andrlé was the last of eight children who had passed on long before. Her survivors include her daughter, Sylvia Bors, one grandson and three great-grandchildren.

Our sympathy goes out to Sylvia and her family. May sister Anna rest in peace.

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před květnovými mrazíky?”
“Sázíme je v červnu!”

Když se ruka k ruce vine,
mnoho toho neporazí,
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