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Calendar of Events

SEPT. 5th—PLZENSKY SOKOL OF CHICAGO.
Labor Day Dance at Camp Sokol, New Buffalo,
Michigan.
SEPT. 10th—SOKOL SO. OMAHA WEEK-END
IN LAS VEGAS.
SEPT. 11th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Fall Family Picnic, White Eagle Grove Center,
Lyons, Ill.
SEPT. 13th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
Crab Feast.
SEPT. 13th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Grape Festival.
SEPT. 26th and 27th—EASTERN DISTRICT.
Annual Meeting.
SEPT. 27th—SOKOL DETROIT LADIES AUXIL-
IARY. — 50th Anniversary Celebration.

SEPT. 27th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Pork, Dumpling and Sauerkraut Dinner.
SEPT. 30th—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS.
Fun and Games Night.
OCT. 3rd—SOKOL STICKNEY, ILLINOIS.
Farmer's Dance.
OCT. 11th—SOKOL TABOR, BERWYN, ILL.
Bohemian American Concertina Association. —
Dance admission free. Dancing from 4:00 P.M.
Roast pork dinners served from 1:00 P.M.
OCT. 17th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Octoberfest (Dance).
OCT. 17th—SOKOLICE BALTIMORE, MD.
80th Anniversary Celebration.
OCT. 31st—SO. OMAHA SOKOL HALL BOARD
OF DIRECTORS Masquerade Dance. 21st and
"U" Streets.
OCT. 31st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
Halloween Dance.
OCT. 31st—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Masquerade Party.
NOV. 4 to NOV. 18—AMERICAN SOKOL ORG.
Tour to Miami, Fla. — 1st Anniv. Sokol Miami.
NOV. 14-15—SOKOL MIAMI, FLA. — Celebration
of 1st Anniversary at the Czechoslovak Club.
NOV. 18th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Autumn in Prague (Luncheon).
NOV. 28th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Annual Dinner-Dance, Peacock Room, C. S. A.
Bldg., Cicero, Ill. 6:00 p.m.
DEC. 5th & 6th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILL.
Christmas Fair.

DEC. 31st

SO. OMAHA SOKOL HALL, 21st and "U" Streets.
New Year's Eve Dance.
SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS. — New Year's
Eve Banquet.
SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN. New Year's Eve
Party.

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JAN. 16th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Spaghetti Dinner.
JAN. 30th—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS.
Annual Dinner Dance.
FEB. 10th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Valentine Smorgasbord Luncheon.
FEB. 14th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Valentine Day Dance.
MAR. 6th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.
APR. 17th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Chicken Dinner.
MAY 21st—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.
Card and Bunco Party.

From a Letter by Bro. Ed. Stetka:

... "I am coming along pretty good. I have been taken off of all medication except blood pressure pills. Pressure is a little above normal, but not at dangerous stage. Also I can now drive the car around the neighborhood.

"I hope to resume publication of TOPIX in September.

"Regards to all and NAZDAR!"

Best wishes for a complete recovery.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE XI NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

MANGER HOTEL — CLEVELAND, OHIO

MONDAY MORNING SESSION
JUNE 22, 1970

The XI National Convention of the American Sokol was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by bro. Robert E. Jirousek (Northeastern District), Vice-President of the Convention Committee, in the absence of bro. Anthony J. Suster who has been ill and was not yet present.

Bro. Emil S. Pekar, President of the Northeastern District, was introduced and extended a welcome to the delegates gathered.

Colors were presented by bro. Edwin J. Jirousek; singing of the national anthems was led by bro. Donald J. Ranc to the piano accompaniment of sis. Yarmilla Vavrínek. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by sis. Betty Prener.

Bro. Jerry Rabas (Central District) paid a tribute to all Sokol members who have passed away in the past five years (since the last convention), and all delegates stood in tribute.

Bro. Emil Pekar introduced the National President, bro. Stanley Barcal, who in turn introduced the Executive Board. All members of the Executive Board were present with the exception of the first Vice President sis. Blanche Cihak, bro. James Cihak, Educational Director, bro. Frank Vodrazka, Treasurer, and bro. Karel Prchal, Editor of American Sokol.

Bro. Barcal welcomed all delegates and stressed the importance of the deliberations before the convention and that we must be alert to the changing times and economic conditions.

Bro. George Prevratil (Southern District), President of the Credentials Committee, reported that the representative delegates to the XI Convention were in good order. Bro. Prevratil also announced the recent addition of Sokol Miami and asked bro. Charles Zraly (Eastern District) to introduce Sokol Miami's president bro. George Zdenek. Bro. Zdenek expressed his thanks for the acceptance of the Miami Unit to the great family of Sokols and introduced sis. Emily Welcl-Ruzicka to whom he presented an award plaque in appreciation of the devotion and dedication on behalf of the unit.

Election of Convention Officers

Bro. Emil Pekar nominated bro. Ed Pavoucek (Western District); nomination seconded and bro. Pavoucek accepted. Bro. Tony Krejci (Western District) nominated bro. A. J. Suster as honorary chairman of the convention. Approved unanimously.



EDWARD PAVOUC EK
Convention
Chairman

Bro. Roy Zitny (Central District) nominated bro. Josef Drnec (Central District). Nomination seconded and bro. Drnec accepted the nomination.

Bro. Jerry Milan (Southern District) nominated bro. George Prevratil (Southern District). Nomination seconded and bro. Prevratil accepted.

Bro. Matthew Neumann (Eastern District) nominated bro. Charles Zraly (Eastern District). Nomination seconded and bro. Zraly accepted.

Bro. Robert E. Jirousek (Northeastern District) nominated bro. Henry Siedlik (Northeastern District). Nomination seconded and bro. Siedlik accepted.

Voting by ballot and bro. Ed Pavoucek elected Convention Chairman.



CHARLES ZRALY



HENRY SIEDLIK

Convention Vice Chairmen

A motion was made and seconded that the remaining four nominees be named vice presidents of the convention.



GEO. PREVRATIL
Vice Chairman



A. J. SUSTER
Honorary Chairman

Elected to the office of Sgt.-at-Arms were bro. Tony Krejci and sis. Anna Falta.

Elected to the office of Parliamentarian was sis. Emily Welch-Ruzicka and Catherine Krimmel.

At this time bro. Stanley Barcal turned the convention over to the Chairman of the XI National Convention, bro. Ed Pavoucek.

Order of the Day presented by sis. Betty Prener accepted with a minor correction regarding the naming of two members to the Nominating Committee from the district which will be the national headquarters of the organization.

After a short break in the proceedings, the following committees were named:

Rules and Order

Catherine Krimmel (Central District), Irene Ruzicka (Central District), Frank Bartell (Eastern District), John Galik (Northeastern District), Anna Spanek (Pacific District), John Kebrle (Southern District), Libbie Melcha (Western District).

Educational Committee

Camilla Ulrich (Central District), George Zdanek (Eastern District), Jarmila Zboril (Northeastern District), George Spanek (Pacific District), Millie Elzner (Southern District), Alfred Swoboda (Western District).

Financial Committee

Agnes Sotka (Central District), George Basta (Central District), Frank Novak (Eastern District), Lad Voris (Northeastern District), Emil Pekar (Northeastern District), Louise Nekuda (Pacific District), Jack Lang (Southern District), Victor Novotny (Western District).

Grievances Committee

Robert Pesek (Central District), Frank Balsanek (Central District), William Shana (Central District), Blanche Zraly (Eastern District), Jeanette Wagner (Northeastern District), Gladys Jirousek (Northeastern District), George Spanek, Sr. (Pacific District), Anna Spanek (Pacific District),

John Kebrle (Southern District), Bea Pavoucek (Western District).

Nominations Committee

Joseph Drnec (Central District), Matthew Neumann (Eastern District), Robt. E. Jirousek (Northeastern District), Vaclav Salak (Pacific District), Jerry Milan (Southern District), Mildred Krejci (Western District), Joseph Pazour (Western District).

Organization

John Satek (Central District), Mary Ann Satek (Central District), Arthur Fischer (Central District), Emily Vencl (Northeastern District), Dorothy Mily (Northeastern District), Blanche Kubat (Eastern District), Rosemarie James (Eastern District), Louis Nekuda (Pacific District), Jerry Stransky (Southern District), Bette Trefny (Western District), Karel Jares (Western District).

Public Relations

Fred Stankovsky (Central District), Jerry Rabas (Central District), William Vrba (Central District), Donald Otenasek (Eastern District), Ann Skoda (Northeastern District), George Spanek, Sr. (Pacific District), Lorraine Vanyo (Western District), Edwin Laznovsky (Southern District).

Resolutions

June Pros (Central District), Caroline Dunovsky (Central District), Henry Vesely (Eastern District), Frank Kalivoda (Northeastern District), Vaclav Salak (Pacific District), Alice Bily (Southern District), Blanche Masek (Western District), Alfred Chab (Western District).

By-Laws

Edwin Halik (Central District), Catherine Krimmel (Central District), Blanche Zraly (Eastern District), Charles Zahradnicek (Northeastern District), George Spanek, Sr. (Pacific District), George Prevratil (Southern District).

Reports

Edward Hlinka (Central District), Ann Glasser (Central District), Jan Babinec (Eastern District), Ralph Gruber (Northeastern District), Henry Siedlik (Northeastern District), Louise Nekuda (Pacific District), Jerry Stransky (Southern District), Anton Krejci, Jr. (Western District).

At this point, bros. Emil Pekar and Anthony J. Suster (Northeastern District) jointly announced to the convention that nineteen acres of property had been purchased in Valley View by the American Sokol, Inc. for future building—and the report was received enthusiastically by all the delegates. Bro. Emil Pekar further announced that arrangements were being made for transportation this evening to Sokol Tyrs for supper.

Location of ASO. Headquarters

Sis. Jeanette Wagner (Northeastern District) made the motion that ASO. Headquarters remain in Chicago. Motion seconded, voted on and passed.

Bro. Drnec (Central District) named sis. Ann Halik and bro. Roy Zitny to the Nominations Committee (the two added delegates which were to have been named from the headquarters district).

Presentation of Guests

Greetings were extended by sis. Josephine Drnec, President of the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, bro. Andrew Venglarcik, President of Sokol USA, bro. John Babuska, Financial Secretary of Sokol USA, and bro. Matthew Neumann for Czechoslovak Sokols in Exile.

The voting procedure was questioned by bro. John Satek and clarified by bro. Henry Siedlik.

The meeting was adjourned by bro. Ed Pavoucek and will reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, June 23, 1970.

**TUESDAY MORNING SESSION
JUNE 23, 1970**

The Tuesday morning session was called to order by bro. Ed Pavoucek at 9:15 A.M. Bro. Edwin J. Jirousek led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Delegates

Bro. Charles Zraly, Eastern District, reported all delegates present with the exception of sis. Kubat. Bro. Emil Pekar, Northeastern District, reported all present.

Bro. Salak, Pacific District, reported all present. Bro. Milan, Southern District, reported all present.

Western District reported all present except bro. Krejci.

Bro. Zitny, Central District, reported all present. Minutes were not available at this time.

Bro. Barcal announced the resignation of sis. Krimmel, Central District, from the Resolutions Committee.

The meeting was turned over to bro. Zraly, Chairman of By-Laws Committee and Vice Chairman of the Convention. Bro. Zraly announced that the By-Laws Changes were distributed through the Districts and each delegate was given a copy of the By-Laws Changes. In addition, Amendment V—Voting Procedures, was passed out to be inserted in the By-Laws Changes on page 9.

With the following exceptions, all proposed changes were approved.

Page 4 — Article 3 (e) bro. Halik, Central District, recommended that "a District holding a Slet be paid 15% of the first \$10,000 net income and 25% on any net income over that amount. Bro. Edwin Jirousek made the motion the recommendation be accepted. Motion seconded and approved.

Page 8 of By-Laws, Article 10 — Changed to Article 5. Sis. Krimmel, Central District, moved the adoption of the word "individual" in Article 5, Section II to read "two individual units" and in (b) to reach "each individual unit." After a lengthy discussion the Eastern District called for a caucus. At this point the motion was put to a roll call by unit vote with a vote of 473 against and 149 for.

Bro. Prevratil, Southern District, made the motion to send back all changes in Article 5, Section II, to the By-Laws Committee. Motion was approved and seconded by hand count.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded and approved by show of hands.

Bro. Satek referred to the last page of the minutes regarding voting procedure. The tape of the

previous session is not available and the secretary explained that bro. Pavoucek read the By-Laws concerning voting procedure and bro. Siedlik clarified this further by stating that if there were any objections to a show of hand votes, a roll call vote would be in order.

Motion made that minutes be accepted as printed. Motion seconded.

Bro. Zraly recessed the Convention for lunch at 11:20 A.M.—to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
JUNE 23, 1970**

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:10 P.M. by bro. Ed Pavoucek, who reminded the delegates of Robert's Rules of Order that any delegate may speak only twice on any issue except for that delegate proposing issue (who may speak three times) and only 10 minutes will be spent on an issue. If no agreement is reached after 10 minutes, will be referred back to Committee. If no agreement then will be returned to By-Laws Committee for work-up with Executive Board and then to each individual Unit for ratification.

Brother Pavoucek stated that this session can continue to 7:30 P.M. this evening and then if necessary, would reconvene at 10:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Eastern District—Present.
Northeastern District—Absent: Lad Voris, Edwin Jirousek, Emil Pekar.

Pacific District—Present.
Southern District—Present.
Western District—Present.
Central—Absent: Udaykee, Halik, Schnabl, Krimmel.

The motion made at morning session that minutes be accepted as printed, and had been seconded was voted by hand vote and approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.

Letter of greeting from Czechoslovak Orel in Exile read by the secretary.

It was recommended by the By-Laws Committee that we read the item throughout the entire article, before approving for complete clarification of the article. It was further suggested that though you may have objections to a certain item, we are not now voting on the adoption of the entire resolution, but on changes to be made in the proposed by-laws.

Bro. Zraly, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, recommends, as do many other units and districts, that immediately after adoption of the By-Laws by the convention, copies of the by-laws be printed and distributed to every member of the American Sokol together with sufficient additional copies for further distribution, and that the cover be redesigned to include some reference to the second century of the existence of the American Sokol.

Bro. Pavoucek took over the meeting at this point and bro. Fischer made the motion that this be carried out—motion seconded and approved by hand count. At this point it was decided that before any further changes would be made in the proposed by-laws, that the report of the Finance Committee would be heard.

Bro. George Basta, Chairman of the Finance Committee read his report (see attached copy).

The section regarding Board of Instructors Scholarships was referred back to the Board of Instructors and the Finance Committee for resubmission.

The Finance Committee's recommendation that special assessment of \$1.00 be reduced to 50c and American Sokol assessment from 50c to 25c was discussed and motion made by brother Barcal that the \$1.00 assessment stay as it has been and the 50c assessment to the American Sokol also remains. Motion seconded and approved by show of hands.

For the Convention Fund: Motion made by bro. Halik and seconded, that due to the rising cost, convention fund be increased by 25c to make a total of 50c per member per year.

Administration, Board of Instructors and "American Sokol"

On the matter of increasing membership dues in the amount of 10c per quarter per member after discussion by various members. Bro. Barcal made the motion that By-Laws and Finance Committee to get together and resubmit this portion of the Finance Report. Motion seconded and approved by hand vote.

Bro. Prevratil questioned whether the By-Laws Committee had the authority to recommend an increase—whether they have anything to do with money, and stated that the By-Laws Committee had no right to recommend monies. Bro. Basta felt that the problem could be resolved here at the meeting.

Sis. Udaykee (Central District) made the motion that the fee for each member of the American Sokol be raised to 75c per member (women's dues be raised to 75c — men's dues are presently 75c). Motion seconded. Approved by hand vote.

Bro. Satek made the motion that the report of the Finance Committee be approved with those corrections herein noted, with the exception of Part I which has been stricken until the Board of Instructors and Finance Committee get together. Motion was seconded and approved by show of hands.

Bro. Barcal made the motion that for the five-year period we are entering into, that the per diem be set at \$20.00 per day. Seconded and approved by hand vote. At any time there is reference to "per diem," per diem will be \$20.00.

The meeting was turned over to bro. Zrally, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, to continue with approval of the By-Laws.

Bro. Jirousek (Northeastern District) questions Page 17, Article 12, Standing Committee #2—be correct to Board of Instructors.

On page 21, the Board of Instructors had recommended that the first and second assistant directors DO have a vote in the Conference, and that such change be made. Motion seconded and a vote by show of hands was 56 for and 22 against. Proposed adoption passed.

Bro. Fischer (Central District) refers to page 11, Article 7, and makes the motion that the sentence "In no case is it permissible for a Unit to divide its assets among its members" be deleted. Motion seconded. After a very lengthy discussion, bro. Fischer withdrew his motion.

Sis. Drozda (Western District) with regard to page 55 — Article 60, made the motion that in the event a member transfers from one unit to another

unit in the American Sokol, continuity of membership will continue in the new unit and that he be credited with years of service in former unit. Motion seconded and approved by hand count.

Sis. Ruzicka (with regard to Page 11, Article 7) made the motion that in view of the existing situation, article 7 be referred to the By-Laws Committee to be thoroughly reviewed for future action. Motion seconded and approved by hand count.

Bro. Pavoucek took over the meeting and the motion was made that the proposed by-laws be approved, with exception of those changes which have been referred back to the By-Laws Committee. Motion seconded and approved by show of hands.

Bro. Pavoucek expressed his appreciation to the By-Laws Committee for the tremendous job they have accomplished and a job "well done" to the By-Laws Committee.

The Board of Instructors ask to be excused from the general meeting so that they can continue with their committee meeting. Excused.

The meeting was turned over to bro. Henry Siedlik who reminded the delegates that the delegates will now be called upon to approve the committee reports and therefore voting will be by $\frac{2}{3}$ show of hands of those present.

Educational Committee

The Educational Committee report (copy attached) was given by brother Spanek. It was moved that the report be accepted as read. Approved by show of hands.

Organizational Committee

The report of the Organizational Committee (copy attached) was read by sis. Emily Welcl-Ruzicka. Motion made and seconded to adopt the report. Approved by show of hands.

At this point it was mentioned by bro. Pavoucek that the Organizational Committee headed by sis. Welcl-Ruzicka, was very instrumental in bringing in the Miami unit and sis. Welcl-Ruzicka be given a standing round of applause.

Board of Appeals

Bro. Kebrle, chairman of the Committee, announced that the committee had decided on changing the title to the Reconciliation Committee (see attached copy). Motion made and seconded that report be approved. Approved by show of hands.

Public Relations and Publicity

Sis. Basta, chairman of the Public Relations and Publicity Committee, read the report of her committee (see attached copy). Motion made, seconded and approved by show of hands for acceptance of the report and is to be referred to the Finance Committee with regard to item #1 of the report (an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for professional public relations firm).

Resolutions Committee

Bro. Frank Kalivoda read resolutions to the following:

Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States.

Honorable Spiro Agnew, Vice President.

Honorable James A. Rhodes, Governor of Ohio.
Bro. Ralph J. Perk, Auditor of Cuyahoga County.
Honorable Carl B. Stokes, Mayor, City of Cleveland.

John S. Nagy, Commissioner of Division of Parks and Recreation.

Western Bohemian Fraternal Association.

Czechoslovak Society of America.

Slavonic Benevolent Order of Texas.

Slavonic Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

Unity of Czech Ladies and Men.

Czechoslovak National Council of America.

Czechoslovak newspapers and radio programs.

American Sokol Executive Board and the XII Slet Committee.

Sister Marie Provaznikova.

Bro. Edward Stetka.

Bro. Albert Kalabza.

The Honorable Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska.

Thomas L. Boardman, Editor-in-Chief, Cleveland Press.

It was suggested that resolutions be sent also to Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad and to the Czechoslovak Legion of America. It was moved and seconded that resolutions be approved, and if there are any additional letters to be sent, to please refer them to the Resolutions Committee. Accepted by show of hands.

Rules and Order Committee

Sis. Catherine Krimmel, Chairman of the Committee, read the report of her committee (see attached copy). Motion made and seconded for adoption of the report. Approved by show of hands.

Bro. Pavoucek announced that the meeting will reconvene immediately after the Variety show this evening and will resume in the Ballroom.

Meeting was adjourned by bro. Pavoucek at 7:05 P.M.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION JUNE 23, 1970

The Tuesday night session was called to order by bro. Ed Pavoucek at 10:40 P.M.

Roll Call of Delegates

Central District reported all present except sisters Falta and Krimmel and brothers Salak and Halik. President bro. Drnec was not present but arrived later.

Eastern District reported all present except bros. Novak and Zraly.

Northeastern District—bro. Emil Pekar reported that all were present.

Southern District—bro. Jerry Milan reported all present.

Western District—bro. Krejci reported all present except sister Benda who was excused to attend the By-Laws Committee meeting.

Bro. Pavoucek turned the meeting over to bro. Siedlik to continue the reports from the afternoon session. Bro. Krejci presented the Report of Committee on Reports of Officers. A copy of the report is attached. Bro. Bartell from the Eastern District made the motion that report be accepted. Seconded by bro. Neumann from Washington, D. C. Motion was passed by show of hands.

Bro. Barcal thanked the delegates for acceptance of reports on behalf of officers. He explained that no officers are salaried except the Directors of Men and Women of the Board of Instructors and the Editor of American Sokol.

Brother Ed Linhart, Men's Director of the BOI., did not have a completed report. A motion was made by bro. Zitny and seconded by bro. Satek of Central District that the report be presented at the Wednesday morning session. Motion passed by show of hands. The meeting was then turned back to bro. Pavoucek.

The next order of business on the agenda was NEW BUSINESS.

None of the delegates brought up any new business. Sister Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka spoke on attending the convention and that we should contract for five more years of hard labor. Look for more members and work more hours. Look forward to new building. Resolve that we are members of Sokol and that we will give a hand and promise to work together for five years.

Bro. Barcal stated that we should raise our horizons and face our challenge instead of hard labor.

Bro. Robert Jirousek of Northeastern District spoke on the dues situation. He feels that Units should review their dues structure. Since 1957 when the dues of his unit were raised, they have been collected at a better rate. Men and women pay the same dues of \$15.00 and a couple pays \$25.00. He feels that in the next five years a minimum dues rate should be set up in the By-Laws. Bro. Satek of St. Louis stated that his unit doubled their dues rates and did not lose any members. Sister Mily of Sokol Detroit discussed the success of their membership drive.

Due to the late hour, bro. Otenasek made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded and passed with show of hands at 11:40 P.M.

Meeting will reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION JUNE 24, 1970

The Wednesday morning session of the XI National Convention of the American Sokol Organization was called to order by Chairman, Edward Pavoucek, at 9:15 a.m.

Bro. Linhart led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of delegates by districts was held and all delegates were present at the session.

It was announced that sis. Ann Falta and bro. John Tichy were celebrating their birthdays today and bro. Karel Jares celebrated his birthday yesterday. These brothers and sisters were escorted to the front of the hall and all joined in wishing them well by singing "Happy Birthday." At that time it was announced that bro. and sis. Ruzicka of Sokol Town of Lake were celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes were extended.

It was announced that the minutes from the Tuesday morning session had been distributed and that reading of the minutes would be dispensed with. Bro. Satek called attention to the fact that in these minutes it was bro. Shana and not bro. Satek referring to the last page of the minutes regarding voting procedure. Bro. Krejci mentioned

that he was not absent at the session, since he gave the roll call report, but the delegate of Sokolice Libuse, Crete, Nebr., was not present. Sis. Krimmel stated she had resigned from the office of Parliamentarian and not from the Resolutions Committee. In paragraph six, referring to page 8 of the By-Laws the unit vote had been retabulated and a tally of 600 against, 149 for, should be considered the correct count. It was announced that sis. Kubat entered the convention hall immediately after the roll call and was present during the meeting.

The motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read with the corrections. Carried.

Bro. Neumann read a greeting from the United Czechoslovak Legion Post of Cleveland.

Sis. Betty Prener read greetings from: Supreme Lodge Slovanic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, Czechoslovak Society of America and Frank Bardoun, Dist. Trustee for the Cleveland Dist., D.T.J. Dist. Council in Cleveland, Western Bohemian Fraternal Association, Czechoslovak National Council of America, Sokol Gymnastic Association of Toronto, Polish Falcons of America, Sokol Miami, bro. O. J. Kudrnovsky, Honorary Director of Men, American Sokol Organization, sis. Mary Kadrik of Sokol U.S.A., bro. Jan Tesar, bro. William Zabransky, Jr., bro. Jerry Rabas read a greeting from the Alliance of Czechoslovak Exiles in Chicago. Bro. Emil Pekar introduced a long-time member of the Northeastern District, bro. Fred Jirsa.

Sis. Vanyo of Sokol St. Paul extended greetings from sis. Pavlicek, sis. Buzicky and bro. Henry Jensen.

Sis. Prener read a letter from the Western District dated Oct. 26, 1969, regarding the future conventions. The letter was tabled to be brought up in new business.

Bro. George Basta of the Finance Committee mentioned that the Finance Committee met with the Board of Instructors and the section of the Finance Committee's report regarding the Future Leaders Fund, is a part of the Board of Instructors report.

The meeting was taken over by bro. Zraly of the By-Laws Committee for action upon changes recommended to the By-Laws Committee. In Article 5, Section 2 (page 4) the entire sentence "For the purpose of the convention, combined units shall be considered as two individual units with all privileges and voting rights" be deleted; and on page 5, Article 5, at the end of paragraph (b) add the paragraph "Combined units having less than 100 members shall be entitled to one delegate. Combined units having 101 through 150 members shall be entitled to two delegates. Combined units having 151 through 200 members shall be entitled to three delegates. Combined units having 201 through 300 members shall be entitled to four delegates. Combined units having 301 through 400 members shall be entitled to five delegates. Travel expenses and per diem shall be paid from the Convention Fund."

Bro. Zitny suggested that changes be approved individually and made the motion that the above changes be accepted. Motion seconded and passed by a show of hands.

On page 5, paragraph 2 (f) in the third line, delete "and Secretaries," in the sixth line delete "and Secretaries" and "not," so that the sentence reads "the first and second assistants do vote in the Board of Instructors of the convention." Motion made, seconded and passed.

On page 11, Article 7, paragraph (b)—Motion made and seconded that the sentence "In no case is it permissible for a Unit to divide its assets among its members" remain in the By-Laws. Bro. Otenasek requested a ballot vote, then withdrew the request for the ballot and bro. Neumann requested a roll call vote. Vote for 622 — against 123. The sentence will remain in the new By-Laws.

On page 14, paragraph 3—Each Sokol Unit shall pay a special assessment annually of fifty (50) cents for each member for the Convention Fund etc.

On page 21, CONFERENCE—First paragraph the last sentence should read "The first and second Assistant Directors do vote in the conference."

On page 23, Article 17, paragraph (e)—Add the sentence: "Three members from each Board of Instructors (men and women) other than the Directors, who are responsible for the conduct of the program of an American Sokol controlled Slet and/or competitions requiring travel and lodgings shall receive travel and per diem expense."

Motion made, that the proposal be adopted, seconded and passed.

Page 30—Second sentence of the first paragraph: The sentence "A mailing list can be obtained by request of the Executive Board of the District for Sokol purposes only," is replaced by the sentence "A mailing list can be issued at the discretion of the American Sokol Executive Board by request of the Executive Board of the District, for Sokol purposes only." Motion made that change be adopted, motion seconded and passed.

Page 55, Article 59, paragraph (h)—At the end of the paragraph add: "The concerned units, districts and American Sokol Executive Board must be sent notification of such dual membership, indicating in which unit voting privileges will be honored." Motion made, seconded, passed.

Page 56, Article 60—At the very end of the paragraph add the sentence: "A transferring member shall not lose seniority." Motion made, seconded and passed.

Bro. Satek made the motion that the By-Laws Committee report and the By-Laws be accepted as corrected and published. Motion seconded. By-Laws state that this must be put to a roll call by unit vote. Roll call vote was 736 for acceptance of the new By-Laws and motion approved. Standing ovation given to the members of the By-Laws Committee.

Bro. Zraly again recommended that after corrections are made, the By-Laws be printed and distributed to every member of the American Sokol Organization, and that sufficient additional copies be made for future distribution, and that the cover be redesigned. Bro. Siedlik presided over the convention meeting.

Bro. Linhart was called upon to present the Report of the Board of Instructors meetings, (copy attached). It was moved to accept the report as read. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Bro. Linhart asked bro. Basta to model a proposed parade uniform consisting of a navy blue blazer jacket (which was modeled) and which will have the Sokol insignia, a blue tie and light grey trousers. Bro. Halik made the motion that the recommendation of the Board of Instructors for the dress uniform be passed to the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization for approval. Motion seconded, passed.

Bro. Stankovsky reminded the delegates that the Public Relations Committee report recommended that one insignia be used throughout, whenever an insignia is called for.

Sis. Schnabl described the Board of Instructors proposal for a Women's Dress Uniform which consists of a navy blue polyester semi-fitted sleeveless shift with a match jacket with $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeves. The hat is to remain as before. Shoes to be navy blue pump. The motion was made that the Board of Instructors submit a sample of the dress uniform proposed and present it to the Executive Board for approval. Motion seconded and passed.

Bro. Pavoucek called to the delegates attention that it was now 12 o'clock. If it becomes necessary for any delegate to depart from the convention, and if his alternate is present, that alternate will be entitled to vote. If, however, it becomes necessary for a delegate to leave and his alternate is not present, no one can be designated to vote for the departing delegate. Request for departure of delegate must be requested from the Chairman of the Convention.

Bro. Jirousek read the recommendation of the Board of Instructors that they nominated bro. Edward Linhart, Director of Men, and Ellen Jeanne Schnabl, Director of Women.

Bro. Kalivoda of the Resolutions Committee recommends that those resolutions which have been written and read in the Czech language, be translated and included in the American Sokol publication.

Additional resolutions were mailed to bro. William Zabransky, Jr., Ralph Krieger, Sheriff of Cuyahoga County, Czechoslovak Sokol in Exile, Sokol USA and its President bro. Andrew Venglarcik, to the President of the Northeastern District bro. Emil Pekar, to the Chairman of the XI Convention bro. Edward Pavoucek, to the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee bro. Anthony J. Suster, to all officers of the XI Convention and to the Executive Board of the American Sokol. Motion made and seconded for approval of the above resolutions, passed.

Minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session were distributed and motion made that reading of same be dispensed with. Corrections made that at the roll call of delegates all those reported as absent were tardy in reporting to the meeting and were present during the meeting. Bro. Basta refers to the second page of the minutes under the "Finance Committee's report," the word "woman" should be inserted to read "75c per woman member" and that in the Approved Budget for the American Sokol Organization, Finance Committee member should read bro. Victor Novotny (rather than Pokorny); in the listing of Reconciliation Committee members it is Bea Pavoucek and Frank Balsanek. Bro. Suster states that in the Public Relations Committee report, he too was present

and participated in the meeting. In the report of the Organizational Committee sis. Nekuda was listed as being a guest (in error). Motion made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed and corrected passed.

New Business—The letter from the Western District was again read requesting that conventions not be scheduled at Slet time, and that conventions be scheduled for week-ends only. After a discussion by several members, motion made that the decision of the dates of next convention be left to the host city or district and to the discretion of the Executive Board, keeping in mind what has been requested by the Western District. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The minutes from the evening session were distributed and reading was dispensed with.

Bro. Zraly stated that during the roll call, all members reported as absent were in reality present but attending other committee meetings with the exception of sis. Krimmel, who was actually absent. Bro. Satek called attention to the fact that the Pacific District is omitted from the roll call, but delegates were present. In paragraph 8 of the minutes it is bro. Shana who is a member of St. Louis unit. In the report of the Committee on Reports of Officers, bro. John Babinec's name is misspelled as was Senator Roman Hruska from Nebraska. Motion made to accept the minutes as published and corrected, seconded, passed.

Nominating Committee: Bro. Drnec presented the report of the Nominating Committee (copy attached) with the recommendation that permission be granted to the Executive Board to obtain someone qualified to be Editor of the American Sokol.

Motion made by sis. Ruzicka that sis. Lorraine Zdenek be made Honorary Physical Director of Women of the American Sokol. Motion seconded and approved and sis. Zdenek given an ovation "ZDAR, ZDAR, ZDAR!"

Bro. Spanek reported for the Educational Directors Committee and recommended that bro. Halik be named Educational Director. Bro. Bohumil Lankas reported that his name had been omitted from the committee.

Brother Zraly reminded the delegates that the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee is (and has for a long time according to the By-Laws) a member of the Executive Board of the American Sokol. At this point each district was asked for a nomination (from their district) for the By-Laws Committee, for the next five year period. Nominated from the Central District bro. Edwin Halik, Northeastern District bro. Robert Jirousek, Eastern District bro. Charles Zraly, Western District sis. Barbara Benda, Southern District bro. George Prevratil, Pacific District bro. George Spanek.

Bro. Frank Pliska was introduced to the convention by bro. Emil Pekar, who responded with "Mnoho zdaru budoucnosti Sokola."

Letter was received from the D.A. Sokol, Long Island City, New York.

Bro. Barcal asked that immediately following the election of the By-Laws Committee, the By-Laws Committee meet and elect a chairman who will then immediately become a member of the Executive Board. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the office of President. Bro. Suster nominated bro. Stanley Barcal as President for the next five years, nominations closed. First Vice President sis. Betty Prener nominated, nominations closed. Second Vice President bro. Rudolph Svoboda nominated, nominations closed. Secretary sis. June Pros nominated, nominations closed. Financial Secretary sis. Agnes Sotka nominated, nominations closed. Treasurer bro. George Basta nominated, nominations closed. Editor, there is no nomination from the committee and since there is no nomination from the floor, nomination withheld and the Executive Board will select an Editor who will be capable of running the publication. Motion made, seconded and passed. The office of Educational Director Edwin Halik nominated, nominations closed. Organizational Director sis. Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka nominated, nominations closed. Public Relations sis. Ann Basta nominated, nominations closed. For Executive Board members sis. Josephine Drnec, bro. Jerry Rabas, bro. Joseph Drnec nominated, nominations closed. For alternates on the Executive Board bro. Edward Schnabl, sis. Lorraine Zdenek, bro. Edward Hlinka nominated, nominations closed. For Auditing Committee sis. Ann Falta, sis. Jarmila Domansky, sis. Anne Fara, bro. James Berousek nominated, nominations closed. For Director of Men bro. Edward Linhart nominated and nominations closed. Director of Women sis. Ellen Jeanne Schnabl nominated, nominations closed. For the "American Sokol Executive Board Emeritus Award" sis. Blanche Cihak, bro. James Cihak, sis. Ann Falta, bro. Frank Vodrazka were nominated and proposal accepted. By-Laws Committee nominated bros. Charles Zraly, Edwin Halik, Robert Jirousek, George Spanek, George Prevratil and sis. Barbara Benda.

Sis. Krimmel moved that the nominated ballot become the elected ballot and the American Sokol Emeritus Award be approved.

The Secretary of the American Sokol sis. Betty Prener cast one ballot for the entire slate.

Bro. Pavoucek introduced all the newly elected officers, including the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee (who had just been elected by the members of the By-Laws Committee) bro. Charles Zraly.

Bro. Pavoucek led the delegates in proclaiming "ZDAR, ZDAR, ZDAR" to the newly elected officers of the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization. On behalf of the newly elected officers and himself, bro. Stanley Barcal thanked all those present for the confidence placed in them and promised that they would do their utmost for the continuation of the Sokol movement and ideals. The delegates gave a rousing "ZDAR, ZDAR, ZDAR" to the new Executive Board. Sis. Betty Prener expressed appreciation and that the challenges presented were met.

Selection of the Next Convention City in 1975—Bro. Neumann extended an invitation for the XII Convention to be held in Washington, D. C.

Bro. Pekar and bro. Siedlik extended an invitation for the Convention to be held in Detroit, Michigan, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the existence of Sokol Detroit.

Bro. Zraly extended an invitation from Sokol Miami to hold the XII Convention in their city.

Bro. Halik made the motion, that in view of the fact that Sokol Detroit will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary, the Convention be held in Detroit. This motion was seconded and passed. Sis. Zboril of Sokolice Detroit, expressed her pleasure in welcoming the next convention to their city and promised their full cooperation to Sokol Detroit.

Bro. Suster congratulated bro. Pavoucek on conducting a successful convention and expressed his thanks for being named Honorary Chairman of the Convention. Bro. Suster was given a standing ovation and "ZDAR, ZDAR, ZDAR."

Bro. Robert Jirousek thanked the Cleveland Convention Committee and congratulated delegates on a successful convention and wished them all a safe journey home.

Bro. Prevratil thanked the Cleveland Convention Committee, stating that he had enjoyed his stay and invited us all to visit Texas at their District Slet on July 11th and 12th.

Bro. Pavoucek expressed his thanks to the delegates of the Convention and to the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization as well as all his Co-Chairmen. Following the singing of "Spějme dál, statně dál," the colors were retired by members of the Northeastern District and bro. Zitny made a motion that the convention be adjourned.

OUR OFFICERS



JUNE PROS
Secretary



GEORGE BASTA
Treasurer



ANN BASTA
Public Relations



AGNES SOTKA
Financial Secretary



EDWIN HALIK
Educational Director



E. WELCL-RUZICKA
Organization



JERRY RABAS
Member of the Board

Report of the Committee on Rules and Order

It is the recommendation of this committee that the following rules be published and in the hands of all delegates prior to convention:

1) **Credentials:**

- a) All delegates will receive badges upon approval of credentials and must wear them during convention.
- b) Seating will be by districts, with delegates seated toward the front of the room. All alternates and guests to be seated immediately behind.

2) **Election of Convention Officers:**

- a) Method of voting shall be determined by the chair. One objection shall require a vote of delegates to determine method used.
- b) If there are more than 3 nominations for the office of Convention Chairman, the one with the highest vote will become chairman, the next highest vote, become 1st vice chairman, and the next highest, 2nd vice chairman.
- c) This procedure should be applied to the election of ASO. president and the vice president.

3) **Appointment of Convention Committees:**

- a) District Presidents or their authorized representatives shall set up committees from Unit delegates prior to convention session.
- b) The District Presidents shall be required to report to the chair the names of the committee delegates. In the absence of the District President his authorized representative shall report.

4) **Roll Call of Delegates:**

- a) The number of votes per unit should be in the hands of their District President prior to the first session.
- b) At the first roll call the District President or representative shall announce number of votes per delegate (or unit).
- c) In calling roll, delegates will stand and be recognized.

- 5) Any and all by-law changes are requested to be in the hands of all delegates the first morning of convention.

- 6) All reports are requested to be brief and to the point.

Committee on Rules and Order
Catherine Krimmel, Chairman
Central District
Irene Ruzicka, Central District
Frank Bartell, Eastern District
Libby Melcha, Western District
Anna Spanek, Pacific District
John Galik, Northeastern District

Report of Committee on Reports of Officers

Chairman—Anton J. Krejci, Jr., Sokol Omaha, Western District.

Members in attendance:

Brothers: Edward Hlinka, Central District, Sokol Chicago; John Brabinec, Eastern District, Sokol New York; Jerry Stransky, Southern District, Sokol Zizka, Dallas; Ralph Gruber, Northeastern District, Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek; Henry A. Siedlik, Northeastern District, Sokol Detroit. Sister Anne Glasser, Central District, Sokol Cechie.

A delegate from the Pacific District was either absent or not assigned to this committee.

- 1. The committee convened on Monday, June 22, 1970, and respectfully submits the following report:

A. **Report of the President**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of ASO. that the convention delegates accept this report as submitted. The report was concise, well prepared but still contained the necessary ingredient for a convention report.

B. **Report of the Secretary**—This report was of considerable length but did not deal with small specifics of little importance. The committee recommends that the District officers digest this report in its entirety but specific reference is made to three areas that they (the Districts) could render assistance:

- a) The monthly task of updating and keeping current the American Sokol address list.
- b) Locating the missing volumes of the American Sokol publication.
- c) Furnishing material for the ASO. library.

2. The committee recommends that action be taken by the proper office to furnish and/or have available the necessary office equipment of the proper vintage to do the required work. Outdated equipment is like a "crease or bend" in the straw.
3. "The Panel Discussion was held during the XII Slet. Activity was very beneficial again as a means of communication and an exchange of opinions so necessary in today's pressure of events. This could be repeated as the occasion arises." What is the current status of this project?
- C. (1) **Report of the Director of Men**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report. However, future reports should contain items with properly defined clarification. Examples that should be more specific and detailed:
- a) Quote: "In July of 1966, I attended the Slovak Slet in New York and met with their Executive Board and Technical Staff." What was the purpose and what was gained—no comments listed.
 - b) Attendance Report—very brief. What are the drawbacks? What has been done to correct them? Who has the prime responsibility?
 - c) Physical Fitness Tests. Who attended—was it worth the effort? In general, more statistics should have been incorporated.
- GENERAL NOTE: The word "marching" was entirely absent in this text. This report should indicate program/status/limitations on requirements of marching instructions. BOI's should be informed of requirements.
- C. (2) **Report of the Director of Women**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept this report as written. However, the report should and does cover a five-year span so a particular event or events should not be listed as day-by-day happenings. General statements made and the day-by-day activities should be the responsibility of the particular unit.
- D. **Report of the Educational Director**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept this report. Elaboration of its accomplished functions would be a great help to the Library Committee. This director would and could render unequalled assistance to the Library Committee. Recommend he be a member of their staff.
- E. **Report of the Editor**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept this report. Strict compliance is requested to established deadline—NO DEVIATIONS.
- F. **Report of the Financial Secretary**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of

the ASO. that the convention delegates accept this report.

- G. **Report of the Treasurer**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report. The assemblage of the American Sokol No. 6, June, 1970, made it difficult to follow the proper sequence of this report—one credit for the human error of individuals.
- H. **Report of the Organization**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report. The BOI's should digest this report 100% and cooperate to their utmost.
- I. **Report of Public Relations and Publicity**—The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report.
- J. **Report of the Membership**—No written report submitted, however, the tabular type report serves the requirement. This should be an item of interest to every unit in the ASO. Recommend it be made an item of daily observance. The committee recommends to the XI Convention of the ASO. that the delegates accept the report.

General Comments: All those rendering service on the committees listed in the reports should be tabulated on a summary sheet as follows:

Name:	Full time salaried
	Part time salaried
	Gratis
	Others, if any

This would reduce the contents of the various requested reports.

A. J. Krejci, Jr.

Reconciliation Committee Report (Board of Appeals)

Bro. John Kebrle, Chairman.
Members of Committee:
Sisters: Blanche Zraly, Bea Pavoucek, Jeanette Wagner, Gladys Jirousek.
Brothers: Robert Pesek, Frank Balsanek, William Shana, George Spanek.

Job Definition: Some time was spent going over the Constitution and By-Laws of the previous Convention to determine the function of the Reconciliation Committee after determining the category as Reconciliation Committee. The body familiarized themselves with the functions of said committee.

Recommendations of Public Relations and Publicity Committee

Members of Committee: Chairman Anna Basta, Lorraine Vanyo, Ann Skoda, Jerry Rabas, William Vrba, Fred Stankovsky, Edwin Laznovsky, Donald Otenasek.

Committee was addressed by sis. Eleanor Prech-Patlejch, Ethnic Editor for the Cleveland Press.

1. Recommended that the American Sokol hire a professional public relations firm to handle all aspects of publicity and public relations for the American Sokol and the national Slets on a yearly

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AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1970-71

Upon recommendation of the finance committee, the delegates at the X General American Sokol Organization convention held in Chicago in June, 1965, approved scholarship awards to be paid from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund.

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications of students who are planning a course or program in an accredited four-year college. Although physical education will not be a criteria, more consideration will be given to those who are training in the physical education field.

The allocation is \$100.00 per year for one girl or boy from each District, not to exceed two years. In order to qualify for the second year, applicant must maintain a "C" average or better. Second year allocation is NOT automatic; applicant must file letter of intent to re-apply for a second year, in which case the original application plus transcript of grades will be reviewed. The final selection to be made by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the ASO. Board of Instructors.

The following points will be considered by the Scholarship Committee in selecting the candidates:

1. Should have attended Sokol regularly for at least 3 years. Juniors may be included, but must become adult members; girls at age 17 and boys at 18 years.
2. Must have attended and successfully completed one Sokol course.
3. Must have taught or assisted in Sokol gym classes.
4. Recommendation of high school Physical Education teacher.
5. Recommendation of Physical Director of Sokol unit.
6. Recommendation of District Physical Director.

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 1970

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Scholarship Committee
6426 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

I desire to make application for the American Sokol Scholarship Award. Please mail application forms and all other instructions to:

Signature of Sokol member _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

My age is _____ years. I am a member of Sokol _____

of _____ District.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

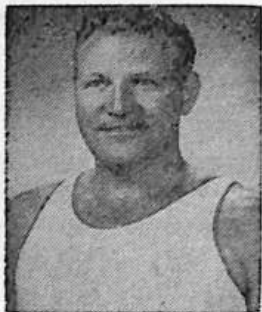
George Basta, Chairman

Ellen Jeanne Schnabl

Lorraine Zdenek

Paul Lebloch

Edward Linhart



EDWARD LINHART

Director of Men



ELLEN JEANNE SCHNABL

Director of Women

MILDRED PRCHAL:

COMPETITIVE MODERN GYMNASTICS – HOOP

The most outstanding and certainly the most interesting hand apparatus during the 1969 Gymnastique Moderne World's Championships was the hoop. Many new and spectacular elements of extreme difficulty, especially in high throwing and catching while traveling forward or in place drew enthusiastic applause. Progress was most obvious in the skillful handling of this implement. Exercise with the hoop includes practically all technical elements used in exercises with all other implements.

Most interesting combinations and elements with hoop were:

Circling hoop in all planes during leaps, turns, balances—

High throw of hoop with one hand in saggital swings, throwing hoop over shoulder—

High throw of hoop after circling of hoop over hand, during leaps in direction of movement, or against direction of movement followed by pirouette and catch—

High throw of hoop following horizontal circling—

Throw of hoop with diagonal swing—

Rolling hoop on floor in semi-circle—

Rolling hoop with return rotation and catching in deep backbend—

Run through rolling hoop and catching after leap—

Jump over rolling hoop with various types of leaps—

Jump over spinning hoop on floor (various jumps).

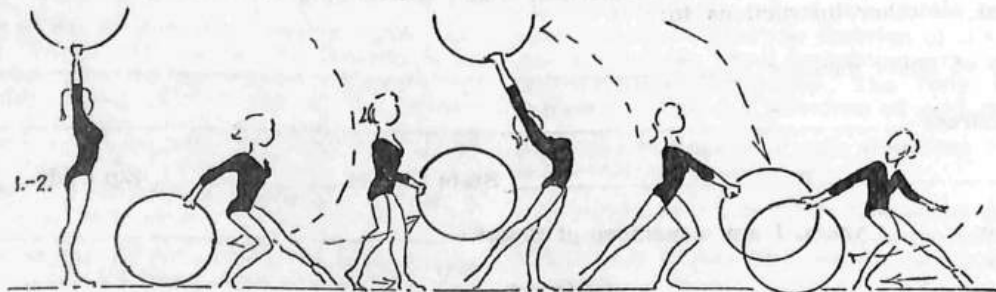
The following were included in the Trainers' Sessions conducted immediately after the Championships in Varna:

HOOP—flat or rounded, painted white or left in its natural color; any other color may also be used except gold, silver, or bronze. Inside diameter 31½" to 35½".

1. Holding hoop in right hand in high flank plane vertically; balance forward and back—swing hoop downward to rear and forward respectively. Reverse hoop movement; swing hoop high

forward on front balance, low rear on back balance.

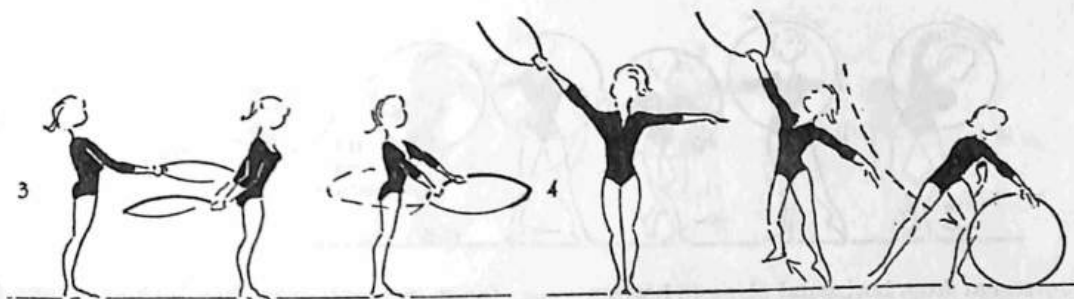
2. Same as 1. but add total movement and body wave.



3. Swing hoop horizontally around body to left starting with right hand in overgrip, left hand inverted grip, alternating hands.

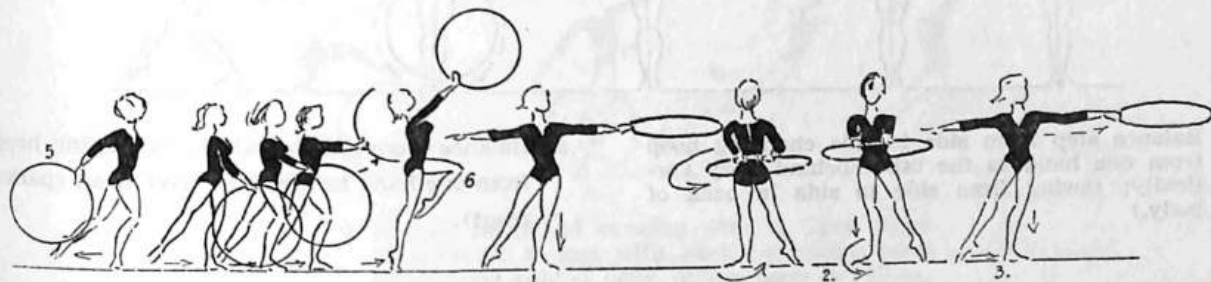
4. Starting with arms extended to sides: Over-

grip, hoop in right hand; swing hoop high to right, balance step R to rear, then swing hoop to low left downward with balance step L forward—hoop is held very loosely between thumb and index finger. (Follow hoop with eyes.)



3. Balance R forward swinging hoop to rear (hoop in right hand), 3 steps forward L, R, L, and step forward on R half-toe with L leg bent forward (hoop front oblique). Start same step but begin with L, change hoop in back of body on each repetition.

4. Holding hoop in left hand on left side horizontally about shoulder high, do 3-step turn to left, turning hoop around body with left hand, changing hands in back on hoop (put right hand back, palm down to grasp hoop for continuous turn). Dip and accent on first step in each turn. Reverse all.

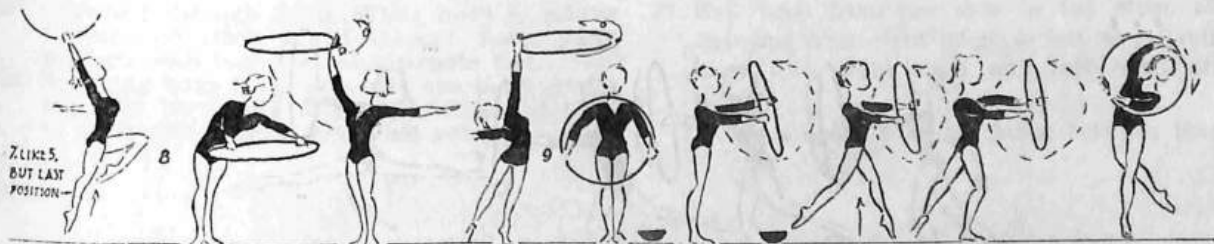


5. Like 5. but slide and hop R, instead of "step on R half-toe with bent L leg." Raise arm high on hop.

6. Side bend to left holding hoop in right and left hands on left side horizontally, (hands on opposite sides of hoop in undergrip), releasing left hand swing hoop to right and circle over head, body doing raverse (trunk circle) with circle of hoop over head.

7. Like 5. but slide and hop R, instead of "step on R half-toe with bent L leg." Raise arm high on hop.

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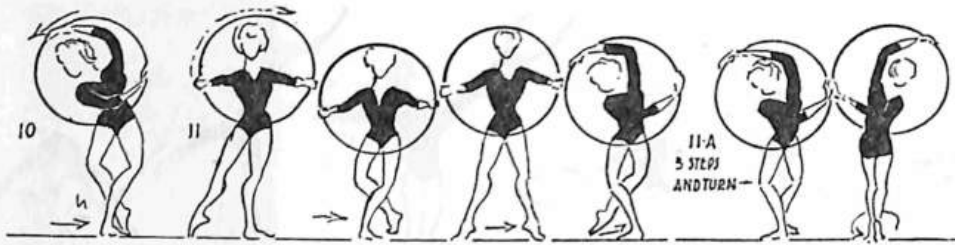


2. LIKE 5, BUT LAST POSITION

9. Holding hoop in both hands on opposite sides in frontal vertical plane: Revolve hoop away from or toward body, then leaving hands in place twist hoop in vertical plane while doing little leap in place, step and toestand step and look through hoop. (4th pos. of arms.) Example: Leap in place with L, step forward R, toestand forward L—revolve hoop twice and twist hoop to left so that right hand is high and left hand on low rim. Incline head to left.

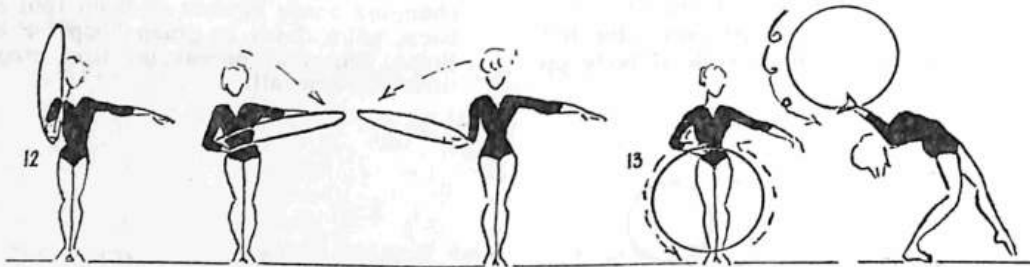
10. Deep balances from side to side, leaving hands in place on vertical hoop in front of body, turn hoop to 4th pos. of arms looking through hoop and bending to side on each balance. If balance is to right side, side bend is to left,

11. Same as 10. but substitute balances with pas de bourree; or 3 steps forward, cross and turn.



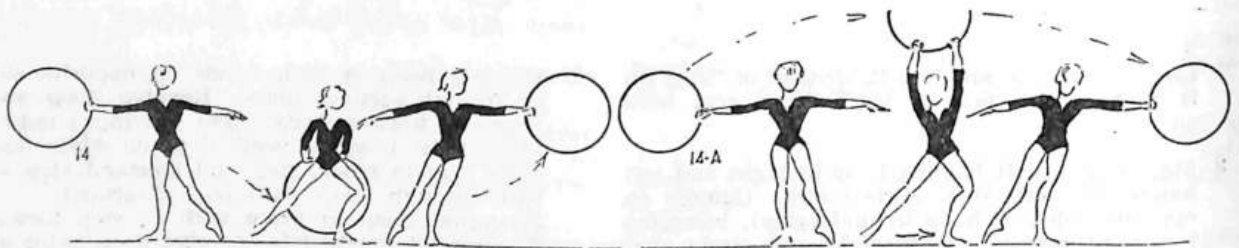
- 12. Fan movement from horizontal plane to horizontal plane. Add various kinds of steps.
- 13. Circling hoop. Turn in wrist and release hand

for a moment, over hand (hoop stays in contact with hand but by releasing hoop, palm and back of hand alternately; this is also the way it turns overhead during backbend turns.)

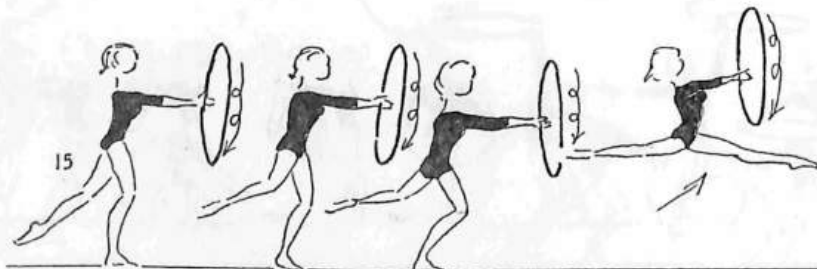


- 14. Balance step from side to side changing hoop from one hand to the other behind body vertically; (swing from side to side in back of body.)

a) Balance from side to side but changing hoop from one hand to the other over head (palms front).

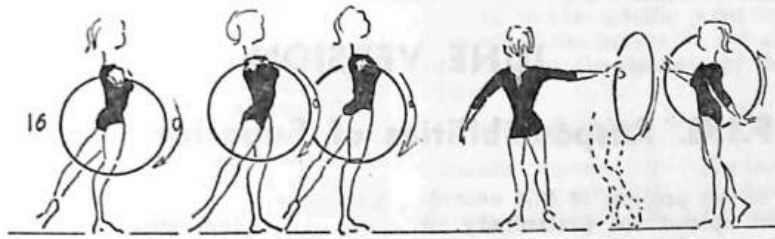


- 15. Three runs and a leap, constantly turning hoop in front of body. Also practice throwing and catching hoop with one hand.



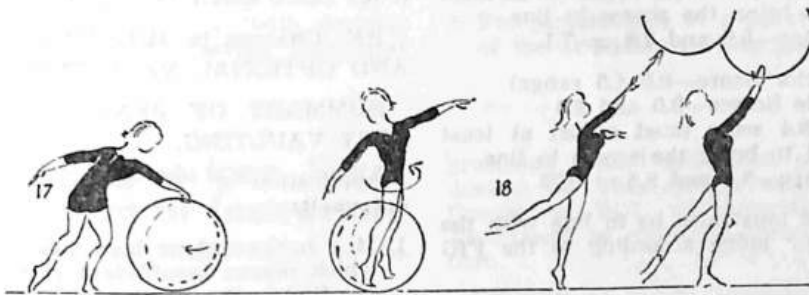
- 16. Turning hoop in flank plane on right side over right hand with 3 steps, then 3-step turn to left and continue 3 steps forward and 3-step turn. Various turns on side of body, change to

other side, changing hoop from one hand to the other. Turn hoop vertically in front of body, leap or tour jete on change of hoop to other hand.

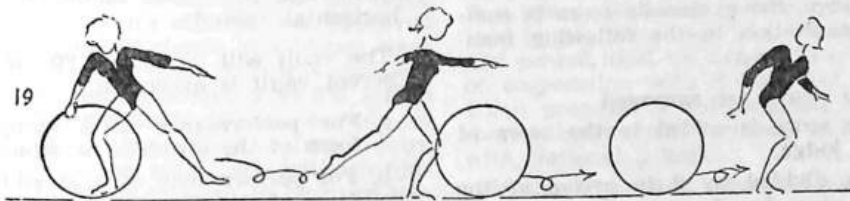


17. Spin hoop around its vertical axis on floor; run around hoop with turns and various arm movements.
18. Throw hoop high (FIG. competitive rule requirement at least 12 feet high): Rise high on

half-toe, throw hoop upward and catch on side continuing to turn the hoop between thumb and index finger. Turn forward with right hand on right side, throw high, catch and continue turn (move up to it to catch).



19. Rolling hoop and running with it. Then move in front of it and with back to rolling hoop catch hoop behind body. When hoop is rolling, pass hand under hoop so that the hoop may roll onto palm.



20. Crawling through hoop. While hoop is rolling forward on floor, crawl through hoop, jump through with both feet or alternate feet.
21. Swinging hoop from side with one hand, jumping over lower rim of hoop, swinging it back to same side again. (Pendulum swing.)

22. Roll hoop from one side to the other while changing from right lunge to left lunge, rolling hoop with right hand and left hand alternately.

Same as above but add chasse between lunges.



CORRECTED ARTICLE - IN PLACE OF JUNE VERSION

F.I.G. Responsibilities of Superior Judge

If the two middle scores are out of line according to the FIG point spread for preliminary or final competition, the superior judge calls a conference, reviews the routine, and gives her score. The middle score furthest from the score of the superior judge must adjust, so that the scores fall within the range.

Example: Preliminary Point Differences

1. Superior Score—7.4 (1.0 range)
Middle Scores—6.5 and 7.6
The 6.5 score must adjust to at least 6.6 to bring the scores in line.
Average—6.6 and 7.6 = 7.1
2. Superior Score—8.9 (.5 range)
Middle Scores—9.0 and 8.4
The 8.4 score must adjust at least to 8.5 to bring the scores in line.
Average—9.0 and 8.5 = 8.75

The average score must also be in line with the score of the superior judge according to the FIG point differences:

	Superior Judge's Score	Average Score
Prelims	9.5 — 10.0	Within .30
	8.5 — 9.45	.50
	Below 8.5	1.00
Finals	9.5 — 10.0	.20
	8.5 — 9.45	.30
	7.0 — 8.45	.50
	Below 7.0	1.00

If the average score is out of line with the score of the superior judge, the gymnast's score is computed **without** consultation in the following manner:

1. The 2 middle scores are averaged.
2. This average score is added to the score of the superior judge.
3. This total is divided by 2 to arrive at the final or **base score** for the gymnast. This score is flashed.

Example: Final Point Differences

	Superior Score	Average Score	Base Score
Case #1	9.8 (.2 range)	9.5	19.3/2=9.65
Case #2	9.0 (.3 range)	8.6	17.6/2=8.80
Case #3	9.1 (.3 range)	9.5	18.6/2=9.30

In case of **protest**, after review and decision by the Jury, the Meet Referee or President of the Jury may alter the score as follows:

1. Take the score of the four individual scores that is the highest.
2. Add this score to that of the superior judge.
3. Average the total to arrive at the adjusted score.

Example:

	Individual Scores	Superior Score	Adjusted Score
Case #1	9.0 9.1 9.3 9.3	9.3	18.6/2=9.30
Case #2	9.0 9.1 9.3 9.3	9.0	18.3/2=9.15

In Case #2, the Adjusted Score works out to be less than the Average Score. Therefore, the coach must accept this compromise or withdraw the protest. In a rare instance, after Jury deliberation, the Meet Referee may counsel the Superior Judge, if her score seems inaccurate.

RE: Changes in JUDGING OF COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL VAULTING.

SUMMARY OF PENALTIES FOR COMPULSORY VAULTING.

Application of "O" score to a compulsory layout vault:

1. If a horizontal or bent hip vault is executed—which means insufficient elevation or degree of pro-flight—the vault will **not** be scored "O."
2. It will be penalized according to the specific deductions given in the listing of faults for that specific compulsory vault. (It will **not** be penalized by 0.5 for performance of the wrong vault.)

Penalty Changes

Layout vault performed at the horizontal	1.0 deduction
Layout vault performed below the horizontal (piked)	3.5 deduction

3. The vault will be scored "0" if an entirely different vault is executed:
 - a. For performance of a stoop vault when a form of the straddle or squat is required.
 - b. For performance of a straddle vault when a form of the stoop or squat is required.
 - c. For performance of a squat vault when a form of the straddle or stoop is required.

Application of penalty for insufficient elevation of a compulsory horizontal vault:

Horizontal vault performed with bent hips	2.5 deduction
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Application of "0" score to a compulsory vault executed with **higher elevation**:

Example: Compulsory—horizontal squat; executed—layout squat.

1. The vault will **not** be scored as "0."
2. The vault will **not** be credited for the greater pre-flight.
3. The vault will be penalized by 0.5 (to encourage performance of the exact compulsory vault).

SUMMARY OF PENALTIES FOR OPTIONAL VAULTING:

The gymnast must announce the optional vault to be performed, by selecting the corresponding jump number according to the International Table of Vaults and then showing the card to the judges. Calling the vault to the superior judge would be sufficient, unless otherwise specified. If a different vault is performed, the superior judge will announce the point value on which all judges must base their score.

Vaults Over 9.0

If the called and performed vaults are two different vaults, the vault performed will be the basis for the score. A 0.5 deduction will be taken from the value of the vault performed.

Vaults 9.0 and Under (Straddle, Stoop, Squat)

The gymnast will call the vault "with designation of the type of pre-flight (layout horizontal,

bent hip)." The vault executed will be scored according to the specific point value of the vault performed. If the judges do not agree as to the degree of elevation, the decision of the superior judge will dictate.

New point values for vaults 9.0 and under:

Straddle Layout: 9.0	Horizontal: 8.0	Pike: 5.5
Stoop Layout: 9.0	Horizontal: 8.0	Pike: 5.5
Squat Layout: 8.5	Horizontal: 7.5	Pike: 5.0

0.5 point will not be deducted for performing the vault with a higher elevation than called.

Deduct 0.5 only if an entirely different vault than the vault called is executed.

- For performance of a stoop vault when a form of the straddle or squat is called.
- For performance of a straddle vault when a form of the stoop or squat is called.
- For performance of a squat vault when a form of the straddle or stoop is called.

Report of the American Sokol Convention Board of Instructors

Five sessions of the Convention Board of Instructors were held.

All District Directors were present at each session. In addition, present at all sessions were several members of the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors and guests.

Bro. Linhart and Sis. Zdenek submitted their five year reports, which were accepted as read. Two-year activity reports were presented by Directors of all Districts, and accepted.

Uniforms: Sis. June Pros presented a detailed report and displayed uniform samples for the ASO. Uniform Division. The men's uniform was approved as presented. The women's shorts and blouse were approved as presented. The head piece was changed; adopted was a solid red headband, 2 to 2½ inches wide, fastened inconspicuously across the top of the head to the top of the ears. The Junior Boys uniform was approved as presented, with the inclusion of the round Sokol emblem to be worn one inch below the center neckline. The Junior Girls uniform was approved as presented. The belt to be removed for apparatus competition. The small boys uniform was approved with one change; white gym slippers and white ankle socks are to be worn. The ASO. Uniform Division will stock cotton shorts for small boys with nylon knit shorts available on special order. We will continue to look for a less expensive knit short. The small girls (1st and 2nd Class) uniform is to be a red leotard, sleeveless, Sokol emblem one inch below center neckline, no socks and white gym slippers. All uniform changes were approved by a vote of the District Directors.

Travel Instructors Fund: Each District reported on their uses of this fund and all Directors agreed that the fund has reaped great benefits for their respective districts. No district has procured a Traveling Instructor but all were encouraged to seek them. One additional use of this fund was

presented: Visual Aids, their purchase and/or production of. This motion was passed. The ASO. Convention BOI. recommends that this Special Assessment be continued through the next convention.

Tournament Rules: Tournament Rules were reviewed carefully, the recommendations of the Rules Committee for suggested changes were approved, with several changes.

Bro. Barcal reported on the meetings with Sokol USA regarding instructors schools, uniforms and Slets. The Sokol USA accept our uniform recommendations. We request that they hold their next Slet two years after our ASO. Slet in 1973. The two organizations would then alternate Slets every two years. National Instructors Schools would be held jointly after each Slet. Motion made, seconded and passed, that we accept Bro. Barcal's proposals of cooperation with Sokol USA. If the American Sokol proposal is not accepted by the Sokol USA Convention we will continue to hold our Mid-Slets with National Schools.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that Unit Directors Clinics be held on a District level. Judges clinics would also be held at a District level, also in Sokol Schools.

Scholarship Awards: Upon instruction of the Convention delegates, the Financial Committee and Board of Instructors met to discuss Scholarship Awards directives. After discussion, it was decided that the Scholarship Award shall be called "Merit Award." The amount to be awarded is to be increased to \$200.00 per year to one student per district which has under 1,500 members and one additional student per district which has over 1,500 members and one additional student per district which has over 1,500 members. This award is renewable for a second year, subject to approval by Unit Directors, District Directors and District Presidents in addition to the present qualifications for renewal. A picture of the applicant will accompany application; the picture to be used for future pub-

lications. For the 1970-1971 academic year, it is approved to retain the present scholarship award program as set up by the 1965 convention and the ASO.-BOI. Scholarship Committee. The reason for this is to clear the present renewals.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that the next ASO. Slet be held in 1973 in the Chicago area. No recommendation was made as to a Mid-Slet; therefore the issue was tabled.

Gymnastic Skills Testing Program: Motion was made, seconded and passed that a Gymnastic Skills Testing Program be conducted in Units among younger children on apparatus, tumbling, etc. Standards and specifications to be set by the ASO.-BOI. who will also set the types of awards to be used.

Affiliation. Memberships: Motions made, seconded and passed that our memberships be retained in the United States Gymnastic Federation, the United States Olympic Committee and the A.A.U. Motion was made, seconded and passed that choice of representative to the U.S. Olympic Committee be left to the discretion of the BOI., subject to the approval of the District Directors.

Report of the Sokol Gymnast Editor, Sis. Mildred Prchal, was read from the June issue of American

Sokol. Recommendations were taken into consideration. It was decided that each District try to obtain an editor of the section and are to notify sis. Zdenek by August 1, 1970, whether or not they have someone. It was decided to continue the same method of distribution of the Sokol Gymnast and the District Directors are to report on the success of same at the next District Directors Conference.

Report of Elections: After separate sessions of men and women District Directors, bro. Capek reported that the men had named bro. Edward Linhart to a second term. Sis. Hantl reported that the women had named sis. Ellen Jeanne Schnabl as new Women's Director. Both accepted with thanks. It is the recommendation of the Convention Board of Instructors that both these elections be confirmed.

It is recommended to the Convention that the next BOI. Convention Committee be allowed to meet a full day before the Convention to begin its work.

Respectfully,

Edward C. Linhart, Director of Men
Lorraine Zdenek, Director of Women

ASO. ATTENDANCE REPORT Women's Division

ASO. AVERAGE YEARLY ENROLLMENT

1965-1966	2,451
1966-1967	2,964
1967-1968	2,757
1968-1969	1,809
1969-1970	2,586

Eastern District		Western District	
1965-1966	64	1965-1966	423
1966-1967	439	1966-1967	505
1967-1968	330	1967-1968	488
1968-1969	344	1968-1969	463
1969-1970	313	1969-1970	167
Northeastern District		Southern District	
1965-1966	370	1965-1966	122
1966-1967	417	1966-1967	163
1967-1968	343	1967-1968	82
1968-1969	319	1968-1969	172
1969-1970	80	1969-1970	293
Central District		Pacific District	
1965-1966	1364	1965-1966	108
1966-1967	1350	1966-1967	90
1967-1968	1321	1967-1968	91
1968-1969	1323	1968-1969	164
1969-1970	1253	1969-1970	91

The above figures are compiled on the following principle:

1. A total is reached for tots, 1st and 2nd class girls, junior girls and women.
2. This total is divided by the number of months per year each district has class sessions.
3. Figures may be compiled only on the basis of those attendance reports received.

A democracy cannot afford the luxury of citizens who reserve to themselves the right to determine whether certain laws should be obeyed or disobeyed.

When we set down a law, that rule is made for everyone, as are all laws.

What we must all realize, after sifting through all the dissent, all the talk, all the burning, the rock throwing, is that the lowest person under our flag enjoys more equal social justice, more protection of life, liberty and property, and a greater personal freedom than has ever been provided for the common man by any other system in recorded history.

What the radicals in our society say is vastly different from what they do. They demand freedom and equality, they abhor brutality and killing, yet they fan the flame of ugliness by rock throwing, burning and stepping on the freedom of others.

Self discipline goes hand in hand with freedom and democracy, because freedom carries with it much responsibility, and part of what you are doing is to obey laws, which are simply rules of behavior involving the rights of your fellow man.

Whether on the highway, school room, college campus or in our government, if we are to maintain democracy, we must have law and order.

(Excerpts from an address given by Paul Powell, Illinois Secretary of State, at the annual convention of the Illinois Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Springfield, Ill.)

The rolling stone never gathereth moss. — John Heywood.

Philosophy should be an energy; it should find its aim and its effect in the amelioration of mankind. — Victor Hugo.

retained basis not to exceed \$2,000 for any one year. It is believed that such a move, to be taken at the discretion of the American Sokol Executive Committee would vastly improve the image and prestige of the American Sokol movement in the years to come and promote our message to the American public.

2. It is further recommended that Sokol identification be standardized nationally to further promote recognition of the Sokol movement. It is suggested that insignia be standard on all Sokol dress—jackets, shirts, etc. This would be handled by the Sokol Uniform Division.

3. It is also recommended that a Sokol decal be revised from the paste-on to a window decal for distribution by September so that units may purchase same to give to gymnasts and other members of the unit. The decal suggested is that used on the 100th Anniversary.

4. It is further recommended that units and/or districts participate in gymnastic and other activities with local ethnic and fraternal organizations to provide Sokol with additional exposure.

5. It is recommended that the American Sokol public relations booklet be updated and distributed to all units. This will be used by units for instructions on dealing with the news media—newspapers, radio, television and magazines.

6. It is recommended that a unit's Board of Instructors sponsor a family night of gymnastics to further promote interest by parents in the unit's gymnastic activities.

7. Recommended that the American Sokol publication be updated to appeal to young and old; adapt new and modern printing methods and thus reduce present cost of \$32.00 per page; consider lighter grade of paper to reduce mailing costs; retain March issue as presently published with roster of all unit officers (or use this as insert into newspaper type of publication like the Sokol Times, publication of the Slovak Sokol.)

8. Recommended that the unit and district each have a publicity director as per the by-laws of the American Sokol.

Convention Organization Committee Report

The Organization Committee had two meetings, total of 7½ hours of deliberations.

Those present were: John Satek, Art Fischer (Central District). Bro. Rabas of Central District was a member but also on another committee. Same for sis. Nekuda, sis. Bette Trefny, of Cedar Rapids, bro. Karel Jares of Cedar Rapids, sis. Blanche Kubat of Little Ferry, N. J., sis. Rosemarie Janes of Baltimore, Md., sis. Dorothy Mily of Detroit, Mich., sis. Mary Ann Satek of Central District. Bro. Barcal, sis. Nekuda, sis. Zboril visitors.

Our Organization Department is new since our 1965 convention, however, the work it represents has been the backbone of our organization since its founding. The new department has been only a filter, or steering wheel, or assistant or what have you in the contacts, with units and districts.

Your Convention Organization Committee in its meeting thoroughly discussed our problems and I was very pleased with the members of the Committee. All of them were alert, very much aware of our situation and as we went along we could only touch upon items each of which deserved

hours of deliberation—also backing of the Educational Department and Instructors Board. Immediately in the first half hour we agreed that we need a lot of cooperation from our departments of Education, Physical Fitness, Public Relations, units and districts and we will reach out again to our fraternal societies, especially where they have club houses in cities and towns. We must ask full cooperation from them for the benefit of our entire communities. We commend to set up in each district an organization department chairman with a committee composed first of delegates of organizers from units and

2) Each unit to elect an organizer who with a committee will work in the unit and cooperate with district to increase all phases of unit development.

3) Additional recommendations include consideration of matters which each unit can list in their home rules, such as suspend or set minimum dues for our boys and girls in military service, for our boys and girls leaving for college or other reasons all with the hopes that they will return to the Sokol gym.

4) To do more clinics, workshop and courses, membership drives, social events, in all parts of the country to include the organization department part time to increase ability and understanding of our administration offices, educational and organization department executive board, etc.

We recommend a budget of \$700.00 per year to be used for attendance of Organization Chairman of American Sokol, or person substituting — for meeting in all Districts at least once per year — and expense directly incurred in the department. Expenses covering activities of District Organization will be covered by special assessment fund set up in headquarters, each expenditure to be designated in advance as per rules set up. Issue a quarterly Bulletin.

We have recommended to our Executive Board in the past and do so again in this Convention that more jurisdiction be practiced by our Districts over the units keeping in mind that such cooperation is expected. We recommend to all Districts that they conduct an exchange of delegates among the main department, i.e., Board of Instructors, Educational, Organizational and Public Relations.

Thank you.

Emilie Ruzicka, Chairman
Dorothy Mily, Secretary

Approved Budget for the American Sokol Organization for the Interim Period July 1, 1970, Through June 30, 1975

The special assessment of \$1.00 per year per member to be paid with the last quarter report of each year, as approved in the ASO. convention in 1965 to be continued for the next five years. The interest earned on this fund to remain with the ASO. as part of the income for administrative purposes. Supervision of this fund to remain with the ASO.-BOI.

The convention fund is increased from 25c per member per year to 50c per member per year to be paid with the last quarter report of each year.

The regular membership dues paid to the ASO. are increased from 50c per quarter to 75c per quarter, making a total of \$3.00 per year.

The per diem scale is raised from \$15.00 per day to \$20.00 per day.

Finance Committee:
 Bro. George Basta, Chairman
 Bro. Frank Novak
 Bro. Lad Voris
 Sis. Agnes Sotka
 Bro. Victor Pokorny
 Bro. Jack Lang
 Sis. Louise Nekuda

Postage 3,000.00
 Printing and supplies 40,000.00

TOTAL \$ 49,000.00

TOTAL COST OF OPERATING ASO. FOR 5 YEARS \$152,000.00

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Dues\$108,000.00
 Interest26,500.00
 Slet income 8,500.00
 Advertising 5,000.00
 Miscellaneous income 4,000.00
TOTAL \$152,000.00

ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATION:

Administration Department:
 Salaries\$ 32,000.00
 Rent 14,000.00
 Telephone 2,200.00
 Postage 1,200.00
 Janitor supplies and services. 1,500.00
 Insurance 1,000.00
 Public Service 600.00
 Printing and supplies 6,000.00
 Dues and fees 100.00
 Conferences 1,000.00
 Travel expense 5,000.00
 Public relations 2,000.00
TOTAL \$ 66,600.00

Board of Instructors Dept.:
 Salaries\$ 15,000.00
 Postage 800.00
 Printing and supplies 5,000.00
 Dues and fees 500.00
 Conferences 2,000.00
 Schools and courses 5,000.00
 Travel expense 3,000.00
 Sokol gymnast 2,100.00
 Miscellaneous expense 3,000.00
TOTAL \$ 36,400.00

Publication Department:
 "American Sokol"
 (16 pages per month including Sokol Gymnast)
 Salaries\$ 6,000.00

Convention Nominating Committee Report

President Bro. Stanley Barcal
 I Vice President Sis. Betty Prener
 II Vice President Bro. Rudolph Svoboda
 Secretary Sis. June Pros
 Treasurer Bro. George Basta
 Financial Secretary Sis. Agnes Sotka
 Editor American Sokol
 Educational Director Bro. Edwin Halik
 Organizational Director Sis. Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka
 Public Relations Sis. Anne Basta
 Executive Board Sis. Josephine Drnec
 Bro. Jerry Rabas
 Bro. Joseph Drnec
 Alternates Bro. Edward Schnabl
 Sis. Lorraine Zdenek
 Bro. Edward Hlinka
 Auditing Committee Sis. Ann Falta
 Sis. Jarmila Domansky
 Sis. Anne Fara
 Bro. James Berousek
 Women's Director Sis. Ellen Jeanne Schnabl
 Men's Director Bro. Edward Linhart

Nominating Committee: Chairman, Joseph Drnec (Central District); Joseph Pazour (Western District); Mildred Krejci (Western District); Vaclav Salak (Pacific District); Jerry Milan (Southern District); Roy Zitny (Central District); Robert Jirousek (Northeastern District); Matthew Neumann (Eastern District); Anne Halik (Central District).

The following proposal is being presented for consideration:

"ASO. EXECUTIVE BOARD EMERITUS AWARD"

An honorary membership to the ASO. Executive Board members who have dedicated themselves unselfishly and served to perpetuate the Sokol Ideals, Aims and Goals.

Sister Blanche and Brother James Cihak
 Sister Ann Falta
 Brother Frank Vodrazka

REPORT OF THE A.S.O. II VICE-PRESIDENT, GEORGE BASTA

During my term of office I have attended over 84% of all regularly scheduled meetings of the ASO. Executive Board and many special officers meetings that were called when necessary. During this term I have taken part in all discussions and helped wherever possible. One of the first duties was to aid in the revision of the membership quarterly reports. The form was simplified and sample

copies were mailed to all units along with instruction sheets.

Was appointed Membership Chairman. Formed a committee which met and decided to run a monthly column in the American Sokol, "The Sokols Speak." The thought behind this was to get ideas and ways of attracting new members and to stimulate constructive criticism. The request for articles appeared

twice in the American Sokol, June and October 1968, and to this day not one article has been submitted for publication.

A suggestion was received to form a Membership Kit which could be presented to a new member when he or she is accepted into the unit. A Membership Kit was compiled and consists of: Sokol Pin — Membership Card — "Sokol and the Sokol Idea" — Sokol Organization brochure — Decal.

This kit has had very favorable results and is being incorporated into the installation ceremony of units for new members.

During my term of office, I was called upon to serve as Slet Chairman. This job was indeed challenging and interesting. A brief report as Slet Chairman was written and published in the American Sokol.

Nazdar!

ASO. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting Held July 28, 1970

The meeting was called to order by bro. S. Barcal, President, at 8:05 p.m. Bro. Barcal extended a warm welcome to both the newly elected and the present members of the Executive Board.

Present: Brothers J. Cihak, G. Basta, E. Linhart, C. Prchal, R. Svoboda. Sisters A. Basta, A. Falta, A. Fara, B. Prener, L. Zdenek.

Newly elected: Brothers Joe Drnec, E. Halik, E. Hlinka. Sisters Josephine Drnec, J. Pros, E. J. Schnabl, A. Sotka.

Excused: Brothers J. Rabas, F. Vodrazka, E. Schnabl. Sisters B. Cihak, E. Welcl-Ruzicka.

Bro. Barcal stated that the present Executive Board will take care of the final matters pertaining to it and the installation of the newly elected Executive Board will follow.

Minutes of meeting held May 28, 1970, accepted as submitted.

Correspondence: Invitation to participate in Flower Show to be held in March 1971 at McCormick Place was referred to sis. A. Basta, who will contact the Garden Club and get their reaction. — Letter from Arthur Rubloff & Co. advising new Building Manager effective August 1 is Mr. R. Marcott. — Southern District, Pres. bro. Geo. Prevratil, sent his approval of the minutes of the last session of the Convention. Also advised Southern District Slet in Ennis, Texas, was a huge success. — Western District, Pres. bro. E. J. Pavoucek expressed his sincere appreciation for cooperation afforded him during the XI American Sokol Organization Convention. — Letter from Mr. Miroslav Stavinoha of New Zealand requesting first day covers of Centennial Stamp, which will be sent to him. His request for T. G. Masaryk Champions of Liberty stamp will be referred to bro. Joe Janecka. — Sokol West Suburban sent name of Publicity Chairman. — Invoice from bro. A. Suster covering Convention expense, which will be checked.

District Minutes: Southern District minutes of meeting held July 16, 1970.

Reports: Sis. L. Zdenek, Dir. of Women, American Sokol Organization, Board of Instructors, read her report for the months of June and July 1970. Attended Scholarship Committee meeting. Attended all sessions of the Convention and all meetings of the Convention Board of Instructors. Submitted

request for funds in amount \$264.70 from the Pacific District for 2-day clinic held in April 1970, to be charged to the Special Assessment Fund. All approvals were in order and request approved for payment. Western District submitted report covering Organization Meeting held May 9, 1970, with request for funds of \$82.89, to be charged to the Special Assessment Fund. Proper approvals were attached and their request for payment approved. Approved that sis. Anne Halik, who represented sis. L. Zdenek at Monessen, is to present her bill for travel and per diem expense.

Bro. E. Linhart, Dir. of Men, American Sokol Organization, Board of Instructors, reported on the Western District Slet held in Cedar Rapids June 12-14, 1970, where he represented the American Sokol Organization. He was presented with a plaque making him an honorary member of the Western District. Also read his report on the 75th Jubilee Slet in Monessen, Pa. June 25-28, 1970. Bro. Linhart is to present his bill for transportation and 4 days per diem covering trip to Monessen. Approved.

Editor: Bro. C. Prchal reported the June issue of American Sokol was out June 14 and there were more than sufficient copies at the Convention. July-August issue—most of it is set. Waiting for some pictures. Would like to get issue out on time. Attended the parade of the Captive Nations. Suggests Sokols take part in future events. A Presidential Proclamation has designated a week as Captive Nations Week and a parade is held on Saturday of that week.

Educational Dir.: No report other than that given at Convention.

Public Relations: Sis. A. Basta reports she is obtaining prices for decals and hopes to get these out in September—a window decal. Arrangements have been made to take pictures of newly elected Executive Board in September meeting.

Financial Secretary: Sis. A. Falta read June 1970 report of income and expense. Reported that bros. Vodrazka, Basta and sisters Sotka and Falta took inventory of contents of safety deposit box. Bro. Vodrazka turned key over to bro. Geo. Basta, and sis. A. Falta turned key over to sis. Agnes Sotka. Office key turned in. Sis. Falta was thanked by bro. Barcal for her many years of effort on behalf of the American Sokol Organization.

Organization Comm.: Sis. E. Welcl-Ruzicka sent report of activity in Miami. Also information pertinent to Miami tour, which will be taken into account. In the matter of check issued, payment will be stopped on check in question and new check issued.

Secretary: Office report: Sis. A. Sotka. All financial reports prepared as well as 5-year membership and Special Assessment report for Convention. All correspondence, pertaining to Accounting Dept., was answered. Bills pertaining to Uniform Division referred to sis. J. Pros. Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs, So. Omaha, reports 33 new members, total now 350 men. Gave bro. Geo. Basta quarterly report form showing changes in dues for women and Convention Fund, as approved by Convention. Letter will be sent to all units regarding changes as well as new forms to Financial Secretaries. Received 2 plaques as ordered. — Secretary sis. B. Prener. Letters of thanks were written to the

Northeastern District and various people for their efforts on behalf of our XI Convention. Prepared draft of letter to be sent to units concerning the Special Assessment Fund, Convention Fund increase, and increase in women's dues to the American Sokol Organization. Convention Fund increase to 50c per member is payable at the end of the 4th quarter for the year 1970; increase in women's dues to the American Sokol Organization becomes effective with the 3rd quarter. Briefed sis. J. Pros on the duties pertinent to the office of Secretary. Also met with sisters Falta and Pros and set up itinerary for 14-day tour to Miami in November.

Uniform Division: Sis. J. Pros reported total amount received and disbursed to date. Has placed order for uniforms for delivery in September. Postage charges will be billed to the customer. Checking account signatures will be changed.

Tour to Florida: Sis. J. Pros set up tentative 2-week tour to Miami starting November 4, 1970. Itinerary and explanation given and report will be published in American Sokol.

President: Attended Sokol U.S.A. Convention and competitions. Discussed future plans with them. Discussed future Slets. Gave full report.

Installation: Bro. Barcal asked bro. C. Prchal to do the honors of installing the newly elected members of the Executive Board. Bro. Prchal proceeded to install the newly elected members. He thanked those who worked in the last 5 years and that this work will make an impression in the ensuing years. We have an organization that has tradition and a history to be proud of. To the new Executive Board stressed our representation of an organization 105 years old; brotherhood a fundamental part of Sokol, and wished all success and happiness in our work.

General: Authorized signatures on checking account shall be: Stanley Barcal, George Basta, Agnes Sotka, June Pros—three out of four required (Treasurer's signature compulsory).

Uniform Division authorized signatures on checking account shall be: Stanley Barcal, George Basta, June Pros—two out of three required.

Required signature cards and resolutions from savings and Loan will be obtained.

Safety deposit box: Stanley Barcal, June Pros, George Basta, Agnes Sotka—two out of four.

The Convention did not elect an Editor. Bro. C. Prchal will continue as Editor until a new one is obtained and will finish the present volume of American Sokol for the year 1970.

Bro. Barcal presented the Emeritus Award bestowed by the Convention to sis. Anne Falta and bro. James Cihak, and asked bro. Cihak to present the award to sis. Blanche Cihak, who was unable to be present. Bro. Frank Vodrazka, who is to receive this award, was unable to be present at this meeting.

By-Laws: These will be sent out for bids. A dozen cuts of our Sokol emblem are to be ordered. The minutes of Wednesday's session of the Convention will be sent to all delegates.

Bro. C. Basta reports taking inventory of contents of safety deposit box. A complete report will be made at next meeting.

Additional insurance needed on stock will be obtained by bro. G. Basta.

Recommended reading—moved by bro. Cihak we purchase copies of "The Greek Way to Western Civilization" by Edith Hamilton. This depicts the Golden Age of Greece.

Bro. E. Halik, Educational Director, asked permission to conduct Educational Committee meetings in office. Granted.

General discussion ensued concerning Convention. Reminded CSA Convention starting next week. Convention and banquet of Unity of Czech Ladies and Men is scheduled (banquet for August 14). Reservation for banquet will be sent.

Next meeting scheduled for September 22, 1970.
Betty Prener, Secretary

Financial Report ASO. June 1970

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 1,591.00
Convention Fund	38.00
Special assessment	219.00
Dividends and interest	496.22
Subscriptions and contributions to "American Sokol"	10.00
Resale of jewelry and plaques	136.00
Sokol belting, emblems, pants	43.50
Membership kits, Manuals, "Progressive Czech"	18.50
Resale of office supplies	32.36
Postage	7.80
Miscellaneous	1.50

Total Income\$ 2,593.88

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department

Salaries	\$ 351.38
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for May	164.40
Rental, janitor service, phone ..	256.45
Printing and office supplies	191.53
Maintenance—business machines	50.70
Jewelry	232.19
Travel expense	512.00
Administrative expense	500.00
Petty cash	45.90
Miscellaneous	22.00

\$ 2,326.55

Educational Department BOI.

Salaries	\$ 219.44
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for May	38.40
Phone	13.20
"Progressive Czech"	72.00
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast"	28.00

\$ 396.04

Sokol Publication

Editor "American Sokol"	\$ 75.00
Printing "American Sokol"	1,140.78

\$ 1,215.78

Miscellaneous

Convention expense	\$8,861.50
Plaques	43.54
Uniform Division—Salary	162.84
Uniform Div.—Office supplies..	7.70

\$ 9,075.58

Total Disbursements\$13,013.95

BALANCE:

Totals brought forward:
 Western Nat'l. Bank of Cicero—checking
 account\$19,262.95
 Income — June 1970 2,593.88

\$21,856.83

Disbursements — June 1970 13,013.95

\$ 8,842.88

**Financial Report ASO.
 July 1970**

INCOME:

Dues\$ 1,799.25
 T. G. Masaryk dues 21.00
 Dividends and interest 153.75
 Subscriptions and advertising "American
 Sokol" 189.00
 Resale of jewelry 93.90
 Slet shoulder patches 1.50
 Postage 1.28
 Convention delegate refund 92.80

Total Income\$ 2,352.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department
 Salaries\$229.47
 F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for June 128.86
 Ill. Withholding Tax—2nd qtr.
 1970 45.14
 Rental, janitor service, phone,
 electric 302.79
 Printing and office supplies 17.14
 Jewelry 292.78
 Travel expense 76.20
 Advertising 60.00
 Miscellaneous 2.00

\$ 1,154.38

Educational Department BOI.
 Salaries\$219.44
 F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for June 38.40
 Ill. Withholding Tax—2nd qtr.
 1970 12.48
 Travel expense 123.45
 Editor "Sokol Gymnast" 25.00

\$ 418.77

Sokol Publication
 Editor "American Sokol"\$ 75.00
 Refund for subscription to
 "American Sokol" 3.00

\$ 78.00

Miscellaneous
 Convention expense\$118.84
 Uniform Division 107.49
 Special appropriations—
 Western District \$ 82.89
 Pacific District 264.70 \$347.59

\$ 573.92

Total Disbursements\$ 2,225.07

BALANCE:

Totals brought forward:
 Western Na'tl. Bank of Cicero—checking
 account\$ 8,842.88

Income — July 1970 2,352.48

\$11,195.36

Disbursements — July 1970 2,225.07

\$ 8,970.29

Future Sokol Leaders Fund

Annette Macoun\$ 20.00
 Agnes Kyndl and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schultz,
 in memory of Marie Balek 10.00
 Sokol Hopkins, in memory of sister Josefa
 Poul 8.00
 Jerry Pech, in memory of Josefa Ctrnacty .. 10.00
 In memory of James Joseph Kolar:
 John and Mary Urbanek 10.00
 Glenn and Rosemary DeVries 10.00
 Albert and Eleanor Ward 10.00
 Jerry and Ruth Swedeen 10.00
 Charles and Irene Ruzicka 10.00
 Albert and Helen Ruzicka 10.00
 Belle City Savings & Loan Assn.—Dividend 1.25
 Frank J. and Antoinette Pelich\$ 2.00
 Victoria Machotka, in memory of Albert
 Witt 15.00
 Hoyne Savings & Loan Assn.—dividend 143.75

\$270.00

The above contributions are tax exempt.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

May 14, 1970

REPORTS OF UNITS:

Corpus Christi—April 17 chili supper and style show, also a short gymnastic program.

Dallas—Several gymnasts participated in the Polka Festival parade and program. Two junior boys who placed first and second in exploratory Olympics Meet were awarded with a trip to Fort Collins, Colorado. Unit is planning to purchase more equipment. Provided Sokol Corpus Christi with two mats and a high bar.

Ennis—Participated in the two-day Polka Festival of the city (festival was a huge success). Project on agenda to raise funds for equipment. Building Committee making plans for fund drive. Joined the Chamber of Commerce.

Fort Worth—Participated in the volleyball tournament in Dallas. Children's competition of the Unit, May 25. Provided Sokol Corpus Christi with two sets of parallel bars.

Houston—Socials on Sundays. Monthly newsletter sent out. Committee appointed for the exhibits for the Convention.

Sokol Yukon—Listings of 4 deceased members since 1965.

Report of Public Relations and Educational Director bro. Milan: The 1967 Mid-Slet film which he delivered to Monterrey, Mexico, personally, is being returned.

Report of Directors: Brother Laznovsky reports that approximately 75 gymnasts participated in the parade and gymnastic program during the Polka Festival. Had mailed attendance reports to ASO.-BOI.

Sister Laznovsky reports receiving request by the ASO.-BOI. for attendance reports. Had received the new price list for uniforms, changes in prostna moves, tape for floor exercises. Will make copies of tape for Units.

Discussions: Shoulder patches—Brother Prevratil received a sample of the shoulder patch and quote of prices. Patches are of the same design as the 1967 Mid-Slet with a change on the wording. District will purchase 684 patches.

Gymnastic program presented at Sokol Ennis during the Polka Festival received enthusiastic attention by a large crowd. Program under the direction of Unit's directors, Larry and Sylvia Laznovsky. Bro. Prevratil served as master of ceremonies.

After the parade a short, entertainment program was presented on a downtown street. Among other activities a demonstration on the trampoline was presented by the Sokols, a picture and write-up of the activity appear in the Dallas Morning News.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1970-1971

Fodor's Czechoslovakia 1970-1971 is a very detailed and comprehensive guide to this small but history rich Iron Curtain country. In planning a tour of a foreign country we acquaint ourselves with the highlights of the land and know what to expect in the way of historical sites and beautiful scenery. Less often do we know what to expect of the people and their way of life. Because we are only passing through, we are apt to judge superficially and too often erroneously. Fodor's book prepares us to better understand the character and foibles of the Czechoslovak people.

Because of its small size (49,321 sq. miles) and geographic location Czechoslovakia has been subjugated by powerful neighbors for centuries. At one time the cultural seat of Europe, Bohemia became an Austrian Protectorate after the 30 Year War in the 17th century. The Slovaks were already under Hungarian rule for centuries and remained so until 1918. After W.W. I the golden dream was realized and Bohemia and Slovakia became the Czechoslovak Republic. Its government was patterned after that of the U.S. The dream was short-lived, however. In 1939 it was betrayed by England and France and handed over to Germany. After Hitler's defeat in 1945 it once more was a free country. This time for only three brief years. In 1948 the Communists took over and today it is a Russian satellite. Because Bohemia shared in the western culture in the Middle Ages and was for a short time a democracy, there is a rapport between the Czechs and American tourists.

Czechoslovakia is divided into 3 parts. Bohemia in the west, Slovakia in the east and Moravia in between.

While they are one ethnic group, there are differences between them. Czechs (Bohemians) and Moravians speak an identical language and their way of life is very similar. However, the Moravians are a fiercely proud people and insist on their own individuality. One simply does not call a Moravian a Czech! The Slovak language while understood by the Czechs is slightly different. Due to Hun-

garian domination for 1,000 years it also differs somewhat in customs and outlook.

The people of Czechoslovakia are music lovers and theater goers. Every good sized town has its theater and music hall or opera house. The National Theater in Prague is outstanding. The oldest and most beautiful is the Renaissance Theater in the castle at Cesky Krumlov. Komarno, Slovakia, boasts the Jungarian National Theater and also in Slovakia, The Ukrainian National Theater. Czechoslovak movies have won numerous international awards in recent years. There are many festivals throughout the country. A few of the outstanding are the Spring Music Festival in Prague; the Folklore Festival held in Rohatec in southern Moravia; the Dance Festival in Vychodna in northern Slovakia and the Ukrainian Song and Dance Festival in Svidni, eastern Slovakia.

There are at least 58 spas in Czechoslovakia, whose mineral, thermal and radio-active springs, together with treatment, reputedly alleviate every disease known to man! They are inexpensive, all situated in scenic areas and offer a variety of entertainment and recreation. The two most famous are Carlsbad and Marienbad, which enjoyed great popularity around the turn of the century when the crowned heads of Europe came to take the cure.

Czechoslovakia has much to offer the skier and hunter. The Tatra Mountains in northern Slovakia were made for skiing. The Carpathian Mountains in western Slovakia and the Krkonose Range in northern Bohemia also have excellent ski runs. For the hunter who is prepared to pay upward of \$1,500 for the privilege of bagging a bear, wild boar or a stag, the place is Topolcianky in western Slovakia. The preserve covers 4,800 acres. The marsh lands in western Slovakia are excellent for water fowl and small game. Spelunkers will enjoy the caves in Jahodnik, Slovakia, and the ice caves in the Demanova Valley.

Czechoslovakia is a paradise for students of architecture. Castles, cathedrals, fortresses and churches abound. Every good sized town has its fortress and church, some dating as far back as 900 A.D. The architecture runs the gamut of Romanesque, early Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance, New Gothic and Modern. Few early Gothic structures remain in their entirety. 17th century Baroque predominates. Golden Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia, is the highlight of every Czech tour. Here in Old Town, one goes back into the 14th century. It is a veritable treasure trove for the history and architect student. There are innumerable churches and memorials, each one rich in history. The oldest Jewish Ghetto in Europe, dating back to the 9th century, is found here. The synagogue dates back to 1270. Here also one finds the memorial to John Hus, one of Bohemia's greatest heroes. Antedating Martin Luther by 100 years, Hus was a religious reformer. Rebelling against the tyranny of the Roman Catholic Church, he was burned at the stake. From that day to this he has lived and will continue to live in every Czech heart.

Hradcany Castle, built on a hill, dominates Prague. Originally a fort built in the 9th century, it was the home of kings, the seat of presidents and is now occupied by the Communist leaders of the country.

No travel guide is complete without the mention of food. International cuisine is found in all the large hotels, but the tourist must try national fare at least once. In Bohemia it is pork, (or duck) dumplings and sauerkraut, washed down with beer of which there is none better in the world. The dessert should be strudel which surpasses the German and Viennese type. This is topped with slivovice (plum brandy). In Slovakia the food is spicier and leans toward the Hungarian. You should try the famous chicken paprika with noky (a type of dumpling). Wine replaces beer and for dessert a delicious jam-filled pancake called palacinka.

The country is noted for its glassware, ceramics, garnet and lace. This takes care of the souvenir problem.

Czechoslovakia is criss crossed by air routes, rail and bus lines. It can be reached from any capital in Europe by air. Because it is a small country it can be covered in a comparatively short time. The cost of a tour is difficult to pin down of course. Roughly the cost can be divided into 4

categories: Deluxe \$40 per day; comfortable \$30; economical \$20; adventurous \$10. Round trip air jet rates from New York to Prague are \$852 for first class and \$611 for tourist. No health certificates are necessary for entry, but United States and Canada require proof of small pox vaccination (no older than 3 years) for re-entry. In the event of accident, first aid treatment is available free to visitors from countries who have a reciprocal agreement with CSSR. Others must pay.

Cedok, the National Travel Agency, is indispensable in planning a tour of Czechoslovakia. It makes the trip pleasant and trouble free. It will see to reservations, visas, permits, money exchange, car rental, customs' problems—in short every detail of travel. There are Cedok offices in all the larger cities, and also in the capitals of Europe and New York City. It has at least one English speaking representative in most of its larger offices.

Numerous illustrations in the book help visualize the beauty and history of the country.

C. M. Prchal

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at the XI Convention of the American Sokol Organization

Resolution #1

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, extend thanks to you for your interest and congratulatory message.

We hope to continue serving in this way, with your encouragement.

Resolution #2

Honorable Spiro Agnew
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Agnew:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to 24, 1970, thank you for your cordial greetings and congratulations.

We pledge to you as Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports our fullest cooperation to continue to promote through gymnastics and good personal habits a better America.

Resolution #3

Honorable James A. Rhodes
Governor State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Governor Rhodes:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleve-

land, Ohio, from June 22 to 24, 1970, extend hearty thanks to the State of Ohio for all the kindness and courtesy provided during our stay in the Buckeye State.

Our 105 years of providing healthy and morally sound youth, men and women to better serve Ohio and the United States has been our major commitment.

Your cooperation will help us to continue to achieve these goals.

Resolution #4

Brother Ralph J. Perk
Auditor, Cuyahoga County
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Perk:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, thank you for your congratulatory wishes on behalf of the government of Cuyahoga County for a successful convention.

We are proud to boast that you are a Sokol member and further hope that your cooperative spirit in the Sokol ideals will continue for years to come.

Nazdar!

Resolution #5

Honorable Carl B. Stokes
Mayor, City of Cleveland

Dear Mayor Stokes:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, extend thanks to you for your "American Sokol Days in Cleveland" proclamation.

We thank you and the people of Cleveland for all the many courtesies extended to us during our stay in your fine city.

Your recognition of the principles upon which the Sokol movement was created will be ever in our thoughts and it is our hope that such cooperation will continue for years to come.

Resolution #6

John S. Nagy, Commissioner
Division of Parks and Recreation
City of Cleveland
Room 8, City Hall
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Nagy:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, thank you for your cooperation and encouragement for a successful convention.

The Sokol ideals and methods of training for over 105 years have provided America with youth, men and women in preparing them as better citizens. Your continued cooperation will insure our success.

Resolution #7

Western Bohemian Fraternal Assn.
1900 1st Avenue N.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Czechoslovak Society of America
2138 South 61st Court
Cicero, Illinois 60650

Slovanic Benevolent Order of Texas
Box 100
Temple, Texas

Slovanic Mutual Fire Insurance Assn.
Box 13337
San Antonio, Texas 78213

Unity of Czech Ladies and Men
6907 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

Czechoslovak Legionnaires
c/o Lada Kiml, President

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

Whereas the American Sokol Organization is in need of the continual support of these Fraternal Benefit Societies

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that all of the delegates assembled at the XI American Sokol Organization held in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 22, 23, and 24, 1970, by a rising vote of thanks, express their appreciation to Western Bohemian Fraternal Association, Czechoslovak Society of America, Slovanic Benevolent Order of Texas, Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, Slovanic Mutual Fire Insurance Association and Czechoslovak Legionnaires for their unselfish aid and support given to the American Sokol Organization in its efforts to promulgate the teaching of Fuegner and Tyrš on the American soil.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the above named organizations.

Resolution #8

We strongly believe that Tyrš' Sokol thought still lives in Czechoslovakia.

We believe that today's terrorist government will not break the Sokol spirit and ideals, which were always pillars of freedom and democracy, but that hope will be strengthened so that there will once come a day when the people of Czechoslovakia will live again in freedom.

We believe with the suppressed Sokol movement in Czechoslovakia that there will come a day when the Sokol banner will again freely fly over Strahov and all Czechoslovakia.

Resolution #9

Czechoslovak National Council of America

The XI American Sokol Organization Convention convened in Cleveland, Ohio, June 22-24, 1970, recognizes your organization's co-operation and sponsorship during the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic in September 1968 in Washington, D. C.

In the firm belief in freedom and democracy we assure you of our support and co-operation for increasing growth of Czechoslovak culture in America.

Resolution #10

Whereas the XII American Sokol Slet, held in Chicago, Illinois in June 1969 was a great moral and financial success, and

Whereas the XI National Convention delegates gratefully acknowledge the sacrifice and expended efforts of the American Sokol Organization Executive Board, the Slet Committee and the Central District,

Therefore be it resolved that the officers and delegates of the American Sokol Organization XI National Convention extend a vote of thanks to all who participated in the XII Slet preparations.

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Georgia Hulac

Georgia Hulac was a žákyně while her mother was teaching at Sokol Omaha. She really loved the Sokol. She stayed until she went to the University of Nebraska, where she took a course in Physical Education. She graduated in 1954, with a Bachelor of Science degree. She taught at a high school for three years in Omaha, in Physical Education. Then went to Greensboro, North Carolina, received her Master of Education degree in 1959.

From there she taught at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., as an instructor in Physical Education until 1966 and then went to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She was teaching and also going to school to receive her Doctor of Philosophy degree. She graduated June 5, 1970, as a Doctor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

She will be a professor at Washington State University at Pullman, Wash.

I'm quite sure if she hadn't had the training from Sokol when she did she wouldn't have been so interested in Physical Education.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hulac.

Sokol and Sokolice of Omaha, Nebr.

Brother Eugene Prostredek Celebrated 75th Birthday

Bro. Eugene Prostredek of Sokol Philadelphia observed his 75th birthday on August 5th, 1970.

He has been active in Sokol since his youth as a gymnast, "závodník," "náčelník" and President of his Unit.

Eugene was delegate to many conventions, traveled extensively in the Eastern District (and elsewhere) for meetings, Slets and various other Sokol activities. Defended ideals, which made this land the greatest of all, because only with the survival of these ideals, the greatness of America will be preserved.

Bro. Prostredek's devotion to the ideals of the American Sokol Organization always played a considerable part in upbuilding these ideals, happiness and success through a healthy body and sound state of mind—the immediate and ultimate goal, aim and purpose of our Sokol.

Heartiest wishes for many, many years of good health and contentment. — Nazdar!

Naše akce v Nebrasce.

Organisační síť české obrodné práce v Nebrasce byla rozšířena založením Českého klubu a to v Saunders okresu se sídlem ve Wahoo. Zakládání těchto klubů ve střediscích českého osídlení bylo našim cílem od začátku naší obrodné práce v Nebrasce a je dokladem našeho viditelného úspěchu. Tyto kluby ve Wilber, Dwight, Schuyler, Omaze, Komenský klub na universitě v Lincoln a nyní i ve Wahoo, jsou členy vrcholné české organizace "Nebraska Czechs Inc." Na ustavující schůzi klubu ve Wahoo byla zvolena pí. Stormová předsedkou, pí. Houšková 1. místopředs., pí. Hradská 2. místopředs., sekretářkou sl. Sudíková, pokladní sl. Divišová. První královnu klubu ve Wahoo je Karla Svobodová. Klub ve Wahoo je v centru početného českého osídlení a má velmi příznivou základnu pro českou obrodnou práci v Saunders okresu. Nový klub také plánuje kurs české konverzáce v podzimních měsících. Značnou zásluhu o založení tohoto klubu mají obětavé pracovnice z Omahy pí. Slabá a Thompsonová. — K.

MEMORIES



Dr. J. Rudis-Jicinsky

As I browse thru the writings, news clippings and pictures, all yellow with age, of my father, Dr. J. Rudis-Jicinsky, I am amazed at the work he crowded into his comparatively short span of life. I am very proud of the high respect the Czechs hold for him to this day. Also for his writings as Editor of Sokol Americký and the now extinct "Svornost," and his many articles as a doctor and

humanitarian, etc. But very little is known about his private life, only amongst his most intimate friends and his family and that was his role of "father."

He may have been precise in all his work and a great disciplinarian, but at home he was putty in our hands! Dear dad never spanked any of his three girls—leaving this to mother, who always said, "Just wait until tatinek comes home!" We waited and as usual nothing happened.

His only law at home was that we attend the Sokol classes on Wednesday and Czech School on Sunday. His words "mluvte česky" still ring in my ears. After that we were very much on our own.

Father was born in Jičín, Bohemia, thus the pen name of Jičinsky. He came to this country and settled in Chicago, with his parents and later on taking the position of editor of the newspaper Svornost for seven years. He then moved on to Omaha, Nebr., accepting the position as editor on the newspaper "Pokrok Západu." Being very ambitious he entered the field of medicine and attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebr. in 1896, where he

received his M.D. degree.



Daughter
Mrs. S. R.
Stoffels

Later on he accepted a position in Crete, Nebr., where he was to become the only Czech doctor in the town. Here he was very busy and popular with the folks. In fact too much work for one doctor. He was a great doctor but a poor business man. At that time money was scarce, but the Czechs are a very honest people and tried paying their bills at least in part and the balance would be paid in produce. Almost weekly the farmers would come to the house with a load of potatoes and apples, etc. Our cellar (NOT basement, as that word was unheard of in those days) was bursting at the seams. Ah! yes, gals, and gallons of pure honey. We lived like millionaires—squab, pheasants, frog legs, ducks, etc., etc., EVEN on wash days! Those really were the days! To me this was heaven itself. We even had our private zoo—two horses, a goat, rabbits, dog and several cats, what more could one ask for? Naturally some of the pets got loose and wandered around the neighborhood, the word "rabies" was unknown, so no one cared.

Our household consisted of women, mother and three girls, and I knew that father was disappointed when I as the second one turned out to be a girl, as he really wanted a boy to follow his M.D. footsteps, at any rate he was "stuck" with me. My mother was sort of a romantic type and was determined to name me after some grand opera character and for once my father had the last word and named me Silva. Even though I was a girl this did not stop father from the idea that I could become a famous lady M.D. So at the ripe old age of five I was studying anatomy—we had a real skeleton and before long I was able to name all the bones in the body—at this time it was fun—especially showing off before guests—but little did I know that this was a "sneaky" way to the road of medics! Along with my studies I was taught the art of self-defense, and I'm sure my father was pleased with me.

Years passed by and father was too ambitious to remain in a small town—he became interested in Roentgen rays and radium in the treatment of cancer, he was anxious to specialize in this field, so we moved on to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (my world fell apart) where about 50% of the population were Czechs. Father purchased the first X-ray machine in town and was one of the founders of the Roentgen Society in this country. He also collaborated with Mme. Curie in the treatment of cancer with radium.

His office rooms in the building on 213 South 2nd Street, still stands in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The front suite of rooms were dad's and the back suite belonged to Congressman James Good and Mr. H. Hoover. After school and vacation time I automatically became receptionist for the two offices, and needless to say I met many a distinguished guest. I found Mr. Hoover one of the finest gentleman of all times.

Not only were the offices a place for business but a gathering place of the town's intellectuals—namely, Mr. L. Palda, F. Filip, J. J. Hajek, etc., etc., and Prof. Masaryk (at that time) and daughter Alice and son Jan—but they are all gone now.

William Kolomaznik

On Sunday, July 12th, the membership of Sokol Baltimore was saddened to hear of the passing of bro. William Kolomaznik at the age of 64.

To write about bro. Kolomaznik would require many pages because he had spent his entire life in Sokol. His father, Joseph Kolomaznik, had served as financial secretary of the Unit for about 40 years and he enrolled Willie in the gym classes at the age of five. As a junior and senior, he was a very good gymnast and he was a member of the Board of Instructors. His wife, the former Sophie Hacker, was the Director of Women for several years.

During the 47 years that he was a member of Sokol Baltimore, he served on many committees. In 1960 he was elected to the presidency, a position which he held with dignity and great ability for eight years.

Funeral services were held on July 16th and bro. Donald Otenasek delivered the eulogy. Members of Sokol Baltimore were pallbearers and delegations from Sokolice Baltimore and Sokol Belcamp, Curtis Bay and Washington served as honorary pallbearers.

A great deal of the history of Sokol Baltimore was buried with bro. William Kolomaznik when he was lowered into his grave at the Bohemian National Cemetery and also a great deal of gentility, kindness and true Christian spirit. Our sincere condolences go to his widow, Sophie, and to the members of his splendid family. Čest budiž jeho památce!
Ed Stetka

J. J. Novak

February 6, 1878 — June 6, 1970

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that Sokol Wilber must announce the death of bro. J. J. Novak at the age of 92.

Bro. Novak was Deputy County Treasurer for a few years before he went into the banking business

In 1914 World War I broke out and father came back to Chicago and accepted the position as head M.D. and joined the millionaire Frothingham Expedition with the American doctors and nurses and set sail for Skoplje, Serbia, where they did a tremendous job healing the sick and wounded at the Serbian Hospital.

Later in 1919-20 he joined the American Red Cross expedition leaving for Siberia via San Francisco, Honolulu, Vladivostok and the Urals. His assignment was duty at the typhus hospital at Petropavlovsk. While there the horse driven sleigh in which he was riding was upset and father received serious injuries. He was returned to Chicago where he received the best of medical care but later succumbed to a fatal cerebral hemorrhage on April 28, 1930. As his last request he was cremated and his ashes repose on the main floor of the Columbarium at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago.

He was a Rush Medical Alumnus and a member of Plzensky Sokol. Forty years have passed and words seem futile and inadequate—he was my father and I adored him.

Silva

in the National Bank of Wilber. He was now the President of the Saline State Bank. He also was a former Mayor of Wilber; served as a member of the Wilber School Board, a former member of the Wilber Fire Department, the Treasurer of the Bohemian Cemetery Association, past president of the T. J. Sokols, past officer of ZCBJ Lodge Praha No. 54, member of the Wilber Rotary Club, Wilber Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 and Order of the Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias Ingomar Lodge No. 142 and the Pythian Sisters.

Bro. J. J., as he was known to all of us, was an ardent lover and believer in the Sokol movement. Before his illness he attended the meetings regularly and was always ready to reprimand any action he believed was harmful in any way. His presence will always be missed.

On behalf of Sokol Wilber I wish our departed brother eternal peace and rest, to the family sincere sympathy.

Georgia Ripa, Secretary, Sokol Wilber

Anna Klasek

June 21, 1888 — July 1, 1970

With heavy hearts Sokol Wilber regrets to inform you that sis. Anna Klasek, one of our older members, has passed away at the age of 82. In just a short time we have lost three members by death.

Sis. Klasek was a member of the Wilber Garden Club, T. J. Sokols and Parthenia Temple No. 9, Pythian Sisters of Wilber.

This member could well be remembered as the "kolacky lady," who baked for many, many people of Saline County, long before Sokol Wilber or the Czechs baked or took on the baking art.

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only did the members of the Ladies Auxiliary help to make the new building a reality, but they have sponsored the Sokol Detroit News sent to all members for many years. They also have contributed funds toward the purchase of much needed gymnasium equipment as well as answering many distress signals for monetary assistance and serving on many committees.

Now comes the time for a celebration—the Golden Jubilee to mark 50 years of achievement. On September 27th, 1970, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary are planning a banquet. The following represents just a few of the activities planned for that day: (1) a social hour from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. followed by a dinner, (2) a Czech Folk Dance to be performed by a group consisting of eight boys and girls, (3) selections to be sung by the Singing Group, (4) dancing to the music of Walter Klepac's Orchestra, (5) important guest speakers will be present and much more. Because of the limited seating capacity, we will not be able to accommodate children.

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