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## PO SJEZDU.

XI. sjezd Americké Obce Sokolské patří dějinám. Jak bude v nich zapsán, poví příštích pět let. Je jisté, že přinesl období nových let, období dodržování úkolů, které Sokolstvo dobrovolně na sebe vzalo. Období intenzivní práce pro celek, práce pro udržení tradic sokolských, práce pro udržení dobrého zvuku jména, které si Sokolstvo získalo, práce pro zachování toho, co je nám drahé.

Je věcí hrdosti sokolského svědomí ochraňovat sokolské ctnosti, vše co je krásného a šlechtného v myšlence sokolské. Pro to zachovejme vždy místo pod praporem svým, v našem táboře. Pro to pracujme a zachovejme nadšení, lásku i věrnost. Bude to vždy naší ctí a mocí.

Sokolství neznamena jen tužit svaly, provádět odvážné cviky. Úkol obrací se k potřebám národa. Doba jest vážná, kdy každá přetvářka, prázdná slova, přehlížení skutečnosti bylo by příznakem, že Sokolstvo sestoupilo se svého vyvýšeného místa v našem životě . . . Řádění skupin, které zneklidnily miliony občanů po celé naší americké vlasti dáva i Sokolstvu úkoly pomáhat vnést smysl pro pořádek, úctu k zákonům, lásku k národu a pomoc vyvésti tu milovanou zem z dnešních bouří na klidnou a pokojnou cestu . . . Neb jak pravil dr. St. Bukovský: "Sokolství není ztrnulou formou s krásným, avšak mrtvým obsahem, nýbrž je životem v nejbohatším slova smyslu, jest činností a bojem v duchu věčných ideí mravních za životními ideály národními."

Všechna lidská srdce se zachvěla nad krutým uražením práva, mravnosti a lidskosti, nad tyraní, křivdou a násilím spáchaném na lidu v Československu. Trpíme s lidem. Z utrpení plyne odhodlání usilovat o to, aby ideály demokracie a svobody byly národu vráceny. Lid nás zná, věří v nás a je našim úkolem, aby víru v nás neztratil. Budeme znova a znova stavět jeho osud, jeho utrpení před svědomí světa.

Sto a pět let života Sokolstva jest vůdčí ideou do budoucna. V práci těch let je smysl naší budoucnosti. Sto a pět let je pro nás směrníci práce, úkolem, závazkem. Jest našim úkolem v jejich duchu jít dále, k naplnění ideí demokracie a svobody, v úsilí o vychování lepšího a silnějšího člověka.

Vzpomínám, že tomu bylo 8. srpna 1970 osmdesát šest let, co odešel velký vůdce a zakladatel Sokolstva. Dnes, jako po všechna léta naší existence, jest nám jeho stále živá a nová myšlenka, idea naprosté har-

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## Calendar of Events

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. 1st—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS.  
Open House for all Parents.  
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. 13th—LADIES DIVISION OF SOKOL LIT-  
TLE FERRY, N. J. — Chinese Auction.  
OCT. 17th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.  
Recognition Dinner.

OCT. 17th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.  
Octoberfest (Dance).  
OCT. 17th—SOKOLICE BALTIMORE, MD.  
80th Anniversary Celebration.  
OCT. 29th—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS.  
Children's Halloween Party—Girls.  
OCT. 30th—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS.  
Children's Halloween Party—Boys.  
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. 20, 21, & 22—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
Holiday Folk Fair.  
NOV. 22—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, CHICAGO,  
ILL. — "Fun Fair."  
NOV. 28th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.  
Annual Dinner-Dance, Peacock Room, C. S. A.  
Bldg., Cicero, Ill. 6:00 p.m.  
DEC. 5th—SOKOL STICKNEY, ILLINOIS.  
Spaghetti Dinner — 5:00 to 8:00 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.  
SOKOL STICKNEY, ILLINOIS. — New Year's  
Eve Banquet. By reservation only.  
SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, CHICAGO, ILL.  
Annual New Year Eve Dance.

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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.  
FEB. 14th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.  
Annual Jaternice and Pork Dinner.  
MAR. 6th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.  
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.  
MARCH 27th—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS.  
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.  
APR. 17th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.  
Chicken Dinner.  
MAY 14th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.  
Interclass Gym Meet.  
MAY 15th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.  
Interclass Track Meet — Lake Front.  
MAY 21st—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILLINOIS.  
Card and Bunco Party.  
MAY 23rd—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.  
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.  
JUNE 13th—CENTRAL DISTRICT — ANNUAL  
GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION.

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## JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Sokol Miami will be celebrating their 1st Anniversary, November 14th and 15th, 1970. To help them celebrate the American Sokol Organization is conducting a tour to Miami.

The date of the tour is Wednesday, November 4th, and we'll return on Wednesday, November 18th. This two week tour will leave from the Sokol Office on the 4th approximately at 5:30 a.m., making our first stop in Manchester, Tenn. The next day will take us into St. Augustine, Florida, for two days of sightseeing. Some of the points of interest on the way to Miami will be, Kennedy Space Center, Cypress Gardens and a visit with Sis. Polasek at the Polasek Foundation. Once we arrive in Miami Beach our stay will be for about six days at the beautiful Monte Carlo Hotel on the ocean. While in Miami there will be various trips which will take us to Key West, Parrot

Jungle, an evening Jungle Cruise including a delicious BBQ and variety show, a boat trip down Millionaires Row, but most important a wonderful visit with our Sokol Miami Unit which will include a celebration dinner and a chance to visit with the many friends we know and the new ones made last November. The trip home will include a stop-over at Silver Springs and a full day of fun. After a one night stop, we'll be back at the Sokol Office sometime Wednesday, November 18th.

The entire tour will take two weeks and the cost will include all motel and hotel accommodations (a few meals included), all sightseeing and points of interest trips as listed above, Sokol Miami dinner, insurance and bus fare. The cost will be approximately \$295.00.

For further information please contact the office 795-6671.

### MIAMI TOUR ITINERARY — NOV. 4 TO NOV. 18, 1970

#### 1st DAY—Wednesday, November 4th

Leave Sokol Office between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

SHORT lunch stop. — Wash room on bus for emergencies only.

Arrive Cumberland Motel, Manchester, Tenn. Only small bag with sleep wear will be taken off the bus.

#### 2nd DAY—Thursday, November 5th

Breakfast call 6:30 a.m. Bus will leave between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m.

SHORT lunch stop.

Arrive St. Augustine, Florida.

Dinner—included in Tour price.

#### 3rd DAY—Friday, November 6th

Full day of sightseeing in St. Augustine including: Believe It or Not Museum, Old Jail, Alligator Farm, Wax Museum, Zorayda Castle, Carriage Ride, Boat Trip.

Overnight in St. Augustine.

#### 4th DAY—Saturday, November 7th

Leave early a.m.

Tour Kennedy Space Center—Titusville, Fla.

Polasek Foundation—Winter Park, Fla.

Motel around Cypress Gardens.

#### 5th DAY—Sunday, November 8th

Tour Cypress Gardens includes all attractions. Safari Land, Lion Country, West Palm Beach, Fla. Arrive Monte Carlo Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

#### 6th DAY—Monday, November 9th

Free day—shopping and sunbathing.

#### 7th DAY—Tuesday, November 10th

Parrot Jungle.  
Jungle Cruise and Bar-B-Q (evening).

#### 8th DAY—Wednesday, November 11th

Picnic and day at the ocean.

#### 9th DAY—Thursday, November 12th

Key West Tour and attractions (all day).

#### 10th DAY—Friday, November 13th

Seaquarium.

#### 11th DAY—Saturday, November 14th

Sokol Miami Dinner.

#### 12th DAY—Sunday, November 15th

Boat Trip Millionaires Row.

Pack and get ready to leave early a.m. on Monday.

**13th DAY—Monday, November 16th**

Leave Monte Carlo Hotel early a.m.  
Arrive Silver Springs Motel.

Take tour of Silver Springs including all attractions.

**14th DAY—Tuesday, November 17th**

Leave Silver Springs early a.m.  
Arrive Cumberland Motel, Manchester, Tenn.

**15th DAY—Wednesday, November 18th**

Leave Cumberland Motel early a.m.  
Arrive Sokol Office early evening.

Calls may be made from the office for pick up.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The only meals included in the Tour price are dinner in St. Augustine — lunch in Key West — Sokol Miami dinner.

Don't forget there are other people on this trip and your cooperation and consideration will be appreciated by all.

Don't forget to bring small change—nickels and dimes—for the Motorific Bingo Games. Also liquid refreshments will be available—soda and beer—for a small fee, when possible.

June Pros, Tour Conductor  
Office Phone: 795-6671

## RESOLUTIONS

### Adopted at the XI Convention of the American Sokol Organization

(Continued)

**Resolution #11**

Sister Marie Provaznikova  
25-64 35th Street  
Long Island City, N. Y. 11103

Dear Sister Provaznikova:

We the delegates of this convention, the XI National Convention of the American Sokol Organization, take this opportunity to wish you well.

The delegates, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to 24, 1970, express our thanks and appreciation for the many years that you have personally given to Sokol life in Czechoslovakia as well as in the United States. Your dedication to the Sokol cause in no matter what country you have visited, is beyond appreciation. Through efforts such as yours Sokol in every part of the world has become a symbol and a beacon of integrity, of patriotism, of clean life and democracy. Your continuous activity in gym work is classic. There are many followers but few leaders of your caliber.

Once again we wish you well and good health.  
Nazdar!

**Resolution #12**

Bro. Edward Stetka  
2100 Meadowview Drive  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Bro. Stetka:

We, the delegates of this convention, the XI National Convention of the American Sokol Organization, take this opportunity to wish you well.

The delegates, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to 24, 1970, express our thanks and appreciation for the many years that you have given to the Sokol family way of life. You have served in every facet of our Sokol life. Through you our organization has proceeded through the years becoming a symbol to our nation and countrymen as a beacon of integrity, democracy, a clean life and through it all showing a large measure of patriotism. Also in Sokolism we have never forgotten

your cheerfulness and thorough dedication in your direction of your gym classes.

Once again we wish you well and good health.

Nazdar!

**Resolution #13**

Bro. Albert Kalabza  
2700 Pelham Road North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33710

Dear Bro. Kalabza:

We, the delegates of this convention, the XI National Convention of the American Sokol Organization, take this opportunity to wish you well.

The delegates, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, express our thanks and appreciation for the many years that you have given to our Sokol way of life. You have served in every facet of our Sokol life. Through efforts like yours and through contributions such as yours, our organization has proceeded through the years, becoming a symbol of our nation and countrymen as a beacon of integrity, democracy, a clean life and through it all showing a measure of patriotism. Also in Sokol we have never forgotten your cheerfulness and thoughtfulness to others.

Once again we wish you well and good health.

Nazdar!

**Resolution #14**

The Honorable Senator Roman Hruska  
Senate Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Hruska:

The delegates assembled at the XI American Sokol Organization Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, wish to extend to you their sincere thanks in appreciation for your loyal support in all Sokol undertakings.

Your manifested support of the efforts of Sokols on many occasions as well as your personal knowl-

edge of the Sokol "idea and ideals" are well known to all of us.

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

**Resolution #15**

Mr. Thomas L. Boardman  
Editor-in-Chief  
The Cleveland Press  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Boardman:

The officers and delegates of the XI National American Sokol Organization Convention convened at Cleveland, Ohio, June 22-24, 1970, thank you for the inspiring address at our luncheon June 23, 1970.

Our Sokol ideals are based on democracy, patriotism and a sincere search for truth in every phase of life, to make our nation stronger and a better place to live.

As Editor-in-Chief of The Cleveland Press, your continued cooperation in such endeavors will provide an even greater incentive to Sokols and others everywhere.

Sincerely,

**Resolution #16**

Brother William Zabransky, Jr.  
19 Pickens Street  
Little Ferry, N. J. 07643

Dear Bro. Zabransky:

The officers and delegates of the American Sokol Convention meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22 to June 24, 1970, express our thanks and appreciation for the many years you have devoted to a Sokol life in the United States and Europe.

Your dedication to our Sokol family is beyond expression. Through efforts such as yours Sokol in many parts of our country and abroad has become a symbol and a beacon of integrity, patriotism, democracy and a healthy way of life.

Once again we wish you well and good health. Nazdar!

**Resolution #17**

Ralph E. Kreiger  
Sheriff, Cuyahoga County  
Cleveland, Ohio

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 22-24, 1970, thank you for your co-operation in providing police escort for our delegation to the Czech Cultural Gardens.

A special thanks should be given to Patrolmen Sladewsky and Richard Gabelman for their outstanding services.

Sincerely,

**Resolution #18**

The XI American Sokol Organization Convention convened in Cleveland, Ohio, June 22-24, 1970, thanks all Czechoslovak language newspapers and

radio stations throughout the United States for their continued support not only to the Executive Board but to all Districts and Units of the American Sokol Organization.

**Resolution #19**

Brother Andrew Venglarcik  
President Sokol U.S.A.  
276 Prospect Street  
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Bro. Venglarcik:

The officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, June 22-24, 1970, thank you for your visit and words of encouragement.

We wholeheartedly support the continued co-operative spirit which has existed between our organizations and which will hopefully increase in the future.

Nazdar!

**Resolution #20**

Northeastern District  
President Emil Pekar  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Pekar:

We the delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention wish to extend to you and all members of the Northeastern District our sincere thanks and appreciation for the hosting of this tremendous undertaking.

It has been our privilege to come to Cleveland and it will long be remembered as one of the American Sokol Organization Conventions that projected us into a bright future.

Nazdar!

**Resolution #21**

Dear Brother Pavoucek:

We the delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention wish to extend to you our sincere appreciation for your very capable leadership as Chairman of this convention.

It is through people like you who so graciously serve, not only in the Unit and District capacity, but now when the future of the next five years are being formed.

In your capacity as chairman you have shown true leadership and a devotion to the continued success of the Sokol system.

Again our sincere thanks for a job well done.

**Resolution #22**

Brother Anthony J. Suster  
Honorary Chairman  
XI American Sokol Organization Convention

We the delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention, wish to extend our sincere appreciation for your devotion and leadership in the preparation and management of this Convention.

Your outstanding efforts are visible to all of us, for we all realize the tremendous task you took upon yourself.

Your efforts were hampered by the misfortunes which befell you, and still your true Sokol spirit carried you to exert the extra surge of energy which was needed to reach this successful conclusion.

Again to you bro. Suster our heartfelt thanks for an outstanding job.

#### Resolution #23

Whereas, the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization has provided necessary guidance and outstanding leadership during their term of office and,

Whereas, the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization has remained steadfastly true to the principles of Fuegner and Tyrns and,

Whereas, the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization has properly promulgated and fostered the Sokol ideal of a strong body and a healthy mind and,

Whereas, their determination and never-faltering will to always succeed has been inspiring and,

Whereas, their continued interest, encouragement, and help during visits to our many units have enriched and increased our desire to go forward and,

Whereas, their efforts have epitomized the Sokol motto, "Neither Profit nor Glory" and emphasized the selflessness of the Sokol movement.

Therefore, be it resolved by the officers and delegates of the XI American Sokol Organization Convention convened in Cleveland, Ohio, June 22-24,

1970, that their efforts be recognized by standing ovation and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Executive Board.

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Lorraine Zdenek  
Charles Prchal  
James Cihak  
Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka

#### Resolution #24

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

A. J. Suster  
Joseph Drnec  
George Prevratil  
Charles Zraly  
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Evelyn Prazak  
Anton Krejci, Jr.  
Ann Falta  
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Sergeant-at-Arms  
Parliamentarian

## From Sokol Philadelphia



On June 13, 1970, the Philadelphia Sokol held a Social at which time Sokol membership pins were presented to those present. Two of our members received fifty-year pins. William Pribramsky, left, who is the son of our former president, and Vincent Urbanek.

#### PERSEVERANCE GUARANTEES THE SUCCESS OF WORK

Perseverance—that is the slogan of slogans, that is the sign in which you shall succeed. Of course perseverance not in idleness, but in action, or even better in continuous doing, by incessant daily work.

## The Dollar Becomes National Currency

On July 6, 1785—185 years ago—the Continental Congress finally adopted a resolution accepting Thomas Jefferson's plan for a national currency based on the dollar and the cent. In the preceding years, Americans of the 13 original states had had great difficulty in figuring out just what their money would buy. Many states issued their own money. To add to the complications, gold and silver coins from the mints of England, France, Spain, and even Germany were in circulation—coins which not only had different values in different states but fluctuated in value within each state. However, the dollar and cent—representing the first national currency on a decimal basis any where in the world—did not come into general use until the government of the new Republic was firmly established four years later under the Constitution. Even then, the people clung to the complicated system of shillings and pence for years and the government itself, in its post office transactions, was obliged to recognize the survival of these coins in some localities.

As I have repeatedly stated in my initiation address, you and Plzensky Sokol will benefit from your membership in direct proportion to the degree of participation you assume in its activities. Not the least of these is attendance at and participation in meetings to conduct the business of the organization. — From letter by Frank L. Konopasek, President, Plzensky Sokol, Chicago.

## JAROSLAV VRCHLICKY

(1853-1912)

Translated by R. A. GORMAN

With the appearance of Jaroslav Vrchlicky upon the horizon of Czech literary firmament, the scope of Czech literature leaps suddenly from the narrow local confines to cosmopolitan dimensions and significance. Vrchlicky was born February 16, 1853, and died September 9th, 1912. At an early age he came under the guidance and influence of his uncle, a theologian, and young Vrchlicky's first steps almost naturally led to the field of theology. Within six months after entering the theological faculty Vrchlicky made a complete change in his plans and chose philosophy, history and comparative philology for his life's work. As was the custom of the day,

the young philosophy student accepted a tutorship in the family circle of Count Montecuccoli-Laderchi, and was thus enabled to spend a profitable year in Italy. After his return to Prague he accepted a teaching position and remained in several teaching appointments until 1893. In 1892 Vrchlicky was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters at the Charles University, where in 1898 he was appointed to a professorship. Vrchlicky is unquestionably the most prolific, most versatile of the Czech poets, and an outstanding translator of all world literature.

## A GYPSY'S VIOLIN

All is jolly in the castle  
Cymbals and the bagpipe whine  
For the young, the master ordered  
Barrels full of sparkling wine.

Noisy din in the halls and chambers  
In the court yard the dancers sway  
And in golden goblets, sparkles  
Blood red wine from far Tokay.

Ah, a Gypsy! Welcome brother!  
Fear not that your coat is torn  
For the dogs and whips are sleeping,  
Play a dance tune until morn.

And he plays . . . a piercing torrent  
He pours out in the tones keen darts  
Every tone a spark of fire  
Every spark burns in the heart.

And it sounds as wild complainings  
Crackles like a flame of blue.  
You'd expect that any moment  
His taut string must break in two.

And it moans like winds o'er hillsides  
Followed by a storm in Spring  
From the depth it clambers upwards  
As he plucks the second string.

Wildly and in streams unbounded  
Now it plays and rings full speed  
Thus with winds across the prairies  
Rides a brave's unfettered steed.

And now softly, as if bated,  
Like a snake betwixt the grass  
Prolonged baying as if wolves had  
Gathered for a deadly clash.

List . . . A knife is being sharpened  
And another plaintive sound  
Strangely humming, flock of buzzards  
Flying low above the ground.

Do you hear their wings aflapping,  
Fighting for the lifeless form?  
Suddenly as if touched by magic  
Something cuts the hellish storm.

And the third string sounds and echoes  
Tenderly like bells above,  
Passing as a flash of lightning  
Gleaming from an eye of love.

Like a nightingale lamenting,  
Burning like a cup of wine,  
Like a gypsy fallen wildly  
In his loved one's mad entwine.

And it sounds with sudden longing,  
Cheeks aglow and burning bones,  
Futile yearning, searing pleasures,  
And with jealousies wild tones.

Now it tinkles like a goblet,  
Rising to a maddened flare,  
Followed by a heart-sent wailing,  
As if someone tore his hair.

And the fourth string answers sadly  
To the crying, sighing spell,  
With a heavy bell-like clanging,  
Mournful, as a final knell.

And it howls like winds and flurries,  
Racing through the restless night,  
Then it whispers, lonely deathlike,  
Like a dying man's last plight.

Then a scream . . . and every string now  
Screams with gladness, quivers, cries,  
And the gypsy hugs his fiddle,  
Fire gleaming in his eyes.

Finis! Midnight! All in stupor,  
Just the master is awake.  
"What quaint music, tell me brother  
What does each string indicate?"

And the gypsy looks about him  
Where each drunken servant sleeps,  
Something like his fiddle's echo  
Into his soft voice now creeps.

"Master, you will not believe me  
That a string can have a soul.  
Anger, gladness, all I thought of  
Somehow in my fiddle stole.

Yes I had a bent old mother  
 Good God knows her love for me,  
 Just to still our endless hunger,  
 She told fortunes for a fee.

She was caught, and for a pastime,  
 She was stuck on roasting spits.  
 Any wonder that my fiddle,  
 Weeps for her in angered fits?

Then I had an older brother,  
 Tramping as all gypsies free,  
 I know not why on the gallows  
 He swings now beneath a tree.

Served him well, I keep repeating,  
 Often when I sit up late,  
 But this foolish string keeps sighing  
 As if it bemoaned his fate.

And a wife I had, still see her,  
 Blushing, struggling, angered, grim,

She was stripped to dance the czardas  
 For her master's passing whim.

For the blush upon her features,  
 He gave silks and shining gold,  
 All old fables, my dear master,  
 Fables best be left untold."

Thus he finished, stroked his fiddle,  
 Smiled and neared the open door,  
 "Wait there, tell me," the master shouted,  
 "Meaning of string number four."

Then the gypsy paused and grimaced  
 Looked out at the crimson sky,  
 "You won't need it, worthy master,  
 No I need not tell you why."

And he vanished. The haughty master  
 Frightened in his black insides,  
 Could not wake the sleeping servants,  
 While flames rose on all four sides.

## Financial Report ASO.

### August 1970

#### INCOME:

Dues .....	\$ 1,091.75
Belting .....	5.00
Postage .....	.42
First day covers .....	1.95
Donations .....	525.00
Petty cash rebate .....	21.07
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,645.19</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

<b>Administrative Department</b>	
Salaries .....	\$ 333.95
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for July .....	86.70
Rental, janitor service, cleaning supplies .....	229.30
Phone .....	39.01
Office supplies .....	120.83
Postage .....	8.66
Miscellaneous .....	20.00
Petty cash .....	48.56
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 887.01</b>
<b>Educational Department BOI.</b>	
Salaries .....	\$ 219.44
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for July .....	38.40
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	25.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast" .....	28.00
Postage .....	2.32
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 313.16</b>
<b>Sokol Publication</b>	
Printing "American Sokol" .....	\$1,052.45
Editor "American Sokol" .....	75.00
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,127.45</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Uniform Division — Office supplies .....	\$ 6.08
Tour — Postage .....	14.18
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 20.26</b>
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,347.88</b>

#### BALANCE:

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero—check- ing account .....	\$ 8,970.29
Adjustment on charge for imprinting checks .....	.45
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,970.74</b>
Income — August 1970 .....	1,645.19
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$10,615.93</b>
Disbursements — August 1970 .....	2,347.88
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,268.05</b>

## Future Sokol Leaders Fund

Blanche and Otto Polacek, Emily and Bill Polacek, Camille and Jerry Polacek — in memory of Joseph Kopecky .....	\$ 15.00
Clyde Savings & Loan Assn.—Dividend .....	175.41
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$190.41</b>

Contributions are tax exempt.

## České písničky.

Chceme zachovat českou řeč i naše písničky. Proto jsem vydal tiskem menší zpěvníček. Obsahuje 94 těch nejoblíbenějších písní a pochodů a staré naše koledy vánoční. Zpěvníček stojí jeden dolar. Objednejte: Dr. V. Kučera, 2511 No. 64th Street, Lincoln, Nebr. Dr. Kučera.

"Kdepak jsi se dorostenko Jiřinko učila plavat?"  
 "Prosím, ve vodě!"

Malá Hanička byla na letním bytě na farmě u babičky a pozorovala ji při dojení kravičky. Náhle se ptá: "Babičko, jak se dojí škubánek?"

Babička je nad otázkou zkoprnělá a Hanička vysvětluje: "Viš, maminka řekla při obědě tatínkovi: proč ten škubánek nedoříš!"

## Po sjezdu.

(Dokončení z první strany)

monie duševní i tělesné, zářící hvězdou, jednotící a posilující. Setrváme, ochráníme mužnou, vznešenou svou věc, budeme šířit myšlenku o bratrství těl i duchů.

Pro nás není stanutí. "Kde stanutí, tam smrt"! Jen ruchem žijeme, jen ustavičná činnost nás zachrání a zvelebí. Pro nás není, nesmi, nemůže být klidu!

Nová práce čeká, nové cíle nese nová doba. Do práce tedy, za společný ideál i do boje za duchovní a mravní jednotu naší americké vlasti v dnešní době a ve všech hodinách nebezpečí, které může přijít. A také za zdůraznění pravdy, práva, spravedlnosti a lidskosti pro Čechy a Slováky v jejich krásné domovině.

Vědomi si hesla: "Tam svět se hne, kam se síla napře!" — věrni sobě, věrni vlasti nemůžeme jinak, než jít cestou, danou nám našimi vlastními dějinami. Příslušenství k Sokolu znamená sloužit bratrstvu. V té službě jsou úspěchy v jednotách a radost z nich. Radost v jednotách pak je radostí nás všech. Buďte zdraví a silni. Silni duchem, silni srdcem, silni vůlí, silni vírou v sokolství a citem povinnosti nejkrásnější!

Kupředu! Vytrvalé a radostné práci zdar!

## Račte mysliti na toto království.

Památce muže rozmyslného svědčí dnešní vzpomínka — 8. dubna 1521 zemřel pan Vilém z Pernštejna, jeden z největších národohospodářů českých. Jakže, národohospodář před čtyřmi sty lety? Zdá se to nějak podivným, ale přece je tomu tak; jen jméno jest novodobé, věc sama tak stará jest jako lidstvo hospodařící, t. j. ono, jež od života z ruky do úst, jakým bylo lovectví, přešlo k chovu dobytka a k pozdějšímu obdělávání země. Ne pouze prostým národohospodářem byl pan Vilém z Pernštejna, on velikým byl talentem v oboru ekonomie, on peněžníkem byl, jenž krále zakládal v dobách, kdy nebylo bank a záložen, on významu hospodářství vodního porozuměl o sta let dříve, než k tomu došla doba naše. Celá soustava velkolepých rybníků Bohdanečských, o jejich udržování stálou péčí měl (opatovická stoka) svědčí o tom nad jiné; první léta tohoto století neměla nic moudřejšího na práci než vypustiti rybníky (přes 1/6 tisíce hektarů), přeměnit je na lučiny dosti hubené a — hráze větší, aby hlouposti novodobých "taky hospodárnou rozvázti, aby hloupost napravena, leč za cenu nákladu obrovského. Úžasný majetek soustředil pan Vilém v rukou svých; rozloha statků jeho třikrát byla větší než celá država pověstných Rožmberků. Ovšem on po způsobu kavalírů nové doby "nehospodařil" v Monte Carlu, či jinde, jeho pokladna nebyla otevřena dámičkám velko- a polosvětě, on nehýřil v Praze a Paříži (Videň té doby byla proti Praze jako dnes nějaká Lhota proti okresnímu

městu), ale z milých sobě Pardubic řídil s důmyslem a vzornou pílí všecku oblast majetku svého. Řídil, pozoroval a soudil položení veškerého národa, k čemuž jako nejvyšší hofmistr království českého nejlepší měl příležitost. Činil tak s úzkostlivou svědomitostí a s poctivostí, která začínala již býti vzácnou v době blahobytnické, na níž Bohuslav Hasištejnský z Lobkovic latinskými verši žaluje: "Máme i sílu jarou, zmužilá prsa máme, mohoucí snést nehodu všelikou, duch jen duch nesnesitelných pod nepravostí lká břemenem, neb k vlastní hynoucí láska mizí. Ze šlechty není, kdo by věrně se obce zastával. Již dosti na tom, v zlatohlavlí a šarlat oblečení kráčíme a větřiti pláštěm umíme. . . . Rozkoš a po cti liché bažení všudy vládne; počestný mrav i stud pomínil, příbuzná čistotě pravda vrátila se k nebesům. . . ." Na všech stranách tahanice a hádky nechutné, náboženské i stavovské; vymírající kališníci proti pikhartům (českým bratrům) a luteránům, přívrženci Říma proti všem, páni proti zemanům a městům a pod nimi všemi lid selský, zapomenutí jarosti a síly husitské. Na obzoru se tmělo, ale toho nedbali ti, jichž bohem byl břich. . . .

Pan Vilém však viděl jasně a čelo jeho chmuřilo se víc a více, vždyt' on přečetl tajemné hieroglyfy vzdálené blýskavice: "meno, tekel, ufaršin" a chvěl se o budoucnost národa. Radil, napomínal — hrách na zeď' metal. Dobře jest dnes přečísti si slova jeho prorocká: "Milí páni, račte mysliti na toto království. . . . Od pohanů ani od křesťanů z milosti boží nejsme kažení v tomto království: máme-li sami sebou je kazit? . . . Račte na to mysliti a pohledati cest nějakých, odložice od sebe pýchu a všelikou zlobivost, aby pro malé věci nepřišla zkáza veliká. . . ."

"Skrze nedbanlivosti a roztržky již mnohá království v nic přišla a jak se nyní v Čechách děje, jistě k tomuž jest podobné." Tak mluvil muž, jehož vzácnou snášelivost náboženskou vyjadřuje jasně průpověď' jeho: "S Římany věřím (byl katolík), s Čechy (kališníky) držím, s Bratřími umírám." Dnes by ho odsoudil kde který fanatik jako bludaře, a kde jaký frázista jako ramenáře. A on přece člověk práce byl, práce úžasně, výsledků blahodárných; zatím však fráze a požitkářství na straně jedné, tahanice a zas oddání se v osud za heslem "neodporujte zlému" na straně druhé připravily Bílou Horu — právě sto let po smrti pana Viléma. . . .

Podívejte se dnes kolem sebe, prohlédněte jasně, uvažte přepych a rozmařilost dnešní, pozorujte vládu lži, rozmach tmy, vzrůst fráze a postup rozkolu, přemíťteje ovšem jen chvíli a vzpomenete si na pana Viléma z Pernštejna, na prorocká slova jeho a na vše, co po něm přišlo. Mene, tekel, ufaršin. . . .

## Husitská výročí.

Před 550 lety, 25. března 1420, potřela husitská vojska těžkooděné křížáky v bitvě u Sudoměře. Za pět dní nato, dne 30. března, bylo založeno město Tábor, první česká náboženská a sociální komuna. Letos také vzpomínáme památné bitvy na Vítkově (14. července 1420), vítězství husitů v bitvě pod Vyšehradem (1. listopadu) a dobytí Pracha-

tic Janem Žižkou dne 12. listopadu 1420.

Není bez zajímavosti, že Jiří z Poděbrad, svobodnou spontánní volbou zvolený král český s domácí krve, se narodil několik dní po založení Tábora — dne 23. dubna 1420. Tedy letos uctíváme i památku tohoto velkého českého panovníka.

## Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs

Its been a long time since any news about our unit Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs appeared in the American Sokol. Nevertheless we are considered to be one of the most active units in the United States, and not being listed in the calendar of events is a sign that we are just too busy to write. Year after year, our activities are about the same with slight changes to go along with the times.

In January its always a lunch and theatre party or a bakeless bake sale. February, our annual Masquerade Dance, March, a bunco and card party, April, our annual Exhibition plus a tour to some place of interest. May—our famous Sokol Smorgasbord, June, a pork and chicken dinner or whatever seems best for this time of the year, but for July and August we hold our weekly picnics every Thursday in the forest preserves which is a very profitable event.

The committee of senior citizens with the exception of one officer under 60, get to the grove by 9:30 A.M. to start the wood fire for coffee and to display the large selection of donated pastry on large cookie sheets resembling fruit pizzas, strudls, cakes, fruit slices etc.

We serve coffee and pastry, limited at that, at noon and again at 2:30. We also grill tube steaks (hot dogs), play bunco or cards or just visit. This year we were fortunate to have a friend play his accordion during the lunch hour which everyone enjoyed including the committee.

Beside that our camp was opened, too, every year, the camp committee assisting the cook on weekends and on days tours were scheduled during the week, and on two Sunday picnics each year.

The forest preserve committee also scheduled a tour to camp every year on another day of the week so as not to conflict with our Thursdays. This year our camp was sold.

Then in September and October the Sewing Club meets at Sokol to sew, we discontinued the Rumage Sales, but instead, take another tour, or plan a fashion show, but next year in October 1971 we will celebrate our 60th anniversary. In November we have a Fun Fair (Nov. 22nd) that is well attended and is also very profitable.

Without all these events we couldn't keep up the hall (that's for sure).

In December we also have our annual New Year's eve dance.

During the year we have membership meetings every month, besides other meetings, gym classes, and the BOI. has parties scheduled for the children. All in all its always a busy year with no time off for some.

Nothing would prevent us from starting up some SLYMNASTICS classes, that is light gym workouts, calisthenics, group or folk dancing, singing,

baking demonstrations (especially for strudls and houska), hobby displays and we would have it made, except we would need a longer week, that's all.

These are the highlights in a NUT shell. Nazdar for now. A. M.

## METHENY AND TAKEI WIN GYMNASTIC CROWNS

By HARVEY STEIMAN, Miami Herald

Linda Metheny and Yoshiaki Takei dominated the final competition in the National AAU Gymnastic Championships at Miami Beach Convention Hall.

Miss Metheny, who won the women's all-around title, won three of the four finals. She captured the floor exercise and balance beam.

Takei took three of the five men's events and finished second in one. He won the still rings and parallel bars and was the leader after preliminaries of the horizontal bar. He finished second in floor exercise.

Linda received the highest score of 9.6 in the floor exercise, and edged second place Wendy Cluff by .075. Linda withstood a strong challenge by energetic Cathy Rigby in the balance beam to win that event.

Takei flashed a brilliant parallel bars routine to score 9.5 for an easy victory over Jim Culhane, totaling 19.05 to 18.05. In the rings, Takei again had the highest score in the final—9.4—and won easily with an 18.65 total. Runner-up Fred Turoff had 17.95.

Toby Towson successfully defended his floor exercise championship, bowing to the packed grandstands on each side of Convention Hall to enthusiastic applause. He scored 9.65.

Charles Morse scored an even 9.0 to jump from second place after the prelims to the sidehorse title, edging early leader Russell Fystorm, who tied for second with Jay Long. Long, who was the sixth and lowest qualifier, scored 9.25, highest in the final, to jump to second.

Miss Metheny's victory added another chapter to a successful comeback story.

Earlier this year she thought she had an injured shoulder.

Trouble was, the doctors couldn't diagnose it. They thought it was a severely torn muscle. But it did not respond to treatment. It just kept getting worse.

When it got to the point where she had no feeling in her right hand, she went to a nerve specialist. He found that Linda had a birth defect, an extra rib which was forcing her top two ribs to squeeze an artery and pinch a nerve.

They operated in early March, removing the first and second cervical ribs.

In the championships, Linda won the women's all-around title. It was the third time the lovely 22-year-old brunette had won it. She was the highest finishing American in the 1968 Olympic Games, taking fourth on the balance beam.

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The human countenance smiles on those who smile, and weeps with those who weep.

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Vice stings us, even in our pleasures, but virtue consoles us, even in our pains.

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## From the Sokol St. Louis "Newsletter"

Years ago, our men's chorus "Hlahol" sang a great Czech choral, which began with the following words: "Each to his own, arm to arm, let us form a mighty chain." (Svoji k svému.) How appropriate and fitting are these words, for a united front of any nation, organization or society, for only in unity, there is strength. These words, among others, are fitting for our own Sokol Organization, if it is to survive.

In the 105 years of its existence, in spite of many a dark cloud upon its horizon and many a disappointment, we were fortunate to break down all obstacles and we can be proud of this achievement. The past has been gratifying, but what will the future bring us? I am sure that we will continue to live and to prosper, if we show at all times a front united with brotherly and sisterly love. We can be of a different opinion, but with the same high ideals given to us by our illustrious leaders, Tyrs and Fuegner. We can express those differences in our meetings, but not carry them outside of it, for to divide is to conquer! How wonderful on the other hand are those words "brother or sister" if we believe in them and believe "Each to his own, arm to arm, let us form a mighty chain!"

John Reiner

We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough. — Helen Keller.

## St. Augustine — Oldest American City

On August 28, 1565, 405 years ago, Pedro Menendez de Aviles arrived with 11 ships and some 500 colonists at a harbor in Florida, which he named Saint Augustine in honor of the saint whose feast-day it was. Menendez had been sent from Spain to establish a settlement in Florida and to expel the French who had entrenched themselves at Fort Caroline upon land claimed by the Spanish crown. He explored the approaches to the St. Johns River and then returned to St. Augustine on September 8th, where he disembarked the colonists. The French forces set out to destroy the Spanish colony, but a storm wrecked their fleet. Menendez countered with a march on Fort Caroline which he captured, killing its entire garrison of 240 men. During the next two years Menendez set up forts on the Indian River, and other locations in Florida as far west as Tampa Bay and southward to a spot near present-day Miami. In retaliation for their defeat, a new expedition of the French in 1568 enlisted Indian aid and captured Fort Caroline (then known as San Mateo) and put the defenders to the sword. St. Augustine became part of the United States when Florida was purchased from Spain in 1819.

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