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A DEVOUT SOKOL SPEAKS OUT

As we approach Sokol Baltimore's Centennial, let us take a look into the future. We are now living in an era which has turned the impossibilities of yesterday into the realities of today. The tempo of life has been increasing. Slow moving and slow thinking persons and worn out systems are falling behind the times.

With these changes, we in Sokol must rid ourselves of our 19th and early 20th Century ways of thinking and get in step with the times. If we are to flourish in the future, we must plan far, far ahead. We cannot bask in the shadows of a glorious past; for our future depends on what we do today — tomorrow. We must constantly be progressive in thought — to be otherwise invites stagnation.

In the January issue of the AMERICAN SOKOL, an article by the editor emphasized that Sokol youth is the life-blood of the future. Yes, we must take good care of our youth. We must give it the incentive to participate in our Sokol programs; and such incentive is a properly maintained gymnastic program with adequate facilities and experienced leadership. In addition, there should be regular sessions with, both, the Sokol Educational Director and the Educational Committee. Over the years, we have had thousands of children attending our gym classes, but have failed to enroll the vast majority of them into our ranks when they reached the age of maturity. The reasons are quite obvious. The children and their parents had no concept of the ideals and principles of the Sokol. In other words, we have kept these precepts to ourselves, for too long of a time. We must propagate Sokol. This is not a task for one person alone. It is something that each and every member can do if he has the true love of Sokol in his heart.

EDWARD STETKA, Sokol Baltimore

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Calendar of Events

MAY 22nd—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Night in Prague.
MAY 23rd—SOKOL ST, LOUIS, MO. — Annual
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 23rd—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 23rd—PACIFIC DISTRICT SLET, LOS
ANGELES, CAL.
JUNE 10th—SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS, CHI-
CAGO, ILL. — Smorgasbord Luncheon.
JUNE 13th—CENTRAL DISTRICT — ANNUAL
GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION.
JUNE 13th—WESTERN DISTRICT SLET.
Ryan High School, Omaha, Nebr.
JUNE 18th—SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR. — Falstaff
Party—7:30 P.M.

JUNE 27th—NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET.
Odd Fellows Fresh Air Camp.
JULY 4—CANADIAN SOKOL SLET—TORONTO.
JULY 10th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Northeastern District Competition for Small Boys
and Girls.
JULY 11th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
AUG. 22nd—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Summer Festival.
OCT. 23-24th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
Carnival-Bazaar.
NOV. 6th—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, CHICAGO,
ILL. — 60th Anniversary Dinner-Dance.

Fannie Prucha-Borecky

Sbor Libuse of Crete, Nebraska, lost one of its oldest and faithful members, Sis. Fannie Prucha-Borecky. She was born on a farm near Wilber, June 1883, and passed away Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1970.

She was united in marriage to Edward Borecky in 1901, and lived in Wilber for several years. After their move to Crete, she became a member of Sbor Libuse, January 5, 1921. In January of this year she would have received her 50 yr. membership pin.

Sis. Borecky was an ardent and willing worker, ready to help whenever and wherever needed. She was a member of the Sokol Dramatic Club, enjoying taking part in many plays. Was a faithful member of the married women's gymnastic group in the "40's". At Sbor Libuse's 75th Anniversary in 1968 was presented a plaque for 31 yrs. of Sokol service, in many offices.

Sis. Borecky was President 15 yrs.—1952 thru 1967. She was a dedicated member. The ideals and teachings of Sokol—"Ni Zisk ni Slava"—were her ways of life. These ideals she continued carrying on even after entering the hospital; always asking visitors, "How is our Sbor doing?"

So has passed on another of the Old Guard, "Stara Garda", who were so faithful to the Sokol movement. She will be greatly missed by us who remain to carry on. May we not disappoint these Sokol pioneers.

Sis. Fannie was preceded in death by her husband and son, Robert. Surviving are her daughters: Mrs. Elsie Bienhoff of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Evelyn Wild of Bellevue, Neb. and 4 grandchildren.
Helen Kupka

RICHES FOR YOU

You are richer today than you were yesterday— if you laughed often, given something, forgiven even more, made a new friend today, or made stepping-stones of stumbling blocks; if you have thought more in terms of "thysel" than "myself," or if you managed to be cheerful even if you were weary. You are richer tonight than you were in the morning—if you have taken time to trace the handiwork of the Almighty in the commonplace things of life, or if you have learned to count out things which really do not count, or if you have been a little blinder to the faults of friend and foe. You are richer if a little child smiled at you, and a stray dog licked your hand, or if you have looked for the best in others and given others the best in you.

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RECOGNITION FOR MERITORIOUS SOKOL SERVICE



Membership pins were presented to members of Sbor Libuse Sokolice of Crete, Nebraska, at their regular meeting in February 1971. Left to right are: Sisters Elizabeth Stehlik and Anna Navratil, recipients of 25 yr. pins; President Alice Kalkwarf, pinning 40 yr. pin on Sis. Gertrude Fritz of Friend, Nebr.; Sis. Helen Kupka, also a 40 yr. member. Sis. Kupka has held an office in the Sbor Libuse Sokolice 36 yrs. Sis. Pauline Znamenacek of San Diego, Cal., also recipient of a 25 yr. pin, was not present.

RENATA FUEGNER TYRS

Renata Tyrs, for whom our Sbor was named, was a daughter of Jindrich Fuegner, married to his good friend, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, who carried on their work in the Sokol ideology. These are facts, which most of us know. What I would like to do is to give a few of the more personal and lesser known facts and incidents about Renata Tyrsova, many in her own words, which were gleaned from the warm and delightful book she wrote about her father, simply titled "Jindrich Fuegner".

Renata Tyrsova was born in Prague, on July 31, 1854, to Katerina Turecky and Jindrich Fuegner. Fuegner looked forward with delight to the birth of his first child, for whom he had already selected the romantic name "Faust", for he knew that the baby would be a boy. When, instead a daughter was born, he was naturally somewhat disappointed, but soon after her birth, he forgot his disappointment and grew to love the child, and the good relationship that developed between father and daughter lasted a lifetime.

He chose for her the name "Renata", whose Czech meaning is rebirth or regeneration. This gives us a true insight into the soul of Fuegner, who in the name of his only child, expressed and preserved

the process of his own regeneration from a son of Germanized forbears to not only an ardent Czech, but a true benefactor of the Czech nation.

Because of her mother's delicate health, and because he wanted his daughter to grow up strong and healthy, mother and daughter each summer were sent to various places in the country, while the father remained at his work in the city. It was during these summer residences of his family that many delightful letters sped back and forth between husband and wife, and father and daughter.

It was in one of these early letters that he mentioned to his wife, that so far the infant Renata had not made much of an impression on their lives. And it is true that she began to interest him only when her intellect began to develop.

Renata did not attend public schools, but was taught at home, not only to protect her against the usual childhood diseases, but because she could be better taught a wider variety of subjects than were available at the schools at that time. Her teachers were the outstanding men of her time, the first one being Josef Novotny who taught her German and later Czech.

A Mr. Link gave her dancing lessons which were sometimes quite comical, since there were no other children present, and in the quadrille her mother and Mr. Novotny had to help out in the figures of the dance. She also studied French, English and Russian, the sciences, and the creative arts.

Her father, himself, found it very difficult to learn Czech, since his entire education was in German, and up to the age of 40, he had little opportunity for any Czech reading. In one of his letters to Renata when she and her mother were in summer residence in Frantiskovy Lazne, he wrote "Ma myla dcerusko", and then in German, "This is all your stupid father knows how to write in Czech." However, Renata was taught Czech from her early years and he insisted that both she and her mother speak only Czech.

Renata was therefore quite surprised, when as a child of nine she chanced upon the German school record of her ardently Czech father, where incidentally all of his marks were either "gut" or "sehr gut", and in her childish innocence she asked, "Is this from the time, Father, when you were young, and still a German?" His reply was, "No, little girl, I was never a German, I was a Prazan, a German speaking Prazan."

Even though Renata was a very lovable child, she was by her own admission often a very naughty child, as most even lovable children sometimes are, and when naughty she was also properly disciplined. In one of her father's letters to her, he warned her that her mother had written that she was being very naughty, and that he had already written to the local police that they should come to get her, if she does not learn to behave, and this really terrified the child, so that for a while her behavior was exemplary. To his wife he wrote rather wistfully (perhaps still secretly longing for that son, for he even had Renata's hair cut short as a boy's) that for a boy such behavior would only be natural, but for a girl it is very unbecoming, and she simply must be taught to behave.

Renata was a very energetic, sometimes even a boisterous child who would probably in our day be known as a tomboy. She also remembers vividly one Christmas eve, the results of her misbehavior. She had been very disobedient, and naughty to her mother during their previous summer residence, so that it was agreed that as punishment, she would not be given any of her gifts at Christmas. While all the others received and enjoyed their gifts, hers were put away for another time, and at that usually joyful time for a child, she was the only one who did not receive any gifts. Even though their domestics, who loved her, wept over her, she herself did not cry, as she seldom did, but she was, nevertheless, heartbroken.

Renata remembers very little about Tyrs' first meeting with her father, which occurred when Tyrs, then a candidate for his Doctor of Philosophy degree, was invited to borrow from Fuegner's growing and valuable library, some books which he needed and could not then afford to buy. She, however, remembers very clearly a year later, when as a child of 7, with her little playmate of 3, they met an organ grinder playing a tune so gaily in the village square, that the little girls began to dance. Tyrs, out for a stroll, quietly observed the children and when the dance had ended, he said

to her, "Little Fuegner girl, don't you know how to keep time to music? You jumped around like a baby goat, the little girl danced much better." Renata felt very badly that she, a "big" girl of 7, was so humiliated before a tot of 3.

Fuegner's rich library attracted Tyrs and drew him to their home like a magnet. Renata's father looked forward with pleasure to these visits, and to their ensuing discussions. It was these talks that developed their mutual love for the idea of physical fitness combined with cultural development, and one evening after a long serious discussion with Tyrs and several other men in the Fuegner library, Fuegner, quite excited, came out to Renata and her mother with the words, "They elected me president of the Czech Turner Society, even though I resisted, because I told them that I do not speak Czech well enough." He continued, "Tyrs and Greg (a friend) were the instigators of all this. Well, I will make the effort, because it intrigues me to be at the beginning of something new, and I do think this organization will be well worth all of the care and responsibility which it will bring me."

The first meeting was again held in Fuegner's library a few days later, where the decision was made to call the new organization "Sokol", and that the Sokol in flight would be its emblem.

Renata's beloved father died when she was 11, and she was then entrusted to the excellent and well-qualified teacher, her father's close friend and collaborator, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, who was then 33. He remained her teacher longer than any of the others, and from the beginning, he had great influence on her rapidly developing mind, molding her in his own way, and especially from the age of 14, taught her what he cultivated in himself with the greatest love, history and the creative arts, and it is certainly due to this teaching that she was able to leave us so many of her beautiful writings. During this time she was of great help to her teacher, assisting in his research, and sorting and assembling his material for his writings and lectures.

It seems only natural that two such people should fall in love as they did. They were married on August 28, 1872, and together they traveled extensively, visiting art galleries, libraries, museums and theaters, especially in Vienna and Italy. When Dr. Tyrs' health began to fail, he went first to the sunny climate of Italy to try to regain his health, then later to Oetz in the Austrian Tyrol, where he lost his life, when he accidentally slipped off a large boulder into the turbulent Aach river, and Renata Tyrsova was a widow at the age of 30.

After his death she continued the work of her husband and father, for which by her training, she was so uniquely fitted. She again traveled extensively, gathering material for critical and scientific lectures, she wrote hundreds of articles for encyclopedias, and newspapers, and wrote fine biographies of her father and husband. She worked especially diligently in encouraging the preservation of folkcraft, art, needlework, and the use of native costumes.

Three names dear to the Czech nation, Fuegner, Tyrs, — and their Renata. These three names signify the Sokol ideology, which had become the heart and blood of the Czech people. The father and

husband dedicated their entire lives to the development of the idea, which the daughter and wife carried on, with her heart and soul.

We feel especially close to Renata Tyrsova, not only because our Sbor is the only one in the entire Sokol Organization which bears her name, but also because to so many of us she is not a remote figure of history. She lived in our times until the year 1937, when she passed away quietly at the age of 83 in Prague at Tyrsuv Dum where she had been living, ending a life of beauty, industry, and deep devotion to the Sokol ideal, and to the betterment of her fellow man.

Libbie Melsha, Sokolice Renata Tyrsova,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

1970-1975 A.S.O. EXECUTIVE BOARD

To help you understand and know your leaders better each member of the Executive Board was requested to submit an autobiography as to Sokol background, family, work or profession, interests, etc.

These real-life stories will appear in the American Sokol individually, one each month. This will enable you, as a fellow Sokol, to recognize and familiarize yourself with the people upon whom we had bestowed the highest Sokol honor.

Betty Prener, I Vice-Pres., A.S.O.

Born in Chicago, Ill. Presently residing in Crystal Lake, Ill. with mother, member of Sokol Slavsky, and sister, Helen, Sokol Stickney. Received elementary school education in Chicago. Attended several high school evening courses. Graduated full secretarial course, Bryant & Stratton Business College. Attended Bohemian School, having special tutor for Czech grammar. Was present at American Sokol Org. course (national); in 1932 participated in course in Rhythmic by the Ceskoslovenska Obec Sokolska.



Attended IX Sokol Slet in Prague, 1932; where the U.S. Sokol team placed first in Intermediate competition (Guest Division). Coached team. Also participated in the XI Sokol Slet of 1948 held in Prague.

Started Sokol training as a junior girl at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs; transferred to Sokol Slavsky in 1930, where she is a member to the present day. Competed in ASO and AAU competition. Placed first in ASO Women's Low Division Competition in 1927.

Sis. Prener served in many offices—first as secretary to Unit B.O.I. Member of ASO B.O.I. under

directorship of Bros. Jarka Jelinek, Oldrich Kudrnovsky, Edward Halik and Sis. Mildred Prchal. Served as secretary to ASO B.O.I. for many years, and Secretary, ASO Executive Board, 1965-1970. Member of Executive Board, now in the third term. Now President of Sokolice Slavsky; taught women's class at Sokol Stickney for period of three years; taught at several Sokol courses. Served on various committees at Unit, District, and National levels.

After a successful business career as secretary to Chairman of the Board for 13 yrs. — Region Manager for 3 yrs. — Manager of Product Development, 9 yrs.; retired December 1970.

Sis. Prener states: "Sokol has afforded me much satisfaction and happiness. I have seen many goals accomplished and know our sights have been set realistically for future development. It is in the future growth of our Sokol Organization, both technical and historical, that I would like to bring my knowledge and efforts to bear. Sokol has much to offer all of us."

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE A.S.O.

Held April 27, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Bro. S. Barcal, President.

Present: Bros. R. Svoboda, G. Basta, E. Linhart, G. Herink, J. Rabas, J. Drnec, E. Schnabl. Sisters B. Prener, J. Pros, A. Sotka, E.J. Schnabl, E. Ruzicka, A. Basta, A. Falta.

Correspondence: Letter received from Bro. R. Jirousek regarding receipt of check and thanks to the Convention Committee. Letter from Bro. Zraly regarding question of dual membership in the same District. The Board's decision was "A member of a Gymnastically INACTIVE Unit may have dual membership (join and pay dues) in an ACTIVE Gymnastic Unit. Bro. Zraly will be sent this information. Letter of appreciation from the Southern District for Bro. Barcal's attendance at the Grand Opening of Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky. Request from the Southern District to have a member of the ASO attend their District Slet June 12-13th, Sis. Prener will represent the ASO. Letter sent to the Western District informing them Bro. Barcal will attend their Slet June 12-13th. Letter from Bro. Spanek, Organizer of the Pacific District, informing of their problem of distance involved in meeting with their Units. Letter will be sent to Bro. Spanek and Sokols Portland, Scio and Seattle requesting their representatives meet with Bro. Linhart and Sis. Schnabl when they are in their District for their Slet. Letter from Bro. Cruieger, Director of Sokol San Francisco, requesting Bro. Linhart and Sis. Schnabl to come to Sokol San Francisco while in the area; letter will be sent recommending his contacting the District Directors and setting a later date for an Instructors School. Letter from the Bohemian National Cemetery requesting the participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Invitation from Sokol U. S. A. to the Testimonial Dinner and Dance honoring Bro. Charles Divisek, May 22nd; Bro. and Sis. Zraly will be asked to represent the ASO. The Hlasatel will

be celebrating its 80th Anniversary, congratulatory ad placed.

Board of Instructors: Sis. Schnabl read the minutes of the combined meeting held April 21, 1971. Bills recommended for payment: Bro. J. Milan NCAA Tournament in Ann Arbor, Mich., \$186.00, approved; Sis. M. Prchal USOC Biennial Meeting \$100.00, approved; Western District Workshop held February 7, 1971 \$54.50, approved. Sis. Pros, Uniform Division, brought various problems to the meeting which were discussed and revisions will be made. Pictures of all uniforms were taken and will be printed in the American Sokol, bill for \$31.37 approved. The Central District requested a listing of all available films of Slets and Instructional Material be published, and those not available at the office where they may be obtained. Composers of the 1973 Calisthenics were chosen. Bro. Linhart attended all Central District Exhibitions to date. With Sis. Schnabl edited the Sokol Gymnast for the month of April. Bills for mailing of Sokol Gymnast, approved. Tentatively agreed to teach at the Southern District Instructors School, starting July 12th to 23rd, to be held at Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas. Received some information from Toronto regarding their Slet July 3 and 4. To date the Eastern, Northeastern and Central Districts will participate.

Sis. Schnabl received phone calls from Sis. Drozda and Sis. Lizak. Compiled all photos of uniforms with proper captions and names of models and their Units. Along with Bro. Schnabl she will work with Sis. Pros regarding Uniform Division. Bill of \$30.00 for the Women's Parade Uniform sample, approved.

Organization: Sis. Ruzicka stated Sokol Miami is keeping her very busy. Will visit Sokol Belcamp Sport Festival. Will make plans to visit West Texas June 12 and 13th and meet with the members of the Southern District. Permission given to Sis. Prener to extend her stay to work with Sis. Ruzicka. Request a Tour be planned to Sokol Miami, November 13, 14 and 15. Congratulated Bro. Schnabl for the fine job as Organizer of the Central District. Suggested all Districts take an interest in their Inactive Units and make personal contact with these members.

Membership: Bro. Svoboda reported on meeting held April 22, 1971. Interest must be reached through the American Sokol, news media, letters and literature. Tentative objectives: Organize National Membership Drive, determine methods to instill pride in Sokol, design literature, determine membership chairmen in each Unit, procedure for each Unit to follow, inform Units of successful means obtained by various Units, set up comparative data as to gains or losses.

Financial Secretary: Sis. Sotka stated Financial Report prepared, Federal Taxes deposited, Federal and Illinois Income Tax return for 1st quarter 1971 filed. Sokol and Sokolice Los Angeles have suspended 30 and 35 members respectively with some resignations and a few new members but not enough to offset their losses. Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs still gaining, now have 378 men. Billed Sokol Fresno for Special Assessment that was due for 1970. Sent letter with copy to Bro. Salek, explaining their

obligation as per Convention. Sokol Zizka returned the Convention traveling expenses that was paid to one of their members in error. Paid \$2,384.22 to the XI. National Convention Committee, North-eastern District for balance of Convention expenses.

Treasurer: Bro. Basta is in agreement with Financial Secretary's report. Reconciled bank statement for the following checking accounts: American Sokol Organization and Uniform Division. Presented a breakdown of income and expenses for the 1st quarter. Also a statement of conditions of the American Sokol Organization.

Public Relations: Sis. Basta reported placing announcement in the local papers for the Central District. Bro. Rabas stated he placed congratulatory ad in the Hlasatel for its 80th Anniversary. Cost for ad \$36.00, approved.

Uniform Division: Sis. Pros stated orders filled as received. Occasionally some items are out of stock and on order. New shelving purchased. As to picture catalog being published in Sokol Gymnast, extra pages will be allowed. Decision as to reproduction of this catalog will be decided before the new gymnastic season begins.

Secretary: Sis. Pros reported nothing heard from Bro. Hrebik regarding meeting requested about the Vienna Slet. Letters sent to the President, Secretary and Directors of the Pacific District regarding the attendance of Bro. Linhart and Sis. Schnabl. Citation of Merit Award sent to Sokol Newark as requested. Attended all local Exhibitions to date.

President: Bro. Barcal stated attending all local Exhibitions to date. Very pleased members are reading the By-Laws. Noticed the many changes of addresses. Sis. Ruzicka stated a form letter be sent to local postmasters requesting notification of address changes.

Sis. Ruzicka stressed the need for Educational Material. Lectures should be given in all classes to instill pride of being Sokols.

AMERICAN SOKOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS SCHOOLS

Western District — The Western District will conduct a one week Beginners' Instructors School from June 14—21st, at Sokol Camp in Omaha, Nebraska. The instructors staff will be headed by Sis. Provaznikova and assisted by Sis. Norma Zabka of the Eastern District. Assistant instructors from the Western District will be Bro. Vojmir Benak and Sis. Jolene Svoboda. — Director of Women, Sis. Bozena Drozda, and Director of Men, Bro. Ray Lastovica, urge all possible students to register early.

Southern District — Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, will host the Southern District Instructors Course, July 11—24, at their new Sokol Gymnastic Center. Staff of instructors will include Bro. Ed Linhart, American Sokol Director of Men; Sis. Norma Zabka, Director of Women, Eastern District; and Bro. Jerry Milan, Assistant Director of Men, Southern District, and the American Sokol representative to the United States Olympic Committee. An invitation to participate in the course is being extended to students from other

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(R) John Gilbert
of Sokol Berwyn

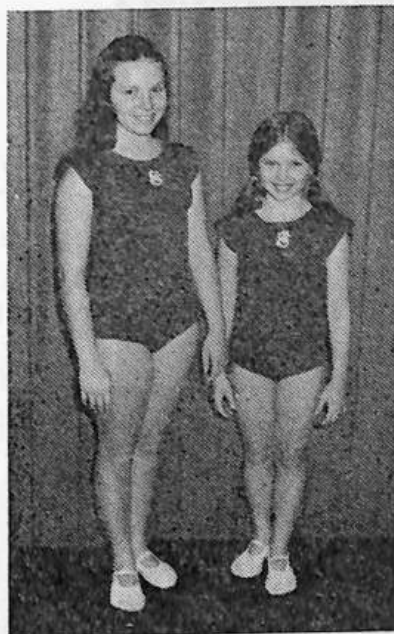
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Red cotton bloomer style
shorts white anklets, red
gym shoes

Boys: American Sokol "T" Shirt
red cotton boxer style
shorts white anklets, red
gym shoes

**1st & 2nd CLASS GIRLS'
UNIFORM:**

Posed by: (L) Diana Schnabl
(R) Anita Schnabl
both of Sokol Berwyn

Red sleeveless leotard
American Sokol Emblem
Red Brief
White gym slippers
No ribbons or gaudy barrets in
the hair. It is recommended that
white "footlets" be worn in the
gym slippers.

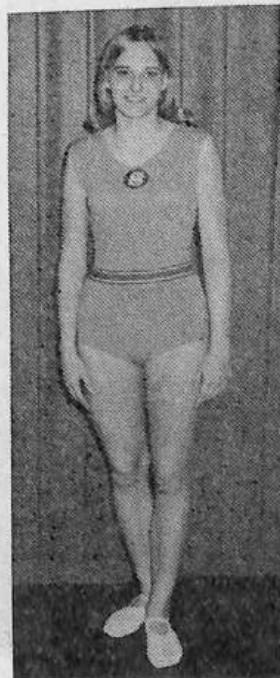


**1st & 2nd CLASS BOYS'
UNIFORM:**

Posed by: Rich Ptacek
of Sokol Stickney
American Sokol "T" Shirt
Navy blue boxer style gym shorts
White anklets
White gym slippers

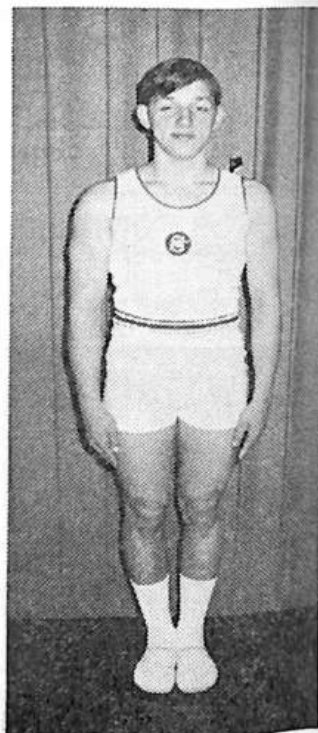
JUNIOR GIRLS' UNIFORM:

Posed by: Janet Vodicka
of Sokol Berwyn
Royal blue sleeveless leotard
American Sokol Emblem
American Sokol belt (not used
for apparatus work)
White gym slippers

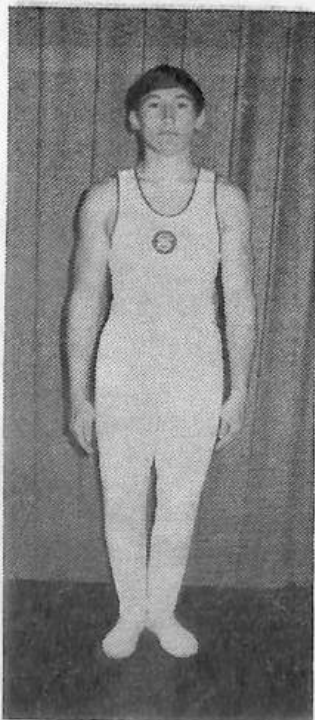




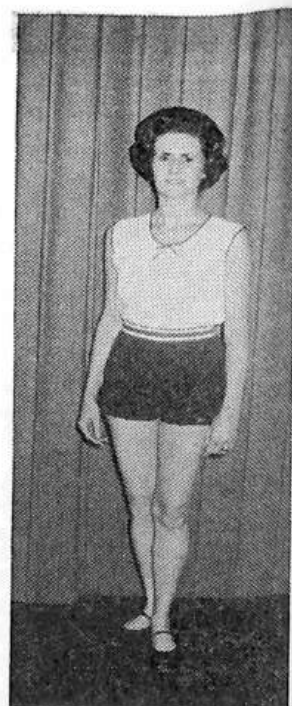
**JUNIOR GIRLS'
CHAMPIONSHIP UNIFORM:**
Posed by: Julie Barcal
of Sokol Slavsky
Royal blue leotard with 3/4
sleeves
American Sokol Emblem
American Sokol belt (not used
for apparatus work)
White gym slippers



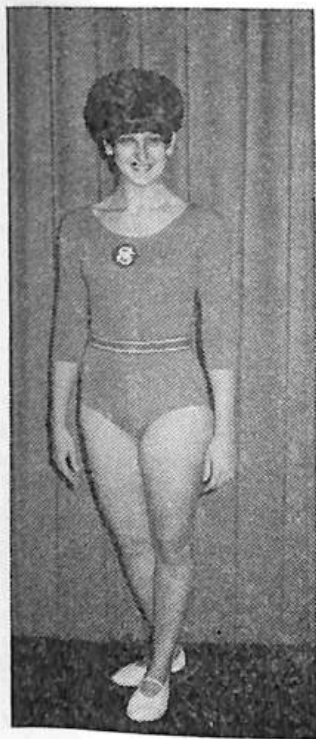
JUNIOR BOYS' UNIFORM:
Posed by: Rick Linhart
of Sokol Tabor
Men's style Sokol shirt: white
with red piping
American Sokol Emblem
White shorts with Sokol belt
White anklets
White gym slippers



**JUNIOR BOYS'
CHAMPIONSHIP UNIFORM:**
Posed by: Chuck Klapp
of Sokol Brookfield
Men's style Sokol shirt: white
with red piping
American Sokol Emblem
White gymnastic pants — no belt
White gym slippers & white sox



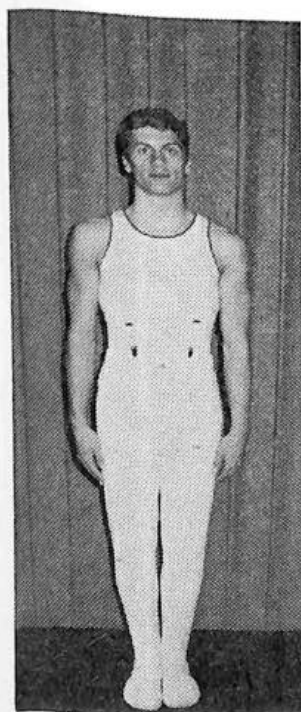
WOMEN'S UNIFORM:
Posed by: Elaine Zitko
of Sokol Slavsky
Sleeveless white blouse with red
piping at neck ending in bow
tie
Navy blue shorts with elastic in
legs and Sokol belt
Black ballet slippers
To be worn by Low Division
Women in competitions and by all
women PLUS a solid red 2" wide
head band for outdoor calisthen-
ics.



**WOMEN'S COMPETITION
UNIFORM:**
 Posed by: Mildred Foltyn
 of Sokol Tabor
 Royal blue leotard with 3/4
 sleeves
 American Sokol belt (not used
 for apparatus work)
 American Sokol Emblem
 White gym slippers for Cham-
 pionship Division
 Black gym slippers for Inter-
 mediate and High Division Wo-
 men



MEN'S UNIFORM:
 Posed by: Dick Ptacek
 of Sokol Slavsky
 Men's style Sokol Shirt: white
 with red piping
 Dark navy blue "Sokol-style"
 pants with Sokol Belt
 Navy or black sox with black
 gym slippers



**MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
UNIFORM:**
 Posed by: Ed Pavek
 of Sokol Berwyn
 Men's style Sokol Shirt: white
 with red piping
 White gymnastic pants — no belt
 White gym slippers and white sox



WOMEN'S WARM-UP SUIT:
 Posed by: Marie Ptacek
 of Sokol Slavsky
 Navy Pants
 Matching navy jacket with red
 and white trim
 American Sokol emblem



WOMEN'S PARADE UNIFORM:
Posed by: Catherine Krimmel
of Sokol Berwyn

Navy blue polyester semi-fitted shift,
pocket on upper left side for American
Sokol Emblem (New crest to be used),
with white trim at collar.

Matching jacket with bracelet sleeve,
pocket on upper left side for American
Sokol Emblem (new crest to be used);
pocket at lower right side; with white
trim.

Women's navy hat (Matching) with red
piping, white gloves and navy blue
pumps complete the outfit.



MEET OFFICIAL UNIFORM:
Posed by: Ed Linhart
of Sokol Tabor

Navy pants

Matching navy Jacket with red
and white trim

American Sokol emblem

Cap worn by Meet Directors

MEN'S PARADE UNIFORM:
Posed by: George Basta
of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs

Navy blue single breasted blazer with
American Sokol Emblem (New
crest to be used)

Light grey toursers

White shirt — navy tie

Men's type Sokol hat in navy with
red and white piping, rosette and
Sokol feather

black or navy sox and black shoes



districts (approved by their Unit and District Directors). Minimum age limit is 13.

Beginning and advanced students will be accepted. Registration will be limited so applications should be made as soon as possible. Cost of the two-week course will be \$50 plus a \$10 registration fee (total of \$60.00 for the two week period). For applications and additional information write to: Larry Laznovsky (Director of Men, Southern District), Route 1, Ennis, Texas 75119.

The Eastern and North Eastern Districts will combine to hold an Instructors Course at Sokol Camp, Boonton, New Jersey, from August 14-28. Sis. M. Provaznik will be the Director of the School. Assisting her will be Sisters Audrey Benda, Jackie Shour, and Bros. Edward Stetka and Jerry Milan. Other members will be asked to instruct. The rate for the course will be \$55.00 per week.

E. C. L.

TORONTO SLET

The Slet Committee of the Sokol Gymnastic Association of Toronto extends an invitation to all Sokol members to the Sokol Slet and Annual Czechoslovak Day to be held at Masaryktown, Scarborough, Ontario, July 3-4th. Should a sufficient number of competitors show a definite interest, gymnastic competitions would start Thurs., July 1st, and carry through Saturday, July 3rd. A large ball is planned for Saturday, July 3rd. Sunday, July 4th, will mark the Slet festivities. As of now, the Central, Eastern, and Northeastern Districts will participate. For additional information contact Men's Director of Sokol Toronto, Zbynek Jerabek, 19 Bannan Avenue, Toronto 18, Ontario, Canada.

DISTRICT REPORTS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

March 11, 1971

Don Steinman, 2nd Vice-President, presided, Bro. Prevratil unable to attend. Present were: Bros. Jerry Milan, Larry Laznovsky, H. B. Smith, Joseph Slovak. Sisters Marie Kane, Patsy Slovak, Henrietta Milan.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokol Zizka—February meeting attended by 38 members. The Scats group sponsored by Zizka presented a program at the SMU Moody Coliseum, successful and well attended. Sokols Fort Worth and Havlicek-Borovsky provided some of the apparatus. — Gymnasts enrollment, 108.

Sokol Havlicek-Borovsky—February meeting attended by 50, gained 10 regular and 4 associate members. — Approximately 25 gymnasts and parents attended Scats program. — Gymnasts enrollment, 85.

Sokol Fort Worth—Gained 9 associate members. — Formed committees for the District Slet. — Participated in the SWAAU meet February 19-20th. With 15 taking part. — Gymnastic enrollment, 121.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Sis. Laznovsky—Checking out reimbursement for traveling expenses to assist Sokol Corpus Christi. —

Completed distribution of tapes of junior girls and Women's free calisthenics to all Units. — Displayed decal available through ASO office.

Bro. Laznovsky—Jr. boys and Men's apparatus routines for the Slet are ready for distribution. — Bro. Chapman of Sokol Corpus Christi reports gym classes are held on a limited basis due to condition of the building. — Unit directors will need assistance teaching material for the Slet. — A July date suggested for the District Instructors Course. — Urges Units to submit material for the Sokol Gymnast column of the American Sokol.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

March 24, 1971

Pres. Bro. Pekar presided. Reported representing Sokol at various activities. Urged that new By-Law books be disbursed among new members.

Unit report:

Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlicek. — Bro. Gruber stated Unit is preparing for Summer Exhibition. Pork Dinner April 18th.

Sokol Tyrs — Bro. Voris reported sale of their Sokol hall is progressing as planned. May 19th will include program that will commemorate Sokol Tyrs history. May 22nd, Night in Prague, last affair in the hall.

Sokol Nova Vlast. — Bro. Hoch expressed apprehension in the absence of younger members at meetings. Fish Fry April 16th.

Sokol Detroit — Bro. Kovar, as per request, presented information on expenditures necessary in maintaining a building as their Sokol Cultural Center. Rummage Sale May 19-20th. One dance a month as a fund-raising activity.

Public Relations — Sis. Khol announced price of cook-books will be increased, pricing additional 500.

Convention Committee — Bro. Jirousek reported all obligations to ASO were paid, however the matter is not settled with the District.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

April 28, 1971

Pres. Bro. Drnec presided, welcoming 25 members present, including Bro. & Sis. Ruzicka from Miami, Florida. A letter received from the ASO in reply to inquiry regarding Special Assessment Fund. Sis. Michalik reported on Workshop held at Sokol Racine. Bro. Lebloch reported on the Workshop held at Sokol St. Louis. All necessary bills be paid. Sis. Michalek was instructed to obtain prices for engraving machine to be purchased by the District. The report due next meeting.

Sis. Pros stated progress on bus tour to Sokol Racine May 1st. Only a few reservations for tour to Sokol St. Louis exhibition May 23rd. Round trip, including exhibition, \$14.50. The Toronto tour will leave July 2nd, returning the night of July 5th. Contacted motels and awaiting information from Niagara Falls. Possibility of Central District visiting Sokol Detroit next year.

Bro. Schnabl moved to accept Southern District's invitation to Instructors School. Unit directors will have to approve the number from each Unit at-

tending. Bro. Lebloch stated he wanted the sanction of the District.

Bro. Drnec reported music contracts have been signed for the Slet and the Victory Dance, the latter to be held at Sokol Tabor. A special meeting will be called with the District officers and Sokol Tabor to discuss details. Bro. Janecka asked the delegates to get volunteers to work at the Slet and Sokol Tabor.

Sis. Ruzicka gave a fine summary on the success of Sokol Miami. Also discussed inactive Units and needs of Sokol today. There will be a tour to Miami again, November 13—15th. Bro. Drnec read letter from Bohemian National Cemetery pertaining to Sokol participation on Memorial Day. Bro. Glaser reported the Hlasatel celebrating its 80th anniversary. Central District will insert congratulatory ad for \$36.00.

EASTERN DISTRICT

April 19, 1971

Pres. Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present were: Bros. J. Babinec, A. Chaloupka, J. Petlicka, H. Vesely. Sisters B. Kubat, B. Novotny, M. Provaznik, R. Rohlf, M. Zabka, B. Zraly.

Correspondence — Check for \$50.00 received from Sokol Belcamp for chance-books. All stubs to be returned at annual meeting in Belcamp Sept. 25—26th. Received list of officers of Long Island Technical Board.

Southern Circuit — Meeting held March 14th with Bro. Stetka presiding. All Units present. Competitions for boys and girls classes April 16th, at Baltimore. Bus fare to Toronto Slet will be \$40.00 for non-participants, \$30.00 for participants. Sports Festival May 1—2nd. Annual Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Tomb of Unknowns May 23rd.

B. O. I. — Meeting at Belcamp March 27th. Some 34 gymnasts in the Toronto Slet from Southern Circuit. Instructors School at Boonton, New Jersey, August 14—28th. Sis. Provaznik will be director. Sis. Audrey Benda, Bros. Edward Stetka and Jerry Milan will be instructors. Rate is \$55.00 per week. United Eastern Sokol competition will be held April 24th. Men and boys at Bohemian Hall and Women and girls at SGUS in Astoria. It was suggested Sokol Schenectady be informed of important events. Also, Eastern District would attend an affair at the same Unit if informed in ample time.

Director of Women, Sis. Zabka. — Trophy cabinet to be purchased for Eastern District. A children's competition in Astoria May 15th. Salaries of instructors at Boonton School be paid on a pro-rata basis.

Director of Men, Bro. Capek. — Attended meeting at Sokol Belcamp. Sis. Tessie Mastik is now secretary of the Technical Board. Some 25 students from Eastern District will attend Boonton School. UNIT REPORT —

Sokolice Little Ferry, Sis. Kubat. — Unit very active. Will celebrate 63rd birthday.

Sokol Little Ferry, Bro. Vesely. — Exhibition a success. Realized profit of \$1,500 on candy sale.

Sokol New York, Sis. Provaznik. — Spring Dance May 1st. Exhibition May 15th. Having difficulty

securing instructors for gym classes. Unit improving financially.

Sokol Fugner — Exhibition May 2nd. Some students will participate in Barryville Slet.

Public Relations, Bro. Petlicka. — Toronto Slet. Busses leave July 2nd, return July 5th. Rate, \$87.00 per person, includes 3 nights at hotel, sight-seeing, admission to a concert, Slet, and Sunday dinner. Reservations must be in before end of May. Also a tour to Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, week-end of May 21—23rd, at \$48.00 per person.

Treasurer, Bro. Chaloupka. — Receipts \$183.20. Disbursements \$116.30.

WESTERN DISTRICT

Executive Meeting March 8, 1971

Pres. Bro. Pavoucek presiding. Received reply from ASO Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl, regarding uniforms for Women's and Jr. Girls Division Competition. No reply from ASO in regards to monies available in Traveling Instructors Fund towards sending students to Instructors School.

QUARTERLY REPORTS — St. Paul, 45 Men and 62 Women; Sokol Crete, 23 Men; Sokolice Cedar Rapids lost 6 members, now 185; South Omaha gained 11 new members, now 378; Wilson, Kansas, same, 14 Men and 15 Women. Sokols Crete and Minneapolis have not paid Special Assessment to ASO for 1970.

B.O.I. — Bro. and Sis. Beran will conduct a Workshop in Crete, Nebr. for Sokols Crete and Wilber, so they may be aided in the gym-work. — Sis. Janice Gathys is also available. Workshop will be held April 25th. Sis. Drozda will make necessary applications to the ASO in order Workshop expense be covered through the Traveling Instructors Fund. Bro. Lastovica received a request from Sokols Crete and St. Paul for Men, Jr. Boys and Small Boys calisthenics music.

Executive Meeting April 12, 1971

Bro. Pavoucek called the meeting to order. Present were: Bros. J. Velehradsky, V. Jirka, R. Lastovica, F. Jerushin, H. Mertz, A. Swoboda, V. Benak. Sisters B. Kilborn, H. Karpisek, B. Pavoucek, B. Masek, P. Jirka, B. Drozda, B. Swoboda. — Received District dues from Sokol St. Paul and Sokolice Cedar Rapids. Letter received from Sis. Sula requesting an instructor come to Sokol Wilson, Kans.

BOI. — Bro. V. Benak, Sisters N. Zabka and J. Swoboda will be Assistant Instructors at the Western District Instructors School. Cost per student will be \$65.00 for one week. — Judges Clinic April 24th. — Bro. Pomajzl, Sokol Crete, asked for aid in the gym. Bro. Benak will set a date for a Workshop. — Sokolice Omaha requested honors be bestowed upon 3 of their members who were active in the District. Tabled to allow time for other Units to present their members for similar honors from the District.

Sokol Baltimore

As we approach the 100th year of Sokol Baltimore, it becomes imperative that we join together in a new spirit of cooperation and good will for the good of our Unit. To paraphrase an old gen-

eral: "Old Units never die, they just fade away." This has happened too often to many Units.

Our objective must be to build a "new" Unit. By this I mean NEW in ideas, new in cooperation and new in overall support. Being one of the most solvent—if not the most solvent Unit—in the Eastern District is not enough. Our funds and assets are ample to handle our immediate needs but what we so urgently need right now is YOUR SUPPORT for the overall operation of the Unit.

It has been years since many of you have attended a monthly membership meeting. These meetings are vitally important since they set the tone for the actual operation of the Unit. Too many organizations have fallen prey to disruptive concepts of a small group of dissidents who have chosen to disregard parliamentary procedures and disrupted the unity and spirit of the group. Only by your attendance can we prevent the same from happening at Sokol Baltimore.

All members wishing to speak or voice their opinions will be heard at our monthly meetings provided they observe proper decorum, conduct themselves according to proper SOKOL discipline and ask to be heard in the proper portion of the meeting; i.e., old business, new business or the particular subject under discussion.

I proposed to the membership for consideration a possible solution to our dilemma of building a new Sokol Hall. It was suggested that Sokol Baltimore take the initiative in contacting the various Czech organizations in Baltimore to interest them in joining forces with us in the planning and building of a new Czech-American Cultural Center. Such a venture would be far less costly to us and could help unify all Czech-American activities under one roof.

I ask that you sound out your friends at other organizations during the next few months and perhaps sometimes in the near future we could make a formal proposal to the other organizations in this regard.

Don Otenasek, President, Sokol Baltimore

Charles H. Tichy

It is with deep sorrow that we note the passing of Bro. Charles Tichy, March 29, 1971, at the age of 72. Bro. Tichy was born in Hlinsku, Bohemia. He arrived in the United States 61 years ago.

Bro. Tichy was beloved and well respected. As a true Sokol he fully understood life, its beauty, as well as its trials and tribulations. To him the ideals of physical and moral fitness meant much more than hollow phrases, he practiced them in everyday life.

Bro. Tichy joined Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs in the year 1918, and retained his membership a period well over 52 years. During this time he served his Unit as Physical Director and an instructor as well. He was a fine instructor, especially teaching calisthenics and special numbers, at which he excelled. He was an all-around gymnast, an outstanding tennis player. He had many other athletic abilities, among them track and field. He was a member of the ASO team that went to Czechoslovakia in 1920.

We shall miss him, we shall miss his loyalty and willingness to help, his personal friendship and

kindness. Although Bro. Tichy will walk with us no more, his name like a shining star will remain in our hearts forever.

George Basta

GENIUS OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP

"No one is what he may seem to be on the surface. Behind the person you know there may dwell a broken heart, a deep disappointment, a heavy handicap, a frightened soul, a lonely life. The genius of true friendship is that ability of a person to be at once himself and every man. This is to say, the ability to enter into and understand another life."

O získání nových členů.

Děláme propagaci o získání nových členů. Chceme rozšířit počet sokolských příslušníků, poněvadž jsme přesvědčeni, že Tyršova Idea je programem tak hodnotným, že stojí za každé úsilí, zvláště uvědomíme-li si zvýšenou potřebu výchovy každého člena lidské společnosti.

Sokolská organizace měla nádherný vliv na kvalitu a dobrý zvuk československého jména po celém světě a nikdo nepopře, že Spojené Státy dnes, v době tak kritické pro morálku, podobnou výchovu pro zlepšení národních vlastností a patriotismu tím více potřebují.

Zapomínáme ale na plnění svých vlastních povinností — povinností vůči sobě, vůči svému vlastnímu zdraví a ekonomickému využívání toho, co těžkou prací a úsilím získujeme a udržujeme. Myslíme tím naše tělocvičny.

Kde jste všichni vy tak zvaní starší? Nemyslím ty opravdu staré, oplývající reumatismem a bolestmi v zádech všeho druhu, ačkoli i mnohému z těchto může hodně pomoci nějaký ten předklon a trochu zamávání rukama.

Kde je ta armáda mladých mužů od 35 roků výše, kteří se tak rádi řadí mezi "staré", ačkoliv ze sebe staré jen uměle dělají.

Členství v Sokole poskytuje každému jednotlivci ne snad povinnost, ale právo používat to, co obětavá práce výborů jednot mu poskytuje ve formě Sokoloven a jejich tělocvičen. Zvýšit úroveň národního zdraví znamená zvýšit zdraví co možná největšího počtu jednotlivců v národě.

Kolik dnešních čtyřicátníků při sáhnutí po klobouku na vysokém věšáku ucítí píchnutí v zádech a to ne proto, že je nemocný, ale proto, že jeho jediná "tělocvičná činnost" je sedět v pohodlném křesle a pozorovat televizi.

Sokolská prostná jsou zatím to nejlepší, nejjednodušší a neúčinnější pro každého muže nebo ženu bez ohledu na věk, tělesnou schopnost a povolání.

Důležitost tělocvičných cvičení v moderní době je naprosto jasná a je mnoho lidí, kteří za soukromé hodiny tělocviku anebo t.zv. "rythmiky" platí velké peníze každý měsíc, a jediný výsledek je, že na nich některý úspěšný podnikavec hodně vydělává. Ovšem \$10.00 sokolských příspěvků za rok se mnohým zdá příliš mnoho.

Každý je jen tak starý jak se cítí. Přijďte mezi nás do tělocvičen a udělejte konečně také něco pro sebe. Připojte se k nácviku společných prostných pro veřejná cvičení a poznejte jak po takovém zavěšení a vysprchování se nádherně spí. Poznáte, že ten obyčejný sokolský tělocvik je právě to, co potřebujete.

Píšu tuto výzvu pro všechny muže "over forty" a nevyjímám ani šedesátníky. Když jsme byli mladí, často jsme zkoušeli mnohé po těch starých jen abychom (ovšem ve svých bláhových myslích) vypadali starší. Proč by bylo špatné dnes ve zralém věku dělat to, co nás opravdu dělá mladší?

Václav Ženišek.

Vzpomínka na T. G. Masaryka v Cedar Rapids

V neděli dne 21. března 1971 uspořádána byla vzpomínková oslava na prvního presidenta Československé republiky, T. G. Masaryka. Slavnosti se zúčastnili zástupci Sokola, Z.C.B.J., Č.S.A., České školy a dalších organizací. Všichni pěkně pohromadě, tak jak se náleží v krajaňském životě, vzpomněli na T. G. Masaryka a jeho syna Jana.

Byl představen řečník tohoto večera, pan Čeněk Torn z Chicaga, bývalý poslanec ze svobodného Československa. Byla to radost poslouchat tohoto muže, který nevyprávěl, jak a kde se Masaryk narodil a podobně, ale mluvil o Masarykovi tak, že přítomní byli uvedeni do doby, kdy Masaryk žil a jak tento veliký světový muž viděl do budoucna. Jak by bylo na tomto světě lépe, kdyby se svět řídil podle myšlenek a podle činnosti T. G. Masaryka.

Po řeči, lépe řečeno rozprávění s Masarykem a o Masarykovi, byl promítnut film o pohřbu T. G. Masaryka. Byl to pěkný večer jakých by mělo být v Cedar Rapidsích více, aby se nezapomínalo na českou řeč a na starou vlast.

Nadšený vlastenec Josef Libor slavil 70 let.

Psát o žijících zasloužilých Sokolech a vlastencích není snadné, zvláště když konají tu drobnou tichou národní práci a takových v našem národním životě potřebujeme právě tak jako zasloužilých vůdců.

Josef Libor se narodil dne 31. března 1901 v Praze. Vystudoval obchodní akademii v Karlíně, kde byl žákem dr. Petra Zenkla, na kterého rád vzpomíná. Lásky k hudbě ho přivedla na pražskou hudební konservatoř k prof. Karlu Hofmeisterovi. Studoval ještě vysokou obchod. akademii, ale umělecká kariéra ho lákala více než kancelářská práce.

Stal se dirigentem městských venkovských divadel a později byl kapelníkem Karla Hašlera.

Za II. světové války pro své vlastenectví byl pod přísným dozorem gestapa. Po válce byl jmenován ředitelem národních správy nacisty zabaveného majetku, zvláště židům. Když mu komunisté začali nařizovat — Josef Libor utekl na západ. Usídlil se v Cedar Rapids, kde se oženil s Ann Jeřábkovou.

Jako bývalý člen malostranského Sokola zapojil se ihned do činnosti Sokola amerického. Když pak později zakoupil v Omaze restaurační podnik "Bohemian Café", za několik let jej proslavil po celém širokém okolí.

V místní jednotě Sokol pomáhal a řídil mnoho veřejných podniků. Doprovázel na piano krajaňské zpěváky. Založil pěvecký spolek, který získal I. cenu na "Centennial Nebraska" za klasický zpěv. Po svém odchodu do pensie se Liborovi usídlili na zimu v San Franciscu a na léto v Coloradu.

V Sokole San Francisco se zapojil opět do sokolské činnosti a byl zvolen místostarostou. Je na to hrdý, že se stal "pátečníkem" a nevynechal ani jedno páteční cvičení v tělocvičně, kam doprovází svá dvě vnoučata. Pomáhá finančně v Sokole i v Československé národní radě americké — odebírá snad všechny krajaňské časopisy a zajímá se o tu každodenní národní práci.

Přejeme Josefu Liborovi, aby ještě dlouho žil ku prospěchu naší krajaňské národní práci. J. Š.

Vzpomínka narozenin T. G. Masaryka v San Franciscu.

Sokol San Francisco uspořádal důstojnou vzpomínku narozenin T. G. Masaryka dne 6. března v Sokol Hall v San Mateo. Program večera připravil starosta jednoty br. J. Marek. Bylo to nepřetržitě pásmo, do kterého byly zapojeny recitace, písně, cvičení žactva a tanec skupiny v národních krojích. Vzdělavatel br. Jan Kučera nacvičil program, přečetl proslav starosty J. Marka, který pro nemoc nemohl být přítomen. Starostka Blanche Duffey přivítala návštěvníky anglicky. V pásmu opět pročitěně recitovala Eliška Buršíková, ses. Lída Mikešová a br. Lada Zrzavý krásně zazpívali dueto národní písně a program hudbou doprovázel J. Stibor. Byl to krásný večer, který se návštěvníkům líbil. I naši přespolní hosté, br. Frank Kratochvíl z Berwyn, ses. a br. Maršálkovi ze Sokola Havlíček-Tyrš, ses. a br. Jun ze Sherman, Texas (Sokol Cedar Rapids) byli úrovní večera překvapeni a ujistěvali nás, že ve svých jednotách něco podobného neviděli.

Na druhý den členové Sokola San Francisco položili květiny k pomníku T. G. Masaryka v Golden Gate Parku. — Vzpomínka narozenin Presidenta-Osvoboditele T. G. Masaryka se stala nejen tradičním svátkem krajanů zálivu San Franciska, ale také dnem, ve který probouzíme naše svědomí a klademe si otázku zda pracujeme tak, jak Masaryk nás učil. Jiří Špánek.

T. B. Hlubuček:

"České Athény" a 100 let české školy.

Bylo to během I. světové války, kdy tehdejší senátor Vojta Beneš přezdil město Cedar Rapids v Iowě na České Athény. A měl k tomu několik příčin. Hned od příchodu prvních českých přistěhovalců byl v městě udržován zdravý český život, který se v prvních letech soustředoval na jihozápadní straně, s hlavní tepnou 16té aveny, ale postupem let se rozšířil po obou stranách řeky Cedar. Jednu z největších zásluh o český život měl zesnulý Václav F. Severa. Byl zářným příkladem českého emigranta, který jako 14letý chlapec přijel z rodné vesničky Doubravice u Luže, vlastní přičinností a prozíravostí se vyšinul na prominentního průmyslníka ve velkolékárním oboru a v letech třicátých byl Tomášem Čapkem v New Yorku zařazen mezi českoamerické milionáře.

Z tohoto bohatství však br. Severovi nikdy "nenarostla velká hlava". Štědře podporoval všechno, co bylo dobré a české. Když se stavěla samostatná budova české školy na 2. ulici a 10té aveny, zakoupil veškerý nábytek do tříd, každoročně štědře při-

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Někdy až příliš brzy zapomínáme dát uznání těm, kteří byli pravými průkopníky českého kulturně-národního života naší větve v Americe. A je to k naší škodě, protože v jejich příkladech bylo tak nesmírně mnoho kvalit, které v dnešním rozháraném světě postrádáme a potřebujeme. Cedar Rapids nejsou největší krajanskou osadou v zemi, ale jejich historie podložena tvrdou prací, skutečným vlastenectvím a vírou v Ameriku může být inspirací všem, kdož jsou hrdí na svůj původ.

Smutné rozloučení s budovou Sokola Tyrš.

V sobotu dne 22. května se konala opět tradiční "Noc v Praze". Tímto podnikem se končí činnost jednoty v budově.

Neradi se loučíme, ale takový již je život, na kterém nic se nedá měnit. Není vinou jednoty, že musela prodat svoji budovu, která byla po přestavbě divadla nejlepší českou tělocvičnou v Americe. Tehdy, když jednota se podjala úkolu přestavby, bylo mnoho naděje, že když budeme mít krásnou moderní tělocvičnu, ožije a udrží se ještě léta život v této české čtvrti. Čas byl proti nám a nezbývalo nic jiného, nežli prodat budovu.

Jednota Sokol Tyrš bude existovat dále a děkuje bratrské jednotě Sokol Cleveland-Čech-Havliček za možnost další činnosti v jejich budově.

Té mladší generaci nepřírostla budova tak k srdci jako těm, co ji budovali a po desetiletí v ní a pro ni pracovali. Ti budou vzpomínat na všechno, čeho tam byli svědky a účastníky.

Zajisté také vzpomíná mnoho přátel, které jednota hostila za těch 44 roků. Mnozí zapadli do neznáma a s mnohými jsme se ještě sešli.

Vzpomínám na bratry: Jana Lisého, Frant. Krátkého, stařešinu Všetečku a Jana Šebka, kteří odešli, když jejich sen byl splněn, kdy budova byla zachráněna. Těžce by jistě také nesli přítomnost, kdy jednota opouští budovu. I to je všechno sokolské, neboť věčným ruchem žijeme a kde stanuti tam konec. . .

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