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SOKOL SLETS

Time is nearing when the various Districts of the American Sokol Organization will be presenting their annual Slets. Majority of the Sokol Units have already staged individual exhibitions and are now concentrating upon the next phase of public display of their gymnastic prowess.

Excellent publicity is emanating from Los Angeles, St. Louis, St. Paul, Dallas and Cleveland, the host cities for these pageants of physical fitness. That preparation and excitement is reaching fevered pitch is quite apparent — and rightfully so — for this is the embodiment of Sokol in America — the joy, the pride, the enthusiasm that is so imbued within the principles of our Sokol ideology.

And now, great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of all who have the love of Sokol within their hearts — to sell — to insure that our Czech people will unstintedly and unswervingly support our Sokol dream. Not only morally, but in a physical sense; and this can best be manifested by a great response, not only in the role of our gymnasts, but the entire Czech community.

The important "Slet" dates to remember: Pacific District, May 27 - 28th; Los Angeles, Cal.; Northeastern District, June 3 - 4th, Cleveland, Ohio; Southern District, June 10 - 11th, Dallas, Tex.; Central District, June 17 - 18th, St. Louis, Mo.; Western District, June 23 - 25th, St. Paul, Minn.

And last, but not least, our ASO Chartered Flights to Vienna for the III Slet of Sokol Abroad in Vienna, July 2nd. The Tours are in two groups. Both leave Chicago on June 28th. One for a 26-day period, the other for 12 days. The January issue of the American Sokol publication carried full itineraries and particulars. Space is still available for both flights. If your intentions are in going, now is the time to register. Do not overlook the fact that some three weeks are required to process your visa, passport, etc.

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Calendar of Events

MAY 6th — SOKOL RACINE, WIS.
Gymnastic Exhibition — 7:00 P.M.
MAY 7th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR. — Pork
Dinner — Crowning Omaha Czech Queen.
MAY 12th — SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Card & Bunco Party — Cicero Red Feather Bldg.
MAY 12th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Chicken-Shrimp Dinner.
MAY 12-13th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Interclass meet - Track Meet
MAY 13th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR. — Chicken
Dinner — Eddie Janak's Music.
MAY 14th — SOKOL FUEGNER, L.I.C., N. Y.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 18th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Springtime Card Party.
MAY 19th—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILL.
Bunco.
MAY 21st—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 21st — SOKOL BALTIMORE, MD. — 100th
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 21st — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 21st — EASTERN DISTRICT.
Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony — Arlington
National Cemetery. — Picnic to follow (Palisades
Park).
MAY 27-28th — LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
Pacific District Slet.
JUNE 4th — NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET,
CLEVELAND, OHIO. — A.M.L.A. Slovenian Re-
creation Center — Leroy Township — 2:00 P.M.
JUNE 4th—SOKOL SO. OMAHA, NEBR.
Czech Festival.
JUNE 10th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR.
Chicken Dinner — Kostka Bros. Music.
JUNE 10th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Dance — Frankie Kucera Music.
JUNE 10-11th — SOUTHERN DISTRICT SLET.
DALLAS, TEXAS.
JUNE 11th — SOKOL NEW YORK, N. Y.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
JUNE 17-18th — CENTRAL DISTRICT SLET —
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
JUNE 23-25th — ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.
Western District Slet.
JUNE 25th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Summer Exhibition — Sokol Camp.
JULY 14th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Dance — Eddie Svoboda Music.
AUGUST 12th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Dance — Eddie Janak's Music.
AUGUST 20th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Summer Festival.
SEPT. 2nd — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Dance — Al Grebnick Music.
SEPT. 30th — SOKOL LOS ANGELES, CAL.
St. Wenceslav Dance.
SEPT. 30th — SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.
25th Anniversary Banquet.
OCT.7th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Dance — Al Grebnick Music.
OCT. 21st — SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Annual Dinner-Dance.
OCT. 28th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Hall Director's Halloween Dance.
OCT. 28-29th — SOKOL BALTIMORE, MD.
100th Anniversary Banquet — Celebration.
OCT. 29th — SOKOL LOS ANGELES, CAL.
Oct. 28th — Commemoration.

"The struggle America faces today is a struggle for the hearts and souls and minds of men. Unlike football where there are millions of spectators and only a few players, the struggle of life is a game in which there are no spectators, but where every-one is a player."

George Halas, Chicago Bear's owner

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A Great Sokol Honored

In every organized group, the Sokols being no exception, there are invariably one or two key individuals who are virtually the "heart" of the organization. Without their constant dedication there'd be imaginable disaster. So often their deeds, their accomplishments, go unheralded, overlooked and taken for granted. Seldom receiving the just recognition so richly deserved.

Not too long ago Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs presented a plaque to one of this type of outstanding individuals before a vast assemblage. Tribute was paid to Bro. George Basta — for his zeal and devotion on behalf of our dearly beloved Sokol organization. Making the presentation was Bro. Frank Michalek. Here were his words:

"It all started out with a thought of how nice it would be to pay tribute to someone very dear to all of us at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs. But who could find time to take on this task. With everyone having a million and one things to do, and a million and one excuses its always difficult. But on an occasion such as this the need is great and necessary. As you all know those in the driver's seat are always under fire, under criticism, and people tend to dwell on one's short-comings. But tonight we want to applaud someone, to honor, to pay homage,

to pay tribute, to someone that though he is a leader of workers, works just as hard as the rest of us, if not harder.

It is very difficult to sum up in words all the attributes of a Sokol such as this: dedicated, conscientious, unselfish, punctual, considerate, sacrificing and understanding, just to name a few. But words cannot describe one who has always found time, and if the time was not there, he made time. No matter how insignificant the matter, you could always count on him. It makes you wonder how strong our organization would be if we could enable many of our dormant members to adopt this philosophy, for many of us today tend to take the easy way out and say let the other guy work.

Inscription on the plaque: — November 6, 1971 — To Brother George C. Basta — For your dedicated and devoted service to perpetuate the Sokol philosophy and ideals — For giving wholeheartedly and unselfishly of your time and effort to further the Sokol movement — For setting an example to others through exemplary and meritorious service — For providing a guiding force toward attainment of higher goals for the future. — For outstanding leadership to the members of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs of the American Sokol Organization.

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

HELD MARCH 28, 1972

Bro. Stanley Barcal, President, presided. Present: Bros. R. Svoboda, G. Basta, E. Linhart, G. Herink, J. Janecka, J. Rabas, J. Drnec. Sisters B. Prener, J. Pros, A. Sotka, E. J. Schnabl, A. Basta, J. Drnec, L. Zdenek, A. Falta.

Correspondence: Invitation from Czechoslovak National Council re; their convention, April 15-16th. A member of the Board will represent the ASO. Invitation from the Bohemian Home for the Aged to attend their Spring Dinner-Dance, April 18th. Bro. and Sis. Barcal will represent ASO. Request from Sokol Washington, D.C. to have Bro. Barcal and Sis. Prener attend their 25th Anniversary, Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. Will notify as to who will attend. Request from Southern District to have ASO representative attend their Slet, June 9-11th. Will advise as to representative. Request from Western District to have ASO representative attend their Slet in St. Paul, Minn., June 24-25th.

Will advise as to representative. Letter from Western District informing change of Educational Director. Change noted and made in March issue of American Sokol. Letter from District Ludevit Stur, Sokol USA, informing their camp at Potter Lake, Wis. not available for Course following 1973 Slet. Letter from Sokol Houston pertaining to the BOI. Copies given Bro. Linhart and Sis. Schnabl. Received 1969 Slet film from Bro. Spanek.

Board of Instructors: Bro. Linhart reported on Men's meeting, March 3rd. Sis. Pros contacted Sears re; their camp in Pullman, Mich., and George Williams College for information on camp sites. Bro. Ptacek showed films of Men's apparatus exercises received from Bro. Walko. The Vienna Slet and preparations were discussed in detail. Minutes of the meeting held with representatives of Sokol USA, Sokols Abroad and American Sokol were read. Bro. Barcal gave information as to the tours

planned for the Vienna Slet, including touring Czechoslovakia which will be conducted by Weber Travel Agency. Will emphasize the 12 day tour for gymnasts. Recommended that the American Sokol participants be presented with some type of souvenir of the Vienna Slet. Due to the light return of results on Gymnastic Skills Program, recommended to extend the program to May 1st, same as the Women's Board. Attended the Central District Sokol exhibitions to date. Co-edited and mailed the Sokol Gymnast. Been in phone contact with Bros. Jirousek and Dusek of Cleveland regarding calisthenics and apparatus for 1972, mailed them additional Czech material and tapes. Made another tape for Sis. Zabka of the calisthenics.

Sis. Schnabl reported on meeting held Feb. 27th with representatives of Sokol USA, Sokols Abroad and American Sokol. Held Women's meeting. Wrote District Directors pertaining to their planning of summer courses. Recommend Sis. Carol Strejc as an additional member of the Women's BOI, approved. Co-edited the Sokol Gymnast. Sent Sis. Spiroff a copy of the Senior music. The Cleveland area Sokols exhibition will be, June 4th, and Detroit, June 25th. Sis. Ruzicka requested Czech copy of the Women's calisthenics, asked Sis. Prener to make same and one for Sis. Pescoat of Sokol St. Louis. Attended the Central District Unit exhibitions to date. Traveled to Sokol St. Louis with members of the Executive Committee regarding Central District Slet. Following forms received: Tentative Plans — Western District for 2 day hand apparatus clinic and a 2 day Slet preparation workshop; Final Report Forms — Central District clearing up of the Southern District Course 1971, \$301.92, also hall rental for workshop \$10.00. — Pacific District Educational and Organizational work done by Bro. Spanek traveling to Fresno and Seattle, \$211.24 — all approved by the Women's BOI, said forms will be presented to the Men's BOI. Form from the Southern District for purchase of mats for needy Units, \$344.00, the Women's BOI did not approve of this, could not realize where in our rules this can be covered, will write to Sis. Laznovsky after the Men's BOI decide.

Membership: Bro. Svoboda stated he has received response from 10 Units as to Membership committees and what they are doing. Personal contact seems like the best means in obtaining members. A follow up letter will be sent. Posters are being worked on, have made contact with people regarding art work and printing.

Publicity: Sis. Basta has given text for the ad which is to be placed in the Lyra Program Book, also letter sent Mrs. Mihalik regarding Sokol history.

Organization: Sis. Prener received call from Sis. Ruzicka. Sorry had not followed up with Organizational work as planned but will do so in the near future. Group from Florida will join our tour.

Education: Bro. Janecka reported on the lecture held Mar. 20th by Mr. Edward Croissant, Director of Administrative Service for Chicago Post Office, total of 18 people attended. Request Sis. Pros send letter of thanks, agreed. — Bro. Barcal stated he has contacted various members who may be interested in the position of Educational Director. As

per the By-Laws at least three names must be submitted which in turn are sent to all Units for final voting. Sis. Prener will contact Sis. Konecny, Bro. Barcal will contact Bro. Smunt. Bro. Barcal suggested if a slate is prepared before the next meeting said slate be sent to all Units, agreed.

Financial Secretary, Sis. Sotka: Financial report for February prepared. Federal Taxes deposited. Illinois Unemployment Compensation Dept. report filled out. Form for the Attorney General as to whether or not we fall under the "Illinois Charitable Trust & Solicitation Act" filled out. Many changes on the mailing list each month. Vienna Tours are progressing.

Treasurer: Bro. Basta in agreement with Financial Sec'y's. report. Reconciled all bank statements. Filled out report as stated by Sis. Sotka, received call from Mr. Cook stating we do fall under the Illinois Charitable Trusts & Solicitations Act, must file each year.

Uniforms: Sis. Prener stated department very busy. Received new stock boxes. Suggest Sis. Helen Prener be bonded, agreed. Sis. Helen Prener would like to purchase sample jacket, carried. Sis. Basta reported the Men's Uniform Caps ordered.

Tour: Sis. Prener reported information sent all interested parties. Contacted the Western and Northeastern Districts asking for their cooperation in promoting the tours. District Ludevit Stur will be sent information. Movies will be shown of Austria and Czechoslovakia, Mar. 31st, at Sokol Tabor. Bro. Rus has agreed to run the projector. Bill for printing of itineraries, \$75.00, approved.

Secretary: Sis. Pros stated she contacted the AAU regarding dues, will receive bill for 1972. Contacted Southern District re; Final Report forms 1971 course. Completed Officers Directory for March issue. Was member of the Central District Committee which went to St. Louis re; their Slet June 17-18th.

President: Bro. Barcal reported attended all meetings. Attended two Central District Unit exhibitions. Working on the Tour Committee for the Vienna Slet. Reminded the Board the 1973 Slet will soon be here. Will have to work on forming the various committees and electing chairmen. The BOI will come up with a site and date in the very near future. The chairmen of the various committees should be knowledgeable in their respective jobs.

Bro. Joseph Sotka has been filing all Sokol cuts, suggest 3 proofs of cuts be made and should be catalogued, carried to have proofs made.

Bro. Joseph Drnec, President of the Central District, requested permission to use the office for meetings of the Central District Executive Officers when necessary. Granted.

Liberty Under Law

Stepping down from his federal court bench, Judge William G. Knoch stated, "Respect for law and order is the only thing that will sustain a stable society in a world of change, contrast and confusion."

DISTRICT REPORTS

WESTERN DISTRICT

February 14, 1972

Pres. Bro. Edward Pavoucek presided. A moment of silence in memory of Bro. Alfred J. Swoboda, Director of Education, who passed away. — Received solicitation from Council of Higher Education. \$5.00 donated. — Received dues from Sokols Schuyler, Minneapolis, Crete. — Read Slet Minutes from Sokol St. Paul. — \$50.00 ad taken in Slet Program Book. — Bro. Bob Bastyr and Sis. Shirley Verner appointed as Public Relations officers, since the Slet will be held in St. Paul, Minn.

Quarterly Reports: Sokols Schuyler, 20; Minneapolis, 17; Crete, 21; Hopkins, 10; St. Paul, 106.

B.O.I.: Letter from Sir. Lorraine Vanyo, inquiry whether District supplies tabulating forms for the Slet. — Also from Bro. Bastyr regarding trophies and schedule of events. — Tapes from Sis. Gathye sent to all Units. Units to pay District \$3.00 for tapes. Floor Exercise music is taped in 3 speeds; fastest for competitions, slower for learning purposes. — Congratulations to Sis. Linda Beran on receiving certification upon attending a F.I.G. Judging Clinic in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

EASTERN DISTRICT

February 21, 1972

Pres. Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present: Bros. J. Babinec, A. Chaloupka, Sisters B. Hochner, L. Pribil, M. Provaznik, B. Zraly.

Correspondence: Letter from Sokol New York in reference to reconstruction of the Sokol building. — Listing of newly elected officers of Sokolice Little Ferry. Sis. Helen Schroeder is newly elected president. — Invitation to D.A. Sokol Metropolitan District exhibition, Feb. 27th. — Program for 25th Anniversary celebration of Sokol Washington, Sept. 30th, prepared. — Bro. Neumann will represent Eastern District at 70th birthday celebration of Bro. Antonin Hrebik.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol New York, Sis. Provaznik: Gym classes are active except Jr. boys and Men's classes. Future of Sokol Hall was discussed. Deepest sympathies to the family of Bro. Venzera who passed away in Florida.

Sokol Fuegner, Sis. Hochner: Gym classes are progressing. Membership committee formed.

Sokol Baltimore: 100th Anniversary, Oct. 29th.

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New business: Bus tours planned to the 25th Anniversary of Sokol Washington and Sokol Baltimore's 100th Anniversary. — Question arose as to remuneration to the Eastern District for expenses incurred at the Sokol Course held at Boonton Camp in August 1971.

EASTERN DISTRICT

March 20, 1972

Pres. Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present: Bros. J. Petlicka, J. Babinec, Sisters B. Hochner, L. Pribil, N. Zabka, B. Zraly

Correspondence: Check of \$682.12 received from

Northeastern District as their share of cost of Course held at Boonton, N. J., August 1971. — Thanks to Bro. Hrebik for his commemorative book on his 70th birthday celebration. Bro. Neuman represented the District at the celebration. — Sisters Ludmilla Elkins and Ann Votapek of Sokol Newark finished the afghan they are donating to the District, which will be raffled at the annual meeting, Oct. 1st, at Washington. — Sokol Newark requested 50 chance books.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol New York, Bro. Babinec: Exhibition on June 11th. Cocktail party following exhibition. — Dinner, April 30th. — Picnic, May 21st, at East Haddam, Conn.

Sokol Little Ferry: Exhibition, April 16th.

Sokol Washington: Wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery, May 21st.

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District Director, Bro. Capek: Reports from Sokols Little Ferry and Baltimore. — Jr. and Sr. competitions of United Sokols of the East held March 19th at Bohemian Hall. — Presented bill of \$15. for 3 teams entered in volleyball tournament.

Director of Women, Sis. Zabka: Sokols Baltimore, Fuegner and Little Ferry competed in Sokols of the East competition, with 17 representing Eastern District. — Distributed songs for childrens calisthenics, and also, buttons to all Units. The latter to be sold to the children.

New and Old Business: Bro. Petlicka urged members to send in their Vienna tour reservations as soon as possible. — Moment of silence in memory of Bro. Joseph Stransky, former District delegate for many years. — Received donations from Bata Co. and Bro. Babor which are being used to advertise our Sokol organization. — Bus tours are being planned for Sokol Baltimore's 100th Anniversary, Oct. 30th; and Sokol Washington's 25th Anniversary, Oct. 1st.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

February 10, 1972

Pres. Bro. George Prevratil presided. Present: Bros. Don Steinman, Larry Laznovsky, Jerry Milan, John Stoeppelman, H. B. Smith, Harrell Hamilton, Sisters Mary Kane, Sylvia Laznovsky, Henrieta Milan, Bernice Hamilton, Rose Steinman, Vlasta Laznovsky, Lil Laznovsky.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol Zizka: January meeting, 42 members, gained 1 regular and 4 associate members. — 2 dances — Group of gymnasts plan to participate in gym program in Monterrey, Mexico in March. — Gymnasts took part in 2 age group meets, Bedford High and Denton.

Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky: January meeting, 40, gained 2 regular and 4 associate members. — Held 2 special meetings in preparation for the 1st Anniversary celebration of the new building, Feb. 12-13th. — Hosted Southern District annual meeting.

Sokol Forth Worth: Gained 8 associate members. — Participated in volleyball tourney in Ennis. — Will present an exhibition for a local elementary school PTA. — 17 gymnasts took part in SWAAU

meet. — On agenda: Rummage Sale, Feb. 19-20; will host volleyball tournament, March 11th.

Sokol Houston: January meeting, 35, gained 3 regular and 1 associate members. — Socials on Sundays — 2 dances — 2 teams participated in Ennis volleyball tourney.

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District Directors, Bro. and Sis. Laznovsky: Mailed copies of modern gymnastics, jump rope instructions and music to be used in Slet competition. — Wrote article on Sokol for Gymnastic Ass'n of Texas publication. — Contacted Bro. Linhart regarding music tape for calisthenics, informed it being taped. — Inquired availability of a Course instructor. — Sokol Fort Worth will host volleyball tournament, March 11th.

Public Relations, Bro. Milan: Presented several samples of calendars in black and white, also in color and figures. Final decision pending on future contacts and replies.

Educational Director, Bro. Stoeppelman: Requested material from National Director, would be helpful in conducting a stronger educational program. — Contacted Unit Directors requesting monthly report of their actions. — Plan to tape some lectures in the future.

Discussions: Assisting Sokol Yukon. A former gymnast in the area being contacted regarding teaching classes in Yukon, results encouraging. Bro. Prevratil will contact Bro. Kouba, President of Sokol Yukon, and be advised of results. Attempts will be made to meet with gymnasts, Sokol Yukon members and members of the Executive Board, March 5th. — It was suggested Unit monthly reports be as complete and accurate as possible.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT March 11, 1972

Pres. Bro. George Prevratil presiding. Present: Bros. Larry Laznovsky, Don Steinman, H. B. Smith, Harrell Hamilton, Jerry Sijansky, Sisters Marie Kane, Sylvia Laznovsky, Rose Steinman, Henrietta Milan, Bernice Hamilton, Vlasta Laznovsky, Mickie Hudson, Randy Sijansky.

Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from Council of Higher Education for donation. — Check for \$484.44 from ASO to cover expenses of District Course held July 11-24, 1971, in Ennis, Texas. Amount drawn against Southern District special assessment fund. — Inquiry from Sokol Houston as to number of shoulder patches Unit received.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol Corpus Christi: Feb. meeting, 22 present. — Flea Market, Feb. 20th and March 12th. — Gymnasts planning Bake Sale. — Will host volleyball tournament, Aug. 5th. — Floor plans for new building in process.

Sokol Zizka: Feb. meeting, 45. Gained 3 regular members. — Preparing for District Slet, June 10-11th. Souvenir book will be issued. Ads are full page, \$50.; ½ page, \$25.; and dimensions accordingly; well-wishers, \$1.00 — Large group will participate in Monterrey, Mexico exhibition, March 25th.

Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky: Feb. meeting, 47. Gained 7 regular, 20 associate members. — 1st Anniversary celebration successful. — Charter prepared for tax purposes. — Committee appointed

to study swimming pool installation. — Educational Director addressed local Kiwanis Club meeting on Sokol history. — Unit competition and exhibition, May 27-28th. — 2 girls to participate in Monterrey exhibition.

Sokol Houston: Feb. meeting, 34. Gained 1 regular, 4 associate members. — Socials on Sundays. — Dance, Feb. 19th. — 2 gym classes and one volleyball practice held weekly. — Health club opening, March 13th. Small building on grounds being equipped with exercise equipment for adult classes.

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Director of Men, Bro. Laznovsky: Volleyball tourney just concluded well attended. Participants: Sokols Corpus Christi, Dallas, Ennis, Fort Worth and Houston. Sokol Houston 1st in all teams. — Along with Bro. Prevratil spoke on Sokol over radio broadcast from Sokol Ennis Anniversary celebration. — Workshop scheduled in Ennis, March 12th, to review Slet calisthenics and apparatus routines.

Director of Women, Sis. Laznovsky: Letter from Bro. Drnec, Central District President, in appreciation of absorbing their 36 students in the Southern District Course. Enclosed check for \$171.92 due the Southern District. — Subscribed to the gymnastic magazines for Unit Directors as instructed. — Made tapes for calisthenics music for all Units.

Discussions: Bro. Prevratil gave resume on meeting with Sokol Yukon members, regarding revived gymnastic activity. Introduced Sis. Gail Stribrny Fletcher who will teach classes at that Unit starting March 13th. Sis. Fletcher is formerly of Sokol Tyrs in Cleveland, Ohio. District will assist in covering travel expenses on a monthly advanced basis.

District Slet: Sokol Zizka hosting, June 10-11th. Request ASO send representative as guest speaker. Approved full page District ad in Slet Souvenir book.

What "SLET" Really Means

What does a "Slet" mean to every Sokol or Soklice. — It is a real Sokol holiday. It brings joy and excitement for all participants, whether it be in gymnastics or mass calisthenics, from small tots to junior boys and girls and finally to men and women of all ages.

At a "Slet" they get to make new acquaintances and new friendships, often which last a lifetime. To compete in a Sokol Slet makes everyone a better Sokol and Soklice, making everyone realize what a wonderful organization they are a part of, and what "Sokol" really stands for.

In Czechoslovakia, before the Nazis, and later the communists take-over, a "Slet" was a national holiday. Sokols, children and grown-ups alike, came from all parts of the land to Prague to participate or witness this enormous performance of mass calisthenics in which thousands took part. Sokol Slets, even in America are a "showcase" of the training the Sokol ideology gives the children, men and women. It makes them better mentally, as well as physically, and always ready to respond to their country's call.

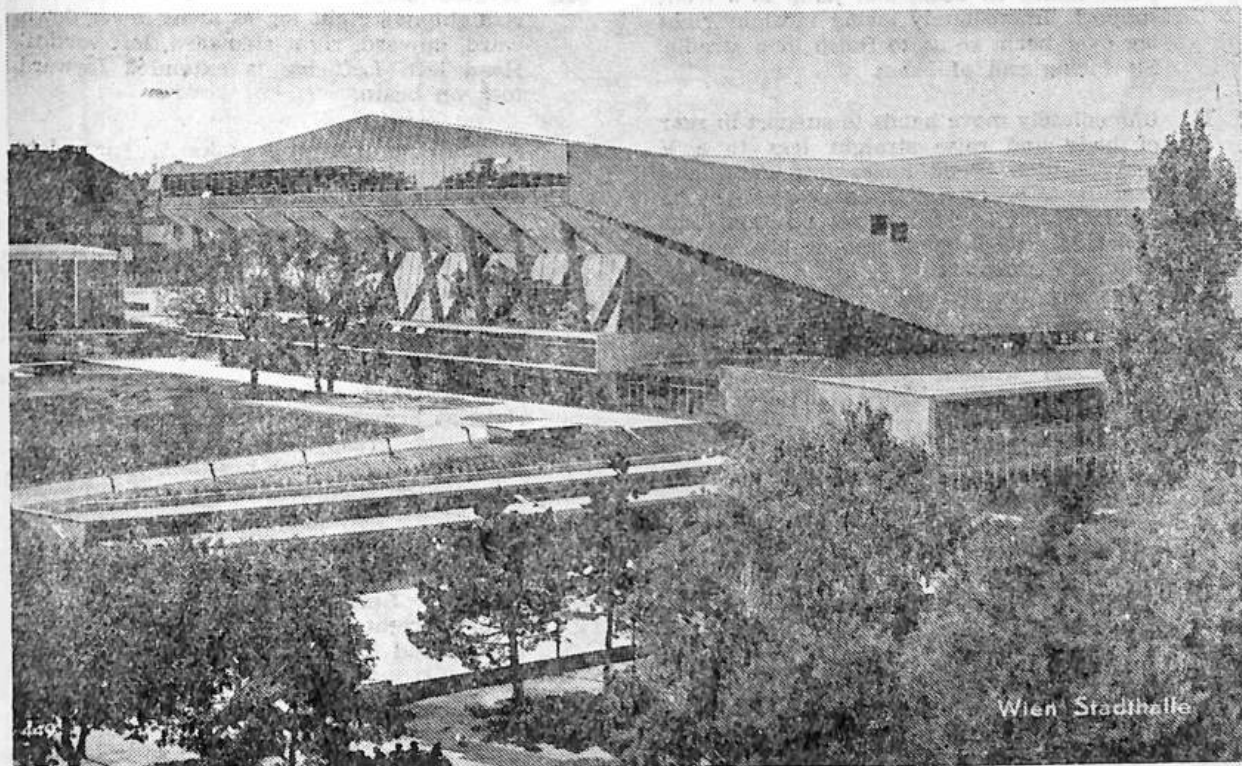
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SOKOL GYMNAST

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VIENNA STADTHALLE



The vast structure with enormous room will be utilized for the 1972 Slet of Sokols Abroad. The hall that will hold the Slet Program on Sunday has a large seating capacity, and has been used as site for the Gymnastrade during past years. It is a very modern complex with four covered halls, close to the center of Vienna, located at Vagelwerdplatz C/14. The Akademie, as well as other programs will be presented in various halls in this group of buildings. Competitions will begin on Saturday, July 1st at 8 a.m. Competitions will be at the Junior and Senior level with Divisions in Low, Intermediate, and High. No Championship Division has been planned. American Sokol uniform will be worn for this Slet. Guest organizations are requested to bring their flag. If sufficient interest is indicated, there will be games in Volleyball and Basketball.

An Akademie will be held on Saturday evening with gymnastic and cultural numbers being presented.

On Sunday morning, July 2nd, the Slet program will be rehearsed and presented to the public on Sunday afternoon.

There will be no entree fees for the events, but entrees must be in before May 1st for the Americans.

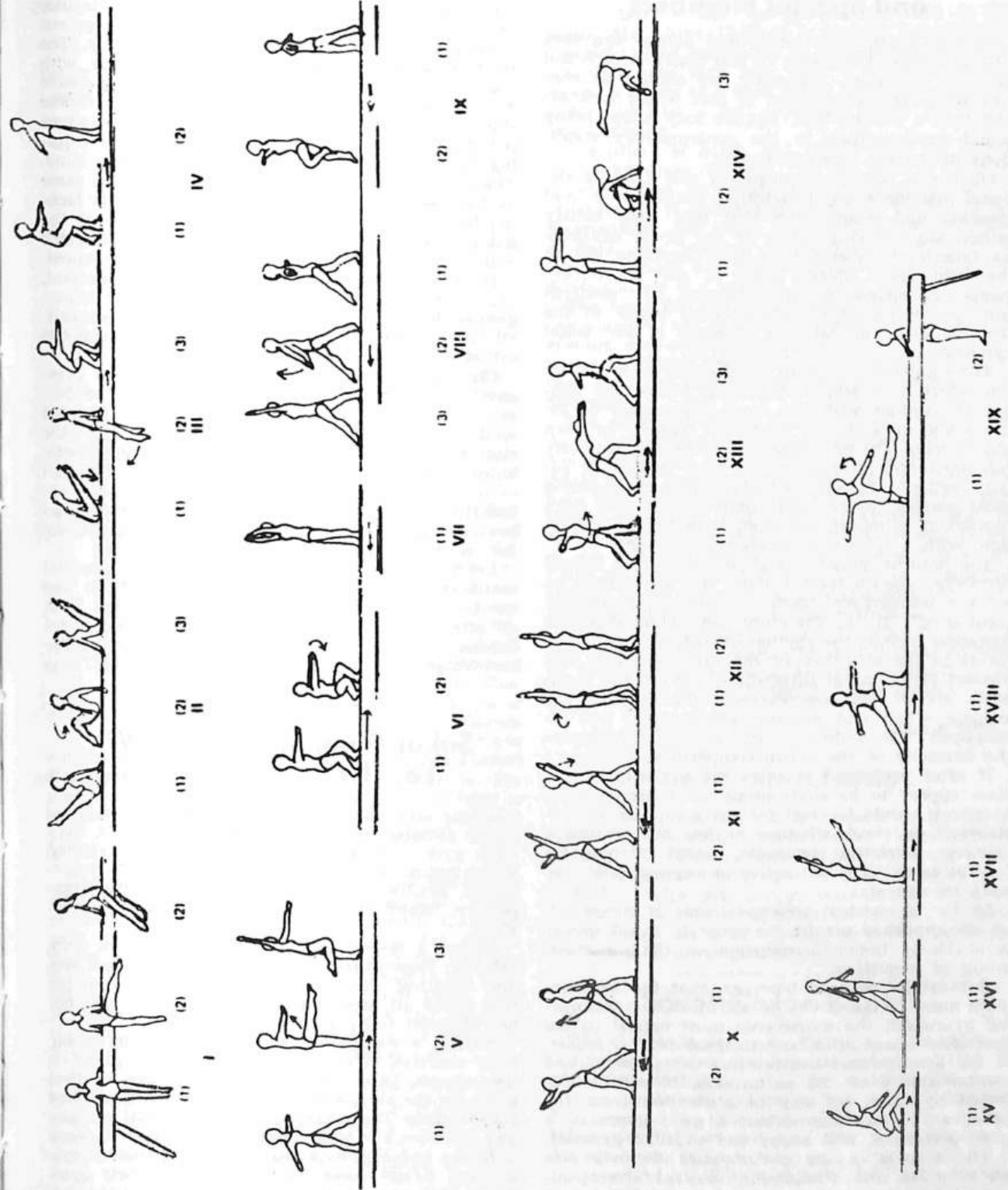
COMPULSORY ROUTINES DGWS-USGF

Beginner Level – Balance Beam

The following DGWS-USGF compulsory routines were prepared by a joint committee from the DGWS and United States Gymnastic Federation.

From left third of beam

- I. Place hands on beam and jump to a front support. Immediately swing straight right leg over beam so as to finish in a straddle. Sit facing end of beam.
 - II. Immediately move hands to support in rear of body and raise straight legs to a V seat position. Bend knees into chest and execute a $\frac{1}{2}$ turn left on seat, so as to finish in a "V" seat in a new position (legs extended). Right hand moves in front of body and grasps beam in order to give impetus for turn.
 - III. Straddle legs to grasp beam in front of body and without stopping, swing legs downward and upward to finish in a squat left forward position. Lift hands off beam to horizontal.
 - IV. Stepping forward onto right foot, rise to a stand as arms move downward, sideward, left foot forward toes on beam.
 - V. Slide forward (left foot forward), arms sideward. Step left forward lowering arms downward, forward to horizontal, and kick straight right leg forward and backward to finish with right knee against left knee, right leg bent rearward. Right arm moves to vertical as right leg is bent. Hold pose.
 - VI. Place right foot on beam behind left as leg bends to a squat position and execute a $\frac{1}{2}$ turn right in squat. Right arm lowers parallel to left as legs are bent.
 - VII. Immediately rise to a stand on balls of feet. Arms rise upward to high oblique.
 - VIII. Step forward on a slightly bent left leg and continue walk forward on balls of feet, legs straight right, left (waltz step). Simultaneously lower arms downward, forward, upward to vertical.
 - IX. Without stopping step right, lowering arms sideward and hop on right leg. The left leg is bent, knee forward, arch of left foot against side of right knee.
 - X. Step forward on a flexed then straightened left leg as arms move downward, forward, upward to a front oblique. Right leg is extended behind toes on beam.
 - XI. Without stopping, rock back on flexed then straightened right leg as arms lower downward, upward, right sideward, left vertical. Head left. Left leg is extended forward, toes on beam.
 - XII. Rise up on toes and make $\frac{1}{2}$ turn right as right arm moves upward to vertical.
 - XIII. Place weight on left leg and, bending left knee, curtsey with a stretching and contracting of torso as arms move sideward, downward, forward through the horizontal up to vertical and finish sideward.
 - XIV. Step forward right and join left foot to right as arms move forward to horizontal. Bend legs, grasp beam, and execute a forward roll in the pike position. A momentary stop on shoulders is allowed.
 - XV. Release grip and come up to a squat position on left foot, right leg in front, toes on beam. Left arm is forward in a low oblique, right arm upward in a rear oblique. Head looks over left arm. Pause.
 - XVI. Stand on right leg. As right arm lowers downward, move forward to horizontal.
 - XVII. Immediately kick straight left leg forward, raising arms to vertical.
 - XVIII. Fall forward into deep lunge on left leg, splitting arms left forward, right rear to finish parallel to beam.
 - XIX. Swing arms and right leg to left so as to execute a $\frac{1}{2}$ turn left on left foot in a deep lunge. As new direction is approached, push off left leg. Grasp beam with left hand and dismount.
- Exercise may be reversed only in its entirety.
- Style**
Correct styling is an important part of interpreting this exercise.
- The exercise should be performed with fluid and supple body movement. Posture and amplitude in all movements are of great importance.



Composition of Calisthenics and Special Numbers

Modern group calisthenics and dances are very fitting means of carrying on the tradition of Sokol physical education. Naturally, we cannot be content with mere duplication of that which took effect half a century ago, but we may adapt many sound fundamentals to the contemporary conditions of present day gymnastics.

Obviously, the prerequisite in this field is the Sokol standards physiologically, anatomically, and creation and composition that will fully satisfy esthetically. Recently some of the group calisthenics (special numbers) have been anything but in the true Sokol spirit. Some of our apprentice-composers appear to be influenced by "modernism" to the extent of turning their backs on the truly unique and valuable elements in our Sokol gymnastics.

The composer of group calisthenics must picture the effect as a whole of moving bodies. He cannot be content with the mere appearance of attractively dressed and well-built juniors or men and women. The movements must be harmoniously combined and pleasing to the eye; they must satisfy esthetic tastes; and the entire composition must possess rhythm and uninterrupted flow from movement to movement, from formation to formation, with a minimum of energy expended.

The natural motions of a person are the easiest precisely because they demand the least effort — we say we perform them "mechanically" or "unconsciously". It is, therefore, advisable that the composer include the rhythm of such natural movements in the structure of the exercises. This will present some initial difficulties, but as the gymnasts master the new exercise, the rhythm, the esthetic effect and physical effectiveness will be enhanced. The gymnasts will gradually recognize the harmony of the entire composition.

If after prolonged practice the majority of the class appear to be confronting an insurmountable barrier it would be well for the composer (or instructor) to check whether he has not created a tasteless acrobatic rigmarole, instead of purposeful, pleasant, and attractive arrangement of the body movements.

As far as musical accompaniment is concerned, an accomplished pianist, or properly taped music, is obviously better accompaniment than a small group of musicians.

It must be realized however, that the arrangement must be based on the ability of the performing gymnasts; the movements must appeal to the gymnasts' imagination, and to their esthetic senses. If the arrangement overreached the physical and mental ability of the performers, it will be rejected by them by way of abstention from the practice sessions. Remember, a good gymnast, a good performer, is a happy and satisfied gymnast.

The success of the performance depends also on effective and stimulating musical accompaniment. The pianist should have some knowledge of Sokol gymnastics, otherwise the pianist will not produce as fine an effect as the one who is familiar with the characteristics of Sokol performances and can share the gymnasts' thrills and emotions.

Furthermore, the composition of group calisthenics must be adapted to the musical accompaniment (arrangement) and not viceversa. It is useless to compose certain exercises and then go out looking for a fitting musical accompaniment. The body movements must completely coincide with the musical scores. A successful composition means a harmony of movements and melody. Of course this requirement applies to the calisthenics composed for the slets where the mass of performing gymnasts is usually accompanied by a band. The requirement for the band director is the same as for the above mentioned pianist. If he is lacking in an understanding of the significance of the Sokol group or mass calisthenics, the band director will not produce a proper musical accompaniment.

Besides the physical contents of his arrangement, the composer of "special numbers" for the indoor gymnastic exhibitions, or for the mass slet calisthenics in an open space, must consider also the esthetic and visual effect of his creation.

Clad in their special costume each group presents to the spectator a picture never to be forgotten — beauty created by movements blended well with musical accompaniment. Here the collective gymnastic effort demonstrates an esthetic ability that can not be achieved by the sportsmen or professional athletes. By a carefully chosen combination of movements, the ever-changing panorama presents innumerable opportunities for variations, for one beautiful visual effect after another.

Let us always endeavor to maintain the special numbers for the indoor gymnastic exhibitions and for the combined slet calisthenics on a high level of effectiveness, since they are such impressive demonstrations of creative ability, of unity, order and fraternity — and of esthetics. —Sokol Times

Sokol Gymnast Sisters Win Top Honors in Illinois

Jolene and Phyllis Swoboda, members of Sokol South Omaha, walked off with top honors in a state gymnastic meet at Illinois State University, Bloomington, Ill., on Saturday. Both girls represented Southern Illinois University in the competition, which included five Illinois state universities.

Jolene, a senior, took first place on beam drill, third on floor exercise, and fourth on uneven bars and vaulting. Her overall average won her the first place all around low division award and her low division team also placed first.

Phyllis, a sophomore, took first place on beam, floor exercise, and vaulting; plus a third place on the uneven bars. Her averages put her in first place for the all around intermediate division award Intermediate Team Trophy with a 27-point margin, and likewise her team swept away the first place.

Jolene and Phyllis, along with 10 of their brothers and sisters, have learned much of their gymnastic skills as members of the South Omaha Sokols under the guidance of Bud Benak. Both girls were former instructors in the South Omaha Sokol gym and are now majoring in physical education at SIU in Carbondale, Ill.

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.

Agnes D. Sotka Financial Sec'y., A.S.O.

Born: January 28, 1913. Parents: Joseph K. and Rose E. Dvorak, now deceased. Education: Attended Chicago elementary schools, Lindblom High School, Moser Business College and Northwestern University Evening School of Commerce.



Family: Husband, Joseph; and son, Thomas. Sis. Agnes first met her husband at a Sokol Victory dance at Pilsen Park following a National ASO Slet. Married in 1942. Son, Thomas, a graduate of Southern Illinois University, now

employed as a public accountant. Was just elected Financial Sec'y. of Sokol Tabor. Husband is also member of the same Unit. Sis. Sotka has been a member of Sokolice Town of Lake for some 40 yrs. Also, holding a dual membership in Sokol Tabor.

She was introduced to Sokol at the age of 10, when family resided a city block from Sokol Town of Lake. She attended Bohemian school in the same area. Served as Director of Women for several years; Treasurer of the Women's Unit for the past 9 yrs, and still holds that office. Worked in the ASO office from 1965 to 1970 under Sis. Ann Falta, then Financial Sec'y. Served on the 1969 Slet Banquet committee. Was elected to the office of Financial Sec'y. of the ASO at the 1970 Convention.

One of her most proudest moments was when her son participated in the Tableaus in Washington, D.C. on the occasion of the issuance of the Sokol Stamp. She stated, "Sokol has been an integral part of my family life and will continue to be so. Once Sokol gets into your blood, even a blood transfusion can't get it out."

Sis. Sotka is a member of Sokol Townites Social Club; Woodrow Wilson Lodge, C.S.A.; Lindblom Alumni "L" Club.

Central District Slet

The date of our Central District Slet in St. Louis, Mo., June 17-18th, is rapidly approaching. The Sokol Slet committee in St. Louis shifted their operation into high gear and is working at full speed. It seems as if their effort is mainly geared to make this Slet a real enjoyable affair for everyone attending.

The prices of hotels and motels near our Czech Center had been obtained. You can learn of them by either writing to us or to the Slet committee in Chicago. So if you are planning on coming make reservations soon while a good choice is available. A field only walking distance from our Center for our Sunday Slet has been secured. If you prefer driving, there is a parking lot right next to it.

The band for the victory dance has been hired. Our juniors are planning a separate dance that evening and are enthusiastically working towards that end. These are only a few things that have been done by our Slet committee at the end of February.

The expansion of our Center is well on its way. As of this writing a large hole has been dug under our present bar and dining room. When you are going to be reading this at the end of April. We hope that we are going to be out of the hole (figuratively speaking) and our new addition will be taking shape above ground. It has been said at one of our meetings that when we have a Slet in St. Louis we are either building (1965) or expanding (1972), which of course is a phenomena that very few Sokol Units anywhere can match.

So come to St. Louis, June 17-18th: 1. To look over our American Czech Educational Building with its brand new addition. 2. To enjoy yourself. 3. To be a part of that wonderful Sokol holiday — a Slet.

Joseph Sulz

HATE: AN ILLNESS

"To live creatively, it is imperative to love," writes Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, clergyman-columnist, "The kind of love we are speaking about is a deep feeling for people. It is the kind of good will that helps you accept your fellow man, all of them, whatever their condition in life . . . Love is the expression of that feeling by action, by reaching out to your neighbor."

Sokol Cedar Rapids

The Sokol Masquerade Party of Feb. 12th is behind us. Looking back we can rate this affair as very successful. For once, the weather was mild and so created no problems. The dancers had the floor most of the time, and we all had a good time. There were fewer costumes this year, but some did come out, and we were glad to see them.

A meeting of officers of both our Units was to be held March 2nd. The purpose, to get a start in the preparations for our 100th Anniversary, which is around the corner (1973) and will be here before we know it. This is a very significant event that we can all be proud of, for we have rendered a

century of service to the community, and are looking forward to a bright future. Our Technical staffs are already aware that they will be expected to produce a public exhibition for the occasion. Work will have to progress on plans to gain a sharp membership increase so that we will be in good shape when the 2nd century of our existence rolls around.

A Fact Finding committee is looking into the possibility of acquiring a different location and a new building for our activities. A preliminary plan of the building was presented to the committee for study. Sites were discussed. Already there are many problems in evidence. The biggest problem is MONEY. We can do very little with the small sum in the treasury now, and the Building Fund is too small, since it was set up only 2 yrs ago. The committee is only checking things out and weighing the possibilities. Nobody is buying or selling at this point.

We wonder if anyone remembers how the Czechs built all these buildings in Cedar Rapids around the turn of the century. In those days people worked long hours for small wages and had worse financial problems than we have now, and yet managed to put up several buildings that are more solidly built than anything being built now. There must have been a considerable driving force in the minds of the people that made those things possible. One thing for sure, the immigrants have done their job building the institutions they deemed necessary in their day. If anything goes up now, most of the burden will be on people born here. They will be shaping the future and provide for their needs.

Joseph Pazour

Sokol Baltimore

Financially, we are in good shape. Our physical facilities are in good condition. We should by now be equal to, or larger in membership than any other Unit in the Eastern District. However, this is not the time to sit back and contemplate how well off we are. Now is the time to get Sokol moving forward to even better and bigger things. It is a well known fact that only when an organization has something to look forward to and goals to accomplish, that it obtains the maximum efforts from its members. This Centennial Year provides us with the ideal psychological time to set new goals and strive toward achieving them.

For several years we have had a Building Fund, but the goal was and still is, too vague. This is the year to set a timetable for acquisition of property and for the start of a building project. Two years ago, I would not have been so bold to make that statement, but I have... as I am sure you have... seen a rebirth of activity at Sokol Baltimore. I believe that we now have the momentum for progress and we must capitalize on it.

But regardless of what we finally decide to do, the most important thing is for us to learn to work together. It's only natural that the more activities we have, the greater the possibilities for frictions developing. Human nature is human nature and we cannot change that. Every individual member has his and her own ideas about how things

should be done and that's the way it should be, but let's all try to realize this and reach compromises and avoid those little disagreements in the future.

There will be much work to be done this year in preparation for our 100th Anniversary celebration, so let's channel our energies into directions which best benefit our Unit.

Edward Stetka

Senior Citizens

At the January meeting of Sokol Detroit's Senior Citizens group new officers for 1972 were installed: Pres., Bro. Charles Van Cura; Vice-Pres., Bro. Frank Turchan; Sec'y., Sis. Martha Popp; Treasurer, Bro. Anton Pernicka.

The suggested joint Valentine Luncheon and February meeting became a reality when the "Kitchen Committee", instead of a catering service, prepared a delicious meal for 75 members who really appreciated it.

Out of 113 members (majority of 23 women above men); so far did not produce any activities for "Women's Liberation Movement" in the club meetings.

Despite the fact that the club membership consists of many various groups of different opinions or convictions, during the four years of the club's existence, there have not been any major misunderstandings or arguments in the meetings.

The reports of officers and committees are very brief and short providing more time for social and recreational activities.

Frank Moravansky, Sokol Detroit

KEEP IT AFLAME

"There is an old hymn, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," writes Mrs. Basil C. Gray in Modern Maturity, "Some achieve this, but the majority of us are caught in the humdrum web of everyday life. It is our choice to let it become dull and boring or to light it with our own little lamp of effort and love for our fellowman."

Financial Report American Sokol Organization

March 1972

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 859.50
T. J. Masaryk Dues	136.00
Convention Fund	273.50
Special Assessment	675.00
Dividends and Interest	484.85
Subscriptions and Advertising —	
"American Sokol"	586.00
Resale of Jewelry	19.50
Window Decals, Educational Pamphlets ..	6.25
Postage	15.44

Total Receipts

\$3,056.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department:

Salaries	\$452.36
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February ...	87.55
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric	311.67
Office Supplies	44.85
Maintenance Contracts	120.00
Jewelry	459.90
Postage	31.68
Miscellaneous	5.50
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	\$1,513.51

Educational Department BOI

Salaries	\$210.44
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February ..	48.40
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast"	28.00
Office Supplies, Postage	18.60
Gymnastic Skills Emblems	231.30
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	561.74

Sokol Publication

Editor "American Sokol"	\$ 75.00
Printing "American Sokol"	744.00
Postage "American Sokol"	50.48
Subscription Refund	6.00
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	875.48

Miscellaneous

Uniform Division — Salary, F.I.C.A. & F.W.T.	\$299.32
Special Appropriations — Southern District A.S.O.	484.88
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	784.20

Total Disbursements	\$3,734.93
Balance brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero — Checking Account	\$6,893.74
Receipts — March 1972	3,056.04
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	9,949.78
Disbursements — March 1972	3,744.93
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	\$6,204.85

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

Ella N. Nachtigal, in memory of Alois and Marie Vorovka ..	\$25.00
Clyde Savings & Loan — Dividend	207.23
First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n of Wisconsin — Dividend	1.25
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	\$233.48

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Law and Order

Of lawlessness in big cities, the Tri-County News (Wis.) states: "Cannot our government officials realize that these outbreaks are only a splendid opportunity for the lawless elements to set up a complete organization within the metropolitan centers . . . an organization set up with officials or leaders and "troops", already indoctrinated, for an all-out rebellion."

Time

"The years of our childhood seem to drag so, while we are waiting to get older; from Wednesday to Saturday seems a year," writes columnist Sydney J. Harris. "Then, between the ages of 25 and 50, a year seems to go as fast as Wednesday to Sunday . . . Time . . . accelerates its tempo with age."

Velká výprava Amerického Sokolstva na slet do Vídně

Americká obec Sokolská pořádá velkou leteckou výpravu na Sokolský slet do Vídně a do Oetzu v Rakousku, k uctění památky zakladatele sokolského hnutí Dr. M. Tyrše, na místě, kde ztratil svůj život a kde Americká obec sokolská před 10 lety umístila pamětní desku. Výprava je rozdělena do dvou skupin. Prvé letadlo Pan-Am společnosti vyletí z Chicaga 28. června a vrátí se 23. července. Druhé letadlo vyletí rovněž 28. června a vrátí se 9. července. Prvé letadlo je pro účastníky, kteří mohou ztrávit 26 dní dovolené v Evropě a druhé je pro cvičící členstvo a dorost a pro ty, kteří mohou mít jen omezenou dobu dovolené.

Účastníci po přeletu do Vídně mohou se zúčastnit sletu a pak mají na vybranou, buď se zúčastnit přípravených sokolských výprav a nebo použít zbývajících času k samotnému cestování v Evropě, či k návštěvě příbuzných atd. Na 26 dní je připraven velmi hodnotný, zajímavý a levný zájezd Rakouskem, Švýcarskem a Itálií a Jugoslávií. Navštíví se místa: Salzburg, Oetz, Innsbruck, St. Anton, Konstanz se zastávkou u Husova pomníku, Zurich, Lucern, Stresa, Milan, Florence, Řím, Assisi, San Marino, Benátky, Záhřeb, Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Rjeka a Vídeň. Na rozloučenou bude ve Vídeňském předměstí Grinzinku večere s tradičním ochutnáváním tmavních vín. Na 12 denní cestě je pak po sletu zájezd Rakouskem a jižním Německem.

Na 26 denním zájezdu cena letu Chicago-Vídeň a zpět 298. dol. Autobusové výpravy jak shora popsána je 541.50 dol. To je včetně transportace, prvotřídního ubytování, většinu jídel a poplatků v hotelích. Na 12 denním zájezdu je cena letu 268.00 dol. Přihlášky na tyto zájezdy přijímá Americká obec sokolská, 6426 W. Čermák Rd. Berwyn, Ill. 60402. Lety se rychle zaplňují a proto zájemci se musí přihlásit co nejdříve. O další informace a podrobnosti můžete zavolat A.O.S. tel: 795-6671 nebo Webrovu cestovní kancelář, která zájezdy připravila, tel: 749-1333.

Bude to velká sokolská událost, kterou si nechte ujít.

"S Tyršem jsem několikrát mluvil a hájil náhled, aby Sokol byl především a hlavně tělovýchovným. Důraz na stanovisko kulturní byl vedle tělovýchovného přirozený v letech šedesátých; ale od té doby se poměry u nás a všude změnilly. Ovšem musí tělovýchova vždy být pěstěna z hlediska kulturního."

T. G. Masaryk

Archiv na University of Chicago roste

V minulých měsících dosáhl český a slovenský archiv na University of Chicago (special collection) dvou tisíc titulů a obsahuje již přes tři tisíce kusů knih, brožur, časopisů, památníků, kalendářů, dopisů a jiného historického materiálu.

Vzácným darem je sbírka dopisů a dokumentů prvního a druhého odboje v Americe. Obsahuje mimo jiné rukou psané dopisy T. G. Masaryka, Jana Masaryka, Alice Masarykové, Milana R. Štefánika, Eduarda Beneše, Vojty Beneše, J. E. S. Vojana, Bohdana Pavlu, Ignaze Gessaye, Drtiny, Tvrzického a Jiřího Klecandy z Petrohradu.

Obdrželi jsme sbírku Českého národního sdružení v Americe, Náprstkovy Milwaukee Flugblätter z let 1852-1855, sbírku protestantských časopisů, sokolských časopisů a památníků, četné ročníky časopisu Česká škola a zábavné knihy a poučné brožury z konce minulého a počátku tohoto století.

Za zasluky děkujeme pánům Antonínu Beneshovi, Přemku Kociánovi, Vojtěchu Dubnovi, Dr. Jiřímu Veselému, profesorovi O. Odložilíkovi, paní H. Rabštejnkové, sokolské jednotě Racine (Mladočech) a sokolské jednotě D. A. Sokol Astoria v New Yorku. Ze zahraničí došli všechny ročníky časopisu Frankfurtský kurýr a čtyři vzácné exilové spisy Dr. B. Brouka. Výjmenou duplikátů jsme získali tři krabice knih ze Southern Illinois University.

Dovídáme se také, že profesor R. Vecoli zařídil financování mikrofilmování 80tí ročníků Denního Hlasatele. Prosíme spolky i jednotlivce, aby nám i nadále zaslali seznamy knih, časopisů a písemností, které chtějí v archivu uchovat na adresu: Mr. Václav Laška, Bibliographer, Regenstien Library, 1100 E. 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60637

Josef Wenzara

Z Miami nám dochází smutná zpráva, že v North Miami General Hospital skončil Josef Wenzara, člen Sokola a mnoha krajanůvých spolků a zasloužilý národní pracovník.

Jubileum Jednoty Sokola Belcamp, Maryland

Dne 11. března t. r. oslavili členové Sokola Belcamp společně s pozvanými hosty 30 let trvání své Jednoty. Sešli se v nádherně vyzdobeném sále Společenského domu kde v popředí na čestném místě byly umístěny podobizny T. G. Masaryka a Miroslava Tyrše.

Po společném zapění hymen se ujal slova bratr Dr. F. Novák. V úvodu svého projevu nejprve vzdal hold památce prvního presidenta Československé republiky u příležitosti jeho 122. narozenin. Potom se věnoval ve své další řeči ocenění práce zakládajících členů Sokola Belcamp. Vyzdvihl hlavně všechny úspěchy Jednoty, která dosahovala nejen v okresním měřítku, ale také v závodech župních a jiných.

Bylo také vzpomenu to záslužné práce všech dosavadních starostů zdejšího Sokola, bratrů: Tomase Dolina, Josefa Fejfara, Otty Goetzla, Jana Hozy,

Oldřicha Klátily, Bohuše Ohnutka, Josefa Svobody a Jana Vaterse a uctěna památka všech zemřelých členů Jednoty.

Po promítnutí filmových záběrů ze všech památných okamžiků Jednoty se rozproudila živá zábava. Za doprovodu hudebního tria bratrů Zíkana, Jandáska a Pokorného byly zpívány národní písně a celý zdařilý večer byl zakončen tancem.

Z Jednoty Sokola v Belcampu se dále oznamuje, že dne 9. dubna t. r. bude vypraven autobus do Washingtonu na představení opery "Psohlavci".

Nesprávný článek

"Denní Hlasatel" ze dne 29. ledna otiskl nepodepsaný článek a obrázek, který podle dopisovatele měl být návrh na novou Sokolovnu v Los Angeles. Já sám a společně se mnou celá jednota byla překvapena. Domnívám se, že pisatel dělal obchodní reklamu zmíněnému p. staviteli. Oba ovšem zapomněli napsat jak pomýšlí tuto stavbu financovat.

Je pravda, že celá Sokolská rodina v Los Angeles by ráda viděla novou Sokolovnu, ale kde na ní vzít peníze — kam se pro ně obrátit. Ke starým krajanům? Ti svoji povinnost již dávno splnili. To co zde zanechali bylo výsledkem dlouhé a neúnavné práce. K mladším krajanům? Nevím kolik jich bude — však sokolské podniky jsou většinou navštíveny nečleny a teď stavme Sokolovnu. Tu starou, kterou máme, nemůžeme sami udržet. Velmi špatně se nám budova pronajímá. Ta hrstka obětavých sokolských pracovníků sama nic nezmůže bez podpory všech členů. Sám se někdy dívím, že mnozí ani nechápali význam sokolského slibu. Dojde-li ke stavbě nové Sokolovny v Los Angeles, budete o tom upovědomeni dříve vy, a ne prostřednictvím nějakého pisálka.

Václav Salak, starosta

Sokol Miami

Nastolení nových činovníků Sokola Miami se konalo za velké návštěvy členů a hostů v síni Biscayne Gardens Civic Klubu.

Po výtečném obědu, který připravili br. Fr. Růžička, br. Herel, s. Chocholová a s. Mae Novotná. Mladí i staří cvičili za vedení s. E. Růžičkové. Sestra Betty Janoušová ze Sokola Havlíček-Tyrš v Chicagu zahájila pořad nastolením činovníků. Poděkovala odstupujícímu starostovi br. Simpachovi, místostarostce s. Čermákové a představila nového starostu br. Franka Růžičku, 1. mistostarostu br. Franka Kalivodu. Všichni ostatní byli znovuzvoleni. br. Henry Kettner, protokol, taj. sestra Blanche Szta, tajemnice s. E. Welcl-Růžičková, pokladní s. Annette Macounová, účetní s. Ann Valentine, strážce br. Fred Dočekay. Pak byla uvedena do Sokolské jednoty řada nových členů.

Podány zprávy za rok 1971 a gratulováno úředníkům za jejich úspěšnou práci. Ušetřili nám mnoho dolarů na stavební fond. Při volné zábavě tančili a zpívali i ti nejstarší členové.

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Ve středu dne 15. března se konala členská schůze jednoty. Za velmi dobré účasti zahájil schůzi br. starosta R. Franks, který oznámil, že nežli bude překročeno k jednání, bude promítán film z posledních Olympiád.

Představil pak pana Ardena Crapo, Akronského delegáta do AAU, který měl k filmu slovní doprovod. Cvičitelství sbor se tím všem přítomným velmi zavděčil, neb to byl skutečný požitek vidět tak krásný film a hlavně cviky Olympijských přeborníků.

Tento pan Crapo je zajímavý člověk již tím, že po mnoho roků navštěvuje každou tělocvičnou událost a zúčastnil se dvou posledních Olympiád. Je jeho zvláštní zálibou filmovat tyto Olympiády a skutečně jeho záběry jak z Japonska tak z Mexika, jsou jedinečné. Nyní se chystá na Olympiádu do Mnichova. — Jak řekl, má spoustu filmů a rád je ukáže a bylo by záhodno, aby se uspořádal ta-

kový večer pro členy všech sokolských jednot a také pro širší veřejnost. Cvičitelství sbor bude o tom uvažovat a při malém vstupném, by to bylo také prospěšné pokladně jednoty, která dnes nemá takový příjem jako dříve.

Ve schůzi byli přijati 4 noví členové a je s potěšením nutno zaznamenat, že to bylo z těch v poslední době přijetých krajanů. Tím byla schůze zakončena. Byla to pěkná schůze, kde převládal skutečný bratrský sokolský duch. — Při tom bych chtěl jen říci, že třeba nynější bratr starosta neovládá sice češtinu — a třeba že se mluví jenom anglicky — má v sobě duch myšlenky sokolské. Nejen, že je mu jednota nad osobní zájmy, cvičí s muži a zajímá se o dějiny sokolské.

Zde v Clevelandu nemáme již tolik českých bratrů jako snad mají jiné jednoty a jsme rádi, že ještě dnes Sokol v San Francisku mohl vzpomenout narozenin presidenta Osvoboditele T. G. Masaryka tak pěkným uměleckým programem. Kdysi jsme to konali také zde, ale to již patří jen vzpomínkám.

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