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TRUE DEDICATION TO SOKOL

Here in the United States we've bore witness to an endless chain of remarkable Sokol achievements in the fields of culture and athletics — decade upon decade of uninterrupted devotion — countless number of Slets, exhibitions, sports and gymnastic competitions — hours and hours of training in body development — in the Sokol gymnasium or in the field.

Perhaps the greatest and by far the most lasting contribution can be found in the dedication and influence of generations of Sokol instructors preparing the youth of their times physically and morally according to the ideology of Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, the founder of the Sokol movement.

Without the devotion and competence of the gymnastic instructors and technical directors, our Sokol movement would be found sadly lacking. However, history has proven time and time again that this relatively small group of dedicated individuals, in comparison to the masses involved, were worthy of the challenge entrusted upon them.

They were far more than technicians. They were character-builders — instilling courage, perseverance, respect, and a fine sense of patriotism into the minds of the young people of their day. Each succeeding generation has had its quota of peerless and energetic leaders carrying the torch of Sokol through more than 100 years of continuous effort.

Today we have leaders of the same calibre — men and women cast in the same mold — dedicated to Sokol and its ideals. Truly an inspiring group of modest and self-sacrificing individuals, most deserving of the praise and gratitude of all associated in our Sokol family.

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Calendar of Events

MAR. 8th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Vlasta — Chicken Dinner.
MAR. 10th — SOKOL TABOR, BERWYN, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAR. 17th — SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAR. 18th — SOKOL STICKNEY, ILL.
Corned Beef Dinner, 12-5 P.M.
MAR. 18th — SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition — Morton East High School
MAR. 24th — SOKOL BERWYN, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAR. 29th — SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Bunco — Luncheon — 10 A.M.

APRIL 7th — SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Gymnastic Exhibition.

APRIL 12th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.

Vlasta — Chicken Dinner.

APRIL 28th — SOKOL STICKNEY, ILL.

Gymnastic Exhibition — Morton West High School.

MAY 5th — SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, DOWN-
ERS GROVE, ILL.

Annual Exhibition — 7:00 P.M. — Herrick Jr.
High School — Grant & Middough — Downers
Grove.

MAY 5th — SOKOL RACINE, WIS.

Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 10th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.

Vlasta — Chicken Dinner

MAY 19th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.

105th Anniversary Banquet — Milwaukee Inn.

MAY 20th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.

Gymnastic Exhibition.

JUNE 3rd — NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET.
A.M.L.A. Slovenian Recreation Center — Leroy
Township.

JUNE 10th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Gymnastic Exhibition.

JUNE 10th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.

Czech Festival.

JUNE 17th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.

Summer Slet.

JUNE 21-24th — A.S.O. NATIONAL SLET DAYS.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Our Sokol gym has always been a good school for the youth and for the enlightened man and woman. It is the most beneficial place for the youngsters who wish to develop a sound mind and a sound body and to find a happiness in life to supplement their scholastic and family training.

Sokol members of all ages should take advantage of every benefit afforded them through their participation in the Sokol gym. Every person should find the time to devote to the development of his body in company with other members. Taking part in the gym classes does not mean that we are doing our Unit a favor; on the contrary, we would be merely taking advantage of what Sokol offers us by strengthening our health and well being and thus, developing the worth of our family and its influence on the entire nation.

Let us begin the "back to the gym" movement. With a little effort, the time for it can be found. Also give some thought to the welfare of your children. Bring or send them to our gym classes where they will live through some of the happiest moments of their lives.

Let us devote our efforts toward an increased interest in our gym classes. Convince your relatives, friends and neighbors that their children belong in the Sokol gymnasium.

Sokol Baltimore "Topix"

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American Sokol Holidays — June 21-24, 1973

Great enthusiasm is developing for the XIII A.S.O. Slet as witnessed by the inspiring reports being received from all corners of our land. June 21-24, 1973 have been designated as the "American Sokol Holidays", and rightfully so. As so appropriately stated by Bro. John Reiner of Sokol St. Louis: "A Sokol Slet is truly a Sokol holiday, it brings joy and happiness and excitement into the hearts of all, spectators or participants, whether it be in gymnastics or mass calisthenics, from small tots to junior boys and girls, and finally to men and women. New acquaintances and lasting friend-

ships are developed. A Slet is a "showcase" of the training that our Sokol ideology imparts to all individuals, making them better mentally, as well as physically, and always ready to respond to the country's call."

Yes! Truer words were never spoken, for our Slet will be a public demonstration of physical, moral and spiritual fitness — living proof of the soundness of Dr. Tyr's philosophy. It creates a challenge to us all in America — youth and adult alike — and especially the youth of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.



Sokol Float Seen By Thousands

For the first time that most old-timers can ever recollect, a Czech group entered a Float in the Thanksgiving Day Christmas Parade in Cleveland, Ohio. With adult supervision, the Float was designed, built, decorated and animated by the Jr. Boys and Girls from the Sokol Tyr's.

The overall length of the Float was 45 feet. The highest point measured 13½ feet above street level. Completely covering a mover's tractor was a replica of a huge sled with a three-dimensional sign on the front with white letters designating the theme of the Float — "SOKOL — GYMNAS-TICS IS OUR BAG". On the flat-bed trailer on which was constructed an enormous bag ripped

open at the front with more than 50 gift-wrapped boxes of assorted sizes and shapes spilling out. At the front was tremendously large gold-colored box from which periodically sprang out three so called "Jacks-in-the-Box". This was made possible by three Jr. Boys jumping from a Swedish Box on to a Mini-Trampoline and then vaulting over a single Parallel Bar and falling on to a Crash Pad. Along each side of the trailer was a large sign in black letters stating VESELE VÁNOCE. At the rear of the tractor sat a 9-piece Sokol Brass Band playing Christmas Carols. Complimenting the Float as it moved down Euclid Ave. doing cart wheels, hand springs, calisthenics, and close order drill were Sokol members dressed as clowns, elves, toy soldiers, and Raggedy-Ann dolls.

Police officials estimated 125,000 persons watched the Parade. Even though most of these were puzzled by the traditional greeting of VESELÉ VÁNOCE, they certainly could associate the word SOKOL being synonymous with GYMNASTICS. As the Sokol Float approached the reviewing stand, Ralph J. Perk, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, took over the microphone from the Master of Ceremonies and proudly stated he was a member of Sokol Tyrs; and that VESELÉ VÁNOCE in Czech meant MERRY CHRISTMAS. The Sokol Float received \$100.00, a nice trophy, and a certificate of appreciation from the sponsors of the Parade. The enthusiasm and ingenuity displayed by the Sokol members in building the Float and participating in the Parade was certainly most gratifying. Contributing to the success of a Civic function and at the same time promoting the Sokol ideology by our younger members before thousands of Clevelanders was a glowing tribute to the Sokol leadership we are so fortunate in possessing.

On the following Sunday, Nov. 26th, the Float also entered a Christmas Parade held in Maple Heights, Ohio, and viewed by some 25,000 people. The Float was awarded the 3rd Prize which consisted of \$75.00.

The initial idea of the Sokols entering a Float was originated by Bro. Dennis Jirousek, who received tremendous cooperation in completing the project in less than two weeks. Bro. Karel Vavra, Instructor of Jr. Boys, and Sister Jane Mastny, Instructor of Jr. Girls, have to be singled out as certainly encouraging the Jr. members getting involved in the project. Special thanks to J. J. and Kenny Vencl, and the Corlett Company who supplied the tractor, the trailer, and the warehouse to construct the Float. Grateful acknowledgement must be accorded to all who created the festive atmosphere by their clever animation of different characters. The very well rehearsed "Jacks-in-the-Box" were Chuck Vavra, Mike Eckhoff and Taylor Meals. Cavorting down the Avenue as the ever fun-loving Clowns were John Ballance, J. J. Vencl, Dennis Jirousek, George Tingwald, and Karen Vavra. The Toy Soldier who traditionally makes his appearance around the Holiday Season was Joe Vanacek and the popular Elves were Jeff Johnson and Ken Ivanski. The Raggedy-Ann-Dolls were: Patti Vencl, Jane Mastny, Alice Khol, Nancy Eckhoff, Jan Johnson, and Debby Kabat.

Robert Jirousek

Attitude

"Think positively and you set in motion positive forces which bring positive results to pass."

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale,
clergyman - columnist

"Whoever intends to defend his nation in time of war, must stand guard in time of peace against all subtle ruination of life."

Miroslav Tyrs

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

JANUARY 23, 1973

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

Correspondence: Inquiry from Sokol Fort Worth on Unit Charter. — Invitation to St. Louis Symphony Orchestra concert and reception in Chicago, Feb. 4th. Bro. & Sis. Barcal will attend. — Request from Sokol Schenectady regarding Special Assessment. — Also from Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek for citation of Merit. — Invitation to Czechoslovak Allied Organizations' Ball, Jan. 27th. Bro. Rabas will attend.

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: Attended ASO District Presidents Conference, Central District's Annual Meeting and Women's BOI meeting. — Judged high school dual meet. — Reported on ASO BOI combined meeting, Jan. 17th. — Received tentative dates for a series of 2 day workshops in Northeastern District. — Final report forms approved: Central District Volleyball Clinic, \$110.00; Southern District Clinic, \$42.00; Northeastern District, purchase of movie projector, \$149.97. — Received correspondence from AAU, SIU, NIU, and MGA. — Also songs from Bro. Parma of Sokol Zizka for the Song Book. — Request for 3 copies of the AAU and USGF Gymnastic Newsletters at \$15.00 per year for the three, approved. — Sis. Pistorius and Bro. Kalat revised Gymnastic Skills scoring methods for girls. — All Merit Awards mailed. — Bills approved for payment: Postage, tapes, rubber stamps, \$56.51; Calisthenics printing, \$442.50; Boys calisthenics printing, \$67.20; Bro. Jerry Milan, USOC meeting in Denver, Col., \$162.80; Bro. Paul Fina, AAU meeting in Tucson, Arizona, \$358.00. — With Bro. Linhart and Sisters Zdenek and Pros visited North Central College, Naperville, Ill. Approved facilities for 2-week Sokol School, June 25-July 7, 1973.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: Attended Slet meeting, District Presidents Conference, Central District Annual meeting. — Distributed calisthenic tapes for District Directors. — Went through Sis. Ruzicka's Senior Citizens Drill for the Slet. — Received information of an instructor in Jugoslavia, will look into.

Membership, Bro. Svoboda: Letter sent all Units Membership Drive is nearing an end. — Will arrive at types of awards to be presented.

Publicity, Sis. Basta, Bro. Rabas: Greetings placed in various newspapers. Czech article in the Hlasatel.

Financial Sec'y., Sis. Sotka: Prepared quarterly Federal and Illinois Tax reports. Also W2 form for employees. Unemployment Compensation forms, Updated Special Assessment and Membership reports. — Received suggestion Unit Presidents sign the Citation of Merit. — Bonding renewal approved. — Final report form approved from the Central District's Special Assessment for Organizational work in Sokol St. Louis, Dec. 7th, \$112.00. — Approved, a type of Unit Membership Charter be presented all Units.

Treasure, Bro. Basta: In agreement with Financial Secretary's report. Presented comparative balance sheet as of Dec. 1972.

Uniforms, Sis. Prener: Orders placed with manufacturers being delivered. Uniforms a fast moving item. — Requests orders be placed early.

Secretary, Sis. Pros: Preparing Roster for March issue of American Sokol. All Units requested to send in listing of officers. — Working on Slet invitations and Program Book material. — Approved, 2 additional connecting office telephones installed.

President, Bro. Barcal: Recommendations from District Directors Conference approved at District Presidents Conference. — Spoke on radio along with Sokol Berwyn officer publicizing Sokol and our coming Slet. — Board agreed inviting the late Bro. Kalabza's family to be our guests at the Slet. (In Bro. Kalabza's Will the ASO received sum of \$10,000.) Bro. Zraly will be contacted for a story on the life of Bro. Kalabza for the American Sokol. — Informed of 1948 Slet film in Czechoslovakia available. Will follow it through. — Discussed coming Slet movies or slides. Bro. Drnec will contact Otto Holub who filmed "We, The Czechs".

DISTRICT REPORTS

Pacific District Annual Meeting

November 19, 1973

Pres. Bro. Salek presided. Officers and delegates present: Sokol Los Angeles — Bros. Hintnaus, Pokorny, Spinka, Bednar, Nekuda, Gedos. Sisters Nekuda, Haralik, Santo, Pelc, Pokorny, Gedos; Sokol San Francisco — Bro. Spanek. Sisters Spanek, Meier, Murphy; Sokol Fresno — Bro. Prudek. Sisters Lizak, Prudek; Sokol Seattle — Bro. Cermak.

Vienna Slet: District well represented by Sokols Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Children's Camp: Camp at Dinkey Creek was a success with plans under way for next year. Great appreciation for the aid from Sokol Fresno, namely Bro. Prudek in obtaining the facilities. Movies filmed by Bro. Pokorny. A net profit of \$602.65 was realized. After much discussion it was approved this money be kept in reserve for future operating expenses.

Hume Lake Camp: Labor Day weekend there enjoyed by all.

Organizer & Educational Director, Bro. Spanek: Lack of communication biggest problem between Units and District. Articles should be sent to the newspapers and the ASO publication. Otherwise unaware of other Unit's problems and activities.

Treasurer, Sis. Nekuda: Bro. Cermak of Sokol Seattle returned traveling expense, \$77.00. — Checking Account, \$1,451.38 — Savings Account, \$935.96.

Director of Men, Bro. Hintnaus: Units do not supply information regarding activities. — District volleyball team very active. Competing for U.S. Championship. — Stated Sis. Lizak will distribute calisthenic drills for Men and Jr. Boys. Women's and Girl's drills not received. — Medals for gymnastic skills offered free of charge through ASO

office. Copies of "Skills Program" will be sent all Units.

Director of Women, Sis. Lizak: Attended ASO Board of Directors Conference in Chicago, Nov. 3-5th. — District progressing in all its activities. — Travel Fund now \$4,748.00. Suggests it be used to hold clinics in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Lack of instructors is a problem in every Unit. College students are being hired but they do not teach Sokol ideals. — All participants in Chicago Slet must have complete uniforms, otherwise they will be eliminated from the drill. — Questionnaire sent out by ASO seeking particular Slet activities mostly desired. — District should appoint a committee to correlate activities which will benefit the Sokol as well as the Bi-Centennial. — Suggested "Stara Garda" be renamed "Senior Guard". Will be brought up at Presidents Conference, Jan. 19-21 in Chicago. — Stara Garda will have a marching number at the Slet, possibly a special number at the Akademie. — ASO Song Book will soon be available. — Suggested District purchase new equipment and loan the same to the various Units.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokol Seattle, Bro. Cermak: Not much activity. Meetings held in private homes.

Sokol Portland: Correspondence; have 21 members and meet in private homes.

Sokol Los Angeles, Sis. Santo: Sponsoring many activities to financially aid the Unit. — Gymnastic exhibition will be held, May 6th. — In preparation for Chicago Slet.

Sokol Fresno: Report will mailed.

Sokol San Francisco, Bro. Spanek, Sis. Meier: District Slet scheduled in San Francisco should be postponed to 1974 in order to concentrate on Chicago Slet. — Unit does not have instructors to teach the Slet drills. Nucleus is there but instructors are needed.

Bro. Salak announced a dance will be held at Sokol Los Angeles, Jan. 27th, benefiting the District. Funds will be needed to finance trip to Chicago Slet. — Also praised Dagmar Hintnaus upon her Olympic status. Is on the U.S. team, and in the next year will travel around the world with the group. — Bro. Pokorny related on his attendance at Sokol Baltimore's 100th Anniversary celebration. — Also suggested 2 District meetings before the Chicago Slet. — Bro. Spanek stated one delegate from each Unit be present at every District meeting.

Officers for 1973 are: Pres., Bro. Salak; Vice-Pres. Bro. Spinka; Sec'y., Sis. Haralik; Treasurer Sis. Nekuda; Director of Men, Bro. Hintnaus; Director of Women, Sis. Lizak; Organizer & Educational Director, Bro. Spanek.

Southern District

November 30, 1972

Pres. Bro. George Prevratil presided. Present: Bros. Don Steinman, Oldrich Parma, Jerry Milan, Larry Laznovsky, Miro Jurcik, H. B. Smith, Harrell Hamilton, Sisters Sylvia Laznovsky, Rose Steinman, Bernice Hamilton, Vlasta Laznovsky.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokol Zizka: November meeting (annual), 76 in attendance. Gained 2 regular and 4 associate members. Same slate of officers with exception of Bro. Charles Thompson, Director of Men. Sis. Francis McClure, Director of Women. — Held 2 dances, 2 other activities. — Approved \$4600. budget for gymnastic activity. — Will hold series of Judging Clinics, also a Instructors Clinic.

Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky; Nov. meeting (annual), 37. Gained 7 regular and 13 associate members. — Membership dinner successful. Raffle, Bazaar table and cake-walk held. Proceeds towards traveling fund. — Will cater 2 dinners in December. — Christmas party to be held jointly with SPJST and ZCJB lodges, Dec. 10th. — Held strudel and kolace sale for traveling fund. Another, Dec. 20th. — Plans for a New Year's Eve dance.

Sokol Fort Worth: Gained 7 associate members. — Held rummage sale, Nov. 18-19th. — Banquet honoring gymnasts, Nov. 5th. — Will publish newsletter. — Purchased a tape recorder. Were donated a mimograph machine

Sokol Houston: Oct. meeting, 33. — WFLA dinner-dance, Nov. 4th; Turkey feast-dance, Nov. 12th; Thanksgiving dance, Nov. 22nd. Dance scheduled, Dec. 16th. — October exhibition successful. — Will host the District Slet, June 8-10th.

District Directors, Sis. & Bro. Laznovsky: Received Women's and Jr. Girls Slet apparatus routines. — Routines for little girls District Slet competition near completion. — Attended BOI Conference in Chicago, Nov. 3-5th. Much accomplished. — Gym classes continuing in Yukon, Okla. 5 adults will participate in Clinic near Norman. Possible volleyball tournament in January.

Public Relations, Bro. Milan: Had request for 1967 Mid-Slet film from New York. Will be forwarded. — Attended Certified Judges Clinic in Odessa, Nov. 9th; Olympic meeting in Denver. — Has film of Olympics, available on request.

Educational Director, Bro. Parma: Educational books will be mailed Unit Directors. — Christmas songs in Czech and English being forwarded to Units. — Suggests gymnasts exchange gym night visits.

President, Bro. Prevratil: Eulogized Sis. Kane's dedication of 36 yrs. to Sokol, holding the office of District Treasurer for 26 years. Treasurer's books will be brought to current status and prepared for annual financial report. — Visited Sokol Yukon, Nov. 5th. Attended their Unit meeting, 5 new members admitted. Educational program will be initiated there.

Old & New Business: Copies of the Slet rules will be made available for Rules Committee members. — Suggested Sokol Houston appoint a Slet Committee, with preliminary plans given at annual meeting. — A project discussed for the District to realize more proceeds. Motioned for further study. — No meeting in December. Next, Jan. 11th in Fort Worth. Annual meeting Jan. 28th. — Unit By-Laws Committees to submit recommendations to Board before Jan. 10th.

Northeastern District B.O.I. Meeting

January 14, 1973

Bro. Dusek opened the meeting with a hearty welcome to delegates from Detroit. A summary of the meeting: Initial activity of the Educational Committee will be a visit to each gym class teaching Sokol history. A program to teach singing to class members will begin shortly. The Folk Dancing Clinic, March 31-Apr. 1st, conducted by Bro. Fred Kala of Chicago, will be highlighted with a Social, March 31st. Future Clinics will include one for Judges in April, and a Workshop, May 5-6th, headed by Bro. Edward Linhart, ASO Director of Men.

The dance group has successfully learned the Czechoslovak Beseda and will perform at several occasions in the near future. The group is in need of Czechoslovak National costumes. Anyone wishing to donate or sell a costume to a member of the dance group, please contact: Mrs. Daisy Ververka, 6722 Clement, Cleveland, Ohio 44105.

The need to learn proper First Aid techniques was partially realized when Sokol Tyrs held a course under the guidance of Dr. Eugene Patrick, stressing the value of having necessary equipment and professional help available at all public events. — Sokol Detroit stated its Gymnastic Clinic held last July was so well received, it will be repeated this year.

A great honor was bestowed upon the Sokol Organization when it was invited by Mayor, Bro. Ralph J. Perk, to participate in the Presidential Inaugural Day Parade in Washington, D.C. Fifteen gymnasts from the Cleveland Sokols were to take part, representing the State of Ohio.

Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky Ennis, Texas

The annual Christmas program and party for the younger set was held, Dec. 10th. In spite of all the icy weather a large number of children were in attendance. — Members and their guests ushered in 1973 with a New Year's Eve dance. Jodie Mikula's orchestra furnishing the music. The dancing area was decorated with tinsel and balloons for the occasion.

The Junior Sokols held a fund-raising Bake sale which proved most successful. The proceeds went towards the traveling fund to the American Sokol Slet in Chicago. — Plans were being made to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the new Sokol Gymnastic Center, Feb. 10-11th. On Saturday night Jodie Mikula's orchestra was again to be featured. On Sunday a dinner was to be served at noon, followed by a gymnastic program, and then dancing to the music of Bill Kucera's Czech Mates.

At the Unit's annual meeting the following officers were elected: Pres., Bro. Edwin Laznovsky; Vice-Pres., Bro. Don York; Recording Sec'y., Sis. Mrs. John Zajic; Financial Sec'y., Sis. Mrs. Harrell Hamilton; Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Slovak; Educational Director, Bro. Jerry Laznovsky; Men's Physical Director, Bro. Larry Laznovsky; Women's Physical Director, Sis. Sylvia Laznovsky.

Mrs. Joseph A. Slovak

SOKOL GYMNAST

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AMERICAN SOKOL HOLIDAYS

XIII American Sokol Slet - June 20-24, 1973

Program (tentative)

Wed. June 20 — 7:30 p.m. Slet Judges Meeting

7:30 p.m. Sokol Social Evening —
Sokol TaborThurs. June 21 — Junior Competition
7:30 a.m. Judges briefing7:00 p.m. Volley Ball — Men & Women —
Morton West Field House

GIRLS

BOYS

8 a.m. Low B
10 a.m. Low A
1 p.m. Inter
2 p.m. High8 a.m. Low
10 a.m. Inter
10 a.m. High6:30 p.m. Banquet (Dinner Dance)
LexingtonHouse
7:30 p.m. — Sokol Social Evening —
Sokol TaborFri. Jne 22 — Senior Competitions
7:30 a.m. Judges briefing

WOMEN

MEN

8 a.m. Low B
9 a.m. Low A
10 a.m. Inter
11 a.m. High8 a.m. Low
10 a.m. Inter
10 a.m. High

Sat. June 23 — Central District Golf Tournament

1:00 p.m. Championship Competitions —
Juniors — Seniors —
Morton High School Gym

8:00 p.m. Victory Dance — Sokol Hav. Tyrs

Sun. June 24 — Morton West — Hoffman Stadium

8:00 a.m. Leaders Meeting

9:00 a.m. Slet Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. Parade Assembly

2:00 p.m. Slet Program

5:00 p.m. Farewell Dinner — Dance
Sokol BerwynJune 25 — July 7th — American Sokol Instructors
School — North Central College —
Naperville, Illinois

YOUR INVITATION TO THE

XIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET

June 21 - 22 - 23 - 24, 1973

J. STERLING MORTON - WEST HIGH SCHOOL
BERWYN, ILLINOIS

Excerpts from the —

Conference of The American Sokol Organization

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

November 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1972 —
Sheraton-Midway Motel, Chicago, Ill.

Friday, November 3rd, 1972:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Bro. Edward Linhart & Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl, A.S.O. Directors of Men and Women.

Present were:

Eastern District: Sis. Norma Babka, Bro. Ed Stetka
Northeastern District: Sis. Jeanette Wagner,
Bro. Pete Dusek
Western District: Sis. Beverly Kilborn,
Bro. Bud Benak
Southern District: Sis. Sylvia Laznovsky,
Bro. Larry Laznovsky
Pacific District: Sis. Martha Lizak
Central District: Sis. Helen Tuma,
Bro. Paul Lebloch

B.O.I. Members:

Sisters Anne Halik, Jackie Kourim, Mili Zeman, Marie Ptacek, Agnes Pajer, Sylvia Pistorius, Lorraine Zdenek; Brothers George Kalas, Chuck Kalat, Dick Ptacek, Paul Fina, Jerry Michalek, Roy Zitny, Stanley Barcal.

Excused: Sisters Mildred Prchal, Carol Streje; Brothers Ed Schnabl, George Basta.

Guests: Sisters Kate Danko, Betty Prener, Ann Basta, Janet Kalat, Agnes Sotka, Rose Borcal, Lily Jo Laznovsky; Brothers Ed Halik, George Herink, Joseph Drnec and Rudolph Svoboda.

Honorary Directors of the American Sokol Organization, Sister Kate Danko and Brother Edwin J. Halik were introduced. Members of the Executive Board were introduced. District Directors and members of the A.S.O. were introduced.

Greetings from Sis. Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka, Honorary Director of Women, were read.

Bro. Linhart explained the voting procedure: Each District Director has one vote, as have the A.S.O. Directors of Men and Women and their first and second assistants, making a total of 17 votes, as the Pacific District Director of Men was not present. Sisters Mili Zeman and Marie Ptacek and Brothers Roy Zitny and Dick Ptacek voted.

Brother Stanley Barcal, President of the A.S.O., greeted the assembly, as did Bro. Halik and Sis. Danko.

Sis. Betty Prener gave detailed report on the Uniform department and introduced Sis. Ann Basta. They are prepared for the 1973 Slet.

Bro. Rudy Svoboda reported on the activities of the Membership Committee.

District Directors' Reports: All Directors gave statistical reports and activity reports, then elaborated.

Sis. Jackie Kourim, Statistician, reported on the Women's Dept. attendance reports. Bro. Linhart reported on the Men's attendance reports.

Sis. Ann Basta reported on the National Publicity conducted by the A.S.O.

National Sokol Day, October 30, 1972, was discussed. Our Organization was not informed.

Reports were given on the Vienna Slet and the A.S.O. tour by Bro. Barcal and Sis. Prener.

The first session of this Conference was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Lebloch, Men's Secretary

SECOND SESSION: SATURDAY, NOV. 4th, 1972:

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 A.M. by Bro. Linhart and Sis. Schnabl.

XIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET, 1973: This is run by a Slet Committee which will have its first meeting on the third Thursday of November. The date is not yet official but in the greatest probability will be June 21-24.

Slet Days will encompass four days, starting on Thursday with Junior competitions, Friday will be Senior competitions and Saturday Championship Divisions and Sunday, the XIII A.S.O. Slet.

In discussing additional activities, it was decided to definitely hold volley ball tournament and the discussion resulted in the following:

MOTION made by Bro. Lebloch that both Men and Women hold Junior and Senior volley ball tournaments; the Senior tournament could include Juniors, but should any Junior play in the Senior tournament, he or she cannot play in the Junior Tournament. Bro. Stetka seconded; motion passed.

MOTION made by Bro. Laznovsky to allow District teams made up of Units not represented with individual teams. Sis. Ptacek seconded; passed.

MOTION made by Sis. Zeman that the Sports Committee be encouraged to send a questionnaire regarding golf, tennis, bowling, and swimming competitions to Districts and Units, and to conduct these competitions if the interest warrants. Bro. Laznovsky seconded; passed.

MOTION made by Bro. Lebloch that the Central District conduct a golf tournament on the Saturday morning if this body does not. Bro. Zitny seconded; passed.

MOTION was made by Bro. Lebloch that a Unit level special number competition be held within an Akademie. Sis. Kilborn seconded; passed.

MOTION was made by Sis. Zeman to see Ruzicka's Senior Citizens' Drill for Men and Women on the Slet program, with the same rule of 100 participants. Sis. Tuma seconded; passed.

Competitions Bro. Linhart cautioned to have judges sent in with team entries.

A discussion regarding other Slet activities was held. Mentioned were the Victory Dance and whether we must charge admission for competitors. Buses should not be allowed to return too early to the hotels. Should the Victory Dance be held in a large hotel? Housing was also discussed, and

all Districts wish to be as near to the Slet site as possible and situated close as possible to each other. All these suggestions will be sent to the Arrangements Committee to be worked out.

Bro. Linhart read off those numbers which will be included on the Slet program and this will include a cross-country race. Bro. Barcal explained this activity and the Joseph Jahelka, Sr. Memorial Award and sponsorship of this event by the Chicago Division of Czechoslovak Sportsmen.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION: Sis. Schnabl and Bro. Linhart explained how we come into contact with the ARBC., what has thus far been done and how we can profit by an affiliation. We may secure the use of their logo, a flag to ply at our Slet and perhaps a couple of trophies donated. The slogan is: "A past to honor — a future to mold" which is excellent for our Slet theme. The celebrations last from 1973-1976. Sis. Schnabl told that July 4th, 1975—July 4th, 1976 will be the Bicentennial Year; each state will have its week designated. Make your Units aware of their week and participate. Senator Hruska is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and further information can be secured from him.

MOTION was made by Bro. Laznovsky to hold a competition of District special numbers during the Slet program. Sis. Zeman seconded and with a vote of 8 for and 7 against, the motion was passed.

Sis. Pistorius gave a written report on the Gymnastic Skills Program which fully explained the program. Bro. Kalat gave a report on the Men's Division activities with this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. for the lunch recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Zdenek, Secretary

THIRD SESSION: SATURDAY, NOV. 4th, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Sis. Schnabl and Bro. Linhart.

MERIT AWARD: Bro. George Kalas, Charman, explained the system under which the Merit Award works, how the committee determines to whom the awards are made, the amount thus far expended and the number of awards made in each District.

MOTION was made by Sis. Zabka that Unit and District Directors be made aware of applications for renewal and be given each the opportunity to endorse these. Bro. Benak seconded; passed.

MOTION was made by Sis. Tuma that copies of letters of rejection be sent to District Directors as they are for approval. Sis. Ptacek seconded; passed.

MOTION was made by Bro. Laznovsky to include two-year Junior Colleges in the requirements. Sis. Zeman seconded; passed.

MOTION made by Sis. Kilborn that we require a transcript of grades at the close of the second year renewals as we do for the first year. Sis. Zeman seconded; passed.

Bro. Paul Fina reported as our representative for the U.S.G.F., A.A.U. and Junior Olympic Committee. In the name of the American Sokol Organization he was proposed to the U.S.G.F.:

1. A system for rating gymnastics on a national basis.

2. Categorize compulsory exercises according to difficulty and age groups.

The U.S.G.F. has a need for regional offices. Bro. Fina announced that the Russian team will be in the U.S.A. next spring. Bro. Jerry Milan will be our representative when the new U.S. Olympic Committee is formed in a few months. Br. Jerry Milan, U.S. Olympic Committee delegate, sent in reports.

Sis. Zdenek gave a report on the American Sokol Song Book which will contain 100 songs in five categories: I. National Anthems; II. Sokol Songs; IIA. Songs Familiar to Sokol Classes; III. Czech Songs; IV. Patriotic Songs; and V. American Songs. The book will be completed by June 1973.

SOKOL GYMNAST: Bro. Linhart reported on the material which appears, need of new material, requested once again material from the Districts and spoke of the 500 extra copies which are sent to the District Directors each month, the purpose of which is to provide Junior Class Assistants with teaching material and information. When quired as to whether this material is accomplishing its purpose, none of the Directors were able to say whether it was or not.

TOURNAMENT RULES: Bro. Ptacek gave a report on the newly-published Tournament Rules and thanked his committee members. A correction is necessary on Page No. 3, where the emblem was omitted from the requirements of the Junior Boys' uniform. Medical releases as we require for Slet competitions are not mentioned in the Tournament Rules and following a discussion,

MOTION was made by Bro. Zitny that an attorney be contacted for information about requirements of medical release or waiver of claim, or the necessity at all for the A.S.O. Slet and Schools. Bro. Benak seconded; passed.

Bro. Basta gave the Treasurer's report on the Special Assessment Fund and quoted amounts to be expected this year.

Movies which were taken by Bro. Jerry Milan at the XX Olympics in Munich last summer were then showed. These movies were enjoyed by all.

This session was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Zdenek, Secretary

FOURTH SESSION: SUNDAY, NOV. 5th, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Linhart and Sis. Schnabl at 9:50 A.M., following breakfast meetings held separately by the Men's & Women's Departments.

Sis. Schnabl reminded us that the XIII Slet date will not be official until the J. Sterling Morton High School Board meets on November 6th.

INSTRUCTORS' SCHOOL: a school will be held following the Slet next June.

When asked what the Districts would like to see included in this school, Sis. Zabka emphasized our need for an advanced course. Bro. Zitny was of the opinion that we should insist on advanced students only.

MOTION was made by Bro. Zitny that A.S.O. school be advanced. In addition, a beginners' course be held, the total number of students to be determined by the Board of Instructors, pro-rated by

population and according to need. Sis. Zabka seconded; passed.

MOTION made by Bro. Zitny that a dual set of instructors be provided, not necessarily by population, but by course need, that each school have a school coordinator, who will be responsible to the Director of the School. Sis. Tuma seconded; passed.

Bro. Dusek felt that all instructors should be specialists in the subject they teach. It is necessary to be diversified in the choice of instructors, including all age groups.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND: The Southern District, earlier in the year, requested approval for payment of mats purchased by the District for the use in needy Units, which was rejected as not coming under the existing rules. Full explanation was made and a lengthy discussion ensued with the result that a committee of three was named to draft a new rule regarding the purchase of equipment by a District for new and reactivated Units only. The committee retired to consider the question. On this committee were Sis. Zabka, Bro. Dusek and Bro. Zitny.

MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS: "The District may use these funds to purchase the following major basic equipment: mats (excluding crash pads), Reuther Board, parallel bars with or without conversion kit, combination side horse and vaulting horse. This purchase is for the express purpose of forming a new Unit, re-activating a Unit, or assisting a Unit struck by disaster and must have approval of all gymnastically active Units of the District. The ownership of this equipment is to be retained by the District." Seconded by Bro. Lebloch and unanimously passed.

Bro. Linhart informed the meeting of the suggestion of Sokol USA that inter-organizational competitions on a national level be conducted annually.

He has had some correspondence on this from Bro. Al Valko. The Sokol USA will have a Slet in Binghamton, New York, in 1975.

MOTION made by Bro. Zitny that a District Directors' Conference be held in the year preceding and A.S.O. Slet. Sis. Kilborn seconded; passed.

MOTION made by Sis. Laznovsky to recommend to the Housing Committee that they try to stay in the area of activities and to try hotels as well as motels, in order to keep as many gymnasts together in as small a radius as possible. Bro. Benak seconded; passed.

Sis. Prchal cautioned District Directors to see that their schedules are set up so that participants do not have to leave before the Slet program is completed. Directors should inform their Districts that their budgets should be larger this year, as costs have risen.

Sis. Zabka recommended that we have a shorter slet film, using wide-angle shots and should be in sound.

MOTION made by Bro. Zitny to use a live band. Bro. Lebloch seconded. Two band directors are known to be interested and will be contacted. One is Bro. Joseph Divisek and Bro. Lebloch will contact Mr. Picha.

1975 CONVENTION YEAR IN DETROIT: We were informed by the Northeastern District delegates that Sokol Detroit is leaving the door open for an A.S.O. Mid-Slet in Detroit at the time of the Convention, if the dates do not conflict with the Sokol USA Slet.

Sis. Prchal congratulated the Directors for a well-conducted and informative Conference, in which she was joined by Bro. Halik.

With the singing of Spejme Dal, the Conference was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Zdenek, Secretary

"There are two kinds of training, that of the mind and that of the body . . . and neither is complete without the other. Training gives power to overcome every obstacle and everywhere in life training is the condition of success."

Diogenes

Our Sokol has nothing to sell but has much to offer in the area of physical fitness for all ages, plus the social contact and friendship. And there is the knowledge that we are part of a movement geared to promote a better and more responsible human society, healthier in body and spirit, worthy of this great country of ours.

T. B. Hlubucek

VISIT THE CHICAGOLAND AREA DURING THE AMERICAN SOKOL HOLIDAYS

June 21 - 22 - 23 - 24, 1973

XIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET

BERWYN, ILLINOIS

GYMNASTICS - SPORTS - GAMES - FOLK DANCING - BANQUET

American Czechoslovaks Honor Eugene A. Cernan, Astronaut, Apollo 17

The First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America has issued 4 covers with postage meter to honor American Czechoslovak Astronaut, Eugene A. Cernan. Only 250 numbered matched sets were issued, 4 different colors and dates: Red, dated Dec. 7, 1972, Blast-off, 1-250; Green, Dec. 11, 1972, Moon landing, 1-250; Brown, Dec. 14, 1972, Moon take-off, 1-250; Blue, Dec. 19, 1972, Splash-down. Postage meter tapes were made 80 per day, 50 with zero postage, 20 with 21c air mail for Europe, 10 with 8c domestic first class mail.

During the philatelic evening held, Dec. 9th, 100 invitations were canceled with the meter zero-postage. Each couple or individual at the dinner received this additional invitation, plus cover that I had issued on my own for the occasion. Each cover has a picture of a rocket in orange color, 8c meter postage and reads: "Compliments from Joseph J. Janecka, President, First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America." The guest speaker of the evening was Leslie Vincik, President, Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs (largest State Federation in the U.S.A., 52 Clubs).

Eugene Cernan attended Proviso high school, now divided into 2 sections — Proviso West in Hillside, Ill. and Proviso East in Maywood, Ill. Both schools issued Pitnew Bowes postage meter with the same text, "Saluting with pride, Capt. Cernan '52." On left-hand side is a round Apollo emblem. The only difference between the two is that one is longer in length, emblem bigger in diameter, and heavier lettering.

The Czech Club's slug reads in 4 lines: "Eugene A. Cernan, Ronald E. Evans, Harrison H. Schmitt". The bottom line, "Good Luck". On the left side is the emblem of Space and 3 intersecting ovals. The town of Hillside's post office, zip 60104, has a special machine cancel that came into service, Dec. 6th, and will be used for 6 months. Slogan reads: "Home of Astronaut, Eugene A. Cernan — Gemini 9 — Apollo 10-17."

Eugene Cernan's father, Andrew K. Čerňan, was born in Slovakia, (Vysoká nad Kysucou). His mother, Rose Čerňan, maiden name Cihlář, family comes from southern Bohemia, today a part of Czechoslovakia. Mother of Eugene lives in Hillside, about 10 miles west of Chicago.

Joseph Janecka,
A.S.O. Educational Director

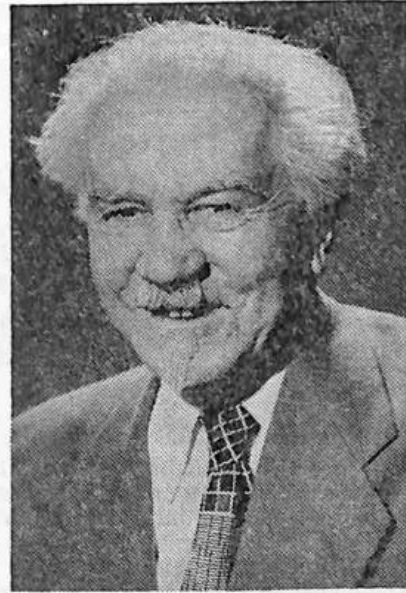
We are the citizens of the greatest nation on the face of the earth. We enjoy the most envied way of life known to man. If we are to survive as a nation, we must challenge the attitude of those who have been selling America short — who want to destroy, who want rights without responsibilities and who encourage disrespect for law and order.

J. Edgar Hoover

Emil H. Cherney

Now deceased. Passed away, October 23, 1972. Born on December 28, 1884 in Czechoslovakia, he came to Portland, Oregon in the year of 1909. He was a wonderful person, loved by all who knew him. Survivors are: Wife, Anna; daughter, Lillian Rehorcka; 2 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Frank, Tony and Charles; one sister, Bessie Ewert; all of Milwaukee, Wis. Deepest sympathy is expressed. May Bro. Cherney rest in Peace.

Helen Spousta



Adolph Lesovsky

January 3, 1973, members of Sokol Los Angeles, and many friends, bade farewell to their beloved friend, charter member, Bro. Adolf Lesovsky. One by one our faithful members are departing, leaving us a legacy, a legacy of traditions they worked for, for so many years. Bro. Lesovsky helped organize our Sokol Unit in 1909. With his late wife, Pavla, they dedicated their life to the Sokol cause. He held a number of offices thru the years, his last was Educational Director. When his age prevented him being active, he still kept up a keen interest in our work. Last summer, although 87 years old, he attended the Sokol Slet in Vienna, before visiting Czechoslovakia. Bro. Lesovsky was born in Humpolec, Czechoslovakia, June 14, 1885. Came to United States in 1906 and to Los Angeles in 1907. Married Pavla Kolenaty in Los Angeles in 1911.

He was an accomplished artist in many fields. Jewelry designing, sculpture, painting, technical illustrating, and self taught philosopher. Studied art under Alfonso Mucha. Br. Lesovsky was a recipient of many awards in art. Received Gold medal for jewelry design at the Exposition in San Diego in 1916. Painted several murals at the Texas Centennial Exposition in 1936. Also did scroll design on outside of Czechoslovak building, still standing in Balboa Park in San Diego.

ENROLL A NEW SOKOL MEMBER!

Bro. Lesovsky was very proud of his Czech ancestry and was prominently active in the liberation movement for Czechoslovakia during World War I. He was well known by many Czech and Americans all over the United States. Members such as Bro. Lesovsky, who helped to erect the foundation of our organization, are a shining example to us, and we hope to continue with the tasks they were forced to leave. Our departed friend and brother will be fondly remembered by his family of four children, Florence Palas, Ludek, Victor and Rodin, 15 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. By all of the Sokol members he will be remembered as a kind, thoughtful friend, never hurting anyone by word or action. His memory will be treasured among the Sokol membership. He will be greatly missed!

Louise Nekuda

Stanley Hofreiter

Passed away in Pompano Beach, Florida. Bro. Hofreiter was a member of Sokol Miami. Was a long-time resident of Florida, came here from Chicago where he and his parents performed on the stage. He loved playing the piano. Sokols attended his funeral in uniform. Sis. Emilie Ruzicka did the eulogy. Heartfelt sympathy was extended to his wife, Emmy, his sister and brother-in-law and family.

Omaha Czech Classes

Adult Czech classes will begin during the early part of March. Beginners classes will start March 7th, taught by Mrs. Stella Webb. — Advanced class will commence, March 9th, Dr. V. Kucera as instructor. Both classes start at 7 P.M., and are conducted in the Serpan Library of Sokol Omaha, 13th and Martha. For further information write: F. T. Tesar, 3908 W. Street, Omaha, Nebr. 68107.

Blessed Are The Cool

"Blessed are those who do not lose their cool. That is to say, those who do not give way to temper under stress, those who know that a soft answer turn away wrath, those who do not respond to crisis or hysteria . . . Nobody fears the 'meek,' but everyone is secretly afraid of the 'cool.'"

—Sydney J. Harris, syndicated columnist

FINANCIAL REPORT American Sokol Organization January 1973

RECEIPTS:

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| Dues | \$ 4,384.75 |
| Convention Fund | 2,446.00 |
| Special Assessment | 4,826.00 |
| Dividends and Interest | 268.75 |
| Resale of Jewelry | 240.60 |
| Membership Kits, Educational Pamphlets | 26.40 |
| Manuals | 33.00 |
| Office Supplies, Postage | 35.13 |
| Total Receipts | \$12,260.63 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department

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| Salaries | \$ 477.94 |
| F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for December | 125.14 |
| Illinois Inc. Tax — 4th qtr. 1972 | 46.71 |
| Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric | 322.34 |
| Advertising | 82.50 |
| Office Supplies, Postage | 78.49 |
| Jewelry | 1,056.41 |
| Maintenance Contracts, Fees ... | 28.00 |
| Presidents' Conference — Travel Expense & Per Diem | 1,169.70 |
| | \$ 3,387.23 |

Educational Department BOI

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| Salaries | \$ 208.82 |
| F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for December | 48.40 |
| Ill. Inc. Tax — 4th qtr. 1972 .. | 12.48 |
| Editor "Sokol Gymnast" | 25.00 |
| Add'l. Copies "Sokol Gymnast" | 28.00 |
| Travel Expense | 510.80 |
| Dues, Fees, Subscriptions | 50.00 |
| Office Supplies, Phone, Postage | 14.62 |
| | 898.12 |

Sokol Publication

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|---|---------------|
| Editor "American Sokol" | \$ 75.00 |
| Printing "American Sokol" | 568.28 |
| Postage "American Sokol" — Dec. 1972 & Jan. 1973 | 99.03 |
| | 742.31 |

Miscellaneous

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| Uniform Division — Salaries, F.I.C.A. & I.W.T., Phone | \$ 215.05 |
| XIII A.S.O. Slet Expense | 4.50 |
| Special Appropriations — Central District | \$222.00 |
| Southern District | 42.00 |
| Northeastern District .. | 149.97 |
| | 413.97 |

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| Advance to XIII Slet Committee | 633.52 |
| | 2,500.00 |

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| Total Disbursements | \$ 8,161.18 |
| Balance brought forward: | |
| Western National Bank of Cicero — Checking Account | \$ 4,121.33 |
| Receipts — January 1973 | 12,260.63 |
| | 16,381.96 |
| Disbursements — January 1973 | 8,161.18 |
| | \$ 8,220.78 |

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

January 1973

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| Sokol Milwaukee, in memory of Bro. Stanley Pitner | \$ 10.00 |
| Fred J. & Ann B. Divisek in memory of Bro. Adolph Lesovsky | 10.00 |
| Western Fraternal Life Association | 1,500.00 |
| Hoyne Savings & Loan Association — Dividend | 143.75 |
| | \$1,663.75 |

Donations are tax exempt.

T. G. MASARYK

7. března 1850 – 14. září 1937

Nejhlubší argument pro demokracii — víra v člověka, v jeho hodnotu, v jeho duchovnost a v nesmrtelnou duši. — Demokracie pravá, založená na lásce a úctě k bližnímu a k bližním všem, je usku-tečňování božího řádu na zemi. — Demokracie je názor na život, — spočívá v důvěře v lidi, v lidskost a v lidství, a není důvěry bez lásky, není lásky bez důvěry. Řekl jsem jednou, že demokracie je dis-kuse. Ale pravá diskuse je možná jen tam, kde si lidé navzájem důvěřují a poctivě hledají pravdu. — Demokracie, to je hovor mezi rovnými, přemýšlení svobodných občanů před celou veřejností — slovo parlament má krásný smysl, jen je učinit tělem. — Řekl jsem mezi rovnými. Vim, lidé nejsou si rovni. Nikde na zemi, v lidech ani v přírodě není rovnosti — je rozmanitost. Jen jako nesmrtelná duše jsme opravdu rovnocenní . . . Demokratický ideál není jen politický, je i sociální a hospodářský. — **Komunismus odmítám.** — Bez individualismu, bez nadaných a vynalézavých jedinců, bez schopných vůdců, bez géníů práce pro společnost se nedá rozumně a spravedlivě organisovat. Demokracie po stránce sociální znamená překonání degradující bédnosti; v republice, v demokracii nesmí být možné, aby jednotlivci nebo stavy vykořisťovali své spoluobčany — v demokracii člověk člověku nesmí být prostředkem.

Discipline

It has been proven that a system of rules and regulations, in other words, DISCIPLINE, must be maintained in the gym classics if a training of physical education is expected to procure satisfac-tory results. We do not have in mind a mili-taristic discipline, but rather our own Sokol self-discipline which has helped the Sokol organization carry on a clean cut display of physical training for more than 100 years.

Sokol Baltimore "Topics"

Probud' se, Ameriko!

V den inaugurace presidenta Nixona ve Washing-tonu, televizní vysílání popřálo nám k vidění ne- jen slavnostní přísahu a průvod ale i tak zvané protiváleční demonstrace. Podle toho co jsme vi-děli, nebyly to demonstrace protiváleční ale pro-tiamerické.

Byly nám předveděny, mimo jiné, i úplné orgie ve spalování americké vlajky. Surové a necitelné protahování vlajky skrz plameny, až do úplného zpopelnění.

Je zcela možné, že mnozí ze súčasněných na této akci s tímto nesouhlasili, ale nikdo nezakročil a nikdo to neodsoudil.

Spálení státní vlajky není možné považovat za politickou demonstraci. Tomu soudný člověk říká provokace a ve skutečnosti je to trestní čin. Není to protest proti vládě, ale zločin proti celému ná-rodu. Není to politická opozice, ale je to přímá zrada a zneužití důvěry občanů, kteří sice jsou od-lišného mínění nežli je vláda a president, ale kteří proto ještě nemají v úmyslu zatratit s tím i celý národ.

Musíme pochybovat o patriotismu každého, kdo podobný čin s klidem sleduje a neuzná za vhodné reagovat. Pochybují o patriotismu všech senátorů a kongresníků, představitelů vlády a spravedlnosti mohou-li se takovéto činy díť bez potrestání.

Národ, který snese takovouto potupu, nezaslouží své svobody a dočká se svého potrestání.

Sokolská organisace v Československu byla or-ganisace národní. Považují za samozřejmé, že Ame-rické Sokolstvo má tentýž poměr a povinnost ku své vlasti, Spojeným státům americkým.

Není nás Sokolů, v té dvěstemilionové Americe mnoho, ale myslím, že v této době americká veřej-nost potřebuje lekci v patriotismu a bylo by na místě aby tuto lekci jí dala třeba i jen tak malá část národa, jako jsou Američtí Sokolové.

Je čas, aby Americké Sokolstvo nějakým způso-bem prokázalo nejen že je zde, ale i proč je zde a projevilo svoji naprostou nespokojenost nad pl-něním jejich povinností ku svému národu, k jehož zájmům a prospěchu pracovat sice slavnostně při-sahají — ale nepracují.

Je možné, že bychom dlouho nezůstali sami.
AMERIKO — PROBUĎ SE!

V. Ženišek,
Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš, Chicago

Bratr Jiří Špánek dožívá se 70. narozenin



Sokolský a národní pracovník br. Jiří Špánek se narodil dne 10. února 1903 v Praze-Hostivaři, kde jeho otec byl nadšeným sokolským cvičitelem. To mělo vliv na jeho syna Jiřího, který začal so-kolovat od svých pěti let, a sokolství bylo prople-teno jeho životem jako zlatá nit. Již za I. světové

války když pracoval jako technik v závodech známého Sokola Ludvíka Očenáška který používal Jiřího co spojku s "Mafií". Běhal po Praze s depešemi od br. Dr. Sheinera do pankrácké trestnice. Jiří ještě tenkrát dobře nevěděl čemu slouží, ale byl to důkaz důvěry k němu. Ve svých 20ti letech se stal náčelníkem Sokola v Hostivaři za starostství br. Ant. Švehly. V té době absolvoval celou řadu sokolských i státních tělovýchovných kursů a připravoval se na profesora tělocviku. Osud mu však změnil cestu, odjel do Paříže v roce 1926 kde se zdokonalil ve svém elektrotechnickém oboru. V Paříži jeho první cesta vedla do Pařížského Sokola, kde se stal závodníkem, cvičitelem, vzdělavatelem, jednatelem a vydavatelem Věstníku Pařížského Sokola, který v době Mnichova vykonal dobrou vlasteneckou práci. V Pařížském Sokole poznal svou manželku Annu, vnučku známého českého politika Václava Klofáče. Mají dva syny Jiřího a Zdenka, kteří dovedou velmi dobře česky i když se narodili v Paříži. Byl mezi prvními dobrovolníky v roce 1939 do Československé armády ve Francii. Když po válce se vrátil do Paříže, byl několikrát vyslýchán gestapem. V té době také viděl již do komunistických intrik krajanů-komunistů, kteří po skončení války se chtěli zmocnit vedení Sokola a v tom jim br. Jiří Špánek zabránil. To mu komunisté nemohli zapomenout a když nechtěl s nimi spolupracovat snažili se jej odstranit z národního života. Nepodařilo se jim to. Br. Špánek odjíždí do Chicaga v roce 1952 se svou rodinou, kde opět jeho první cesta byla do Sokola. Byl jednatelem a později starostou Sokola Slávského, vzdělavatelem Župy Střední a jednatelem sletu AOS. V roce 1962 odjíždí s rodinou do San Francisca, kde rychle se vžil do krajanického prostředí. V Sokole San Francisco byl jednatelem, vzdělavatelem, starostou a ředitelem Sokolovny. V Župě Pacifické byl starostou, vzdělavatelem a organizátorem. — Od svého příjezdu do Ameriky pracuje v Československé Národní Radě Americké. Je stálým dopisovatelem do celé řady krajanických časopisů. Jeho často kritické články nemohou se líbit všem čtenářům. Obhajuje tradici sokolské myšlenky.

Sokol Washington, D.C.

Už je to skoro tradicí valných hromad Sokola Washington, D.C. Každá z nich je prodchnuta upřímným bratrstvím a tak tomu bylo i v poslední valní hromadě. Vládla v ní radost všech účastníků z vykonané práce v jubilejním roku jednoty.

To vše se projevilo ve volbách nových funkcí, z nichž většina pochází z osvědčených pracovníků sokolských v čele se starostou br. M. Neumannem. Kromě pilné práce cvičičího členstva, vedeného náčelníkem Šťovíčkem, byla to zvláště v době oslav 25ti let trvání jednoty, činnost společenská. Zdařilá oslava mluví o plném úspěchu sokolské jednoty v našem městě.

24. února budou pořádány tradiční Šibřiučky. Ke konci tohoto roku má naše jednota 150 členů a 30 cvičičích. Potěšitelnou byla zpráva br. náčelníka, že sami rodiče cvičenců pomáhají z vlastní kapsy připlácet na úhradu nájmu za cvičební hodiny. Krásná to ukázka lásky k sokolství a jeho ideím.

KS.

Sokol San Francisco

60 Výročí — 1912-1972

Jsmo vzpomněli 60. výročí postavení budovy Sokola San Francisco. Nebyla to jen významná událost pro naši jednotu, ale pro celou krajanickou kolonii zálivu San Francisca. 60 let to není dlouhá doba, ale je vyplněna velkou řadou událostí, které se odehrály v naší budově a které jsou význačné pro morální solidaritu naší československé minority.

Sokol San Francisco byl založen v roce 1904 a již 8 roků později naši předchůdci se rozhodli postavit vlastní sokolovnu na Page Street. Mimo tělocvičnou činnost v budově byly pořádány umělecké a národní události. Historie naší sokolovny zaznamenala ve styku s krajaníky okamžiky spokojenosti i nespokojenosti, veselosti i smutku, smíchu i slz, zadosťučnění z národní práce i zklamání — to však je část našeho života. — V roce 1915 všechny slovanské minority používaly naší sokolovnu jako svého ústředí. Ve I. a II. světové válce v naší sokolovně byl organizován náš zahraniční odboj k osvobození Československa. — V roce 1968 Page street se stala nebezpečnou a proto členstvo na zvláštní valné hromadě 95% většinou rozhodlo prodej budovy a zakoupení nové budovy v San Mateo.

Máme naši sokolovnu, která je domovem nejen členstvu, ale i všemu našemu krajanstvu. Mohli bychom jí mít však ještě lepší a ještě příjemnější kdyby více našich členů a krajanů nám k tomu pomohlo.

J.Š.

Sokol Berwyn

V prosinci se konala schůze, na níž po přečtení protokolu a dopisů a zpráv vedoucích různých výborů, byla uspořádána vánoční nadílka též pro děti z české školy. Program byl nahrán na magnetofonovou pásku, která bude zaslána do Československa.

Br. Krimmel poděkoval všem členům výborů a ostatním bratřím a sestřím za jejich dobře vykonanou práci a rodičům cvičenců za veškerou podporu, kterou uplynulého roku Sokolu poskytli. Oznamoval, že v únoru bude pořádán tradiční taneční večírek s večerí (Dinner Dance).

Nastolování úředníků pro rok 1973 bylo provedeno v neděli 14. ledna; následující bratři a sestry: President, Fred Krimmel; vice pres., Don Vidic; tajemnice, Marie Knez; finanční taj., Stana Ziemba; pokladník, Sharon Smolik; vedoucí výchovy, Fred Kala; náčelník, Ed Jelinek; náčelnice, Catherine Krimmel.

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Sešlo se nás v sobotu 28. října několik, abychom udělali radost jednomu z nás. Nebyla to překvapenka, ale šlo o překvapení. Předali jsme příteli a bratru Ludvíku Rychterovi gramofonovou desku na které zpívá písně které všichni máme tak rádi. Desku jsme pořídili bez jeho vědomí z magnetofonových pásků ze kterých se vysílaly jeho

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