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In today's tumultuous times, changes are taking place. Within organizations these changes tend to create conflict between what organizations provide and what people expect. People sense a need for challenge and growth. They want to be involved and participate in setting goals.

As we attune ourselves to today's trends, the necessity of growth - expansion is being felt. Units and Districts are moving to better facilities for conducting our gymnastic and educational programs. Plans are being formulated; Units are merging to become stronger, healthy, active units; purchase of property is being looked into; renovation of present facilities is taking place.

And in this economic period of change we will be convening our XII. National Convention in Detroit, June 16 - 18, 1975, to formulate plans and policies for the guidance of the American Sokol Organization. What do we expect to accomplish?

- - Set some goals, guidelines, for a working Organization Committee. Look into the possibility of strengthening our smaller Units.

- - Educational activity. Continue and expand the present program. Increase the interest and activity in educational matters, in Units - on the level of all age groups, i.e., children, youth, adults.

- - Gymnastically. The new trends in gymnastics bring into focus our need for updating our methods.

- - Administratively. It takes discipline and strength to manage an organization, and to recognize the necessity to relate, in a positive way, to people's expectations.

To make this all possible, there will be the need of finances and hard work. Our Convention delegates will have the responsibility of electing, to the respective branches of administration, - conscientious, dedicated members cognizant of the obligations they are accepting. These obligations to be fulfilled to the best of their ability. It is our opinion that wherever there is trust and hope of better ways to work and live together, we can successfully combat the problems which will confront us in the years ahead.

Our hard-working, diligent Detroit Convention Committee, has made all preparations for the successful conduct of our XII. National Convention. The facilities, and the arrangements made, should make for a smooth-running Convention. Our delegates have been elected. We all look forward to:

A successful XII. National Convention, held in the 110th year of our existence; and

To the Bicentennial of our great country, The United States of America.

A past to Honor . . . a Future to Mold.

Betty Prener



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Calendar of Events

MAY 3rd - SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, DOWNERS GROVE, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition - Herrick Jr. High School, Downers Grove, Ill.
MAY 3-4th - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Competitions - Gymnastic Exhibition - Victory Dance
MAY 4th - SOKOL AND SOKOLICE CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
Akademie - Prairie High School
MAY 7th - SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Mother's and Father's Program

MAY 8th - SOKOLICE ST. LOUIS, MO.
Chicken Dinner
MAY 10th - CENTRAL DISTRICT
Special Number Competition - Morton West High School - 7:30 P.M.
MAY 11th - SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO
Pancake Breakfast
MAY 17th - CENTRAL DISTRICT
II Class Awards Banquet - Sokol Brookfield - 7:00 P.M. - Dinner by Reservation Only
MAY 17-18th - SOKOL FORT WORTH, TEXAS
Competitions - Gym Exhibition
MAY 18th - SOKOL BROOKFIELD, ILL.
Sokol Circus
MAY 18th - SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Gymnastic Exhibition
MAY 18th - SOKOL BALTIMORE, MD.
Gymnastic Exhibition
MAY 18th - SOKOL LOS ANGELES, CAL.
Gymnastic Exhibition and Dance - L.A. City College and Sokol Hall.
MAY 21-22nd - SOKOLICE DETROIT, MICH.
Rummage Sale
JUNE 1st - SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Family Picnic - National Grove
JUNE 1st - NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET.
A.M.L.A. Recreation Center - Leroy Township, Ohio.
JUNE 1st - EASTERN DISTRICT (SO. CIRCUIT).
Wreath-Laying Ceremony - Arlington National Cemetery.
JUNE 6-8th - SOUTHERN DISTRICT
District Slet - Sokol Corpus Christi Host
JUNE 8th - CENTRAL DISTRICT
District Slet - Riverside-Brookfield High School
JUNE 8th - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Annual Festival
JUNE 15th - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Summer Gymnastic Exhibition
JUNE 16-18th - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
A.S.O. Convention
JUNE 27-29th - SOKOL USA SLET,
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.
National Slet - New York State University.
AUG. 10th - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Accordion Jamboree
SEPT. 14th - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Grape Festival
OCT. 18th - SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Dinner-Dance - Peacock Room, Cicero, Ill.
NOV. 1st - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
100th Anniversary Celebration
NOV. 8th - SOKOL HAVLICEK TYRS,
BERWYN, ILL.
Fall Sokol Social - Sokol Brookfield

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CONVENTION AGENDA

Sokol Detroit Convention Committees under the chairmanship of Bro. J. Kovar are working diligently to complete all plans for the XII National Convention they are hosting in conjunction with the Unit's 100th Anniversary.

Reservations have been made for delegates and guests in West Dearborn, Michigan, at Holiday Inn, Fairlane Inn and Dearborn Town House. Delegates will be receiving this information shortly directly from the ASO office with proper registration cards and other details.

Plans for the delegates also include attendance at the Summer Gymnastic Exhibition to be held Sunday, June 15th, at the Sokol Camp. Bus transportation will be available to and from the camp. Meals will be served before the afternoon program. Sokol Detroit is planning to have 100 men in the special number to commemorate its Centennial Year, undoubtedly a Sokol "First".

Registration of Delegates will take place at the Sokol Cultural Center following the exhibition. The Credential committee will also be on hand. All delegates will be ready for the first session of the Convention the following day, Monday, June 16, 1975.

As in the past, By-Laws committee will convene several days prior to the Convention on June 12-14th, to take under advisement changes proposed to the Convention. The Board of Instructors will also meet earlier, on June 14th, to consider recommendations of all District Directors and prepare plans and agenda for the next 5 year period. All these meetings will have the services of secretaries for their use during the sessions.

All convention sessions will be held at the Sokol Cultural Center which Sokol Detroit states can accommodate the members, as well as have additional smaller rooms for various committee meetings that may be necessary during the convention. All these conveniences will be available without charge through the courtesy of Sokol Detroit, our most gracious hosts.

During the Convention days, the Committee has arranged for a caterer to prepare the noon meals at a nominal charge to the delegates, thus saving time and still allowing for all attending to join in good fellowship and conversations with delegates from all parts of the U.S. and compare notes and discuss various aspects of our Sokol work. We may all come home with new ideas that have been tried and proven by fellow Sokols.

Delegates Night is planned for all those attending, including guests, Tuesday, June 17th. A Social Hour, followed by a short program, a buffet supper and

dancing; a good time to be had by all. A Czech band will provide the music for dancing and the program will include the Sokol Choral Group.

The Committee will not include any sightseeing for out-of-town guests but will furnish a list of places of interest in the Detroit area, mainly the Greenfield Village which is just a short distance away from the hotels.

Sis. Jackie Eisenstein is in charge of the volunteer office workers who will be on hand to cut stencils, prepare necessary duplicating and other details pertaining to the convention procedures. She will also send invitation letters to Michigan Governor Milliken, Senators Hart and Griffith of Michigan and Sen. Roman Hruska, of Nebraska, to attend convention if time permits them to do so, as well as the Mayor of Dearborn Heights, where the Cultural Center is located and the site of the Convention.

A Souvenir Program Book is being prepared. Proceeds will be used to defray Convention expenses. Consideration is being given on a package deal for delegates to include tickets to exhibition, bus transportation to and from the Camp and Delegates Night's ticket admission. This would be handled directly with Sokol Detroit.

Each delegate will receive a portfolio of items necessary for use during the convention sessions as well as a map of the Detroit area.

Sokol Detroit is not planning a banquet in conjunction with the Convention; reserving this for the November 1st celebration of its 100th Anniversary. They are hopeful that busloads of Sokols from nearby cities will then join them on this occasion. No doubt we will get together with our Hosts and wish them well into their Second Century and sing a chorus or two of "Mnogaja leta".

As stated previously the hotel area is served by public transportation from nearby Metro Airport, about 30 minutes away. Bus transportation to and from hotel area and Cultural Center is being considered mainly in the morning and evening. This detail will be given at the time of Convention or along with hotel information and reservation cards.

This brief resume of plans as presented by the Convention committee will give all delegates an idea of what is being planned during the days of June 15-18 by our Hosts - SOKOL DETROIT. To them our THANKS for all their hospitality and SUCCESS TO THE XII. NATIONAL CONVENTION!

Ann Basta

Meeting of the Executive Board of the A.S.O.

February 25, 1975

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

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: Questionnaire and reservation sheets for forthcoming Sokol USA Slet sent all Women's District Directors. - Combined BOI meeting held Feb. 19th. - 4 students to attend New England Gymnastic Clinic. - Final Reports: Southern District - Clinic Nov. 1-3rd, \$718.34, Organizational Dept. \$132.00, Travel, \$336.22; Eastern District - Clinic Nov. 29-30th \$374.24, Southern Circuit half-day workshop Aug. 28th \$25.00. All approved.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: Attended Cleveland Sokol Winter Exhibition, Feb. 8-9th. Bros. Edwin Jirousek and Emil Pechar were awarded plaque for outstanding work in the community by Sokol Brother Ralph Perk, Mayor of Cleveland. Exhibition was dedicated to Sis. Marie Provaznik. - Attended Central District's BOI annual meeting. Much interest shown in the Sokol USA Slet and the Instructors School.

Financial Sec'y., Sis. Sotka: January report prepared. Federal taxes deposited.

Educational Committee, Sis. Prener: Orders coming in nicely. - \$1,750.00 paid to the ASO to be applied against back salaries.

Educational Committee: Good number of entries received in the Essay Contest. Judges now computing scores.

Office Report: 4 calculators and 4 adding machines (all used) received from Saunders and Co. - Roster of Unit Officers prepared for the American Sokol publication. - Sent out Citations of Merit. - Inventory of all equipment made. - Sis. C. Ulrich will visit Sokol Praha, Oklahoma, to discuss building situation. - Picture of Sokol Memorial approved along with article for publication in the American Sokol.

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Prior to the meeting a picture was taken of the Executive Board for the Convention Program Book. - Two omissions were corrected into the minutes of the February meeting: (1) Bro. Rudolph Svoboda, newly elected President of Klub Bedrich Smetana, made a fine and moving speech in memory of Bro. Henry Vydra, Sis. Ella Vydra and Mr. L. Krupka. (2) In view of their 5-yrs. of devoted service on behalf of Sokol, Bro. Edward Linhart and Sis. EllenJeane Schnabl will represent the ASO at the Sokol USA Slet in Binghamton.

Correspondence: Sokol Fort Worth, Texas, will have a ground-breaking ceremony in the near future. - Bro.

J. Bartos, a member of Sokol Zizka, was elected 1975 President of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce. - Bro. Pavoucek seeking permission to print article in the So. Omaha news-letter on selling Unit life-time membership. - Plans for organizing Unit in Lincoln, Nebr., discarded. - Sokol Milwaukee will hold recognition dinner for 50 yr. members. - Letter from Prague, Okla. with proposal whereby the town would pay part of the funds required to restore the old Sokol Hall as a Czech museum. Recommended this matter be taken up with the members of Sokol Prague.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: Received translated article by Sis. Provaznikova for Sokol publication. - Received calisthenics to be used in the 1976 Slet in Switzerland. Drills were written by ASO many years ago and very lengthy. Posters very modern and attractive. - Matter of a traveling instructor to wait until after the convention. - Sokol Gymnastic Camp will be held at North Central College, Naperville, Ill., Aug. 10-16th.

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: Letters sent several gymnastic instructors with contract to instruct at the ASO Gymnastic Clinic. - Organizational bills of \$139.81 and \$159.65; 3 one-day workshops, \$286.00; all in the Western District, approved for payment.

Editor, Bro. Herink: Has been informed our Sokol publication reaches the distant Units several weeks later than that of the Chicago area. This is a matter to be discussed at the ASO Convention.

Publicity, Sis. Basta: Short Convention resume will appear in the American Sokol publication.

Educational Committee, Sis. Prener: Meeting held, March 12th. - Letter of appreciation from Bro. Pirka in being sent as ASO representative to Sokol Detroit. - Essay contest judging near completion. Suggested awards and patches approved. A sum of \$150.00 advanced for same.

Uniform Division, Sis. Prener: March a big month in sales. - Have a new supplier for men's parade hats. - Payment of \$336.66 made to the ASO on back salaries. - Audit in April.

Financial Secretary, Sis. Sotka: February report and Federal taxes deposited. - Great demand for Sokol booklet publications. Supply running out. Educational Committee will look into this matter. - Sokol New York awarded a Merit Certificate to Sis. M. Venzara for 60 yrs. Membership. - Snifter glasses, souvenirs from the last ASO Slet, were incorrectly imprinted. They were returned. A refund is to be sent.

Treasurer, Bro. Basta: In agreement with Financial Sec'y. Next month will report on the 1st quarter of 1975.

Convention: By-Laws committee will meet for 4 days if it becomes necessary. - BOI will arrive on Saturday, June 14th. Will be quartered at the Holiday Inn.

Discussions: A Unit flag was ordered for Sokol Crete. Cost \$174.00 plus shipping. - Picture and article regarding the Sokol Memorial were discussed. - Report was made upon the Chicago-land Sokol Ass'n., comprising of Sokols Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, Slavsky and West Suburban. Charter being processed. Next meeting to be held, April 15th, when permanent officers and committee heads will be elected.

Financial Report

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MARCH 1975

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 933.25
Convention Fund	564.00
Special Assessment	1,098.00
Dividends and Interest	1,891.59
Advertising in "American Sokol"	492.00
Resale of Jewelry	67.00
Sale of Song Books	61.00
Office Supplies, Postage	15.44
Educational Pamphlets, Tapes	42.50
Miscellaneous Income	19.67
	<u>5,184.45</u>

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Payment toward Advances	1,423.45
Total Receipts	<u>\$6,607.90</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative

Salaries	\$ 351.45
F.I.C.A. - F.W.T. for February ..	95.02
Rental, Janitor Service and Supplies, Phone, Electric	338.84
Office Supplies, Postage	52.47
Advertising	50.00
Travel Expense	20.00
Imprinting Checks	13.30
	<u>\$ 921.08</u>

Educational Department BOI

Salaries	\$ 208.82
F.I.C.A. - F.W.T. for February ..	51.64
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast" ..	28.00
USOC Dues	10.00
Postage	3.50
	<u>\$ 326.96</u>

Sokol Publication

Printing "American Sokol"	\$1,070.22
Editor "American Sokol"	75.00
Postage "American Sokol" February and March	109.50
	<u>\$ 1,254.72</u>

Miscellaneous

Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A. - F.W.T., Phone	\$ 380.27
Special Appropriations - Western District A.S.O.	299.46
	<u>\$ 679.73</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$3,182.49</u>

Balance:

Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking Account	\$9,195.53
Receipts - March 1975	6,607.90
	<u>15,803.43</u>
Disbursements - March 1975	3,182.49
	<u>\$12,620.94</u>

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

March 1975

Evelyn and Frank J. Riha, Jr. and Libbie and Bruce Kutcher, in memory of Mrs. Walter (Irene) Hosek	\$ 25.00
Robert Vanyo, St. Paul, Minn.	1.00
Dividends Earned March 31, 1975	356.66
	<u>\$382.66</u>

Donations are tax exempt

A Salute to Sokol Parents

Sokol as an organization is 113 years old. Sokol in the United States is in its 110th year. Sokol Brookfield, though in its fortieth year, is still considered a young Unit. Yet, Sokol Brookfield can find many times over a century of Sokol life amongst its members.

We find men and women who were active in Sokol life before the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia was founded in 1918. How many of these were sons and daughters of Sokols is not known. These men and women who emigrated to America became active in Sokol and sent their sons and daughters to Sokol classes. These children married. Many sent their offspring to Sokol classes.

These parents and grandparents were founders of Units and very active in the early life of our movement in America. At Sokol Brookfield we have many members and gymnasts of noted parents and grandparents. The children and grandchildren - Domansky - Michalek - Vanek - Zitny - and many others.

Imagine their joy and rapture as they sit watching their children and grandchildren performing in the Unit's Exhibition. Sokol had them in their youth. Sokol had them during marriage. Their children are in Sokol, and Sokol remained! Sokol lives because we have such devoted mothers and fathers. Our heartiest greetings to you Sokol parents and Sokol grandparents!

Ernest R. Pirka

Educational Director of Sokol Brookfield

Central District

February 25, 1975

Vice-Pres., Bro. Edwin Halik presided with 12 members present.

Correspondence: Receipt of exercises for Sokol South Omaha's Invitational Meet. - Insurance policy and bill, \$28.00. - ASO office request for invoices to support payment from Special Assessment Fund. Available from District Treasurer.

Director of Women, Sis. Carolee Michalek: Reported upon annual BOI meeting, Feb. 16th. - Volleyball tournaments in Chicago and St. Louis were discussed, also, Jr. basketball games. - Sokol USA requests a survey of participants for the Binghamton Slet. A 3-week instructors course to follow Slet. BOI recommends sending 4 students from each Unit to attend the course. Transportation by bus. - Plans started for District Slet at Riverside-Brookfield stadium. - Possibility of 1976 District Slet to be held in St. Louis. - BOI settled dispute over the awarding of trophies and individual awards. A list of awards was approved. No individual awards for team participants. - Schedule of coming events: March 6th and 19th, Judges clinic at Sokol Stickney; May 10th, Special Number competition at Morton West; May 17th, 2nd Class competitions and awards at Sokol Brookfield; June 5th, Women's competition (may change to accommodate Sokol St. Louis); June 7th, Jr. and Senior competitions; June 8th, District Slet. Awards Nite to follow.

Director of Men, Bro. Paul Lebloch: Sokol Racine requested calisthenics exercises. Also, that BOI furnish assistance. - Sokol St. Louis requested to hold 1975 volleyball tournament on Thanksgiving week-end. - Bills approved for payment: St. Louis hall rental for games, \$100.00; Trophies, \$76.90; Air fare for 2 delegates to BOI meeting, \$131.78. - Bills for injury to a Sokol Berwyn gymnast were turned over to the Unit. Each Unit is responsible for its injuries; and have mandatory insurance coverage. - Possibilities of a 10-day tour to the Slet in Zurich, Switzerland. - Charter bus fares quoted for Binghamton Slet.

Folk Dancers: Allocation of funds for the group was discussed. 1973 annual District meeting approved \$500.00 for costumes for 8 boys and 8 girls. Costumes property of the District. Each dancer maintains care of the same. Sis. Pros will give report of costumes, materials and balance of money. - Bro. Kala reported the dancers performed at Western Electric's Travel Club program and at the Yorktown shopping center.

District Slet: Bro. Halik's responsibility will be the Program Book. - Moravian Dancers were asked to participate in the Slet program. - Parking facilities adjoining the high school will be negotiated. - Request for school equipment will be made directly with school personnel.

New Business: Approved, the purchase of 250 white leather key rings with red Sokol design as a fund-raising project. - Cabinets donated for educational material by Bro. Joseph Drnec will be moved to Sokol Brookfield. - Bro. Drnec stressed the need to give serious thought to the coming ASO Convention; selection of slate of officers for the ASO Executive Board and the seat of the ASO headquarters to be considered. If need arises, will hold monthly meetings on important aspects of the Convention. - Auditing committee to meet before the next District meeting to audit Slet report. By-Laws meetings will be held Feb. 27th, March 6th and 11th, at Sokol Stickney. - Approved, the District place a one-half page ad in the Convention Program Book.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand - \$1,142.22.

March 26, 1975

Vice-Pres., Bro. Edwin Halik opened the meeting. Pres. Bro. Joseph Drnec arrived later.

Correspondence: Bohemian National Cemetery requesting participation of Sokol Units in the Memorial Day celebration, Friday, May 30th. This is to include a dedication of the Dr. Benes and Gen. Stefanik wings to the Mausoleum. Invitation accepted. Some problems to be encountered with dual dates for Memorial Day events.

Director of Men, Bro. Paul Lebloch: Invitation from Ludevit Stur District to participate in Slet at Potters Lake, Wis., June 15th. - Awards Night to be held at Sokol Tabor.

Director of Women: Sis. Jindra presented report for the Women's BOI. - Sokol Racine received materials requested, including tapes. - Special Number competition will be held at Morton West, May 10th. Adults, \$1.25. Juniors, 50c. Musical tapes must accompany entry forms.-II. Class competitions and dinner, May 17th, at Sokol Brookfield. Reservations necessary for dinner. - 1st Class girls competitions, May 24th; Workshop, April 8th; both at Sokol Berwyn. - Jr. Girls and Women's competitions, June 7th, at College of DuPage. - Workshops for Juniors (intermediate and advanced), April 13th, at Sokol Tabor. - Women's Workshop, April 20th, at Sokol Berwyn. - Judges meeting (Jr. and Sr. Women's Competitions), May 21st, at Sokol Brookfield. - Judging Clinics were held; 2 for beginners, 1 for the advanced. - Fund-raising key rings are in supply. - Expenses approved: Estimated College of DuPage rental and maintenance, \$146.00; Participation diplomas, \$36.00; Postage, phone, etc., \$53.85; Reams of paper, \$22.48; Key rings, \$167.50; Volleyballs, \$18.00.

Educational Director, Bro. Ernest Pirka: Working on shelving in Sokol Library. - Spoke at the Toman Library. - Preparing exhibit on Czechoslovak societies of the past in the 26th St. area.

Folk Dancers, Sis. June Pros: Balance on hand, \$118.24-Invited to Slovak Slet, June 15th, and Central District Slet, June 8th. - Still sewing vests and pants.

Sokol USA Slet: A deadline for bus reservation to the Slet in Binghamton, June 27-29th. Sis. June Pros in charge. - All Units must make housing reservations individually.

District Slet: Bro. Halik in charge of Program Book. Rates are established. - Outside groups to be invited by letter. - Request will be made for ASO permission for mailing list for distribution of tickets. - All Units asked to furnish help in all phases for Slet committees and kitchen. - Price of tickets determined. Sis. June Pros in charge of ticket sales. - New Chicagoland Sokol Ass'n. granted 2 pages in Program Book to help promote its cause.

Recognition Dinner, Sis. Jane Jurew: Final report. Profit, \$332.25.

By-Laws, Bro. Halik: One more session, March 31st, to complete review of present By-Laws.

New Business: Approved, 500 certificates for participation in competitions to be ordered. - Sokol

SOKOL GYMNAST

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MERIT AWARD - 1975

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Board of Instructors, the delegates at the XI American Sokol Organization, held in Cleveland in June, 1970, and the A.S.O. District Directors Conference, held in Chicago in November, 1972, approved Merit Awards to be paid from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund.

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

The amount to be awarded is to be \$200.00 per year to one student per district which has under 1,500 members and an additional student per district which has over 1,500 members. This award is renewable for a second year. In order to qualify for the second year, applicant must maintain a "C" average or better. Second year allocation is NOT automatic; applicant must file letter of intent to reapply for a second year. This letter is to be signed by the Unit and District Directors, designating approval or disapproval. The letter of intent, the original application and the transcript of grades will be reviewed. The final selection is to be made by the Merit Award Committee, approved by the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors and the American Sokol Organization Executive Board. When a renewal is granted, a transcript of grades after the second year must be submitted to the American Sokol Merit Award Committee. A "C" average or better must have been maintained during the second year. Failure to submit such a transcript will result in a request for repayment of the award.

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

1. Should have attended Sokol classes regularly for at least three years immediately prior to this application. Juniors may be included but must become adult members - girls at age 17 and boys at age 18.
2. Must have attended and successfully completed one Sokol District or American Sokol Organization Instructors' School.
3. Must have taught or assisted in Sokol gym classes.
4. Recommendation of high school Physical Education teacher.
5. Recommendation of Physical Director of Sokol Unit.
6. Recommendation of District Physical Directors.
7. Approval of District President.

If the course for which the Merit Award was granted is completed, there is no obligation to repay the amount of the Merit Award. However, the recipient of the Merit Award and one member of his family shall be requested to sign a statement promising to repay the Merit Award in full, should the student fail to complete the course for which the Merit Award was granted.

The student agrees that he or she will not engage in any campus disorders or violent demonstrations and that he or she has no subversive connections or leanings. Any infractions of these understandings will be cause for complete revocation of the Merit Award and immediate repayment made.

Merit Awards will be made in September of each year. If the quota for the District is not filled, a review of all Merit Award applications, not previously approved, will be made and any restrictions imposed may be removed for that year.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER
THAN AUGUST 1st, 1975**

(APPLICATION FOR MERIT AWARD ON OTHER PAGE)

MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

George Kalas, Chairman

EllenJeanne Schnabl - Edward Linhart - Edward Schnabl - Lorraine Zdenek

UNIT DIRECTORS - PLEASE POST ON BULLETIN BOARD

UNITED STATES GYMNASTIC FEDERATION

MASTER OF SPORTS - OUR SISTER - MILDRED PRCHAL

1974



The USGF presented its third Master of Sport award (and the first to a woman) to Mrs. Mildred Prchal, who, at the age of 79, still remains active and interested in competitive modern gymnastics for women. (U.S.G.F. News)

This award was presented to Sister Prchal by Mr. Frank Bare, President of U.S.G.F. at the Congress of Coaches Banquet held in Chicago. Over 500 people, including many representatives of American Sokol who were present, joined in a standing ovation for our Sister

Prchal at the presentation. The American Sokol B.O.I.'s join in extending congratulations and appreciation for her outstanding work in the field of Gymnastic Teaching and Sokol Leadership.
Nazdar!

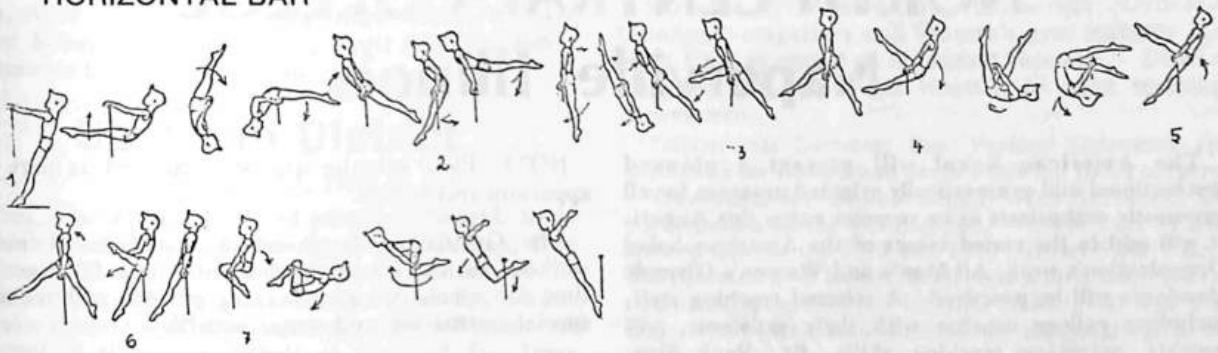
AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION
Merit Award Committee
6426 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

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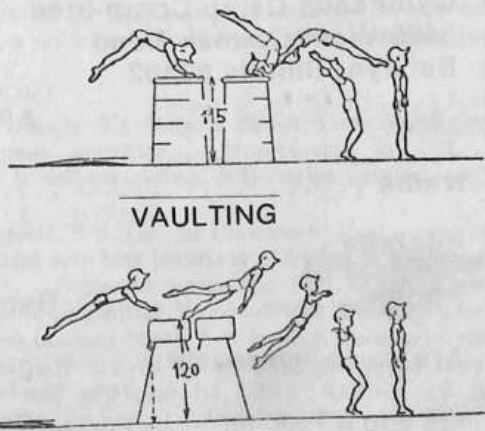
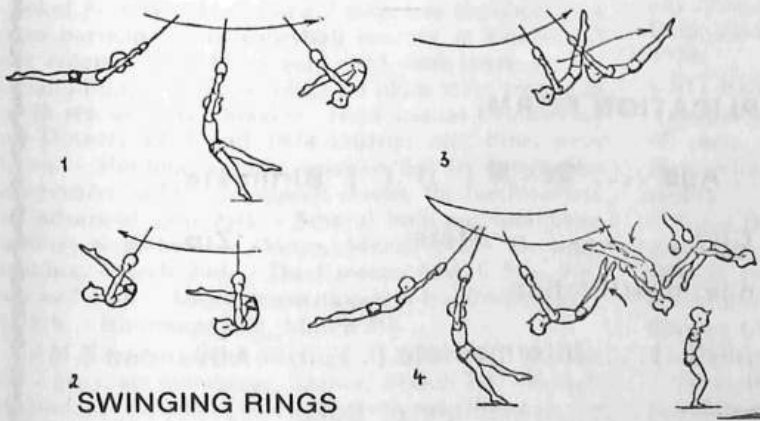
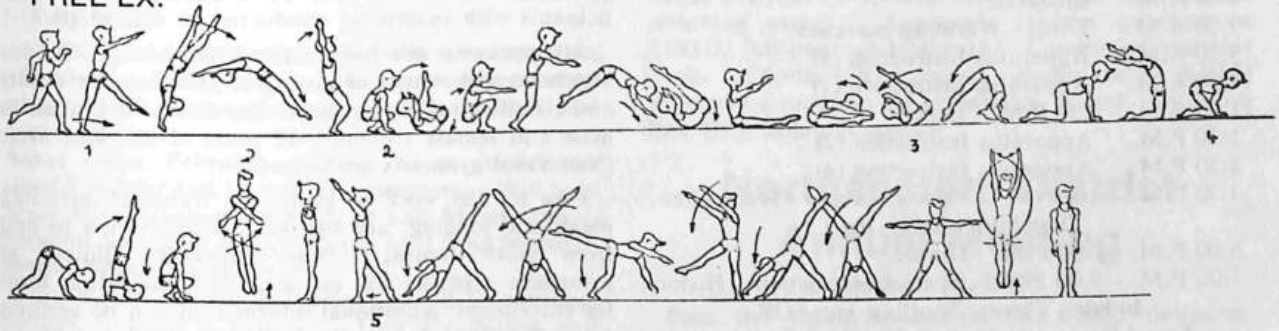
Signature of Sokol member:
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My age is: years. I am a member of Sokol
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Gymnastics for Small Boys

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SWINGING RINGS

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AMERICAN SOKOL GYMNASTIC CAMP

August 10 - 16, 1975

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE Naperville, Illinois

The American Sokol will present a planned instructional and gymnastically oriented program for all gymnastic enthusiasts at its summer camp this August. It will add to the varied events of the American Sokol Organization's work. All Men's and Women's Olympic standards will be practiced. A selected teaching staff, including college coaches with their assistants, will provide necessary teaching skills. Br. Paul Fina, member of the American Sokol B.O.I. and President of the National Summer Gymnastic Clinic, held at Michigan State University, will manage the camp's activities.

DAILY PROGRAM

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
 9:00 A.M. Drills - Warm up exercises
 9:30 A.M. Apparatus Instruction (1)
 10:30 A.M. Apparatus Instruction (2)
 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. - Lunch
 1:30 P.M. Apparatus Instruction (3)
 2:30 P.M. Apparatus Instruction (4)
 3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Special Events - Trampoline, Tumbling, Ballet, etc.
 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - Dinner
 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. - Special Instruction - History, Judging Theory, Spotting, etc. - OR
 Social Events - Volleyball, Dance, Swimming

NOTE: Floor exercise will be considered as part of apparatus instruction.

The Gymnastic Camp schedule includes 4 main workout periods for apparatus instruction followed by time for special events. Evening periods will include special instruction and social activities.

Housing will be in college dormitories, 2 to a room. Each section of dorms will have a counselor to supervise curfew and safety. All meals will be served in Dining Room area and supervised by a qualified dietician.

A fully equipped indoor gymnasium with modern gymnastic equipment will be available to all participants with swimming conducted in college pool.

All gymnasts will have supervised training. Sunday afternoon will consist of testing of gymnasts for ability and classification into groups. Enrollment is limited to male and female students, 12 years of age and over. (Non-Sokol gymnasts are invited).

Fees for the week of gymnastic training, including meals and lodging, are \$95.00. Transportation to and from North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, at gymnast's expense. Fill out attached application form for enrollment. Additional information can be secured from American Sokol Gymnastic Camp Committee.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION
 Gymnastic Camp Committee
 6426 West Cermak Road
 Berwyn, Illinois 60402

APPLICATION FORM

Name Age Sex M () F () Birthdate
 Address City State Zip
 Phone Gymnastic Affiliation
 Are you a gymnast? Beginner () Intermediate () Advanced ()
 Are you a Teacher? Coach? Member of Sokol

Racine preparing Exhibition for May 3rd (apparatus only). Approved to send one car to Racine. Bro. Drnec urged those present to attend this exhibition and give them moral support for their efforts. - Bro. Halik presented \$90.00 bill covering 3 months rental for dance practice at the Olympic Building. Sis. Basta will check if any Sokol Hall is available for these dance rehearsals.

Coming Events: Sokol Stickney's Gymnastic Exhibition, April 26th, Morton West High School. - Sokol West Suburban, Garage Sale, April 17-19th, and a Gymnastic Exhibition, May 3rd.

Southern District

February 27, 1975

Pres., Bro. George Prevratil presided. Present: Bros. Oldrich Parma, Larry Laznovsky, Frank Cechan, Don Steinman, Harrell Hamilton, Stuart Hamilton, H. B. Smith, Sisters Sylvia Laznovsky, Rose Steinman, Bernice Hamilton, Vlasta Laznovsky, Helen Parma. - A moment of silence on behalf of departed Sis. Irene Hosek of Sokol Zizka.

Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from Sokol Corpus Christi for \$200.00 donation from the District for its building fund. - Czech Cultural Society of Houston suggesting meeting with District regarding a Bi-Centennial program.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol Corpus Christi: Unit will initiate Games Nites on Sundays. - BOI plans to hold one extra gym class weekly. - Unit competition, April 26th, awards and dinner to follow.

Sokol Zizka: February meeting, 50 in attendance. Gained 8 regular and 10 associate members. - Will hold 2 week-end workshops, Feb. 23rd and March 2nd. - Afternoon classes for boys, 6-18 yrs. held twice weekly. - 4 special classes for girls.

Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky: Gained 10 associate members. - Held 2 dances. - Unit Exhibition well attended and most successful. - Plans being made for the Polka Festival. - Will participate in the Fire department's fund-raising project. - Juniors will hold a supper for Travel Fund. - Sokol booklet for members now completed.

Sokol Fort Worth: Gained 7 associate members. - 4 teams participated in volleyball tourney at Ennis. - 2 girls entered SWAAU meet. - 13 took part in the Garland Flipper meet, winning 1st place team trophy in the 15 yrs. and over bracket. - Held annual Family Day and Dinner, 1972 and 1974 District Slet films were shown. - Holding training sessions for Jr. instructors on advanced skills and special classes for intermediate and advanced gymnasts. - Several building committee meetings were held. - Dance, March 1st. - Ground-breaking, March 2nd. - Dual meets, March 5th, 9th, 16th and 19th. - Unit competition and Exhibition, May 17-18th. - Rummage sale, March 8th.

Sokol Houston: Feb. meeting, 31. Gained 4 regular and 2 associate members. - Dance, March 1st. - Socials on Sundays. - Dinners on Friday evenings. Proceeds for Travel Fund. - Ballet classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. - Unit workshop, March 1st.

Director of Men, Bro. Laznovsky: Players of the Men's volleyball team of the 3 local Units will enter tournament of the U.S. Volleyball Ass'n, March 15th, in Dallas. - Sokol Zizka will host regular volleyball tourney, tentatively, April 19th. - More information forthcoming upon the ASO Clinic for advanced gymnasts at Naperville, Ill. - ASO invited to the 1976 Sokol Slet Abroad in Zurich, Switzerland.

Director of Women, Sis. Laznovsky: Ordered Gymnastic magazines and Women's gym manuals for each Unit as approved at annual meeting. - District Directors will visit Sokol Houston to assist teaching Slet material.

Educational Director, Bro. Parma: Expressed appreciation for flowers and cards following heart surgery. - Gymnasts at Sokol Zizka were lectured on participation in the District Slet. - Sokol Fort Worth showed films of the 1972 and 1974 District Slets. - Bro. Stoeppelman gave lecture to all classes on Sokol history. - Ennis Sokol news-letter includes educational information. - Bro. Hamilton lectured to the small girls on general Sokol information.

Treasurer, Sis. Hamilton: Read January and February report. - Checking account transferred to Waxahachie Bank.

Discussions: Announcement of the annual \$500.00 donation to the District from the Supreme Lodge SPJST. - By-laws discussed. Sokol in Ennis in process of reviewing same. - Approved, District purchase a \$100.00 full page ad in the 1975 Convention souvenir book. All Units will be listed. - Radio station KRLD will carry a program on gymnastics, March 21st, with Bro. Emil Milan as speaker.

Northeastern District Annual Meeting

January 19, 1975

Pres., Bro. Edwin Jirousek presided with 39 delegates in attendance.

Bro. Jirousek gave a full year's summary of his activity as President on behalf of the District; which was very lengthy. - Bro. Emil Pekar gave his report as Vice-President. - Bro. Robert Jirousek gave the procedure for any changes in the By-Laws. - Treasurer, Bro. John Balik gave a report on income and disbursements for 1974.

UNIT REPORT

Sokolice Detroit, Sis. Jarmila Zboril: Gave highlights of their many activities. - Membership is 233. - News-letter is self-sustaining, 500 copies printed each month.

Sokol Detroit, Bro. George Eisenstein: Had a year of very successful activities involving everyone. - Membership is 199. - Reported upon the BOI, Teen Club, Entertainment Committee, Czechoslovak Dinner Party, Booster Club (Games Nite), Scholarship Fund and the Czech School. - Will host the ASO Convention in June. - Formally will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in November.

Sokol Rip, Pittsburgh: Unit's membership is 20 members. No activity.

Sokol Moravan, Toledo: No report.

Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlicek, Bro. Frank Kavan: Membership, 184. - November meeting was a combined dinner and Christmas Mart. - Directors are Bro. Rich Rijna and Sis. Ann Skoda. - News-letter editor is Sis. Mary Ann Maly.

Sokol Nova Vlast, Bro. Galik: 145 participated in the Winter Exhibition. - Jr. Girls classes increasing each year. At present a waiting list. - Most ambitious fund-raising event is the Beer Festival. - Hold St. Nick's Dance in December. The fund-raising at this affair donated to the Pete Sykora Fund. - Total membership is 217, an increase of 24 members.

Sokol Tyrs, Bro. Richard Franks: Initiated 25 members during the past year. - Staged sales of potato pancakes and sausages at a number of fund-raising events in Cleveland. - In combination with other Sokol Units again entered a Float in 2 parades during November. - Czech Folk Dancers appeared 5 times at various events. - Concert Band made 10 appearances. - Sewing Club (17 members) sold 17 quilts. - News-letter printed with 650 copies per issue.

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Educational Director: Bro. Karel Zahradnicek doing an excellent job, as have Bro. Pete Dusek and Sis. Georgia Jencik.

Auditing Committee: Bros. Lad Voris, George Eisenstein, Joseph Kunc and John Galik found the books in order.

American Sokol, Inc., Bro. Robert Jirousek: Gave a short history. - Rezoning referendum defeated by the voters in 1973 and again in 1974. - In process of making a deal with the Bohemian National Hall. - Ways and Means committee sponsored a benefit film showing, the 250 Club Dinner and Dance, and participated in the Beer Fest. - Also were acknowledged in the estate of Sis. Mary Hercik.

1975 Officers: Bro. Zahradnicek installed the following: Pres., Bro. Edwin Jirousek; Vice-Presidents, Bros. Emil Pekar, Joseph Kovar, Frank Kavan, Robert Jirousek; Treasurer, Bro. John Galik; Sec'y., Sis. Olga Nemecek; Publicity Chairman, Sis. Elsie Khol; Educational, Bro. Karel Zahradnicek; Organizational, Sis. Gladys Jirousek.

February 26, 1975

Pres., Bro. Edwin Jirousek opened the meeting by welcoming a new delegate, Bro. Emil Hoch. - A motion was approved to place a full page ad into the forthcoming Convention souvenir book, to be pro-rated amongst the District's Units.

Pres., Bro. Jirousek: Attended the Winter Exhibition, Feb. 9th, at Cleveland State University, and the Cotillion Ball, Feb. 15th. - Praised the BOI upon an excellent Winter Exhibition. - Received a letter of appreciation from Sis. Provaznikova in which she stated the exhibition gave her a new outlook on life and her work.

Vice-Pres., Emil Pekar: Represented the District at the Cotillion Ball along with Bro. and Sis. Robert Jirousek and Bro. and Sis. John Galik. - Spoke on Radio Station WZAK, the Czech Voice of Cleveland, on behalf of the Winter Exhibition. - Stated Bros. Richard

Franks and Frank Kavan will represent the District on the Bi-Centennial Committee.

Treasurer, Bro. John Galik: Received check from the ASO. - Balance in Checking Account, \$329.20.

B.O.I., Bro. Pete Dusek: BOI meeting was held, Feb. 13th. - Slet program will be worked out at the next meeting, March 13th. - Each Unit must make its own reservations for housing and meals for the Sokol USA Slet. Competition will be on apparatus and volleyball. - ASO Gymnastic Camp will be held, Aug. 10-16th, in Naperville, Ill. - Czech Folk Dancers performed at Swanton, Ohio, at St. Mary's in Bedford, Ohio, and at the Exhibition. - Men's District Competitions at Sokol Nova Vlast; Women's at Sokol Cleveland Cech Havlicek; both on April 27th. - Received invitation to participate in the Slet in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1976. - Bro. Dusek and wife will represent the District at the Yugoslav Sokol's Banquet.

Chicagoland Sokol Building Ass'n.

The Chicagoland Sokol Building Association with great exhilaration and jubilation proceeded through the formal signing of a State of Illinois charter at their March 18, 1975 meeting and thereby completed their first objective and established themselves as a bonafide organization. Yesterday it was just a dream and aspiration in the eyes and minds of many of the charter members and their ardent supporters and today it is a reality. It is through their concerted efforts the philosophy of Fuegner and Tyrs shall be perpetuated in America. The Sokol Units represented in this merger were Sokol Havlicek Tyrs, Sokol Slavsky, Sokol West Suburban, and Sokol Chicago.

The land acquisition committee has narrowed the field of possible choices of land tracts down to a select few, and providing a site meets all the C.S.B.A. needs, specifications, zoning requirements, etc., a final choice may be achieved in the very near future.

All three delegates or their alternates from each respective unit will attend the April 1975 meeting and elect a new slate of permanent officers for the first official year of its inception.

Frank Michalek

Sokol South Omaha

During the past several years, we have had many meetings trying to find the solution to our building needs. Various committees pointed out the necessity of a new building and relocating - other committee findings were that it would be more feasible for us to expand at our present location - while others felt we should be complacent and continue in our present structure without any improvements.

A number of our brothers voiced strong opposition to relocate and construct a new Sokol Center. These brothers attended one or two meetings and have not been seen since - yet they brought forth much dissention amongst those that were working diligently to remedy

the situation. These brothers who were anxious that we remain in our present Hall indicated that financial assistance would be given if we did remain in our present home. They can now come forth with such contributions.

The younger, and perhaps more energetic brothers, who without any doubt would have succeeded in their endeavor to relocate and construct a new home for Sokol South Omaha, were unable to get the support needed to undertake this large project. They were unable to get a majority representation at the meetings and therefore it was necessary to shelve a new building project. The group gatherings that discussed this project were enthusiastic but did not come to scheduled meetings to convey their feelings, to be understood, and have the matter acted upon. They did not present their picture when and where it was needed.

Yes, true, our Hall is well constructed. It has been maintained far better than the average, and still can serve us adequately for many years. However, we have sat idle too long. We now need to take the initiative to step forward just as we did when we undertook the major expense of installing our air-conditioning system. We need to have facilities required by today's standards. Desirable for rental purposes in order that we might continue to derive sufficient revenue to provide the gymnasium for a Sokol program of physical fitness for the youth of our community - the prime purpose of a Sokol Unit. We have waiting lists for children who are unable to take advantage of this much needed program because we cannot accommodate larger classes.

Now, that we are formulating plans, we are asking our membership to set aside personal feelings. All are needed to join together as a Unit to fulfill the proposed project if we want to progress toward the betterment of our Unit.

Please be true Sokol-spirited brothers. Do not sit back and say you are no longer available for committees - you are no longer interested because new construction was not the decision - because you are not in agreement with the committee; this must be a combined effort.

Sokol South Omaha News-Letter

Sokol Detroit

At the Unit's annual joint meeting Sis. Blanche Vojinová was made an Honorary member for her 50 yrs. of devoted service on behalf of Sokol. Membership pins were awarded to: 40 yrs., Bros. George Valek, Joseph Bruno and Sis. Mary Huvar; 25 yrs., Bros. Joseph Svoboda and John Vojinová.

The Sokolice are planning on sending 4 or 5 teams for competition to the Sokol USA Slet in Binghamton. Two buses have already been chartered. Two buses will be reserved for the District Slet in Cleveland. - Sokol Detroit will participate in the Ethnic Bi-Centennial Council of Metro Detroit. - Bro. Petr Peska reported attendance at the Czech Language Classes is very good. - After performing at the Unit's annual meeting the

Choral Group took a brief rest. Rehearsals were to resume again on March 20th under the direction of Bro. Eugene Kopecky. - On Sunday, April 6th, Bro. Vaclav Kalivoda and his Old-Time Band were to perform for the Sokol's Polka Party.

Frances Zpevak

Sis. Frances Zpevak passed away Nov. 16, 1974 at the age of 91. Was born in Kamen, in Bohemia and Austria-Hungary. Arrived in America at the age of 4 yrs. along with her parents and one brother. At the age of 18 she became wed to Joseph Zpevak, who had returned home as a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Bro. Zpevak passed away, Aug. 21, 1947.

Both were active in Czech organizations. Sis. Zpevak was a Charter member for 72 yrs. of Zbor Libuse, which is now Sokolice So. Omaha. Also Financial Sec'y. for Eliska Krasnohorská Lodge for a period of 42 yrs. She had worked as a seamstress for 70 yrs.

Surviving are sons, Frank, Emil, Louis and Walter; daughters, Agnes Firman, Alyce Gianni and Helen Zpevak; 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Czech Village

Informační schůze krajanů a obchodníků na šestnácté avenue jihozápadní v Cedar Rapids byla uspořádána 5. února, kde se sešlo kolem sto těch, kteří se zajímají o založení české osady - vesnice v Cedar Rapids. Schůze byla svolána Czech Heritage Foundation. Vše je zatím jenom plánem a vše je pouze v přípravách. Jaká bude však skutečnost, záleží na každém krajanu ze Cedar Rapids a státu Iowa, stejně tak jako na každém z obchodníků na šestnácté avenue. Výbor bude nápomocen radou a povede administrativní, právní a zkrátka všechno potřebné řízení a ze strany City Hall je slíbena dobrá spolupráce.

Podle plánu byla by 16th Avenue - úsek obchodní - uzavřen pro dopravu a objížďka by byla po 17th Avenue směrem k řece a po 15th Ave. směrem od řeky. Pro podporu obchodu by byla zřízena menší parkoviště v tomto okolí a některé domky již byly za tím účelem zbourány a pro zlepšení okolí se zbourání dalších domků připravuje. Město Cedar Rapids pak má v plánu zlepšit pobřeží po obou stranách řeky přes celé město, což pomůže zlepšit okolí České vesnice.

Zkrátka plány jsou zde a skutečně teď záleží na každém krajanu, na každém spolku, klubu nebo krajské instituci jak svým darem pomůže k obnovení krajské větve a k zachování dědictví našich otců. Každý je ke spolupráci srdečně vítán.

Czech Heritage Foundation

Veřejné cvičení Sokola Slávského

Sokol Slávský konal své výroční cvičení ve vyšší škole Morton East, 16. března 1975 při slušné návštěvě milovníků cvičení.

Přítomně přivítal starosta Sokola Slávského br. John Šátek a po něm promluvila ses. Betty Prenerová, první náměstka AOS. Ceny rozdala ses. Anna Švecová.

Vlastní cvičení zahájila, jak tomu obyčejně bývá, naše drobtina. Ti nejmenší žáci a žákyně.

Bývá to vždy nejroztomilejší podívaná a zábava v zábavě, kdežto u těch velkých cvičenců, když cvičí na nářadí to se v člověku až zatajuje dech nad jejich přímo akrobatickými výkony.

Bratr starosta ve své řeči se zmínil kromě jiného také o petici, která byla přítomným předložena k podpisu a která byla určena pro ředitele peněžního ústavu Olympic. - Jak známo budova ČSA byla prodána peněžnímu ústavu Olympic, který v ní provádí různé reorganizace a mezi jiným i to, že chce dát Sokolu Slávskému, který původně tuto budovu pro svůj účel postavil, výpověď a sál chce pronajmout organizaci YMCA a s ní by se do našeho sousedství pak vloudil i živel nežádoucí, zatímco naše děti, naše mládež, ženy i muži by ve cvičení museli přestat a nebo si hledat přístřeší jinde, kde by jim to nevyhovovalo.

Přejeme Sokolu Slávskému hodně úspěchu v jeho cvičení a co hlavně, aby měl úspěch s jeho peticí a nemusel si hledat své přístřeší jinde.

Redakce D.H.

Veřejné cvičení Sokola Tábor

Letošního roku Sokol Tábor oslavuje své 109. trvání na jehož počest bylo uspořádáno veřejné cvičení 8. března. Bylo to zároveň první veřejné cvičení v rozšířené a opravené sokolovně. Přestože sál sokolovny byl rozšířen, pro tento den byl ještě nepostačující. Jen těžko se tam vešli všichni ti, kteří se přišli na cvičení podívat. Bylo jich kolem tisíc!

Po přivítacím proslovu starosty Sokola Tábor, br. L. Pajera a náměstkyně ses. M. Balšánkové, oslovil obecenstvo starosta města Berwynu, který jako člen Sokola Tábor, byl mezi přítomnými.

Program ukončilo po pravdě umělecké vystoupení žen cvičících s obručí. Cvičení, které sestavila a nacvičila sama ses. Milada Prchalová, jedna z nejlepších v tomto oboru, jejíž zásluhy o moderní gymnastiku byly nedávno veřejně oceněny když jí byl přiknut titul "Mistr Sportu", který v USA ještě žádná žena nedostala.

Denní Hlasatel

Veřejné cvičení Sokola Berwyn

64. Veřejné cvičení Sokola Berwyn se konalo 22. března 1975 ve vyšší škole Morton East. Zaplněné hlediště nasvědčovalo tomu, jak lidé toto cvičení mají rádi a v jaké oblibě se těší.

Přítomně přivítal starosta jednoty Berwyn br. Ed Šnábl. Mezi přítomnými byla též I. náměstka AOS, Betty Prenerová, kdežto starosta AOS, br. Stanley Barcal, cvičil s devítičlenným družstvem mužů, jehož

cvičení sám nacvičil a vedl. Bylo to patrné z každého cviku. Provedení nezapřelo sokolskou kázeň a přesnost, zrovna tak, jako i ostatní čísla.

Největší úspěch však sklidily ženy, početně také silně zastoupeny. Předvedly dokonale pořadová cvičení, které pro tento účel sama sestavila a nacvičila náčelnice AOS ses. Elen Šnábllová.

Odpoledne bylo ukončeno hromadným nástupem všech cvičenců, kterých bylo přibližně 150, a kteří pod vedením svého starosty br. Ed. Šnábla vzdali hold zemřelému dlouholetému cvičiteli br. Jindrovi Vydrovi a jeho manželce Elle, kterým toto odpoledne bylo věnováno. O br. J. Vydrovi promluvil br. starosta, který vyzvedl jeho více jak 30ti letou činnost, kterou zemřelý pro dobro jednoty vykonal a který vychoval řadu dobrých cvičenců a cvičitelů.

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Sokolské slety a spartakiada

Posledním sokolským sletem byl XI. slet svobodné Československé Obce Sokolské v Praze roku 1948. Po komunistickém puči v únoru 1948 soudruzi měli už naplánováno přebudovat svobodnou sokolskou organizaci na svou komunistickou fyskulturu. XI. slet však byl již tak mocně zorganizován Sokoly, že se ho komunisté neodvážili nějakým způsobem zrušit nebo násilně se zmocnit vedení s ohledem na pozvanou cizinu i konec konců nechtěli pobouřit veřejné mínění lidu. - Šli na to svým známým způsobem - odstranit, pošpinit a znemožnit sokolské vůdce.

V San Franciscu jsme loni o vánocích předvedli bývalé náčelnici svobodné Č.O.S. Marii Provazníkové film z XI. sletu, ke kterému podala zajímavé historické informace a osobní zkušenosti, jak soudruzi ostře střežili každého sokolského činovníka. Po XI. sletu pak na to šli násilně. Ve dnech 21.-24. června uspořádali na Vinohradech IX. sjezd již nesvobodné Č.O.S. Ten již byl sjezdem komunistických činovníků, kteří měli nařízeno přebudovat Č.O.S. na čistě komunistickou organizaci. Zvolili nové komunistické předsednictvo Č.O.S., ve kterém až na 81-letého starce Josefa Truhláře, byli jen komunisté. Přeorganizovali sokolské župy, okrsky a jednotám dali roztodivná jména různých továren a podniků. Komunisté ztratili sokolské cvičitele i když předstírali svůj obdiv pro Tyršovu myšlenku a snažili se je získat zpět pod různými sliby i hrozbami. Věrné sokolské cvičitele však nepřesvědčili a proto koncem roku 1952 zrušili Č.O.S. a nahradili jí Československou tělesnou výchovou podle vzoru sovětské fyskultury. Komunisté však nechtěly ztratit světoznámé sokolské slety a po namáhavé organizaci je nahradili spartakiadou, na které již necvičili dobrovolní cvičenci, ale nahnaní zaměstnanci státních podniků a jejich děti.

Proto nám všem ve svobodném světě i našim věrným doma zůstane spartakiada cizí. Letošního roku po dlouhém odkladu následkem pomalé přestavby stadionu i obtížích nácvičků, bude tedy opět spartakiada. Mezi našimi krajany je řada těch, kteří nejsou dobře informováni o smutném konci svobodné Č.O.S. a kteří si kladou otázku, zdali při návštěvě Československa

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Jiří Špánek

Dopis bratra Plisky

Byl jsem v poslední schůzi naší jednoty Sokola Nová Vlast mile překvapen když mě starosta br. Jan Galik obřadně odevzdal blahopřání Výkonného Výboru A.O.S. za moji 64-letou činnost v sokolství. Prosim bratrský dík za milé uznání že je teď a ne až v rakve.

Po sloučení tří sokolských jednot v Detroit, t.j. Sokol Palacký, Sokol Budivoj a Sokol Podlípny sloučeny v Sokol Detroit byl jsem požádán pro vedení do Clevelandu, a to pro Okrsek Župy Fuegner Tyrš. Po spojení sokolstva v Americe čemuž nejvíc pomohli br. Jan Sedlák, společný cvičitel N.J.S. a Vincenc Sedlák,

taj. Župy Fuegner Tyrš, takže bylo řečeno že Sedláci spojili sokolstvo v Americe.

Za dva roky po té byl jsem požádán o vedení do Sokola Říp v Pitsburg, a po asi tři leté činnosti znovu volán zpět do Detroit. Pak když již byla utvořena Župa Severovýchodní byl jsem volán znovu do Clevelandu kde jsem konečně zakotvil u Sokola Nová Vlast.

V roce 1925 vzpomínám na naše župní družstvo, které za pomoci mé a Franty Příhody dobylo I. přebornické místo vyššího oddělení v Chicagu. Na mě vrstevníky v přeboru vzpomínám když nás soudcové museli rozdělit na dvě skupiny. Tolik nás bylo.

V roce 1929 nás v přeboru poctil svojí bohatýrskou konkurencí vzácný host z Brna br. Jan Gajdoš. Prvý ze všech v Evropě té doby.

Bylo by jistě významné kdyby někdo třeba anglicky zhodnotil tak důležitou činnost našich sokolských vedoucích alespoň po prvé světové válce pro naši nadějnou mládež, utěšeně chápající naše sokolské credo.

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