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IT'S SLET TIME AGAIN!

The month of May will see the remaining Sokol Units presenting their individual gymnastic exhibitions. Already there is great concentration upon the next phase of public display of our Sokol prowess. Preparations are in full swing for the many Slets scheduled all across the nation during the month ahead. Excitement will soon be abounding in fevered pitch; and with it comes the enthusiasm, the pride and joy, so associated with a Sokol Slet.

The Northeastern District will hold its Slet at the A.M.L.A. Recreation Center, Leroy Township, Ohio, June 1st. - Sokol Corpus Christi, Texas, will host the Southern District's Slet during the days of June 6-8th. - The site of the Central District's Slet will be the Riverside-Brookfield High School, Illinois, June 8th. - Ludevít Stur District Slet (Sokol USA) will take place at its Camp at Potters Lake, Wisconsin, June 15th. - Sokol Detroit's Summer Gymnasticale (In conjunction with the A.S.O. Convention.) will be held at its Sokol Camp, June 15th. - And last, Sokol USA's National Slet at the New York State University at Binghamton, New York, June 27-29th.

Like the Unit exhibitions these festivals represent a significant achievement - the culmination of a year's effort - not only on a gymnastic level, but also on the moral front as well. The Slets emphasize our determination in following the precepts of Dr. Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fügner - the illustrious founders of the Sokol movement.

So, therefore it behooves each and everyone of us associated with the Sokol to participate wholeheartedly in these noble presentations. The B.O.I. has its specific duties in preparing the gymnasts for their upcoming performances. Another group assumes the obligation for the many other varied details so necessary in staging a Slet. The remainder of us must become involved in the task of assuring that our Slets reach ultimate success.

Great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of all who have the love of Sokol within their hearts - to sell - to insure that our people will unstintedly support our Sokol dream. This can be best manifested by a great response on the part of our entire Czechoslovak Community.

Cooperation and mutual understanding constitute the secret of successful accomplishment. This can only be achieved by united effort. This is the essence of the true Sokol spirit!

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- 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.
- JULY 20th - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Czech Queen Contest - Dancing - Sokol Park
- AUG. 10th - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Accordion Jamboree
- AUG. 17th - SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO
Picnic - Odd Fellows Farm
- SEPT. 6th - CESKA SIN SOKOL, CLEVELAND,
OHIO
Sokol Beer Festival
- SEPT. 14th - SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Grape Festival
- OCT. 18th - SOKOLICE RENATA TYRSOVA,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
75th Anniversary Celebration
- 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

Sokol Woodlands Gymnastic School

Sokol U.S.A. announced the 12th consecutive summer season of its Sokol Woodlands Gymnastic School in Barryville, New York.

The School is once again directed by Bro. Milan Trnka, former Sokol Champion and current Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education and Men's Gymnastic Coach at West Chester State College, Pennsylvania. Besides a huge, abundantly-equipped field house insuring ideal work-out conditions regardless of weather, a variety of supervised recreational activities are available for free time use. Work-outs are scheduled three times a day and gymnasts are placed in small groups according to ability level for maximum benefit.

The 1975 season begins, Saturday, June 28th and concludes Saturday, Aug. 23rd. The weekly rate schedule has been announced. Members of the American Sokol Organization are invited to take advantage of the 10 per cent discount available to them by having their Unit Director verify in writing that they are active Sokol members.

Send for brochures to: Sokol Woodlands Gymnastic School, care of Sokol U.S.A., 276 Prospect St., Box 189, East Orange, N.J. 07019.

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THE XII. AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION CONVENTION

will convene at 9:00 A.M., June 16, 17, 18, 1975

at: SOKOL CULTURAL CENTER

23600 West Warren - Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

The Standing By-Laws Committee will meet prior to the Convention at the Sokol Cultural Center promptly at 9:00 A.M., June 12, 1975.

The Convention Board of Instructors will meet at Holiday Inn, promptly at 9:00 A.M., June 14, 1975.

The Officers of the American Sokol Organization, and Unit delegates, will meet at 9:00 A.M., on Monday, June 16, 1975 at the Sokol Cultural Center.

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

April 22, 1975

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

Correspondence: Invitation for Bro. Barcal to speak at 75th Anniversary of Sokolice Renata Tyrs, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 18th. Will be referred to the new officers of the ASO Board following the Convention. - Invitation for an ASO representative at the Southern District's Slet in Corpus Christi. Due to a busy schedule at that time, regrettably, the invitation will have to be turned down. - Invitation to Sokol West Suburban's Exhibition, May 3rd. - Invitation to Sokol Toronto's Slet, July 5-6th. Referred to the Central District. - Announcement from Sokol Baltimore of the passing of Sis. Bessie Giesler at the age of 81. - Sokol Prague's property was deeded to the town of Prague, Okla.; to be used as a museum of Czech artifacts. - Invitation from Sokol Fort Worth to its Grand Opening, July 25-27th. - Amendments to the By-Laws recommended by the Western District. - Invitation to attend the Yugoslav Slet at Steinmetz High School in Chicago.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: Reported on the combined meeting of the BOI, April 17th. Tournament Committee met prior to the meeting. Suggested changes

will be submitted to the Convention. Other recommendations: Slight changes in uniforms; The ASO-BOI maintain a technical library with a technical librarian set-up. - All Directors requested to submit their summer activities for publication. - Bro. Fina outlined the program for the ASO Gymnastic Camp. North Central College will submit contract. - Sokols Abroad will be notified the ASO is not in agreement with their selection of the 1941 senior and junior drill for their 1976 Slet in Zurich, Switzerland. - Approved for payment: Western District - \$148.81 for organizational work, video tapes; Central District - \$577.69 for tapes, books, Modern Rhythmic Clinic and Judging Clinics; Northeastern District - \$148.98 for Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic Clinic. - 800 copies of Gymnastic Camp application forms to be printed. - Approved, payment of \$45.00 for mailing 450 copies of Camp applications.

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: In midst of arranging for Camp Instructors. Some affirmatives, some declines. - Sent Camp advertising to the Gymnast Magazine and the USGF. - Helped tabulate Essay Contest results.

Membership, Bro. Svoboda: Met with Educational Committee where a variety of recommendations were reached, these will be presented at the Convention.

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SOKOL - A FAMILY AFFAIR



Boys, left to right: Larry (13) on Jim's shoulders (Jim is 18 and was Jr. Boys Nat'l. Champion - 1973, Chicago). Tony (11 yrs.) on Tom's shoulders (16 yrs.). - Little girl in center - Margaret (9 yrs.). - Girls, left-right clockwise: Patti (19 yrs.), Conni (15 yrs.), Teri (17 yrs.), Jolene Hamann (25 yrs.), Cathi (20 yrs.), Phyllis (23 yrs.).

Proud to be Sokols are the members of the Swoboda Family. Bro. and Sis. Johnny and Arlene Swoboda of South Omaha Sokol are parents of 13 children - eleven of whom are now active in the South Omaha Unit. A 12th child, Sharon, was in the gym for 2 years before her marriage. Nine of the eleven gymnasts are working hard to compete in Binghamton, New York, this year.

The eleven Swobodas have a total of 97 years in the gym. Jolene, Phyllis, Patti, Jim, Teri, Tom, and Conni are Sokol Instructors. Jolene is Director of Women for

the Unit, and Phyllis is a Western District delegate. They both have a U.S.G.F. judging rating, and both of the girls are graduates of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Jolene and Phyllis were both recipients of the American Sokol Merit Award.

The family has won many medals and awards in Sokol meets as well as High School, College, and other meets. Brother Johnny says, "We are grateful to South Omaha Sokol, and especially to their instructor, Bro. Bud Benak for the time he has spent training our youngsters in the true Sokol tradition".

American Sokol Organization Educational Committee - ESSAY CONTEST

The American Sokol Educational Committee is most gratified by the response to our Essay Contest. For a first effort, the response was very good, with representation in all Divisions.

We feel that the efforts of all entrants should be rewarded and with this in mind, a special patch and date bar have been designed for everyone entering the Essay Contest. These will be sent directly to each contestant.

1975 AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION FIRST ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS

1st Division - 6-7-8 yr. olds

- 1st: National Geographic School Bulletin -
3 year subscription
2nd: National Geographic School Bulletin -
2 year subscription
3rd: National Geographic School Bulletin -
1 year subscription

2nd Division: 9-10-11-12 year olds

- 1st: American Heritage Books (Rel. every 2 mos.)
1 year subscription
2nd: National Geographic - 1 year subscription
3rd: National Geographic - 1 year subscription
(3rd Place was a tie - Duplicate prizes awarded)

3rd Division: 13-18 year olds

- 1st: Alistair Cooke's "America"
2nd: Gymnast Magazine - 2 year subscription
3rd: Gymnast Magazine - 1 year subscription
(3rd Place was a tie - Duplicate prizes awarded)

4th Division: 18 year olds and over

- 1st: U.S. News and World Reports - 2 volumes: "200
Years: A Bicentennial History of
The United States"
2nd: "Praha" (Book) by Jiri Dolezal
3rd: "Praha" (Book) by J. Ehm and F. Kozik

RESULTS

I Division - 6-7-8 Year Olds

Place	Name	Unit	Dist.	Pts.
1st	Betsy LaScala	West Suburban	Central	274
2nd	Michael Michalek	Stickney	Central	262
3rd	Debbie Bala	West Suburban	Central	249
4	Karen Bala	West Suburban	Central	241
	Susie Lavicka	Tabor	Central	241
5	Debbie Rowe	West Suburban	Central	235
6	Therese Stasior	Slavsky	Central	231
7	Renee Jean	Tabor	Central	223
	Lynne Zygiel	Little Ferry	Eastern	223
8	Bonnie Schinlever	San Francisco	Pacific	217
9	Debra Urban	Stickney	Central	215
10	Suzanne Petricko	Little Ferry	Eastern	213
11	Carol Pulkrab	Cedar Rapids	Western	212
12	Denise Stasior	Slavsky	Central	210
	Vickie Krupka	Nova Vlast	Northeastern	210
13	Annemarie Bilich	Stickney	Central	209
14	Chris Vojticek	Nova Vlast	Northeastern	207
15	Lisa Klein	Cedar Rapids	Western	203
16	Colleen Rada	Stickney	Central	198
17	Johnny Gilbert	Berwyn	Central	195
18	Diane Kosek	Cedar Rapids	Western	192
19	Shannon Mattice	Cedar Rapids	Western	191
20	Daniella Pesce	Tabor	Central	189

Possible 300 Points - 77 contestants

Judges: Anne Svec, Sylvia Pistorius, Millie Sullivan

II Division - 9-10-11-12 Year Olds

Place	Name	Unit	Dist.	Pts.
1st	Mary Lynn Romz	Berwyn	Central	267
2nd	Jean Marie Verlotta	Berwyn	Central	261
3 tie	Cyndi Curbishley	San Francisco	Pacific	257
	Kathleen Mary Maclik	Berwyn	Central	257
4	Darcey Hladky	Cleve. Cech-Havlicek	Northeastern	256
5	Diana Riordan	New York	Eastern	254
6	Toni Borzello	San Francisco	Pacific	253
7	Carol Maturo	Berwyn	Central	252
8	Marissa Moreal	Nova Vlast	Northeastern	251
9	Natalie Matt	Berwyn	Central	250
10	Jacquelyne Ptacek	Stickney	Central	248
11	Maria Prikazsky	Berwyn	Central	247
12 Tie	Sarah Kugelmann	New York	Eastern	246
	Laura Skubich	Berwyn	Central	246
	Diane Mastalir	San Francisco	Pacific	246
13	Jodi Michalek	Stickney	Central	244
	Crissy Fitzgerald	San Francisco	Pacific	244
14	Kathleen Schwartz	Stickney	Central	243
15	Laura Drane	Tabor	Central	242
16	Donna Benson	San Francisco	Pacific	241
17	Linda Miller	San Francisco	Pacific	238
18	Maria LiMandri	Slavsky	Central	235
19	Laura Preto	Stickney	Central	234
20	Jo Ann Kenney	Fuegner	Eastern	233
	Connie Uthe	Stickney	Central	233

Possible 300 Points - 88 contestants

Judges: Ellie Babka, Marie Ptacek, EllenJeanne Schnabl

III Division - Juniors

Place	Name	Unit	Dist.	Pts.
1st	Jodie Amrhein	Baltimore	Eastern	255
2nd	Geri Michalek	Stickney	Central	244
3rd Tie	Michele Spanek	San Francisco	Pacific	238
	Randall Meier	San Francisco	Pacific	238
4	Donna Lee Walter	Little Ferry	Eastern	234
5	Charles Meier	San Francisco	Pacific	214
	John Macalik	San Francisco	Pacific	214
6	Joan Louzensky	San Francisco	Pacific	212
7	Heidi Otto	West Suburban	Central	208
8	Denise Spanek	San Francisco	Pacific	207
9	Allan Siki	San Francisco	Pacific	206
10	Libby Siki	San Francisco	Pacific	203
11	Rank Siki	San Francisco	Pacific	202
12	Doreen Notaro	San Francisco	Pacific	199
13	Nancy Sijansky	Corpus Christi	Southern	185

Possible 300 Points - 13 contestants

Judges: George Vytlacil, Edwin Halik, Edward Linhart

IV Division - Seniors

Place	Name	Unit	Dist.	Pts.
1st	Jiri Liska	Los Angeles	Pacific	280
2nd	Mary Frances Meier	San Francisco	Pacific	279
3rd	Sylvia Laznovsky	Karel Havl.-Borovsky	Southern	272
4th	Mary Anne Kerr	Sokolice Detroit	Northeastern	270
5th	Anne Fara	Brookfield	Central	264
6th	Jiri Spanek	San Francisco	Pacific	253

Possible 300 Points - 6 contestants

Judges: Mili Zeman, Lorraine Zdenek, Richard Ptacek

AMERICAN SOKOL GYMNASTIC CAMP

August 10 - 16, 1975

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE Naperville, Illinois

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Gymnastic Camp Committee
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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

Sokol U.S.A. Slet Housing Information

We would like to bring to your attention that all persons wishing to attend the XVII National Slet in Binghamton, N.Y., are welcome to stay at the State University of New York at Binghamton in the dormitories. The gymnasts will also be staying on campus in other dormitories.

The rooms are set up in suites of three rooms with two persons per room with common bathroom facilities and sitting room. The cost per person is \$6.00 per day with two persons per room. Single rooms are \$10.00 per day. Clean linen will be furnished, and towels, etc., must be brought.

If desired, persons staying on or off campus may also participate in the meal plan on the campus. The cost for three meals per day is \$6.00. This rate allows seconds. - Reservations for rooms and meals must be made and paid for by **May 28th**. Send all correspondence concerning rooms and meals on campus to:

WILLIAM MERRALL
Glen Aubrey Road
Glen Aubrey, NY 13777

If individuals desire to stay off campus, there are four motels adjacent to the campus:

HOLIDAY INN
Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850
Tel. (607) 729-6371

COLONIAL INN
Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850
Tel. (607) 729-4901

CAMPUS INN
Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850
Tel. (607) 797-2306

HOWARD JOHNSON'S
Vestal Parkway East
Vestal NY 13850
Tel. (607) 729-6181

The Colonial and Campus Inns have rooms at lower rates than Holiday Inn or Howard Johnsons, but are not as luxurious. We recommend that you contact these motels directly to find out rates or to register.

William Merrall,
Slet Housing Chairman

Uniform, Sis. Prener: Sales very good. - Balance sheets completed as of March 1975.

Financial Sec'y., Sis. Sotka: Financial report, Federal and State tax reports and Federal taxes, all completed. - Letters sent to the Sokol Units whose obligations are past due. - First quarter reports are showing many changes.

Treasurer, Bro. Basta: In agreement with Financial Sec'y. - Prepared first quarter, 1975. - Comparison report given.

Publicity, Sis. Basta: Prepared Convention story for the American Sokol Publication. - Approved, \$100.00 ad for the Convention Program Book.

Editor, Bro. Herink: Brought to the attention of the Board of the financial need of the Novy Svet (Cleveland's Czech Weekly). Convention ad will be placed in the same. - The 5-yr. membership and financial report will appear in the American Sokol issue following the Convention. This will be reproduced in time for distribution to the delegates at the Convention.

Educational Committee: All Sokol booklets will be updated before they are reprinted. - Some Units have not paid for the Song Books they were mailed.

Discussions: Plaques will be awarded to all Units reaching their Centennial Year at the Convention. - Bro. Kovar was sent various souvenir items to be sold at the Convention. - An additional day may be needed for the By-Laws Committee. Approved, if needed. - Sis. Zdenek agreed to be the BOI Secretary at the Convention, additional day per diem, approved.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Northeastern District

March 26, 1975

Pres., Bro. Edwin Jirousek opened the meeting by welcoming a new delegate, Bro. George Kotlan. - A moment of silence on behalf of departed Bro. James Humel.

B.O.I., Sis. Georgia Jencik: Reported upon the March 13th BOI meeting. - Summer Exhibition was discussed. The Beseda will be represented. - District's Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics Clinic was held at Sokol Detroit with 9 attending from Cleveland. - Bro. Fred Kala is to conduct a Folk Dance Clinic in October. - An Indian Club special number is being planned for the 1976 Slet in Zurich, Switzerland. Sis. Bertha Cerny consented to teach the number, 16 women to be needed. - Sokols will enter Gymnastic Meet at Richmond Heights High School, April 6th. - Women's District Competitions will be held, April 27th; Small Girls, May 16th. Both at Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek. - Junior Girls, May 31st, at Sokol Nova Vlast. - Preparations being made for the Binghamton Slet.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokolice Detroit, Sis. Louise Kovar: Membership pins were presented. - Polka Party, April 6th. - Rummage Sale, May 21-22nd.

Sokol Detroit: Will celebrate 100th Anniversary Banquet, Nov. 1st. - Bro. Vojta Kavan passed away. Was one of the 12 founders of Sokol Podlipny in 1912.

Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek, Bro. Frank Kavan: Gained 3 new members. - Convention delegates are Bro. Frank Kavan and Sisters Wilma Kavan, Ann Kunc. Alternate, Bro. Joseph Kunc.

Sokol Nova Vlast, Bro. George Kotlan: Merger was defeated by 9 votes. - Convention delegates are Bro. Frank and Sis. Evelyn Pliska. - Akademie, April 5th.

Sokol Tyrs, Bro. J. Vencel: Jrs. Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast, May 11th. - Potatoe Pancake sales at various events, May 19-23rd, and again, July 23-26th. - Picnic, Aug. 19th.

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American Sokol, Inc., Bro. Jirousek: Took option to purchase Bohemian National Hall. Extension requested by Bohemian National. Requesting monies from Gund Foundation to renovate the Hall. - Trustees will meet, April 28th.

Bi-Centennial: Bros. Edwin Jirousek and Emil Pekar attended meeting, Feb. 28th, hosted by 3 TV Stations. Sokol participation will be primarily from the youngsters.

1975 Convention, Bro. Joseph Kovar: Tentative schedule was discussed. Was suggested the District delegates be housed together. Headquarters at Holiday Inn. Buses will transport delegates to the Camp, June 15th, with a slight charge. Registration will be at Sokol Detroit, June 15th. Delegates will be honored, June 17th. By-Laws Committee will meet June 12-14th. BOI will meet June 14th.

District Slet: Bros. Lad Voris and Peter Dusek met with directors of AMLA. The Center to be rented and profits split even.

Treasurer: Balance in Checking Account, \$332.09.

Western District Semi-Annual Meeting

April 13, 1975

Pres., Bro. Edward Pavoucek presided. - Bro. Albert Walko of Sokol USA was welcomed. - Delegates present: Sokol Cedar Rapids - Bros. Don Pulkrab, Rick Bartunek, Dick Kittrell; Sokolice Cedar Rapids - Sisters Mana Zlatohlavek, Libby Gerber, Betty Petrzalek, Barbara Pulkrab, Rose Smrcek, Marge Nejd, Rhonda Gerber, Sue Wood, Cheryl Bartunek; Sokolice Crete - Sisters Blanche Heeren, Alice Kalkwarf; Sokol Omaha - Bros. Ray Lastovica, Phil Cahoy, Frank Jerushin, James Velehradsky; Sokolice Omaha - Sisters Bozena Drozda, Helen Karpisek, Beverly Kilbourne, Blanche Masek; Sokol South Omaha - Bros. Henry Mertz, James Riha, Mickey Dalton, Karel Forman, Frank Navratil, Victor Jirka; Sokolice South Omaha - Sisters Phyllis Swoboda, Jolene Hamann, Mary Lou Dalton, Phyllis Jirka, Bea Pavoucek; Sokol St. Paul - Bro. Henry and Sis. Laura Jansen.

Director of Men, Bro. Lastovica: Sokol Cedar Rapids was the only Unit to turn in monthly reports.

Director of Women, Sis. Drozda: Merit Awards were received by Carla Seaman (Sokol Omaha), Vicki Hurt,

Geraldine Dukich (Sokolice So. Omaha). - Special Assessment Fund was used for: USGF Congress attendance in Chicago; Workshop in Crete; Organizational work in Wilson, Kansas, and Lincoln, Nebr.; Procuring teaching aids. - Sokol So. Omaha's Invitational Meet, April 5-6th, had some 70 gymnasts taking part. - 5 Units from District will attend Binghamton Slet. - Video tape machine used by all Units with good results.

Historian, Sis. Heeran: Displayed History Book. Stressed all Units send articles to her for keeping.

Auditing Committee, Bros. Jirka and Kittrell: Books found in order.

Convention Recommendations: Membership of 50 yrs. or more exempt from all dues; Delegates to Convention be based upon membership number; Merit Award renewals bear same signatures as original applications; New method of judging and scoring; Championship competitor be entitled to be placed in High Division if an injury occurs before the Championship competitions; Add Low B Division to USGF Routines; Boys competition lowered to 10 yrs. of age; Specific age for girl competitors be given; Caucus for nomination of ASO Officers be held; Special Assessment Fund is a definite asset; Merit Award be retained.

B.O.I.: Approved, judging and scoring as recommended by the Men; Sis. Gathye to conduct Workshop in Crete, May 17th. - 3-week School to be held for Beginner and Intermediate Instructors at \$80.00 per student. - Approved, that Sokols adhere to Instructor Courses rather than Self Improvement Clinics. - 1975 June Slet was discussed with Bro. Walko.

Discussions: Sokolice Cedar Rapids will be celebrating 75th Anniversary. - Annual District Meeting, Sept. 27-28th. - Tabulating Outline as prepared by the committee will be incorporated in the Slet Outline. - Survey sheets were added to the Slet Outline. - Guidelines for conduct and procedure for delegates to the Convention were stated by Bro. Pavoucek. - Approximately 223 competitors will represent the District at the 1975 Slovak Slet.

UNIT REPORT

Sokol Cedar Rapids, Bro. Pulkrab: 157 members. - Great deal of renovating done to the Sokol Hall. Almost \$2,000. contributed by the Sokolice. - Fund raising projects: Pork Suppers, New Year's Eve Party, Sibrinky. - Folk Dancers performed at Coe College, Geneva Towers and Wilson Jr. High School. - Preparation for Spring Akademie.

Sokolice Cedar Rapids, Sis. Stastny: Membership, 201. - Fund-raising: Bake Sales, Quilting, Card Party, Banquets and Rummage Sales. - Participated in the Lindale Plaza Festival.

Sokol St. Paul, Bro. Jansen: Membership, 50 Men, 65 Women. - Fund-raising: Sibrinky, Rummage and Bake Sales, Games Nites. - Participated during the Czech Day at the International Institute. The Folk Dancers performed. Coverage on TV.

Sokol South Omaha, Bro. Jirka: 401 members. - Unit has plans for expansion. - Fund-raising: Games Nites, Cook Book, Dinners. - Participated in the South Roads Polka Party. - Gymnasts competed in the Midwest

Open Gymnastic Meet in Chicago. Also staged an Exhibition at the Fontenelle Forest Nature Days.

Sokolice South Omaha, Sis. Pavoucek: 223 members. - Fund-raising: Card Party, Catered food at So. Omaha's Invitational Gym Meet. - Honored 50-yr. member, Sis. Barbara Homic.

Sokol Omaha, Bro. Jershin: 135 members. - Fund-raising: Dances, Pork Dinners, Bowling Alleys. - Participated in the Police, Firemen and Sheriff Annual Dances.

Sokolice Omaha, Sis. Karpisek: 145 members. - Fund-raising: Dinners, Label Projects, Dances. Social activities: Mother-Daughter Nite, Bus Tour to Lincoln, New Year's Eve Breakfast.

Sokolice Crete, Sis. Heeren: 48 members. - Fund-raising: Games Nites, Flea Market, Firemen's Dinner, Bake Sale. - Activities: Song-fests after meetings, Covered Dish Supper in December, Created Easter Bonnets in March.

Sokol Karel Jonas: Membership, 12 Men, 11 Women.

Sokol Wilber: Membership, 39 Men, 55 Women.

Eastern District

March 17, 1975

Pres., Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present: Bros. J. Babinec, A. Chaloupka, J. Donovan, William Zabransky, Jr. Sisters A. Benda, B. Bidnik, B. Hochner, B. Novotny, L. Pribil, B. Zraly.

Correspondence: ASO check for \$399.24, reimbursement of expenses for 2-day New England Gymnastic Clinic, charged against the District's Special Appropriations Account. - Bro. Frank Novak re-elected as President at Sokol Belcamp's Annual Meeting, Jan. 18th. - Interest payment from Savings Account. - Receipt of ASO Unit Educational Report Form of Sokol Curtis Bay.

Director of Women, Sis. Benda: Received reports from Sokols Washington, Belcamp, Little Ferry and New York. - Units preparing for Sokol USA Slet in Binghamton, N.Y., June 27-29th.

Director of Men, Bro. Capek: Received reports from Sokols Washington, Belcamp and Little Ferry. - Sokol Belcamp lacking Director of Men. - Bro. Holy is Director of Men at Sokol New York.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokolice Little Ferry: Committees set-up. - Forthcoming events: Elephant Sale, Chinese Auction and Dance in the Fall. - Exhibition, April 13th. - Sis. Blanche Bidnik is Convention delegate. Sis. Georgiana Zabransky, alternate.

Sokol Little Ferry: Annual picnic in June. - Bro. Richard Novotny is Convention delegate. Bro. John Donovan, alternate.

Sokol New York: Exhibition, April 26th. - Convention delegates, Bro. John Babinec and Sis. Lillian Pribil.

Sokol Fuegner: Exhibition, April 20th. - Convention delegate, Sis. Blanche Zraly. - Bro. Aloise Klovrša, 60-yr. member passed away in Florida.

Sokol Miami: Registration of 225 members. - Sis. Ruzicka teaching minuet to 24 members. - Held Mardi Gras. - Staged a 2-day bus tour to the St. Petersburg Social Club, Schlitz Brewery in Tampa and Bok Tower in Lake Wales. - Convention delegates: Bro. Frank Ruzicka. Sisters Emilie Ruzicka, Annette Sloboda and Sis. Betty Janous, alternates.

Sokol Baltimore: Exhibition, May 18th. - Will participate in Binghamton Slet. - Bro. Frank Killian will be 95 yrs. old, April 2nd. Sokol member for 75 yrs. - Convention delegates: Bros. Henry Vrzalik and Edward Stetka. Sisters Libbie Vrzalik and Sylvia Peifer, alternates.

Sokol Newark: Convention delegate, Bro. Bartell. Sis. Ella Bartell, alternate.

Sokol Belcamp: Convention delegate, Bro. Thomas Dolina.

Sokol Washington: Convention delegates, Bros. Matthew Neumann and Jerry Friedrich.

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Discussions: Question of dual membership arose. Matter will be brought up at the convention. - To date no proposals received from the Units of the District. - District's delegates will meet in Detroit depending upon their arrival. - All housing information and reservation cards will be mailed from the ASO office. - Convention details will appear in the American Sokol. - Bus tour suggested for the Binghamton Slet. Sis. Benda will make reservations for the gymnasts. Rates in college dormitory will be \$6.00 per night. Meals, \$6.00 per day. - Bro. Babinec stated any person accepting a position on any committee, or the BOI, or Executive Board, should fulfill their obligations or resign if unable to do so. - Bro. and Sis. Zraly attended the D.A. Sokol Metropolitan Exhibition.

Treasurer, Bro. Chaloupka: Receipts, \$472.59. Disbursements, \$405.64.

Need for More Adequate Sokol Centers Imperative!

Better Sokol centers are needed to carry out the vast Sokol program of activities as prescribed by the Tyrs system. It should be the goal of all Units and Districts to have a Sokol Center on several acres, open year around. It should be the center of educational, physical, cultural and social activities of all ages during daytime and evening hours with a full all-day program on Saturdays and Sundays.

Members with vision and experience will support the need for a Club of this type, which is second to none; filling the life of the entire family, among people of their community. Briefly, the Center should include the following facilities:

Indoor and outdoor gym - field games area for baseball, football, soccer, basketball, track, etc.

Swimming pool, enclosed - for daily use (depending on climate), with lockers, sauna, office, for teaching and conducting swim and diving meets, swim shows, social gatherings pool side, for ALL ages.

Picnic grove - library - crafts room.

Food - Build a dining room to which members and their guests would drive out gladly, equipped with folding tables to be taken down for dancing, with a social director and hostess to arrange programs and build up a clientele of customers for dinners, lunches, etc.

Educational Dept. - Conducted by qualified members. It will have means to plan lectures, plays, exhibits, library, movies and slides in a steady weekly series.

Saturdays and Sundays should be the biggest days around the Center for the employed members and students. Whole families could drive out for programs of class work, apparatus training, clinics, etc. Week days, make full use of time on the hands of retirees and their friends. Make the facility a REAL Center.

To staff the activities, secure capable instructors who will work for a Certificate of 1000 hours and expense money. For actual gym instruction only the best should be considered for proper reimbursement. Merit awards and special recognition dinners can be fun. Start a golden book recording all donations. The financial situation in each department should be developed to pay each instructor the expense acc't. to cover outlay of their own money, time and energy.

Physical fitness is now being stressed - while the Sokol Association is at it for 110 years. We have not had enough help to carry out ideas fully. We have a good record, but let us not lull in self-praise. Many a good Sokol Unit has become inactive because of lack of long-range planning, or too much responsibility placed on too few overworked persons. We "MUST GO WITH THE TIMES" - LET'S GO!

Emilie Ruzicka,
Organization Dept. Chairman, A.S.O.

Toronto Folk Festival

In Toronto, Canada, every year since 1969 there has been a city-wide folk festival called Caravan. During the 10-day event local ethnic groups set up Pavilions under the overall sponsorship of METRO INTERNATIONAL CARAVAN. Visitors to the Pavilions have the opportunity to sample the cultures of other peoples: - their food, drinks, music, dances, songs, cultural arts, costumes, etc. All Pavilions are made possible by volunteers who wish to demonstrate their cultural heritage to other citizens of our country and to foreign visitors.

This year, 1975, there will be 55 Pavilions, and one of these will be the Prague Pavilion representing the Czech and Slovak ethnic communities in Toronto. It will be located at Masaryktown, 450 Scarborough Golf Club Road, Scarborough, Ontario.

Caravan takes place June 22nd thru July 1st nightly from 6:00 to 11:00 P.M., and from 3:00 to 11:00 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. Buses travel the Caravan route. Admission is by a Caravan "Passport" which admits the holder to all Pavilions any number of times. Adult "Passports" cost \$5.00. Children under 12 are free.

Joseph Sebestik,
Publicity Manager of Prague Pavilion

Czech Collection at Kent State University

Countless numbers of books, journals, periodicals and newspapers printed in the Czech language are lost to posterity each year because a specific repository is lacking for them. Very little conscious effort is extended to collect this available material. Many individuals possess very valuable archives, personal records, correspondence, etc. Once these individuals pass away the materials become disregarded and destroyed.

Kent State established a special Czech Collection within the framework of its University Library. A concerted drive has been taken to collect, catalogue, and preserve Czech material. The collected material will be located in a recently constructed 12-story spacious Library on the campus. Through the Inner Library Loan Service this Czech material will be accessible to scholars and all interested persons within the U.S. and Canada.

This material will complement the University's newly initiated Czech language program; six courses offered at the undergraduate level for a total of 21 quarter hours. Anyone who has material in the Czech language or in other languages dealing with Czechs and is willing to donate the same to the University can send it to:

The Czech Collection
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Vyučování české řeči

Přípravy k vyučování české řeči na Kirkwood Community College v Cedar Rapids jsou v plném proudu. K tomuto účelu byl již rovněž natočen krátký film. O vyučování je veliký zájem a ke spolupráci se hlásí profesori z různých míst Spojených států. Zatím se vyučuje jen ve večerních kurzech dvě hodiny týdně.

Tak jako všude a vřadycky, je zde rovněž názor, že zájem veliký je projevem po té, když vláda povolila větší peněžitou sumu na podporu cizích řečí. Dokud budou nějaké peníze, říkají někteří, bude zájem o všechno, až se peníze rozutečou, utratí, pak bude po horlivosti. Inu, nikdy se nemůže člověk zavděčiti všem, at' dělá co dělá, třeba by to bylo to nejlepší.

Jisté je však, že chceme-li vyučovati češtinu, musíme míti kolem sebe lidi, kteří dobře českou řeč ovládají. Nestačí jenom česky mluvit, ale také vědět jak psát a číst. Podobných názorů slyšíme dosti a budeme je slyšet i v budoucnu. Konečně staré přísloví praví, že není šprochu, aby na něm nebylo pravdy trochu. A snad tedy výbor pro budoucí vyučování české řeči by měl vzíti zřetel i k těm řečem, třeba že jsou to jenom řeči.

Doufejme, že se přivede na správnou cestu a že opravdu dojde k vyučování české řeči, jako kreditovanému předmětu na Kirkwood Community College. Pí. Florence Master jest ředitelkou oddělení nazvaného Czech Ethnic Heritage Studie.

Čestné uznání

Známemu národnímu pracovníku, Sokola a legionáři, br. Janu Tesařovi z Chicaga se dostalo čestné uznání. Na návržení Hlasatelem byl br. Jan Tesař jmenován ve čtvrtek 10. dubna 1975 mezi devadesáti kandidáty do "Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame" na rok 1975.

Při této příležitosti mu byl předán předsedou jmenovací komise, diplom uznání. Jmenování a předání diplomu bylo na zvláštní recepci uspořádané za tímto účelem v museu věd a průmyslu v Chicagu.

Bratru Tesařovi k tomuto čestnému uznání co nejsrdčejněji blahopřejeme.

Sokol Sydney, Austrálie

Veřejné cvičení je za námi. Pro všechny cvičící složky bylo úspěšné. Od těch nejmenších počínaje až k sestřím přítomným cvičení se líbilo. Dvě ukázky spojené se základními cviky pro nejmenší byly již předváděny u nás doma. Dorostenky, byly vždy chloubou Sokola. Před léty in dnes vystoupení družstva moderní gymnastiky a taneční skupin přineslo velký úspěch. Výkony se stále lepší. Příští rok bude mít více práce. Rok 1975 bude pro Sokol Sydney rokem oslav a rok 1976 je rokem sletovým. Veřejné cvičení ukázal nám, že skutečně cvičení mysle, ducha a těla je nutno začít v nejranějším mládí.

Uběhl nám další rok sokolské práce a připadá že každý je kratší, než předešlý. V pátek 29. listopadu jsme měli doslova poslední cvičení v dlouholeté oblíbené tělocvičně ve Fort Street Girls High School. Viděli jsme zde růst naší jednoty a prožili jsme mnoho krásných přátelských večerů. Je nám velmi těžko se s tímto místem loučit, ale bohužel Education Department celou školu ruší. Doufáme, že nám přidělí tělocvičnu ve středu města, kde se zase po prázdninách budeme moci scházet.

Další kapitola života Sokola Sydney se uzavírá. Vstupujeme do "Sokolského jubilejního roku 1975". Oslavy 25ti let trvání. Máme v programu oslav otevření "Sokolského národního domu". Že se tento den blíží, je dnes již skutečností. A musí to být co možno nejrychleji, abychom se v nové tělocvičně ani "neohřáli" a stěhovali se již do svého. S pomocí všech to půjde hodně rychle.

Věstník Sokola Sydney

Sokol Stockholm, Švédsko

Naše jednotka měla 174 členů konce r. 1974 - 99 mužů, 44 žen, 16 žáků, 15 žákyň. V r. 1974 bylo přijato 20 nových členů. Tak jako každoročně korespondence jednoty byla bohatá. Cvičební činnost byla provozována ve 3 oddílech jednoty - cvičení, odbíjená a stolní tenis. Na cvičení jsme se scházeli týdně (čtvrtek) v zimních měsících a o sobotách a nedělích v létě. Bohužel jsme museli konstatovat oproti rokům minulým zmenšený počet docházejících.

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V uplynulém období náš nejsilnější oddíl je stolní tenis s 20 aktivními členy, pokračoval v dobré a pravidelné práci z roku 1973. Jarní přebor jednoty 1974 jednotlivců se zúčastnilo 9 hráčů. Podzimní přebor jednoty ve dvojicích se zúčastnilo 6 dvojic.

Pod společenské a kulturní činnosti bylo uspořádáno 5 besídek pro děti. Byly uspořádány Maškarní, Josefská, Májová, Václavská a Mikulášská zábavy. Naše tradiční společenské zábavy, pro dospělé navštívilo stovky Čechů a Slováků a jejich hostů. Tato kladně vzrůstající tendence návštěvnosti s úměrným zvyšováním příjmů do pokladny jednoty byla však narušena poklesem počtu dobrovolných organizátorů těchto zábav. Klubovna se stala v roce 1974 finančně soběstačným celkem jednoty.

Uplynulý rok práce jednoty nepatřil k nejlepším. Poklesla práce vzdělávací, a ubylo množství členů při hodinách cvičení. Kladně lze hodnotit práci oddílu stolního tenisu a družstva žen odbíjené, z které by si měli vzít příklad především chlapeč stejného oddílu, kde treningová morálka poklela natolik, že je ohrožen další vývoj družstva v budoucnosti. Dětské besídky též patřily ke kladným bodům naší činnosti a lze si jen přát, že jak počet, tak i jejich úroveň budou stoupat s uvědoměním rodičů o nutnosti zachování české a slovenské řeči u svých dětí.

Jako jediná aktivně pracující organizace Čechů a Slováků ve Stockholmu jsme museli volit takovou činnost, která by uspokojila většinu členů a nejen ty, kteří přišli do jednoty za samotnou tělovýchovou. Musíme však v budoucnu pracovat tak, abychom vytvořili takové podmínky, aby se počet členů zúčastňujících se tělovýchových akcí zvětšoval a ne naopak snižoval, jak tendence z loňského roku nasvědčuje.

Otakar Telichovič, Starosta

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