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1977 Sletu Zdar!

Committees are being formed, events planned, work assignments given, and technical works being written. Dates, competitions, meetings, banquet, Awards dance, Presidents' meeting - souvenirs, uniforms, logo, theme - long hours, hard work, planning and Happy Days!

SLET '77

The quadrennial event that binds us together in a spirit of competitive comradery. Old friends meet again - new friends are made.

We will celebrate our festivities in complete grandeur. The Sheraton-Oakbrook Hotel, located in Oak Brook, Illinois has been designated as **SLET** Headquarters. All non-competitive activities will be held here - judges' meetings, Presidents' meeting, banquet and awards dance. In addition, a SLET Office will be maintained 24 hours a day for your convenience, providing information, tickets for the various events, souvenirs, registration and Sokol Exhibit.

The Sheraton-Oakbrook has made available to us 300 rooms for our Sokol Sisters, Brothers, and Guests. Any additional guests will be accommodated at hotels in the immediate area. The Sheraton, as the center of most non-competitive activities, will minimize travel and is convenient for travel to various competitions.

Will you be with us to help celebrate this happy and memorable occasion?

NAZDAR!

Roy Zitny, President



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ATTENTION

Please notify the A.S.O. Office immediately
upon change of address.

Calendar of Events

JUNE 4-6 - SOUTHERN DISTRICT SLET
Fort Worth

JUNE 5th - NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT
Jr. Girls Competitions and Awards Social

JUNE 6th - SOKOL SLAVSKY PICNIC
National Grove No. 2

JUNE 6th - NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET
Bicentennial Year and the Olympics,
AMLA Recreation Center, Leroy, OH.

JUNE 11-13 - WESTERN DISTRICT SLET
University of Nebraska, Omaha

JUNE 13th - CENTRAL DISTRICT SLET
"Sokol Salutes America"

Riverside-Brookfield H. S. Stadium

JUNE 13th - CESKY DEN
(Sokol Tyrs to participate)

JUNE 19th - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA
Večerek - Sokol Park

JUNE 20th - SOKOL DETROIT
Summer Gymnastics at Sokol Detroit Camp

JUNE 27th - SOKOL MIAMI EXHIBIT
Polka Dance Group
Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach
National Educational Assn. Convention

JUNE 29th - DEPARTURE FOR ZURICH SLET
from Cleveland (N.E. District)

JUNE 30th - SOKOL MIAMI
Departure Zurich Sokol Slet.
Itinerary Vienna, Budapest, Praha.

JULY 31st - PLZENSKY SOKOL "POUT"
Camp Sokol, New Buffalo, Mich.

SEPT. 11th - AMERICAN SOKOL, INC. (A.S.I.)
Annual Beer Festival

SEPT. 12th - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA
Czech Festival

EVERY MONDAY - SOKOL MIAMI
Social and Supper
Moose Club
150th and Memorial Hwy.

Tentative Schedule for 1977 Slet

So that you may plan to attend your XIV Slet in 1977
the following are dates and tentative events planned for
these days:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
Judges Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

1. Junior Competitions
2. Special Number Competition
3. Presidents' Dinner and Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

1. Senior Competition
2. Junior Group Activity
3. Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

1. Volleyball Competition
2. Championship Competition
3. Awards Dance

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

1. Slet Rehearsal
2. SLET
3. Nazdar - 'till we meet again!

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SOKOL ON THE MOVE

American Sokol, Inc.

Shortly after July 1, 1975 when the American Sokol Inc. purchased the Bohemian National Hall at 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, decision was reached to improve the maintenance and the overall condition of this historic Czech edifice. It was planned that this Hall, which was erected in 1897, would not only house Sokols, but it would be a renovated Inner City Home for all Czechoslovak Organizations in the Greater Cleveland area.

At present, the Hall is the meeting and socializing place of 32 Czech Lodges, Clubs, Dramatic or Singing Societies. In addition to housing the American Sokol, Inc., it also serves as the headquarters of the Northeastern District of the American Sokol Organization. The Sokol Tyrs Gymnastic and Educational Organization conducts all of its gymnastic and cultural activities at this location. Gymnastic classes for all age groups are scheduled for five evenings each week from September of one year through June of the following year. The Hall also is the assembly site for the Sokol Tyrs Sewing Club, Junior Hobby Club, Concert Band, and Theatrical Guild.

After carefully evaluating the condition of the Hall, it was determined, because of limited funds, that financial assistance from other sources was necessary. Last Fall, the American Sokol, Inc. prepared and forwarded to the Cleveland Foundation, a realistic proposal requesting that funds be approved for the initial stage of the renovation of Bohemian National Hall.

Based on this request, the American Sokol, Inc. received a letter bearing the good news that on March 11, 1976, the Distribution Committee of the Cleveland Foundation authorized a grant in the amount of \$17,671.00 for the renovation of the theater and entrance of Bohemian National Hall. The Funding Source of this grant being the "A. E. Convers Fund" with the grant period commencing on May 1, 1976 and terminating on April 30, 1977.

As President of the American Sokol, Inc., which was most appreciative of this action, I have conveyed the gratification of our membership to the Cleveland Foundation. It is our fond desire that this grant will be an added incentive for our members to raise and authorize the expenditure of additional funds to renovate other portions of the Bohemian National Hall.

Initially, I should like to publicly acknowledge this grant from The Cleveland Foundation, and, secondly, I

should like to thank those members and friends who either assisted in the preparation or who were involved in the promotion of our proposal.

Robert E. Jirousek, President
American Sokol, Inc.

Sokol South Omaha

Task Force in Operation

A Task Force has been established to handle the many problems associated with the building of a new Gymnasium and Social Hall after the fire which totally destroyed the old Hall.

Task Force Chairman - Jim Strnad; Recorder - Jim O'Brien; Attorney - Frank Pospisil; Building and Plans - John Forman; Fund Raising - Bob Pechar; Co-Person - Bea Pavoucek; Treasurer - Vic Novotny; Finance - George Strnad; Real Estate Acquisition - Karel Forman; Publicity - George Buglewicz; Inventory - Ed Kucirek; Temporary Quarters - Tony Sum; Gym Program - Bud Benak; Sokolice - Helen Zentz; Activities - Milas Novotny; Insurance, Salvage and Demolition - Jim Strnad.

All committees are very active in accomplishing their assigned responsibility. Demolition of the old Hall has been accomplished.

Jim Strnad - South Omaha Sokol

All members of the Western Fraternal Life Association who held and will again hold their monthly meetings at South Omaha Sokol Hall will be happy to hear that a \$500.00 contribution from their parent organization in Cedar Rapids, Ia. was received. We are very grateful for their generosity. Other WFLA lodges have sent contributions for which we are grateful.

South Omaha Sokol

South Omaha Aerie No. 154 will uphold a long-standing tradition of the Fraternal Order of Eagles that Eagles are "people who get a lot of satisfaction out of helping other people" on Friday evening, May 14, when they will hold a Las Vegas Night for the Sokol Hall Building Fund.

Chairman for this affair will be Owen Pagel and George Giddings. Honorary Chairman is George Strnad, a board member of Sokol.

Sokol St. Louis

In this, America's Bicentennial year, the Sokols of St. Louis have voted to build a new swimming pool at Sokol Camp. After four indecisive attempts to build a new facility in as many as 50 years, the move for progress is

ON! The new pool is located adjacent to the main lodge. It will be filled with county water and serviced by the latest filtering systems. It is hopeful that it will be completed in time for the 1976 season of children's camping.

History is once again in the making at Sokol Camp - the forms are set, the floor is poured, and the engineers are ready to backfill around the pool now. A spacious patio deck will surround the pool itself, and an eight-foot fence will be erected for safety regulations.

The dedicated Camp Committee is re-inspired that more members will take heart and happiness in "going out to Camp" thereby creating a new comradeship such as our ancestors enjoyed.

An optional "Pool Monetary Gift Fund" has been created to lessen the five-figure expense of construction. Although actual installation has been professionally contracted for, members' manual labor is direly needed to hasten opening ceremonies for celebration scheduled some time this Spring. Five or six hours of member's time in working on any given week-end from now until opening will be deeply appreciated by the Camp Committee. If this be your pledge, it will be equally treasured and welcomed.

The Sokol St. Louis Newsletter

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

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

April 27, 1976

Bro. Roy Zitny, Pres. presided, Present: bros. Svoboda, Basta, Lebloch, Barcal, Rabas, Schnabl, Jindra, Simonek, Vachata; sis. Prener, Schnabl, Sotka, Ptacek, Pistorius, Zdenek. Excused sis. Basta.

District minutes reviewed: Northeastern Executive Board 3-24; Central District Executive Board 3-25; and Southern District executive board 3-25.

Correspondence: Letters from: Sokol Slavsky thank you for use of '76 and Bicentennial Flags; ASO BOI for space in Office including file cabinet, desk, typewriter and other equipment. Northeastern District regarding initiating national effort to aid Sokol South Omaha. Article will appear in our publication that donations are welcome. Bro. Rabas will write Czech articles for our publication and Czech newspapers. - Newsletters from units, several received. Sokol St. Paul leaflet re: their participation in Festival of Nations. St. Paul Civic Center and Arena, May 7-9. - Sokol Belcamp, Md., program of Unit's 35th anniversary. - Western District hotel confirmation for bro. and sis. Zitny. Sis. Prener moved ratification of action taken, both sis. and bro. Zitny attend, passed. Bro. Barcal moved that establishment of policy requiring the attendance of the President at a major function in an official capacity his wife automatically attend also. Passed. - Letter, Southern District, March 27, referred to B.O.I. Letter

regarding Phase II of Special Assessment Fund, answered by bro. Zitny April 15. - Letter written by bro. Zitny to Sokol U.S.A. regarding their Slet in 1979. - Information regarding Zurich Slet received and distributed to departments interested. - Letter, Sokol Karel Havlicek of Yukon, Okla. requesting new by-laws and prices for "Sokol and the Sokol Idea" and membership pins. - Czechoslovak National Council announcing Czechoslovak Day, June 6th at Wozniak Garden. - South Cicero Baseball Assoc. letter, tabled. - Announcement - Little League Baseball Summer Camp at Lisle, IL, July and August. - Information from the President's Council advising that Physical Fitness and Sports for Awards in Sports now includes Gymnastics. Referred to B.O.I. - Summary of proceedings U.S.O.C. meeting of Executive Committee, November 23, 1975 in New York referred to B.O.I.

Reports: B.O.I. Sis. M. Ptacek, Dir. of Women. Final report forms approved by Joint B.O.I.: Western District, 5 people attending USGF Congress of Coaches in Denver, Colorado, Nov. 13-15, 1975: \$329.95. - Northeastern District, Indian Club Workshop, 14 students Sokol Detroit: \$82.47. - Central District, calisthenics and competition workshop in St. Louis; investigation of Sokol's campsite for a course or clinic April 1st-2nd, 60-70 students: \$249.20. Motion made by bro. Barcal, cab fare to and from airport amount \$13.20 be included, passed. Per diem changed from \$20.00 to \$25.00 as per Convention. Total \$269.20. Central District USGF judging clinic advanced compulsory routines, 19 students: \$75.00. Bro. Schnabl moved all be paid. Passed. - District Director's Conference at the Oak Brook Hyatt House, Oct. 22-24, 1976. B.O.I. hopes to have all necessary instructions and forms ready for 1977 Slet. Bills: \$3.65 for replacement tape, and \$6.12 postage, approved for payment. - B.O.I. to obtain necessary Slet materials, i.e. judges' pads, quotations on reproduction of drills and exercises, etc.

B.O.I. Bro. P. Lebloch, Dir. of Men. Extended thanks for "get well" wishes and information received during recent illness. Received detailed information on Northeastern District Slet June 6th, where he will represent the A.S.O. - Will prepare request for translators to be printed in the Gymnast. - Merit Award application form to be printed in May issue. Encourages publicizing 1977 Slet in Zurich. Suggested Lodge Free Spirit of Western Fraternal Life Assoc. be contacted for starting a new Sokol unit. Decided the Western District should make the initial contact. Prepared article "Sokol - Czechoslovakia and the Modern Olympic Games" for our publication, and the Educational Committee.

Membership. Bro. R. Svoboda. Decided to hold the next A.S.O. membership drive for last quarter of 1976 and first quarter of 1977, October 1, 1976 ending March 31, 1977. Awards to be presented at the Slet. Bro. L. Pajer to prepare article for publication. Committee hopes to contact Czech organizations in Central District area for new members.

Educational. Bro. S. Barcal. Requested approval of bro. Joseph Kos as new member. Approved. - Request all Educational Directors keep material received during

past few years in permanent file for use by successors. - Received final approval on format of "Job Descriptions" as prepared by the Committee - Copies now ready for distribution. - **A.S.O. Library.** Committee recommends hiring two girls, part time during the summer, to sort and catalogue material on hand under the direction of sis. Zdenek and Schnabl. Recommend salary \$2.00 - \$2.25 per hour. Sis. Prener moved this be approved with Officers meeting at a later time to determine exact rate. Passed. Suggested renovation and repair of Silver wreath for display. Approved. - New Sokol March to be composed by Mr. Robert Dvorak, a special committee of bros. Zitny, Barcal, Lebloch, sis. Ptacek, Prener and Schnabl organized. Orchestrations for "V Nový Život" have been obtained by Mr. Dvorak and next meeting will decide further steps.

Editorial and I. Vice President. Sis. B. Prener. Two-color printing of our publication has increased interest. Have enough material to work with, may request additional pages from time to time. - Phone request from sis. E. Ruzicka for exhibit material to be used June 27th at Fountainsbleau Hotel for National Educational Assn. Convention, Miami Beach. - Bro. Lebloch added many persons request more "Human Interest" stories about Sokol brothers and sisters. Letter will be sent all Districts requesting this type material.

Publicity-Czech. Bro. J. Rabas. Suggests placing wreath at Oetz in Europe at time of Zurich Slet, and to publicize same. Approved. Will formulate letter of greetings to Sokols Abroad for their Convention following the Slet - also extending invitation to our XIV Slet in 1977.

Publicity-English. Sis. S. Pistorius. Will send out revised article "What is Publicity." Wrote letter to Lee Phillips of WBBM TV about possibility of an interview. After discussion, the Cermak Road Houby Day information will be referred to Central District for answering, with letter explaining our situation but giving moral support.

Financial Secretary. Sis. A. Sotka. Prepared financial report for March; deposited Federal payroll taxes; filed 1st quarter 1976 reports for Social Security Taxes, Illinois Withholding Taxes and the Illinois Unemployment Compensation. Transferred a sum of money of the Future Sokol Leaders' Fund to a 6-year 7-3/4 percent certificate. Is holding payment on new Royal Copier until credit is received for old one. Itemized total receipts and disbursements for last month.

Treasurer, Bro. G. Basta. Concurred with sis. Sotka's report. Displayed 1st quarter chart of income and expenses. Working on budget comparison for the last 9 months. Requests an Officers' meeting regarding new 990 form. Meeting scheduled for May 3rd.

Uniform Division. Sis. B. Prener. March sales quite large. Large orders for Switzerland have been sent. Back orders on blouses for Women. Stresses proper attire of gymnastic and parade uniforms of our participants at Zurich. - Checking additional source for gymnastic slippers. - Requested bro. Jindra to seek sources for our Sokol pins. Bro. Jindra reported receiving one quotation. Hopes to receive another soon.

Sis. Schnabl will write a member of Sokol regarding production of a metal die.

Office. Sis. B. Prener. Attended meeting with representative from Pitney-Bowes, and after discussions with various officers the postage meter machine was obtained. Costs to be divided among various committees using same.

Secretary. Sis. E.J. Schnabl. Distributed March minutes and answered correspondence as necessary. Ran off 6 stencils for sis. Pistorius, Public Relations, and 18 stencils for Educational committee. Arranged printing of envelopes with return address for By-Laws mailing, addressed same ready for mailing. Arranged for Pitney-Bowes postage machine; sent out song books; mailed acknowledgements of donations to Future Sokol Leaders' Fund.

President, bro. R. Zitney, Met bro. Jerry Hardy who was attending meeting of Directors of A.A.U. Material received given to B.O.I. Attended B.O.I. meeting and special meeting regarding Denni Hlasatel. Received invitation to Central District Children Awards Banquet.

Slet. Bro. S. Barcal reported meeting at the Sheraton-Oakbrook regarding arrangements for housing, banquet, Victory Dance, Judges' meetings, Slet headquarters and other facilities. Committee recommends contracting for these facilities for all Slet activities (except competitions). Bro. Lebloch moved this action be ratified. Passed. A deposit of \$300.00 will be required at time of signing the contract.

Article announcing our Slet, written by bro. Zitny, will appear in May issue of American Sokol. Requests will be included for ideas for seals, logos, posters, etc. Bro. Hosek, Dallas, Texas has submitted some ideas. Sis. Mae Linhart has agreed to be the Slet Corresponding Secretary. Bro. Rabas will make an appeal, through Czech newspapers, for ideas of theme, etc. Sis. Prener will check with Cicero-Berwyn Press regarding lightweight posters advertising our Slet in one color to be taken to Zurich.

Old Business. Sis. Ptacek called sis. Norma Zabka as to progress made regarding a Slet Band. - Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America, Inc. 8th Congress to be held at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Aug. 12-15. Bro. C. Zraly, pres. Eastern District will be asked to represent us. - Report by bro. J. Jindra on by-laws for Sokol Fuegner, South Chicago, agreed that letter be sent accepting by-laws as presented.

- Secure a New Member -

You cannot judge a book by its cover, neither can you judge a man by his face. The most noble, handsome face can harbor the mind of an ugly tyrant, and the hardest, most weatherbeaten face can shield the heart of a saint. Judge not any man by his face. It is only the cover of mind and heart and the cover can be lined, uneven, pock-marked, scraggly, even scarred and misshapen. Judge only when one reveals his heart and mind.

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To Our Districts Sletu Zdar!

Sokol Festival, Sokol Day, Sokol Bicentennial Celebration - by any other name is still SOKOL SLET - unique, prouful, enjoying and rewarding.

The month of June, traditionally, is the time we band together in competitive spirit and harmony - a harmony that binds our Organization, which, for over 100 years, has sustained and nourished us.

Dedicated Sister and Brother Sokols (both technical and executive board) strive and implement the most minute details in making your District Slets successful.

To these dedicated Sisters and Brothers, the National Executive Board, on behalf of our entire Sokol family - **THANK YOU!**

Nazdar!

Roy Zitny, President

Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad IV Slet - Zurich July 2 - 4, 1976

Financial Report

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

APRIL 1976

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 3,668.50
Convention Fund	305.50
Special Assessment	177.00
Sale of Songbooks	49.50
Miscellaneous Income	4.82
	<u>4,205.32</u>

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Payment toward Advances	543.53
Transfer of funds from Savings to Checking to cover cost of one Merit Award and the National School Board meeting	975.12
Total Receipts	<u>\$5,723.97</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative

Salaries	\$ 571.03
F.I.C.A. - F.W.T. for March	125.36
I.W.T. for 1st quarter 1976	43.97
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone ..	316.87
Office Supplies, Postage	168.63
Printing By-Laws	3,583.00
Postage for mailing of By-Laws ..	1,260.00
Rental of Pitney-Bowes machine ..	69.49
Other Printing	78.00
Subscriptions	30.00
Miscellaneous	31.30
	<u>\$6,277.65</u>

Educational Department

Salaries	\$ 37.60
F.I.C.A. for March	1.06
I.W.T. for 1st quarter 1976	1.11
	<u>39.77</u>

Board of Instructors

Salaries	\$ 328.51
F.I.C.A. for March	43.06
I.W.T. for 1st quarter 1976	21.84
Office Supplies, Tape, Postage, Phone	67.17
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	30.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast" ..	28.00
	<u>518.58</u>

Sokol Publication

Printing "American Sokol"	\$ 930.20
Editor "American Sokol"	100.00
Postage "American Sokol"	62.65
	<u>1,092.85</u>

Miscellaneous

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A., I.W.T., Phone	\$ 573.38
Special Appropriations:	
Western District A.S.O.	329.95
Northeastern District A.S.O. . .	82.47
Central District A.S.O.	344.20
	<u>756.62</u>

Total Disbursements

1,330.00
\$9,258.85

Balance Brought Forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking Account	\$4,282.18
Less charge for checks	13.35
	<u>4,268.83</u>
Receipts - April 1976	<u>5,723.97</u>
	<u>9,992.80</u>
Disbursements - April 1976	<u>9,258.85</u>
	<u>\$ 733.95</u>

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

April 1976

In memory of Geraldine Vosicky: Adeline and Tony Cervelis	\$ 10.00
In memory of bro. Bretislav Vanek: Dolores and Bob Faltynek, John and June Tuinenga, Dorothy and Bob Kolena, Lil and Mike Banchak and Mil and Curt Mentzer	15.00
Bennie and Adeline Lankas	10.00
In memory of Ann Kieta: Blanche Kos	2.75
	<u>37.75</u>
Dividends and Interest	<u>173.84</u>
	<u>\$211.59</u>
Transfer of funds from Savings to Checking for 1 Merit Award and expense of National School Board	\$975.12

Donations are tax exempt

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MERIT AWARD - 1976

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Board of Instructors, the delegates at the XII American Sokol Convention, held in Detroit in June 1975, 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.

Merit Awards will be reviewed 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.

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.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Merit Award Committee
6426 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

I desire to make application for the American Sokol Organization Merit Award. Please mail application forms and all other instructions to:

Signature of Sokol member:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

My age is: years. I am a member of Sokol
of the District.

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 1976

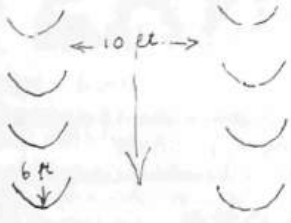
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By MILDRED PRCHAL

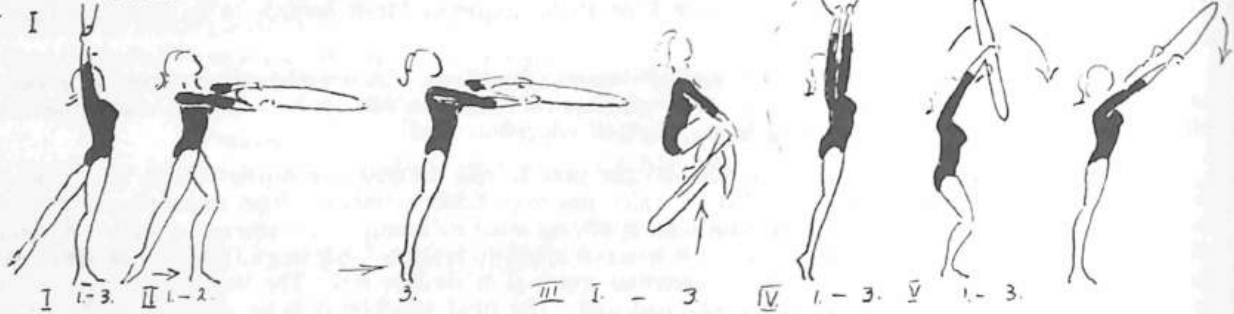
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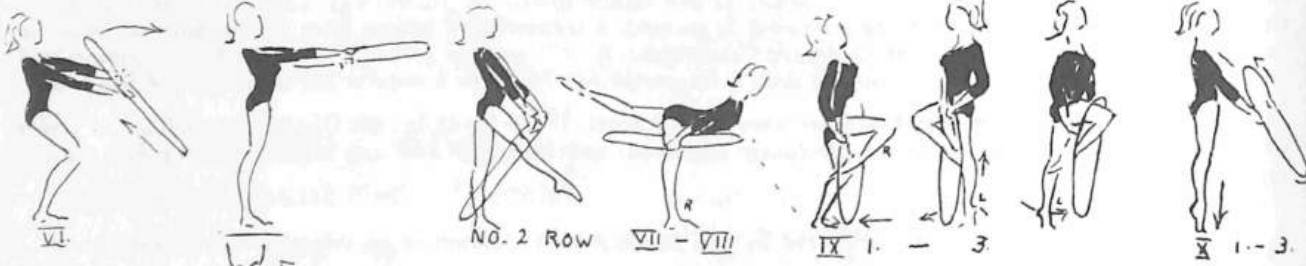


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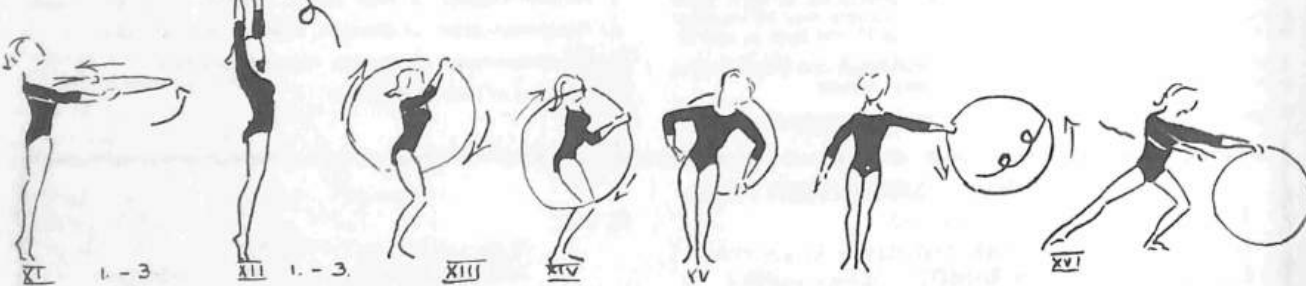
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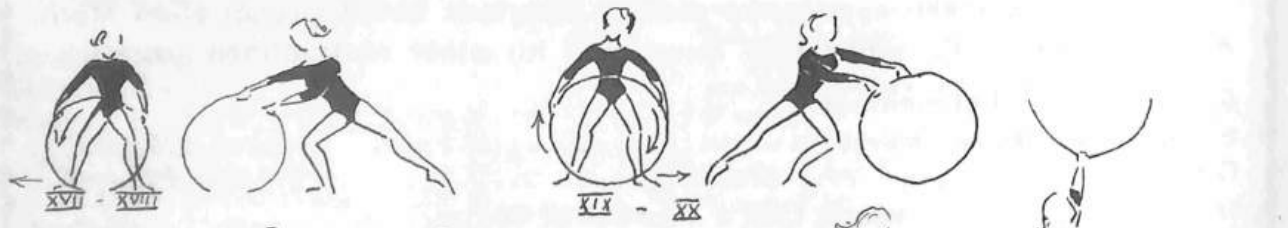
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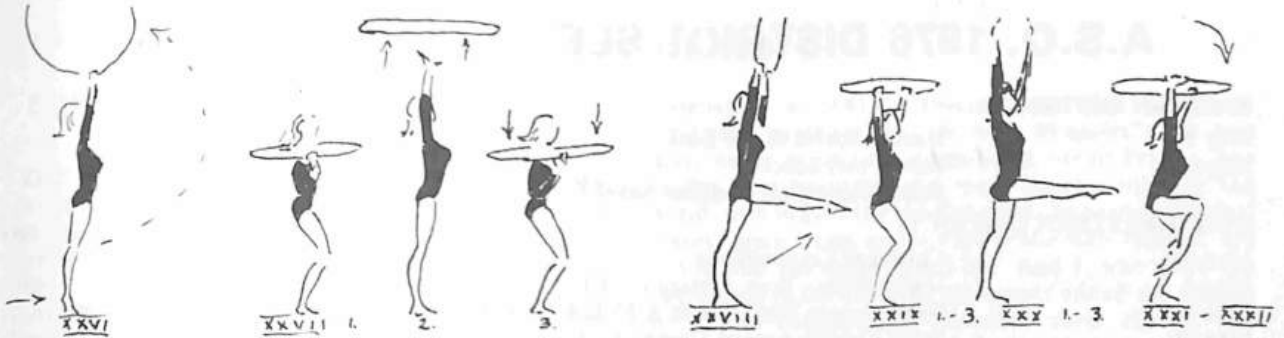


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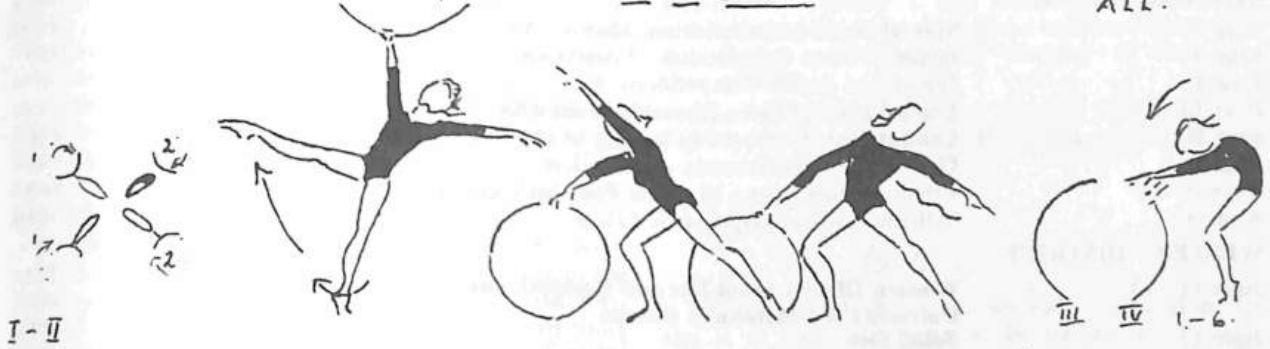


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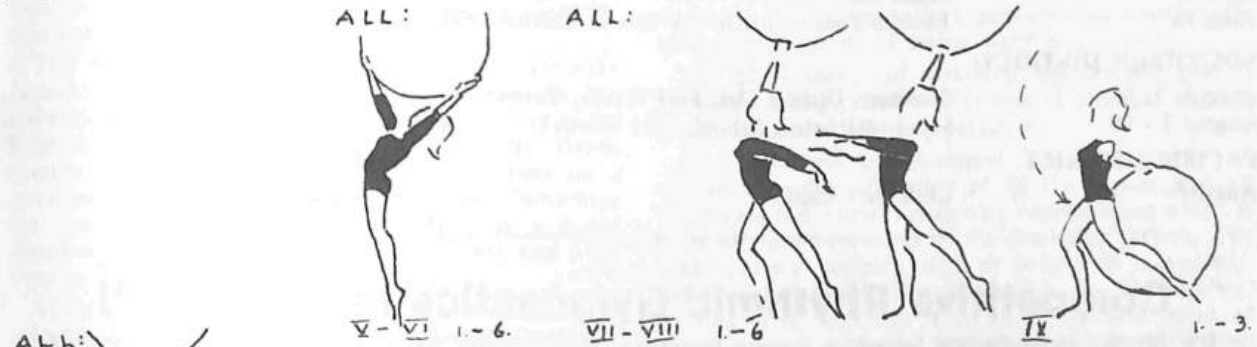
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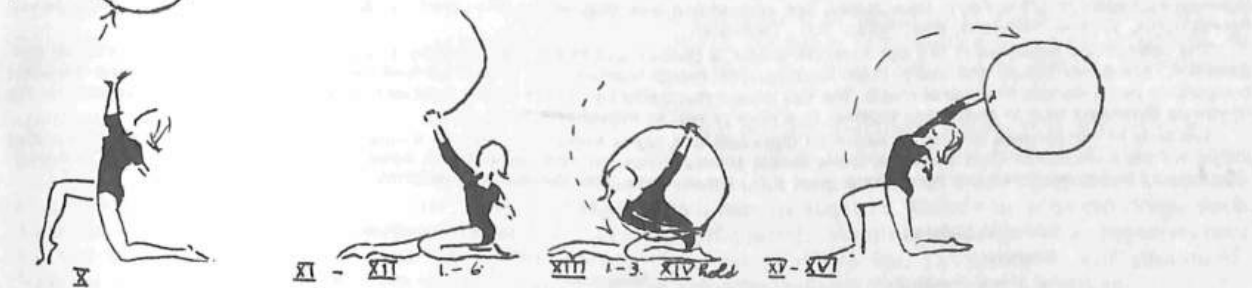


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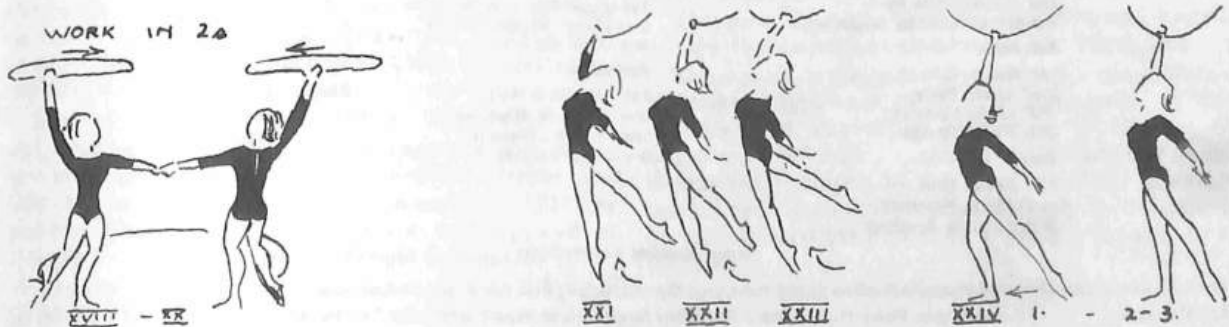
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A.S.O. 1976 DISTRICT SLETS AND ACTIVITIES

EASTERN DISTRICT:

May 8 United Sokols of the East
 August Instructors School
 Sokol Day - East Haddam Sokol Camp

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT:

May 15 Childrens Competitions
 June 5 Junior Girls - Boys Apparatus, Rhythmic Gymnastic Competitions
 June 6 Northeastern Dist. Slet at A.M.L.A. Rec. Center, Men Marching and Cal. Comp.
 June 20 Sokol Detroit Annual Gymnastic Exhibition at Sandy Bottom Lake, Mich.
 July 2, 3, 4 Zurich - IV Slet of Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

May 22 Special Number Competition, Morton West H.S.
 June 3 Senior Women Competition - Eisenhower Jr. H.S.
 June 12 Junior and Senior Competitions
 June 13 Central District Slet - Riverside-Brookfield H.S.
 June 20 Central Dist. Membership leaving to attend Zurich Slet in Switzerland
 August 1 Oak Brook Polo Grounds - Exhibition
 August Ethnic performance - Ill. State Fair, Springfield
 August Self-Improvement Gymnastic Clinic

WESTERN DISTRICT:

June 11 - 13 Western District Sokol Slet and Competitions -
 University of Nebraska at Omaha
 June 13 Sokol Slet
 June 13 Europe Tour - Zurich - IV Slet of Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad

SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

June 4, 5, 6 Southern District Slet, Fort Worth, Texas
 August 7 - 15 Sokol Instructors School, Fort Worth

PACIFIC DISTRICT:

August Children's Camp

Competitive Rhythmic Gymnastics in Region VII

The first New Jersey Regional Competitive Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition was held on April 10, 1976 at the American Sokol Gymnastics Center in Little Ferry, New Jersey. The competition was directed by Ellen Garlicki, Chairperson of Region VII (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware).

The competition consisted of two age divisions: **Under 15 Division** and **15 and Over Division**. Events included compulsory Individual Ball, Streamer, Acrobatic, Hoop, and Jump Rope routines. The Group Number part of the competition followed with a Ball and Streamer compulsory performances to optional music. The five groups that performed in the Group Competition, illustrated the great interest that the Rhythmic Gymnasts have in performing together as a team as well as individually.

The level of performance among the Rhythmic Gymnasts was highly impressive, and the competition was very close. The well-qualified judges for the competition, Zina Mironova, Maria Bakos, Monika Volkmann, and Joyce Bloom helped the competition to run very smoothly. Participants and spectators came from Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

RESULTS:

Under 15 Division

Streamer

1st place: Susan Britt
 2nd place: Linda Perry
 3rd place: Amanda Southon

Acrobatic

1st: Susan Britt
 2nd: Linda Perry
 3rd: Linda Hammett
 3rd: Helen Rhode

Ball

1st: Susan Britt
 2nd: Linda Hammett
 3rd: Amanda Southon

15 and Over Division

Streamer

1st place: Ramona Bruestle
 2nd place: Miggie O'Hara
 3rd: Jane Garlicki

Acrobatic

1st: Miggie O'Hara
 2nd: Ramona Bruestle
 2nd: Leslie Johnson
 3rd: Jane Garlicki

Hoop

1st: Miggie O'Hara
 2nd: Kari Trantis
 2nd: Kaki Blevins
 3rd: Leslie Johnson

Jump Rope

1st: Miggie O'Hara
 1st: Ramona Bruestle

Group Number Competition

1st Place: American Sokol Rhythmic Gymnasts of Little Ferry, N.J. - Streamers
 2nd Place: Peary High School Rhythmic Gymnasts of Washington, D.C. - Streamers

Sokol Educator

SOKOL - CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES

Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, the founder of the Sokol Movement, was an ardent student of ancient Greece and their Olympic Games. This study of Greece gave Tyrš his inspiration for Sokol and the Sokol Slets. In 1868, he published his book entitled "Olympic Homage" which vividly described the ancient Olympic Games.

As the Sokol Movement grew the fame of its gymnasts spread. Dr. Josef Scheiner, the gifted Sokol leader, foresaw the importance of making contact with Western Europe, especially France. He led the Sokols into the International Federation of Gymnasts. Sokol excursions, delegations and competitive teams visited the towns of Nancy, Lyon, Porigeux, Paris, Nice, Arras, Brussels, Verviers, Chaux de Fonds as well as Luxemburg, Turin and London. As the name "Sokol" became known so also were the "Czechs."

Czechoslovakia's first President, Thomas G. Masaryk said "I underestimated the international activities of the Sokols, until I lived in foreign lands during the war, when I soon found out that in many cases the only thing that was known about us was that we had the "Sokols" who conducted the magnificent "Slets."

The Czech Professor Dr. Jiri - Guth - Jarkovsky assisted Baron Pierre de Coubertin in reviving the Olympic Games and became a founding member of the International Olympic Committee. He met Baron Coubertin in Paris in 1891 while he was there on a physical training trip. He founded the Czech Committee for the Olympic Games in 1896. He was a Sokol member whose name appeared on the 1901 and 1907 Prague Slet Committee roster.

The Czech Olympic Committee sent contingents of athletes to the 1900, 1908 and 1912 Olympic Games.

It was the supreme Olympic body which recognized the independence of the Czech nation even before it was restored "de facto" following the First World War. The results achieved by Czech athletes were counted separately from those of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

"The government in Vienna intended to dissolve the independent Czech Olympic Committee. The Austrian Monarchy official, Count de Revertera, demanded that the Czech delegates should leave the 1914 Paris Congress of National Olympic Committees. Baron de Coubertin insisted that the Czech Olympic Committee, as one of the oldest national committees, had the right to an independent existence. The Czech delegation remained at the Congress."

Soon after the Congress, the First World War broke out. During the war the Sokols became the core of the revolutionary army that was to give the Czechs and Slovaks their independence. On November 5, 1918 the pre-war Czech Olympic Committee was replaced in Prague by the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee.

The International Olympic Committee met in Prague in May, 1925. Baron Pierre de Coubertin tendered his

resignation as I.O.C. President at this Congress. Coubertin wrote in his "Olympic Memoirs": "It was most just to honour the magnificent city of Prague, one of the most beautiful and most famous cities in the world, with organizing the Congress. So many historical events, often tragic and always profoundly human, are linked with the name of this city. And I, who since the beginnings of the Olympic movement added the Czechs to it and indefatigably defended their rights, was pleased that it was here in Prague that my office as President of the International Olympic Committee terminated. Thereby I also wanted to express my gratitude and loyalty to my faithful assistant and friend, Jiri Guth, today the sole member of the first Committee!"

Zdar to the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games!

Paul Lebloch, Dir. of Men

Sokol

The Sokol body is an educational organization. Its aim is to train and preserve the nation in physical, mental and moral strength. It concerns itself with both, body and mind, never losing sight of the two.

The Chief means of attaining the desired goal is physical training. The Sokol system of physical training is built upon the following principles:

A harmonious development of the organs of movement, a full utilization of all the organs and all vital capacities; correct muscular coordination which is to be attained by control of the muscular system. The Sokol physical training aims at beauty of movement, and endeavors to cultivate physical beauty. The physical training aims at effects from an intellectual point of view, for it is regarded by the Sokol as inseparable from the physical. It is designed to sharpen the senses, to cultivate the power of memory and correct judgment, to teach skill, readiness, presence of mind, - to cultivate courage.

Sokol physical training includes regard for the moral side, for moral duties are the foundation of a moral character. It is a matter of cultivating moral qualities which may be acquired directly by physical drills, such as self-control, stamina, courage and perseverance. These moral duties are, for example: self command, punctuality, reliability and regard for others.

Therefore, equality, freedom, discipline and morality are the first important elements of the Sokol idea.

The second, is the endeavor to work for the welfare of the Sokol. Such work to be done voluntarily, of their own free will, submitting themselves to all that the Sokol asks of them, - mainly self discipline which should be displayed by all. The training, therefore, teaches individuals their duties not only to themselves, but also toward the nation as a whole . . . and to all mankind.

May Konecny, Educational Director
Sokol Slavsky

Central District

March 25, 1976

Bro. E. Halik, President presided with 24 delegates present. All joined in Pledge to the Flag.

B.O.I. Sis. L. Jindra turned in money for tapes, hankies and volley ball patches. Requests 1 member from each unit on Special Number Committee. Theme of District Slet "Sokol Salutes America," approved. - April 3rd USGF judging clinic - Banquet for II. Class May 15 at Sokol Berwyn, buffet style, charge \$3.00 adults, children \$1.75, and children under 5 years \$1.00. - Meets: Women's Low A, B, C, Div. at Darien School June 3rd. - Junior and Senior Hi and Intermediate at Morton West. - New Senior Women's C Div. formed for those over 30 years. - Attended Sokol Fuegner gym program. Urged attendance at unit exhibitions. Suggests special I.D. cards for Juniors. Approval requested for St. Louis workshop April 1st. With sis. S. Pistorius will check out camp site for possible District course. Br. B. Meyers motion trip to be made by plane approved. Bills for \$133.27 approved for payment.

B.O.I. Bro. D. Gilbert excused. Bro. Placek asked payment of \$60.00 for flag materials. Submitted itemized statement of volley ball and basket ball fees collected; requested \$314.00 referees' fees be paid (covered by entry fees), approved. Suggested cost of flags be pro-rated. Bro. E. Halik will attend next B.O.I. meeting.

Educational: Bro. F. Kala announced bro. J. Jindra catalogued films available for unit use. Bro. E. Pirka to speak April 9, at Lawndale Boys' Club.

Slet: June 13th date confirmed. Sis. A. Basta checking on possible additional parking. Bro. Halik and sis. Basta will handle ad book; ticket distribution sis. Louise Kmen and Mildred Hajek; Unit Well-Wisher letter sis. E.J. Schnabl; ad book letter sis. B. Prener. Where to hold Victory Dance yet to be decided. Bro. E. Linhart to check on Sokol Tabor. - Bro. Jindra presented quotation for ad book printing from Hampton Graphics. In view of distance involved bro. Linhart moved acceptance of bid from Cicero-Berwyn Press. Carried. - Bro. Jindra presented proposed front page for ad book. Several suggestions given. ASO Ex. Bd. suggested District Slet be considered as our contribution to Illinois Bicentennial program. Bro. E. Linhart so moved. Carried.

Bro. E. Halik reported attending Illinois Bicentennial meetings. Committed Sokol participation at State Fair (Springfield) August 12-22nd. Bus transportation will be furnished. BOI will be given details as available. Sis. Schnabl moved to ratify action taken by Bro. Halik. Carried. Bro. F. Kala advised July 4th Folk Dance request at Hillside turned down. Reason, many leaving for Zurich. May 21-23 Morton College having Ethnic Programs. Sis. Basta to obtain further information from Mr. Pannier, Chrm. Fine Arts Dept., and Mr. Apprison, Festival Information Chrmn. Bro. Kala suggested we participate with booth display at Morton College. Bro. Jindra inquired about moneys available for future use - during Slet year. - Bro. Jindra presented

quotation on District Slet patches. Sis. Schnabl moved minimum quantity of 510 be ordered. Approved.

Bro. J. Rabas reports Zurich trip sold out. 22 persons listed for second group. Has time option. One person from District to be in charge of each bus. BOI to make selection subject to Ex. Board approval.

Sis. Schnabl extended invitation to "Open House" hosted by Sokol Berwyn after Special Number Competition, May 22. Approved. Bro. Kala requests invitation be sent Dance Groups to our Slet. Sis. Basta will make contact. Dance rehearsals every Wednesday during May. - Sis. Hajek announced receipt of additional \$7.00 for seals. Total \$1,783.50. - Sis. Prener reported partial audit made of bro. Glasser's books. Complete report will be given when completed. Bros. Linhart and Kala to check trailer rental for Houbay Day Float for District participation.

Northeastern District

March 24, 1976

Bro. Edwin Jirousek, Pres. presided with 22 delegates present.

President's report: Attended "250 Club Dinner" sponsored by the A.S.I. - Ordered an ad in the Slet pamphlet of Western District on behalf of Northeastern District. - Applied for sanction for Slet from Bicentennial Commission. - Invitation from the Cleveland Chapter, American-Yugoslav Sokol Assn. to their annual "Night." Approved that bro. and sis. Edwin and Geraldine Jirousek, or representative named by them, represent the Northeastern District. - Bro. and sis. Bartos of Sokol Moravan, Toledo, donated \$50.00 to Executive Committee to be fully divided equally between Slet Fund and the Sokol Tyrs Newsletter account.

Treasurer's report: Bro. Galik presented two bills submitted by bro. Dusek (B.O.I.) for postage and equipment repair. Approved for payment.

B.O.I. Sis. G. Jencik presented two volumes of Vestnik for years 1934 through 1937 to District Library. Volumes donated by bro. Verkner. The Women's B.O.I. met to plan the summer exhibition and competitions. Requested permission of National B.O.I. that Northeastern District Women perform Indian Club number at 1977 Slet. Represented the District at D.T.J. exhibition. 24 women from Northeastern District will participate in the Zurich Slet. Bicentennial medals will be awarded winners of District competitions.

District Library: Bro. E. Jirousek. Several pieces of Sokol memorabilia received, including 1932 National Geographic, feature article on 1932 Slet in Prague.

Sokol Detroit: Bro. Schamanek. Sokol and Sokolice Detroit joint annual meeting - introduction of New Officers 1976 - with sis. M. Provaznikova the main speaker. BOI repairing and modernizing locker rooms. Unit voted to donate \$100.00 to Sokol So. Omaha.

Sokolice Detroit: Sis. Schamanek reported numerous gymnasts will participate in Zurich Slet.

Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlice: Bro. Kavan reported Women's classes sponsored spaghetti dinner before March membership meeting.

Sokol Nova Vlast: Bro. Kotlan. Gym classes well attended. The Executive Board working with Sokol Tyrs Executive Board to complete merger. Bro. Kotlan inquired whether present delegates to the Executive Committee from Sokol Tyrs and Sokol Nova Vlast will serve out the year. Bro. E. Jirousek advised that under the Constitution delegates remain as such until following annual meeting.

Sokol Tyrs: Bro. K. Vavra. 5 new members initiated. May 9th Junior Hobby Club will hold annual Pancake Breakfast. At the May 16th membership meeting, Sokol Tyrs and Sokol Nova Vlast will join formally.

Feb. 1976 report: Bro. R. Jirousek reported Executive Board is working on perfecting the merger of Sokol Tyrs and Sokol Nova Vlast. A.S.I. and Sokol Tyrs will hold a "get-acquainted" party at Bohemian National Hall for all who use the Hall. Sokol Tyrs's request to participate in Cesky Den June 13th granted by Cesky Den Committee.

American Sokol, Inc.: Bro. R. Jirousek reported 250 Club Dinner realized a profit. Also reported receipt of Cleveland Foundation grant of \$17,671.00 to A.S.I. - money to be used to renovate main ballroom. A.S.I. is 10 years old.

New Business: Bro. R. Jirousek asked the Northeastern District sanction a fund-raising event to help Sokol South Omaha. Bro. E. Jirousek ruled since Sokol So. Omaha has requested assistance, we can proceed with fund-raising plans.

District Slet: Bro. E. Jirousek appointed entire Executive Committee as the Slet Committee. Theme of Slet: Bicentennial Year and the Olympics.

Southern District

March 25, 1976

Meeting called to order in bro. Prevratil's absence by bro. Don Steinman, Vice Pres. 13 delegates present.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag followed by standing silence in memory of bro. Louis Regmund of Sokol Corpus Christi.

SPJST Convention Committee, inviting participation of Sokol gymnasts in a segment of evening program.

Reports: Corpus Christi. Held workshop Mar. 12-13. Sis. S. Laznovsky assisted. Building committee progressing with plans. Approved concrete tilt-up type building. Repairs made to old building. Planning participation in Bay-Fest celebration. - Dallas. Awards dinner Mar. 28, recognition of members for length of membership. Planning Unit Mini Slet in May. 13 Advanced classes to prepare for dual meet, 17 girls participated in USGF meet. - Ennis. Preparing for Polka Festival. Plan to enter float. Hosting special meeting District and Unit Presidents and Educational Directors Mar. 27. Improvement of property. Initiating traveling fund for 1977 National Slet. - Fort Worth. 2 newsletters published re: coming events. 10 gymnasts, coaches, attended Monterrey, Mexico gymnastic Exhibition. Unit competition and exhibition May 15-16. - Houston. Girls performed at Bicentennial celebrations in Houston and Rosenberg. Bicentennial celebration at

Sokol May 29-30. Friday night dinners to benefit traveling fund. Request copies of by-laws.

Board of Instructors: Dir. of Women, sis. S. Laznovsky. Traveled to Corpus Christi Mar. 12-13 to teach Slet routines, prostna. Much accomplished. - Assisted Sokol Zizka, Dallas, Mar. 18. Music for Junior and Women prostna being recorded for Units.

Dir. of Men, bro. L. Laznovsky. Submitted attendance reports of Units for 1974-1975. District Volleyball team to enter one more tournament (USVBA) Apr. 30. Advised of Directors' Conference tentatively scheduled for Oct. 23.

Educational Dir. bro. Parma. Sokol gymnasts ages 10-13 gave reports on Czech history or family history. Researched their own reports. Film shown on FBI history and its functions. Marching session adults and children Mar. 13. - Sokol Fort Worth. Posted District Slet information for parents' benefit, also information regarding 1977 National Slet in Chicago.

New business. Bro. Laznovsky elected to represent District at SPJST Convention March 30 in Waco. - Bro. Williams. Sokol Fort Worth will publish a souvenir book for District Slet. - Bro. Parma moved the District donate \$100.00 toward Sokol South Omaha building fund. Carried.

IN MEMORIAM

Alfred Chab

Funeral services for Alfred Chab, 71, who passed away in the Crete Municipal Hospital, Wednesday, December 10, 1975 were held Friday, December 12 from the Zajicek Funeral Home.

Born on a farm west of Wilber, December 10, 1904 he was the son of Rudolph and Emma Kastanek Chab. The family settled on a farm east of Wilber. He attended a rural school near his home, and was a graduate of Wilber High School, Class of 1923.

On June 6, 1929 he was united in marriage to Olga Zlab in Papillion. They lived on a farm east of Wilber for a few years and then for the next ten years farmed in Shickley. In 1950 they moved back to Saline County to a farm east of Wilber.

Survivors include his wife, Olga in Wilber, two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Carol) Vick of St. Cloud, MI., and Mrs. Larry (Lois) Weyers of Downers Grove, IL., two brothers, Stanley Chab of Wilber and Victor Chab of Clark, MO., one sister, Mrs. Fred Placek of Omaha, and two grandsons, Kevin and Kyle Vick.

Mr. Chab was past president of the T. J. Sokol, also physical instructor and director for many years. He was president of the Bohemian Cemetery Association.

Services were conducted by Pastor Glenn Loy and the Knights of Pythias Ingamar Lodge No. 142 of Wilber, with a song service by the Pythian Sisters, Parthenia Temple No. 9 of Wilber. Interment was in Bohemian Slavonian Cemetery near Wilber.

Sokol Miami - Bicentennial Activity

Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, 1976, the American Czechoslovak Club in Miami celebrated the 200-year Anniversary of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with a program consisting of the participation of Club members, The Ladies Club, Czechoslovak Society of America, and Sokol Miami.

It was really an inspiring production, a fitting and proud tribute to the occasion, - depicting the history of the United States and contributions of Czech and Slovak culture and sacrifice given in the spirit of loyalty to this land of ours.

The program was directed with skill by Adolph Tomes, member of the American Czechoslovak Club, and narration (throughout the three performances), by Joe Nemetz, president. The speakers were sis. Paula Petrasek, for The Ladies Club; sis. Freda Hruska, for C.S.A.; and sis. Betty Janous for Sokol Miami.

The Sokols marched on to the floor to the sound of a lively Knoch march. The American and Sokol flags were carried by flag bearers bro. Charles Kucera and bro. Ande Chobot, lead by sis. Betty Janous. They received a rousing round of applause by the audience. Sis. Janous gave the following speech:

"Studying the new philosophy of Herbert Spencer and others, about the progress and deficiencies of the human race and the world at large, Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, based upon his own theory the idea, that only physically fit, mentally alert and culturally well developed citizens form a healthy and strong nation. Thus, in 1862 in Prague Sokol was born.

"In 1865, only three years after Sokol was conceived, the first Sokol unit in the United States was founded in St. Louis, Missouri, and this year, the American Sokol is celebrating 111 years of its existence.

"Since that time, many well-known men were Sokols from childhood to manhood, - President T. G. Masaryk, President Eduard Beneš, Mayor Anton J. Cermak, - many elected United States officials, Senators, Representatives, Mayors of cities, scientists, educators and others, came from the Sokol ranks into public life.

"But the backbone of our Sokol organization are the people like you and me, and, with love for the ideals of Sokol, and cooperation with our fraternal and cultural organizations, we shall stay strong always.

"But now, in the land of its birth, Czechoslovakia, the Sokol nest is empty. Empty - because Sokols cannot live without freedom. Freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of movement, and without respect for the rights and dignity of the human race.

"But we are not an endangered species. Instead we are growing stronger year after year and Sokol is active now more than ever in England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, and the United States.

"Growing stronger? Let us, as an example, mention proudly our own Sokol Miami unit. In six years Sokol

Miami, thanks to the brotherly and sisterly love and understanding among its members, has become one of the large membership units in the United States.

"And now, on the 200-year anniversary of this great country of ours, we, the American Sokols, as a gift of appreciation and love, shall renew the pledge that our grandparents, parents, and many of us made, when seeking freedom, found it under the bright golden glow of the torch of the Statue of Liberty.

"We pledge again, that we will always uphold the Constitution of these United States of America, and that this beautiful Flag shall wave proudly over this land of a free and proud people forever and ever."

Then sis. Anez Kondelik, Ilona Boehm, and Eva Boehm, under the able direction of sis. Emily Ruzicka, gave a short exhibition of calisthenics to the music of "Jdou Sokolské šiky jdou . . ." The audience, heartily applauding, showed its appreciation of the program presented by Sokol Miami.

The American Czechoslovak Club should be congratulated for two fine evenings of Czechoslovak informative contribution to the greatness of these United States of America.

Miloš Janouš
Sokol Miami

True Sokol Spirit



Front row, from left: Joann Hantak (Brookfield), Judy Slezak (Berwyn), Jan Wostratzky (Stickney). Back row: Karen Bultas (Stickney), Donna Brown (Tabor), and Kim Rus (Stickney).

Our Sokol Women competed recently in Illinois College Competition at a Northwestern Invitational Gymnastic Meet, Jan. 31, 1976 at Chicago. The girls competed with various Illinois Colleges against each other, but their Sokol friendship kept them rooting for one another to the amazement of the participants. Two other girls, not in the picture, who competed in the morning were: Mary Ann Picha and Georgia Nesladek, both of Sokol Slavsky. That Sokol training just can't be beat!



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- Byron

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Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne.

- Lowell

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I speak truth, not as much as I
would, but as much as I dare; and
I dare a little more as I grow older.

- Montaigne

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Čs. Sokol v Zahraničí Slet v Curychu

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All participants of Slet in Zurich, tickets to "Get Acquainted Evening," "Akademie," "Farewell Party," can be obtained from: Sokol Zurich, Postfach CH-8125, Zollikerberg, Switzerland.

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