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Den 28. říjen je jedním z nejvýznamnějších svátků amerických Čechoslováků a americkému sokolstvu patří zvláštní zásluha, uznání a dík za to, že na tento den nezapomíná, ale naopak, že plně oceňuje význam této dějinné události, která připomíná den československého národního osvobození, zatímco se ve vlastní zemi, dnešním komunistickém Československu, tento den násilím vyškrtli z kalendáře. Vyškrtli se z čs. kalendáře, ale ze světových dějin jej vyškrtnout nelze.

28. října si obyčejně připomínáme jak k založení svobodného československého státu došlo a kdo na tom nese největší podíl. Stát se nezrodil přes noc. 28. říjen 1918 byl připravován celými generacemi a na jeho uskutečnění pracoval celý národ. Pracovali na něm velcí buditelé i prostý lid jak doma, tak i za hranicemi a to hlavně zde, ve Spojených státech amerických. Vznikl z touhy lidu po svobodě a vyvíjel se v duchu

Masarykovských zásad lásky člověka k člověku a úctě k jeho práci.

Jedním z nejdůležitějších činitelů v přípravě 28. října 1918, bylo sokolstvo, které živilo v českém lidu myšlenku státního práva a naději na samostatnost, otužovalo český lid tělesně, vychovávalo duševně a dalo mu představu kázně a velkých celků, což se pak stalo základem čs. vojska - čs. legií. Sokolský odznak a legitimace sloužily v poznání bratrů v bitvách, bratrů, kteří šli dobrovolně do zajetí, aby tam vstoupili do tvořících se čs. legií, které se staly součástí spojeneckých armád a jako tito se zúčastnili v boji proti Rakousku-Uhersku na všech světových bojištích, kde mnozí z nich položili své životy na oltář světové demokracie.

Podobně bylo tomu i zde. Ihned jakmile Spojené státy vstoupily do války v r. 1917, vytvořil se v Chicagu výbor pro náborovou akci do armády. A i zde páteří všeho bylo sokolstvo. Plzeňská sokolovna se stala obvodní kanceláří odkud se vysílaly velké skupiny českých dobrovolníků do kasáren v Jefferson Barracks a po patřičném vojenském výcviku na evropská bojiště, hlavně do Francie. Naši lidé ve Spojených státech vykonali svou národní povinnost nejen na penězích, ale i krví.

Pravda zvítězila, boj byl dobojován. Z trosk rozbitého Rakouska-Uherska vyrostlo několik nových svobodných států a mezi nimi i svobodné Československo, které bylo založeno na stejných demokratických zásadách jako jeho vzor - Spojené státy americké.

Bohužel mu bylo dopřáno jen dvacet let, aby se svobodně rozvíjelo. Po smrti Tomáše G. Masaryka přišel rok 1938 a s ním zrada a zklamání. Svobodný, demokratický a plodný život Československa byl násilím přerván Mnichovem a nacistickou okupací a pak, po malém oddechu v únoru 1948 československá demokracie podlehla v nerovném boji se zradou a v zápase se sovětským imperialismem.

Nastala doba nového temna národa; dějiny byly falšovány, demokratická tradice a svobodný život Masarykovy republiky byly hanobeny a slavná historie 28. října 1918 byla nestoudně zfalšována a páteř národa Československá obec sokolská byla rozmetána. Co nezničil Hitler se svými koncentračními tábory, to zničili komunisté. Československá Amerika v bojích o svobodu staré vlasti nikdy nezklamala a jistě až čas dovrší, že nezklame ani tentokrát. Tyršovo učení vykonalo své poslání v minulosti a vykoná jej i v budoucnosti.

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Calendar of Events

OCT. 15 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Square Dances

OCT. 15-16 - CENTRAL DISTRICT
Educational Dir. Course
Sokol Stickney

OCT. 22 - SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS
Dinner Dance at
Sokol Brookfield

OCT. 22 - SOKOL BELCAMP
Harvest Festival
"Vinobraní"

OCT. 23 - SOKOL WOMEN OF LITTLE FERRY
"Pork Dinner"

OCT. 29 - 30 - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
So. Omaha Sokol Hall

OCT. 30 - SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.
Opera "The Stubborn Heads"
(Tvrdé Palice) from Ant. Dvořák

NOV. 5 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE
Membership Banquet
Cudworth Post

NOV. 5 - SOKOL MIAMI
Cabaret Night and
8th Anniversary Celebration
Czechoslovak Club

NOV. 5 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES
Banquet

NOV. 11 - SOKOL BERWYN
Men's Smoker

NOV. 12 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Steak Roast and Dance

NOV. 12 - SOKOL BERWYN
Turkey Raffle Drawing

NOV. 18, 19, 20 - HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR
Sokol Milwaukee participating

NOV. 19, 20 - EASTERN DISTRICT
Special Number Competition
New York

DEC. 3 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
St. Nicholas dance

DEC. 3 - SOKOL STICKNEY
Spaghetti Dinner

DEC. 3 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES
St. Nicholas Dance (Mikulášská)

DEC. 4 - SOKOL DETROIT
Czechoslovak Afternoon Dinner Party
Sokol Cultural Center

DEC. 16 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE
Christmas Party

DEC. 16 - SOKOL STICKNEY
Children's Christmas Party

DEC. 17 - SOKOL STICKNEY
Adult's Christmas Party

DEC. 31 - SOKOL BERWYN
New Year's Eve Celebration

DEC. 31 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
New Year's Eve (Silvestra)
Dinner and Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL DETROIT
New Year's Eve Party
Sokol Cultural Center

DEC. 31 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES
New Year's Eve Dance

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Today's Children

Today's children aren't like we were: they're noisier, they get into things we wouldn't have dreamed of trying, they use language we don't even understand, they pry into places we want left untouched, and their questions are endless. They are never where they are supposed to be, and always where they shouldn't be. Children! What ever will they grow into? On the other hand, they seem to mature earlier. They are more sure of themselves, less frightened of the world around them. It makes them seem cocky and perhaps reckless at times. And their ideas are so outrageous (and sometimes so wonderful)! One wonders how they will survive and what will become of them. And yet, they will survive, and they will become what we all become: Adults. Probably responsible, mature, independent, caring adults. Notice the word "caring." They do seem to care so deeply about everything. Did we? And if we didn't, did we miss something!

Tomorrow's leaders are today's children, and if we punish them for their self-expression they will have no

independent ideas; if we quiet their exuberance they will be unable to stand up against injustice and for their own ideals; if we exclude them from our adult groups they will find their own, never knowing the pleasure we derived from ours; and worst of all . . . if we constantly judge and harass them, they will choose others as friends and leave us and our homes as soon as possible.

So let's assess where we are: Today's children are noisy, busy, sure of themselves, committed, and often outrageously inventive. They are also tomorrow. We can quiet them, try to curb their expressiveness, mold them to our (probably mis-remembered) image of how we were at their age. And in a few short years, they will be old enough to walk away from us and from the things we care about. It is they who will carry on after us, and if they feel continually stifled and smothered and pushed aside, they will find other relationships apart from us. And where does this leave us? It leaves us with our values intact, our furniture intact, our "nerves" intact, and our institutions, homes, and lives empty.

Nazdar!

Lee Sain, Dir. of Women
Eastern District

What Sokol Means to Me

The youngsters of Sokol Milwaukee took part in a contest "What Sokol Means to Me." Here are the first five **Winners!**

What Sokol Means to Me.

I. Sokol means to me a group of people that help children understand some of our world sports around us and good sportsmanship and not to give up and keep trying. It teaches us manners like in being quiet and leaving people alone who are trying to do their best. And most important it teaches us how to do a lot of apparatus exercises, and some track and field and tries to help us get stronger. And the last two things I can think of is that it takes us in some different places and gets us acquainted with other people. **AND THAT'S WHAT SOKOL MEANS TO ME!**

II. Experiences of in Sokolice. Once upon a time there was a young girl 9 years old who liked gymnastics and wanted to be in a gym group and didn't know how to get into one. When one day out of the clear blue sky came an idea to her head to join the Sokol gym class. So she

went to see what it was like. She liked it very much and knew she would love to come the next week.

She learned a lot in three years about winning and losing, pretty much about track and track meets, and a lot about gymnastics.

The experiences she had taking part in the Holiday Folk Fair she will remember all her life.

Her father was in Sokols and her sister and cousins. She hopes she can be in Sokolice for many years.

III. Sokol means learning self-control. Sokol means learning exercises. Sokol means fun and excitement. Sokol means calisthenics and gymnastics. Sokol means being with friends and meeting friends. Sokol will always be fun.

Something super
On to everything
Kids have fun
One thing to do is
Learn!

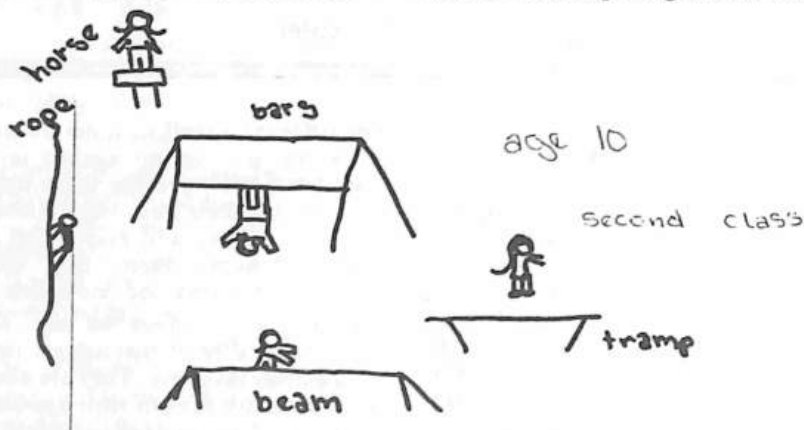
IV. At Sokol you can learn so many things, on tumbling, vaulting, and on the balance beam, bars and the trap.

When judging comes along I am scared but I try my best like all the teachers tell me. If I win it's because of all the great teachers that help me with everything I need to know. Sokol is the only place I can work on all the apparatus. I tell all my friends how wonderful it is to go to Sokol. I am so glad I joined Sokol. Every Friday I learn something new.

age 10 second class.

V. Sokol is a word I hear a lot at home. Since I went to Sokol gym I know I know that it builds my body strong. I like to go there.

Editor's note: Spelling is that of the children.



Potomek pomocníka Dr. M. Tyrše cvičí v Sokole Tábor



Malý Scott Guth, synek Freda a Marthy Guthových, Ginger Creek, Oak Brook, IL., potomek Vítězslava Gutha, jednatelem-tajemníkem Sokola Pražského roce 1863-1865. Do nedávna malý "Skatík" o sobě s hrdostí říkal: "Já sem Okol!", dnes již pěkně řekne Sokol a postavit se do pozoru také již umí.

Zavítáte-li v úterý dopoledne do tělocvičny Sokola Tábor na 16. ulici a Clarence Ave., v Berwynu, IL., naleznete tam sokolskou drobotinu v plné práci. Tělocvična zvučí dětskými hláskami, jejíž nositele se teprve nedávno naučili volat mámo a táto. Víří to tam malinkými človičky, jejichž nožičky se občas ještě zapletou a malý občánek upadne, nic se z toho však nedělá, rychle vyskočí a běží dál, aby mu jeho družstvo neuteklo. Mezi drobotinou vévodí několik sester cvičitelek, které s citem a jemností milujících matek hravě vedou tyto občánky k sokolské kázni a povinnosti. Aby je rozpoznaly, má každé děčko přišpendlené své jméno na své košilce.

Mezi těmi nejmenšími, skoro až na konci řady, je vidět vyhrznatá kudrnatá hlavička hošíka. Zadívaté-li se zblízka zjistíte, že jeho jméno je "Cott." Chlapiček je malý "Skatíček" Guthových z Ginger Creek, Oak Brook, IL., kterého do cvičení přiváží jeho opatrovnice, rovněž Sokolka od svých dětských let, Vlasta Chloupková. Vlasta Skatíka učí i česky, učí ho hravým způsobem českým písničkám a říkáním a pomalu mu svým příjemným vyprávěním přibližuje zem, z které kdysi přišel jeho předek otcovy strany - Čechy.

Skatíkovy kořeny vedou do staré pražské, vážené rodiny, jejíž jeden člen, Vítězslav Guth, pomáhal dr. Miroslavu Tyršovi zakládat Sokol. V "Památníku," který byl vydán v r. 1883 na oslavu dvacátého výročí tělocvičné jednoty Sokola Pražského se možno dočíst na straně 52. o první přátelské schůzi Sokola, konané dne 27. března 1862 z podnětu starosty Fugnera: "Schůze

tato odbývaná v sále v prvním poschodí střelnice na ostrově Střeleckém a při ní poprvé použito odznaků samým starostou rozdáváných. Odznak pozůstával z malé hedvábné červené kokardy s bílým S uprostřed. Sál a vedlejší místnosti byly plny. Ačkoliv kroje spolkového tenkrát ještě nebylo, objevili se Fugner, Edvard Grégr, Vítězslav Guth a jiné, poprvé v červených košilích, jež později takové oblíbenosti došly." (Pozn.: návrh na sokolský kroj, jehož základ byla červená košile, byl zhotoven později malířem J. Mánesem na přání starosty Fugnera.) - Na této schůzi bylo také odhlasováno, aby si členové Sokola na důkaz bratrství říkali "bratři" a aby si navzájem tykali.

V tomto "Památníku" je také uvedeno, že JUC. V. Guth byl v roce 1863 knihovníkem tohoto tělesa a po odstoupením jednateli prof. Em. Tonnerovi byl pak zvolen 15. března 1863 jednatelem-tajemníkem, kteroužto funkci zastával až do roku 1865.

Jak z výše uvedeného vyplývá, Skatíkova podvědomá láska k Sokolu není náhodná, nýbrž má své hluboké kořeny v jeho předcích. Malý Sokolík z tělocvičny Tábor jednou až doroste bude právem hrdý na své předky a možná, kdož ví, že jednou s ostatními Sokoly, kteří dnes dlí ve vyhnanství, vrátí aspoň na skok zpět do matičky Prahy, aby znova, společně s ostatními, rozžal slavnou pochodnou Sokola, zapálenou kdysi jeho předkem a uhašenou nacisty a udušenou komunisty.

Vlasta Matelová
Sokol Tábor

A Czechoslovak Cultural Center

In these days, when many Americans are searching for their roots, those youths of Czechoslovak ancestry are fortunate that they have the priceless privilege of their cultural heritage working each and every day for them in various areas of the United States. In Minnesota, the high concentration of this heritage is found within the membership of four groups - SOKOL, the Czechoslovak Folk Dancers, the Czechoslovak Society of America (C.S.A.), and Western Fraternal Life (Z.C.B.J.).

The preservation of this knowledge would make our people wealthy in the pride of their heritage. Perhaps the formation of a temporary organized society for this preservation would help to channel all thoughts, ideas, beliefs, as well as materialistic goods for the benefit of future generations. Such a temporary organization could be done under the basis of the Czechoslovak Heritage Foundation which could go about the business of establishing a permanent home for the various aspects of the American-Czechoslovak life . . . a library of books, a collection of artifacts, Czech and Slovak costumes, musical instruments, as well as a home for various societies involved in the Czechoslovak life of Minnesota.

Dorothy Mulko Kucera
Chicagoland, IL.
Member Sokol St. Paul

Northeastern District

June 29, 1977

Bro. H. J. Srsen, President called the meeting to order at Bohemian National Hall - 17 delegates present, and bro. Emil Pekar as guest.

Corrections to previous minutes: Bro. Vavra's letter re: bro. L. Brown's resignation rather than the petitioning unit. - Bro. Vavra's report: meeting of representatives with ASO Executive Bd. should read "will meet" - rather than "met." - Czech classes will resume in September, rather than July. - AMLA report should read bro. Srsen rather than sis. Srsen. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Correspondence: Letter from ASO re: payment for film - Men's calisthenics; also expenses of sis. Provaznik for her lecture. - Souvenir Program from XIV. Chicago Slet. - Thank you note from bro. Richard Rejna, Men's Director.

Vice President, bro. R. Jirousek reported his attendance at ASO Slet.

President, bro. H. Srsen - attended Summer Gymnastical at Sandy Bottom Lake, June 19, 1977. - Attended District Presidents' meeting in Chicago on June 23, 1977 at Sheraton-Oakbrook Hotel. Question was raised by bro. Srsen why this meeting was attended by some unit Presidents. Further, it was questioned why not all the unit Presidents were not invited to this meeting. Some points of interest from this meeting: - 1) There was poor response to Slet Survey sheets produced by Slet Committee. 2) Larger membership is of great interest to ASO Executive Bd. 3) Problems facing units across the country, such as lack of youthful interest, financial, willing workers, etc. 4) Suggestion by Sokol So. Omaha to fire-proof records and libraries. 5) Sokol U.S.A. as yet not committed to holding Mid-Slet in 1979, however, Sokol So. Omaha has shown a great deal of interest as has Texas. 6) January 28-30, 1978 District Presidents' Conference - unit Presidents invited to participate, however, without voting powers. The conference to be held in Chicagoland. XIV. ASO Slet considered successful as far as performance was concerned. Attendance should have been better. Excellent weather.

Bro. Srsen attended banquet as representative of N.E. District. It was very well attended and enjoyed by all. It was felt by others who attended time should have been allowed for introducing some of the many Sokols in attendance who have devoted their lives to the cause of Sokol. - Sokol Detroit and Moravan received recognition for membership gains. - Motion made and carried - expenses of bro. Srsen incurred during Presidents' meeting in Chicago June 23rd be re-imbursed. Bro. Srsen said he planned to attend the Slet and that any re-imburement was not necessary.

Treasurer's Report. Motion made and carried that the BOI should contact the President regarding payment of bills, at least verbally - thus making him aware of expenses as they occur.

Unit Reports. Greater Cleveland - 243 participants in N.E. District Exhibition, 76 in Chicago, 38 visitors in

Chicago. - Question raised re: lack of District minutes in American Sokol Publication. Explanation: there was a misunderstanding in communications. Sis. Galik will send copies directly to Chicago. - Main Lobby of B.N.H. will be renovated starting in July. - Summer classes to continue. - All-Nations Festival July 26-29, 1977. Unit will participate in festivities on Mall. - Annual picnic August 21, 1977.

A.S.I. Bro. R. Jirousek reported the "250 Club" will start again. - Beer Festival, Sept. 10, 1977. Beer booth at Oktoberfest - Advance sale tickets - workers to receive passes.

A.M.L.A. Bro. L. Voris extended his thanks to all those who worked. 1,000 personal letters were sent - response was poor. - Publicity was good. - Weather not considered excuse for attendance. - Approximately \$900 went to A.M.L.A. in form of rent and gate percentages. - Service from A.M.L.A. unsatisfactory. - Comparison of Winter to Summer exhibition showed profits about the same. Suggestion - rent a facility in town without sale of refreshments and dinners. - Motion made and carried the Treasurer send payment of balance of A.M.L.A. account, less security deposit. - Suggestion made B.O.I. explore possibility of using tapes for the Anthems. Discussion ensued regarding continuing the use of Sokol Band.

New Business. In response to ASO request for more membership, bro. Srsen has undertaken the task of contacting bro. Joseph Ciz of Sokol Rip with the hope of re-activating the unit. Will attend a meeting in Pittsburgh August 18, 1977. Asked for co-operation and ideas for creating enthusiasm, including B.O.I. courses for young people to teach them the Sokol philosophies and methods. A suggestion made that Sokol U.S.A. might be able to help also.

Old Business. Bro. Galik made report on behalf of bro. E. Jirousek's two projects of last year. - Patron donations for the Bicentennial Program were used for expenses for the exhibition. - Post cards showed profit of \$81.98. Amount submitted to District. - Motion made and carried the Secretary send a thank you note to bro. E. Jirousek acknowledging his efforts with these two successful projects. - Also, Secretary to send thank you note to Corlett Movers for use of their equipment and time donated to Winter and Summer Exhibitions.

Southern District

August 14, 1977

Bro. George Prevratil, Pres., called meeting to order with 12 delegates present, and 2 guests. Also in attendance the instructors staff of the District Course, sis. Norma Zabka, and bro. Frank Michalek, also students of the District Course in Ennis. Bro. Prevratil welcomed all to the meeting.

Correspondence: Sokol Zizka, Dallas - expressing appreciation for assistance to gymnasts and work put forth for the National Slet. - Bro. Nick Morris on behalf of Lodge 47, Seaton, expressing appreciation for presenting gymnastic program at picnic July 24; also

invitation to their workers' party August 19th. - Sokol Houston unit report.

Reports of Units: **Dallas.** A team of girls performed at Folk-life Festival, San Antonio. - Several gymnasts participated in program at Lodge Seaton, July 24. - Gymnasts enrolled 125. 18 registered for special classes. **Ennis.** Membership swim party. - Hosting District course. - Beach volley ball tournament attended in Corpus Christi Aug. 6. - Gymnasts participated at Lodge Seaton picnic. - 16 students attending course. Classes will resume Sept. 6th. **Fort Worth.** Total of 112 attended National Slet (65 gymnasts). - 3 attended National Course. - 5 students attending District Course. - Several participants at Lodge Seaton gym program. - Special summer classes. **Houston.** Hawaiian dance Aug. 6. - Membership campout at Seadrift, July 22-24. Both Slets enjoyed by all who attended. - 6 or 7 gymnasts plan to attend District Course.

Reports of Officers: **Public Relations.** Bro. J. Milan. Attended volleyball tournament in Corpus Christi. M.Ced Sokol program at Lodge Seaton picnic. - Instructing at District Course. Good newspaper coverage of course by local media of Ennis.

Educational Director. Bro. O. Parma. No reports from units. Called Houston regarding Slet films. Have received them. - Several old Sokol photos, historical material and gymnastic instruction books donated by bro. Frank Houzvicka of Dallas. Material enclosed in plastic coverings by bro. Parma for District Library. Letter of appreciation to be sent.

Treasurer. Sis. Hamilton. July-August report. Membership dues received from Ennis, Yukon, and Corpus Christi; total \$496.80.

B.O.I. Dir. of Men. Bro. L. Laznovsky. Gymnasts performed at Lodge Seaton, (45-minute program - Junior calisthenics, tumbling and apparatus by men, junior boys and girls.) - Beach volleyball hosted by Sokol Corpus Christi. - District course (1 week) in progress. 34 students (1-New York, 1-Chicago, 3-Houston, 4-Corpus Christi, 5-Fort Worth, 4-Dallas, 16-Ennis.) Instructors: bros. Milan and Michalek, sis. Zabka. On agenda: 2-30 minute gym programs at West-Fest Sept. 3-4. - Czech Day at Fair Oct. 9. **National Course.** Bro. Milan reported 37 students attended advance course at Naperville. 7 instructors and sis. Provaznikova. 11 students from District, honor boy Rome Milan.

Dir. of Women. Sis. S. Laznovsky. Attended and assisted at gym program in Seaton. Made various arrangements for the course. Report given to Treasurer on number of students registered.

Discussion: District Slet films available to units on 30-day basis. Delay of return penalty will be applied. Sokol Houston to be contacted regarding Slet films.

Bro. Prevratil spoke briefly to course students and introduced the members of Executive Board. Bro. Michalek spoke to the Board and the students, expressed success of the course, commented on fine facilities, and expressed hopes of new building facilities in Chicago area.

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In the Fourth Report to the International Olympic Committee presented in Montreal, Canada, the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee included a construction progress schedule. The schedule indicated a start of construction of all new facilities as April of 1977 and the period prior to April being utilized for the planning and design of the facilities.

The fund raising efforts of the Organizing Committee have been successful with the major milestones being the agreement for television rights with the American Broadcasting Company; and with Capitol Sports, Inc. as the Organizing Committee's marketing agency.

The Federal Government is contributing \$49,040,000 for the construction of sports and support facilities which are not currently owned by the State of New York. A Bill authorizing the funding of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games construction was introduced in the House of Representatives and the Senate. This Bill was passed by both Houses of the Congress and signed by the President of the United States in September 1976.

The President of the United States included in the Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 1977, the funds required for the Olympic-related construction. Both of these budgets were presented to the Congress on January 15th, 1977 and have been approved.

In an effort to accelerate the availability of funds, the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Department of Justice have requested the House of Representatives and the Senate to authorize the "reprogramming" of currently available funds from other programs to the Olympic Winter Games. The action on the reprogramming of funds has been finalized thus providing the necessary monies for the beginning of facility construction on schedule.

The Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee has pledged to stage the 1980 Games according to environmentally sound principles. Within the United States, it is necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for any major action involving Federal Funds. This document must evaluate the total environmental, social and economic effects of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games.

The planning and design phases of the Olympic construction program have progressed according to plans and schedules. There have been no unforeseen challenges or obstacles.

All sports facilities should be completed by October 1978, except for the new Field House which is scheduled for completion in May of 1979, and the Athlete Housing which is scheduled for completion in October 1979.

XIII Olympics Organizing Committee

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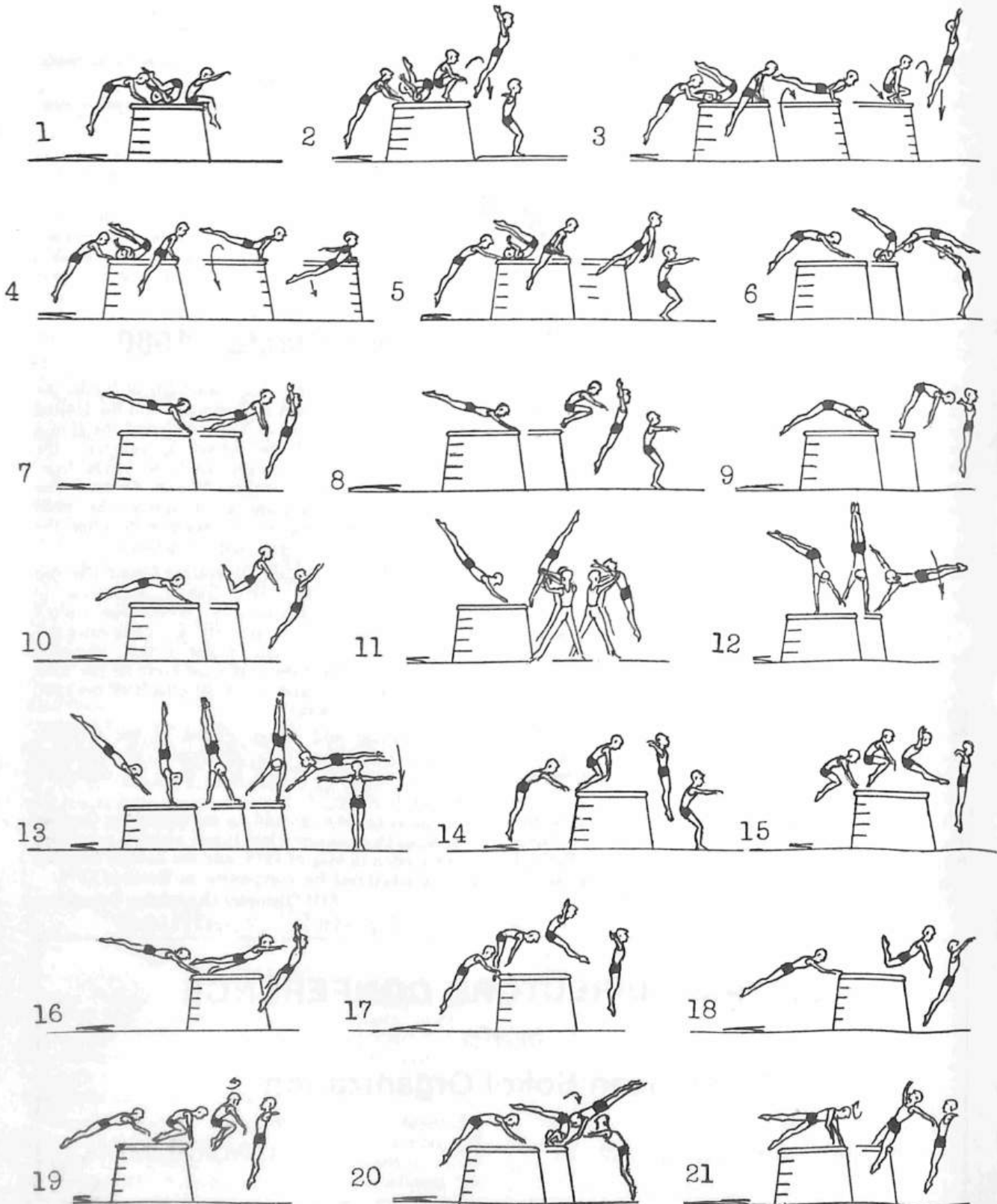
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Vaulting With Box And Reuther Board



VAULTING WITH BOX AND REUTHER BOARD -

Hand placement on the near end:

1. Fold roll on Box to stand
2. Fold roll to squat on Box - dismount
3. Fold roll to seat stradleg - backswing to squat - dismount
4. Fold roll to seat stradleg - backswing and rearleg vault dismount
5. Fold roll to seat stradleg - backswing and stradleg vault dismount

Hand placement on far end:

6. Fold roll to neck spring dismount
7. Stradleg vault (straddle)
8. Bentleg vault (squat)
9. Bent hip vault (stoop)
10. Bent knee vault (hecht)
11. Archtumble vault (handspring)
12. Archtumble sideward (cartwheel)
13. Handstand - turn - archtumble sideward

Hand placement on near end:

14. Bent leg vault
15. Bent hip vault with leg extension
16. High backswing stradleg vault
17. Bent hip vault
18. Bent knee vault
19. Bentleg (squat) vault with 180 degree turn
20. Neck spring vault with 180 degree turn
21. Across pass (scissors) vault

High Blood Pressure And You

Have you thought about your blood pressure lately? If you haven't, you should do so.

Chances are there's nothing wrong with yours, but there are 23 million people of all ages in the United States whose blood pressure is far too high for their own good.

These people suffer from a physical disorder called hypertension or high blood pressure - an ailment that is one of the easiest to detect and, once diagnosed, relatively simple to control through diet, medication or a combination of both.

Yet it is estimated that only half of these people are aware of their problem and only half of them are actually doing anything about it.

One reason is that hypertension usually has no easily recognizable symptoms that can make a person aware that something is wrong inside his or her body. Thus, there is virtually no motivation to seek treatment.

By the time the symptoms of hypertension's complications begin to manifest themselves in the form of a heart attack or stroke, or impaired vision or kidney failure, it is generally too late for preventive measures, since the damage already has been done. That is why high blood pressure is so frequently referred to as the "silent killer."

However, a simple and painless test can make all the difference in the world. This is why the AARP Pharmacy Service - in cooperation with the National Institute of Health - has launched a special effort to make people aware of the need to find out if their blood pressure is too high and . . . if it is, to do something about it while there is still time.

As part of an experimental pilot project, visitors to the Pharmacy Service's seven regional service centers will be able to have their blood pressure read and, if necessary, be referred to a doctor for follow-up testing and treatment. The project is part of the Pharmacy Service's continuing commitment to helping you help yourself to better health care.

Modern medicine can now control high blood pressure and thus prevent the devastating damage it can do to the human system.

However, the first - and most important - step is to detect it. Don't delay, have your blood pressure tested periodically.

WHAT IS BLOOD PRESSURE?

Simply defined, it is the force (or tension) exerted on the inner walls of your arteries and veins by blood being pumped through them on its way to various parts of your body.

For your blood pressure to be high occasionally is quite natural. During exertion or excitement - or when you are sick and in pain - your blood pressure tends to rise, but falls when you are asleep or relaxed. Between these two extremes is your normal reading. However, when your blood pressure is high constantly, there is reason for concern - and a condition that can usually be controlled through diet and-or medication.

Training Centers For Olympic Athletes

In order to make training easier for American athletes preparing for future Olympic Games, the United States Olympic Committee is establishing three year-round training centers. They will be built in Squaw Valley, California, Lake Placid, New York and at a site in the Midwest yet to be determined.

The facilities at the California center will be ready for athletes by spring of 1978. According to the USOC executive director, all the centers will be operating in time for the 1980 Olympics. Only athletes selected by the national sports governing bodies will be eligible to participate in the program.

Sokol Times

Sincere Congratulations to

Sister Marie Provaznik

on her 87th Birthday, Oct. 24, 1977

Her latest achievement being an instructor at the National Sokol Instructors School, Naperville, Ill., 1977.

Gymnastics For Women

THE STOOP THROUGH UPRISE, AND THE STRADDLE CUT TO CATCH

by Meg Warren

1. This shows the float. Extension in the float is very important to enable the gymnast to squat through without bending the legs. Notice the height of the body at the end of the float as in c. If the gymnast has a tendency to cut her float short in the float upstart she must be made to understand that now extension is of prime importance and that the float phase must feel long.

2. The legs are lifted rapidly to come to the pike position bringing the shins down to the face. As the gymnast rises up the bar in the circle forward so the body opens out slightly until the gymnast comes to support on top of the bar. Notice how the legs are still lifted and they only drop as in (d) as part of the next movement. If the gymnast opens the body too much and too soon then she is likely to hollow over the bar.

3. Lying on the floor. It is good practice to hold a stick above the head and practice squatting the legs through the holds. This can be done before the whole movement is tried. Not only can this be done but the learning of the skill on the floor can be taken further as in

No. 4

The stick can be pulled down the back of the legs as the gymnast sits up and comes to the "V" sit position as shown. The change in body shape can be learnt in a non-tiring position for gymnast and coach.

The Float Straddle Cut to Catch

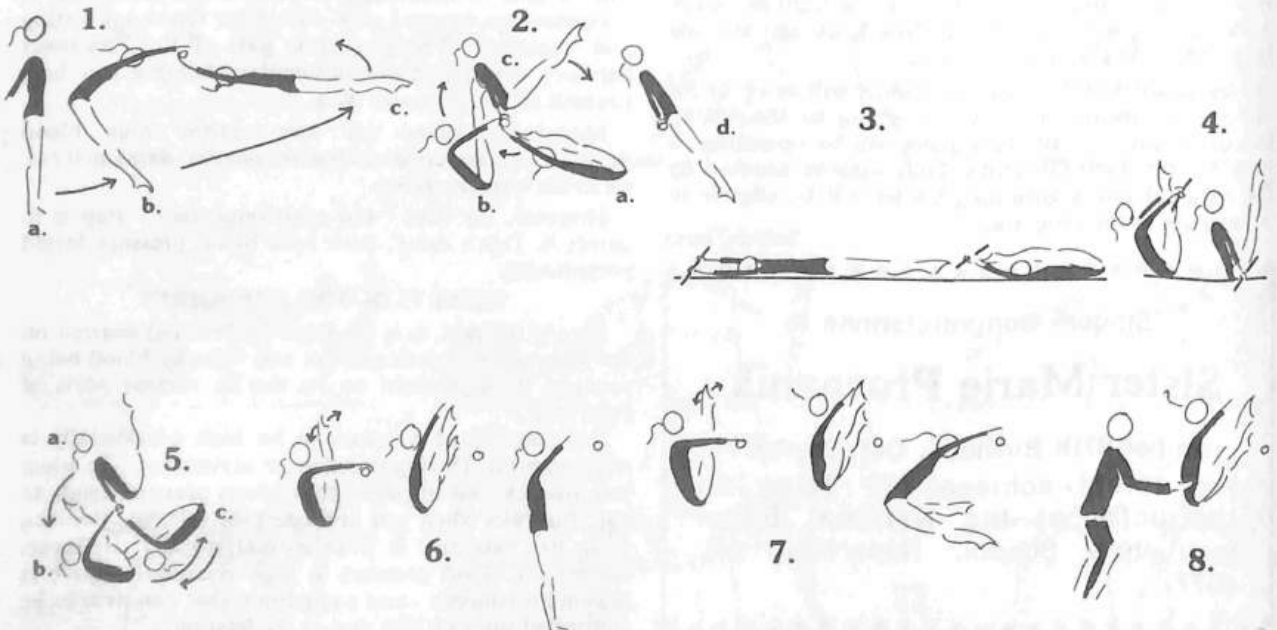
This skill follows on quite easily from the previous. It is easier however, if the skill is broken down.

5. From "V" support on the low bar the gymnast circles backwards, feeling the shoulders leading the movement with the hips in front of the arms. As the gymnast circles under the bar so the hips move through the arms until they cut across the top of the shin. The circle is continued but should not circle higher than horizontal. Notice how the legs are kept close to the face.

6. As the gymnast circles up, the legs still keep close to the face. When the gymnast can see over the bar then she straddles the legs sideways and releases the hands. The gymnast straightens the body to stand. There must be some downward action of the gymnast's hands as they come off the bar; she must push from the bar.

7. Having achieved the practice above which can also be used as a dismount from the low bar or the high bar, the gymnast can now practice the whole skill. The float is performed as for the float stoop uprise but notice how the legs are kept close to the body once the stoop has been made. The straddle of the legs is done and then the gymnast must quickly take the arms between the legs to regrasp the bar. The coach can support from behind, as shown holding the gymnast round the waist. One fault that may occur is that the gymnast does not straddle the legs out but straddles them forwards and catches her heels on the bar. If the gymnast just travels back having straddled the legs then she is letting go too soon; if she has to bend her arms in order to regrasp the bar then she is circling too far before letting go. After several attempts, however, the gymnast should be more aware of the correct timing. As the gymnast regrasps the bar so the legs will be in straddle as she goes into a float.

- Courtesy "International Gymnast"



SOKOL EDUCATOR

Bohemian Folklore

Many times the Czechs and Slovaks have sought relief from almost unbearable injustices by losing themselves in a make-believe world, created by beautiful legends and folk stories. When days look the blackest, the old folks whisper tales of a wonderland, ruled by wise, humble kings, and kind, beautiful queens. They talk about national heroes, and Bohemia, as she should have been instead of as she was actually governed.

The Hitlerites would have had to cut out every Czech heart, and pull out every Czech tongue, before they could destroy completely these beautiful legends. The Hitlerites did not succeed and neither will the Russians. Let us revive them now for the young Sokols who do not know the Czech language, but can yet benefit by the woof of Bohemian thought.

In the middle of the fourth century a pagan tribe led by a chieftain named Čech, crossed the Carpathian mountains and entered the country that became known as Bohemia. Čech climbed to the top of the hill called Říp, and looked down on the uninhabited, fertile plains. "This is the promised land," he said to his followers and took possession.

The country around the hill was explored, and found to abound with good fishing streams, and forests full of wild game. The Čechs, having adopted their leader's name, built permanent dwellings, and settled down to an arcadian life.

The women had many tasks besides cooking and keeping house. They had to spin, weave and sew all their clothing. The men tilled the land, tended cattle, hunted and fished. The workers in the fields sang at their labors, and occasionally from the pastures came the sound of a shepherd's trumpet. When the noon hour came, all was quiet. Everyone hurried indoors to escape the polednicove (evil spirits of the noon time). Some of them were old women dressed in long white gowns and flowing veils, who came to unguarded houses to steal children. Others were queer, ugly women with big heads and crossed eyes, who came to bewitch people. These they were afraid of and also the ježeniny (evil spirits of the forest), who lie in wait for foolish strollers to rob them of their eyes.

There were also the Rusalky (naiads) who were beautiful maidens with wreaths of flowers twined in their hair. They were the souls of bad girls, who swung on branches of trees and lured young men whom they either tickled to death or drew down under the waters of the river. Vodník (waterman) drowned them and kept their souls in little pots.

They feared the thunder God and demons who weakened people and stole their reason. To appease the wrath of the thunder God and demons, offerings were given, such as black chickens or white pigeons, and sometimes a freshly-killed lamb was included. These gifts were thrown into sacrificial wells.

The only place the people were safe was in their own homes. There they were protected by their own Dedy (hearth Gods) who were the souls of their ancestors. The

hearth sprite who was called a šotek (dead brave) also protected the family. A small idol with claws on its hands and feet, was kept on an altar, at which burned an everlasting fire. Images of the ancestors and the home Gods were also kept on the altar to bring good luck to the home. A snake was kept under the stove or threshold so that happiness remained in the home.

In the winter-time the people sat by their firesides and told stories. They talked about encounters with wild beasts, about valiant deeds of their men, and good and bad signs. They talked about Sudičky who appeared at the cradles of new-born babies and determined their fates. They talked about the dreaded upírs (vampires) who were the souls of evil-doers, and self-murderers. They prowled at night and choked people or sucked their blood.

There was great cause for rejoicing when the days began to lengthen and nature promised to awaken under the life-giving rays of the sun. The women dressed two figures. One of them represented the Goddess of winter and the other the Goddess of death. They were carried to the nearest river and thrown into the water. Then Vesnu (Goddess of spring) was bidden to come forth. The youths and maidens clapping hands danced and sang, "We have thrown away winter! We have thrown away death! Let spring come forth!"

When springtime came the people rejoiced again. The night before the longest day was believed to be potently fruitful. Flowers sprinkled with the dew of that night were believed to possess healing powers. On that special night, a procession wound its way to the top of the hill Říp. The Slavs holding high their flaming torches lighted the way for the youths and maidens, carrying garlands of flowers. A large fire was built when they reached the summit. The people gathered around the fire and performed strange rites in their worship of the sun whose warmth gave life.

Čech ruled for thirty years and when he died, his soul went to paradise. His body was dressed in a rich robe and a sable cap was pulled over his long snow-white hair. The men built a funeral pyre and placed the corpse on it. Then offerings of honey, fruit, sweet-scented herbs, bread and meat were laid on the pyre. The dead chieftain's bow and arrow, lance, sword and black shield were placed at his side. His closest relative, holding a lighted stick in his right hand walked backward to the funeral pyre. Until he succeeded in setting it afire, he kept his left hand behind him.

Then the mourners threw on lighted torches and the wind stirred up the flames. The intense heat forced the body into an upright position and once again Chieftain Čech sat before his assembled people. They cried out loud in their great sorrow, and chanted dirges.

When the fire died out, the bones and ashes were gathered up and placed in an urn. The urn was buried and a high mound built over it. As the mourners walked home in the gathering dusk, they picked up stones and leaves and threw them over their heads, without looking backward.

The great chieftain was never forgotten and his name passed on from one generation to the next. The next

known ruler was Samo, who drove the barbaric Avars out of the land. His supposed son Krok became leader after his death. That's the way old chronicles begin the history of Bohemia.

Stella Tichy,
Sokol Cechie

Sokol and Sokolice Milwaukee

The Sokol and Sokolice Milwaukee Board of Instructors and Ways and Means Committee have formulated an interesting 1977-78 program for Sokol's 110th year of activity.

Gym classes started Friday, September 16th at Pilgrim Park Junior High School. Records indicate that we are the oldest unit willing to spend money to promote a Sokol gymnastic program in a public school. Other plans are a Czech Day at the Museum on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, Membership Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 5th, Holiday Folk Fair Nov. 18, 19, and 20th,

Children's Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 16th. - A Jaternice Dinner Sunday, Feb. 19, 1978, Interclass Gym and Track Meets May 5th and 6th, Graduation Program Friday, May 19th, and then Sokol's 110th Anniversary Banquet Saturday, June 17, 1978 at Holiday Inn Central, Milwaukee.

For this Banquet we are extending an invitation to our Sokol Brothers and Sisters to attend.

Present at our Graduation program was our oldest Sokol member, bro. Allen Shabart, 90 years old and a member for 72 years. We are also proud to mention that we have bros. August Shabart who is 68 years old, Ed Porinsky 82, Ed Brikner 82, Ed Hamata 81, and Charlie Richter 80. Must be the good Sokol life that promotes this longevity.

With our gymnasts, Czech dancers and participation in Civic events, Sokol and Sokolice Milwaukee will continue to uphold the Czech Heritage in the Wisconsin Area.

Nazdar!

Fred C. Stankovsky

Congratulations for Continued
Success! - (Editorial staff)

Slet Comments . . .

Slet Chicago - Červen 1977

Když prapory zavlály tam nad chicagským Strahovem
tu cosi mocného vzeplalo mou hrud'.
Být sokolem tot' zavazuje k cti a síle
a na tu odjakživa můj rod byl hrd.

To slunce zlaté svítí nad prapory
píseň žactva vzlétá nad obzory.
Ženy a muži hrdě cvičí svůj rej
tot' Tyršův odkaz jež plní svůj čestný děj.

Být Sokolem tot' není lehké věru
mít sílu tisíců a hrdost od pradědů.
Být rovný jako jedle a v duši mít mír
tot' příkaz všech těch věrných jež obětovali svůj díl.

Stát v řadě mezi tisíci
poslouchat sokolskou zdravici.
Zavolat hromově v odpověď ZDAR!
když bratr náčelník na můstku velel Nazdar.

Cítit to vřelé přátelství, tu jednotu a sílu
pracovat společně k uzavření vzácného dílu.
Myšlenka sokolská žije dál a národ s ní.
Je to tak krásné, že myslíš, že jen sníš.

Alena Passerová
Sokol Washington, D.C.

Sokol Washington, D.C. vyslal na XIV. Slet v Chicagu 5 žen. Nadšení, krása a ukázněnost inspirovala jednu z washingtonských sester, která napsala tuto báseň.

Reminiscing . . .

Another National Sokol Slet is history, and, truthfully, it was a beautiful Slet, well organized and well attended. The traditional opening parade of SOKOLS and their guests with their many flags was more colorful than usual with each District featuring a special theme.

The Tots did simple stretch exercises and games with their teachers and mothers exercising and playing with them.

A large group of dancers in colorful Czechoslovak kroje performed a simple Czardas, well staged and well executed. The Detroit-Cleveland Women repeated the Indian Club drill from the Zurich Slet, and they had it mastered. The Junior Boys and Girls calisthenics were outstanding, and the enthusiastic audience gave them a standing ovation. A vaulting exhibition was just great!

Excellent, too, was the closing Men's and Women's calisthenics, and, as always, memorable. For those who did not attend the Slet, it was their loss.

Modern rhythmic gymnastics is becoming popular in SOKOL and some fine work was demonstrated. I congratulate our girl's team, it was one of the best teams of Junior girls ever to attend a National Slet from St. Paul.

Henry E. Jansen, Pres.
Sokol St. Paul

SECURE A NEW
MEMBER!

ASO Financial Report

AUGUST 1977

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$1,385.50
Dividends and Interest	168.75
Subscriptions to "American Sokol"	3.00
Sale of Songbooks and Educational Pamphlets	4.00
Sale of "Gymnastic Activities With Hand Apparatus for Girls and Boys"	54.00
	<u>1,615.25</u>
A.S.O. Uniform Division - Payment toward Advances	495.80
Total Receipts	<u>\$2,111.05</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative

Salaries	\$777.77
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for July	128.82
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone	369.80
Office Supplies	25.05
UPS charges and Postage	2.30
Rental of Mailing Machine	69.49
Travel Expense	262.00
Prepaid Postage	200.00
Imprinting Checks	14.15
Publicity	35.00
Miscellaneous	120.45
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Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	30.00
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Educational Department

Salaries	\$ 24.80
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"Gymnastic Activities with Hand Apparatus for Girls and Boys"	296.88
	<u>324.83</u>

Sokol Publication

Editor "American Sokol"	\$100.00
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Postage and Phone "American Sokol"	100.47
	<u>1,558.82</u>

Miscellaneous

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T., Phone	\$503.80
Advances to A.S.O. Instructors Course	40.00
Advances to A.S.O. Slet Committee Committee	12.99
	<u>556.79</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$4,920.88</u>

Balance brought forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking Account	\$9,951.34
Receipts - August 1977	2,111.05
	<u>12,062.39</u>
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August 1977

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Mildred Kuzel and Rose Spale	100.00
	<u>360.00</u>

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\$366.56

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(Maryland Sokoletter)

The XIV. ASO Slet is now a memory. A pleasant memory to all who were there both as participants and spectators. My good feelings regarding Sokol Baltimore's participation are not diminished by our lack of awards; rather they are heightened by having witnessed the dedicated effort of all our gymnasts.

John Cervin, Jr.
Phys. Dir. of Men

The activity in all units tends to peak in a Slet year. Although the Slet does in fact mark the culmination of months of training and preparation, the enthusiasm generated carries over the following years. If utilized this Slet momentum can be a stimulus not only to gymnastic activities, but to all unit activities. The theme of the XIV. ASO Slet was "UPWARD AND ONWARD." I hope that this will be the goal for all members of Sokol Baltimore.

John Cervin, Jr.
Phys. Dir. of Men
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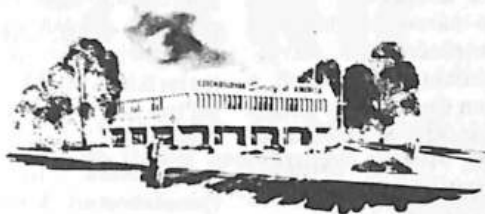
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