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Calendar of Events

NOV. 18, 19, 20 - HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

Sokol Milwaukee participating

NOV. 19, 20 - EASTERN DISTRICT

Special Number Competition

New York

NOV. 26 - SOKOLICE SOUTH OMAHA

Gym Club Dance

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

DEC. 3 - SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO

Mikulášská Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO

Sylvester Dance

JAN. 8 - SOKOL SLAVSKY

Installation of Officers

T. G. Masaryk School

JAN. 14 - SOKOL CHICAGOLAND BLDG. ASSN.

Dinner Dance

Sokol Brookfield

JAN. 28 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Installation of Officers

FEB. 19 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE

Jaternice Dinner

FEB. 19 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Pancake Breakfast

FEB. 25 - SOKOL BERWYN

Las Vegas Night

MAR. 25 - SOKOL BERWYN

Annual Gymnastic Exhibition

APR. 29-30 - SOKOL BERWYN

Garage, Antique, Junque Sale

MAY 5-6 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE

Interclass Gym and Track Meets.

MAY 19 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE

Graduation Program

JUNE 17 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE

110th Anniversary Banquet

Holiday Inn Central

Central Dist. Sept. 28, 1977 minutes will appear in
December issue. (Ed. note.)

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"Togetherness"

"Togetherness" is not a new word in the English language. But it is a term which is becoming increasingly familiar. This word symbolizes the unity and cooperation within the family unit.

Our Sokol Jednota is a family unit, in a manner of speaking. In order to survive and thrive in times of stress, financial or otherwise, we need a "togetherness" within the unit. We are getting more of that spirit currently than in many years. That is to say, committees are working less at cross purposes and showing greater cooperation. Many individuals are pitching in and doing their part. This is a favorable trend, but should be expanded by broadening the base, by getting more individuals to participate actively in the organization.

There may be members who would be willing to take part, but don't quite know how to go about it. One way to get into the swing of things is for the individual to attend meetings and let himself be available for committee work at various Sokol functions. Another way is to take part in work details which are organized by the Board of Directors. A joint effort, well supported, does much to further this feeling of "togetherness." In addition it gives our hard-working leaders an incentive to continue their efforts.

Let us all help to make our Sokol unit a stronger, more successful organization. We can do it with "TOGETHERNESS."

L. Teichman
Sokol Detroit News

Editorial note: Article very appropriate at present, though nearly 20 years old.

A.S.O. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 1977

Pres. bro. Roy Zitny presided. Present: sis. E.J. Schnabl, A. Sotka, M. Ptacek, S. Pistorius, L. Zdenek, - bros. P. Lebloch, S. Barcal, J. Rabas, E. Schnabl, G. Simonek, W. Meyer. Excused: sis. B. Prener, A. Basta, - bros. G. Basta, J. Jindra, and R. Vachata.

Members observed a moment of silence for bro. Frank Prihoda of St. Louis, former ASO Traveling Instructor, who passed away on Monday, Sept. 12, 1977. Sis. M. Prihoda sent "thank you" for sympathies extended.

Thank you received from Schnabl family for sympathies offered on passing of Bohumil Kuchynka, sis. Schnabl's father.

Vacation greetings from Ptaceks, Mr. George Blum - also students and instructors of Southern District Instructors School sent greetings.

Sokol New York request bro. Zitny be main speaker at 110th anniversary celebration, Oct. 15. Sis. Pistorius moved bro. Zitny attend. Approved. - Central District invitation to attend Unit Educational Directors Conference and related social, Oct. 15-16. - E. Vermokowitz, New York advising inability of Suffolk group to become a unit. - Sis. Kathy Brym, Sokol Tabor, request referred to Central District Women's Board of Instructors. - Citations of Merit sent for sis. Ethel Korisko, Tena Caldwell, Philomena Dworak, Emma Benak, Alyce Gianni, Barbara Homis, of Sokolice South Omaha for their 75th Anniversary Oct. 9th. - Letter received by sis. B. Prener asking her to be guest speaker at 75th Anniversary. Bro. S. Barcal moved sis. Prener attend. Passed. - Information sent Sokol Wilber about plaques and pins. - Sokol Philadelphia advised they do not issue any publication. - Ten Souvenir plates sent bro. M. Neumann, Washington, D.C. packed by bro. J. Sotka. - Sis. L. Hrbek, Sokolice Little Ferry advised will submit poems for publication at future time. - Sokol Milwaukee, Nov. 5 Annual Recognition and Membership dinner, Holiday Folk Fair Nov. 18-20, 110th anniversary June 12, 1978. Bro. Hesoun, Pres. Sokol Belcamp, sent two pictures of Slet winners; members names added to our lists when submitted on regular quarterly report form. - Sokol Washington, D.C. Bro. Zitny, trip to 30th Anniversary and Annual Meeting of Eastern District. - From bro. J. Hardy, A.A.U. Representative, regarding meetings attended in San Francisco, and Kansas City. Will attend annual A.A.U. Convention in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 9-15. Referred to ASO-BOI. - Received Chicago Community Trust reports. - Greetings sent Polish Falcons of America celebrating their 90th Anniversary. - Letter, Mr. R. Kirkpatrick, of Englewood, Colorado, referred to Czechoslovak National Council. - Material from Mr. Robert C. Pechous regarding funds available to non-profit organizations in Berwyn. Copies given Sokol Tabor and Sokol Berwyn. - Mrs. Kramer, Northbrook, Ill. requested information on methods of teaching calisthenics to music. - Miss Claire Nolte, New York requested information on "Sokol Movement in

Czech lands to 1914" for thesis. 4 booklets given and referred her to sis. N. Zabka. - Material from Cermak Road Business Association on Annual Houby Days Festival. Special permission given to sell our Slet souvenirs Oct. 8-9. Received 2 tickets to their-dance Oct. 7. - Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation form received, statistics furnished, and returned to Berwyn Post Office. - Bro. James Adler of Sokol Fuegner, South Chicago, request for translation of letter received from Czechoslovakia. Sis. Basta obliged. - Mr. John Dlouhy of Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, Canada whom bro. Zitny met in Omaha, sent him information on Sokols. He is with the Canadian Government on Ethnic Studies. - Sokol Corpus Christi informed where to purchase a Czech Flag. - Sokol Tabor stating dislike of blue ink in publication, pictures do not reproduce well. - Received from sis. Mildred Kuzel, a Sokol (Falcon) perched on an onyx base, given to bro. J. Jelinek by Sokol Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš at time of IX. C.O.S. Slet in 1932. Thank you sent to sis. Kuzel. - Payment approved of annual dues \$10.00 to U.S.G.F. and renewal subscription to U.S.G.F. Newsletter \$5.00. - Received Newsletter from Sokol Cechie. - Received District Minutes: Eastern, June 1977; Northeastern, June 29; Southern, August 11; Pacific, Sept. 4. Minutes - Presidents' Conf. held during XIV Slet.

Reports: B.O.I. Dir. of Women, sis. M. Ptacek. Request of sis. G. Jencik for Tabor's Tambourine number. Notice received Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics excluded from next Olympics. - Final report forms: Eastern District workshop and BOI meeting, June 4 - \$88.20; Eastern District workshop and BOI meeting April 23-24 - \$145.00; Central District ASO Instructors School, 4 students - \$920.00. Bro. Simonek moved payment be made. Passed. - Plans made for National Directors' Conference Oct. 21-23 in Ft. Worth. - XIV Slet Trophies for places tied sent with one exception. - Merit Award Chairman, sis. L. Zdenek. Following approved: **Renewals** - Central District, Diana Schnabl, Sokol Berwyn; Kathryn Babka, Sokol Slavsky; Pamela Satek, Sokol Slavsky; - Eastern District, Catherine Cole, Sokolice Little Ferry; Western District, Thomas Swoboda, Sokol South Omaha. **New Merit Awards:** Eastern District, Marianne Reverri, Sokolice Little Ferry; Lynne Youngling, - Northeastern District, Eugene Novacek, Sokol Detroit; Linda Samec, Sokol Greater Cleveland; - Western District, Patricia Swoboda, Sokolice South Omaha; Leanne Kinch, Sokolice Renata Tyrsova; Carol Jirka, Sokol South Omaha; Southern District, Deborah Kratz, Rome Milan, Sokol Ft. Worth; - Central District, Kim Skubich, Sokol West Suburban; Janet Babka, Sokol Slavsky; Marla Janosik, Sokol St. Louis. Bro. Barcal moved all be approved. Passed.

B.O.I. Dir. of Men, bro. P. Lebloch. Slet discussed and pros and cons were recorded for future use. Recommended National Schools not be held in Slet year to facilitate better preparation. - Attended Merit Award Committee meeting. Helped prepare agenda for District Directors Conference with sis. Ptacek and Simonek. Attended Educational Committee meeting. Will lecture at Central District Educational Directors Conference. Requested bro. Zitny's presence at District Directors

Conference. Bro. Barcal moved he attend. Approved.

Educational Committee. Bro. S. Barcal, Educ. Dir. Requested approval of following members: bro. F. Kala, Vice Chairman, sis. L. Zdenek, Secretary, sis. E.J. Schnabl, B. Kos, bros. J. Kos, P. Lebloch, J. Rabas, members. Bro. Lebloch so moved. Passed. - Copy of sis. M. Prchal's "Artistic Gymnastics" for Library will be received. - Request approval to purchase "Declaration of Independence of the Czechoslovak Nation by its Provisional Government" \$19.50; "Fables from Czechoslovakia" \$3.25, and "My Czech Work Book, A.B.C.'s" \$1.25. Bro Schnabl so moved. Passed. - Various correspondence discussed, also possible acquisition to our library shelves. An essay contest for Juniors and Seniors who attended the XIV American Sokol Slet to be held. Listed monthly mailings to be made. - Bro. Zitny suggested to Educational Committee, to submit a program to Units to get in touch with their elder members and take all their recollections of the early days of Units, or Districts and Slety down on tape for posterity.

Publicity. Bro. J. Rabas. Requests approval of a proclamation thanking those who worked, participated, and supported our XIV. American Sokol Slet. Unanimously approved.

Sis. S. Pistorius (English Publicity). Completed folder of publicity articles on the XIV. Slet. Mentioned Chicago Tribune article on the "Bohemian Olympics." Tribune rather disappointed that they received so few comments. Will inquire about obtaining additional pictures taken by Mr. Quinn. Will lecture at Central District Educational Directors Conference.

Financial Secretary. Sis. A. Sotka. Distributed July and August financial reports. Bill from North Central College, for Instructors School, has not been received. An audit made of ASO Books and they were found to be in order. Mr. Robert Selden, C.P.A., audited our records, compiled a full report, which some of the members will review. After bro. Basta reviews it, discussion will be held at October meeting. Cost of mailing list changes from January to September 1977 amounts to \$1,384.42, plus postal charges for same. Listed donations to Future Sokol Leaders Fund. Approval given for renewal of burglary insurance for three years.

Uniform Division. Sis. E.J. Schnabl read report of sales. White gym slippers and emblems have been ordered. A new price list will be issued. Books for second quarter were audited and found to be in order.

Publication. Sis. E.J. Schnabl read report - October issue is at the printers. Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation signed by Betty Prener.

I. Vice President - Office. Sis. B. Prener. Received the gift of a Falcon on onyx base from sis. M. Kuzel - presented to the Executive Board. Slet pictures sent to bro. O. J. Kudrnovsky; arranged to have Office floor cleaned and buffed.

Secretary. Sis. E.J. Schnabl. Appreciates condolences offered on passing of her father. Acknowledged Future Sokol Leaders Fund donations. Ran stencils for sis. Sotka and the Central District. Sent letters asking for pictures of the Slet; also mailed copies of the Chicago Tribune and Hlasatel to Units. Attended Educational

Committee meeting and will lecture at Central District Educational Directors Conference. Will supervise Central District Juniors performing Slet prostna at Morton College Ethnic Festival. Attended Bohemian National Cemetery's Centennial Celebration with bro. Schnabl.

President, bro. R. Zitny. Attended Sokol South Omaha dedication of their new building. The celebration was outstanding. Bro. Zitny was made an honorary member. Was featured speaker at festivities marking Sokol Omaha Centennial. - Attended and was one of the speakers at 30th anniversary of Sokol Washington, D.C., very elegant celebration. Bro. Zitny was made an honorary member of Sokol Washington, D.C., which he accepted on behalf of the entire Executive board. Also attended Eastern District annual meeting, which was well organized. Will have a District Slet next year. Their enthusiasm is warming. - Attended Centennial celebration of the Bohemian National Cemetery of Chicago.

XIV. Slet. Two meetings held on selection of pictures. Letters of thanks to participants required, sis. M. Linhart will be contacted. An estimate of profits indicates less than previous Slet; a larger inventory of souvenirs is left. Final meeting of the XIV. Slet Committee will be held Wednesday, November 16, at Office at 7:30 P.M.

Old Business. Matters relating to Sokol Praha, Yukon, and Sokol Plzensky will be studied further. Bro. Schnabl will check by-laws submitted by Sokolice Little Ferry. - Letter from bro. H. J. Vrzalik pertaining to listings in March issue. Changes should be included in newsletters and District minutes so that mailing plates can be kept up to date.

New Business. District Presidents Conference set for Jan. 27-29, 1978 in Chicagoland area. Bro. Zitny will make arrangements at Sheraton-Oakbrook. Notices will be sent all District Presidents. - Awaiting answer from Sokol U.S.A. regarding revision of Sokol Gymnastic Manual and their plans for holding 1979 Slet.

Pacific District

September 4, 1977

Meeting at Huntington Lake was opened by sis. Louise Nekuda, Pres. with 15 present. Excused: sis. Kis, Haralik and Pelc. Units represented were Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Fresno. In the absence of sis. Louise Kis, Secy., the minutes were read by sis. Sonia Maslowski.

Sis. Nekuda, Pres. reported the January District program, to raise funds for travel to the Slet made a profit of \$1,300. 11 Women, 5 Junior Girls, 4 Men and 6 Volley Ball players participated in the Slet, receiving \$50.00 each.

Correspondence: Letter from Sokol Washington concerning their 30th Anniversary Celebration and souvenir program book. - Letter from Sokol Omaha concerning their 100th Anniversary and souvenir program book. - Discussion followed.

Reports of units: **Sokol San Francisco:** Sis. Miroslav Sieber, Dir. of Women reported gym classes consist of 10 adults (men and women), and 8 children. Children do not gym during the summer months. Have 3 instructors. Have new volley ball court with lighting. Labor of installing wiring donated by a Czech electrician. Will start children in volley ball, thus hoping to draw more members to attend gym classes. 2 Women participated in calisthenics. Did not have adequate instructions. Sis. Nekuda asked she be notified whenever help is needed. Sis. Sieber reported not enough interest in calisthenics. - **Sokol Fresno.** Bro. Al Filgas, V.P. of Pacific District. Fresno is not active during summer months. Fall meeting to be held Sept. 11, 1977. Very successful picnic was held in June at Clovis Lakes. **Sokol Los Angeles.** Bro. J. Liska, Educational Director. Were very busy preparing for the Slet. Seniors participated, and Junior Girls competed on apparatus. First prize won by Dagmar Hintnaus. Our Volley Ball team won the tournament. A picture album was presented to Sokol Los Angeles by the Switzerland Sokol. Several picnics were held. Los Angeles has many plans for the future to keep their Junior Boys and Girls classes going.

Sis. Nekuda reported she was very pleased with the performance of the Pacific District at the Slet. Further - that the Pacific District should begin making plans for a Slet or an Academie in 1978, possibly consisting of field and track events and gymnastics. After discussion bros. Liska and Hintnaus suggested 1979 would be more appropriate and give more time for preparation. - Attended the Presidents meeting - the Pacific District is the smallest District from a membership standpoint. The Special Assessment Fund for Pacific District: \$2,316.00. How to increase membership in the various Districts was discussed.

Decision reached the District Meeting be held in Los Angeles possibly January 21-22. Los Angeles will notify all units definitely later.

Sis. Nekuda thanked bro. Al Filgas for his efforts in obtaining Huntington Lake campsite for this District "Campout." Bro. Lou Hintnaus reported 120 adults and children attended campout. 81 from Los Angeles, 16 San Francisco, 23 Fresno. Fee of \$2.00 was collected from each adult.

Eastern District

September Meeting

Meeting called to order and presided by bro. Otenasek, Pres. All members present, except sis. Friedrich, Ruzicka, and bro. Capek, who were excused.

Correspondence: From ASO request for available pictures taken of Slet days. Other correspondence from Units sending annual reports, raffle items, and names of delegates.

Reports: Bro. Neuman. The date of the Presidents' meeting to be held in Chicago is January 27-28, 1978. Expenses covered by ASO. Presidents to bring proposed By-Laws changes. Eastern District lost 30 members between 1975 and 1977. Goal for our next convention - increased membership. Sokol Belcamp won the membership award this last drive. Eastern District

Special Assessment Fund now amounts to \$9,800.70. Sis. N. Zabka has full details. At Presidents meeting bro. Hesoun stated he felt the District was spending too much of this fund. Bro. Roy Zitny, Pres. ASO stated care is taken in approval of expenditure of these funds and that we are putting them to proper and good use. Bro. Otenasek thanked bro. Neuman for report. - Bro. Hesoun asked it be recorded, the reason he stated the District was spending too much of the Assessment Fund was that he was not in favor of raising members' dues.

Bro. Otenasek inquired who had responsibility for the District ad in the Slet Program Book. Sokol Miami was left out. Bro. Hesoun wrote the text. It is felt the printer made the error.

Bro. Hesoun, Public Relations. Spoke to Myron Floren of the Lawrence Welk Show, concerning the origin of the Polka. A letter sent to all unit Public Relations Officers seeking information on Slet participation. Has compiled extensive statistics. Total of 165 Eastern District Sokols participated in the Slet. Also has ASO report on other District participation. Bro. Hesoun questioned the \$20.00 rebate for calisthenic participation. 27 from Sokol Miami made the trip and marched in the parade. - Bro. Novak added if special Senior Citizens drills were made available there are enough in our area to become involved and make appearances at our exhibitions. Bro. Vrzalik read from the Maryland Sokoletter an item concerning this situation.

Bro. Hesoun reported visiting the Hlasatel Office in Chicago. Had an article in the Hlasatel during the Slet. Has a copy of ad sent to Chicago and states the printer omitted Sokol Miami. Placed District news articles in issues of the Hlasatel in July, August and September. Reported the passing of bro. William Pribil of New York. This is first notification received by the District. A card of condolence will be sent.

Educational Director. Nothing of importance to report. Bro. Novak feels American Youth is not interested in Sokol and Czech history.

Treasurer. Bro. Frederich. Audit of books will be made prior to annual meeting. Checking account balance \$2,312.82, Savings account \$5,383.99 - total \$7,696.81.

The 96 Eastern District participants in the calisthenics at the Slet a \$20.00 rebate will be sent to the units when records are submitted. Sokol Fuegner 15, Washington 5, Sokolice Little Ferry 23, New York 15, Belcamp 1, Baltimore 37. -

Bro. Neuman presented expenses for trip to Chicago as alternate for bro. Otenasek, requesting only his air fare expense though lodging and meals were authorized. Bro. Otenasek thanked him for his generosity to the District.

B.O.I. Bro. Joe Vrzalik, Dir. of Men. The films for the drills have not been paid. Sis. L. Sain stated invoices were turned in for these films. Bro. Frederich said if invoices were turned in that they were paid. He will check this since no payment has been received by the ASO.

Sis. L. Sain reported on National Slet. District was well represented with Sokolice Little Ferry bringing home trophies. Read letter from sis. A. Benda on efforts of sis. Garlicki to participate in the Rhythmic World

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American sokol Organization Merit Award for 1977-78

Upon the recommendation of the Merit Award Committee which had met and thoroughly examined all applications of applicants, the following Merit Awards have been approved by the Executive Board to be paid from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund. Those applicants not awarded should re-apply next year.



MARIANNE REVERRI
Sokol Little Ferry
Eastern District
Glassboro State Col.



LYNNE K. YOUNGLING
Sokol Little Ferry
Eastern District
Wm. Patterson State Col.



EUGENE NOVACEK
Sokol Detroit
Northeast District
Mass. Inst. Tech.

RENEWALS

Catherine Cole - Sokol Little Ferry
Kathryn Babka - Sokol Slavsky
Diana Schnabl - Sokol Berwyn

Thomas Swoboda - Sokol South Omaha
Pamela Satek - Sokol Slavsky

MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE:

Paul Lebloch, Marie Ptacek, Richard Ptacek, EllenJean Schnabl and Lorraine Zdenek (Chairman)



LINDA SAMEC
Sokol Greater Cleveland
Northeast District
Kent State Univ.



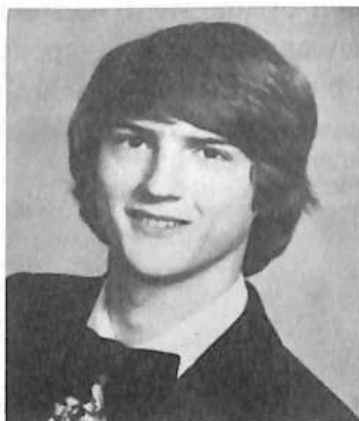
MARLA JANOSIK
Sokol St. Louis
Central District
St. Louis Com. Col.



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Sokol West Suburban
Central District
No. Ill. Univ.



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Sokol Slavsky
Central District
Univ. of Ill.



ROME JERRY MILAN
Sokol Fort Worth
Southern District
Univ. of Texas



DEBORAH L. KRATZ
Sokol Fort Worth
Southern District
S.W. Texas State Col.



LEANNE M. KINCH
Sokol Renata Tyrsova
Western District



PATRICIA M. SWOBODA
Sokol South Omaha
Western District
N.C.E. School of Com.



CAROL F. JIRKA
Sokol South Omaha
Western District
Univ. of Nebraska

Southern District Slet - 1977

The 1977 Southern District Slet was held at Sokol Zizka, Dallas, Texas, June 3, 4, and 5. This was the District's 20th Slet since 1948 and the 10th consecutive Slet in the District since 1968.

Volleyball championships were held on Friday evening at Sokol Zizka. Apparatus competitions for the Women's department were held at Richland Junior College on Saturday, while the Men's department competitions were at Sokol Zizka. Competitors: Girls - 132; Junior Girls - 89; Women - 19; Boys - 53; Junior Boys - 28; Men - 13.

The Slet program on Sunday was held on the Sokol grounds. Gymnasts, including a large group of tots, in addition to the competitors participated in the Slet program. Special number competition in the children's and adult divisions were held during the program.

Musical accompaniment was provided by the Dallas American Czech Concert Orchestra.

The Slet was dedicated in honor of Bro. Frank Stransky and Bro. Stanley Hulovec of Sokol Zizka.

Sylvia Laznovsky



1977 Southern District Instructors Course

The 1977 Southern District Instructors Course was held at Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, in August with Bro. Jerry Milan as head instructor. Other instructors were Sis. Norma Zabka and Bro. Frank Mihalek. Thirty-four students attended (32 from the District, one from Sokol West Suburban, Central District, and one from Sokol Fuegner, Eastern District.)

RESULTS

GIRLS CLASS I LOW DIV.

TEAM

- Dallas No. 4
- Ennis No. 1
- Fort Worth No. 1

INDIVIDUAL

- | | UNIT | SCORE |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Le Ann Henry | Ennis | 131.0 |
| 2. Deanna Taraba | Ennis | 130.1 |
| 3. Karen Luecke | Dallas | 129.3 |
| 4. Karen Cervenka | Dallas | 126.1 |
| 5. Susan Tallis | Dallas | 124.4 |

GIRLS CLASS I - HIGH DIVISION

TEAM

- Houston

INDIVIDUAL

- | | UNIT | SCORE |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Maureen Kasowski | Houston | 114.9 |
| 2. Carrie Cleveland | Ft. Worth | 110.6 |
| 3. Karen Kuehn | Houston | 105.3 |
| 4. Le Ann Mason | Ft. Worth | 105.1 |
| 5. Kim Davenport | Ft. Worth | 103.4 |

LITTLE BOYS CLASS I

TEAM

- | | |
|--------------|-------|
| 1. Ennis I | 639.9 |
| 2. Houston | 588.5 |
| 3. Dallas | 579.1 |
| 4. Ennis II | 574.3 |
| 5. Ennis III | 513.2 |

INDIVIDUAL

- | | UNIT | SCORE |
|--------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. Max Fuqua | Dallas | 166.6 |
| 2. David Belew | Ennis I | 165.1 |
| 3. Scott Harper | Ennis I | 162.0 |
| 4. Shawn Petty | Ennis I | 161.9 |
| 5. Glenn Skrivanek | Ennis II | 158.7 |

LITTLE BOYS CLASS II

TEAM

- | | |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. Ft. Worth I | 621.5 |
| 2. Ennis | 600.1 |

INDIVIDUAL

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Randy Hargrove | Ft. Worth | 160.3 |
| 2. Jimmy James | Ft. Worth | 158.3 |
| 3. Doug Marek | Ft. Worth | 155.7 |
| 4. Steve Hudspeth | Ennis | 154.6 |
| 5. Wes Mach | Ennis | 153.1 |

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|-----------------|-------|
| 3. Ft. Worth II | 498.6 |
| 4. Dallas | 481.8 |
| 5. Houston | 479.4 |

UNIT

GIRLS CLASS II - LOW DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Ennis No. 1	584.9
2. Ft. Worth No. 1	548.2
3. Ennis No. 2	546.1

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Rosemarie Kazovsky	Ennis	155.2
2. Linda Isbell	Ennis	148.6
3. Tracy Hamilton	Ennis	142.2
4. Cindy Hurtt	Ft. Worth	142.1
5. Ginger Peebles	Ennis	140.8

GIRLS CLASS II - HIGH DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Dallas No. 2	485.4
2. Dallas No. 1	480.6
3. Dallas No. 3	474.8

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Karla Murillo	Dallas	129.1
2. Becky Turk	Dallas	125.4
3. Liz Steele	Dallas	122.9
4. Laura Stemas	Dallas	122.8
5. Beth Floyd	Dallas	122.1

JUNIOR GIRLS - LOW B

TEAMS

1. Houston	326.2
2. Dallas No. 1	325.5
3. Ft. Worth	321.1

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Robin Battleson	Dallas	113.9
2. Donna Davis	Houston	111.3
3. Stephanie Keim	Ft. Worth	110.2
4. Lynne Skinner	Houston	109.9
5. Joanna Dolan	Dallas	108.0

JUNIOR GIRLS - LOW A

TEAMS

1. Dallas No. 1	
2. Houston No. 1	
3. Ft. Worth No. 1	

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Susan Sill	Dallas	129.1
2. Sharon Snider	Houston	124.9
3. Michelle Pokladnik	Dallas	120.8
4. Susie Snider	Houston	120.1
5. Theresa Snider	Houston	120.0

JUNIOR GIRLS - INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Dallas	233.9
2. Fort Worth	227.8

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Kris Wallace	Dallas	81.4
2. Kari McCormick	Ft. Worth	80.9
3. Nikki Vrla	Dallas	77.7
4. Beth O'Dell	Dallas	74.8
5. Katy Henson	Ft. Worth	74.1

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Paula Stansbury	Dallas	219.6
2. Paula Smith	Ft. Worth	188.5
3. Debbie Kratz	Ft. Worth	183.8

WOMEN - FUNDAMENTAL DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Verne Floyd	Dallas	58.05
2. Joan Battleson	Dallas	56.00
3. Sally Stemas	Dallas	52.40

WOMEN - LOW A DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Becky Hamilton	Ennis	73.0
2. Rita Holland	Ennis	71.8

WOMEN - LOW B DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Dallas	234.7
2. Ft. Worth	231.0

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Marty Gordon	Dallas	80.3
2. Louise Hawkins	Ft. Worth	79.6
3. Gay Steele	Dallas	77.9
4. Sonja Vrla	Dallas	76.5
5. Pam Franks	Ft. Worth	76.4

WOMEN - INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Pam Smith	Ft. Worth	127.5
2. Linda Pool	Dallas	108.0
3. Patty Hines	Dallas	106.6

JUNIOR BOYS - LOW DIVISION

TEAM

1. Ennis	476.5
2. Dallas I	467.6
3. Ennis II	450.1
4. Dallas II	401.7
5. Ft. Worth	397.5

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Wayne Sijansky	Corpus Christi	173.5
2. Eric Blake	Dallas I	167.3
3. Allen Crigger	Ennis II	162.1
4. Tony Jurick	Ennis I	161.6
5. Lee Hamilton	Ennis I	160.5

JUNIOR BOYS - INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

TEAM

1. Ft. Worth	407.4
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INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. B. Vrla	Dallas	154.7
2. Bo Sill	Dallas	150.1
3. Henry Hallio	Houston	143.9
4. Gary Martin	Ft. Worth	142.7
5. Steve Valis	Houston	137.7
6. Steve Wilson	Ft. Worth	134.7
7. Ricky Bourquin	Ft. Worth	130.0

JUNIOR BOYS - HIGH DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Joel Henning	Ennis	141.6

MEN - LOW B DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Louis Kubla	Corpus Christi	142.2

MEN - LOW A DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Larry Laznovsky	Ennis	171.6
2. Kenneth Holland Jr.	Ennis	147.0

MEN - INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

TEAM

1. Ft. Worth	498.5
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INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Brad Durham	Ft. Worth	172.8
2. Rome Milan	Ft. Worth	172.5
3. Matt Durbin	Ft. Worth	153.2

MEN - HIGH DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL	UNIT	SCORE
1. Steve Sanders	Dallas	162.3
2. Jimmy Bily	Houston	156.4
3. Gary Johnson	Dallas	153.9
4. Bruce Wardlaw	Ennis	150.9
5. Louis Valis	Houston	120.8

SOUTHERN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS - 1977 SLET

Junior Division - Sokol Zizka, Dallas
Senior Division - Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky - Ennis

SPECIAL NUMBER WINNERS

Children's Division - Sokol Zizka, Dallas

Games Trials. Cost of transportation has increased since April. Funding of this portion of her expenditures approved in April meeting - Regarding proposed Eastern District Slet. A meeting scheduled Sept. 12, with staff members of Towson State University. Bro. Otenasek added he has been appointed to the Baltimore County for Ethnic Identity. The County Commission feels this Slet would be the first affair the Commission would be involved in. Promised his full cooperation with county facilities. - Sis. Sain contacted sis. Garlicki about performing at Sokol Washington's Banquet. Sis. Garlicki, a student, works on Saturdays and could not perform.

Bro. J. Vrzalik reported a member of Sokol Fuegner attended the instructors course of the Southern District. - Sis. Sain reminded members of District Special Numbers Competition in New York Nov. 19, with Sokol Fuegner as host.

A discussion held on the potential of District Units helping with Slet logistics. Must wait for more feedback from the County and the University.

Bro. Otenasek reported application for a new unit on Long Island has been withdrawn. - The Northern Circuit had meeting and sent report, read by sis. Sain. Possibility discussed of having District Instructors School in East Haddam.

A discussion held concerning reimbursement of expenses of District Officers invited to visit a Unit on official business, or going to the Annual Meeting. Bro. Novak moved that all reasonable expenses, travel, lodging, meals (presented with vouchers) be reimbursed after approval by the President. This was approved by the Board. - Discussion on increase in dues referred to Annual Meeting.

Northeastern District

September 28, 1977

Meeting held at Bohemian National Hall with bro. H. Srsen, Pres., presiding. 19 delegates present, 5 excused.

Correspondence: Letter from Vcelky Dramaticky Sbor, announcing special program Oct. 2, 1977 - tickets \$6.50. Bro. Kavan moved Executive Committee purchase 2 tickets and bro. and sis. Srsen to represent the Committee. Approved. - From Czech Guild of Holy Family Cancer Home announcing annual Night in Old Bohemia Benefit. Tickets \$10.00. Bro. R. Jirousek moved purchase of 2 tickets and bro. and sis. Srsen to represent Executive Committee. Approved.

President: Bro. H. Srsen reported meeting with members of Sokol Rip, Pittsburgh, at unit August meeting. Bro. Srsen submitted the suggestion that Sokol U.S.A. in Pittsburgh be contacted to revitalize Sokol in Pittsburgh area. Bro. Kavan moved bro. Srsen contact leaders of Sokol U.S.A. in Pittsburgh, and notify A.S.O. of this action. Approved.

Treasurer: Bro. Galik reported balance in checking account as of 9-28-77 \$422.21. Submitted final financial report on Summer Slet. Motion by bro. Pliska that all bills be paid. Approved.

B.O.I.: Bro. Srsen expressed our gratitude to sis. H. Samec for her work as Women's District Director. Sis. Samec as final report, submitted the awards and results won by women and girls of Northeastern Dist. at XIV Slet in Chicago. Bro. Srsen asked sis. Bertha Cerny, newly elected Women's Dist. Director for her report. Sis. Cerny submitted names of District B.O.I. Officers and leaders of Women's classes for 1977. Will conduct Judging Clinic Oct. 16; a Spotting Clinic is being planned. Also planning social immediately after Winter Exhibition at Bohemian National Hall. Sis. Cerny suggested District stationery does not have correct District name. Secretary to write A.S.O. regarding this.

B.O.I.: Bro. R. Rejna. Submitted District Men's officers for coming year. Gave results of Northeastern District Men's awards won at XIV Slet. Stated 191 members of our District participated in Slet Parade. Cleveland Winter Exhibition will be held Feb. 19, 1978 at Cleveland State. Sokol Detroit's Cal. will be held Feb. 5, 1978. Bro. Rejna and sis. Cerny will attend District Directors Conference in Ft. Worth Oct. 21-23. B.O.I. is still investigating sites for District Slet. Asked authority to purchase new finials for District flag poles. Authorized to investigate cost of new poles, finials, and flags and report to B.O.D.

Unit reports: **Sokolice Detroit.** Sis. Kovar stated 4 new members were initiated. Hayride scheduled on Oct. 8. All gymnastic classes are in full strength. - **Sokol Detroit.** Bro. Kovar reported Grape Festival was a huge success. The unit Mens Director is bro. Bares, Jr. Unit will participate in Ethnic weekend 7-14-78 to 7-16-78.

Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek. Bro. Kavan reported all gymnastic classes are strong and in full swing. Unit Men's Director bro. Reese, Women's Director sis. Reese. **Sokol Greater Cleveland.** Bro. Vavra. Unit participated in All Nations Festival. All gymnastic classes started; attendance is good. Oct. 15 unit will have a Square Dance, also will have dinner honoring members who worked 50 hours or more in remodeling the Hall. The Sokol pins have been re-designed and are available for purchase to all Sokols throughout the country.

Committee Reports. ASI. Bro. R. Jirousek reported the "250" Club will again be in force this year. 12th Annual Beer Festival was very profitable. Reported on status of ASI property on Rockside Rd. ASI again granted large grant from the Cleveland Foundation for remodeling Hall foyer.

Old Business: Bro. Kavan. Investigated the grounds at Brush High School as possible site for summer Slet. Secretary to obtain information regarding procedure for rental of grounds.

New Business: Delegates voted not to hold November meeting because of Thanksgiving Holiday. December meeting will be held Dec. 8, jointly with District BOI - Christmas Party to follow.

Bro. Rejna submitted request from District BOI that Executive Committee support Rep. Mary Rose Oakar and the Hungarians in their effort to keep the Crown of St. Stephen in the United States, safe from the Communists. Motion by bro. Vavra we inform Rep. Oakar we support her efforts in this matter. Approved. Letter will be written.

SOKOL EDUCATOR

Libuše and Přemysl

We Czechs like best to begin the history of Bohemia with the legend of Libuše. She was the most talented of Krok's three daughters. She was a seer or prophetess, and possessed virtue, wisdom and beauty. After her father's death she was chosen as adviser to the people.

A dispute arose between two brothers, over an inheritance of land, and Libuše was asked to settle it. Chrudos, the older brother, claimed superior right to ownership. Libuše decreed that according to the customs of their people, Stahlov, the younger brother, was entitled to an equal share of the land. This decision enraged Chrudos who shouted that a woman should not dictate law to warriors. The people now began to urge Libuše to marry and give them a king. Libuše warned them against the tyranny of kings, but she finally yielded to their wishes. She told them to go to a village, easy to find, where they would come upon a man in a field, plowing with a team of oxen. Her subjects said that they did not know the way. Libuše told them to follow her horse who would lead them to their future ruler.

The horse trotted to a field outside the little village of Stadic, and stopped before the man Libuše had described to them. His name was Přemysl, and when he learned that the people had come to make him king, he freed his oxen and drove his "lískovou prut" (hazel switch) into the ground. The oxen vanished, and the hazel switch gave out three shoots, and three branches, and bore nuts. "It's too bad that you people arrived so early in the morning," Přemysl said. "If I could have finished plowing this field, there would always have been plenty of bread in our land. Because you have come before my work is finished, our people will sometimes go hungry."

Přemysl then discarded his working clothes and put on the princely garments Libuše had sent to him. He kept his ploughman's boots so that his successors should never forget that he was a peasant, and always remember to be humble and merciful rulers. It was said that until the eleventh century these boots were still to be seen in Vyšehrad.

The valleys were fertile, the forests filled with game, and the river, named Vltava, because of its turbulent waters, had plenty of fish. High mountains protected the people from enemies. It was a good life, but lovable Libuše saw more in the future for her people. One day she stood on a high rock and gazed across the river towards a dense forest and predicted: "I see a city the glory of which shall reach the stars!"

She sent scouts across the river to find a clearing in the forest, and a man there nailing a threshold to his dwelling. The scouts found the clearing and the man working on his "práh" "threshold." They built the city and named it Praha.

It remained culturally a Czech city through three centuries of Hapsburg misrule. Then came the First World War and the Versailles Treaty, and the Republic of Czechoslovakia was formed. Thomas G. Masaryk became its first president. He was able to firmly unite the Czechs and Slovaks, for his mother was a Moravian and his father a Slovak. Under Magyar rule the Slovaks had not fared as well as the Czechs. They were badly in need of schools and building schools became one of the first undertakings of the new republic.

The VII. Všesokolský Slet was held in Praha in June of 1920. It was not only a Sokol Slet, but joyous holidays for the entire nation. A statue called Socha Svobody (Statue of Liberty) was erected on the Slet grounds. Flag bearers marched before it and Sokolky danced. It represented the symbol of the country, belief in human rights and self-determination, the meaning of Sokol, gymnastic training. But more than that, it was to make the young people well-disciplined, unselfish and physically strong with high moral characters. It was also a promise to the children, for its main purpose was their future welfare.

A beautiful pantomime was acted out before the Socha Svobody (Statue of Liberty). The first scene showed a group of girls in white flowing robes with hair in long braids, urging Máti-Vlast (Mother Country), played by paní Naskon, also dressed in a white flowing robe with a crown of flowers on her head, to kindle the flame on the altar, for it was the life of their nation. The second scene showed Máti-Vlast (Mother Country) asleep on the ground, and the children, as representatives of the nation, awakening her.

The dramatic performances emphasized brotherly love and the elements of national revival. The country had lived through foreign domination, wars, unbearable times, and the Slav people were deeply humiliated.

It was the dawning of a new era. The Sokols, the legionnaires, who had fought to be free of Austria-Hungary, the American visitors and journalists, the honored guests from all over the world, were there in Prague. There was folk dancing, and groups of children, men, and women performed on the exercise grounds. On June 29th the big parade (průvod Prahou) took place. There were flag bearers, marching bands playing, Sokols on horseback. Moravian, Czech and Plzeňský groups in their native costumes . . . Sokols from Paris, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, America - and a group of Sokolští Stařešinové (Sokol Seniors) holding memberships of over fifty years. The leaders of the Sokols led the parade in grey and red uniforms, with the falcon feather in their caps.

Certainly Libuše's prophesy had come true during those glorious days of the VII. Všesokolský Slet in Praha.

Stella Tichy
Sokol Cechie

ASO Financial Report

SEPTEMBER 1977

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 905.50
Convention Fund	28.00
Special Assessment	28.00
Dividends and Interest	1,391.58
Resale of Jewelry	78.25
Sale of Songbooks, Educational Pamphlets, Window Decals	16.75
Sale of "Gymnastic Activities with Hand Apparatus for Girls and Boys"	18.00
Refund - Prepaid Postage61
UPS Charges	1.43
	<u>2,468.12</u>

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Payment toward Advances	503.80
A.S.O. Instructors School - Pictures	113.75
Transfer of funds from Savings to Checking for Merit Awards	3,400.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$6,485.67</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative

Salaries	\$589.32
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for August	174.40
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric	443.34
Office Supplies	258.15
Rental of Mailing Machine	69.49
UPS Charges and Postage	10.67
Travel Expense	595.00
Insurance	92.00
Miscellaneous	84.33
	<u>\$2,316.70</u>

Board of Instructors

Salaries	\$361.49
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for August	44.26
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	30.00
Additional copies "Sokol Gymnast"	28.00
Subscriptions to USGF Newsletter	15.00
Postage and UPS Charges	20.12
Office Supplies	4.25
	<u>503.12</u>

Educational Department

Salaries	\$ 44.07
F.I.C.A.	3.16
	<u>47.23</u>

Sokol Publication

Editor "American Sokol"	\$100.00
Printing "American Sokol"	984.83
Postage "American Sokol"	98.59
	<u>1,183.42</u>

Miscellaneous

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T., Phone	\$500.28
Advances to A.S.O. Instructors Course	165.50

Advances to A.S.O. Slet Committee	26.89
Special Appropriations: Central District A.S.O.	920.00
Eastern District A.S.O.	233.20
Merit Awards	3,400.00
	<u>5,245.87</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$9,296.34</u>
Balance brought forward: Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking Account	\$7,141.51
Receipts - September 1977	6,485.67
	<u>13,627.18</u>
Disbursements - September 1977	9,296.34
	<u>\$4,330.84</u>

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

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In memory of Ludmila Kaminsky - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krusina	\$10.00
In memory of bro. Frank Prihoda - Frank Vorel	10.00
In memory of Bessie Smolik - May Konecna	\$5.00
Mrs. Tessie Benes of Connecticut	5.00
	<u>10.00</u>
	30.00
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Přes to že jsme v naší St. Louiské Sokolské Jednotě věděli, že náš dlouholetý a milovaný cvičitel br. Franta Příhoda po několik roků vážně churaví, ohromila naši sokolskou rodinu zpráva, že 12. září vydechl naposled. Mnoho již bylo psáno o jeho životě v řeči anglické, a proto věřím, že bude na místě, by třeba pouze krátce shodnotil jsem život bra. Příhody v jeho mateřštině.

Duch Tyrše a Fuegnera líbá chladné čelo bratra Příhody, za vše co on v jeho dlouhém a plodném životě pro Sokolstvo a jeho myšlenku vykonal. Když co malý chlapec jsem v Praze chodil do školy, náš učitel nás učil zpívat Sokolskou píseň "Za čapkou má Slávek pero, je to pero Sokolů, takového Sokolůka není v celém okolí!" A takovým Sokolůkem byl v Praze malý František Příhodovic a takým Sokolem zůstal celý jeho život. On zůstal věren odkazu našich slavných zakladatelů Tyrše a Fuegnera, a tento odkaz věnoval Americkému Sokolstvu co kočující cvičitel a organizátor a dále pak naší St. Louiské Jednotě, které sloužil co její cvičitel déle nežli kterýkoliv před ním v její dlouhé a slavné historii. Vychoval v St. Louis několik generací Sokolské mládeže, nejen Sokolstvu, avšak též i Americkému národu, muže a ženy zdravých těl a zdravé mysle. Mnohý z nich, třeba když dorost nezůstal v našich řadách, nikdy nezapomněl cvičitele jeho mládí. At' to byli muži neb ženy, radostně při setkání volali "Hi, Teach!"

Jeho přátelství učinilo i mne býti lepším Sokolem. Přijel k nám na jeden rok a zůstal mezi námi plných 43 let. Třicet roků co stálý cvičitel všech tříd, a posledních třináct co rádce cvičitelského sboru a cvičil třídy starších žen. Ještě při letošním "Veřejném" třeba že chorým na těle avšak zdravé mysle, složil a nacvičil s nimi jedno z nejlepších čísel.

Projevujich jeho milé manželce, s kterou byl skován v zlatý prsten stejného smýšlení a stejných ideálů, naši hlubokou soustrast, tento slib Ti Františku chceme dát:

"Že památku Tvou budem ctíti
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Ján Reiner
Sokol St. Louis

Hluboce cítěnou soustrast vyslovujeme sestře M. Příhodové a jednotě Sokol St. Louis.

Redakce American Sokol



Bessie Smolik

The St. Paul Gymnastic Society mourns the passing of our dear Sister Bessie Smolik on August 8, 1977, with burial at Acacia on August 11, 1977. She was a member of Sokol for 70 years.

Just three months ago I had the pleasure of emcing a program on her 70th anniversary. Several members took part in this beautiful ceremony to honor her. She was very happy and overwhelmed to see how many SOKOL friends come to this beautiful occasion.

Sis. Smolik was an instructor of children's and women's classes for many years. After she was unable to participate in active gym work, she became active at Sokol camp, where she and her husband maintained a summer home. It was always fascinating to listen to her interesting stories about Sokol in her youth and in later years.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she will be sadly missed by her beloved and devoted husband, Al Smolik, her family, and many Sokol friends in St. Paul and throughout the United States. She will be remembered always in our Sokol thoughts.

Lucille Pavlicek, Secretary



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Škoda Lásky (Beer Barrel Polka)

The composer of the universally popular polka, Škoda Lásky (Beer Barrel Polka), Jaromír Vejvoda, was honored by his friends, neighbors and others on the occasion of his 75th birthday this past June, in the town of Modřanech, where he now resides. Radio stations dedicated the day to him and played the many songs he composed.

Actually, the original title of "Škoda Lásky" was **Modřanka** named after the town in which he first played this song. Vejvoda, who was a band leader, was born in Zbraslav, a small town near Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia. The Czech words to "Škoda Lásky" were written by Václav Zeman, who Vejvoda had never met.

Although this polka was written about 50 years ago, it did not become popular until the late 30's. When the German Nazis occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939,

thousands of Czechoslovak airmen and soldiers fled to France and England and enlisted in the armed forces to fight against Hitler. They brought the song "Škoda Lásky" to England where it was translated (freely) into the "Beer Barrel Polka." Ironically, it was sung by most or all of the allied forces and by the enemies also. (In the German version the title is "Rosemunde," the name of a girl.) It was one of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's favorite songs. When he visited Czechoslovakia after the war in 1945, he met Vejvoda and presented him with a special citation - because "Vejvoda's polka" helped a little in winning the war.

Actually, the worldwide popularity of "Škoda Lásky" never brought much financially to Vejvoda. In 1936 he sold all rights to his polka for which he received a royalty of about \$5,000. The Communist regime made this polka national property, and any money which he may now receive is confiscated.

Ed Stetka

Editorial Note: Several of our readers have written about the song "Škoda Lásky." Here is another article.

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