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Sokolská rodina severoamerického kontinentu byla ohromena smutnou zprávou, že v pátek 10. července t.r. v ranních hodinách navždy opustil sokolské řady bratr Karel M. Prchal, dlouholetý starosta Americké obce sokolské a zasloužilý národní pracovník. Celý svůj život zasvětil práci pro Sokolstvo a pro národ, z kterého vzešel a kterému byl vždy ochoten přinášet největší oběti.

Narodil se 20 ledna 1896 v Golčově Jeníkově v Čechách, kde také vychodil obecnou a měšťanskou školu. V roce 1911 přijel se svými rodiči do Chicaga. Ihned po příjezdu vedly jeho kroky do tělocvičny Sokola Havlíček-Tyrš, kde cvičil a působil několik let než se přestěhoval do Berwynu a přestoupil do Sokola Tábor. V roce 1913-14 zúčastnil se sokolské cvičitelské školy pořádané v Chicagu, na které přednášeli tehdejší nejvýznamnější sokolští pracovníci. Tato škola dala mu základ k jeho pozdější významné sokolské působnosti v duchu zásad zakladatelů Sokolstva Tyrše a Fugnera, kterých nikdy neopustil.

Bratr Prchal prošel mnoha funkcemi jak v jednotě Havlíček-Tyrš tak i v jednotě Tábor, v župě střední a v AOS. Byl tajemníkem cvičitelského sboru, jednatelem, vzdělavatelem jednoty, župy i obce. Byl řadu let starostou Sokola Tábor, redaktorem Sokola amerického a od roku 1934-65 - plných 31 let starostou Americké obce sokolské.

Historie amerického Sokolstva je úzce spjata s jeho významnou osobností. Co to bylo schůzí, porad, přednášek, co článků a plamenných výzev k sokolské a národní práci za ta dlouhá léta jeho života. A nebyla to jen práce sokolská. Byla to rozsáhlá práce národní ve prospěch našeho krajanského života a ve prospěch českého a slovenského národa a jeho rodné vlasti. Zejména v době druhé světové války zapojil se sám a s ním i celé sokolské hnutí do práce pro obnovení samostatnosti, svobody a demokracie československého státu. Jeho národní cítění a oddanost k ideálům svobody, spravedlnosti a demokracie byly jeho vodítkem v této práci. Byl vedoucím činitelem v Českém národním sdružení a později i v České národní radě americké.

Skláníme se dnes s úctou a s vděčností nad jeho téměř 70ti letou nadšenou a plodnou prací pro Sokol a národ. Nikdy nezapomeneme jeho záslužné práce.

ČEST BUDIŽ JEHO NEHYNOUCÍ PAMÁTKY.

Bratr Jerry Rabas



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- AUG. 17 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
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- AUG. 30 AND 31 - Sokol Los Angeles
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KAREL M. PRCHAL 1896 - 1980

The American Sokol Organization sadly announces the passing of Karel M. Prchal on Thursday, July 10, 1980. Many Sokols attended the funeral rites to bid farewell to a brother Sokol and friend. Eulogies were given by several Sokol dignitaries.

Speaking for Sokol Tabor - Bro. Ed Linhart: Friends, brothers and sisters: It is with deep regret that we are assembled here tonight to pay our last respects to our beloved Bro. Charles Prchal. He was born in Golčův-Jeníkov in Bohemia in 1896, and passed away July 10, 1980. He emigrated to the United States with his parents before marrying Sis. Mildred Prochaska and settling in Berwyn approximately 50 years ago. The brothers and sisters of Sokol Tabor wish to express their deepest sympathy to his wife, Mildred, on her profound loss.

Sokol Tabor will also miss his untiring presence, his encouragement in our tasks and his leadership in our fraternal problems. He always stepped forward to fill a void. We do not have to erect any monuments to the memory of Charles Prchal, for they are already visible and standing in the work he left behind. His architectural endeavors, created many buildings which are noted for their sound design.

Other than a few hobbies, Bro. Prchal devoted his entire life to Sokol. He entered the ranks of Sokol Tabor in 1931, transferring from Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs. From then on he was active in every office in the unit, being President in the years 1956 through 1968, as well as Vice-President, Secretary and Educational Director.

In Sokol Tabor's expansion program, Bro. Prchal designed and supervised the construction of the new addition to the original building, which now stands as a tribute to his unselfish work. Our Sokol motto of "Ni zisk, ni slávu" - "neither profit nor glory" was the credo he lived by. Sis. Prchal should take comfort in the fact that she and Charlie worked together for all their years in promoting Sokol ideals. The friendships created in their lifetime will help sustain her through this loss. Again, on behalf of Sokol Tabor and its members, we extend our condolences to our Millie Prchal and relatives. *Bratře Prchal: Na tu poslední cestu, co nás všechny očekává, já Ti provolávám poslední "ZDARI!"*

Speaking for the Central District - Bro. John Satek: Bro. Charles M. Prchal - American! SOKOL! I always knew him as Charlie! •

I feel like a baby in this congregation of Sokol friends, since I only knew Charlie for 30 years. Most of you knew him much longer.

Now we must say "goodbye" to a fellow Sokol and loyal friend. The members of the Central District of the American Sokol Organization wish to convey their condolences to his dear wife, Mildred - and the relatives gathered here. Charlie will be sorely missed.

Bro. Prchal - from all of us a Sokolský NAZDAR!

Speaking for Sokol USA - Bro. Adolph Cierny: Emphasized the Sokol friendship between Sokol USA and the American Sokol Organization - the excellent cooperation, friendship and fellowship between our two organizations. Reminisced about the years of the Sokol Federation and the combined activity resulting there from when Bro. Charles M. Prchal was its President. Bro. Prchal's passing leaves a void in our ranks, but expressed the hope that at some future time the Federation would be re-established for the betterment of all. Extended, on behalf of Sokol USA, condolences to Sis. Mildred Prchal and her family.

Speaking for American Sokol Organization - Bro. Roy Zitny: Karel Matěj Prchal; born in Golčův-Jeníkov, Czechoslovakia, January 20, 1896. He was one of three children. His sister and brother, Boženka and Václav, came to the United States in 1907 and settled in Nebraska. After several years Václav died. Boženka returned to Czechoslovakia, married Václav Dlabáč and had a family. Bro. Karel Prchal came with his parents to the United States in 1911 and settled on Ridgeway Avenue in Chicago near 26th Street. Mother and father moved to Dwight, Nebraska. Bro. Prchal stayed in Chicago with an uncle.

His education began in Czechoslovakia where he attended vocational school. After arriving in the United States Bro. Prchal continued his education. He attended night classes at the Armour Institute (now the Illinois Institute of Technology) and continued his studies at a university in Wisconsin.

In 1918 Bro. Prchal began his working career with Western Electric Co. at their Hawthorne Works in Cicero. He was a Planning and Structural Engineer in the Engineer of Manufacture Division. It was he who designed the Hawthorne Tower, which is a Western Electric landmark located on the corner of 22nd Street and Cicero Avenue.

In 1978 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Hawthorne Works, Bro. Prchal and Sis. Prchal were guests of honor at a luncheon in the Tower with the Works General Manager. They reviewed the

original plans and were given a tour of the tower as it stands today. Bro. Prchal retired from Western Electric on January 31, 1961 after 43 years of service. He was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Chapter 45, Hawthorne Works.

Bro. Prchal started his Sokol career at the age of 6. At the age of 11 he witnessed his first Sokol Slet - the V. Slet in Praha in 1907. After he arrived in the United States he became a member of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs in the year 1912, and had for his first "cvičitel" Bro. Joseph Brouk. In 1913 and 1914 he attended month-long Sokol courses in which he was awarded "velmi dobrým" grades. Some of his teachers were: Jarka Kosar, Rudolph Styblo, Jan Holan, Dr. Duro Gaca, Dr. Ludvik Fiser and Dr. A. Mueller.

While a member of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs his activities were: (1) Manager of the Sokol building; (2) Educator; (3) Secretary of Board of Instructors; (4) Editor of "Brko Sokoli" of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs. It was while Bro. Prchal was a member of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs that he met and wooed Milada Prochaska. They were married in the summer of 1916. At the time of his passing Karel and Milada were married 64 years.

After moving to Berwyn, Bro. Prchal in 1931 transferred his membership to Sokol Tabor, of which he was a member until his death. As a member of Sokol Tabor he held all major offices and was Chairman of many fund-raising committees and banquets.

In 1943 Bro. Prchal was elected President of the American Sokol Organization, of which he held office to 1965 - 31 years. As President it was his privilege and honor to have led the American Sokol delegation and gymnastic team to the X. Slet in Praha in the year 1938. During his tenure of office in the American Sokol Organization, Bro. Prchal was active in Education work, having published a booklet "The Educator" and more recently the "Highlights of Czech History". He was, for a brief time, Editor of the American Sokol publication "American Sokol" and contributed articles to it for over 50 years.

IN his last year as President, the Sokol movement in America was honored by the issuance of a "commemorative stamp" by the United States Government commemorating the 100th anniversary of Sokol in these United States of America.

During the many years as President he was singularly honored by many of the units in our organization as an "honorary member". During the many years as President he was singularly honored by many of the units in our organization as an "honorary member". At the 10th National Convention of the American Sokol Organization in 1965, Bro. Prchal was honored by his sister and brother Sokols and accorded "Honorary President" of the American Sokol Organization.

Bro. Prchal in addition to this full Sokol life somehow found time to devote to many other activities and organizations.

1. Active in Czech National Alliance - WW II.
2. Executive Committee of Czechoslovak National Council.

3. Active in American Relief Fund for Czechoslovakia.
4. Voice of America - WW II.
5. Wrote many Sokol articles reprinted in the Československá Obec Sokolská journals in 1945.
6. Lyra-CSA Men's Glee Club.
7. Cicero-Berwyn Lodge 1510, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.
8. American Czech Engineers Society.
9. Czech Society of Arts and Sciences.
10. Lodge Trocnov-Poděbrady No. 50, ČSA.

He was honored by having met with Dr. Edvard Beneš, President of the Czechoslovak Republic on several occasions - and having met with him a third time here in these United States.

In his spare time he was called upon by many organizations to design the covers for památníky for various occasions. Bro. Prchal also designed and made layouts of the architectural plans for a number of homes.

At the Bohemian National Cemetery the Thomas G. Masaryk Mausoleum and Štefánik and Beneš wings are his creation and stand as monuments to his skills.

Bro. Karel M. Prchal has accomplished in his lifetime, that which most men would have taken several lifetimes. There are Sokol members and there are Sokols. Amongst Sokols Bro. Charles M. Prchal stands tallest. The esteem in which he was held is best described in the following telegram just received:

Toronto, July 11, 1980

To American Sokol Organization:

All members of our Executive Committee join me in extending to you our deepest sympathy on the loss of your former long-time President and outstanding Sokol, Bro. Prchal. His life-long devotion to Sokol will be remembered by all and serve as inspiration to future generations of Sokols.

Jan Waldauf, President
Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of Bro. Charles Prchal on Tuesday, July 10, 1980.

Those who were privileged to know and work with Bro. Prchal feel a void within our ranks that cannot be filled. His knowledge of Sokol is unsurpassed.

On behalf of our entire American Sokol family we extend our deepest condolences to Sis. Mildred Prchal upon the passing of her beloved husband and companion.

"Ni zisk - ni slávu," was not just slogan but his way of life.

Nazdar, Bro. Prchal - děkujem za Tvůj život a bratrství prokázáno Sokolstvu.

Executive Board,
American Sokol Organization

Note: Bro. Prchal was in the process of assembling and writing the history of the Sokol organization in America. He had hoped to complete and present it to the convention, but a higher power decreed otherwise.

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE XIII NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE ASO.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION - JUNE 16, 1980

The morning session of the XIII National Convention of the American Sokol Organization was called to order by Bro. Roy Zitny, President of the ASO at 9 a.m.

The Colors were presented by Pam Ritchie, Lisa Stahl and Reid Boyer, members of Sokol Cedar Rapids. Following Presentation of Colors, the National Anthems were sung by the entire delegation led by George Naxera, Jr. and accompanied by Sis. Alma Turechek. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Bro. Roy Zitny paid tribute to the deceased brothers and sisters in English and Bro. Jerry Rabas gave tribute in Czech.

Bro. Edward J. Pavoucek, President of the Western District, extended a welcome to all delegates and guests attending the convention. Bro. Pavoucek asked that each delegate pledge themselves, prior to their return home, to be an inspiration for a greater bond in their home units so that generations in the future will be able to follow the traditions set before them. He also extended an invitation to all who will be vacationing following the end of the convention to attend the Western District 1980 Sokol Families in Review competition and Slet this weekend at Sokol South Omaha, highlighting that Sokol is a family affair. In closing he thanked Sis. Betty Petrzalek, Sisters of Sokolice Renata Tyrsova and brothers of Sokol Cedar Rapids for undertaking this great convention and their hospitality.

Bro. Roy Zitny introduced Sis. Betty Petrzalek, President of Sokolice Renata Tyrsova, who gave a welcome from the host unit. Sis. Petrzalek told the delegation that she is sure that Sokol has endured our complex society because of people such as those in attendance, teaching classes, serving on committees and accepting numerous responsibilities. She stated that she felt humble standing before the group knowing the tasks before them and wished for some of the sage counsel and insight of those departed members. She also stated that she was confident that with the insight this English group possesses, our Sokol ideals will emerge as a legacy that our youth and community will be proud of.

Sis. Petrzalek introduced Mr. Wayne Murdock, Commissioner of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Murdock said that the city of Cedar Rapids was proud to have been chosen as the site of this 13th National Convention and hoped that all the visiting delegates and guests would have an opportunity to visit and enjoy the City of Five Seasons. He also mentioned his personal relationship with the Sokol Organization through his children and complimented them on not only their fine physical program but also the building of fine character.

Sis. Petrzalek then introduced Bro. Joe Pazour, President Sokol Cedar Rapids. Bro. Pazour told the

convention that he was pleased to extend the use of the Cedar Rapids facilities and that he was very glad for such a fine turnout yesterday. He also mentioned that the Cedar Rapids unit was the only unit in the state of Iowa and that the men's group was over one hundred years old, having been started in 1873 and that the Sokolice has been active since 1900. He mentioned the cooperation of all the Sokol personnel on both the local and district levels and hoped that the members of this convention would come forward with new viewpoints and the zeal to move forward.

Bro. Zitny told the delegates that five years ago at the twelfth National convention delegates sat down and analyzed the progress of ASO and formulated plans for the future. The next three days this is the responsibility of the 13th National Convention delegates. Reports of each committee will be given to the delegates and each is vital and important, and he stressed that they be read and given attention. It will be the joint responsibility to determine what the goals will be, how to obtain these goals, and who will administrate to achieve these goals. The by-laws state that the activities of the American Sokol Organization will be governed by: (a) the convention of the American Sokol Organization and (b) the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization.

He stressed the importance of the convention and Executive Board and thanked them for their work over the past five years. He also thanked them for Sis. Zitny and himself for the hospitality and warmth that had been extended to them during the past five years. He then introduced the officers and members of the Executive Board. They were:

First Vice-President, Sis. Betty Prener
Secretary, Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl
Financial Secretary, Sis. Agnes Sotka
Treasurer, Bro. George Basta
Director of Men, Bro. Paul Lebloch
Director of Women, Sis. Marie Ptacek
Organizational Director, Sis. Ann Basta
Editor, Sis. Jackie Kourim
English Publicity, Sis. Sylvia Pistorius
Czech Publicity, Bro. Jerry Rabas
By-Laws Chairman, Bro. Charles Zraly
Board Member, Bro. Edward Schnabl
Board Member, Sis. Lorraine Zdenek
Alternate Board Member, Bro. George Simonek
Alternate Board Member, Bro. William Meyer
(not in attendance)
Alternate Board Member, Bro. Richard Vachata
(not in attendance)
Educational Director, Bro. Stanley Barcal

Bro. Zitny thanked the officers and Executive Board on behalf of the entire Sokol family for a job done well and with pride.

The following correspondence was read by the Secretary, Sis. Schnabl: Best wishes from Sokol South Omaha, Martha Talman, Secretary; the White House,

Jimmy Carter, President; Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas sent regrets that they were unable to attend and also wishes for a successful convention, Nick A. Morris, President; and the Federation of Czech Groups of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Edward R. Kuba, President.

The report of the Credentials Committee was next on the agenda. The committee reported that there were only two delegates who were unable to attend and that all papers had been properly presented and all delegates were accredited and seated on the convention floor. Those on the Credentials Committee are Sis. Ann Basta, Central; Sis. Rose Friedrich, Eastern; Bro. Joe Kunc, Northeastern; Sis. Mary Falls, Pacific; Bro. Ed Pavoucek, Western and Bro. Charles Zraly, Eastern. A motion was made that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted as read, seconded, carried.

Bro. Ed Halik, Central District, requested that each be given a list of the accredited delegates. Bro. Zitny questioned whether or not this list was available and assured the convention that such a list would be ready soon.

The report of the Convention Rules and Order Committee was given and the delegates were asked to look over the recommendations on their printed report. Bro. Zitny asked for questions or discussion regarding this report. Bro. Kuehn, Houston, asked a question regarding whether the maker of a motion should have the right to close the debate after all have spoken. Bro. Kalat explained the meaning of this portion of the rules. The motion was made, seconded, to accept the report of the Convention Rules and Order Committee; motion carried.

Next on the agenda, the election of Officers. Those nominated for Convention Chairman were: Robert Vanyo, Western District; George Prevratil, Southern District. Nominations were closed. A vote was taken to see if the election would be by show of hands or by ballot. Show of hands was decided. Bro. George Prevratil of the Southern District was elected convention chairman.

Next were nominations for Vice-Chairman. The nominations were: Bro. Vanyo, Bro. Jerry Spinka, Bro. Charles Zraly and Bro. Fred DeConti and Sis. Emilie Ruzicka. Bro. Fred Stankovsky made a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous vote for the complete slate of vice-chairmen and the convention chairman assign their jobs as needed. Motion was seconded and carried.

Nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms were Bro. Frank Balsanek, Bro. Ed Babor and Bro. Stuart Hamilton. Motion was made that this slate be voted on and that the convention chairman give each assignments for separate sessions, seconded and carried.

Nominations were taken for the position of Parliamentarian. Motion was made that both nominees for parliamentarian be voted in, seconded and carried. Bro. Darrell Williams and Bro. Fred Stankovsky were elected.

The chairman now called for a fifteen-minute break with the convention to re-convene at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the

appointment of committees. Next business was that of the location of the ASO headquarters. Sis. Emilie Ruzicka, Miami, Eastern District, moved that the most practical place for the headquarters was to keep it in Berwyn, Illinois. Sis. Louis Nekuda, Pacific District, seconded this motion, voted on and carried. Sis. Emilie Ruzicka complimented the Central District for the extra work, etc. required of them in having the national headquarters in their district and asked for a standing ovation for them.

Considerable discussion followed regarding the BOI and their delegates.

Discussion as to what rooms the different committees were to be meeting in continued and it was announced that this would be posted by 1 p.m. following lunch. It was also voted on that the BOI meet at 2 p.m. rather than 2:30 as first stated.

Announcement that lunch would be served in the South Dakota Room was made, and the morning session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Monday afternoon sessions - All committees met in their respective rooms for individual meetings and then prepared their reports for tomorrow.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION -

JUNE 17, 1980

Bro. George Prevratil called the meeting to order at approximately 9 a.m., Tuesday. The Pledge of Allegiance was then given. Roll call of delegates by districts was then taken with all present with the exception of Bro. George Simonek of the Central District who was preparing reports. Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl read the minutes of the previous session, they were approved after corrections and additions were made. Following the minutes, Bro. Prevratil announced that he was going to change the order of the day a bit, introducing the guests before going to the report of the by-laws committee.

The following guests were introduced by Bro. Prevratil and escorted to the podium by Sis. Schnabl: Andrew Venglarchik, Jr., President Slovak Gymnastic Union, Sokol of the USA; Bro. Elmer Karasek, President Western Fraternal Life and Bro. Frank J. Vodrazka, President Czechoslovak Society of America. Each expressed their appreciation to be in attendance and wished the ASO Convention the best.

Bro. Prevratil then turned the meeting over to Bro. Charles Zraly, chairman of the by-laws committee for their report and approval of same. The by-laws were reviewed and approved after corrections and additions were made.

Bro. Prevratil called a five-minute recess at this time and the session reconvened at approximately 11:05 a.m. Bro. Zraly continued on with the by-laws committee report.

After much discussion as to citizenship or application for citizenship being a prerequisite for becoming a member of ASO, the convention approved this portion of the by-laws committee report. However, the question of whether or not to change the ages of men and women for membership led to a lengthy debate and when it did

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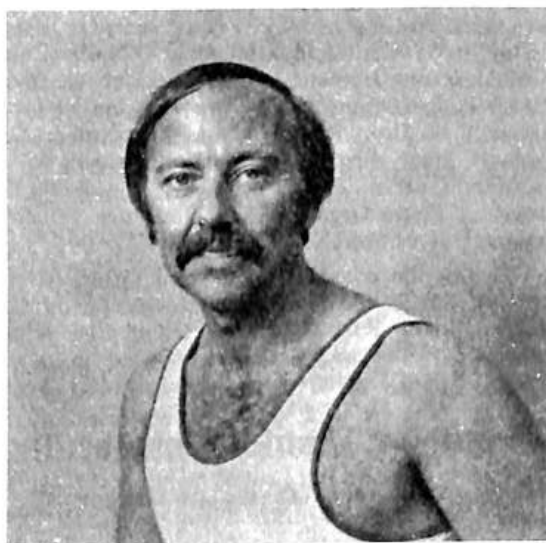
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XIII National American Sokol Convention

JUNE 16-17-18, 1980

The XIII American Sokol National Convention, held on June 16-18, 1980, was hosted by the unit Sokolice Renata Tyrsova of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel located in downtown Cedar Rapids. Over 150 delegates, District Presidents, District Directors, National Officers and B.O.I. members attended a 3-day session of organizational work and planning to be effective for the next five years. The By-Laws Committee met prior to the convention and scheduled their meeting, starting Thursday, June 12th, and the National Board of Instructors commenced their deliberation on Saturday, June 14th. The official convening of the Convention was held 9 a.m., Monday morning, presided by Pres. Roy S. Zitny.

At the B.O.I. sessions District Directors gave detailed 5-year reports. Other reports and discussions included the Attendance reports, Gymnastic Skills Program, Special Assessment Fund, B.O.I. By-Laws changes, Changes and Rewording of Tournament Rules, Sokol Gymnast Report, Uniform Division (changes of style), Merit Award, National School Board, 1981 National Slet, Apparatus Exercises and Calisthenics for Slet'81, and tentative Program of Events.

At the close of sessions, the Nominating Committee presented their slate for National Directors. Sister Marie Ptacek and Bro. Paul Lebloch were unanimously elected as the National Directors of the American Sokol Organization for the next five years. ecl.

Southern District Slet - American Sokol

JUNE 6-8, 1980

The Southern District Sokol Slet was held in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 6-8, 1980, in the newest Sokol home in the Southern District. Volleyball championships were held Friday evening. All competitions were held at the Sokol on Saturday. Volleyball champions were Dallas in the Junior-Mixed and Fort Worth in the Senior-Mixed. The Slet was held on Sokol grounds.

Approximately 275 took part in the Slet Program.

Master of Ceremonies for the Slet program was Bro. Gene Lehnert, President of Sokol Corpus Christi. Invocation was given by Father Patrick Higgins, Pastor of SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. Musical accompaniment for the program was by the SPJST Lodge 88 orchestra from Houston under the direction of Bro. Rudy Dybala, Conductor. Guest speakers were Bro. Gen Maca, President of the Southern District; Bro. Roy Zitny, President of the American Sokol Organization; and Judge Robert N. Barnes, Nueces County.

The program consisted of modern gymnastic numbers by Sokols Zizka, Ennis, Houston, and Fort Worth. Sokol Fort Worth presented the winning number. Other numbers featured were mass calisthenics by the children and Juniors and Seniors.

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Southern District Slet Results

SMALL GIRLS - CLASS I LOW DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Ennis Team I	475.6
2. Fort Worth	472.5
3. Dallas	457.7
4. Ennis Team II	444.6
5. Corpus Christi Team I	395.3
6. Corpus Christi Team II	373.2

INDIVIDUALS

1. Stacy Bromlow	Fort Worth	127.1
2. Shannon Schumaker	Ennis	125.1
3. Natasha Williamson	Fort Worth	120.2
4. Patti Kalat	Dallas	119.6
5. Lisa Laznovsky	Ennis	118.2

HIGH DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Houston	425.4
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INDIVIDUALS

1. Martha Baxter	Dallas	127.0
2. Jennifer Chambless	Dallas	121.9
3. Misty Kuehn	Houston	117.6
4. Kathi Keyes	Houston	109.4
5. Kellye Jo Davis	Houston	103.1

10 individuals competed.

SMALL GIRLS - CLASS II LOW DIVISION

TEAMS

1. Dallas	525.3
2. Fort Worth	463.8
3. Houston	433.3

INDIVIDUALS

1. Jill Brown	Dallas	136.3
2. Karen Lueke	Dallas	133.3
3. Jo Beth Hyatt	Dallas	128.0
4. Kim Hodgson	Dallas	127.7
5. Sherrie Foyt	Houston	124.4

14 individuals competed

GIRLS OPEN HIGH DIVISION

1. Gina Brown	Dallas	127.2
2. Carrie Cleveland	Fort Worth	110.3
3. Charisse Vodehnal	Houston	110.2

TEAMS

1. Ennis Team I	320.9
2. Ennis Team II	303.4
3. Corpus Christi	276.7
4. Ennis Team III	266.9

INDIVIDUALS

1. Shelly Landsfeld	Ennis	107.7
2. Debbie Svehlak	Ennis	107.2
3. Dale Ann Adcock	Ennis	106.8
4. Diane Trlica	Ennis	104.5
5. Susan Bruton	Fort Worth	102.7

15 individuals competed

TEAMS

1. Ennis	301.1
2. Dallas	297.3
3. Fort Worth	279.3
4. Houston	275.8

INDIVIDUALS

1. Rose Karlovsky	Ennis	104.2
2. Teresa McClure	Dallas	101.9
3. Kelly Fuller	Fort Worth	101.7
4. Bobbie Martin	Dallas	100.5
5. Linda Isbell	Ennis	99.4

16 individuals competed

TEAMS

1. Fort Worth	272.3
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INDIVIDUALS

1. Renee Faraizl	Dallas	97.8
2. Julie Dolan	Dallas	94.0
3. Susie Skinner	Houston	92.9

HIGH DIVISION

1. Sharon Snider	Houston	107.7
2. Maureen Kasowski	Houston	105.3
3. Alice Hyatt	Dallas	92.1

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Nicole Williams	Dallas	153.8
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SR. WOMEN LOW B DIVISION

INDIVIDUALS

1. Nancy Sijansky	Corpus Christi	73.8
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1. Renee Toth	Ennis	102.4
2. Robin Bailey	Ennis	97.5
3. Marie Laznovsky	Ennis	83.4

TEAMS

1. Sokol Ennis Team I	685.6
2. Dallas	629.8
3. Ennis Team II	523.2

INDIVIDUALS

1. Cliff Mullican	Ennis I	175.1
2. Brent Clark	Ennis I	171.5
3. Andrew Wall	Ennis I	171.0
4. Mark Mraz	Ennis I	168.0
5. Brent Freeman	Ennis I	166.8

19 individuals competed

TEAMS

1. Sokol Ennis I	670.0
2. Houston	631.5
3. Ennis II	535.0

INDIVIDUALS

1. Jimmy Davis	Houston	181.4
2. Bandon Grebe	Dallas	174.5
3. Shawn Petty	Ennis I	173.7

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Practice Teaching Lessons

FOR CLASSES I AND II (Ages 5-11)

The Sokol Gymnast will print a series of lessons adaptable to all Sokol Children's Classes. These will be taught at our Schools, and will become a phase of our National program. We urge all Instructors of Small Children's Classes to examine these lessons.

LESSON NO. 1

Part 1: Ceawling Under or Over Various Objects: (chairs, horse, balance beam, hoop, ladder)

- A. Crawl between the legs of a chair.
- B. Stand parallel facing the left end of a low balance beam: crawl alternately under the beam and over the beam, moving each time toward the right end of the beam until the very end has been reached.
- C. Children in file: Two children in front of the file hold a hoop vertical with lower end about one foot above the floor. One after another, the children crawl through the hoop. - Repeat with other children holding the hoop.
- D. Ladder laying on one side bar (rungs vertical) - children in file perpendicular to one end of the ladder: One after the other, children crawl between rungs alternately from one side and the other until they reach the other end of the ladder.

Part 2: Jump Ropes

At free intervals (on markers), close-heel stand:

A. Hold one end of the rope in each hand, rope behind feet: Circle rope over head forward and step over the rope, one foot after the other. Continue circling, gradually increasing the speed, until the circling becomes fluent and stepping changes to leaping.

B. Fold the rope, holding both ends in one hand and the middle of the rope in the other, stand astride:

1. Stretch rope horizontally above head (up-arm outward)

2-4. Three dips of arms and chest rear-bow.

5. Deep relaxed front-bow (trunk and head), arms hold

6-8. Three dips in relaxed front-bow.

Repeat four times.

C. Starting position as in "A": Circle rope forward with gallop steps (both feet skip the rope in each circle, one after the other with the same foot leading). Start with L foot leading, stop after 16 gallops and repeat with R foot leading. Repeat again L then R. Try to develop rhythm.

D. Seat bent close-leg, four-ply the rope and hold in L hand: Extend legs and simultaneously pass the rope under the legs to R Hand; seat bent close-leg and pass the rope behind the back to L hand. Repeat in rhythm five times. Repeat reversed.

D. Repeat "C" with the use of a percussion instrument (drum, etc.) or recorded music to teach rhythm.

Part 3: Game "Peshek"

Peshek is a soft object with which to strike children without causing them harm or pain (a handkerchief rolled diagonally and knotted several times, rolled newspaper, etc.)

Children in circle formation at close intervals, facing center, hands behind body, eyes closed. One child walks holding Peshek on the outside of the circle and places the Peshek inconspicuously into the hands of one child who begins to strike his neighbor on the right. To avoid being struck, the neighbor runs counter-clockwise around the circle back to his place where the new owner of the Peshek takes over.

LESSON NO. 2

Part 1: Parallel Bars (head high): Hang Standing - Hang Squatting

Three children at a time, two on one side of the bar and one on the other.

Starting position: Stand parallel outside, facing bars, overgrip on the near bar.

A. Hang squatting; starting position

Repeat at least 5 times

Note: Children must really hang from bars in hang squatting.

B. Hang squatting: L fore-touch; close L to hang squatting, R fore-touch, close R to hang squatting. Repeat 5 times; rise to starting position.

C. Hang squatting; L fore-touch; jump to hang squatting R fore-touch. Repeat 8 times; rise to starting position.

D. Repeat "C" faster.

E. Hang squatting; with straight arms, jump forward to squat standing; with straight arms, jump to hang squatting. Repeat 5 times; rise to starting position.

F. Hang squatting; with straight arms, rise slowly to hang standing (legs, trunk and head in straight line); with straight arms return to hang squatting rapidly. Repeat last two movements 5 times; starting position.

G. Step forward (feet under the far bar) - bent-arm hang standing; stretch arms and fall back to hang standing legs to front; pull up to bent-arm hang standing. Repeat 5 times; step to rear to starting position.

Part 2: Tumbling (Rolling)

Place 4 mats in line. Children follow each other as close as possible.

A. Barrel Rolling. From back lying across the first mat, up-arm: roll sideways to the end of the mats.

B. Egg Rolling. From back lying bent-hip bent-leg, holding the knees with the forearms: roll sideways to the end of the mats.

Place 4 mats to form a square.

C. "The Clown." From seat astride (legs straight) holding ankles: fall sideward to right and fluently continue rolling to back-lying; to L side-lying; starting

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The American Sokol Board of Instructors

expresses its deepest sympathy in the passing

of

BROTHER CHARLES M. PRCHAL

On July 10, 1980

Honorary President of American Sokol Organization.

We offer condolences to his wife, Sister Mildred Prchal,
and other family members.

So. Dist. Slet Results (From p. 326)

4. Jamey Voorhees	Ennis I	169.5
5. Dewey Moss	Fort Worth	167.8

20 individuals competed

INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR BOYS LOW B

1. Mike Weinholo	Corpus Christi	150.9
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TEAM JUNIOR BOYS LOW A

1. Sokol Ennis		477.5
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INDIVIDUALS JR. BOYS LOW A

1. Keneth Scott	Corpus Christi	173.6
2. Johnny Snider	Houston	163.2
3. Bill Young	Houston	161.2
4.t Bob Steele	Dallas	159.8
4.t John Schumacher	Ennis	159.8

11 individuals competed

INDIVIDUALS JUNIOR BOYS INTERMEDIATE

Richard Steele	Dallas	162.1
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TEAM JUNIOR BOYS HIGH

1. Ennis		372.7
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INDIVIDUALS

1. Lee Hamilton	Ennis	134.7
2. Paul Davis	Houston	126.0
3. Robert Toth	Ennis	122.6
4. Rodney Houdek	Ennis	115.4

MENS LOW

1. Mark Frogge	Corpus Christi	159.60
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INDIVIDUALS MENS HIGH DIVISION

1. Gary Martin	Fort Worth	159.7
2. Frank Gray	Houston	155.4
3. Louis Valis	Houston	154.5

Practice Teaching Lessons - (From p. 327)

position. Repeat continuously 5 times without stop or pause.

D. Roly-Poly. Same as "C" but starting position is: seat bent cross-leg, holding the ankles. The entire exercise is performed in this position.

Part 3: Leaping Over Obstacles

Children in file. Place an obstacle about 6 feet in front of the first child in file. One after the other, the children run, leap over the obstacle and return to the rear end of the file. Use different obstacles, changing them when all of the children have overcome the previous obstacle. Try these examples:

A. Draw two parallel lines on the floor, about one foot apart. (Tell the children this is a brook and they must be careful not to step into it or they will get their feet wet.) When all have leaped over it successfully, draw a third line behind the farther line (the brook is flooding). Increase the distance as long as the majority of children can leap over.

B. Moving Obstacle. Tie one end of a long rope to some solid object (heavy apparatus) about six inches above the floor, across the children's path. Hold the other end of the rope, shake it to make it move in a wave-like motion, like a snake.

C. Solid Obstacles. Use a box, a large ball, or a wand placed across the two boxes. - Note: For safety, the solid obstacle must be light and loose in order to give way if hit by a child.

not pass on a show of hands vote, a roll call vote was required. The Western District then requested a caucus. Due to the time of day, it was decided that the convention would adjourn for the lunch break and reconvene at 1:30 p.m. rather than 2 p.m. An announcement was made that the BOI would meet at 1:00 p.m.

It was approved to hold a National Sokol School in 1981 before Bro. Prevratil adjourned the morning session at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Bro. George Prevratil called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Bro. George Basta, Executive Board, requested that the Financial Committee, of which he is chairman, be excused for their meeting. Permission was granted and they convened in the Buchanan Room No. 1 for their deliberations.

Membership Committee, Sis. Mary Ann Sulz, Central District, chairman. We discussed the membership committee as such; we came to the conclusion that there are a number of problems that the membership committee is faced with - mostly on the unit level. First of all, people are not being recruited as they should into the Sokol Organization. We listed several detriments and also discussed how they should be altered. We recommend that membership committees meet regularly, that they look over the situation, and that they act upon the problems they see. We made several directives that they can follow. We discussed at length merging the Membership and Organizational Committees.

Bro. Roy Zitny, Executive Board, commented that the delegates haven't had time to absorb what this means - whether it is feasible or not to merge these two committees. Some clarification by both committees should be made and they should come forth and state some of their views as to why they feel so strongly in favor of this merger.

Organizational Committee, Sis. Ann Basta, Central District, Chairman. The activities of the Organizational Committee on a national level are very limited, especially limited to offering help by way of information on approval forms and any expenses incurred in activating and initiating new members.

We felt it could be best accomplished by the districts and units. Duties are such that they are interpreted by districts and units on different levels. Have never gotten any reports from any district directors or organizational directors, except expenditures for approval. On a national level, the membership committee conducts maybe two membership drives in five years. In my opinion, the functions of membership and organizational committees overlap quite a bit, and favor merging them. Some changes will be proposed to the by-laws committee. The chair called for a discussion of changes for the By-Laws Committee.

Bro. George Kotlan, Northeastern District, member of the organizational committee, commented that both committees tried to go through the entire by-laws. There are a number of pages to be changed, but in

almost every instance, the changes are simple to make. The objectives and duties of the two committees were just merged together. We have been trying to establish new units and to activate older units. The concensus was that very little is being done at a national level.

Sis. Ann Basta stated that the articles would still read the same, only be combined to include the functions of both committees. It is primarily a change of name; it would probably be called the Organizational Membership Committee. The chair called for a five-minute break at 2:53 p.m., reconvened at 3:04 p.m.

It was moved that the convention accept the recommendation and refer these changes to the by-laws committee and that they be adopted, seconded and carried.

Bro. Charles Zraly, Eastern District, requested dismissal of the by-laws committee, of which he is chairman, to Benton Room No. 1 to discuss the proposed changes.

We reviewed the reports of the educational directors for the past five years; it is evident that educational activity is on the upswing. We now feel that we have active educational directors and communication between units and district has improved. We spent a fair amount of time on Library-Archives proposed head tax to generate finances to improve the American Sokol Library. Outlying members from Chicago question their use of the library and what their money does for them. We propose that this convention create another fund to preserve and perpetuate the vast volumes of material that are available. This fund would be fed by donations. Bro. Fred Kala, Central District, moved the convention adopt the recommendation that a special fund be started, motion seconded and carried.

The committee recommended a resolution be sent to President Jimmy Carter that we do support the boycott of the Olympics and Charter 77. Considerable discussion ensued in relation to Charter 77 and human rights as pertaining to Sokol philosophy. Motion to adopt by Bro. Norman Sladek, Western District; Sis. Louise Nekuda seconded, carried. The chair elaborated on Charter 77.

Bro. Jack Lang, Southern District, requested that each unit receive a copy of the resolution sent to Jimmy Carter and our endorsement of that resolution to take back to its own area, request approved.

Reference was made to a boycott of a slet in February, 1948, when Communists took over Czechoslovakia. Reference also was made to a resolution drafted which included such timely considerations as the hostages in Iran. It was suggested that the resolution begin with deliberation on this already-drafted paper.

American Sokol Publication, Sis. Jackie Kourim, Chairman: all members present, made no motions. About \$1,000 to print, mail and pay the editor each month, from \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually. Lengthy discussion followed on how to cut costs - bulk mailing was brought up but ruled out because second class mailing is preferable to bulk third class. A request was made that when a member dies, immediate notification

be made for the mailing to stop. More Czech articles have been requested, but these must come from members. Ideas or suggestions were solicited, as well as items to be reprinted; these should be sent to the editor's residence. It was suggested that pictures be made smaller and that the front page be used only for editorials in order to conserve space. Cutting costs is difficult because mailing runs \$2-300 monthly and printing runs \$8-900 monthly. It was generally conceded that the publication of ASO is a high priority item and worth holding onto. Care must be taken to retain non-profit status and so advertising is extremely limited as a method of cutting costs. The publication serves as binding agent between all Sokol members and can indeed influence more membership. It was noted that in the by-laws it states that the subscription is required of all members. The report was accepted as read.

BOI Bro. Paul Lebloch, ASO Men's Director, made reference to their printed report. By-Laws recommendations have been acted upon already. Each district should be notified how much is in their specific assessment fund by September of each year.

It was proposed that we amend the present merit award system so that Eastern, Northeastern and Southern Districts are lowered from two awards to one; Pacific District remains at one and Central and Western Districts are lowered from three awards to two. Sis. Mili Zeman, Central District, moved for acceptance, seconded and carried.

We propose taking \$12,000 from Future Leaders Fund for a National School Board instructor's training workshop, for training and compiling and getting this work accomplished. Also, a motion was passed and carried to the effect that if a District does not use its merit award allocation, it cannot be awarded to another district. The National School Board was given a budget of an additional \$15,000 for the next 5-year period.

It was recommended and approved that we retain our affiliation with the United States Gymnastic Federation and membership in the AAU.

It was recommended that the district conferences be hosted by different districts.

We propose that chief instructors be given a salary of \$275 per 7-day week and expense allowance for line-up instructors be \$100 to \$200 for 7-day week.

Motion made, seconded and carried to conduct courses immediately following the 1981 Slet. Course to be held in Fort Worth area.

James Hartung and Phil Cahoy, Jr., Sokol Omaha, were named to the United States Olympic gymnastic team; these boys also supported the Olympic boycott. A standing ovation was given to their instructor, Phil Cahoy, Sr., Western District Men's Director.

The Public Relations and Publicity Committee, Bro. Norman Sladek, Western district, Chairman. Reports by Bro. Jerry Rabas, Sis. Sylvia Pistorius and Bro. Richard Kittrell were summarized. We recommend that whenever you are acting as spokesman for your unit, you stress that Sokol is a family-oriented ethnic organization. Bro. Sladek moved that this report be presented and approved by the convention. Approval

motion was seconded and carried. Five-minute recess at 4:16 p.m.

Chair relinquished to Bro. Robert Vanyo, Western District, to expedite the proceedings. Financial Committee, Bro. George Basta, Chairman. It was recommended that the Financial Committee agree with the by-laws proposal of increasing the initiation fee from \$1 to \$2; motion to accept by Otto Glasser, Central District; seconded and carried. The convention approved escalated dues increase, from \$4 per year to \$6.50 per year over the next five years. It is recommended that the Financial Committee raise the per diem rate to \$50 and that mileage be set at 25c per. The convention fund minimum will be raised from \$20 to \$40 per unit per year. Convention contribution will be raised from \$1 to \$2 per member per year. A motion to accept these proposals was made by Bro. Mickey Dalton, Western District, seconded and carried.

Committee on Reports, Bro. Mickey Dalton, Western District, chairman. Report was read; motion for acceptance by Bro. Fred Stankovsky, Central District, seconded and carried.

It was announced that the Appeals Committee would meet briefly following adjournment.

A slide presentation was made; adjournment to follow automatically.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION - JUNE 18, 1980

Bro. George Prevratil called the meeting to order at approximately 9:25 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of delegates was taken by districts, with all present except Bro. Ed Pavoucek, Sis. Bea Pavoucek and Bro. David Jurena, all of the Western District. The chair moved to forego reading the minutes in order to expedite the agenda matters, which carried. The chair allowed several corrections to the minutes.

The chair requested the by-laws chairman, Bro. Charles Zraly, present the recommended changes in the by-laws resulting from yesterday's actions. After a lengthy discussion over procedures concerning changing by-laws, Bro. Charles Zraly, by-laws chairman, presented proposed changes recommended by the Educational, Organizational and Membership Committees. The proposed changes had been accepted by the delegates during Tuesday's meeting. It was established that the by-laws come into effect following the close of this convention.

Bro. Zraly read all the proposed by-laws pertaining to Organizational and Membership Committees, as presented to the by-laws committee. The By-Laws Chairman proposed that the convention approve all changes pertaining to the Organizational and Membership Committees, as included on the Committee Report of June 17, 1980. Motion was presented by Bro. Zraly, seconded and carried.

Bro. Danny Kuehn, Southern District, pointed out that the presidential review was not included. The chair recognized the omission of presidential review. Parliamentarian Fred Stankovsky stated that a motion for correction was needed and provided said motion, that the per diem be reviewed by the presidents of the

districts. It was seconded and carried. Motion for addition of "and /or amended" also seconded and carried.

The following presentations were made: Bro. Roy Zitny, Executive Board, presented Bro. George C. Basta as the first Honorary Treasurer of the American Sokol Organization. The chair entertained a motion for approval; Bro. Ed Halik so moved and Bro. Srsen seconded; motion approved by unanimous acclamation. Sokol Rip, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Sokol Cechie, Chicago, Illinois, received plaques as century units.

Bro. Larry Laznovsky, District Director of Men, presented gifts to Bro. Ed Linhart and Bro. Ed Halik, Honorary Directors of Men and to Bro. Paul Lebloch, our current Director of Men. Sis. Sylvia Laznovsky, District Director of Women, presented corsages to Honorary Directors of Women, Sis. Emilie Ruzicka, Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl and Sis. Lorraine Zdenek and to Sis. Marie Ptacek, the current Director of Women.

The chair called for a 7-minute recess at 10:48 a.m. Reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

Sis. Betty Petrzalek, Western District and all the secretarial staff were recognized for their fine work. Sis. Petrzalek thanked her staff and expressed hope that all work was satisfactory. Special thanks was given to Sis. Vilma NejdI.

Sis. Emilie Ruzicka read greetings from Sis. Marie Vitek and Ann Libor, who are vacationing in Colorado. Sis. Vitek and Libor sent best wishes to all delegates with the wish that they will keep on working for Sokol.

Bro. Stanley Barcal, Educational Director, announced donations to the newly formed Library-Archives fund. During Wednesday morning's session \$550 was donated to the fund.

Bro. George Basta, Financial Chairman, presented the proposed budget of \$286,200.00. Sis. Jolene Dalton, Western District, made a motion that we accept the budget as presented; seconded and carried. The Financial Committee reminds people to think of memorials, which can be donated in lieu of flowers, in memory of a deceased person.

Bro. Ferruccio DeConti, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read resolutions to President Jimmy Carter, Governor Robert D. Ray, Mayor Don J. Canney, Cedar Rapids and Sis. Betty Petrzalek. Resolutions were also sent to Bro. Andrew Venglarchik, Jr., President Slovak Gymnastic Union, Sokol of the USA; Bro. Frank J. Vodrazka, President, Czechoslovak Society of America; Bro. Elmer F. Karasek, President, Western Fraternal Life Association and Mrs. Karasek; Bro. Nick Morris, President, SPJST; Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, Jan Waldauf, President; Bro. Frank Ruzicka; Bro. and Sis. Prchal; Czechoslovak National Council of America; and to all officers and Executive Board of the Convention.

Sokol founders Fuegner and Tyrs were recognized by a standing ovation. Bro. Mickey Dalton moved for approval of these resolutions; seconded and carried.

The Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for 1980-85. The chair requested at least two copies of the slate. Sis. Jolene Dalton, Western District, moved that the convention accept the report as

presented; seconded and carried. Bro. Jerry Milan requested that Bro. Zitny be elected by acclamation; seconded and carried. Bro. Norman Sladek, Western District, moved that the convention accept the total slate presented by the nominating committee; Bro. Joseph Kovar seconded, carried.

Recommendations from BOI for National Directors were presented by Bro. Larry Laznovsky; Director of Men, Bro. Paul Lebloch; Director of Women, Sister Marie Ptacek. Motion to accept these recommendations was made by Sis. Jolene Dalton; seconded and carried.

Recommendations for District Standing By-Laws Committee were presented:

Central - Bro. Fred Stankovsky
 Northeastern - Bro. Joseph Kovar - Chairman
 Southern - Bro. Jerry Millan
 Eastern - Bro. Henry Vrzalik
 Western - Bro. James Riha
 Pacific - Bro. Jerry Spinka

Motion to accept was seconded and carried.

Bro. Henry Srsen reported that the Board of Appeals Committee has no business pending.

Bro. Frank Veselka, Southern District, suggested that a letter be sent requesting contributions to the fund for Library-Archives. Response by Bro. Stan Barcal indicated that much publicity would be given to this fund.

A standing ovation was given members of standing by-laws committee who are retiring. Sis. Mili Zeman, Central District, noted that Bro. Charles Zraly deserves a special hand, whereupon he received a standing ovation.

The following new officers were sworn in by Parliamentarian Bro. Fred Stankovsky:

President - Bro. Roy Zitny
 Vice-President - Bro. George Basta
 2nd Vice-President - Sis. Betty Prener
 Secretary - Sis. Jackie Kourim
 Financial Secretary - Sis. Mildred Pinc
 Treasurer - Bro. Ed Hlinka
 Educational Director - Bro. Stanley Barcal
 Editor - Sis. Jackie Kourim (interim)
 Publicity - Bro. Jerry Rabas
 Membership Director - Bro. Fred Kala
 Executive Board - Sis. Vlasta Zitny, Bro. Jim Sprtel, Bro. Jerry Rabas
 Alternates - Bro. Chuck Borvansky, Sis. Nancy Borvansky, Sis. Lorraine Zdenek

Retiring officers and board members were recognized.

Bro. Ed Halik, Central District, requested that the next convention location be in the Central District, and also that convention and slet be held on succeeding weeks with the slet preceding the convention. Chicago has been mentioned, but St. Louis and Milwaukee are also possibilities. A show of hands showed approval.

It was announced that the National Slet would be held June 25-27, 1981.

Bro. Roy Zitny cited past honorary members and stated that resolutions will be sent to Honorary President Charles Prchal and Bro. Stanley Barcal.

Resolutions will be sent to honorary BOI directors, except for O. J. Kudrnovsky and Bro. J. Jelinek, who are deceased.

The group closed the session by singing "Spějme Dál" in Czech followed by "God Bless America" in English. Sis. Lorraine Zdenek played the piano and Sis. Irene Hamous led the singing.

The colors were retired and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:18 p.m.

ASO FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 1980

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$1,651.00
Sokol Thomas G. Masaryk Dues	40.00
Convention Fund	2.00
Special Assessment	2.00
Dividends and Interest	227.14
Subscriptions to "American Sokol"	6.00
Resale of Jewelry	369.05
Educational Pamphlets	10.00
Membership Kits	81.50
"Highlights of Czech History"	38.25
UPS Charges	3.52
Petty Cash Fund - Publicity	6.98
Donation to General Fund	25.00
Centennial Seal Donations	6.00
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	\$2,468.44

ASO Uniform Division -

Payment toward Advances	582.32
Transfer of Funds from Savings	2,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$5,050.76

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative

Salaries	\$684.92
FICA & FWT for April 1980	131.24
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric	410.77
Office Supplies	245.39
UPS Charges and Postage	30.15
Plaques	217.68
Renewal of Service Contract on Office Machine	142.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
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	\$1,882.15

Board of Instructors

Salaries	\$360.42
FICA & FWT for April 1980	55.32
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	30.00
Additional copies "Sokol Gymnast"	29.00
Office Supplies	361.32
Postage and Phone	19.84
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	\$ 855.90

Educational Department

Salaries	\$ 28.00
FICA for April 1980	1.66
Postage	4.48

Printing Educational Booklets	1,463.90	
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Sokol Publication		
Printing "American Sokol"	\$1,164.73	
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