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Calendar of Events

APR. 11 - CHICAGOLAND SOKOL BLDG. ASSN.
Polka Party - at Sokol Brookfield
APR. 11 and 12 - SOKOL BALTIMORE
Spring Bazaar
APR. 13 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA
Dual Gymnastic Meet
APR. 17 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Fish Fry
APR. 22 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Luncheon - Card Party
APR. 25 and 26 - WESTERN DISTRICT
Semi-Annual Meeting - CSPS Hall

APR. 26 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA
Card Party - 2:00 p.m.
APR. 27 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA
All Classes Competition
Mini-Slet Week
MAY 1 - SOKOL SLAVSKY
Bunco and Card Party
at Mid-America Savings and Loan
MAY 3 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA
Activities Dance
MAY 6 - SOKOL SLAVSKY
Mother's and Father's Day Program
at T. G. Masaryk School
MAY 9 - CENTRAL DISTRICT - Special
Number Competition - Social at
Sokol Berwyn afterwards
MAY 12 - SOKOL SLAVSKY
Splash Party
MAY 15 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Fish Fry
MAY 15 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE
Graduation Gym Program
MAY 19, 20, 21 - SOKOL DETROIT
Rummage Sale - Sokol Cultural Center
MAY 24 - SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.
Wreath Laying Ceremony at
Arlington National Cemetery
MAY 31 - SOKOL BALTIMORE Bull Roast
MAY 31 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES
Czechoslovak Festival in
Alpine Village
JUNE 7 - SOKOL SLAVSKY
Annual Picnic
JUNE 7 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES
Sokol Exhibition
JUNE 7 - N.E. DISTRICT SLET
AMLA Camp Cleveland, Ohio
JUNE 14 - CENTRAL DISTRICT SLET
Riverside-Brookfield Stadium
Immediately following at Sokol
Berwyn - Barbeque
JUNE 19 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Fish Fry
JUNE 21 - SOKOL DETROIT
Veřejné - Sokol Camp
JULY 10, 11, 12 - SOKOL DETROIT
Czechoslovak-American Festival
Wyandotte, Michigan
JULY 11 - SOKOL DETROIT
Ethnic run - 10,000 meters and
5,000 meters, Belle Isle
JUL. 17 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND
Fish Fry
AUG. 16 - 23 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES
Sokol Youth Camp at Dinky Creek
OCT. 16 AND 17 - SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.
presents Dvorak Opera at Kennedy
Center - "Čert a Káča"

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OUR NEWEST SOKOL UNIT - West, Texas

The Sokol Gymnastic Association of West, Texas, was organized on October 7, 1979. The meeting was conducted by Bro. Jack McClure, Organizational Director and other officers of the Southern District of ASO.

At this meeting, unit officers were elected: Bro. Rudy Sefcik, President; Bro. Julius Kubcak, Vice-President; Bro. Robert Lednický, Recording Secretary; Sis. Joanne Nors, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. Joseph F. Holasek, Educational Director. Several months later Sis. Joanne Nors resigned and Sis. Rose Uptmor was elected Treasurer.

The unit was officially accepted by the Southern District in January 1980, and by the American Sokol Organization in February, 1980 with a list of 118 charter members.

Later in January, instructors were appointed and Bro. Howard Freund, Director of Men and Sis. Connie Kubacak, Director of Women. Sis. Gladys Quilter is presently Director of Women.

In the past year our Sokol gymnasts performed five times, twice at the K.C. Park in West; at the Westfest Festival; at the State Fair in Dallas with other gymnasts from Fort Worth, Dallas and Ennis, Texas; and at our first anniversary celebration on November 23, 1980.

Our unit has had a very successful year. Funds were raised by our very generous donators from West, Texas, and from various fund-raising projects. This money has helped us to purchase the much needed gymnastic equipment and we have been very appreciative and thankful to all who have been so generous.

SIS. MARIE HOLASEK, Educational Director.



XV AMERICAN SOKOL SLET BANQUET

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1981
COCKTAILS - 6:30 p.m.

HYATT REGENCY TEXAS BALLROOM
DINNER - 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$27.50 per person, includes dinner, program and dance.
Group seating requests will be honored. Limited tickets available.
For guaranteed reservations, tickets must be paid for by June 15, 1981.

FOR TICKETS AND OTHER INFORMATION WRITE:

XV SOKOL SLET BANQUET COMMITTEE
c /o Sis. DIANE PODHRASKY
9110 SUMMER GLEN
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ASO Executive Board Meeting

Regular meeting of the American Sokol Organization Executive Board, Tuesday, February 24, 1981, was brought to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Roy Zitny. The following district minutes were received and reviewed: Western, January 12th; Southern, Annual meeting, November 16th; Sokol St. Louis, Annual report; Central, January 28th; Northeastern Annual meeting, January 25th and Slet Committee meeting, February 17th, 1981.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Committee for Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Gen. Milan R. Stefanik, asking for donation; \$100 donation approved by the board, the letter from the committee will be published in the April issue of the American Sokol. Denni Hlasatel approval for this year's subscription was given. Two letters from Bro. Jan Waldauf, one about the tour for the Vienna Slet and the other giving the new slate of officers for the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad. A congratulatory letter will be sent to the new officers from the Executive Board.

SLET '81: First of all a ledger system should be set up for the monies from Slet '81 with a breakdown for all departments. Bro. Zitny already has discussed this with Bro. Larry Laznovsky. English publicity will be handled by Sis. Vlasta Zitny (suburban newspapers) and Sis. Nancy Borvansky (city and local newspapers), for the Slet through the Executive Board. All publicity can be sent to the office because they are both in and out and will be able to pick it up, or the secretary can forward it to them. Bro. Fred Kala will be in contact with Bro. Joseph Janecka and they will put together the stamp cancellation program. Sis. Schnabl will handle the distribution of decals to the Central District units and will also be responsible for the monies involved. The Slet committee minutes were accepted as corrected (per phone call from Bro. L. Laznovsky on Monday) and all items that were listed for souvenirs were approved by the Board. The sample souvenirs were sent back to Bro. Kalat and the original art work was also returned. Retained a copy of the art work for our files here. A separate well-wisher mailing will not be done, the ad book information covers this quite well. The gym bags from the office will be sent down to Texas before the Slet, also the last 58 plates from the last Slet will also be brought down. People will want to complete their sets of plate souvenirs. If anyone wants to repeat the same number on their Slet plate they should get in contact with the ASO office and that number can be reserved for them. This must be done before May 1st.

WOMEN'S DIRECTOR - Sis. Marie Ptacek: February's meeting was cancelled due to a bad snow storm. Next meeting to be held in March. A great deal of correspondence is coming in regarding the Slet - we are keeping up to date with answering it. New Women's Director for the Eastern District is Sis. Audrey Benda. All entries and fees for the Slet are to be sent to the ASO-BOI and they in turn will send them on to the Slet committee in Texas. Pictures for the Slet book of the BOI will be taken shortly. Bill: \$9.27 to Sis. Pistorius

for files and index tabs purchased for attendance records, approved for payment.

DIRECTOR OF MEN - Bro. Paul Lebloch: We have received BOI minutes from our districts. There is great interest in the Slet. Information from our ASO-BOI minutes and the American Sokol regarding the Slet is being discussed and distributed. Volleyball information received from Bro. Hantak and Sis. Harlan will be sent out. Bro. Benjak wrote advising us that due to technical difficulties it will not be possible for Sokol USA to have a special number at our Slet. He pledged their complete support of the Slet. He complimented the ASO on the efficient distribution of Slet material. Spoke to Bro. Milan regarding information on the instructors schools to be published in the "Sokol Gymnast". He will send it. Invitations of potential instructors will be sent by the ASO-BOI. I received a letter from Bro. Waldauf asking for information on our course. I will answer this and ask about their organization's participation in our Slet. We received suggested manual changes from Sis. Provaznik. Bro. Halik is working on his. We will ask Bro. Halik to be a member of the manual revision committee. He has expressed his interest in this project. Attended the February Educational Committee meeting. Received promotional art work for the Slet from the Southern District. I gave this to Sis. Kourim for the publication.

MEMBERSHIP - Bro. Fred Kala: A letter will go out telling each unit and district their quota for the new membership drive. The Slet program book should also carry an article on promoting membership. Mention should be made about all the membership pins that are available from the ASO office.

PUBLICITY - CZECH - Bro. Jerry Rabas: Has put articles in the Denni Hlasatel and the Hlas Narod. Is contacting other Czech publications with news of our coming Slet.

PUBLICITY - ENGLISH: Two ladies volunteered to help publicize the coming Slet. They will handle all English publicity. Sis. Vlasta Zitny and Nancy Borvansky are the new chairmen of this committee, unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Sis. Mildred Pinc: Financial report for January, 1981, was prepared and copies were distributed to the Executive Board members. Address plates for all American Sokol Organization officers have been updated, from information received on the 1981 rosters. Donations to the Future Sokol Leaders Fund and the Library and Archives fund were read for January.

TREASURER - Bro. Ed Hlinka: Bank statements were all reconciled, balanced to the penny. The CPA firm will come in to audit the yearly books on March 16th.

UNIFORM - OFFICE - II VICE-PRESIDENT - Sis. Betty Prener: Uniform division is very busy filling the large and numerous orders that are coming in. A new source of supply for leotards is Leo's, a Chicago based company. Are looking for someone to sew women's blouses, we have three candidates. Looking for a new adding machine, old one is not repairable. Doing research on all the past Presidents of American Sokol for the Slet souvenir book. Read revised by-laws from

Sokolice South Omaha. Brought them to the board meeting for approval, they were in good order. There are 58 Slet plates left from 1977. They will be offered for sale at this Slet also. Nazdar Y'All T-shirts, we have sold 103, 120 are left on hand. We have orders for 21 clutch back pins and 25 pinback pins on back order. Sent a check to Bro. Kalat for \$500.

EDUCATIONAL - Bro. Stanley Barcal: Received an article on the National Theatre from Sis. Stella Tichy. As the content is mostly about the artists who performed there, the article will be used for the Educator column. Still working on the restoration of the Tyr's busts that we have in the office. Right now we have three different alternatives and no decision has been made. It has been decided that the bust of Masaryk (marble) is not to go to Texas. The weight is prohibitive and we feel that insurance coverage would not be able to cover the intrinsic value the work has for our organization. No decision has been made for the wreath, there is time yet to find out if we can make adequate arrangements. Sis. Milan has asked for information about the picture of Tyr's, wearing Sokol dress uniform and hat, foot up with sword resting on his knee. Will investigate. The Czechoslovak National Council has available a biography of Alice Garrigue Masaryk, leather bound, published by the University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, cost \$14.95. The board approved purchase of this book for our library. We have been asked by the Executive Board to come up with a "new unit certificate". Sokol Berwyn and Sokol Fort Worth both have such certificates displayed and we should request the loan of one, as they are very beautiful, for use as a pattern. Approval was given to purchase a dead-bolt lock for the downstairs basement door to make our storage area more secure.

EDITORIAL - SECRETARY - Sis. Jackie Kourim: February issue of the publication will be late because of the untimely death of our printer, Jerome Bartos. The directory section of the March issue is completed. Sent out Slet '81 posters to all units except Southern District, 2 to each unit. More are available from the ASO office. The last of the ad book letters are being sent out. A list of the people to whom letters were sent will be sent to the Slet committee in Texas. Handled the usual amount of correspondence for the office, also sent some Sokol books to Baghdad, Iraq, a request came from the University. Sokol is international!

I. VICE-PRESIDENT - Bro. George Basta: Excused, just home after a short stay in the hospital.

PRESIDENT - Bro. Roy Zitny: Installed the new officers at both Sokol Slavsky and Chicagoland Sokol. Also invited to Detroit for their installation. Very enjoyable trip, program etc. Approval given for flight costs for Bro. and Sis. Zitny.

OLD BUSINESS: By-laws will be completed within two weeks. Riha Printers were without a typesetter for a while, now have a new one and our books will be completed.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Kourim, Secretary.

Bro. Roy S. Zitny, President
American Sokol
6426 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

Dear Sir and Brother;

The Washington Czechoslovak community, through its several organizations and fraternal groups adopted unanimously the hope and wish of the US Ambassador to Prague, Francis Meehan, to have a relief of Gen. Milan Rastislav Stefanik in the foyer of the Embassy alongside the reliefs of Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Thomas G. Masaryk. In this manner it is hoped that the reminders and memory of the men who had a lion's share in the creation of a common state of Czechs and Slovaks would be safely preserved in such a unique manner.

It is a pity that today only in the American Embassy in Prague and the faithful hearts of Czechs and Slovaks, many of them scattered throughout the world, is the preservation of such memorial possible.

At the Embassy the reliefs of Wilson and Masaryk are already in place. The responsibility of securing a relief of Gen. Stefanik was assumed by our community in Washington. Our action has progressed to the point when the Stefanik relief is in a foundry to be cast in bronze. The time will soon come when the completed artwork will be turned over to the Department of State, in a suitable ceremony in the presence of donors or their representatives.

Now comes the time to act.

For the successful conclusion of this endeavor \$800.00 is still needed to cover costs. Financial help from local groups was enthusiastic but inadequate. It has become necessary that the home offices of our various fraternal as well as individuals be asked for help. All contributions will be publicly acknowledged.

In all confidence I am asking you, Bro. Zitny, to be instrumental in securing financial aid for this endeavor from the American Sokol you represent so well. Sokol Washington, D.C., is one of the mainstays of this action, has contributed from its treasury and is urging its members to contribute as individuals, but is also anxious to see positive action by its home office. For the eventual contribution please use the enclosed envelope and make the check payable to STEFANIK 100 FUND.

A nation, now struggling through years of durance will remember gratefully its benefactors and preservers of its spirit of liberty and brotherhood.

Faithfully,

Paul Sturman (signed)

Anyone wishing to make a donation send to: COMMITTEE for COMMEMORATING the 100th ANNIVERSARY of BIRTH of Gen. MILAN R. STEFANIK; Paul Sturman, Chairman, 1200 S. Arlington Ridge Road, Arlington, VA 22202. Make checks payable to: STEFANIK 100 FUND.

**MAY 10th - DEADLINE FOR
JUNE ISSUE . . . ALL SLET INFORMATION
NEEDED AT THIS DATE!**

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AMERICAN SOKOL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL

ATTENTION - UNIT DIRECTORS:

The American Sokol Organization will hold two Advanced Instructors Schools following the XV American Sokol Slet.

A one-week Course will be held at Sokol Fort Worth, June 29 through July 5 for students 18 and over. Cost \$100.00.

A two-week Course will be held at Sokol Ennis, June 29 through July 11. Cost \$200.00.

The minimum age to attend is 16 years. Each student must have attained two Beginners Schools or equivalent (teaching experience in Sokol classes accepted). Students 18 years or over do not have to meet this requirement.

Juniors who do not meet the above requirements will be considered for acceptance with a letter of recommendation signed by the UNIT DIRECTOR.

Deadline for applicants is MAY 1, 1981.

Requests for application forms must be made to the American Sokol Organization office. The School Board will examine all applications and notify students who will be accepted to enter the Schools.

NAZDAR!

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

Marie Ptacek, Dir. of Women

Paul Lebloch, Dir. of Men

NOTE: It is the responsibility of each student to arrange his or her own transportation home after the Courses. Southern District will get them to the airport, train or bus terminals.

REVISED SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - Travel and Pre-Slet Socials at Sokol Fort Worth and Sokol Zizka - Dallas.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

3:00 P.M. Judges' Meetings

OFFICIAL SLET OPENING: 7:30 P.M. Special Number Competition at Tarrant County Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 A.M. *Judges' Meetings

7:30 A.M. Jr. Girls' Low B Division - Gym No. 1

7:30 A.M. Jr. Girls' Low A Division - Gym No. 2

7:30 A.M. Jr. Boys' Low Division - Gym No. 3

11:00 A.M. Jr. Boys' and Men's Intermediate and High Div. - Gym No. 3

11:00 A.M. Jr. Boys' and Men's Championship Compulsories - Gym No. 3

2:30 P.M. Jr. Girls' High Division - Gym No. 1

2:30 P.M. Jr. Girls' Championship Compulsories - Gym No. 1

2:30 P.M. Men's Low and Masters' Divisions - Gym No. 3

3:00 P.M. Jr. Girls' Intermediate Division - Gym No. 2

**3:30 P.M. Jr. Girls' and Women's Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics - Gym No. 1

6:30 P.M. Banquet - Hyatt Regency

7:30 P.M. Country Western Dance - Sokol Fort Worth

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 A.M. *Judges' Meetings

7:00 A.M. Volleyball Warm-Up - South Bay

8:00 A.M. Volleyball - Jr. Girls and Junior Boys - South Bay

8:00 A.M. Women's Low A Division - Gym No. 1

8:00 A.M. Women's Low B Division - Gym No. 2

9:30 A.M. Women's Masters' Division - Gym No. 1

9:30 A.M. Women's Intermediate Division - Gym No. 2

9:30 A.M. Volleyball - Men - South Bay

**11:30 A.M. Jr. Girls and Women's Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics - Gym No. 1

11:30 A.M. Women's High Division - Gym No. 2

11:30 A.M. Women's Championship Compulsories - Gym No. 2

1:30 P.M. Volleyball - Women - South Bay

8:00 P.M. Victory Dance - Hyatt Regency

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 A.M. *Judges' Meetings

8:00 A.M. Slet Rehearsal - Farrington Field

12:00 Noon Championship Warm-Ups

1:00 P.M. Championship Division - Men, Women, Jr. Girls and Jr. Boys

7:00 P.M. Slet Program - Farrington Field

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

11:00 A.M. Slet Farewell and Barbecue - Sokol Fort Worth - Western Attractions

* Judges to report for meetings one-half hour before scheduled assignments.

** Jr. Girls and Women may compete in MRG either day to accommodate those that plan to compete in gymnastic or volleyball competition.

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UPDATED SLET INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION RIBBONS: All Juniors and Seniors must wear the identification ribbons at the Slet (must not be worn at any competitions). Ribbons are to be placed on uniforms as follows:

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| ONLY ONE RIBBON TO BE WORN! | Jr. Girls: | Immediately above the Sokol emblem. (Emblem is to be centered on the front - 1" below the seam line). | ONLY ONE RIBBON TO BE WORN! |
| | Jr. Boys: | Immediately above the Sokol emblem. (Emblem is to be centered on the front of the shirt - 1" below the red binding). | |
| | Women: | On the left yoke seam - just above the shirring. | |
| | Men: | 1" below red binding in center of top. | |

Identification ribbons are to be purchased through your Unit at 75c each. Units may order these from the American Sokol Organization Uniform Division in minimum lots of 25.

SONGS: All classes should be prepared to sing all the Anthems whenever and wherever they are played:

The Star-Spangled Banner
Kde Domov můj?
Nad Tatrou Sa Blýska
Canada, O Canada!

1st and 2nd classes will sing "Fly You Sokol" (English), Jrs., "Like Lions" (English) and Srs., "Lvi Silou" (Czech), as their classes march off the field after their calisthenics. All the Anthems and songs are in the Sokol song book.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: In "Like Lions", there is a change in the last sentence to read as follows: "But onward, on like **SOKOLS** we go, our country's call to obey." (SOKOLS to replace the word men).

SCHEDULE: Championship Complusories have been included in the revised schedule. They will be run at the same time as High Divisions.

IN ALL CLASSES, STRESS MARCHING, CALISTHENICS AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLK DANCE!

ALL VAULT ROUTINES: WE WILL USE THE HEIGHTS AS SPECIFIED IN OUR ASO TOURNAMENT RULES BOOKLET.

VOLLEYBALL: New ruling passed at ASO BOI meeting March 11, 1981. "If a Unit has a team entered in the Volleyball Tournament in Fort Worth, any Unit members must play for their Unit team; if the Unit does **Not** have a team, that person may play with another team within **his District**. No more than one person from another Unit may play on such a team."

In a mixed team of Jrs. and Srs., at least 3 of the players playing at all times, must be Seniors.

The playing floor is a finished concrete - not rough. There is a 24-foot ceiling. Loose USVBA rules will prevail . . . looseness as far as substitutions are concerned. 6 substitutions allowed. Top official will be a USVBA or qualified; umpires and linesmen from Sokols. 5 courts will be played at one time. Single elimination unless a very small number of teams are entered. Bro. Hantak and Sis. Harlan will do the scheduling . . . A

protest Committee comprised of one person from each District that is participating, plus Bro. Lebloch . . . An odd number of people. Each District should submit the name of a person to Bro. Hantak for the Protest Committee.

SPECIAL NUMBER COMPETITION: All participants and judges will receive a certificate of participation.

Absolutely all cassettes must be of the professional type. The audio man will retape all music - and all music will be played on the equipment that is provided there. (not on individual Unit's equipment).

A rehearsal is to be held earlier in the day on Wednesday, June 24 - schedule depends on the number of entries. Passes to be distributed immediately after practice on Wednesday.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION: Will be presented to all competitors and judges.

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS may be formed in the Junior Girls and Women's departments. Three members to comprise a team.

The Wednesday, June 24th, 1981 judges' meeting will be held at the
HYATT REGENCY at 3:00 P.M.

Division Directors and Leaders of Women's Competitions

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| Junior Girls Low B | Sylvia Laznovsky and Lorraine Zdenek |
| Junior Girls Low A | Sylvia Pistorius and Maryann La Vere |
| Junior Girls Intermediate..... | Henrietta Milan |
| Junior Girls High | Phyllis Kool |
| Junior Girls Championship Compulsories and Opt. | Dolores Vrla |
| Meet Director: Jo Marie Zeman - Meet Referee: Norma Zabka | |
| Tabulating: Anne Halik | |
| Women's Low B..... | Audrey Benda and Libby Pelc |
| Women's Low A and Masters | Lil Laznovsky |
| Women's Intermediate | Maryann Satek |
| Women's High | Jolene Dalton |
| Women's Championship Compulsories and Opt..... | Dolores Vrla |

440 RELAY RACE

WITHIN OUR SLET PROGRAM WE HAVE SCHEDULED A 440 RELAY RACE. ONE TEAM PER DISTRICT. THE TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF ONE JUNIOR BOY, ONE JUNIOR GIRL, ONE SENIOR WOMAN, AND ONE SENIOR MAN. YOU MUST GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR SEPARATE UNITS AND HAVE SOME KIND OF A RUNOFF.

WE RECOMMEND THAT EACH DISTRICT TEAM SHOULD HAVE MATCHING SHIRTS.

RELAY RACE WILL BE RUN IN THIS ORDER: JR. GIRL, JR. BOY, SR. WOMAN, SR. MAN - IN THAT ORDER!

PLEASE REPLY BY MAY 1st WHETHER OR NOT YOUR DISTRICT WILL HAVE A TEAM. IF NOT, YOUR SPACE OR LANE WILL BE ALLOCATED TO A GUEST SOKOL GROUP.

Dave Harlan, 440 Relay Race.

Sokol Educator



National Theatre - Prague

Prague Theatre

The first Prague theatre of importance appeared in the Old Town in 1737, followed by performances of Italian operas and ballet. A Czech play, "Prince Honzik" was given in 1771. Then the Czech theatre grew into disrepair and was replaced by the Nostic Theatre and later became the Estates Theatre. In April, 1783, it was changed once more and became known as the Tyl Theatre. Too many of the performances given were in the German language, which the Czechs resented. The agitation against the Germans eventually brought about the opening of the Royal Patriotic Czech Theatre. It fell into disrepair and was torn down, and, when rebuilt again, became the Estates Theatre. The opera, "The Tinker" by F. Skroup, was a first performance. The Czechs did regain a limited measure of equality, but it was not wholly satisfactory. It didn't satisfy the Czechs until they acquired their own "prozatímní Divadlo" (Interim Theatre). The demand for a national theatre kept growing and finally, in 1868, was brought about the foundation for a new artistic building. It was almost completed when a fire, on August 12, 1881, broke out, destroying the building. People immediately began to collect funds which came from all over the world.

The rebuilt structure was of late Renaissance style by architect Josef Zitek. It proudly displayed in gold letters above the stage, "Narod Sobe" (Nation to Herself) and statues of national heroes decorated the facade of the

building. The opera "Libuse", a symphonic poem of great beauty, had its first appearance at the National Theatre.

The inside of the building is skillfully constructed with its large staircase and impressive halls. The lobby is decorated with art work of Nicholec Ales and the ceiling was painted by Fr. Zenisek. The stage curtain is a picture of rare beauty by V. Hanaus.

Prague today has many stages on which plays are given, operas and ballets performed. There is the Smetana Theatre, the Chamber Theatre (Komorna Divadlo), Comedy Theatre (Divadlo Komedie), the Theatre Na Fidlovace and others. There are also theatres for children and puppet shows both for children and grown-ups.

Emmy Destinn was one of the greatest of the Czech opera stars. She was born in Prague, February 26, 1878. She changed her name of Emmy Kittl to Emmy Destinn in honor of Marie Loewe-Destinn, who taught her singing. Emmy Destinn won fame as the prima donna whose rich soprano voice harmonized so well with Caruso's powerful voice. She co-starred with Caruso. In 1898, she gave her debut performance, singing the role of Santuzza in Cavalleria Rusticana. In 1901, she took the part of Senta in Der Fliegende Hollander and in 1904, she sang in Der Roland Von Berlin, at its world premiere. She was a successful guest singer in Paris, London and Vienna and was renowned for her roles in Carmen, Madame Butterfly and Aida.

She ranked first among Czech opera singers and in 1908, she took the part of Marenka in Smetana's *THE BARTERED BRIDE* at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. On May 2, 1904, Emmy Destinn appeared as Donna Anna in *Don Giovanni* at Covent Gardens in London and appeared there frequently through opera seasons until 1914. In 1916, during the First World War, she returned to her homeland. She was very patriotic and worked for the cause to sever Czechs and Slovaks from Austria-Hungary. She was apprehended by Austrian authorities and jailed for a limited time. She stayed in her freed homeland until 1919, when she returned to the United States and sang at the Metropolitan Opera for two seasons. She was forty-eight years old when she gave up her operatic career and retired to her estate at Straznice, Czechoslovakia. She found love in her retirement years and married the young man whom she had nursed back to health after he crashed in an airplane. Her marriage was of short duration; she died January 29, 1930.

Maria Jeritza, soprano, was born October 6, 1887, in Brno. Her Czech name was Jedlitzka, changed to stage name Jeritza. She studied voice in Brno, Prague and New York. In 1910 she made her debut as a singer in Olomouc, Czechoslovakia. She sang Minnie in *La Fanciulla del West* at its first performance at Vienna Volksoper. Max von Oberleitner's *Ophrodite* was written for Jeritza and she appeared in it at the Royal Opera House in Vienna, the fall of 1912. She was Puccini's favorite soprano and he thought that she made the best Tosca. She gave her first opera performance in the United States in November, 1921 at the Metropolitan Opera in *Die Tote Stadt*. A few days later when she sang Tosca, she was enthusiastically applauded. She stayed with the Metropolitan Opera for ten years and London Covent Gardens for one year. She was the first American Jenufa in Janacek's peasant opera, *Katy Kabanova*. She was also the first American Marietta and greatly admired for her *Carmen*, *Thais* and *Fedora*.

Vilen Zitek, a bass singer, was born in Prague, September 9, 1890. He studied voice at the Conservatory of Prague and in 1917, made his debut at the National Theatre of Prague. In 1926, he sang in Turin, Italy, in 1927, at LaScala and between the years of 1928 through 1933, performed in Paris, Berlin, Moscow and Leningrad. He gave more than 3,000 performances and his best roles were Benes in *Dalibor*, the Water Goblin in *Rusalka* and Mozart's *Figaro*. He remained at the National Theatre of Prague. In 1926, he sang in Turin. He died August 11, 1956.

Jarmila Novotna, soprano, was born September 23, 1907, in Prague. She received her musical education at the Prague Conservatory and took private lessons in Milan, Italy. She appeared as Violetta in *La Traviata* at the National Theatre of Prague. She had a lovely voice and was sought-after as an opera singer in French, German, English and Italian. In 1933, she became a member of the Vienna State Opera and in 1934 sang the leading female role in the world premiere of *Ginditta*. At the Salzburg Festival she was a sensation as a singer of Mozart arias. She appeared as a guest singer in Berlin, Rome, Munich, Paris and Brussels. She

left Vienna in 1938 and came to the United States. She joined the Metropolitan Opera and made her first appearance there as Mimi in *La Boheme*. She sang with the Metropolitan Opera until 1957. She was also a movie star and appeared in films in Europe and the United States. She was admired and loved as an interpreter of Czech and Slovak folksongs. On Sunday, June 29, 1941, the American Sokol gave a gymnastic exhibition at Soldier Field, Chicago. Following the flag raising ceremony, National Anthems were sung by Madame Jarmila Novotna, accompanied by F. Kubina.

Pavel Ludikar, bass-baritone, was born March 3, 1882, in Prague. He studied law and philosophy at the University of Prague, decided against becoming a professor and started to study music. He became a professional pianist and performed on the concert stage in the United States. He switched from piano to singing and in 1904, made his debut as Sarastro in *Die Zuberflote*, at the National Theatre in Prague. His portrayal of Sarastro was so brilliant that he met immediate success. He was a guest singer at the Vienna Volksoper and the Royal Opera in Dresden. He was greatly admired as a singer of comic roles, especially Mozart's *Figaro*, which he sang over one hundred times. He appeared with the Boston Opera and the Metropolitan Opera, and became famous in the United States and Europe.

Ludmila Dvorakova, soprano, was born July 11, 1923, in Kolin. She studied voice at Prague Conservatory and made her debut appearance in Ostrava, singing Jenufa in Janacek's *Katy Kabanova*. From 1954 to 1957, she was a member of the National Theatre of Prague and also performed at Bratislava. At the Dvorak Memorial Festival in 1954, she sang arias from Dvorak's music and it was said that her singing made a tremendous success of the festival. In 1962, she sang in East Berlin, Russia, Belgium, France and Munich. In 1965, she sang *Venus* in *Tannhauser* and in 1966, she appeared in Beethoven's opera *Fidelio* and sang again in Munich.

Prague Theatre has an extraordinary history that dates back more than two hundred years. On June 11, 1981, it will be celebrating its bicentennial anniversary.

Sis. Stella Tichy,
Sokol Cechie, Chicago

Sokol Caldwell - 53rd Anniversary

This is to let you know we had our third annual party, which is the 53rd anniversary of Sokol Caldwell. A basket dinner was served at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 8th. A program followed the dinner. The program was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. We planned the program around the Sokol idea. A dance was held to finish up the evening. Music was furnished by the Frank Truhlar orchestra.

I want to mention that we now have our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday evening of every month. Our meetings have been well attended.

We don't do any Sokol training, but we have social activities that help us financially.

We hope we can get more members after our anniversary day. Some members are planning to attend the XV Slet at Fort Worth next June. NAZDAR!

Bro. Joe Netahla

AMERICAN SOKOL ROUNDUP

Dear Friends of Sokol:

Some 3,000 to 4,000 Czechs from the United States, Canada and Europe are preparing to participate in the American Sokol Organization's National Gymnastics Championships in Fort Worth, Tex., June 24-28, 1981. Competitions will be held in the Tarrant County Convention Center with the highlighting event of the Slet being the exhibition on Saturday evening, June 27th, at Farrington Field.

In addition to mass calisthenics and apparatus numbers, the folk dance - Horehronsky Carcas - will be featured. Dance groups from across the United States will be performing in this number. We are asking all groups interested to join the Sokols in participating in this number. There will be a group rehearsal on Saturday morning, June 27th. Dance groups interested in participating are asked to contact Sis. Maggie Gremala, P.O. Box 40, West, Texas 76691, Phone: 817 - 826-3255. She will be glad to assist in providing instructions, assistance and music.

Anyone desiring further information about Slet activities should write XV American Sokol Slet, P.O. Box 205, Ennis, Texas 75119.

Please join us in this historical event! NAZDAR!

Bro. Larry Laznowsky
Slet Co-Chairman

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of a March thaw, is the spring. (from a Sand County Almanac).

Have you noticed the difference when going outside in the morning? Yes, it's still "Jack Frost" nipping at your nose, but - there is a change. The birds have a different tune, the daffodils are popping up and even the grass is greener. Spring is a cleaning time, whether it be in our homes or in our lives, it is a time of new ideas, new growth. Why not have a "Spring Cleaning" session at "Sokol"? Let's work to help our Sokol grow, not just in gymnastics but in the true Sokol spirit of brotherhood.

Below is an article by Bro. Louis Teichman from Sokol Detroit, it is most appropriate that we take this time to read it. (Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlicek printed this item in their newsletter, the American Sokol publication brings it to all our units across the country.)

BROTHERHOOD - Sokol understanding of brotherhood is much greater than the dictionary definition of

the word. To a Sokol member it means companionship, the love of fellow man, the association of man with man. In our Sokol, it must be thus. It can be no other way.

Through the rigors of our gymnasium, the close association and cooperation in the various offices and committees, and attendance of meetings, the Sokol member because of his mutual activity, can enjoy brotherhood in the broadest meaning. And here is a true benefit that is available to all members regardless of age or length of membership.

In fact, the older the member, the greater the opportunity and need for it. Some degree of brotherhood can be obtained in our Sokol easily and with little effort.

Many of the members have established the basis for their brotherhood many years ago in the gymnasium, competitions, slets, conventions, meetings, etc. All they need to do now to enjoy the pleasure of brotherhood, is to give it a chance to work. One method that can easily be used to make it work is to get together more often, and the best place to get together could be at our monthly meetings. Of course, there are many ways and many places where members can fraternize. Brotherhood is a privilege of every Sokol member. It is also the responsibility of every member.

In Memoriam Brother Emil Kostka

Emil Kostka passed away in Wilber in January, 1981. He was born June 6, 1894 in Kladno, Bohemia (now Czechoslovakia), the third of 10 children of Frantisek and Frantiska Cervena Kostka. He received his education in elementary schools in Czechoslovakia in preparation for a higher education. He was called to serve in the Austro-Hungarian army during World War I. After the war he attended a two year course at the National Technical College in Kladno and received his diploma in 1922 in electrical industrial engineering. In 1923, Bro. Kostka followed a school friend to the United States and worked in Chicago and later in Omaha. On December 22, 1925, he was married to Alice B. Svehlakova in Wilber. The couple made their home in Chicago where their first two children were born. Four years later they moved to Wilber where they operated an electrical contracting business and appliance store for over 40 years.

Bro. Kostka joined the Sokol unit in Czechoslovakia and continued as a member with the T. J. Sokols in Wilber. He was a Sokol trainer in Czechoslovakia and also in Wilber from 1934 through 1939. When he was younger, he was a hard working member of Sokol. His wife and two daughters are also members of T.J. Sokol Wilber.

Besides his wife and two daughters, he leaves one son, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. On behalf of T.J. Sokol Wilber I extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

June A. Kucera, Secretary

ASO FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 1981

RECEIPTS:

| | |
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| Dues | \$1,319.25 |
| Sokol T. G. Masaryk Dues | 49.00 |
| Convention Fund | 2,444.00 |
| Special Assessment | 1,219.00 |
| Resale of Jewelry | 156.90 |
| Resale of Plaques | 80.00 |
| "Highlights of Czech History" | 69.25 |
| UPS Charges | 12.06 |
| Educational Pamphlets | 25.00 |
| Song Books | 21.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,406.75 |
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| | 8,802.21 |
| ASO Uniform Division - Rents, salaries, etc. | 609.18 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | <hr/> \$9,411.39 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Administrative | |
| Salaries | \$676.53 |
| Rent, janitor services, phone, electric | 534.24 |
| Office supplies | 12.19 |
| Postage | 13.37 |
| Miscellaneous | 407.80 |
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| | \$1,644.13 |
| Board of Instructors | |
| Salaries | \$382.99 |
| Editor "Sokol Gymnast" | 30.00 |
| Office Supplies | 9.27 |
| Postage and Phone | 37.24 |
| XV ASO Slet Music and Postage | 11.28 |
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| | \$ 470.78 |
| Educational Department | |
| Postage - Library and Archives Fund | \$ 1.40 \$ 1.40 |
| Sokol Publication | |
| Postage "American Sokol" | \$ 9.79 |
| Editor "American Sokol" | 100.00 |
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| | \$ 109.79 |
| Miscellaneous | |
| ASO Uniform Division - Salaries and Phone | \$363.87 |
| XV ASO Slet Postage | 37.60 |
| Future Sokol Leaders' Fund - postage | .45 |
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| | \$ 401.92 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <hr/> \$2,628.02 |
| Balance brought forward: | |
| Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking Account | \$15,050.29 |
| Receipts - February 1981 | 9,411.39 |
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| | \$24,461.68 |
| Disbursements - February 1981 | 2,628.02 |
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| | \$21,833.66 |

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

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| In memory of Bro. Joseph Selig - Sokol Town of Lake | \$ 15.00 |
| In memory of Bro. Frank J. Ruzicka - Charles and Irene Ruzicka | 20.00 |
| In memory of Mary Krenek - Bill and Vi Vrba | 10.00 |
| Interest Earned | 226.96 |
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| | \$271.96 |

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| In memory of James Korecky - Ann Svoboda and family | \$ 25.00 |
| <i>Donations are tax exempt</i> | |

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Sokol Seattle, Washington - Pres., Vaclav F. Vojta, 8475 W. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Sec., Milada J. Rezek, 12526 S.E. 61st St., Bellevue, WA 98006. Fin. Sec., Jan Gabanek, 3436 - 9th Ave., W., Seattle, WA 98119.

CHANGE: Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlicek, new Financial Secretary. - Fin. Sec., Richard Dolnicek, 13717 Oak Park Blvd., Garfield Hts., OH 44125.



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