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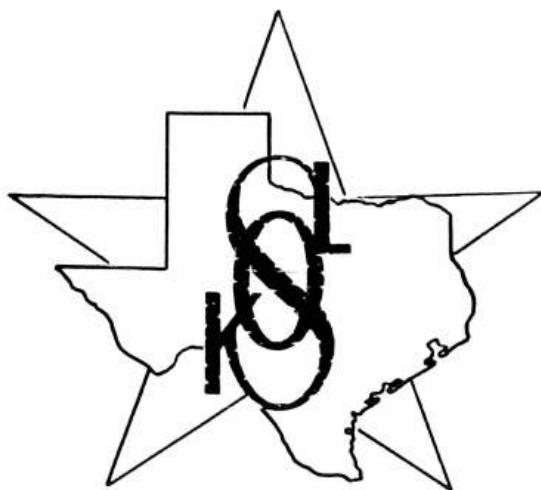
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SEPT. 13 - SOKOL DETROIT

Grape Festival - Sokol Camp

SEPT. 18 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

Fish Fry

SEPT. 19 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

Steak Roast and Dance

SEPT. 20 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA

Annual Czech Festival

SEPT. 20 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Wicker Demonstration

12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SEPT. 20 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA

Czech Festival - Christmas in September

SEPT. 26 - SOKOL AND SOKOLICE MILWAUKEE

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SEPT. 26-27 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

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OCT. 3 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Farmer's Dance

OCT. 16 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

Fish Fry

OCT. 16 AND 17 - SOKOL WASHINGTON, D.C.

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NOV. 7 and 8 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

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NOV. 14 - SOKOL BROOKFIELD

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NOV. 20 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

Fish Fry

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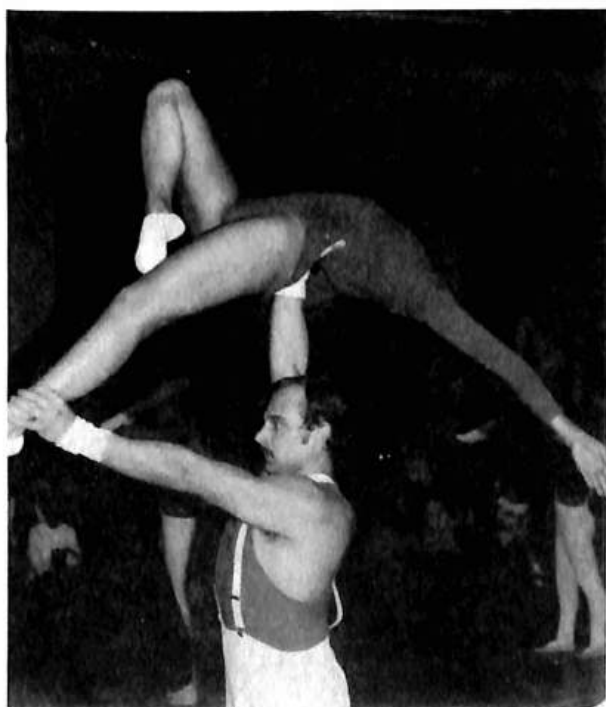
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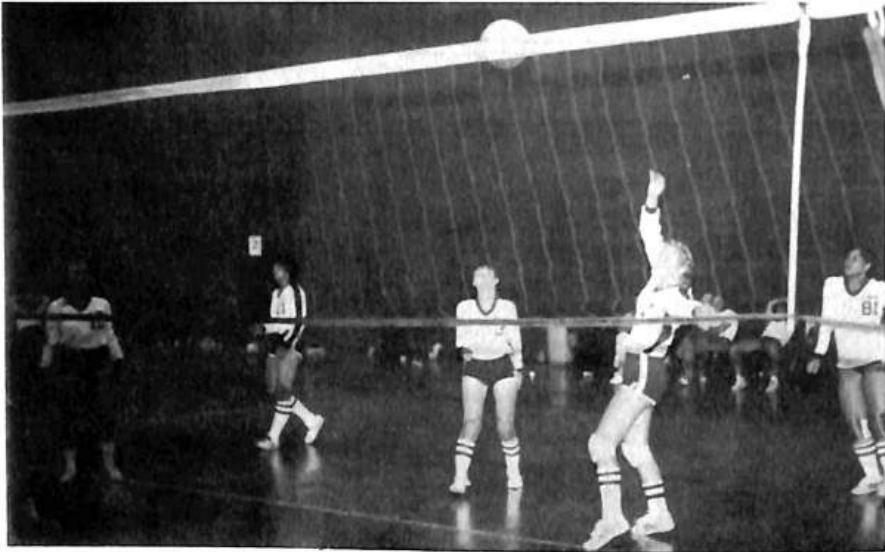
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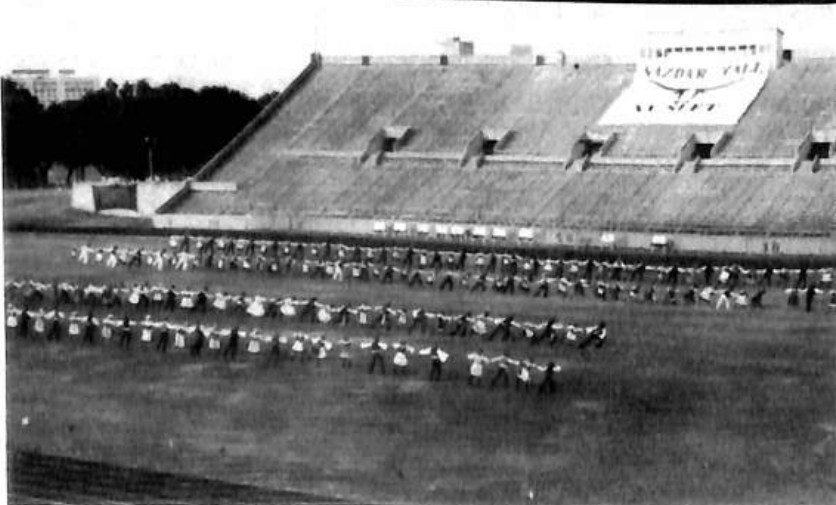
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# Memories - XV National Slet Fort Worth, Texas



Volleyball  
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Finale

Till  
Next  
Time!



# REPRESENTATIVE SOKOL WRITINGS

Translated and Edited By Zizka

## The Founding of the Sokol Organization

by Vaclav Cervinka

One could scarcely find traces of a Bohemian "social atmosphere" in Praha in 1861. As for organizations that were Bohemian in spirit - they were non-existent. Praha had its social circles, of course, but they were predominantly German in spirit, although membership was open to Bohemians from the official, academic, and wealthy brackets. There was, however, one persistently encouraging note: Bohemian journalism and Bohemian publications of the time had a tremendous and wholesome influence upon the masses. It seems that persons from all walks of life read their papers avidly. Before purely Bohemian organizations came upon the scene, literary circles enjoyed popularity in various communities, and here and there we note the existence of amateur dramatic clubs, which appealed especially to the younger elements.

Bohemia was still struggling to loose the bonds of reaction resulting from the debacle of the premature revolution of 1848. One can scarcely picture the frame of mind of the young people - they were humiliated frequently by the ruling clique, persecuted, discriminated against. The native tongue was frowned upon in their homeland! Those aspiring to careers found themselves thwarted on every hand. How bitter the reflection that the state that had enjoyed an enviable position among the family of nations was now held in disdain by the "better" classes. Centuries of sacrifices to hold high the reputation and honour of their homeland were "forgotten". To express a deeper interest (heaven forbid that any semblance of pride should creep in!) in the Bohemian Kingdom was to invite censure from the influential. On the other hand, all tendencies to bury the past . . . to denationalize the Czechs, were encouraged. As is always the case, traitors of their own flesh and blood were aplenty.

Can one wonder then, that the feats of that great and noble man - Giuseppe Garibaldi - were followed among the masses with unabating interest? Many a loyal heart, on the verge of giving up the effort to preserve Bohemian culture, was once encouraged Garibaldi the brave - Garibaldi the unselfish - Garibaldi the patriot, devoted his life's work to his people, notwithstanding tremendous obstacles in his way. Perhaps all is not lost, perhaps we can realize a Czech renaissance! The inspiration of Guiseppe Garibaldi found a fertile field of loyal Czech hearts.

The first days of October, 1861, found me matriculating at the Technological Institute in Praha - at that time German in supervision. Not long afterward, I enrolled in the physical culture school maintained by Jan Malypetr. A short few weeks later rumors were heard

that "someone" was planning to found a Bohemian physical culture organization that would be open to the general public. The talk soon subsided, as the lack of an organization of this character did not seem to be widely felt.

Some time later, unverified reports of a similar nature again appeared. The adage "where there is smoke there must be fire" proved true. Although the plans afoot were anything but clear, it was apparent that somewhere behind the scenes definite plans were being formulated. To join the contemplated society would have meant breaking with the Malypetr institute - and all of us liked both the school and Malypetr himself.

I do not recall having seen any public announcement in the papers of the day of a contemplated meeting to be held for the purpose of founding a Czech gymnastic society. It is certain, however that the first meeting was not called until a large room was obtained in the same building that housed Malypetr's institute.

The second-floor large room was bare, poorly lighted; the floor showed the results of years of use. Each step made, brought a squeak of protest from the worn boards. The floor had been swept far from thoroughly. - In one corner a long, black table was placed and three rough chairs. These were the only "furnishings". An oil lamp, ink-well, several pens, and writing paper were placed on the table. Behind and around the table, as I entered, were several men. Elsewhere groups of three or four conversed quietly. Among the last to arrive was Malypetr. All told, about forty of us were present.

I don't believe anyone ventured a speech to those present. Several of us were acquainted with one another, and exchanged opinions on the contemplated new organization. Questions were raised, various interpretations offered. However all this took place in a spirit of reserve. Citizens of Praha were conscious of the vigilance of the authorities, hence resisted to express themselves freely in larger gatherings. More than one had "personal experience" with the officials of the benevolent (?) Austrian government. When those engaged in the semi-private discussions had apparently decided in favour of joining the new society, they approached the table, and entered their names on the temporary roster.

At length I walked to the table, signed my name, and expressed my desire to become a member of the new club. Others did likewise, and without further ado the purpose of the meeting appeared to be consummated. I doubt more than thirty signatures were obtained that red-letter day in Sokol annals.

The following meetings were devoted to the formulation of by-laws. Later, when it was suggested the society adopt the name SOKOL, the idea was accepted unanimously, and with acclaim. Another proposal was for all members to greet one another with the salutation "Nazdar" - Success.

Considerable opposition greeted the move to decide upon a dress-uniform for members of the organization. This is made understandable when we take into consideration that for centuries a uniform represented officialdom to the masses . . . officialdom that was foreign, exploiting, unjust, reactionary. The uniform

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## American Sokol Instructors School, Ennis, Texas



The American Sokol Organization two weeks advanced instructors course was held at Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, June 29 - July 11, 1981. Forty students attended for the first week and 39 participated the second week.

Bro. Frank Michalek was course director. Additional instructors for the first week were Sis. Jolene Dalton, Bro. Rome Milan and Bro. Joe Vrzalik. Course secretary was Sis. Sylvia Laznovsky. For the second week of the course the instructors staff was joined by the following staff from the one week advanced instructors course which concluded at Sokol Forth Worth on Saturday, July 4th: Bro. Jerry Milan, National School Chairman, Sis. Marie Provaznikova, Bro. Bud Benak, Bro. Tony Didomenico, Sis. Henrieta Milan, and Sis. Jo Marie Zeman.

An Officer-of-the-day and students in charge of quarters were appointed daily. Each day began with "rise and Shine" at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast at 7:30

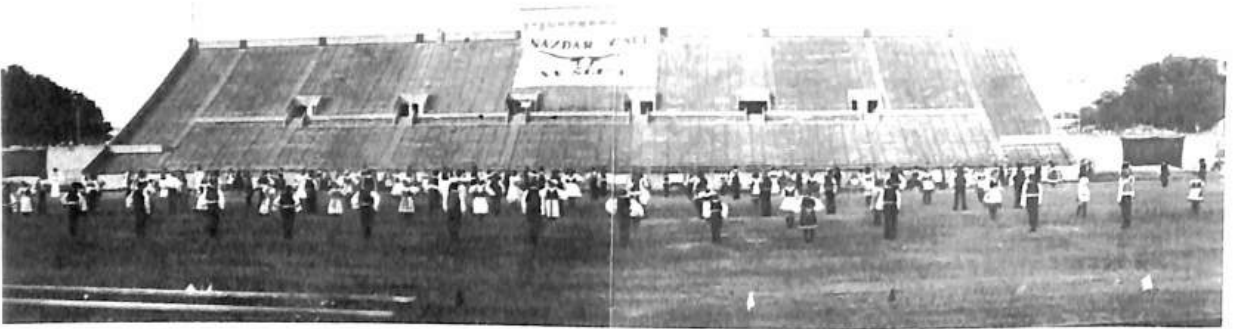
a.m. Classes in marching, calisthenics terminology, apparatus terminology, spotting and progressions, Sokol history, and philosophy were held each day. During the second week Sis. Provaznikova presented lectures twice daily. Special classes were held in hand apparatus and special skills. Students were also assigned the responsibility of writing calisthenics, apparatus routines, playing competitive events, writing special numbers and planning gym activities for gymnasts and parents. One of the highlights was the student and instructor talent show.

Students were treated to a weiner roast and watermelon party at the home of Sis. Betty Trlica, Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky unit secretary on the night before the course ended.

The course closed with graduation exercises on Saturday, July 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

Sylvia Laznovsky  
Course Secretary

# XV AMERICAN SOKOL SLET JUNE 1981 FORT WORTH, TEXAS



Beginning of Czechoslovak Folk Dance "Horehronsky Cardas" performed by Sokol Gymnasts and Guest Cultural Organizations.



**"SOKOL ROUNDUP"**

In recognition of participation in the XV National Slet of the American Sokol Organization held June 24-28, 1981 in Fort Worth, Texas.

VESNA KOLEDIN

*Marie Stach*

*Paul Lebloch*

*Roy S. Gitting*



Participation certificate awarded to gymnasts in competitions held at Tarrant County Convention Center.

## Vienna - 1982

### Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad

### Jubilee Slet

### July 2-6, 1982

For those planning to visit Vienna and compete in the apparatus competitions, the exercise will be the same for all divisions as used in our XV Sokol Slet, Fort Worth, Texas, 1981. Calisthenics will be new and available shortly. Plan your vacation ahead and enjoy a European Holiday. Information of a tour sponsored by the American Sokol will appear shortly in this publication.

## Start of a New Season

### METHODS IN GYMNASTICS

**Study of elements** - means that an instructor (quite often without his gymnasts realizing) presents a certain plan of activities which his gymnasts must master in their minds. It is only obvious that before one learns a new element he must picture it in his mind. But this picture (or rather a projection) must be completed with all details, especially those that are almost hidden to the average eye.

**Activeness** - means that gymnasts must develop willingness to participate fully and freely in all activities. Therefore, each of them must learn to suppress his own preferences in favor of activity which is enjoyed by all. Also, once learning a certain element, a gymnast must not stop until he masters it. In other words, he must attain his goal regardless of time and efforts, but within the plan given by his instructor. If we give up or lower our goals we also give up or lower our own capabilities. Here we also develop the feeling of brotherhood. The entire team shares in the success or failure of each individual. One helps his teammate in order to improve the entire team.

**Self-discipline** - goes hand in hand with activeness. It is developed even in the youngest classes. Its influence on gymnastics is invaluable. It forces the mind and body to go on, to improve itself. Only a self-disciplined body may force itself to learn new and more difficult elements. Self-discipline is thought through calisthenics, marching tactics and simple elements on the apparatus. It enables us to repeat certain movements in which we either eliminate a particular habit or learn to master a difficult element.

**Illustrativeness** - In teaching a new element or a move the instructor must use familiar motions and feelings. He must concentrate, especially on those details which the gymnasts usually doesn't or can't see. His talk must be simple and to the point, enabling his gymnasts to see or imagine a clear picture of the move

or element. On the other hand, let us not waste any time describing details that are clearly noticeable even without any talk. By using two fingers in describing a move on the sidehorse is a typical example of illustrativeness.

**Capability** - means that our gymnasts should be taught only those moves that he is able to learn at this particular time. If the moves are beyond his capabilities they become dull and even dangerous. On the other hand, an exercise that has already been mastered could also become dull. A gymnast must be ready for new elements not only physically but also spiritually and once ready we must do everything possible to keep his capability at the highest point. This means that no time may be wasted and a gymnast should be spared from any unnecessary moves.

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## Help Our Sokol Grow

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The work of the older must be balanced with that of the younger people, or the Sokol one day will be without its leaders. Someone likened the old and young to the hands of a clock. The young are the minute hands that move quickly, and the old are like the hour hand that moves slowly, but it takes both to tell the time.

We might add that any organization is in trouble when either group thinks the other is not needed!

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## Vth JUBILEE SLET

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July 4th and 5th, 1982

VIENNA

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Are you  
back in  
Sokol after  
summer vacation?





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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please accept, on behalf of our entire membership, most sincere congratulations on the outstanding success of your XV. National Slet held June 24.-28, 1981 in Fort Worth, Texas. It was one of the finest Sokol Slets ever held.

The great number of youth participating at the Slet was especially encouraging and indicative of the enduring strength and vitality of Sokol ideals in America.

Our members attending your Slet, in particular those from Europe, were greatly impressed by the outstanding facilities, the high calibre of all the events and were full of well-deserved praise for the flawless organization in evidence throughout. Most impressive, however, was the ever-present proverbial Southern hospitality combined with a spirit of true Sokol brotherhood which made this Slet a most enjoyable and memorable experience for all participants.

Kindly convey to everyone connected with the planning, preparation, organization and execution of the Slet our admiration and congratulations as well as our gratitude for giving us the opportunity of witnessing, and participating in, a great and inspiring Slet.

With your XV. Slet now belonging to our proud Sokol history we look forward to meeting many of your members at our V.-Jubilee Slet to be held, as the final fireworks display of your Slet so thoughtfully announced - in "Vienna 82".

Zdeněk M. Dobrovolný  
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suggested all that was hateful to the patriotic Czech. Others saw no need of a uniform . . . the very idea that they would dare to appear in public as members of a Bohemian society was at first startling . . . and then their timidity gave way to hope that perhaps . . . perhaps, after all, we might risk the chance! After some discussion, and a realization that the SOKOL could not confine its activities within four walls, but must endeavour to acquaint itself with the Bohemian public, the idea of a distinctive uniform succeeded.

For the time being, we agreed unanimously upon a dress uniform - but details were to be worked out later. All was not serene, however - the Bohemian individualism soon came to the fore. Eduard Gregor recommended that we adopt the Garibaldian red shirt - the symbol of daring, of devotion to the principle of liberty - the challenge to all tyrants. Once again, small cliques discussed the matter - vehemently, I assure you! A few individuals threatened to withdraw from the Sokol if the red shirt were adopted. Diplomatically, we decided to postpone the matter of the uniform to a later time.

At a later time the original of the current Sokol uniform was presented, including the red shirt, and the committee which had been appointed to consider the matter of uniform dress heartily recommended its adoption. A compromise was made, however, in that the wearing of the red shirt was not compulsory, but was left to the individual for decision. When first it was proposed that members of the Sokol address one another as "brother" and use the familiar second-person "thee" and "thou", many were taken aback . . . but gradually all become reconciled to the democratic innovation.

The preceding is a rough sketch of the evolution of our Sokol organization until about the Christmas period, 1861.

After New Year's day, 1862, we all gathered in the gymnastic institute managed by Malypetr, eager to hear "official" reports about the growth and prosperity of our new society. We were a bit disappointed to hear that the membership had not grown as rapidly as was expected. On the other hand, we were cheered by news that there was a possibility that the authorities would approve our by-laws and would allow the Sokol to function as a recognized organization.

At about this time I noticed that Malypetr no longer directed our exercises exclusively, but that assisting him was a young man who attended some of the pre-Christmas meetings and frequently had charge of a squad (družstvo) during the gymnastic classes. If I remember correctly no one introduced this fellow to us, and he did not take the liberty to introduce himself formally. I doubt whether any of us had an inkling of the significance Miroslav Tyrš would have for the Sokol movement, and what a great organization he was about to inspire.

#### IN "APPOLO"

The announcement that the Sokol would move into its own (rented) quarters in the building known as "Appollo" thrilled everyone of us. That memorable evening when we entered into our first own "home" marked the beginning for us gymnasts of the real Sokol activity. The Sokol now numbered around 100

members, and certainly no more than that were present at our first formal meeting. From the moment we established ourselves in Appollo, however, our ranks began to grow much more rapidly.

The large size of our new quarters surprised us. None believed in supernatural miracles. To all it was obvious that the pretentious lay-out must have demanded much thought, sacrifice, and money. The last brought up the question: Whence did it come? Who was our great friend? We did know, of course, that some unknown Bohemian patriot had donated a large sum of money to the new Sokol, to tide it through its most perilous times, during its infancy. For the time being we had to content ourselves with a rumor that our benefactor had advanced more than 1,000 guildens (zlatky) - but details were not available.

Already during the first year of our formal existence, an adequate explanation was given us about these questions. There was more than "luck" to thank for this assistance - surprising, and timely. It proved especially valuable because of its timeliness. The man who did these "wonders" for the Sokol - he of the golden heart and noble soul - was none other than Jindřich Fuegner.

Most of us spent those months in an atmosphere of unreality - it did not seem possible that the spacious arena of Appollo was at our disposition, that our aspirations promised to be fulfilled. This being quartered in a suitable building inspired all of us, so that progress and success became apparent in other phases of the life of our society. One attainment led to another. Up until May, 1862, we lived in a Sokol paradise - and so affected were we by the inspiration of the moment, that no one made notes for posterity.

The more thoughtful in our ranks realized that the first public appearance of the Sokol (in a body) would go a long way in determining whether the Bohemian public would adopt the Sokol as their organization or not.

It seemed to us that the preparations for the formal dedication of the Sokol emblem were rather hazy. There appeared to be a lack of coherence in the plans. None of us had an idea as to the actual make-up of the celebration. All of us, however, felt a wave of exaltation - we realized that the formal dedication of the Sokol flag was not a mere ceremony, devoid of any deeper significance: we knew that the members of the Sokol

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would pledge themselves to strive to bring success to their own organization and to devote their lives to the good of the Bohemian nation. The emblem itself would be a constant reminder of this resolution.

When the day of the formal dedication arrived, the ritual was carried out simply, but with dignity. The predominating yet unspoken feeling was undoubtedly that of love of our native land - patriotism in the most noblest sense of the term.

Not long after the dedication of the flag, the Sokol sponsored a two-day outing to Komorní Hradek and to Posazavi. We were to leave Praha on Saturday afternoon, before the Svatojanské holidays. Shortly before this outing, a five-member feminine delegation visited Miroslav Tyrš with an inquiry: Would the Sokol accept members of their sex? Could they and their friends attend the outing at Komorní Hradek and Posazavi? As diplomatically as possible, Tyrš explained that so far no measures had been taken to provide for feminine activities in the new organization.

Before long, it was obvious that even our spacious quarters in Appolo would not suffice to meet the needs of our rapidly increasing membership. Temporarily, while some alterations were to be made, we moved into the building called "V Konvikte". For us, for whom Appolo had become a second home, this change was not too pleasant. We likewise looked with apprehension at the great numbers of new members: it seemed to us that the membership committee was making no effort to ascertain whether the candidates actually were worthy of being connected with a society whose goals were so lofty. We "old timers" insisted upon quality as much as upon quantity. A promiscuous granting of membership to anyone might reflect injuriously upon the reputation of the Sokol. Certain individuals were no asset to us.

During the summer months of 1862 I discovered that the reputation of the Sokol had actually spread to the farthest parts of Bohemia. Apparently our initial venture - the "celebrated" outing to Zavist, had impressed loyal Bohemian hearts. We founding members realized that the confidence that already had been placed in us by our countrymen was something to be cherished, something never to be betrayed.

After returning to Praha following my vacation, I chanced to attend a program sponsored by the "cream of Bohemian society". As was the custom of the day, some of the "well-bred ladies" spoke German exclusively. Perhaps the true Sokol spirit had already "gotten" me . . . but I could not respond in that tongue, and spoke nothing but Bohemian. This was done, of course, in as tactful a way as possible. Nevertheless, my conduct must have impressed some of the people within earshot, for on a later occasion I was informed that an old patriarch who had been present exclaimed, pointing after me: "There goes a Sokol. There goes a leader of the coming revolution!"

The alterations in Appolo were complete, and once more we worked out "at home". Much to my everlasting regret, this blissful activity in the Sokol did not endure for me. The days of contentment amongst men with whom I felt united in the cause of our nation were shortly brought to a close.

After the new year, 1863, had rolled around, Tyrš' desire to give a gymnastic exhibition before the public captivated us. As long as I live, I shall not forget the forenoon of January 26, 1863. In my personal opinion, it marked the end of one period, the commencement of another, especially in the political sphere. When we began our exercises that morning, it seemed to us that Tyrš' face had taken on some new qualities. He appeared to be thinking about some weighty matter, while he outwardly devoted himself to us. Then, without ado, he quietly said to us, a thin smile playing across his features: "Last night I received a report that a revolution had been launched in Poland. Gentlemen, what do you say to that?"

Yes, the Poles had arisen - and for the moment we were thrilled by patriotic motives. Those who dared challenge the powers-that-be were brave men. Few thought deeper, few there amongst us who weighed the possible results of the insurrection - whether it was timely, well-planned, etc. As to the wisdom of the open move - none of us even wanted to think about that important matter. As it is often the case amongst Bohemians, we were swayed by our emotions, and he who dared appeal to reason and attempt an unbiased analysis of the Polish revolution would have been condemned as "unpatriotic".

In this atmosphere charged with so many political events and still greater possibilities, we made preparations for our first public gymnastic exhibition. Past volumes of the *Vestník* brought articles about this memorable *První Slet*. Suffice to say here that Praha and environs turned out in wonderful numbers. This great, spontaneous demonstration of interest in the Sokol Movement, and the success of the gymnastic program itself, surprised even the most optimistic of our members.

The First Slet was for me personally the last. I was spared the pang of the knowledge that it was my final participation publicly in Sokol life for a long time. Not long after the First Slet, I returned to my beloved Posazavi countryside to spend my vacation. While there, I contracted a painful, dangerous, and lengthy illness. I returned to Praha in the beginning of June, 1863, merely to complete my studies and take my final examinations. At first I could scarcely take part in the regular gymnastic classes in the Sokol, so weakened had my system become during my sickness. As far as participating in the many enthusiastic outings sponsored by the Sokol that summer - that was out of the question. And this inability to indulge in that activity which had become so dear to me - so vital a part of my life - made me sad.

Before my last parting with friends of Sokol Pražský toward the end of July, I was to experience one final bit of happiness. I had known that before long, Sokol Pražský would have its privately owned headquarters. Thanks to the generous financial assistance of Jindřich Fuegner, property had been purchased. My last act as a Sokol in Praha was to assist in the digging of the foundations for the future home of my beloved Sokol.

When I returned to Praha, March 3, 1864, from Hungary, my friend led me into the completed, new home of Sokol Pražský. Our noble Fuegner, who shall

live in our hearts forever, personally escorted me through the building, explaining in a happy mood its many features. O, how fortunate he felt that he could have made this contribution to the Sokol Movement! As we were parting, he took leave of me with these words: "Never forget that you were a Sokol".

Neither of us thought that we were saying "Nazdar" to one another for the last time. Never again was I to see the venerable Fuegner alive . . .

## ASO FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1981

### RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$4,012.00
Sokol T. G. Masaryk Dues	10.00
Dividends and Interest	479.22
Resale of Jewelry	89.55
"Highlights of Czech History"	24.75
UPS Charges	2.59
Postage	1.21
Song Books	10.00
Membership Kits	22.00
Resale of Pictures	10.50
Donations to General Fund	170.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
	<u>\$4,981.82</u>
ASO Uniform Division - Rents, Salaries, etc.	792.82
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$5,774.64</b>

### Disbursements:

#### Administrative

Salaries - Office Help	\$557.82
FICA, FWT - June 1981	167.60
IWT - 2nd Qtr. 1981	67.33
Rent, Janitor Services, Phone, Electric	518.18
Office Supplies	4.67
Postage and UPS Charges	103.96
Printing By-Laws and Quarterly Reports	2,954.80
XV ASO Slet Postage, Phone, Advertising	218.12
Bank Charges - Checks and Canadian Discount	47.22
	<u>\$4,639.70</u>

#### Board of Instructors

Salaries	\$310.06
FICA, FWT - June 1981	98.68
IWT - 2nd Qtr. 1981	38.09
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	30.00
Phone	13.19
Travel Expense	800.00
XV ASO Slet - Volleyballs	136.25
	<u>\$1,426.27</u>

#### Educational Department

FICA - June 1981	\$3.14
IWT - 2nd Qtr. 1981	2.86
Postage	.18
	<u>\$ 6.18</u>

### Sokol Publication

Editor "American Sokol"	\$100.00
Postage "American Sokol"	8.58
	<u>\$ 108.58</u>

### Miscellaneous

ASO Uniform Division - Salaries, FICA, IWT and Phone	\$490.46
Future Sokol Leaders Fund - Postage	.72
Transfer of funds from checking account to savings	2,000.00
	<u>\$2,491.18</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,671.91</b>

### Balance brought forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero - Checking account	\$10,436.63
Receipts - July 1981	5,774.64
	<u>\$16,211.27</u>
Disbursements - July 1981	8,671.91
	<u>\$ 7,539.36</u>

### FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

July 1981

In memory of Bro. Frank J. Ruzicka (Portion of his estate according to his wishes)	\$7,240.00
Marie Novak Trust, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	330.72
	<u>\$7,570.72</u>
Interest Earned	965.43
	<u>\$8,536.15</u>

### LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES FUND

July 1981

In memory of Charles Placek	
John and Vera Burkat	\$ 20.00
Helen Placek	20.00
Raymond J. and Judy M. Perina	25.00
Mrs. Mary Findor, Ernest and Mildred Cech	25.00
Val Smicklas Damon	10.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>
Interest Earned	44.51
	<u>\$144.51</u>

Donations are tax exempt

## Travel Bulletin 1982

The American Sokol Organization in conjunction with our Districts is sponsoring a tour to Europe joining the V Sokols Abroad Slet held in Vienna, Austria. The 16 day tour (air - land) will visit Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Venice, Ljubljana and Bled. Two types of accommodations are available, Superior Tourist and Economy Tourist; prices from: Chicago, \$1,386.00 - \$1,340.00; New York, \$1,298.00 - \$1,254.00; Houston, \$1,432.00 - \$1,387.00. Departures will be June 30th arriving Vienna July 1st with 4 nights stay in Vienna then on to touring Austria, Germany, Italy and Yugoslavia.

Detailed itinerary may be obtained by contacting the American Sokol office or Weber Travel Agency, 6805 West Cermak Road, Berwyn, IL 60402-0730.

# SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chicago, Illinois

## 70th ANNIVERSARY

We are all invited and many of us are a part of the whole 70 year history. When the new Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Hall was opened in 1911 after two units merged and agreed to use both names, we were there, on the shining floor, starting in 1st class, starting a new life after school. It was a wonderful thing for us. The hall was large, later a balcony was installed and the unit was the largest in the USA, numbering over 500 members.

The Anniversary Part will have an exhibit of pictures and articles collected by the members and teams.

Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs was situated on Lawndale Avenue in "Ceska Kalifornie" and the neighborhood was almost completely Czech. It was said you could purchase any thing from a toothpick to an apartment building on 26th Street and not know a word of English.

However, times changed and the building was sold; after being a night club for awhile, it was destroyed by fire and finally levelled to the ground.

Only memories remain, memories of many dedicated leaders long since gone, who left with us such love for our organization that we, too, have stayed to carry on the legacy.

Memories, too, of many of Sletova Akademie, Slet awards night, with visitors from all over the USA.

Ahead of us is the Chicagoland Sokol drive toward new quarters, let us cooperate to the fullest extent.

NAZDAR!

Emilie Ruzicka, Sokol Miami

## IN MEMORIAM EMIL NEKUDA

### SOKOL, THE FAMILY AND THE NATION

Sokol life has always been a struggle between truth and falsehood; justice and farce; spirit and matter. In his life, man seeks for something with which he may be happy, content and secure. Contentment is attained by the fulfillment of duties, which must be done; of individual desires that are satisfied and accomplished for one's family, Sokol, nation.

Work is the necessity of life. Work will reap results. Apply yourselves to the effort with energy, in carrying on that particular phase of Sokol endeavors.

Every occupation demands planning, creating and striving for perfection and advancement. This is true in any Sokol training, trade or profession. We wish to give physical strength, courage and self confidence. Sokol training wants you to be humble and moral, to have a cultured mind in a beautiful body, to be healthy, respectable, and most of all a loyal Sokol and a loyal citizen of these United States.

Tell your friends about Sokol, bring them with you, so they may share it with you. Arouse interest in Sokol work in your friends, so that they may carry on the work, and fill in the places left by the old and deceased members.

Thousands have come, but few stayed on to keep up the work. Those who failed, lack determination; unfortunately some of the leaders also lack it. The results surely would be greater, if there were more laborers. For example: what a colony of honey bees can do in unity and in cooperation, what duties they perform! Would it not be a wonderful world, if we could do the same?

Emil Nekuda wrote the above words. His life was an example of exactly what he wrote. But Emil passed away on August 20, 1981 after a long illness. He has left a devoted friend to carry on the work of Sokol, his dear wife, Louise, who is president of the Pacific district. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 29, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. at the Westwood Village Mortuary, in Westwood, California.

Bro. Nekuda was past president of Sokol Los Angeles and his talents will be sorely missed by all. Donations may be made in his name to the AMERICAN SOKOL Slet Travel Fund. We bid another devoted Sokol, farewell!

### PLEASE NOTE:

Thank you to the following people whose names were inadvertently omitted from the XV American Sokol Slet Souvenir book.

### TROPHY FUND:

Ed Jirousek - Sokol Greater Cleveland, Roy and Vlasta Zitny - Sokol Brookfield, Sokol Town of Lake - Townites.

### WELL WISHERS:

Benny and Mary Pavey - Sokol Fort Worth. We are sorry for these omissions, but when handling such a volume of ads etc. mistakes are bound to happen. Thank you again!

## Commemorative Plates

This notice is to let you know that the XV. National Slet souvenir plates are still available from the American Sokol Organization office, 6426 W. Cermak Road, Berwyn, IL 60402.

Many plates were reserved but were not picked up at the Slet in Fort Worth. Those people have been notified by postcard that we are holding their plates. In case you did not reserve your plate we still have a few numbers left. We are trying to give you the same number that your plate had in 1977. Plate collectors know that this makes your souvenir plate collection more valuable.

Plates can be picked up at the office weekdays, or if you live out-of-town, they can be shipped to you. Then the cost is \$20.00 plus shipping charges.

In case you didn't know ours is one of the smallest printings of souvenir plates in the United States. We have only 300 plates produced. Any production of 15,000 or less is considered a valuable collector's item. The plates purchased in 1977 have already doubled in price. Don't miss out on this fine collection of plates! (See pictures - page 104).



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