

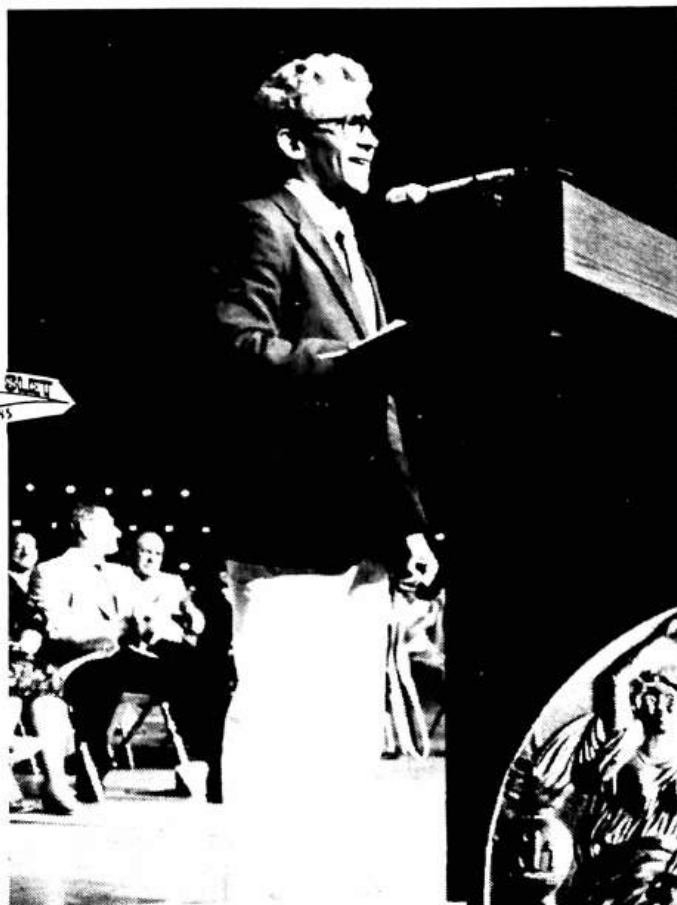
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JIM HARTUNG Omaha, Nebraska

The last Sunday in August was declared Jim Hartung Day in Omaha, Nebraska. The American Sokol Organization is proud to have this young man in the organization and for being an example to the other young people by lifting our Sokol ideals to the highest level possible.

Bro. Hartung was presented with many plaques and awards that day, along with a life membership in Sokol Omaha. Before winning the gold medal at the Olympics, Jim Hartung worked long and hard working his way up through one competition after another in the last ten years. Persistence paid off! Following are his gymnastic accomplishments.

In Sokol, 1973, first place, junior boys' high division; 1977, first place, junior boys' championship division; 1981; first place, men's championship division. His high school accomplishments at South High School in Omaha, Nebraska included 18 gold medals in 3 years of Class "A" competition and led the team to 3 state titles. In Junior Olympics, all-around champion, AAU, 1976 and 1977; all-around champion, USGF, 1976 and 1977; runner-up AAU, 1975 and runner-up USGF, 1975. He was a member of the United States junior team, in 1975 and 1976. Jim was a member of the United States senior team, 1977 through 1983. In 1979, on the United States World Championship team, Jim reached 9th place in the all-around division. 1981 brought more prizes, 7th place in the vault and 9th place on rings. As a member of the United States World Team, competitions were in 1982 and 83, the boycott prevented our Olympic team from competing in 1980. NCAA brought 22 all-American rankings to Bro. Hartung, plus 11 NCAA gold medals, 7 individual and 4 team; 7 NCAA titles - 1980-81 all-around, 1980, 81 and 82, rings, 1981 and 82 - parallel bars. Big 8 - on the University of Nebraska gymnastic team, 26 medals in 28 events, 11 big 8 titles, including all-around, rings, high bar, pommel horse and vault between 1979 and 1982 were accomplished. And then - the final feat - 1984, United States Olympic team, the gold medal!



Banner leading Jim Hartung Day in Omaha.



Bro. Roy Zitny - President American Sokol Organization and other guests.



Omaha, Nebraska Mayor Mike Boyle presenting Jim Hartung with a placque and Key to the city.



Bro. Roy Zitny, President, American Sokol Organization, Bro. Gary Masek, President, Western District, Bro. Jim Hartung.



Bro. Jim Hartung, Bro. Ray Lastovica, President, Sokol Omaha, presenting life membership.

Bro. Jim Hartung talking and signing autographs for young gymnasts.



Sokol Educator

OCTOBER 28, 1918 AND TODAY

The history of Czechs and Slovaks are full of strife, of difficulties, but also of hope and trust in a better future. Our nations were often at point of decision, and that they are still in existence is only proof of their perseverance, of their making the right decision, that is chose the path of truth despite the fact that such path was often difficult, full of obstacles and sufferings. At any time if we wanted to cheat on the reality of life, avoid the truth, we paid dearly for it.

Our October 28th, 1918 was not an occurrence of sheer chance, did not occur haphazardly, and was not a gift from fate. The western powers were long considering whether to break up the Austro-Hungarian empire. Vienna and Budapest tried everything in the world at their power to prevent such dissolution of the empire. Our Czechs and Slovaks as one were working towards their independence and national freedom. Our military action was occurring at all fronts, even at a time when France and other allies were on the brink of defeat before the arrival of American forces.

The legendary advances of our forces in Russia, in Siberia, and the superhuman efforts of Thomas G. Masaryk, Milan Stefanik, Dr. Benes, Dr. Kramar and others of the same trend finally convinced the Allies that the Czechs and Slovaks deserve a state of their own, were in position to direct their own destiny.

So the independent Republic of Czechoslovakia was born. Even the most antagonistic enemy would not deny that the formation of Czechoslovakia was a reality and the Republic has every opportunity to prosper. In reality it was an example for all the new formations in Central Europe and elsewhere.

Munich and what followed after gave proof that any agreement of international character was but scraps of paper in the hands of unscrupulous and shortsighted manipulators of international diplomacy and politics.

We were thrown at the mercy of Hitler who planned the transfer of a greater part of the nation, especially the Czechs, elsewhere, and the Moravians and Slovaks made into slaves for the Reich, after screening out the most rebellious elements. We wanted to defend ourselves, but our allies would not permit us to do that. Many of our people left for Poland and through Poland later to Russia, where our former allies sent them to concentration camps in Siberia for brainwashing, and those who would not submit, were marked for death.

In France, our Czechoslovak division was one of the few who resisted German advances. After the fall of France, some of our people went to the Near East, others to England in anticipation of fighting

the Germans elsewhere. Everywhere, at all battlefields, we find our soldiers and officers in the second World War the same as during the First against the Germans. The resistance at home was considerable. Thousands of our comrades, fellow fighters, found an end to their lives in Gestapo concentration camps and executions stations, whether it was in Bohemia, Moravia or during the Slovak National Uprising. Those who were not executed by the Gestapo and the Nazis, suffered bitter end at the hand of communist murderers in February, 1948.

It is not possible that all these sufferings and trials were in vain. The spirit against injustice, the love of truth and liberty is within each one of us, and an inheritance to this day. Our homeland even though under foreign domination is not lost and forever enchained. We need not worry about the spirit of our people in the homelands. They know well what they can do and accomplish under those trying conditions. They are accused of producing inferior goods in a country renowned for the quality of industrial products. They hold a low level on industrial production, pay slight attention to quality and utilization of time, which is the natural reaction to conditions prevailing.

What we should worry about and rightly, is the condition which exist among our exiles. They are terrifying. We are belittling each other, spreading false rumors about each others activities, and are so unanimously antagonistic to each other that it is disheartening. We are slandering each other, envy others, hate each other and thus unwittingly serve the purposes of the enemy and do not want to realize that what is happening in the world. The Soviets are not giving up nor can they abandon their aims of becoming lords over the entire world in a worldwide revolution. They realize very well that as long as somewhere in the world exists a real democratic spirit, some semblance of freedom, some democracy, it will be a hindrance to their aims of world domination. They can not afford to have such tendencies influence the lives of Soviets and their obedient servants. The entire Soviet union as one vast concentration camp, with land mines, barbed wire fences, watchtowers, concrete walls all connected with inhuman elimination of all resistance without any thought about the value of human life.

With Soviets human life never had and nor will it ever have a value and this is coupled with enormous losses in economic wealth.

International agreements and deliberations for eliminating these inequities for some *modus vivendi*, the reduction of tension and the making of agreements is not realistic to them at all and discussions of methods to attain such aims is simply a waste of time and effort. The Soviets recognize but one peace the Soviet peace. Out of the agreements they only observe and keep those which serve their purpose. They do not bind themselves to anything. Every word of theirs is a lie and every action and act a sheer terror. They are convinced that time works for them, that democracies will not be able to

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American Sokol Organization Merit Award for 1984-85

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



BARBARA J. KOZEL
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RENEWALS
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TERESA ANN McCLURE
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WATER GYMNASTICS

Contributed by JIRI LISKA, Sokol Los Angeles

Our priority is to teach boys and girls how to swim. But there is more. We can try acrobatic moves with minimal spotting and minimal risk of injury. It is because the water ensures a soft landing.

In addition, it is a welcome change after the swimming lesson.

The instructor must check first if the bottom of the pond, pool etc. is appropriate, i.e. even, shallow, no rocks. And no polluted water.

Most of these exercises are possible at the water level reaching the gymnast's hips.

Caution: all teams must be under supervision of their instructors constantly.



HANDSTAND — Take off 45° upwards - tuck in - bend head forward on breast - jump head first into water close to the spot of your take off. When reaching the ground, try to balance the handstand.

STOOP TUMBLE FORWARD — Take off from the ground in the direction of rotation. Bend head forward on breast and bend knees to touch the chin and rotate in this tucked in position. The instructor should help the pupil rotate.



STOOP TUMBLE BACKWARD — Execute in the same way as the Stoop Tumble Forward is described. The instructor positions himself facing the pupil's side.

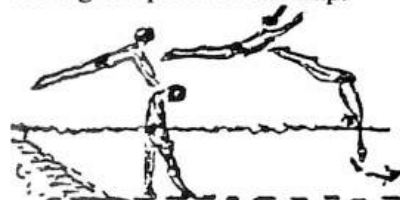
BACK ROLL OVER THE SHOULDERS OF A PARTNER — Pupils stand back to each other - uparm - holding hands. One of them bows forward and the other executes a back roll over his shoulders, landing in water.



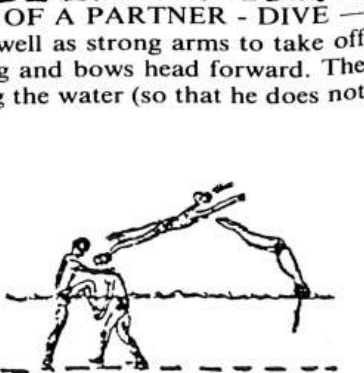
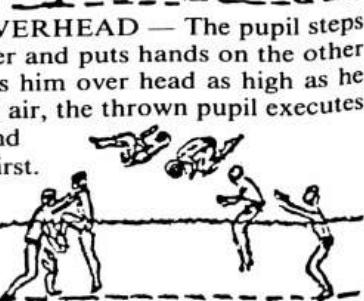
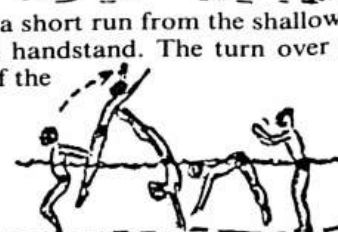
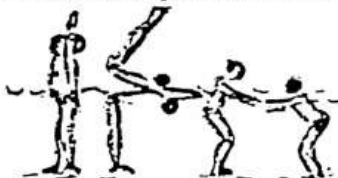
ARCH TUMBLE BACKWARD — A strong take off (45° upwards) - swing arms head back upward - head back, arch - touch the ground with arms - handstand - closeheel stand.



STOOPED TUMBLE BACKWARD, THROWN FORWARD — It is executed from clasped hands by a slight rear headbow and tucking in at the highest point of the leap.



DIVE OVER FROM CLASPED HANDS — It is executed from clasped hands in front or in back. The partner helps the vaulter by throwing him up and by leaning back (when his hands are in front), or leaning forward (when his hands are in back). The vaulter puts the tip toes of his leg into the clasped hands of his partner and both hands on the partner's shoulders. Taking off from the ground and from the partner's hands, the vaulter flies over him head first and tucks in just before diving.



STOOPED TUMBLE FORWARD - OVERHEAD — The pupil steps with one leg on clasped hands of the other and puts hands on the other pupil's shoulders. The other pupil throws him over head as high as he can. He has to take off vigorously. In the air, the thrown pupil executes the tumble by a quick head front-bow and tuck in, so that he falls into water head first.

VAULT: TOUCH THE SHOULDERS OF A PARTNER - DIVE — This exercise needs a strong take off as well as strong arms to take off the partner's shoulders who stands strong and bows head forward. The leaping pupil stoops only before touching the water (so that he does not fall on the stomach).



District Directors Conference 1984

The American Sokol Organization held its all important District Directors Conference on October 26-27-28 at the William Tell Inn located in Countryside, Ill. The meeting was called to order by National Directors Bro. Paul Lebloch and Sister Marie Ptacek at 8 p.m. and concluded at 12 Noon Sunday. On the agenda were reports of all District Directors - Educational Committee - Editor of Sokol Gymnast - Merit Award Committee. Also reported on was the Slet Technical Material - Schedule of Slet Events - Apparatus and Volleyball Tournaments - Special Number Competitions and the Tentative Slet Program. In addition, the following committees and reports were reviewed: Gymnastic Skills - Special Assessment Fund - Uniform Division - Tournament Rules - 1985 Advance Instructors Course - Outside Affiliations and the 1985 American Sokol Convention. Attending the meeting and

representing their District were Sister Libby Pelc and Br. Jiri Liska from the Pacific District - Sis. Jolene Dalton and Br. Bud Benak from the Western District - Sister Ellen Jeanne Schnabl and Br. John Satek from the Central District - Sister Sylvia Laznovsky and Br. Larry Laznovsky from the Southern District. - Sister Maryann LaVere and Br. Roger Martanovic from the North Eastern District - Sister Audrey Benda (rep. Julie Slavik) and Br. Steve Frolo from Eastern District. Representing the American Sokol Board of Instructors were Sister Marie Ptacek and Br. Paul Lebloch, National Directors - Sister Sylvia Pistorius and Br. Dick Ptacek, I Assistant Directors - Sister Anne Halik and Br. Frank Michalek, II Assistant Directors, and Sister Mae Simonek, Secretary. At the request of Sokol Gymnast's Editor the following Districts will each supply a page of Sokol material to be printed in the successive months before our Slet. For January 1985, Southern District - February, Central District - March, Eastern District - April, Western District - May, Pacific District - June, North Eastern District. The Conference was hosted by the Units of the Central District and were their guests at the Silver Anniversary Banquet of Sokol West Suburban.

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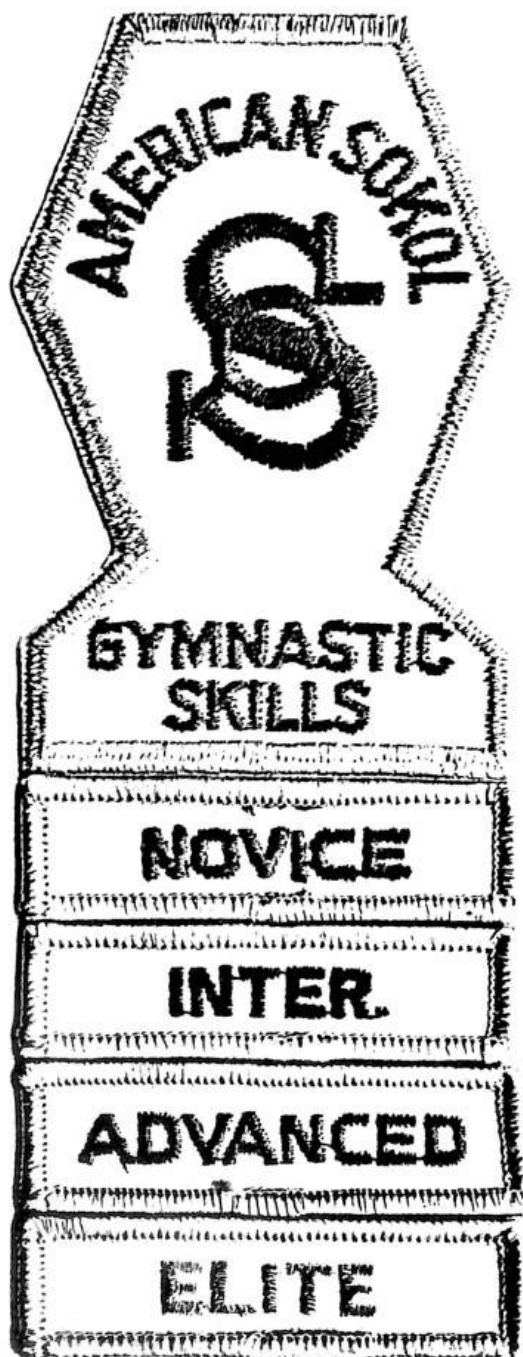
Purpose of Gymnastic Skills Program

By Br. FRANK MICHALEK

At the District directors conference I felt it would be important to clarify the purpose of the gymnastic skills program. The gymnastic skills program was established from its inception with the express purpose of supplementing the regular gymnastic program consisting of prostná (calisthenics), marching,

competition routines, pyramids, combatives and other segments of the Tyrš system by providing an organized program of progressive gymnastic stunts. This program which was established to provide patches as a reward and incentive to encourage gymnasts to learn these many skills in the various apparatus groups so that they would be successful in accomplishing the necessary amounts required to move into the next category. The gymnastic skills serve an excellent purpose in providing instructors with a teaching tool not only as a foundation for the budding gymnast, but also to challenge the elite gymnast who in many instances is neglected. They are only a small segment of the many stunts, combinations, and routines, that can prepare one for a more expanded program including a wide variety of gymnastic stunts.

Since the gymnastic skills program is not a mandatory one, it has been used in the past by instructors and units that feel it fulfills a need in areas that supplement the regular program. During the past year only a handful of units responded with lists of gymnasts that have successfully completed certain categories. It is important for the person requesting the patches to submit with the request the sheet which records the names of the gymnasts and the category that they have successfully completed, so that record will remain on file at the American Sokol Organization National Office, therefore allowing new instructors and directors to obtain this information if it is so desired. It is hoped that during the next year diagrams can be added to the written descriptions for all five categories slightly changing the format of the testing booklet. Suggestions and recommendations from instructors and directors are solicited to improve and upgrade the quality of the program. Please evaluate the program as it exists and make sure that it receives the proper exposure by presenting it to new instructors and their assistants.



PROMOTE SOKOL



keep up the race with the Soviets on armaments. "To achieve victory for communism throughout the world we are prepared for any sacrifice," these are the words of Leonid Brezhnev and also of the present rulers of Soviet Russia. Anyone interested can convince himself of the truth for this declaration.

It is about time that we, exiles and countrymen woke up while there is still time and opportunity. The high and noble value of liberty and humanitarianism can not be attained by means of ignoble and weakminded methods. For us the ordinary servants of the nation, there is no room of appeasements, for alibies. White is white, and black is black. Water containing but a drop of contaminants, is contaminated, deceits remain deceits. Everyone of us must resolve for himself which road to take and follow. Either with us or with them against us. Defend truth without which freedom is inconceivable. Freedom is the right of humans and not a play thing for politicians. *The Wilsonian - October, 1948*
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SOKOL EDUCATOR

Josef Škvorecký

The recent award of the 1984 Nobel Prize in literature to a Czechoslovakian poet is a major step forward for writers in the Soviet-controlled country, a noted Czech writer said at the University of Texas at Austin.

Josef Skvorecky, a writer who left his native Czechoslovakia in 1969 after the Soviet invasion threatened a return to governmental bans of his work, applauded the selection of Jaroslav Seifert as recipient of the high honor.

I'm afraid in American commentary he may be termed an obscure writer. He may be obscure to Americans because he hasn't been translated (into English), adding that the international recognition accompanying the award should encourage translations of Mr. Seifert's work, as well as work by other Czech writers.

He is not obscure in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Seifert is known by everyone. He is a great national poet.

The speaker, in an address to approximately 40 Slavic language students at UT, said the prize recipient is greatly loved in his native land, largely due to his ability to appeal to a diverse audience.

One aspect of his work is that it is interesting and can be appreciated by almost illiterate people. Simple people know by heart and love it.

Intellectuals appreciate it for the way he is able to work the Czech language so beautifully.

Mr. Skvorecky praised Mr. Seifert, now 83 years old and in failing health, as a courageous man and added that he was the last president of the Czech national writers' union before it was disbanded and reorganized under a strong government eye.

He is a recluse poet by nature who sided with the dissidents. When the political situation calls for it, however, he can be a man of action. If he was younger and less famous, he would probably be in jail now, but he is so popular and so old that the government doesn't treat him as harshly.

Mr. Skvorecky himself is a noted writer both in Western nations and in Czechoslovakia, where his novel "The Cowards" originally was suppressed by the government. The work sold 150,000 copies to the 10 million Czech-speaking citizens when reissued in 1963 as a more liberal faction of the Czech regime regained temporary control.

His latest novel, "The Engineer of Human Souls," was issued in June by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

In his lecture, Mr. Skvorecky discussed the contemporary scene in Czech literature and outlined three points he said were important to remember in reviewing literature from repressed countries.

First, any totalitarian government discerns sharply between creative and performing arts.

I talk to people who visit Eastern nations and they tell of the wonderful performing arts they viewed on their trip. Performing arts are left alone or supported as long as the performers keep their mouths shut, all dictators love the fiddler and despise the scribbler.

Music doesn't have content that is easily understood. The first target of any new dictator is always the writer, whether he be a national prize winner or dissident.

Mr. Skvorecky also warned the audience not to view large outputs of writing as a sign that writers are not repressed.

Some people point out that there are more and more books published by contemporary Czech writers today. If the greats are banned, there will still be bookstores of best sellers but the writing may be broken. It will be different.

He also noted that writers who feel oppression are sometimes forced to change their focus.

There may still be good writing, but not by the good writers, or not as good as the good writers are capable of producing.

His visit was part of a tour through Central Texas in which he is gathering material for his next book, the story of Czech-Texans during the American Civil War. It was sponsored by the UT Czech Club and Department of Slavic Languages.

The UT Czech program is one of the few such programs in the United States, according to Dr. Frantisek Galan assistant professor of Slavic languages. It awards a bachelor's degree with a major in Czech.

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On the Subject of Nationality

"Nationality" - as defined by Webster; the qualities that distinguish a Nation; National character; strong attachment to ones own Nation or Countrymen; the people constituting a nation; a Race of people; separate existance as a Nation. Thereby, "Nationality" refers to citizens of a certain Nation, whether that Nation happens to be Greek, Polish, or Russian, per se.

Any person born in the U.S.A. is automatically an American Citizen and also an American National with American Nationality! Having "American-Nationality" does not mean losing ones heritage or identity. For some strange reason most people will acknowledge their American citizenship and cannot sensibly reason they are also American-Nationals with American-Nationality! The fear stems from losing their heritage, identity, and ethnic background. However, there are numerous ways to set-aside both this fear and ignorance.

With the exception of Native-Americans, Indians, and Eskimos, all Americans are of various bloodlines, heritages, and cultures. Thereby, one can identify his or herself by stating: "I'm of Czech-Ancestry, my heritage is Czech, I'm of Czech-descent, or my ethnic background is Czechoslovakian, Polish, or whatever the case maybe, per se." A long standing tradition within the U.S.A., the "hyphenated" Americans; Polish-Americans, Czech-Americans, and Pennsylvania-Dutch used correctly and mostly by the media.

It is most imperative for anyone dealing with children in any instructional or educational capacity to differenciate on the above by example of using the correct terminology when the occasion arises. Education the parents of children who insist on using the word "Nationality" to identify the child's heritage is not the Sokol's job. However, surely as night follows day, the better informed educated child most always, with time, shores-up his or hers parents knowledge and the parents accept the better correct information as being their own. "TOWARDS NEW HORIZONS" Nazdar!

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FOR LAW AND ORDER A Resolution

WHEREAS, the members of the American Sokol Organization, who believe in God and revere our country's flag and realize the necessity to preserve the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights, which have served to establish the finest system of government in the world, and

WHEREAS, we deplore the presence of crime in our streets, violence and disorder on our campuses, and lack of respect by a minority of our people for our country's flag and the rights of others, and

WHEREAS, we abhor the anarchy and chaos in our schools and communities with a continuance of riots, demonstrations, and disorders which bring about malicious destruction of property and danger to the personal safety of our people, and

WHEREAS, we and all other loyal Americans, having displayed much patience and forbearance, are angered, dismayed and disgusted with the illegal acts of radicals, extremists, trained agitators and militants, and

WHEREAS, we desire to express our concern for the future of our society and particularly our youth, the majority of whom are decent and law-abiding,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we stand for discipline of those who defy our laws, with the knowledge that public order is essential to achieve a solution to our domestic problems;

that we call for the full support of our membership for our law enforcement agencies and courts, and full cooperation in the enforcement of their duties in the prosecution of those who have caused, instigated or aided violations of our laws and disorders in our schools and communities;

that we favor intelligent dissent, properly used and presented, but not as an excuse for violence or destruction;

that we demand the arrest and prosecution of those dissidents, radicals and militants who engage in criminal acts of riot, disorder and rebellion against the laws of our country;

that we demand the expulsion from school of those participating in violent demonstrations, riots or the disruption of classes and the operation of schools, colleges or universities, public or private, whether on or near the school premises, and we demand the revocation of scholarships, grants or other monetary aids of a public nature extended to those participating in such acts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be read on the floor of the units at an appropriate session, posted in a prominent place in the unit quarters, reproduced in unit bulletins and given publicity through the local media so that not only the members of our American Sokol Organization but also the citizens of our country will know that

the American Sokol Organization respects the laws of our land and supports those charged with their enforcement.
American Sokol - 1967

IN MEMORIAM Emil Pekar 1909 - 1984



The entire Czech and Slovak community was saddened to hear of the death of Bro. Emil Pekar. He was born on August 20, 1909 and he passed away, at age 75, in Loma Linda, California on September 3, 1984. Bro. Pekar was a dedicated and devoted member of Sokol for 56 years.

Emil started his Sokol career in the little boys' class with the Slovak Sokols. As a junior boy, he attended the gym classes of Sokol Nova Vlast. In order to compete on the Low Division Men's team in the Chicago Slet in 1929, Emil became a member of Sokol Nova Vlast. In addition to his activities in the gym classes, Emil became a very active member at the administrative level. He was President of Sokol Nova Vlast for two years and he was President of the Northeastern District from 1968 to 1972. Bro. Pekar was a firm believer in the unification of all Sokols in the Greater Cleveland area and for many years he was a member and a trustee for the American Sokol, Inc. He served on the committee that was instrumental in the purchase of the Sokol property on Rockside Road in Valley View. He also was a member of the committee that negotiated the purchase of Bohemian National Hall.

Emil married Blanche and they had two children. Besides being a Sokol member, Emil was a Masonic member and a Shrine member. He served his Masonic Lodge as treasurer for many years. He was a member of the Slovak Sokol Farm and served that group as treasurer for a number of years. He also was a proud member of the American Legion.

Bro. Pekar worked as a bank teller for Cleveland Trust, which today is known as Ameri-Trust. During World War II, he served as paymaster in England. In 1948, Emil started to work for Peoples Savings and Loan on Clark Avenue. At age 65 he retired as one of the Vice-Presidents of that bank. Shortly after his retirement, Emil and Blanche sold their home in Seven Hills and moved to Hemet, California. During Emil's entire life, he was a very energetic and busy man. He was a devoted husband and father. He served his country, his Sokols, and his lodges very well. Emil was buried at the Riverside National Cemetery in California with military honors. He will be missed not only by his immediate family, but also by his Sokol family and friends. All of us are, and should be, justifiably proud to have known him.

Excerpts of eulogy given by Bro. John Galik

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 1985!

FEB. 2 - SOKOL BROOKFIELD

Spaghetti Dinner

FEB. 17 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Pancake Breakfast

MAY 18 and 19 - SOKOL ST. LOUIS

Weekend celebration - 120th Anniversary

DIRECTORY CHANGES**CENTRAL DISTRICT: Sokol Berwyn:****New Men's Director**Bill Palter, 3244 S. Cuyler Ave.,
Berwyn, IL 60402**New Men's Director - Sokol Brookfield**Steve Ulrich, 2257 S. 12th Ave.,
North Riverside, IL 60546**New Men's Director - Sokol Slavsky**George Simonek, 1911 S. 61st Ave.,
Cicero, IL 60650**New Women's Director - Sokol Slavsky**Pat Satek, 1922 S. 57th Ave.,
Cicero, IL 60650**EASTERN DISTRICT: New Women's Director**Julie Slavik, 58-03 Lawrence St.,
Flushing, N.Y. 11355**WESTERN DISTRICT: Sokol Caldwell**Address Change - **Financial Secretary**Barbara Volavka, 317 E. Garfield
Anthony, KS 67022*Calendar of Events*

DEC. 1 - SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO

St. Nicholas Dance

DEC. 1 - SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND

St. Nick's Dance

DEC. 1 - SOKOL MIAMI

15th Anniversary Celebration

DEC. 2 - SOKOL BALTIMORE

Re-dedication and gymnastic
Exhibition - 112th Anniversary

DEC. 2 - SOKOL BERWYN

Christmas Bazaar and Fun Fair

DEC. 2 - SOKOL DETROIT

Czech Afternoon Dinner Dance

DEC. 8 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Spaghetti Dinner

DEC. 9 - SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO

Annual meeting

DEC. 14 - SOKOL LOS ANGELES

75th Anniversary combined with Annual meeting.

DEC. 16 - SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO

Children's Christmas Party

DEC. 19 - SOKOL STICKNEY

Children's Christmas Party

DEC. 31 - SOKOL BROOKFIELD

New Year's Eve Party

DEC. 31 - SOKOL BERWYN

New Year's Eve Celebration

DEC. 31 - SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO

New Year's Eve Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL MILWAUKEE

New Year's Eve Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL ST. LOUIS

New Year's Eve Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL DETROIT

New Year's Eve Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL STICKNEY

New Year's Eve Party

DEC. 31 - SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA

New Year's Eve Dance

DEC. 31 - SOKOL MINNESOTA

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A great deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves obscure men whom timidity prevented from making a first effort; who, if they could have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame. The fact is, that to do anything in the world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can. It will not do to be perpetually calculating risks and adjusting nice chances; it did very well before the Flood, when a man would consult his friends upon an intended publication for a hundred and fifty years, and live to see his success afterwards; but at present, a man waits, and doubts, and consults his brother, and his particular friends, till one day he finds he is sixty years old and that he has lost so much time in consulting cousins and friends that he has no more time to follow their advice.

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The Czech List

*"Seek the truth, hear the truth,
Learn the truth, hold to the truth,
defend the truth till the death."*

JAN HUS(1)

Jan Hus was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415, by those who feared the truth.

Thomas Garrigue Masaryk (1850-1937) is known throughout the world as a champion of liberty, "the father of his country", and as president liberator. He was also a Sokol. "Truth Prevails" was his guiding philosophy.

Today, in Czechoslovakia, his grave is neglected. There are tributes, however, and one is the poem, IN MEMORIAM T. G. MASARYK, by Jaroslav Seifert, the celebrated Czech poet and winner of the 1984 Nobel prize for Literature. The date of the poem is September 14, 1937:

An excerpt follows:

*"Your children's children, in a hundred years or so
may gather their children, and in whispers low*

*tell men of this sad fourteenth of September,
sadly recorded, for mankind to remember.*

This tear dimmed morn, remember well my child!(2)

There are those who would try and rewrite history. We should all try to learn more about and promote Sokol. And to especially support educational and cultural programs which 1) assist us in better understanding our heritage and the truth as part of that heritage and 2) help us with our responsibilities of learning and teaching and truth to those who follow us - our children.

One such program in particular, is the XVI American Sokol Slet in June, 1985, in Chicago. Support of the Slet and attendance will be beneficial and rewarding as will be the many opportunities to experience the rich and diverse Czech ethnic culture of Chicago.

Footnotes: (1) T. G. Masaryk, *Our Rebirth and Reformation* (1896).

(2) T. G. Masaryk, *Champion of Liberty*, Research and Studies Center of CFTVF, New York, 1960.

*Excerpts from an article written by Bro. Bruce Janda,
Sokol Detroit - Educational Director*

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