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AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION TOUR TO ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, FOR THE VI SLET OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOKOLS ABROAD

(PART III)

FINALE

The High Tatra Mountains are beautiful. Unfortunately, time did not permit us to undertake any hikes up the mountain paths. About 200,000 years ago, glaciers covered the Tatra area and then molded them into rocky peaks, gorges and lovely blue mountain lakes. In these mountains are also special plants found only in this area of Czechoslovakia. The sight of the high mountain peaks with their white caps was breath taking. A tour to Tatranská Lomnica and Štrbské Pleso was very scenic. In the lake we saw the reflection of the peaks of Gerlach to the East and Kriváň on the West. Our stay was short but we saw very nice scenery. We were lucky that sister Gerrie Marsiglio told us about Starý Smokovec, having been here earlier with a ski club. Some things have changed since her visit but the mountains remain the same.

We visited the town of Levoča which in the 13th century was the trade route between Poland and Hungary. The old town hall now serves as a museum. The well known church St. Jacob, built in Gothic style, has an unusual altar famous throughout Europe. It was built by Mr. Paul of Levoča in the years 1508 to 1517 and was on exhibit in 1950 at the Brussels Worlds Fair and again in 1967 in Montreal, showing the skilled craftsmanship of the Czech woodworkers. Considering the church houses such a treasured exhibit, the building itself is somewhat neglected. The tour guide commented that during a pilgrimage to the church this summer, thousands of young people attended, camping about the area due to lack of accommodations in the town. In town my souvenir purchase was a lovely painted ceramic pot which I will use for flowers to remind me of my visit.

Our next stop was in Kežmarok where we had a nice lunch in an old wine cellar and sipped their wines with our meal. We were also informed that there was an old wooden Evangelical church in town. This we learned from three young boys about 12 years old waiting outside when they heard Americans arrived. They were rewarded with chewing gum and some commemorative Statue of Liberty pins — USA 1776/1976 that our members had for souvenirs. This wooden church was built in 1717 by J. Mittermann. The interior was beautifully painted with scenes of the Old and New Testament by an artist of Levoča, Mr. Mayer in 1743.

We took leave of the Smokovec area, traveling again thru Štrbské Pleso on toward Žilina, known for the famous Jánošík stories. Soon we left Slovakia and were in the Province of Moravia. Our first stop was in Rožnov near Radhošť to view an outdoor Valašské museum, founded in 1925 by voluntary contributions of local citizens to preserve their life style and depict the homes of the past centuries. It actually is a small town of wooden homes typical of the era, like homes of our early settlers, and these homes were relocated to this site from their original locations. Some date back to the 17th century. The old church is surrounded by a cemetery which is the final resting place of many prominent Rožnov people mostly writers, painters and doctors. Near the church was a small wooden structure which had an old bell in the bellfry. We were given permission to ring the bell and our Brother Ed Linhart, being strong and muscular was elected to ring it. He got the bell swinging but it took the tour guide to get it to ring. The lady was of slight built, but it must require a certain skill, timing and stance to ring the bell.

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Party — Detroit

DECEMBER 22 -- Childrens Christmas Party
Milwaukee

DECEMBER 27 — Czech Christmas,
European Village — Milwaukee

DECEMBER 31 — New Years Eve Dance
Detroit

DECEMBER 31 — New Years Eve Dinner/Dance
Greater Cleveland

DECEMBER 31 — New Years Eve Party
Brookfield

FEBRUARY 1 — Winter Gymnastical
Detroit

FEBRUARY 8 — Annual Jaternice Dinner
Milwaukee

JUNE 24-27 — XX Sokol USA Slet and National
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American Sokol Executive Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 23, 1986.

Regular meeting called to order by Pres. George C. Basta at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Sis. M. Pinc, M. Ptacek, S. Pistorius, J. Kourim, L. Filipello; Brs. F. Kala, C. Borvansky, R. Barcal, P. Lebloch, F. Stankovsky, J. Rabas, G. Masek, R. Ptacek, and G. Basta.

Members excused: Sis. V. Zitny, E. Ruzicka; Brs. R. Zitny, E. Jelinek, J. Milan, and J. Satek.

Guests present: Sis. E. Stankovsky and Br. F. Michalek.

District minutes received and reviewed: May 17 Pacific, June 1 Northeastern, and July 19 Southern. ASO minutes approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Stmt. from Selden, Fox & Assoc. prof. serv. June, July. IRS info on tax filings, copies to be sent to the 24 units and districts seeking exemption. Letters concerning Zurich tour all favorable.

Donation letter from CSA Fraternal with \$250.00 toward convention. Letter from Sis. Nekuda regarding two brothers requesting transfer from expelled Seattle unit. Letter of concern from a "Pan Jan" of Sokol Houston, Br. Kala to write letter about membership. Copy of letter to our Gymnast Editor regarding publication policy. Meeting to be held with both our editors, Br. Basta, and Sis. Korim to discuss format of next twelve months and beyond. Letter from Br. Steve Mostenan, Sokol Racine, regarding he and his wife moving to Arizona after Sept. Czech Catholic Union request ad in their general convention Oct. 18-22. Approval for \$10.00 ad. Card and ltr. from Br. Jerry Hardy, our AAU rep.

Br. Milas Novotny, asst. mgr. of Sokol South Omaha sent complimentary letter regarding our successful Instructors School. Fact sheet on English Language Amendment to the Constitution received. Support is requested of this amendment.

WOMEN'S DIRECTOR — Sis. S. Pistorius: Ltrs sent to all board members requesting their presence on the B.O.I. for the coming year. All members agreed to work together for another season. Sokol USA officially asked us to participate in their XX Sokol Slet June 24th to June 27th in Washington, D.C. Sis. Bergova sent competition results of Zurich Slet. Sis. Zabka request our organ-

ization to take into consideration participating in the Gymnastrada to be held July 7 thru 11th in Denmark. Br. Lebloch gave detailed report on Zurich Slet. Br. Michalek gave report on Instructors School. An excellent article appeared on Sokol Greater Cleveland newsletter on the school.

Br. & Sis. Halik have agreed to write the Tots Calisthenics for the 1989 National ASO Slet. Sis. Dolly Baca will write the folk dance number. Sis. Halik gave Merit Award report, recommends rules be revised before next award applications are distributed. Four awards and one renewal approved.

MENS DIRECTOR — Br. R. Ptacek: National Instructors Course, 92 students and 8 instructors attended. Facilities were excellent, the program comprehensive, and very accelerated. Because of the fine attendance at the course, it has been suggested by some board members that they be held more frequently, possibly at some time holding a special course for adults, many of whom would like to prepare themselves for teaching a class. Br. Michalek attended the USGF Safety Certification Course held on June 21 in Indianapolis. Consisted of 6 hrs. of lectures followed by test. Material covered is contained in USGF Manual \$16.00 plus \$100.00 fee to attend course. Br. Satek inquired about progression material for instructors. Ltr. to Br. Durham requesting material for self improvement clinics covering progressions. Bros. Dave Harlan, Frank Michalek, Chuck Kalat, Paul Lebloch, Jerry Milan, John Satek, and Steve Fischer approved as members B.O.I. Attended special mtg. with Sis. Pistorius to prepare for Conference.

Mileage and per diem, \$210 for Br. Michalek USGF certification.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR — Br. F. Kala: Reports missing, as usual, read the list. Ltr. read from Sokol Caldwell. Copy given to Br. Masek. Discussion held on Sokol Greater Cleveland's merger. Will check 1st and 2nd quarter reports from them to see how merger is being reported.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR — Br. P. Lebloch: Attended Slet of Czech Sokols Abroad. Our organization was highly praised by the M.C., Br. Dvoracek. He stated that our Slet Program Book was very inspiring. Represented the A.S.O. at the 4th of July program and garden party at the United States Embassy in Bern. The Sokols Abroad presented a beautiful diploma for President Reagan for his steadfastness in preserving democracy and freedom. Was a great honor being a part of an Interna-

tional delegation at our nation's birthday party. Represented Br. Ptacek at the Slet. Br. Basta, Sis. Pistorius and I presented the Statue of Liberty flag in impressive ceremonies at the Farewell dance. We were presented with a Slet momento. Past ASO Directors Sis. Ruzicka and Br. Ed. Linhart were also honored.

The educational committee recommends that Br. Riha's article "Sokol Memories in the Homeland" be published in the publication. (*Editor's note... the title was edited to reflect the author's main subject in the episodes... See "The Jacket" in the October 1986 issue.) "The History of the Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence" was received, compliments of the Library of Congress. Vol. II of the Czech Immigration Passenger List was received. Pictures and negatives from the Zurich Slet were received from Sis. Lydia Alholm, Sokol Fort Worth, plus an article on the Zurich Slet from the SPJST Vestnik. Slet pictures also received from Bro. Rome and Tal Milan. Received historic Sokol post cards and Scout pictures from Emil Jan Stembera, Lavittown, Pa. Br. Walter Hosek, of Sokol Zizka, sent picture of Sokol unit exhibition in Bohemia, 1923, and picture of Sokol members during 1936 Texas Centennial celebration. Sis. Mary Balsanek, Sokolice Tabor, donated several books, sheet music and Sokol memorabilia. Thank you letter to the Philatelic Society for their publication "Czechoslovak Heritage". All donations have been acknowledged. We sent two books of duplicate reading material to the A.S.O. course. Books were donated to Sokol South Omaha and Sokol Fort Worth libraries.

A.S.O. Slet films sent to Br. Rome Milan to be professionally video taped at minimal cost. Sis. Mary Frances Meier, Sokol San Francisco, thanks us for educational material and request articles in Czech for their unit publication. Br. Zenisek to oblige with articles from Sokols Abroad publications. Br. Basta thanked Br. Lebloch for representing us before everyone arrived in Zurich.

PUBLICITY — CZECH — Br. J. Rabas: Articles written on Zurich Slet and pictures included. Approval given to Br. Waldauf to use our publicity and articles for Czech papers.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY — Sis. Mildred Pinc: Financial reports for June-Aug. prepared and distributed. Second quarter Ill. unemployment, FICA, FWT, and IWT reports all filed. All orders for membership pins, kits, dues cards, and applications were filled. Rosters sent to all Southern districts units for corrections. Received one from Sokol Zizka with corrections. Other rosters being sent to units upon request. Went with the A.S.O. tour to Zurich.

TREASURER — Br. R. Barcal: Reconciled bank stmts, all in order. Working closely with office personnel with computer set up. Motion made to pay fee, \$45.00 per hour, to Metafile to make whole computer program functional. Budget to be loaded in system yet.

EDITOR — Sis. L. Filipello: Committee formed to keep publication informative and interesting to all. Need to change postal ratings. Approval of subscriptions for the D.A. Sokols.

SECRETARY — Sis. J. Kourim: Approval given to rid office of old and obsolete office machines. Cost of furniture for computer also approved. New typewriter needed. Sokol Renata Tyrsova has requested Citations of Merit with the official seal and signatures but want to fill in their own names and years by calligraphy. Letter to be sent re: they can only be used for members with 50 or more years membership, include citations.

UNIFORM DIVISION — Sis. J. Pros: Report read by secretary. New supplier for tots shorts; read with three thin white stripes down side, sizes 4 thru 7. Cost aprox. \$2.31 per pair, sell for \$4.00. Sent new 1986-87 price list with increases due to sales tax. Stock is up to date and all orders are sent within 24 hours of receipt.

COMPUTER REPORT: Membership files completed. Sis. Agnes Sotka keeping up with membership changes. Units should help us keep records current.

II VICE PRESIDENT — Br. G. Masek: Report from National course (unofficial). All monies for instructors paid from fees. No need to take funds from Future Sokol Leaders Fund. 54 girls and 40 boys attended. All worked hard and were well behaved. Course could have been extended to two weeks as a lot of material was covered.

1989 SLET: Tentative date June 20 thru 24. Slet to be held Sat. nite. Possible indoor facility for all events including Slet. Complete details to be discussed at Directors Conference.

I Vice President — Br. C. Borvansky: Nancy and I attended the Slovak Convention and Banquet. Spoke at the convention Monday morning after the Sat. night banquet. Gave them our support. Conventio in Beth., Pa. July 27, 28th.

PRESIDENT — Br. G. Basta: Attended Western District Slet and banquet, the Zurich Slet, the CSA Fraternal Life Convention Aug. 4th, Ethnic American Day in Wash. D.C. Sept. 21st (Sokol Baltimore performed in the program). Br. Kaspar-Paty, Pres. Sokol Wash. D.C. was a member of the committee. Tour committee to meet with final report of Zurich tour.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Sis. Jackie Kourim, Sec.*

(Editor's comment: while I do edit Jackie's minutes for lack of space, please note that this meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m. and ended four hours later. Many, many topics were covered. You may ask your executive board members for more details if need be. Thank you.)

Help Our Sokol Grow

Sokol Educator

Dear Sisters and Brother Sokols:

Times have changed, today as well as in our American Sokol Organization. And it is time that we must sell our Sokol and its philosophies to the American People. How is the question. In the past we were fortunate to have Sokol leaders and instructors from a Free Czechoslovak nation, today we have none. These past instructors were versed in the language, could teach the physical and technical aspects of the gymnastics as well as Czech songs. This was possible because our youth in the gym were 1st and second generation of Czech and Slovak parents, but today we are dealing with 3rd, 4th and future generations who have lost some of their heritage, and many American youth of many different nationality. The Czech and Slovak songs are not being learned anymore. The Czech and Slovak Anthems today mean nothing to our American youth unless they were born in Czechoslovakia. The type of Czechoslovaks that migrate today to the United States after the World War 2, know nothing about Sokol, as a matter a fact they don't even join Sokol nor associate in our halls. They don't even know what the Sokols contributed in the 1st and 2nd World War for the freedom of Czechoslovakia. Since the 2nd War the Czechoslovakia have been subjugated by the Soviets, Sokol has been suppressed, the names of Thomas G. Masaryk, Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, Jindřich Fuegner, Eduard Beneš, Štefánik and many others are not mentioned in Czechoslovakia. Even in other free nations Sokol is struggling to sell the Sokol ideas as founded by Tyrš and Fuegner.

The question before us, what are we American Sokols going to do to rejuvenate the interest in our Sokol organization?

Throughout the United States most or all of Sokol labor was done on a volunteer basis or at a small expense, and done from the heart, but today that is not possible with our American way of life.

We must find ways to be able to pay decent salaries to our instructors, still pay is only part of our problem, even in hiring new instructors, they should be educated or versed in our Sokol system. Today there not enough Czechoslovak parents, also with intermarriage they do not insist that their children attend our gym classes. Our senior mens classes are gradually disappearing — except for volleyball, our small childrens classes are thriving (in some cases we become baby-sitters), our Junior classes could be improved.

Today it is a tough job for you Educational Directors, but we must not give up.

Why don't our members want to hold office or be on a committee? It use to be an honor to be an officer in SOKOL.

P.S. I do not mean to be critical of any one... trying to be helpful.

William J. Shana e/d alias

Václav J. Šárta, Sokol St. Louis

Sokolským Nazdar!

CAPITOL IDEAS

by BARBARA PORTER

With the XX Sokol U.S.A. Slet and National Gymnastic Championship being held in our nation's capitol on June 24-27, 1987, there are endless ideas available to fill the free time we will have while attending. We all know that it is not too soon to being making tentative plans for these free time activities. I hope to provide you with some up to date information, ideas and basic facts about Washington D.C. over the upcoming months to help make your time in our nation's capitol filled with memorable experiences.

Headquarters hotel for the Slet is the Hyatt Regency Hotel only two blocks from the Capitol and the famous Pennsylvania Avenue. With the Washington Metrorail (mainly underground high-speed electrified train transport) Station also only two blocks from the hotel, all of downtown Washington, D.C. and the outlying suburbs in Maryland and Virginia are readily available for sightseeing. The Metrorail is not only clean, comfortable and safe, but perhaps the most attractive system in the nation. Most of the 60 miles of lines run underground, though sections, notably the Yellow line across the Potomac River, provide scenic views.

The Metrorail is operational Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to midnight; Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All Metrorail stations have elevators to take on wheelchairs. Cost of fare is determined by distance traveled and whether it is rush hour or non-rush hour. Farecards are purchased from vending machines and each metrorail rider requires a separate farecard. These machines take either coins or \$1 and \$5 bills. The Metrorail Map is a sample of the color maps that are posted at each metro Station forecard vending machine.

Now for my first stop on the Metrorail... the National Zoological Park. Metro station. Woodley Park-Zoo on the Red line, then a short walk north up Connecticut Avenue to 3001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. where the zoo is located. It is open every day, buildings: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., grounds 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. There is a gift shop and a cafeteria, but best of all — Admission is free!

The main attraction among more than 3000 animals, reptiles and birds is a pair of Giant Pandas, Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling, donated by the People's Republic of China. Only about 1000 of these fluffy black and white pandas remain wild in the mountainous terrain of south central China. At each of their regular feeding times, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., they consume more than 20 lbs. of food with bamboo as a staple.

Six trails of painted footprints guide visitors to specific species in these 175 acres.

The Reptile House is among the more popular stops, with venomous snakes and several alligators. Adjacent, along the same Lion Trail, is the Great

Ape House, where highly-expressive gorillas steal the show.

Try to stop in at the Elephant House at 2:00 p.m. to catch the special training demonstrations, when the large-eared African elephants and their smaller Indian cousins are put through their paces. The Elephant House is also home to the not-so-well-known pygmy hippopotami.

Free maps with the six trails are given out at information desks in the Education Building just inside the entrance.

Also here are regular free screenings of films about the Zoo's animal population. Here, too, is Zoolab, where visitors can see and touch skulls, antlers and feathers to learn more about the animal world. A similar Birdlab is in the Bird House along the Crowned Crane Trail.

More "Capitol Ideas" will follow in future editions of the American Sokol as well as addresses and telephone numbers that will be helpful in planning your free time while at the Slet.

Sister Barbara Porter
XX Sokol USA Slet Comm.
Dir., Dist. Svatopluk

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SEPTEMBER 1986

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T. G. Masaryk Dues	110.00
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VI Slet of the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad

July 4-6, 1986 — Zurich, Switzerland

On Friday July 4th a group of American Sokols landed in Zurich, Switzerland looking forward to taking part in the VI Slet of the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad. The opening ceremonies took place at the morning Volleyball Tournament, unfortunately due to our late arrival, I was unable to attend these games. The American Sokol Organization was represented by 1 team of Men from South Omaha and Ft. Worth. Without any prior practice time, the team placed 8th. Team members enjoyed the competition and were proud to represent our organization. The evening Welcoming Dance took place in the beautiful Kongresshaus. The social event gave us the opportunity to renew old friendship and meet brother and sister Sokols from around the world.

On Saturday morning I attended the apparatus competition. The American Sokol was represented by 3 High Division men from Sokol South Omaha, 2 Elite Division from South Omaha and Ft. Worth, 1 Young Adult from Greater Cleveland, 2 Junior Boys from Ft. Worth and Greater Cleveland, and one Junior Girl from Sokol South Omaha. Meet started with the Boys and Men's Divisions followed by the girls and Women's Divisions. Competition went smoothly, tabulating was done by computer and shortly after 1:30 p.m. all gymnasts were officially addressed by Slet and Meet Directors and awards were presented. I am very proud to report that all our competitors placed, several winning gold, silver or bronze medals.

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| High Division | Tom Satorie — So. Omaha, 1st Place
Mark Forman — So. Omaha, 9th Place
Jim Riha — So. Omaha, 10th Place |
| Elite Division | Mark Johnson — So. Omaha, 1st Place
Rome Milan — Ft. Worth, 2nd Place |
| Young Adult | Doug Kotlan — Grt. Cleveland, 2nd Place |
| Junior Boys | Jesse Trayhan — Ft. Worth, 1st Place
(Competed with broken ankle)
Bob Chapo — Grt. Cleveland, 3rd Place |
| Junior Girls | Coleen Kenney — So. Omaha, 2nd Place |

A team award was given to the High Division Men and in addition a beautiful bronze plaque was awarded to our team of men for their outstanding gymnastics ability. This plaque is in memory of Bro. Joseph Silhanek, former Sokol Director and father of Sis. Dagmar Bergova, Women's Slet Director. The plaque will remain in our possession until the VII Slet of the Czechoslovaks Abroad. Our organization can be truly proud of those fine young gymnasts.

Immediately following the competitions, a rehearsal of all Slet Calisthenics and special numbers was held at the stadium. Unfortunately our organization was not fully represented, making it difficult for the Slet leaders to establish permanent placements. With grateful cooperation of the Slet leaders, I was able to get our positions and passed this information on to our participants. Once again the evening Concert held in the Kongresshaus was most entertaining and was climaxed by exciting fireworks at the waterfront in conjunction with the 2000 year anniversary of Zurich.



Sunday morning rehearsal started at 7:30 a.m. with showers which turned into heavy rain at times, cancelling all field practices. Every possible hallway and spare rooms were utilized by various groups practicing their well prepared numbers. Once again the Slet festivities seemed doomed, reminiscent of the Sokol Slet in Vienna four years ago. I attended several meetings during the day at which a final decision was made that the Slet would go ahead as scheduled eliminating apparatus, relay race and several special numbers. Thankfully the rains stopped long enough so that the parade was not effected. Even though our delegation was smaller in number, the applause at the appearance of the American Flag gave us all a proud feeling of representing our country and our organization.

Many of the numbers presented were hampered by rain but none the less the performances were outstanding. The women's Indian Club number was superb judging by the constant applause. Many of us were overcome with tears when marching out of the stadium hearing that final roar of approval. The rains continued, but when the finale of the Senior Men and Women marched into the stadium and stood before a captured audience, the sun broke through, the calisthenics was performed culminating months of frustration and practices. Somehow being done for the last time, the cal did not seem so long or so difficult and judging by the reaction of the audience, once again we could all be proud as brother and sister Sokols dedicated to preserve our Czech heritage and Sokol ideals.

The evening Farewell Dance was once again held at the Kongresshaus to a sell out crowd. Bro. George Basta, Bro. Paul Lebloch and I presented the Statue of Liberty Flag to Bro. Jan Waldauf, President of the Sokols Abroad. Once again the applause was heartwarming and generous. Bro. Ed Linhart and Sis. Emily Ruzicka were acknowledged as former National Directors of the American Sokol. This evening concluded the Slet festivities. Many of us had various destinations the following morning, but we all agreed that participating together as gymnasts or spectators representing the American Sokol Organization created a strong bond of brotherhood and memories to cherish for another four years.

NA ZDAR!

Sylvia Pistorius, ASO Women's Director

Omaha, Nebraska

August 21, 1986

Bro. President Basta:

I felt I should write you on the American Sokol Organization instructors school held at Sokol South Omaha July 25 to August 3, 1986.

I don't mind telling you, I was one of those who was against us hosting the school, but after being with these students 10 to 12 hours every day I see how wrong I was.

The students were well behaved and well mannered. They were courteous. I never heard a curse

word. Never saw an argument of students with each other. They dressed nicely, and especially when they went to church on Sundays. They did no damage to the hall or equipment, and kept their quarters and rest rooms in good shape. Having 92 students ages 13 to 43 and no trouble is nothing less than a miracle.

I am proud to see that these people are our future leaders in Sokols around the country.

To describe the instructors, I can only say they were fantastic. They knew what they were doing, presented themselves to their class very well. I even enjoyed listening to the instructors myself and also learned a few things about Sokol even though I've been an active member for over 50 years.

I wish there was some way to tell the parents of all these students how well behaved they were and how much I enjoyed having them around for those nine days and nights.

Wishing them all well and Good Luck.

NAZDAR!

Brother Milas Novotny
Assistant Manager
Sokol South Omaha

Bro. Edwin Halek LESSON PLANS

(CONTINUED)

MAKE SURE EVERYONE PARTICIPATES IN THE WARM-UPS! Explain the value of the warm-ups so that they participate fully.

Conditioning Period — This consists of special exercises to condition, strengthen and develop specific muscle groups for specific events and sport competitions, and testing programs.

Muscle Groups —

1. Arm, hand, shoulder, head, neck, upper back and chest
2. Leg, foot, hip, lower back and abdominal

Most exercises are from the **non-Locomotor exercise group** and can be done as single exercises or in combination with others and consist of activities such as arm and hand movements, straight or bent, bending or thrusting, flexing or extending, swinging, circling and rotating, etc. — head and trunk movements, bowing, twisting, circling, etc. — leg and foot movements in stances and lower positions and balances, also activities such as lifting, pulling, pushing and hopping, jumping and leaping in place, again giving a greater variety of exercises and greater difficulty.

General goals should be training and preparing the body for heavy work loads. All exercises may be done standing, kneeling, squatting, sitting, lying, in support positions and in balance. This period should be about 15 to 20 minutes long. Some of this time period can also be used for dance, calisthenics drills and special events.

General Work-Out Period — Consists of specific training in specific skills such as gymnastics, track and field, team sports and games, and testing programs, and may include preparation for dance, calisthenics drill or special events.

You may use the circuit type methods with multiple (many) stations using single skills at each station from a variety of events such as basketball, volleyball, baseball, football, soccer, etc., or you may rotate the squads between several pieces of apparatus as in the Sokol System which should include hangs on rings, hi-bar, parallel bars and un-even bars; supports on rings, hi-bar, parallel bars and un-even bars; vaults on buck, horse, table, box, parallel bars or hi-bars; high jump, long jump, hop-step-jump, triple broad jump, standing or running. Other apparatus, ladder, vertical, horizontal or slanting; stall bars, climbing ropes or poles; balance beam; flying rings, acrobatics and tumbling. Apparatus may be adjusted to hip high, chest high, shoulder high, reach high, or jump high. Suggestions from the Sokol Gynastic Manual: Grasps and grips, hangs and changes of hangs, supports and changes of supports, seats and changes of seats, travels, swings, turns, simple leg passes, vault and balances, passages to lower positions. Then there are more difficult elements such as uprotates, uprises, over-rotates, rotates, the more difficult passes, vaults and balances, inverted stands and levers.

All changes from station to station or apparatus to apparatus should be on signal and in a specified manner.

Closing Period — A gradual tapering off from heavy to lighter to no activities. May include marching tactics, simple dances, light group games, deep breathing exercises or singing followed by announcements, reports, information, instructions and **formal dismissal**. "Na Zdar!" — Class — Dismissed!"

"SPECIAL NOTE" — I hope that our Directors, Instructors and Assistants do **read this through!** I'm sure they will find many useful hints and reminders. I found, as I was assembling and preparing this material, that I too, have a tendency to omit practicing certain procedures and to take short cuts which are not really short cuts after all.

We must give our participants our very best which is what we are here for.

Reference to the Sokol Gymnastic Manual include:

1st Department — 1st Main Branch —
Calisthenics, pages 3-57

1st Department — 2nd Main Branch —
Marching Tactics, pages 52-73

2nd Department — 1st Division — Exercises
with Hand Apparatus, pages 2-19

2nd Department — 2nd Division — Exercises
on Apparatus, pages 20-45.

RULE INTERPRETATIONS



These interpretations of the National Federation Rules do not set aside nor modify any rule.

SITUATION #20: The judges on vaulting sit close to each other and confer on nearly all the scores.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: Judges are to sit apart from each other and mark their scores independently. (2-2-1b(2), 2-2-2b(3))

SITUATION #21: During a judges' conference, the next competitor warms up on a beam that is next to the beam used for competition.

RULING: Legal.

COMMENT: A gymnast may warm up on equipment that is not used in the competition. (2-2-1b(13)g)

SITUATION #22: At a state meet where a draw method is utilized for determining order of competition, Gymnast A draws last on floor exercise and vaulting.

RULING: Legal.

COMMENT: The rule states that no competitor or team shall perform first in more than 1 event in qualifying and state meets. (3-5-3)

SITUATION #23: In a nonqualifying dual meet, a coach has an all around gymnast compete last in each event.

RULING: Legal.

COMMENT: Rule 3-5-3 refers only to qualifying and state meets.

SITUATION #24: A coach decides to wait until after his team has completed all events to submit his inquiries.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 5 minutes after all scores are recorded for that event. (5-1-2)

SITUATION #25: A gymnast's back touches the apparatus as she takes one step out to set her board.

RULING: No deduction.

COMMENT: The gymnast is allowed to measure the proper distance for her board; however, she may not grasp the equipment and/or jump on the board. (5-2-4b)

SITUATION #26: During a FX routine, a gymnast's teammates clap their hands along with the music and cheer when she performs her major tumbling passes. The SJ deducts 1.0 from the team's final score for deliberate disruptive behavior by the team.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: Crowd and/or team support is ruled disruptive only when it is loud enough that neither the performer nor a judge can hear the

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music or a beam competitor or judge cannot hear the warning from the timer. (5-1-5d)

SITUATION #27: A coach who is standing between the bars, touches the gymnast during her front salto from LB to HB. The gymnast falls. The total neutral deduction is 0.8.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: There is a 0.3 deduction for the coach standing between the bars and 0.5 for the spot/fall. A gymnast is not deducted for both the spot and the simultaneous fall on the same skill. (6-2-6d,f,h and Note)

SITUATION #28: Prior to performing her bar routine, the gymnast jumps up on the bars and swings into the LB to check her setting. The superior judge takes a 0.5 deduction from her average score for taking an extra warmup on the competitive equipment.

RULING: Correct procedure. (6-3-7f)

SITUATION #29: A gymnast performs a clear hip circle on the HB, cast to wrap LB, eagle catch HB. She is credited with 2 superiors and a back-to-back superior.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: The back hip circle or wrap is a part of the eagle catch skill which the gymnast performed. [6-4-2b(3)]

SITUATION #30: A gymnast on the uneven bars performs a sole circle ½ turn beat LB, uprise (hips below level of HB) to sole circle, full twist dismount. She is awarded back-to-back superior credit for this combination.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: A gymnast must achieve support position with hips above the HB in order to receive credit for an uprise. [6-4-6a(1)]

SITUATION #31: A gymnast executes a side salto dismount from the beam to conclude a routine containing full difficulty. The dismount is void because it requires a sideward landing and the gymnast receives a deduction under MDR for no dismount.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: If the gymnast had obviously been trying to perform a salto with a twist and landed sideward, an execution deduction for incomplete twist would have been the deduction and there would be no deduction under MDR because the salto dismount is a superior. (7-3-2d)

SITUATION #32: A gymnast dismounts the beam immediately after the second time signal. She performs a front salto dismount which would have been third superior. When her coach checks the judge's scoresheets at the scoring table, she discovers that 2 judges gave her full difficulty and 2 did not so she writes an inquiry. During the judges' conference, they discover that the 2 judges who awarded full difficulty had given credit for the dismount, so they each reduce their score by 0.5 and the lower score is the gymnast's final score on her beam.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: No deduction is taken for the inquiry since the score was changed. (7-2-1d, 5-1-4)

SITUATION #33: A gymnast attempts a handstand mount onto the beam but falls before bringing her legs to the vertical. She receives no difficulty credit for the mount and will receive a deduction under MDR for no mount.

RULING: Correct procedure. (7-2-6, 7-3-2d)

SITUATION #34: A gymnast cartwheels into a handstand on the beam switches one hand to complete a ½ turn. She receives medium credit for this skill.

RULING: Correct procedure.

COMMENT: The handstand ½ turn must have at least 2 hand changes to receive superior credit. [7-4-2b(4)]

SITUATION #35: A gymnast performs a stretch jump full twist on the beam. It is not a high superior because it is not knee level, so the gymnast receives no difficulty credit.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: If the gymnast performs the full twist while airborne, it should be awarded superior credit. [7-4-4c(1)]

SITUATION #36: A gymnast begins her run for a vault, the coach notices that the vaulting board is not placed at the correct distance and signals for the gymnast to stop. The judge allows a second trial of that vault based on interference not within the control of the performer.

RULING: Incorrect procedure. (8-4-2)

COMMENT: Proper board placement is considered within the control of the gymnast.

SITUATION #37: In performing a handspring-full vault, the gymnast does not complete the twist and lands sideward. She is deducted 0.1-0.5 for an incomplete twist.

RULING: Correct procedure. (8-4-2d)

SITUATION #38: A gymnast would receive 0.2 under back-to-back superior on floor for this tumbling pass: Barani, 2 back handsprings, back salto.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: The gymnast can only earn 1 back-to-back superior for a single tumbling pass. (9-3-2i)

SITUATION #39: A gymnast performs a forward roll, step, front walkover pass, then later performs a back walkover, back extension, back handspring. She receives credit for tumbling in 2 different directions.

RULING: Incorrect procedure.

COMMENT: The first pass does not contain 3 directly connected tumbling skills. (9-2-2)

SITUATION #40: In taping a gymnast's floor exercise music: (a) the coach splices 2 musical numbers together and the splice is obvious because of a stop in the music and abrupt change in key; (b) the end is accomplished by simply letting the music slowly fade.

RULING: The judges would deduct 0.2 for discord of music in (a). In (b) the judges would deduct 0.3 for exercise and music not ending simultaneously. (9-3-4c,d)

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CZECH HISTORY

Czechoslovakia Day of Independence

October 28, 1918 was to Czechoslovaks what July 4, 1776 was to Americans; their day of independent freedom after 300 years of Hapsburg domination. On that day in Geneva, Switzerland, and also in Prague, the Republic of Czechoslovakia was declared an independent nation. On October 30, in Turčiansky Sv. Martin, Slovakia formally declared itself part of the new country. This was the result of long efforts within and outside the country to achieve international support and recognition for Czechoslovak independence.

In western Europe, America, and Russia that effort was led by three remarkable men: Thomas Masaryk, Edvard Beneš, and Milan Štefánik. Shortly after the start of WWI, they left Czechoslovakia to pursue independence through external means. By February 1916 they had formed a Czechoslovak National Council that became recognized as a Provisional Government by July 1918. They found an army in the Czechoslovak Legions, made up of Czech and Slovak emigre and deserters from the Austrian army, who were fighting against the Central Powers in Russia, Italy, and France. They had obtained the official support of Western leaders and governments: Wilson in the U.S.A., Clemenceau in France, and Balfour and Cecil in Great Britain.

Within Czechoslovakia the Czech "Men of October 28th" like Kramář, Rašín, Švehla, Křofáč, and Soukup, and later Slovaks such as Hodža, Šrobár, and Lehocký, assumed control from Austrian officials without firing a shot. Instead of a show of force Soukup asked the Czechs to play "music in the streets".

Sokol's part in maintaining order at this time even impressed the German consuls in Prague and Brno. Quoting Jiří Kořalka, "They sent messages to Berlin, reporting enthusiastically on the peaceful

change and praising the Sokol, a patriotic organization which they had denounced in the past and which had taken a leading role in the takeover. The consul in Prague even sent to the Sokols' chairman (probably Scheiner) a present of 500 crowns from the Reich as a token of recognition. The gift was returned, with thanks."

Within the four years of World War I, with the help of Western governments, supported by Czech and Slovak immigrants throughout Europe and America, these many Czech and Slovak patriots carved out a new nation from the dying Hapsburg Empire. Even though its freedom from foreign domination was shortlived, ended by the Nazis in 1938, and again by the Russians in 1948 and 1968, we descendants in America have every reason to be proud of this achievement. It should be commemorated by all freedom loving peoples.

One appropriate coincidence: The official dedication of the Statue of Liberty was conducted by President Grover Cleveland on October 28, 1886, so we have yet another opportunity to celebrate the Statue's true 100th anniversary as a symbol of continuing freedom in our new land. On the same day we can pay tribute to the rebirth of our mother country and commit ourselves to helping it regain its brief, yet exemplary, freedom.

The Independence Day program at B.N.H. on Saturday, October 25, 1986, sponsored by Krajský Výbor, provides us all an opportunity to celebrate these events. We urge you all to attend, eat a good meal, hear a moving speech, and enjoy familiar Czech and Slovak music.

Czech Dissident Refuses to Give Up

EUROPE — by KEN SEIGNEURIE

PRAGUE — Ann Marvanová, 57 years old, is an active member of Charter 77, Czechoslovakia's independent human-right movement. Although in poor health, Mrs. Marvanová has been the group's spokesman twice and has taken part in the publication of some of its best documents. She was interviewed in her small flat.

How do you make your living?

I'm a retired journalist. I worked for 20 years at Prague radio and was chief of foreign broadcasts to underdeveloped countries until 1968. I worked in a restaurant washing vegetables and then as a cleaning lady.

What did you do in 1968 to put yourself in disfavor with the authorities?

We refused to make broadcasts declaring that our government had invited the Warsaw Pact forces into the country.

Is your case unusual?

The Czechoslovak Communist Party purged 500,000 people in the aftermath of 1968.

Most of these people, as I understand it, have led quiet lives since then. You, on the other hand, have been at the forefront of the human-rights movement and have suffered greatly for it. You've been in police custody on countless occasions; you've seen your children's careers and personal lives disrupted, not to say ruined. Why didn't you just keep your beliefs to yourself after 1968 — buy yourself a little house in the country and garden on the weekends — instead of drafting Charter 77 documents?

My father taught me to read and to think. He was a member of the party — I was, too, until 1968 — but he respected the truth beyond all else. He taught me to think critically, to ask the embarrassing question.

For example, how can I accept the notion that there are two kinds of nuclear missiles and that only Pershings are bad while SS-20s are good? It should not be possible to let such a lie be passed off. Somebody has got to say something about it.

Charter 77, the oldest human-rights movement in Eastern Europe, is sometimes said to be falling into a "ghetto existence," that is, tolerated by the authorities as long as its activities and documents remain isolated. The Chartists, in turn, the thinking goes, "oblige" the authorities by not seeking to become a popular movement. Is there any truth to this speculation?

First, you speak of the Charter as if it's supposed to be in opposition to the government. It's not. Political power has never been an aim of the Charter movement. Its signatories want only respect for human rights.

As for the Charter's "ghetto existence," we don't want that — closed societies are ghetto if you ask me. The work of the Charter goes on. It's the authorities' reaction that changes.

In 1982, my first year as spokesman, I was summoned to the police station at least once a week from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for the first six months of the year. In 1983 I was again spokesman but the police left me alone. How do you explain that?



If the Charter rejects banishment to the ghetto, are there any plans to reach a wider audience?

That's something the police would like very much to know as well.

What keeps people from joining?

Fear. They are afraid for their jobs, their standard of living and for their children's opportunities in life.

Is there anything that can be done to attract people to the movement in spite of the consequences?

There are now about 1,300 signatories to Charter 77. If we wanted sheer numbers, we could probably get more, but that's relatively unimportant.

A young man came to me not long ago asking to sign the Charter. He was a student. I told him, "Finish your studies first." He'd have certainly been

expelled from the university for signing and then he'd have been given a job cleaning sinks and toilets... In fact, even if he decides later not to sign, he can still contribute greatly to the human-rights movement by being an active sympathizer.

What can be done in the West to help the human-rights movement in Eastern Europe?

Without a doubt, official contacts with Charter 77 and other human-rights representatives is the most important help we can get. Recently, we have had visits by foreign ministers of both Britain and France. Both of these diplomats made an effort to see Charter signatories... These meetings do not go unnoticed by the authorities. Public opinion is important to our government and the mere fact that a foreign diplomat wants to meet with us implies that we are a legitimate movement.

What do you think is the greatest threat to independent thought in Czechoslovakia today?

The indoctrination of children. Today, the average 20-year old has only a vague idea of what happened in 1968. Even (older people) are terribly uninformed about the recent history of their own country.

The schools teach children a "history" that never existed. As a result, the nation is losing its memory.

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Mr. Seigneurie writes on human rights for the Firms Press Service. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.
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AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION TOUR

(Cont. from cover page)

Leaving Rožnov we headed down the highway thru thick forests, rolling hills and the countryside often had flocks of sheep grazing. It brought to mind, thoughts of the war years when German armies traveled this road and often were attacked by partizans in the dense forests. Located somewhere in this area are two small villages of Prlov and Ploština which just before the end of the War were leveled by the Nazis just like Lidice and Ležáky, another town written off the face of our map.

We arrived in Olomouc where we spent the night having been served a good dinner and breakfast the following morning before we headed toward Praha, traveling thru Brno. We arrived in Prague and were housed at Alcron Hotel on Stephan Street where we would stay till our departure for home on Sunday morning. The hotel management greeted us with a tasty drink, a Becherovka cocktail, something none of us tasted before.

Prague, known as the city of hundred of steeples, largest of all Czech cities! What can be written about it? You all have fond memories of your own and in spite of it being dusty, grimy, full of scaffolds and badly dug up, it is still dear to our hearts.

After a restful night, the following morning after breakfast we headed for Karlovy Vary, or Carlsbad.

Our first stop was at the outskirts of town to visit the main salesroom of Moser glass works. The displays were elaborate, including sets made up for various Rulers and Kings of many countries. Many of us purchased gift items from the large selections available. Then we headed for the main street of town. After a delicious meal served at the Grand Hotel, we all scattered to the streets for shopping, mainly Becherovka, famous herb liqueur and the large wafers, known as "oplatky". After we returned to the hotel, the evening was spent visiting with friends and relatives who came to the hotel in the evening.

Next day we had a sight seeing tour of Prague, with some free time for shopping. The evening was spent at the famous "Laterna Magika" performance which was enjoyed by all.

The last day, Saturday, we spent a leisurely morning about town. After lunch headed for the famous Konopiště castle. Since many members found their friends or relatives these last few days, we often saw them only at breakfasts.

Sunday morning after breakfasts, our buses were waiting to drive us to the airport and our "Luft-hansa" flight home. After the Zurich Slet our tour took us through the countries of Central Europe, as well as visiting friends and relatives, but now our thoughts turned to our loved one and the comforts of home.

Where is the next Slet being held? Not in Australia? Please, reserve a space on the plane for me.

(These articles have been published as much for the enjoyment of today, as for the future. Who knows what lies ahead for our children's children? Perhaps the 80's generation can make a significant mark on the future by appreciating what has happened to ensure a brighter that which will happen. — Ed.)

Sokol and Sokolice Milwaukee bid a final "Nazdar" for Sister Barbara Shabart

Members assembled on Sunday October 12th 1986 to pay their final homage to Sister Barbara Shabart who died on Thursday October 9th, 1986 at the age of 91 years. It was just a little over two months ago, that her husband Brother August Shabart died at the age of 94 years. They enjoyed a wonderful marriage for 70 years.

Sister Barbara was born in a two story house near the "Česká Sň" and soon became very active in Sokolice and Czech Culture activities. She served as Sokolice President and Treasurer for many years. She was instrumental in guiding the organization through the early difficult years to a very successful unit. The kitchen was a favorite place for her, baking her famous rye breads and kolacky. Being a very good singer she took part in many Czech operettas on the hall's beautiful opera stage.

The members thank Sister Barbara for all of her

efforts. Memories of her will last forever. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and relatives.

On Sunday October 26th, 1986 we held our Recognition Banquet and held a memorial service for eleven members who died in the last year. They were: Sisters — Marie Kahn, Francis Milulaj, Bozena Valin, Sylvia Gundelach, Elaine Senneff, Vlasta Vojta, Barbara Shabart. Brothers — James Pilger, Allen Shabart, Charles Richter, August Shabart. Nazdar, *Fred C. Stankovsky, President*



IN MEMORIAM

Sokol Česká Sň, family and friends were deeply saddened by the tragic death of Joe Bachna, age 23, on October 16, 1986. Joe was the son (and stepson) of Don & Doris Kotlan and Joseph W. Bachna.

Joe started his Sokol life at age 9 and was an active member up until his death, at which time he was teaching the Jr. Boys class and assisting in the Jr. Girls class. He won his first trophy in Fort Worth in 1981, followed by wins in Pittsburgh, Toronto and just last June, he took first in Low Men in Chicago at the Central District Slet. If he didn't win individually, he was always on the winning team.



Joe had just graduated in July from Marquette University in Milwaukee, majoring in Marketing. He was a cheerleader for 3 years (Captain for one year) and the team mascot last year, placing sixth in the nation in a National Mascot Competition held in California last March. In April of 1986, he was named ASMU (student government) Senator of the Year. As a tribute to his devotion to improving student life at Marquette, this highly-respected Award has been changed to the Joseph Bachna Senator of the Year Award. Joe was also President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, ASMU; two-time recipient of the Student Leadership Award; member of the MU Student-Police Committee; and member of the Students Against Multiple Sclerosis. He raised \$450.00 for a crippled children's home by doing 100 handsprings in his 20-pound Mascot outfit. Joe was one of the most well-liked and enthusiastic school leaders who always brought good will, warmth and caring to the groups he was involved with.

Joe had a zest for living and he shared it with everyone. He made you smile... he made you laugh... he will be sorely missed.

Sokol Česká Sň, Cleveland, Ohio



Pictures from Sokol|Sokolice Milwaukee. Here are views of our members marching in the "City of Festivals Parade" on Saturday June 21, 1986. Participating were the gymnasts, Czech Moravian Dancers, and Musicians. The parade was viewed by 425,000.

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Brother Sokol Joseph A. Pavlicek died of cancer Sept. 4th at the Highland Chateau Care Center. He was 96. Born April 23, 1890 in Rozochy, Czechoslovakia, he came to the United States in 1908 to live with his uncle Anthony Zeleny in Hutchinson, Mn. Within a year he had learned the English language and became a book salesman in St. Paul. In 1916 he received a degree in accounting from the U. of M. In 1921 he became chief accountant, Dept. of Public Works for the City of St. Paul retiring in 1961. He received many City and Government awards for his work.

His love for his Czech heritage continued and he became involved in Czech organizations. He joined Sokol in 1922 and conducted many benefits for the society, notably the Slet at the old Hippodrome at the Fair Grounds in 1941 which he chaired. It was the last big showing of the Northern District.

On September 19, 1951 the Czechoslovak Na-

tional Council of America was organized at the C.S.P.S. Hall at which he became President.

He was a long-time member of St. Paul Sokol Gymnastic Society; leader of Lodge Cech C.S.A.; member of Z.C.B.J.; Northern District American Sokol Organization; St. Paul International Institute; director of Federation of Public Service Employees; chairman of Supervisory Committee of City and County Employees Credit Union, which he founded, and staff member of American Public Works Association.

Over the years he became friends with Czech dignitaries such as Vojta Beneš, brother of Czech Edvard Beneš. He was mentioned in a number of books for his work with the Czech people.

Brother Joe lived a long and meaningful life. He was a good husband, father, grandfather, and a great-grandfather. He is survived by his sons, Albert, St. Paul, Richard of Detroit, eleven grandchildren and one great grandson.

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