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We have been invited to be a part of this traditional Sokol Slet. As in the past, all Sokols join together at each others national slets. Gymnastics, rhythmic, volleyball, and the grand finale, the Slet calisthenics performances will bring all of us together again on the Sokol field. The SOKOL TIMES and this publication will carry updates, but most important is the direct mailing your unit officers and directors will receive from SOKOL USA and the ASO. Be an informed unit and district, keep your members updated.

"It was with awesome pride that we in the free world watched the 'velvet revolution' sweep across Czechoslovakia, and with it, the long awaited revival and reorganization of SOKOL. Once again, Czechoslovakia is free! Once again, the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization lives in the land of its birth! It is surely a cause for celebration!"

"The XXI Slet is dedicated to all Sokols who have risked their lives against oppression, especially to those who have done so in this most recent dramatic event in Czechoslovakia, and to those who daily sacrifice their own individual gain in promoting the ideals of Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fügner."

(Excerpted from SOKOL USA Directors Stephen Banjak and Christine Yatchyshyn invitation.)

Included with this letter was a form for each unit directors to fill in and return in order to receive the spiral bound book of all competition routines and calisthenics. Just in case you did not receive yours, please mail your request to:

Bro. Stephen J. Banjak, Sokol USA Director, R.D. #2, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.



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To build a healthy and beautiful human body —
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To produce strong, lovely and honorable people,
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What is a "Sokol"?
"Sokol is falcon in Czech language,
it is our symbol of swiftness,
courage and strength.



*"Zdravé a krásné lidské tělo — souladné vypěstění celého člověka,
povahy ucelené, neoblomné, pravdymilovné a spravedlivé —
lidé silní, krásní a dobří — to je cíl sokolské výchovy."*

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125th Anniversary of Sokol Historic Commemorative Book

The Executive Board extends an invitation to our many well wishers to participate in our 125th Anniversary Banquet by sponsoring a historical article, or if you wish, to include an article of a Czechoslovak, Sokol or Organizational theme in our Historical Commemorative Book. Your article or an article provided by us will have your business, organization or name appropriately printed, indicating that you are the sponsor for that page:

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Executive Board Minutes

JUNE 26, 1990

May minutes approved as corrected. (Br. Slavik and Voris on Paris committee, not Br. Kala).

Br. Proska resigned from office of Treasurer due to personal reasons. Cermak Road Assn. dues approved \$38.50. Letter from Sis. Schnabl regarding missing last two days of convention minutes. Recommendation to locate and send these to all delegates as soon as possible. Conventions finance committee to follow up on all their recommendations.

Combined Directors Report: All Sokols members are invited to attend a special meeting of Sokols at the USGF Congress of Coaches in New Orleans Sept. 16th. Paris Slet: over 200 ASO members to participate. So. District has not received reimbursement from assessment fund because of non-payment of dues.

Education Report: Br. Lebloch and committee are finalizing list of speakers and performers for the 125th anniversary banquet. Greater Cleveland's folk dancers will perform and So. District's "living pictures" have been contacted.

Publicity: Sis. Filipello sent news releases with details of our convention and accompanying pictures to all district presidents as decided by that convention committee.

Editor's Report: Sis. Dalton moved to purchase desk top publishing software and laser printer to be housed at the home of the editor, said items to be returned to the office whenever a new editor is elected. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial Sec. Report: Sis. Pros and Br. Basta will review accounts. All units will be advised of July 30 deadline for convention expense reports to be filed.

Position of Treasurer needs to be filled.

Secretary's Report: Sis. Pajeau has attended to all duties while learning the procedures.

1st Pres. Report: Br. Masek attended Sokol St. Louis 125th banquet and the Western District Slet.

Pres. Report: Br. Borvansky attended same. Sis. Pros motioned that office personnel salaries be increased by \$1.00 hr. retroactive to June 1, 1990, seconded and passed.

Next meeting August 28th.

(Financial reports will be published quarterly only starting with July-August-September as approved by the convention.)

Calendar of Events

September is registration time for all gymnastic classes in most of your units. Time to prepare for competitions, exhibitions, unit events, and summer slets. Be prepared, don't get left behind!

SEPTEMBER 29 — Central District Presidents Conference

SEPTEMBER 30 — Sokol Brookfield Pancake Breakfast 708-257-8894 (Bingo every Sunday 6:15)

OCTOBER 7 — Czech Day at the Dallas Fair

OCTOBER 20 — Sokol Detroit Hayride

OCTOBER 27 — Sokol San Francisco Independence Dinner Dance

OCTOBER 27 — Sokol Baltimore Vinobraní

OCTOBER 28 — Sokol/Sokolice Milwaukee Recognition Dinner

OCTOBER 28 — Sokol Women of Little Ferry Pork Dinner. Advance ticket only: \$12.50 adults; \$6.25 children. Serving time: 12 noon to 2:00 PM. Take out orders beginning: 11:30 AM. Info: 201-365-1111 — Blanche or 807-9538 — Marie

NOVEMBER 1 — Sokol/Sokolice Milwaukee Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 10 — Central District BOI Annual Mtg. at Sokol Brookfield

NOVEMBER 10 — A.S.O. 125th Anniv. Banquet

NOVEMBER 10 — Sokol Fresno 50th Anniversary, Notre Dame Hall, Clovis, California

NOVEMBER 11 — Central District Annual Meeting at Sokol Stickney 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER 16-18 — Annual Holiday Folk Fair Mecca, Milwaukee, Wis.

FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER 26, 1991 — SOKOL TABOR 125th Anniversary Banquet, DiNolfo's, 47th & Joliet Rd., McCook, Ill.

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(Notice to all unit and district publicity and newsletter editors: all events should be mailed in to the editor at the home address listed on inside cover. Your unit brothers and sisters learn of your activities, and inactivity, through this column. Communications is one of the keys to growth and understanding.)

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Central District Information Hotline 708-515-3809

*Nazdar, bratři a sestry!
Towards success, brothers and sisters!*

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125th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET Room Accommodations

The following motel/inn information is provided for those groups and/or individuals who wish room information close to Ashton Place. Both these motel/inns are only 5 minutes away by car or bus.

HOLIDAY INN —

7800 Kingery Highway, Willowbrook, IL 60521.
(Rt. 83 north of Interstate 55).

Rate — \$47.00 + 7% tax.

(708) 325-6400 — FAX (708) 325-2362.

Reservations must be made in name of American Sokol Organization to receive this rate.

Ammenities are: cocktail lounge, restaurant, outdoor pool only, exercise facility, shuttle bus service to and from Midway Airport only, shuttle bus service to and from Ashton Place.

FAIRFIELD INN-MARRIOTT —

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Rate — \$34.95 + 7% tax with coupon per room.

Coupon valid for maximum 2 night stay.

For coupons write to: Br. Roy Zitny, 574 Revere Ave., Westmont, IL 60559.

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Amenities are: outdoor pool only, complimentary coffee (morning only), no shuttle services.

There is a Denny's Restaurant ½ block from Holiday Inn and is 1 block from Fairfield Inn-Mariott.

IN MEMORY

We regret to report the loss of our devoted brother Sokol

GEORGE B. NOVAK,

on June 6, 1990.

He was our faithful recording secretary for 33 years.



George was vice-president of our Jednota, was a gym instructor, and was an outstanding competitor in many Sokol Slets. He attended gym courses, enjoyed dancing the Beseda, and was a delegate to all the Eastern District meetings, George was an enthusiastic leader in all our Sokol activities and enjoyed especially the annual "Snow Ball Dance".

Among his hobbies was photography. He documented many of our activities. An avid outdoorsman, he also was a fine taxidermist, giving many prepared animal and bird specimens to Boy Scouts and other groups.

He had several successful careers. He was a master watchmaker in a Philadelphia establishment, served as a fireman for 26 years, and finally worked in a bank until his retirement.

During World War II he served with distinction in the U.S. Coast Guard. Among his other activities he was a Mason, a gardener, and a member of an Outdoors Club.

Brother George, you will be sorely missed by all your Philadelphia Sokol friends and your many Sokol colleagues everywhere.

*Sokol Philadelphia — Pres. Josephine Tunkl
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Treasurer Anna Vagner*

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES

125 Years of Activities in the U.S.A.

NOVEMBER 10, SATURDAY — BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

You are invited to celebrate with hundreds of Sokol members and friends in a gala evening of good spirits and entertainment at the ASHTON PLACE IN DARIEN, IL.

Cocktails 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

Entertainment — Dancing to the International Brass Band.

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Mayors of Chicago and Prague, Czechoslovakia sign joint sister cities declaration

A joint declaration of a Sister Cities agreement between Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the City of Chicago will be signed at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, by Mayor Richard M. Daley and Jaroslav Koran, the Lord Mayor of Prague.

The formal signing will follow the Mayor of Prague's address at the U.S. Conference of Mayor's international luncheon at the Merchantile Exchange, 30 S. Wacker, Chicago.

This will be the first Sister Cities relationship ever established in Czechoslovakia. It is also the first since Mayor Daley established the permanent Sister Cities program in February, 1990.

The Sister Cities program will involve exchanges in cultural, economic development, education, technology and youth programs.

The City of Chicago, home to the largest population of Czechoslovaks in the United States, is bonded to Prague in many ways. Prague has served as the cultural center of Eastern Europe for centuries and, although Chicago is comparatively young, it has been dedicated to fostering intellectual and cultural development.



Mayor Richard M. Daley and Jaroslav Koran,
Lord Mayor of Prague.

Chicago's thriving performing arts community includes world renown art museums, architecture, as well as over 100 theaters. Similarly, Prague's love of the arts shines in its superb theater, "new wave" films, dynamic dance companies, and innovative mimes.

The cities also share a dedication to great literature. While Chicago has produced such literary giants as Nelson Algren, Saul Bellow, and Carl Sandburg, Prague's writers and playwrights include Ivan Klíma, Jan Trefulka, and Ludvík Vaculík.

And as Chicago is the birthplace of jazz and blues and boasts one of the most admired symphony orchestras in the world, Prague's vital musical scene houses the Czech Philharmonic, Munclinger's Quartet, Janáček's Quartet, and first rate opera singers.

The Sister Cities program of the City of Chicago is administered by the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Have you asked your unit if they
need any help in the Gym Classes?

Brother and Sister Sokols and Friends of Czechoslovakia:

We all shared in the joy of the return of freedom to Czechoslovakia.

Because of these historic events, the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization has been revived at a Convention held January 7th, 1990 in Prague. 3,500 delegates from all regions of Czechoslovakia attended.

The former Sokol headquarters "Tyršův Dům" has been returned to the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization. This beautiful building is in need of extensive renovation and repair.

The Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization unanimously approved to start a fund drive for the repair of "Tyršův Dům".

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Amount _____

Make checks payable to: AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION — "Tyršův Dům" and the mailing address is: American Sokol Organization, 6424 W. Cermak Rd., Berwyn, IL 60402. Attn: "Tyršův Dům" Fund.

GYMNAST

SEPTEMBER 1990

Editor: Frank H. Michalek — 10 S. 020 Lorraine Dr., Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

Meet your new National Physical Directors



JANET "Jan" KALAT

Even though not of Czech descent, Janet started attending Sokol classes at the age of 10 at Sokol Tabor in Berwyn, Illinois. Her interest in Sokol grew rapidly. She attended national instructor's courses at Crystal Lake in 1961 and Potters Lake in 1965. By the age of 16 she was instructing the 9-12 year old girls class at Sokol Tabor. Under the tutelage of Ed Linhart she continued to accept greater responsibility, teaching classes from 1962 through 1973, serving as unit women's director in 1966, and serving on the national BOI from 1968-73.

In 1973, she moved, with her husband, Chuck, and two small children to the Dallas, Texas area. Once in the Dallas area, the Kalats immediately joined Sokol Karel Havlíček Borovský, Ennis, Texas, the home unit of another ex-Berwynite Lil Vesely Laznovsky. The 100 mile round trip drive to Sokol limited the family involvement to the classes



Frank "Doc" Michalek

Frank started Sokol in the Česká California neighborhood on the west side of Chicago in 1939 at Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš. At this early age his mentors were bro's Pokorny and Vaclav Stransky an outstanding Sokol and champion in the true sense of the word. He also attended Sunday morning classes at Sokol Chicago (then the home of the national headquarters) on Kedzie under the tutelage of the American Sokol National Director, brother Jarka J. Jelinek. It was from them that the seeds were sown in his young mind to choose physical education as a career and thus devote a lifetime to fitness and moral character development. In 1948 he attended his first instructors course in Crystal Lake, Illinois under the direction of Richard Molcar. He became an adult member of Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš in 1952, and though it does not conduct classes anymore, he has retained membership

JANET "Jan" KALAT — from p. 823

attended by her children. In 1979, the family changed its membership to Sokol Zizka, Dallas where Jan served as instructor. She became unit women's director in 1980 and served on the Slet committee for the 1981 National Slet held in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Following the 1981 Slet, the Kalat family moved back north to Berwyn, Illinois. Jan resumed teaching at Sokol Tabor, was unit women's director for two more years, and served on the national board of instructors before she and her family were forced to return once again to the Dallas area. This time, the children were older and the trip to the Ennis Sokol was not as taxing. Since being back in Texas, Janet has assisted with the Junior Girls class and served as an assistant to both the Ennis unit women's director and the Southern District Women's Director. She also maintained her membership on the National BOI, serving as statistitian and attending all District Director's Conferences but one since 1981.

As a result of all the moving around and involvement in the different units and districts, Janet has had the unique view of Sokol from both inside and outside the headquarters district. Throughout, she has maintained an allegiance with her Sokol Tabor roots, currently holding dual membership in Sokolice Tabor, Berwyn and Sokol Karel Havlíček Borovský, Ennis. Janet maintains a strong love for and dedication to Sokol which she feels was instilled during her years working with Bro. Linhart.

FRANK "Doc" MICHALEK — from p. 823

to this day. In 1976 he joined an active unit Sokol West Suburban.

As an instructor Frank has taught classes for the past 45 years, first as an assistant and then as an instructor for childrens, juniors and adult classes at one time or another at Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš, Sokol Brookfield, and Sokol West Suburban. He has served as Men's Physical Director of Sokols Havlíček-Tyrš and West Suburban. He has been over 20 years on the Central District B.O.I. and 15 years on the A.S.O.-B.O.I. He has served in several other offices including several years as president of Sokol West Suburban, and secretary and President of Chicagoland Sokol Building Association. For several decades he ran the summer camps at Crystal Lake, Illinois and Potters Lake, Wisconsin. He has been on the A.S.O. National School Board since its inception, and has taught at Sokol Instructors Schools for over 20 years. Frank was instrumental in establishing the Gymnastic Skills program for the mens department, and has conducted clinics in gymnastic teaching, judging, spotting, and volleyball at unit, district, and national levels.

It was because of his love and success in competition that Frank has been competing in Sokol for

over 50 years. He has competed at all levels of 1st class, 2nd class, juniors, and seniors, including the new masters division levels.

Frank received his first degree a bachelor of education from Chicago State University in 1956, and shortly after was inducted into the United States Marine Corps for two years, where he was an instructor of military subjects, Fitness, first aid and aquatics. When he returned home from the service, he started teaching and continued on in graduate school at George Williams College, where he received a masters degree in 1967. In 1974 he achieved his ultimate goal of a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He majored in Physical Education and had a split minor in Educational Psychology and Educational Administration. In addition to his educational and work experience in and out of Sokol, Frank has been teaching in the Chicago public schools for over 33 years. The last 23 have been in the Chicago City College at the Kennedy-King and Richard J. Daley Campus, where he has just been appointed Full Professor in August 1990. One of his many duties at Daley College is serving as Head Coach of the Womens Varsity Volleyball Team.

In addition to devoting much of his time to Sokol Frank found time to marry his favorite "dorostenka" Carolee ("Fokta") Michalek, they have three lovely children Gerilynn, Jodi Lee and Michael, and two grandchildren Kevin and Laura McCafferty. Jodi's husband Joe Michniak has also joined Sokol. Frank, Carolee, Jodi and Joe all attended the slet in Paris and the "Sokol Setkání" in Praha.

Sokol has been more than a home to Frank. It has become a way of life. It all stems from our original founding fathers philosophy of a "Sound Mind In A Sound Body". In essence Frank says "all of us become missionaries of these precepts".

The future of the American Sokol Organization remains primarily in the hands of the leadership, and as far as the technical end is concerned Jan and Frank will do their utmost in words and actions to uphold and perpetuate the Sokol movement in this nation and also in the world. They shall try their best to set an example by creating an ideal image, living the good life, keeping their bodies in the best of health and appearance while actively striving to achieve their fullest potential in all their endeavors. They shall try to the best of their abilities to provide the necessary leadership to reach new horizons.

NAZDAR!

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Czechoslovakian Jr.
National Volleyball Team
us
Northwestern University**

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Northwestern University's Welsh -Ryan
Arena -1501 Central St., Evanston, ILL.
TICKETS : Adults \$4.00 Students
\$2.00 For further information call
(708) 491-7070



Statue in courtyard of Tyršův Dům.



Part of the Tyršův Dům complex.

Sokols and Tyršův Dům

Tyršův Dům (Tyrš' House) is a complex of buildings which was dedicated by the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization on May 4, 1925. Parts of the structure originated in the 16th and 17th centuries. It is located in Prague, Czechoslovakia, across the river in Malá Strana opposite the National Theatre. It is a large structure composed of 300 rooms. There are several gymnasiums; the largest one measures 100' x 100'. Additionally, there are lecture halls, class rooms, dormitory rooms, a restaurant, an indoor swimming pool, the Karásek Gallery, a Sokol museum and a large comprehensive library on physical education with approximately 200,000 volumes in its collection.

Practically speaking, Tyršův Dům was an institution or a "College for Physical Education." The curriculum was based upon the principles of the Sokol movement as founded by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš. It was the headquarters for the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization. Instructors' courses, lasting for 6 to 12 weeks, were conducted there on a year round basis. Participants in these classes lived in the building for the duration of their term. The educa-



One of the gymnasiums in Tyršův Dům.

tion received by these students was recognized by American and Canadian universities with much respect. Allowances were made for the graduates of this education to qualify for credits toward physical education degrees in their respective programs. Several European countries, i.e. France, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia, based their own physical education systems upon the system taught according to the Tyrš methods.

The newly revived Sokol movement in Czechoslovakia again needs this institution and the education it once provided to be reinstated and develop new instructors. The Sokol concept must again be taught to erase the last 40 years of the communist teachings.

Dr. Miroslav Tyrš insisted that proper training and education was the best guarantee for the future of Sokol and a free, prosperous nation.

Free Czechoslovakia & the Sokols

Freedom and democracy in Czechoslovakia and the Sokol movement go hand in hand. The loss of freedom and democracy resulted in the demise of the Sokols in Czechoslovakia. Restoration of the democratic system in that country, at this time, brings with it the revival of Sokol.

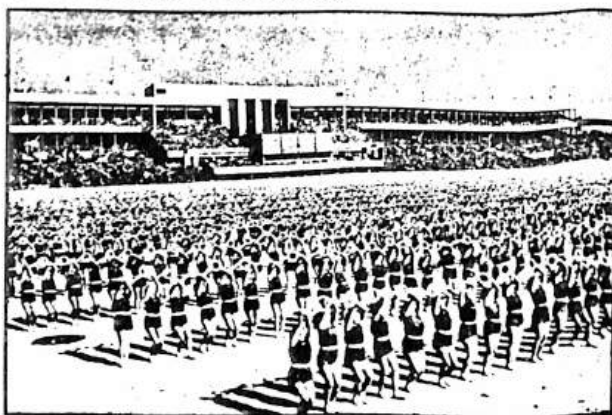
When Dr. Miroslav Tyrš founded Sokol he conceived the idea of preparing his country for independence. His successors adopted this idea and carried it through to its fruition.

Since the Sokol movement was very influential in the development of democracy in Czechoslovakia, it was twice outlawed in the last 50 years--once in 1938 by the Nazis and for the second time in 1948 by the Communists.

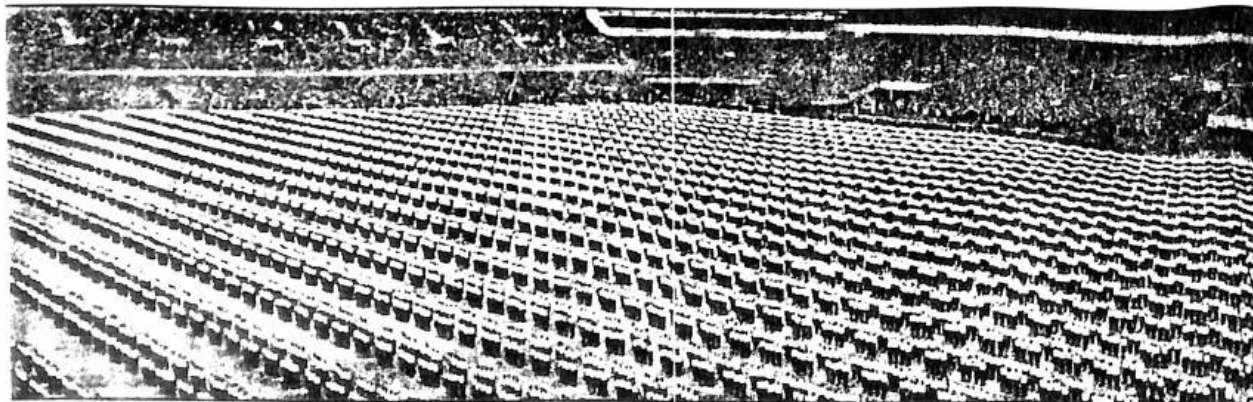
From the year of its inception in 1862 to the year 1938, the Sokol movement grew in size to approximately 750,000 members. In the first exhi-

bition (Slet) held in 1882, 750 gymnasts performed. In 1948, the last and largest Sokol Slet to be held in Prague, the total number of gymnasts participating over a period of three days rose to 323,000 and was witnessed by 250,000 spectators each day. This was directly the result of Sokol units being established in every community with a population of 500 persons or more throughout the country.

From the very beginning, Sokol was a financially independent organization with no government subsidies. Its program encompassed a large variety of sports besides gymnastics and mass calisthenics. Skiing, swimming, volleyball and track were a few. Also promoted was music, song, dance, drama and literature. The aim of Sokol ideology was to educate its members in high moral standards, democracy and brotherhood. Tyrš believed that only a nation that was physically fit, morally and spiritually strong would be able to defend its right to live. The goal of Sokol was not to produce champions, but to promote the theory that every individual should strive to succeed to the utmost of his ability.



Junior Girls performance.



Men performing mass calisthenics in Strahov Stadium, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

Captive Nations Week, 1990



by the President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

The end of communist domination in Eastern Europe and progress toward democratization and greater openness in the Soviet Union are signs of a new era. Ideals we Americans have long cherished and defended — ideals of individual liberty and self-government — are triumphing in nations that once bore the heavy yoke of totalitarianism. Human rights that were once brutally suppressed are gaining increasing respect, and political pluralism is replacing the tired dogmas of one-party rule — dogmas that have been thoroughly discredited time and again.

With vigilance and unflinching moral resolve, we have made great strides in our efforts to promote freedom and human rights around the world. Tragically, however, there remain countries where repressive ruling regimes continue to cling to ideologies that are inimical to the ideals of national sovereignty and individual liberty. In violation of international human rights agreements and fundamental standards of morality, these regimes continue to deny innocent men and women their inalienable rights, including freedom of speech, freedom of movement and assembly, freedom of the press, and the right to practice their religious beliefs without fear of persecution.

Each July, as we celebrate our Nation's Independence and give thanks for the blessings of liberty and self-government, we also recall our obligation to speak out for captive people around the world. During Captive Nations Week, we reaffirm our support for peaceful efforts to secure their right to liberty and self-determination.

As more and more government leaders around the world now acknowledge, the God-given rights of individuals must be recognized in law and respected in practice. Protecting the rights and freedom to which all men are heirs is not only the duty of any legitimate government, but also the key to real and lasting peace among nations. That is one reason why, during this Captive Nations Week, we do well to recall the timeless words written by Thomas Jefferson shortly before his death in 1826 on the 50th anniversary of our Nation's Independence:

All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view the palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride

them legitimately, by the grace of God. These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollection of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them...

The Congress, by Joint Resolution approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the third week in July of each year as "Captive Nations Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning July 15, 1990, as Captive Nations Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I urge them to reaffirm their devotion to the aspirations of all peoples for liberty, justice, and self-determination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth. — George Bush

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

Remarks by the President during Captive Nations ceremony

THE ROSE GARDEN

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, and welcome — welcome to the Rose Garden. And a special welcome to some of our guests — to all of you — but to some special guests today. Of course, I'm very pleased the Vice President is with me for this special occasion. Secretary Derwinski over here, who's been a leader in all of this for many, many years. And, of course, our Deputy Secretary Larry Eagleburger — Deputy Secretary of State, and Don Carlson, the head of the Voice. And so many of our friends from Congress, welcome to all of you. And a special, again, salute and welcome to all of you have been in the forefront of the Captive Nations cause for so many years.

You know, for the last 32 years, Presidents from Eisenhower to Reagan have commemorated the ongoing struggle of captive nations. And traditionally, this one has been the ceremony to commemorate the ongoing struggle of these nations to bear witness to the suffering of millions — a ceremony to honor courage, a ceremony to tell everyone still in captivity that they are not forgotten.

These previous Captive Nations Ceremonies have not been moments of joy, but really, rather, of serious rededication and sadness that so many in our world lived in the throes of tyranny.

The Revolution of 1989 was stunning — thrilling, clearly a historic time. And at this ceremony last

year, we told the world that we would keep faith with those who were oppressed; and we did. And then taking their lives into their own hands, the very people who are in our hearts crafted an unforgettable year of triumph. The triumph of brave hearts. The triumph of people declaring they would control their own destinies.

And last summer while we were in Eastern Europe, Barbara and I sensed that excitement in the air, that some of you here had been telling me about. In meetings with the people of Poland and Hungary, I pledged America's strong support for their historic struggle. And like most Americans, we watched in joy as the barbed wire on that Austrian-Hungarian border came down. And we were deeply moved as the changes swept across the continent bringing within reach the vision of a Europe truly whole and free.

For four long decades, America and her allies have remained united and strong in our mission for peace and freedom. That strength has at long last borne some fruit. What an amazing year this has been; a year of technicolor glory in lands that had been defined by these black watchtowers and walls, and the drab emptiness of lost dreams.

But we are gathered here today, not just to celebrate the joyous change of this past year, but to celebrate it in a very special way. With us today are some of the young people whose countries were a part of this Revolution of '89. And each is proud of his country. And it's easy to understand why they believe in themselves and in their homelands. For the bold and brilliant light of freedom now illuminates their world.

And so to honor that shining faith in the future, I dedicate this day to this new generation of freedom and to future generations who will never have to bear the burden of tyranny. For some of this new generation this freedom means a whole new world in their own backyard. On that unforgettable morning when the East German borders fell, parents gathered up their kids and brought them to the Brandenburg Gate, the final symbol of tyranny in Berlin. And still in their pajamas, these children on this day of new freedom were passed up from friendly hand to friendly hand to have the thrill of sitting on top of the Wall, looking across at the endless horizon of their dreams. And now, a new generation is coming of age in freedom.

In the audience today is a group of young interns from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Supported by funding from private American organizations, they are spending the summer working and learning in our great country. And one is working with the Speaker of North Carolina's House of Delegates, another with a television station in Washington, another with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. And they are here learning how a free society works and will return to build a free Poland, a free Hungary, a free Czechoslovakia.

But while we celebrate for those who are now free, we must also remember those who are not.

And I continue to be moved by what I see and hear throughout the rest of the world where unfinished revolutions continue one heroic story at a time. In the Americas, where a boy with nothing but a board and sail windsurfed to escape the politics of repression. In Asia, where iron tanks were met by the iron will of a courageous lone man. And today, I also want to remember especially the people of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, and renew — (applause) — and renew our unflagging support for their long quest for national self-determination. The road ahead is going to be difficult. But we can now join them in looking forward with hope to the day when their long, cherished dreams will become reality.

Alongside this success story of nations we also hear quiet stories of individuals who, even in darkness, could see the vision of liberty. Those who have risked everything in countries not yet free. The countries we must still remember today, the desperate people we must never forget.

Boys like Quang Trinh, a young Vietnamese teenager. He almost died escaping from the shattered life of a country where he had seen his mother killed, his father jailed, his brother's spirits broken. Quang fled the only life he had known for freedom. And he jumped into shark-infested waters for freedom. And he starved in delirium for freedom. And after he was finally rescued and told he could enter the United States, he wept all night long.

When did something touch our lives so completely that we cried for joy through the entire night? Quang calls America "freedom country". And how many of us have stopped to think of our homeland in those terms? You know, on my desk inside there in the Oval Office, I have two special mementos with me at all times. One is a small American flag, given to me in an army hospital by a soldier wounded while fighting to free our friends in Panama. It represents America's commitment to freedom and to proud people wherever they may be who seek that freedom.

And the other souvenir is a piece of the Berlin Wall. One of the very first chiseled from that horrifying affront to humanity. I keep it as a reminder of the miracle which courage, strength and unity can achieve. It's sitting right here.

And I also wanted to bring with me today this piece of barb wire which I brought to last year's ceremony. Some of you may remember. It came from the Austria-Hungary border. And these two symbols of tyranny should never be forgotten.

Sitting in this peaceful Rose Garden today are several generations of these nations of miracles, including the new generation. But there are also countries that are still waiting to be free. So let us all work together so that next year this dream of freedom extends to all those countries where it is now denied. Let us pray together that the light of liberty will shine across our entire planet. And that the next Captive Nations Week will be the last.

Thank you all for coming here and God bless you for your steadfast commitment to freedom around the world. Thank you all very, very much.

EULOGY

Sister Bea Novotny



A sad mission has brought us together today.

Death has entered our beloved Sokol Organization, and we pause to pay tribute to a member we have loved and lost — SISTER BEA NOVOTNY.

Having been raised in a traditional Czech home, Sister Novotny was involved in Sokol activities at an early age. She began as a gymnast and then became an instructor. In 1925 she joined the Ladies' Division, and in 1926 became náčelnice (Director of Women) until 1940, a fourteen-year term. She was the recipient of several medals and other awards won in gymnastic competitions, and she participated in many exhibitions and slets and even traveled to Czechoslovakia to a Slet held at Masaryk Stadium.

In addition to her gymnastic abilities, Sister Novotny played an active role in the organization: She attended monthly meetings regularly and was an officer of the Ladies' Division — as Financial Secretary in 1938 to 1940; as Secretary in 1951 to 1955 and again in 1957 to 1959; and as President in 1970 and 1971. For many years she was a member of the Board of Directors, and a delegate to the Eastern District meetings. It must be noted that Sister Novotny served with distinction on Sokol Women's Executive Board. Her vast experiences and thorough knowledge of Sokol were of immeasurable benefit.

In the past when volunteers were needed for fund-raising events, it was Sister Novotny who agreed to be a part of the group — as a waitress, a cook, or as a worker. She was a former co-chairwoman of a Chinese Auction and a member of numerous committees, the most important of which was the Constitution and By-Laws. In addition, she provided many treats for after-meeting refreshments and cake sales — and then shared her recipes with members! For our raffles she donated beautiful hand-made articles.

In recent years, Sister Novotny, a bilingual, had become Sokol Women's historian. By persuing Minutes of the Ladies' Division Meetings that were written in the Czech language at the organization's inception, she translated pertinent information and produced historical information for our archives.

Sister Novotny was a caring person; she was well-liked, highly respected, and very knowledgeable about our Sokol, and she will be sorely missed. During her sixty-five-year association as a Sokolka, Sister Novotny made significant contributions to our unit. She has set myriad examples for us to follow. She has served us well. For her outstanding work and devotion to Sokol Women of Little Ferry, we are extremely grateful.

We realize how empty even the sincerest words of condolence sound to her beloved family and

friends. Her devotion to her family and her home will long be remembered, and only time will heal the wound in their hearts on their loss.

May the knowledge that not only the members of Sokol Women, but also ALL who knew BEA NOVOTNY will always remember her and that these thoughts will comfort you and alleviate your sorrow. We celebrate her life and mourn her death.

To her family — daughters Bea and Edie; son, Richie; their spouses; all the grandchildren and great grandchildren — we extend our deepest sympathy.

In closing, I would like to share the following poem with you:

*After the clouds, the sunshine,
After the winter, the spring,
After the shower, the rainbow —
For life is a changeable thing.
After the night, the morning,
bidding all darkness cease,
After life's cares and sorrows,
the comfort and sweetness of peace.*

SISTER BEA NOVOTNY, may you rest in peace.

— Sokol Women of Little Ferry

Minutes of the executive board of the American Sokol Organization

The meeting was called to order by President Borvansky at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 1990 and the pledge to the flag was said.

Members present were Bro. Borvansky, Michalek, Babka and Lebloch and Sis. Pajeau, Kourim, Wojcek, Vondra and Filipello. Bro. Milan, Podhrasky, and Masek and Sis. Kalat and Dalton were on teleconference. Bro. Satek and Sis. Pros were excused.

Northeastern District minutes received and distributed.

Correspondence was read and discussed. With the great number of letters coming from Europe it was decided to try and send them to the Department of Cultural Affairs, Communication Division in Chicago. Sokol Greater Cleveland would like to purchase the left over Omaha coasters for \$35.00 plus postage and handling, approved. Sis. Kourim and Bro. Borvansky were invited to Sokol Detroit's 70th Anniversary celebration and both will go on their own to represent the ASO. Sis. Sedlacek requested a recognition certificate to be given to Alexander Dubcek when he visits the St. Paul/-Minneapolis area on September 5, 1990, approved.

Bro. Michalek and Sis. Kalat reported for the BOI. They had a meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 1990 at the Sokol office. Presented first and final expense forms for approval. Sis. Filipello reported on attending the Slovak Sokol Convention and stated that they would like to be included in our technical meetings. In 1991 at their Slet they may have a competition for 9-11 years olds.

There was no formal membership report. There were several non-Sokol members on the tour to Paris and a copy of the *American Sokol* magazine and membership information will be sent to them.

Bro. Lebloch reported for the Educational Committee on the Paris Slet and the trip to Prague. He presented a bill for \$29.16 for framing the certificate that was given to Václav Havel. Motion by Sis. Filipello, seconded and passed. Bro. Voris will be contacted to send a thank you to the florist in Czechoslovakia for the beautiful flowers that were made for the graves that the ASO visited. Bro. Babka recommended that the ASO think about a very special number to be written to be done when the ASO goes abroad.

Bro. Milan reported on publicity/public relations. He also reported on the Paris/Prague trip. He would like to reproduce the Sokol logo label for luggage tags or labels. He would like to have an orientation video for new members and to be used at meetings. Working on a coloring book to be given to all the classes as a educational tool. It would include songs, games and history. Writing a publicity book for the ASO, districts or units to use. Finally he would like to see a sister Sokol program start with an exchange of ideas, letter writing and sport programs. The uniform division asked if the charms given at convention in Texas could be obtained and offered for sale through the office? Bro. Lebloch made a motion to obtain 400 charms, seconded and passed.

Editor Sis. Filipello explained the new Desk Top printing software and the Laser Jet III printer she has purchased. She recommended we may want to think about getting a better computer to work with this equipment. The price of the printer is \$1697.88 and we will not get the service insurance at this time. Sis. Filipello asked to be sent to a workshop at the University of Chicago on Saturday, October 13, 1990 on small publications for \$325.00. Bro. Lebloch moved to send her, seconded and passed. A letter will be sent to Cicero/Berwyn Press asking for an itemized bill. Addresses of the new officers will be included in an upcoming issue of the publication.

There was a request for a list of books in the library and list of publications that are for sale. Bro. Slavik wrote a paper on Tyrš and it should be put in booklet form.

Sis. Pros, the financial secretary was excused but sent a written report. The new phone system is installed, working on books with Sis. Vondra, prepared July report, and asked for the copier to be serviced. Bro. Babka moved to repair the office copier, seconded and passed. The auditing committee met and found the books in order. There were about twenty Russian gymnasts in the area and the office gave them ASO pens and post cards.

Sis. Wojcek was presented as a candidate for the office of treasurer. This will be brought up to the Board of Governors. Bro. Babka asked that the budget list what was set in budget for a certain area

and then list what was actually spent to date. This will start as of July 1, 1990 and be listed quarterly.

A request was made for the break down of advertising fees for the official publication.

Bro. Babka moved that Sis. Filipello meet with John Naughton, a lawyer about the postal fees we are now paying, seconded and passed.

Secretary, Sis. Pajeau reported on the mail going in and out of office.

Bro. Masek reported on the Sokol South Omaha course. The Foundation committee has included Bro. James Riha, Bro. Berka and Sis. Berka. The account has been opened and there is \$256.12 in it as of this date. Information will be sent to Barns Accounting to be included in the monthly statements. More information about this fund will be published and Bro. Masek is looking into other sources of income.

Bro. Podhrasky is almost finished with the by-laws.

Sis. Jane Jurew and Bro. Micky Dalton names were submitted as possible alternates to the board.

Sis. Kourim attended the CSA Convention and banquet and the Slovak Sokol Convention and banquet. She displayed a sample of the women's uniform blouse and is still working on this project. She asked for a transfer of \$3000.00 from the general fund to the uniform account. Bro. Lebloch moved to transfer monies, seconded and passed. There are still seven outstanding bills from Sokol units.

Bro. Borvansky reported he attended the CSA banquet and the instructors course graduation in Omaha.

The Monday and Tuesday 1990 Convention minutes are in the office and will be duplicated and mailed to delegates. A request for the duplication of the speeches from convention.

The board recommended that the 125th Anniversary banquet committee invite more political figures.

Sokol Newark was sent letters and we have had only one response.

The travel agency sent a report of the Paris trip and a refund of \$5700 to the ASO office. A thank you letter will be sent to Cihak.

Bro. Lebloch will take care of an advertisement to be put in the Moravian Day Celebration.

Adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Sis. Nancy Pajeau, Secretary

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