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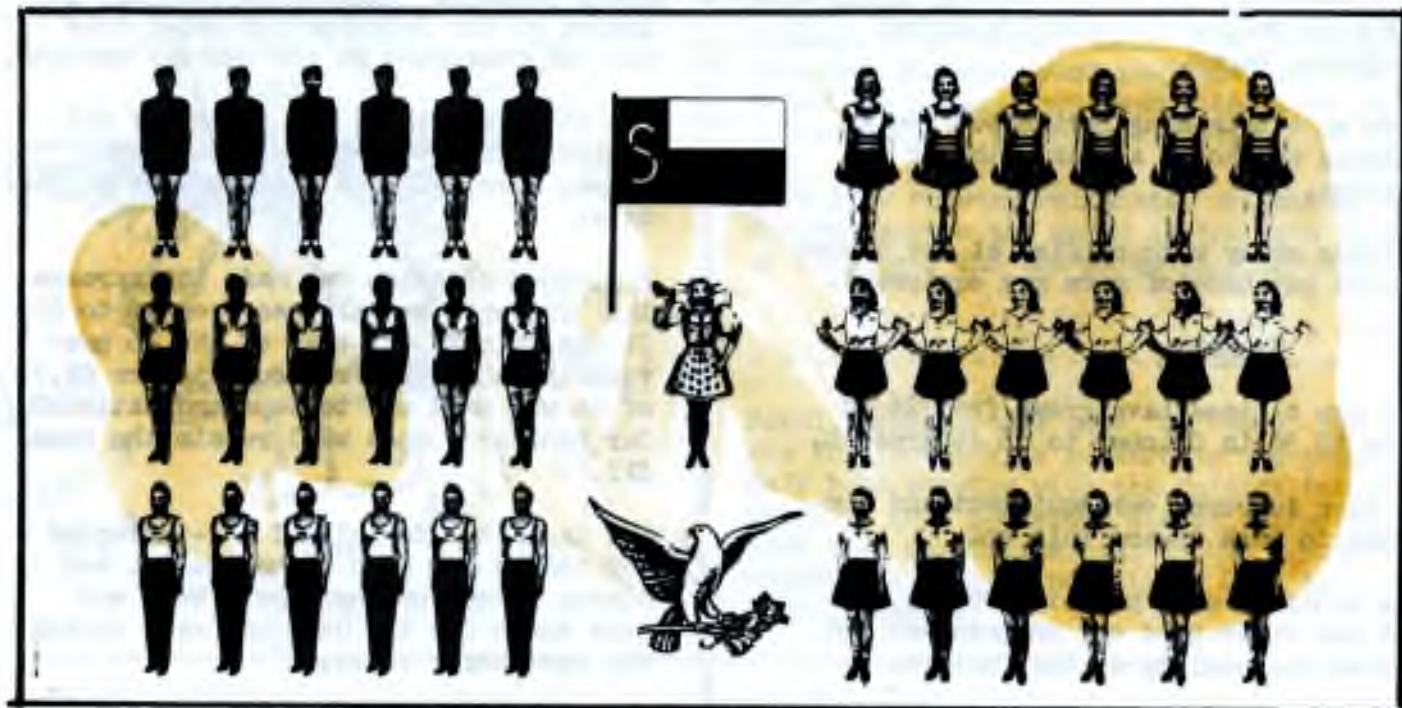
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Best Wishes for the New Year

HODNĚ ZDRAVÍ A SPOKOJENOSTI V NOVÉM ROCE



CZECHOSLOVAK
GYMNASTIC
SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Founded 1862
in Prague

GYM CLASSES - 1973

Four Clinics held either here or in L.A. in preparation for our Chicago Slet.

Dinkey Creek Sokol Camp to which we had 14 S. F. Children Attend.

Making S. F. History with participation of 18 at a National Slet.

Two girls attended the Sokol Course that immediately followed the Slet. Michele Spanek and Joan Louzensky presently helping with class instruction.

Raised well over \$400 toward travel expenses to the Slet. This supplimented by funds from our own Unit and Pacific Zupa.

Participated in Tumbling Exhibition at Golden Gate Park for United Nationalities.

Children planned and presented their own show to help toward funds for the Slet.

Purchased for our gymnasium four mats, a Reuter Board and new balance beam.

Prepared Program for Sokol's Annual Christmas Party.

Have an outstanding instructor who is helping two hours a week with our gym classes.

Raising money with raffles at our dances toward purchase of more gym equipment.

Summary

Our gym classes have grown from 26 in June to 36 in October to 46 at present.

We have improved our equipment and continue to work toward this end.

The addition of a paid instructor has put new vigor into our program and improved the quality of instruction.

1973 was a year of evaluation and rebuilding. We have made a start. With the continued support of the gymnasts, their parents, and Sokol - the year 1974 can be one of attainment.

Alvin W. & Mary Frances
Meier

ANNUAL SOKOL MEETING

Annual reports were presented and old business taken care of then we proceeded to the Election of Officers. The following is the slate of officers for the year 1974.

President - George Spanek
1st V. P. - Alvin W. Meier
2nd V. P. - Henricka Casse
Corr. Secty. - Betty Josefek
Rec. Secty. - Helen Murphy
Treasurer - Lada Zrzavy
Fin. Secty. - Elizabeth Bele
Educational - Charles Samal

Auditors are Brs. Stangl, Machacek, and Kucera.

The Board of directors include the President, both Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer and the following elected members: Sister Helen Murphy and Brothers Mikes, Jilka, Kucera, Josefek and Keith.

Zupa Delegates are the President, the Načelnik and Načelnice and four other Sokol Members. These four were not nominated at our December meeting. This will be completed at our January meeting.

Two other positions are presently not filled: Entertainment and Building. These, also, will be appointed at a later date.

A further decision was made to increase the Sister's annual dues from \$6 to \$10. It was pointed out that of the \$6 previously collected from our sisters \$5.70 of it was paid out to Zupa and National. Our Brother's dues will remain the same - \$12.

Br. Lenhart - for all of us - extended our thanks and good wishes to Br. and Sister Marek for their hard work and time spent for the Good of Sokol during the past three years.

Our Congratulations to our newly elected officers! Success in Sokol - 1974!

~GREETINGS~

A GOOD-BYE - -



We are all feeling a little sad these days as we think of our dear Brother and Sister Libor leaving our area.

You have contributed much to our Sokol Unit for the past few years, and our Sokols will feel the loss of your friendship and your membership greatly.

Joseph and Anne, we wish you much happiness in your new surroundings. Please miss us a little - we will miss you a lot!

Hear this Los Angeles! Are you ever the lucky ones to have Brother and Sister Libor transfer to your Unit. Welcome them with open arms!



A STORY OF TWO BROTHERS

A father died, leaving two sons. One son lived on a hill and had a large family; the other, a bachelor, lived alone in a valley.

One night, the son in the valley awoke. He said to himself, "Did my father's equal division of his property between us give my brother a just portion? My poor brother living on the hill, is weighed down by the responsibilities of a large family, and here I am without responsibilities and obligations. Tonight I will take some of the sheaves of grain my father left me and quietly put them in my brother's barn; otherwise he would not take them."

That very same night, the other brother on the hill, could not sleep. He said to himself, "I can see my father did not treat my brother and me equally. I am surrounded with a loving wife and family, and my brother lives alone. I'll take some of the sheaves left me by my father and, unseen, leave them in my brother's barn, because he would not accept them knowingly."

That night, the two brothers met, halfway between their homes, their arms laden with sheaves, and when each realized what the other was doing, they wept with tears of understanding, of brotherly love.

This love between relatives, neighbors, and friends across the world is the true spirit of Christmas and the whole year through.

....Ralph Jones

Sokol Personalities make the news! Did you see Br. Louzensky's picture in the paper. He's been working with the Suicide Prevention Center. And, how about Sister Duffey on her work with Burlingame High's 50th Anniversary. Congratulations - And Welcome Back to Sokol, Blanche!

The Editors of the San Francisco Sokolsky Vestnik thank you for your contributions and "raves" and wish you ALL A VERY HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!!!

NAŠE SOKOLOVNA

Již v začátcích Sokolstva jak v Československu tak i v Americe, jakmile byla někde založena sokolská jednotka, přáním a snahou člens-
tva bylo zbudování vlastního stánku, vlastní sokolovny.

Nikdy ani v minulosti nebyla to snadná věc. Strádalo se, pořád -
daly se různé podniky ve prospěch stavebního fondu a pak nastaly
dlouhé debaty při hledání příhodného místa a různé názory jak budo-
va by měla vypadat. Když konečně se stavba podařila, nastaly staros-
ti s jejím udržováním. Časem čteme, že i v dnešní době se najde jed-
nota, která staví vlastní sokolovnu, ale těch je málo. Spíše čteme,
že jednoty tělocvičny prodávají. Většina tělocvičen byla postavena
našimi předchudci, na nás je jen abychom je udrželi, případně zmo-
dernizovali. Ani to však v dnešní době není snadná práce.

Sokol San Francisco postavil svou sokolovnu na Page Street, ro-
ku 1912, po dlouhém dohadování a strádání peněz. Je nutno poznamenat,
že i nesokolská krajanská obec velmi pomohla finanční půjčkou. Trva-
lo to dosti dlouho než byla zaplacená. Budova vyhovovala jakž tak do
roku 1960. Pak se její okolí změnilo do té míry, členi i návštěvní -
ci byli vystaveny násilnému přepadu. Bylo rozhodnuto tajným hlasová-
ním 95%, budovu prodat a při prodeji jsme si slíbili, že do roka
a do dne najdem novou budovu. Nebylo však snadné najít ve městě bu-
dovu vyhovující našim potřebám a nebo cena byla příliš vysoká.

Naskytla se příležitost koupit budovu v předměstí v San Mateo
za přiměřeně stejnou cenu. Místo v předměstí bylo kritizováno a do-
konce bylo předpověděno, že za rok „půjdeme na buben“. Jsme v San
Mateo již čtvrtý rok a budovu jsme nejen udrželi, ale i zlepšili.
Její kupní cena 70.000 dol. má dnes dvojnásobnou cenu. Budova by mo-
hla být ještě modernější, ale potřebovali bychom více nadšených pra-
covníků.

Sokolovna sama však by byla mrtvou budovou, kdyby jí každé cviče-
ní sokolské mládeže neoživilo a každý měsíc návštěvníci našich pod-
niků. - Pomozte nám udržet a zmodernizovat naši sokolovnu !

Naším čtenářům !

Abychom mohli tisknout náš věstník a nezatěžovali pokladnu jed-
noty, potřebujeme Vaši finanční podporu ! Potřebujeme i Vaši spoluprá-
ci. Pošlete nám zprávy, které mohou zajímat naše čtenáře nebo
informují o naší krajanské obci zálivu San Francisca. Bude-li věst-
ník psaný více anglicky nebo česky, záleží také na Vás.

Our Sokol San Francisco Unit was founded in 1904 and has always been dedicated to
physical, mental, cultural, and democratic education; not only of it's members, but
all Czechoslovak patriots in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Since its foundation, Sokol San Francisco has represented the democratic and free
Czechoslovakia to the American people.

Our Unit is still alive, and where there is life, there is action, movement and
constant change. We want to work better for our Sokol Organization and for
American Democracy, therefore we call all our members to action!

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FROM:

Eric Lenhart - Felix A. Lenhart - Blanche Vitouš

Josef & Ann Libor - Václav Macháček

Good Wishes

FOR A

Very Happy New Year

!! PŘIPOMÍNKA !!

Cvičení sokolské mládeže se koná každý pátek večer od 7 - 8.30

PŘÍŠTÍ ČLENSKÁ SCHŮZE se koná druhé pondělí v měsíci -

14. ledna v 8. hod večer. Před schůzí od 7 hod. večere / \$ 1.50 /

Víte, že v červnu 1974 máme uspořádat ŽUPNÍ SLET !

Tento měsíc přispěli na tiskový fond : br. Eric Lenhart, Václav Macháček, Josef Libor a Denis Špánek -

Dostanete-li náš věstník včas nezapomeňte na SYLVESTRA v Sokole

Krajan Frank Dušek zemřel v Monterey Cal. Starší členi se jistě pamatují na tohoto veselého krajana když chodíval tančit na Page Street. Čest budiž jeho památce !

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