



# S O L D !!!

San Francisco Sokol Hall located at 847 North San Mateo Drive, in San Mateo was sold. Sokol ownership expired on 23rd December 1997. All gymnastic and other equipment was removed from premises by the end of December 1997.

This is the end of the past glorious episode in the history of Sokol San Francisco which conducted its activities in the own hall since 1912, when the first Sokol Hall was opened at 739 Page Street in San Francisco.

This Hall on Page Str. was witness to many historical events during the First World war: It was here that on September 14, 1918 General Rostislav Stefanik, war minister in the newly founded Czechoslovak Republic was welcomed. Ten days later came General Maurice Janin, Commandant of the Czech army in France. In 1919 Sokol Hall was host to 100 invalids of Czechoslovak legionnaires on their way home from Siberian Anabase. In 1945 local Sokols entertained the delegates to the founding of United Nations in San Francisco and among them was the late Minister Jan Masaryk. Since that time, the Sokols of San Francisco have carried on vigorously with many important functions.

Due to the racial disturbances in 1968 and its effect on diminishing Sokol activities, this hall was sold and the present hall in San Mateo was purchased. With this latest sale ended 85 years of Sokol activities in the own building, which we could call "OUR HOME"!

Of course the sale of our Sokol Hall does not mean the end of Sokol Organization in San Francisco. Sokol will function as usual, only our future activities will be conducted in the rented facilities. Certainly we will hear many theories and rumors about the division of Sokol properties after inevitable sale. This case is specifically dealt with in AMERICAN SOKOL CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS under article 26 called TERMINATION OF UNIT MEMBERSHIP in the AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION: Under sub-chapter b) it states: *Sokol Unit shall cease to exist when the number of members becomes less than SEVEN. In the event that any unit sells, leases or otherwise disposes of its hall or gymnasium and does not conduct gymnastic or other physical activities, or 2) retains ownership of its facility but does not conduct gymnastic or physical activities, such unit shall be obligated to deliver its gymnastic and other sports equipment to the Executive Board in the district of which it is a member. IN NO CASE IT IS PERMISSIBLE FOR A UNIT TO DIVIDE ITS ASSETS AMONG ITS MEMBERS!*

We believe that our organization will be still strong and will have many more members than SEVEN and for that reason we will manage our assets - namely finances - within our unit. We are certain that quotation of Sokol By-Laws should dispel many false theories and rumors how Sokol unit's property will be handled when we'll clear all our obligations.

**WHAT FIRST ?** There are certain loans by the Small Business Administration and by the Bank which must be paid off. There is also very urgent repayment of loans and interest to our members, who formed so called "Partnership" to help Sokol during the financial distress. We also owe membership dues to the Pacific District in Los Angeles and to American Sokol Organization in Chicago. That must be taken care of immediately.

**WHAT THEN ?** During an interim period, while we are thoroughly and unhurriedly studying and deciding upon future arrangements, we can carry some of our current activities in much better conditions, having the income from invested money. For our monthly membership meetings, we propose renting on a regular schedule some suitable room, including parking and convenient access by the car and public transportation. Similarly, for our special events - dances, concerts etc. - we could rent some hall which also offers all the facilities and services we may wish. The total costs of all this will be probably about a half of our present expenses.

Obviously this, as mentioned above, is a matter for thorough study and planning with the knowledge that for whatever plan or solution may be finally approved, there will be money in the bank, something what we lately never had. It will be up to all members to help with thoughtful ideas; their suggestions will be fully considered and discussed.

**WHY DID WE SELL ?** Let's face the facts. Sokol, like all other associations, is just PEOPLE, but 85 years ago and even 50 years ago, they were a different people with pattern of living totally different from that of today's world and nothing can survive if it does not adapt to changing times. We also changed and not for good. Those years when all the work on Sokol dances and other events was done by volunteers, free of payments, those years are gone. We are endlessly calling for help to our members, but there is no response. Today, we have to pay to the hired people for everything and the financial results from such events are accordingly very low. For 85 years both our buildings on Page Str. in San Francisco and in San Mateo were "Just Right" and for many ensuing years they served their purposes very well. But definitely not today for many reasons, including the hard fact that we simply cannot afford what it costs us to own and run a sizeable building which is deserted, or almost so, most of the time. Just owning the building costs us a few thousands dollars a month, while lately we experienced very low support from our community. By now, instead of being an advantage to Sokol, the building was an increasing burden. Our meager activities did not justify the financial burden to keep the building in our possession. We don't have gymnastic classes of any kind and there is no hope that there will be any in the future. Lately we have to cancel some dances as the result of losing money on them.

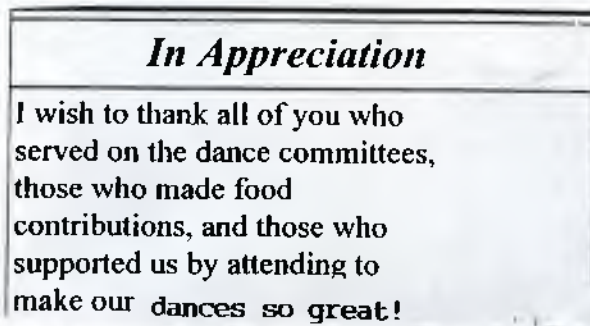
#### **WHAT MORAL and NOSTALGIC EFFECT ?**

Many members will not notice the change at all, as they were detached from the unit anyhow, but a few of us, who were tirelessly trying to save what we inherited from the previous generations, we will experience the great change. This hall was our common meeting place, this hall was our second HOME. It was place where we could reach each other regularly, place where we can say aloud what we like or don't like, where we could find out what we have in common. In this building we conducted business like in own home, not afraid to step anywhere or look around the corner and not to be afraid that somebody is watching you. Hardly anybody now can visualize what change this will bring to our community, but make no mistake it will cause a great impact. We will have Sokol Organization, but no home like we used to have and we will miss it dearly.

For myself, there are certainly lot of memories to feel nostalgic. My thoughts are going back some 40 years when I entered first time the Sokol Hall in San Francisco, after arriving to Pacific Shores from Australia with my whole family and from that moment we never interrupted our activities in it. My thoughts go back many years, when our halls were full of life, filled with the young and adults gymnasts and the attendance on our monthly meetings was 25 - 30 members and there was no shortage of helping hands. But it is all gone and reality is chasing my thoughts away. I ask myself a lot of questions, but there are no answers and I am getting little sad as our clock run out.

AT THIS SPECIBLTIME we all shall remember and sicerely thanks all of those whose self-sacrificing labors have kept the Sokol spirit and activity alive in the entire Bay Area until now. Yes, memories of the past times will linger on in my mind for a long time. Eighty five years of dignified history of SOKOL HALLS is a record to be proud of and I am sure that many

Jan Kucera



## IS A CZECH BOHEMIAN ???

A CZECH IS NOT BOHEMIE OR A BOHEMIAN ". Though Czech is today the preferred term, as applied in our language to migrants who came to the United States in the mid-nineteenth century from the land called Czechy, Bohemian as a proper noun or as an adjective is a valid term. The fact that over the centuries secondary definitions have been tacked to Bohemia and Bohemian which some people find distasteful does not invalidate it's primary definition.

When my grandparents came to Iowa in 1850's and 1860's, the English name for the land they came from was Bohemia. In the English language, the word Czech ( from the Polish spelling) had yet to make its appearance. When first it did appear in British print it referred not to the people but only to their language. When I was born, Czechoslovakia did not exist. It was only after its creation that Czech started to be used in reference to the people as well as the language. In the United States, the present spelling did not creep into our language till after 1920, as evidenced by a study by Thomas Capek, it was titled; THE CZECHS (BOHEMIANS) IN AMERICA".

I would ask: Is Bohemia anymore a misnomer than America? We live in the United States, are called Americans, and speak the English language. If my grandfather paraphrased the statement the article used: "No, I am an American of Czech ancestry. My parents were born in Iowa," he would have said: "No, I am an Austrian from the Bohemian Kingdom. I was born in te Province of Bohemia." In his THE CZECHS IN OKLAHOMA, Karel D. Bicha provides a simple solution to the confusion: "Bohemian and Moravian" are geographical terms. "Czech is a linguistic and cultural term."

I am proud to be identified as being of Bohemian extraction. I am comfortable with the term and simply refuse to wear the stigma others would cloak me with.

Cyril Klimesh  
Sebastopol, California

## Sokol San Francisco Annual Meeting

was held Sunday , December 7 , 1997 in the SOKOL HALL at 847 No. San Mateo Drive, in San Mateo.

Brother President Frank Dlask opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of Annual Meeting from December 8, 1996 were read and approved by all present members.

Bro. Dlask in his opening statement commented, that at the special meeting held November 25,97 our members were presented with the decision to sell Sokol building. We are very sorry to do so, but the circumstances force us to do so. The present members and the counted Proxies were 69 votes

"FOR" the sale and 6 "AGAINST". Therefore the sale of the building was accepted.

Our Financial Secretary Bro. Paul Burda offered the financial report for whole year 1997. The financial results are negative, which means that we are falling deeper each year into debts. Also we are owing substantial amounts to ASO in Chicago and to the District in L.A. as their portion of membership dues.

Bro. Jan Kucera read the Auditors Report: No fault or errors were found and books are in perfect orders.

New members accepted: Sis. Jennifer Novak, San Jose , Ca.

Bro. Edmund Teyrovsky , as Chairman of Nominating Committee submitted list of Officers for Sokol San Francisco for 1998. There were accepted the motion, that all named officers should be elected as presented by Nominating Committee.

The new officers of SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO for 1998 are as follow:

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| President:                | Frank DLASK                                                                          |
| First Vice-president:     | Georgina TEYROVSKY                                                                   |
| Second Vice-president     | Blanche DUFFEY                                                                       |
| Financial Secretary:      | Paul BURDA                                                                           |
| Treasurer:                | Jarmila DLASK                                                                        |
| Recording Secretary       | Shirley GANGELHOFF                                                                   |
| Membership Director:      | Jenifer NOVAK                                                                        |
| Nacelnice:                | Lea CUNNINGHAM                                                                       |
| Auditors:                 | Dagmar RUS and Jan KUCERA                                                            |
| Zupa Representatives:     | Paul BURDA, Blanche DUFFEY<br>Frank DLASK (Ex.officio)<br>Mary F. MUIER - alternate. |
| Vestnik Editors:          | Jan KUCERA, Paul BURDA                                                               |
| Public Relat. Director:   | Jan KUCERA                                                                           |
| Property Manag.Committee: | Edmund TEYROVSKY - chairman<br>Paul BURDA, Wayne WALDEN                              |
| Reconcil. Committee:      | Edmund TEYROVSKY , George SPANEK<br>James FROLIK                                     |
| SOKOL Legal Advisors:     | James FROLIK, - Ondrej KOJNOK -lawyers                                               |

There were 27 members attending this meeting, which is comparatively higher than attendance on previous Annual Meetings . No doubt, this was due to the topics presented on this meeting. Present buyer is serious offering \$ 495.000.00. Sokol presented counter-offer of \$ 500.000.00. We hope that final agreement could be closed in the near future.

## *BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR*



*HODNE ZDRAVI A SPOKOJENOSTI V NOVEM*

*ROCE 1998 !!!*

### *1998 - THE YEAR OF SAD ANNIVERSARIES:*

As we entered the Year of 1998 we also approached the year of sad anniversaries . With the exception of the first one - the year 1918 - they are the reminders of the sad milestones in the history of the Czech nation.

This year we will remember 80 years when the new Czechoslovak Democratic State was born. After 300 years of endless fight and effort, the dream of Czechs and Slovaks came through in October 28, 1918. New and free Nation was born in the middle of Europe.

During the next 20 years this new state proved it's ability to govern itself under the democratic regime designed by his founder T.G. Masaryk. But very soon the dark clouds coming from Hitler's Germany entered the bright sky of this unfortunate nation. Because of unpreparedness and unwillingness of Western Democracies to face the Hitler's war machine, the vital parts of the new republic were ripped off in the Munich Agreement signed 1938 under the foolish presumption to save the piece in world. The terrible war conflict was just born and Hitler armies started marching.

February 1948 reminded us that 50 year just passed by since another and terrible force - this time coming from the East - knocked down again the rising hopes of the people in the newly established democracy after 6 dreadful years of Second World War.

But this nation and it's people didn't resign. The new hopes and expectations were raised in the so called "Prague Spring 1968" - only to be dwarfed again with the armies of Soviet Satellites marching into Czechoslovakia. Over 100.000. Czechoslovaks left the country for unknown destination, just like in 1948 - in the hope that they find peace and better system somewhere else.

In the comparatively short span of this young nation the number " 8 " was playing the sad role in it's history records. These anniversaries force us to think what, where and who went wrong. We can not look back, but also we can not reject the history either. We have to learn our mistakes

J. Kucera

## CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our former member Bro. JAN TICHACEK who passed away on September 29, 1997 in Brno, Moravia. He died after a longer illness in the age of 76 years. Bro. Tichacek was Sokol active member when he lived in the Bay Area, but after the end of communists government he moved to Moravia to be closer to his family. May he rest in peace in the country he loved so much.

Lada LEITERMAN, also our former member is recuperating after heart surgery .  
We wish him early recovery.

## Children Christmas Party:

Sokol San Francisco prepared "Christmas Party" for children Sunday afternoon , December 14, 1997 in our Sokol Hall. Our unit invited not only Sokol children, but all children from Czech community around the Bay Area. More than 20 children received nice presents from St. Nicholas and his assistant Angel. Some children entertained us singing Christmas carols and some playing the musical instruments.

After St. Nicholas and his entourage departure all present people were singing Christmas carols.



## Number One Beer Drinkers:

As church bells tolled at midnight on December 1993, the nation of Czechoslovakia became separated into two countries - the Slovak Republic of 5 million people and the Czech Republic of 10 million people. At that time, the citizens of the Czech Republic become the world title holders as the largest consumers of beer. Prior to that time, the Czechs and Slovaks combined were in 2nd place, losing 1st place to the Germans who held the title for many decades.

The citizens of Czech Republic ( including the entire population of 10 million --diaper age to nursing home residents) consume 160 quarts of beer per person per year.

A recent letter to the editor of newspaper VECERNI PRAHA reads. We drink 10% and sometimes 12 %, but don't really know what these numbers mean. Does 10% beer have a 10% alcohol content and 12% have 12% alcohol ??? (Signed ) Eva.

DEAR EVA: 12% means a content of 88% water and 12% other ingredients (hops, barley, etc.) which ferments into 3.9% to 4% alcohol. Therefore, beer is the least alcoholic beverage. According to the Master Brewer from Budvar, it is also the healthiest of alcoholic drinks. All ingredients used in beer production are of the highest quality (signed ) Editor

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS!!

As we just sold our Sokol Hall in San Mateo, our members lost the place where to call or write their messages. If you need get in touch with Sokol and you have something important you can use the TEMPORARY ADDRESS of

Gymnastic Association SOKOL

C/O Bro. Frank DLASK

451 Santa Margarita Ave.

Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tel.No: (415) 327 - 8656

Soon as we receive permanent Number of P.O. BOX we will announce it in the next VESTNIK. For the payment of Sokol dues use the preprinted paper strip in VESTNIK.

## DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

Brothers and Sisters the time for payment of Sokol dues is **N O W**. On the last Annual Meeting our Financial Secretary reported that by the end of 1997 more than sixty members did not pay the dues for 1997 and even the previous year. We ask urgently all members to check their obligation to the unit and pay the dues. Please do it **NOW** and save us a lot of money which we have to pay in advance to Zupa and ASO as a part of your membership dues. You can use the below preprinted card.

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| 1998 Dues --Pay Now<br>Send Your Dues - \$ 25.00<br>per Member to:<br>Jenifer NOVAK<br>1759 Cape Coral Dr.<br>San Jose, Ca 95133-1109<br>Tel: (408) 259-7454 | Enclosed check - Money order in the amount of \$.....<br>My membership dues for the year 199.....\$.....<br>Donation - Contribution (if any).....\$.....<br>Name.....<br>Address.....<br>City.....State.....Zip..... |
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### Just to Make You Laugh

We all know the little place called a "Powder Room" or "Boys Room", "Ladies" and "Gentlemen" or just roughly "Women" and "Men". In Europe it is called "W.C." which stands for "Water Closet".

The story goes that a young couple were looking for a house in the country. They liked one they saw, but on their way home, the wife said to her husband: "You know, I didn't see a toilet in the entire house". The husband couldn't remember either, so the following day the lady wrote to the seller about it, delicately calling the toilet "W.C."

The fellow didn't know what "W.C." meant, but since in the vicinity was a town called Wilton, he decided that the remark refers to the Wilton Church and he replied: "I am happy to tell you that the W.C. is situated about nine miles from the house and can seat 200 people. This distance is unfortunately far, but if you are in the habit of going regularly, you will be glad to know that a great many persons take their lunch and make the day of it. Others, who can not spare the time, take cars, arriving just in time. The last time my wife and I went was six years ago and the place was so crowded that we had to stand up all the time. I may mention that it pains us not to be able to go more often. It may also be of interest to you to know that a bazaar is to be held in the foreseeable future to furnish the W.C. with plush seats - - a long-felt need.

### Lot of birdseeds:

Our grand son Daniel, age 5, was getting a sandwich from his grandmother Helen. "And on the top of it put lots and lots of birdseeds, please granny" pleaded. "Why do you want birdseeds on your sandwich?" wondered Helen. "Because I want to sing as beautifully as your canary does" Sounded Danny's answer.

Another day, Daniel had a friend Mike visiting him for a day. When a little friend started to cry and complained that Daniel bit him on a shoulder and produced the red mark, the grandmother Helen asked sternly: "Why did you bit your friend?" "I did not bit him," protested Daniel. "We played the diver and the shark. I was the shark and Mike was the diver, and the shark bit him" Of course, he had to, he was the shark!!!

## Z V O N Y   M E H O   K R A J E :

J. Kučera

V minulem sokolskem Věstníku jsem napsal kapitolu o životě našeho slavného skladatele Bedřicha Smetany v mem rodišti Obříství u Mělníka. Tato romantická obec byla počtána též pobytem jednoho z nejslavnějších mužů v řadě našich básníků a to **Svatoplukem Čechem**, který tam žil celých 8 let od r. 1895 do roku 1903. Svatopluk Čech se tam uchýlil, aby unikl ruchu velkoměsta, který jej vždy česil, ale jeho popularita jej pronásledovala i tam.

V mem mladi tam žilo ještě dosti lidí, kteří jej pamatovali a i jedním z nich byl můj otec, který mi často vyprávěl historky z jeho pobytu. Svatopluk Čech byl samotař, člověk velmi plachý a v obci se stykal jen s málo lidmi. Jeho nejmilejším přítelem v obci byl bořný mlynář, známý zde jako "pan otec Polivka". Od něho Sv. Čech i koupil skromný domek teměř na kraji obce. Místní lidé ho často vidávali na jeho vycházkách do přírody jak si vykračuje po polních cestách a vysokých mezích v jeho černém širaku a nezbytnou holi v ruce. Občas se zastavil, když pozoroval lidi jak pracují v polích, chvíli s nimi pobesedoval a pak zase pokračoval v jeho chuzi.

Dnes ale nemám v umyslu popisovat život básníka v Obříství, neb to by byla dlouhá historie. Dnes mám na mysli historku, která se odehrála mnoho let po básnickém odchodu z Obříství a na kterou si osobně vzpomínám.

Za pobytu básníka v Obříství, byla věrnou služebnou v jeho domácnosti babička Nováková, nebo prostě "Novačka" jak ji tehda říkali místní lidé. Ta byla spojkou mezi Sv. Čechem a ostatním světem. Pan Čech měl velmi časte návštěvy jeho současníku-umělce, jako Mikuláše Alše, Jaroslava Vrchlického, Ignata Hermana, sochaře Stanislava Sucharda, Václava Štecha a dalších, i Karolína Světlá ho přišla navštívit. Při takových to návštěvách musela Novačka připravit další pomoc. Největší napor hostu byl na ní udělen, když básník tam slavil 50te narozeniny r. 1896. Cela delegace spolku "Maje" mu přišla gratulovat a pak byli všichni pohoštěni. V takových situacích pomáhala Novačka její dceru Baruška - velmi čiperná divčína, kterou měl Svatopluk Čech velmi rád. Mnohdy, když nemohla Novačka posluhovat, zastavala ji plně její Baruška. Tuhle Barušku za mých mladých let jsme znali všichni jako vdovu babičku Pokorovou.

Před Druhou Světovou válkou vysílala pražská radiova stanice jakési pasmo(serial) zvaný "ZVONY MEHO KRAJE", kde po znělce zvonů byla vyprávěna, nebo popisována nějaká zvláštnost, pozoruhodnost toho kraje, města neb obce. V Praze se panové od radia dozvěděli, že v naší obci žije osoba, která sloužila Sv. Čechovi v době jeho pobytu v Obříství. Tož se 2 reportéři, vybaveni nahravacím zařízením, vypravili do Obříství a vyhledali babičku Pokorovou. Pěkně se jí představili a vysvětlili ji, že by chtěli od ní slyšet nějaké vzpomínky na Svatopluka Čecha z dob její služby u něho. Take radi by si to pry zachytili na tenhle aparát, do kterého pry ona bude mluvit. To byla velká chyba, velký kamen urazu od těch reporterů, neboť babička Pokorová byla zcela nešťastná, že ona stará ženská neumi mluvit jako oni a že by koktala a nesvedla souvislou větu mluvit do toho aparátu. A že nebude za nic mluvit a zkratka odmítla a začalo se, že ti paní od radia odejdou s prázdným "Tape-recorderem" domů - ale neodešli.

Když Baruška Pokorová tvrdila, že neumi do toho aparátu mluvit, ti paní reportéři na sebe mklí a babičce slibili, že s ní udělají nejdříve zkoušku bez toho aparátu, že se ji vyptají na některé věci a teprve později, až si všechno urovnají v hlavě, že by to zkusili "doopravdy". Tak Baruška svolila, řeč se rozvíjela jako po masle a Baruška povídala povídku za povídkou jako perličky na šňurce.

Po delší době začli paní reportéři skládat ten aparát s příslušenstvím, poděkovali Barušce, jak jim to vše krásně vypovídala a že se tedy s ní již budou loučit. Babička Pokorová zcela nešťastná nechápala co se děje a myslela, že ti paní to její povídání neměli rádi a že se snad rozhodli toho úplně nechat. Pro jistotu se zeptala: "Tak Vy už nechcete abych do toho aparátu povídala?" Reportéři se jen usmáli a řekli jí: "Pani Pokorová, to jste právě nyní udělala a jak krásně jste to vypovídala a jest-li máte rádio, tak si to přisti neděli poslechněte, bude to vysíláno pod názvem "ZVONY MEHO KRAJE". Babička Pokorová si jen odlehčila: "I Vy sakramentsky podfukáři, to jste to pěkně na mě ušili!"

# Sokol a současnost

V denním životě naší velké sokolské rodiny s jejími více než 1000 jednotami a zhruba 180 000 členy se často setkáváme s řadou otázek. Například: proč po osmi letech obnovy se o nás ve veřejnosti stále ví jen málo, proč přetrvávají tak povážlivé rozdíly ve věkové skladbě, proč stále musíme bojovat o navrácení sokolského majetku, proč často musíme vysvětlovat soudním orgánům i představitelům naší politické scény, kdo jsme byli a co jsme znamenali v dějinném kontextu 135 let, co ztělesňujeme náš program dnes i pro zítřek, jak a zda vůbec zajistíme svou ekonomickou rovnováhu a soběstačnost v budoucnosti. Těch „proč“ je mnoho. Budu se tedy snažit alespoň stručně na některá odpovědět:

## Všechno se změnilo

Vývoj posledních 60 let zaznamenal v životě téměř tři generací ohromné změny, jimiž jsou všichni více či méně poznamenáni. To je dnešní realita. Nežijeme v době Masarykovy či Benešovy demokracie, nýbrž ve světě, který má podstatně jinou tvář a „pravidla hry“, včetně nesmírného pokroku v technice i posunu hodnot ne právě vítaným směrem. Na to při naší činnosti nesmíme zapomínat. Naopak, léto skutečnosti je nezbytné jednat podřídit.

Těžiště našich snah samozřejmě zůstává v jednotách, které ovšem musí pro svou práci volit vhodný postup v nejužším styku s místním společenským prostředím. Základem zůstává příkladné vystupování činovníků sborů a kvalita cvičitelské práce. Obojí je nezbytným předpokladem na cestě k získání jak mladé generace, tak i dospělých. Samostatnou a velmi citlivou kapitolou je spolupráce Sokola s učiteli, která by byla žádoucí a potřebná. Brání jí však zkrácená informovanost minulé doby a v neposlední řadě i značná feminizace tohoto odvětví.

Důsledky uplynulých 40 let samozřejmě silně ovlivnily také vztah sdělovacích prostředků k Sokolu. Jejich zástupci, vesměs příslušníci mladé a střední generace, se s naší organizací vlastně nikdy neseznámili a jejich přístup k nim je většinou rozpačitý. Zůstává naším úkolem tento stav zlepšit. Za přispění vlastního tisku, silně dopisovatelů a účinného propagačního materiálu, který nám dosud chybí.

Ukončení majetkoprávních převodů (včetně zápisů do katastru) je odvislé od zbývajících soudních sporů (při nejednotném výkladu soudních orgánů) a od dodatečného smluvního narovnání na základě rámcových dohod uzavřených s ČSTV.

Nová úprava vládního usnesení umožní v budoucnu převzít určité objekty, které jsou ve vlastnictví státu. Řešení této velmi náročné problematiky majetkových vztahů bylo sice v minulých letech rámcově umožněno, avšak absence dílčích upřesnění způsobila značné průtahy ve vyřizování na půdě justičních orgánů.

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## Myslet na budoucnost

Makroekonomický vývoj naší společnosti nezůstane bez vlivu na sokolské hnutí, především pokud jde o jednoty. S tímto výhledem úzce souvisí i předpokládaná možnost samostatného podnikání těch TJ, které k tomu budou mít vhodné předpoklady. Tento trend odpovídá záměrům ústředních orgánů státní správy: postupně rušit státní dotace pro sport a tělovýchovu z jednoho ústředního místa a přikročit k určitému druhu decentralizace těchto prostředků nebo jejich části na budoucí samostatné územní regiony. Při sledování výhledové zásady – kdo chce sportovat, musí si to zaplatit. Jinými slovy, jednoty si musí na svou činnost umět vydělat, což předpokládá jejich postupnou ekonomickou soběstačnost, případně za pomoci vyšších organizačních složek v rámci daného občanského sdružení. Sokolský program ovšem nezahrnuje pouze tělovýchovu a sport, ale i kulturní společenskou činnost. Ta je důležitá především tam, kde tyto úkoly v zájmu veřejnosti

nemůže naplnit žádná jiná organizace, na což v souvislosti s aktivitami Sokola nebylo v systémovém pořádku státní správy pamatováno.

Všichni víme, že v minulých letech došlo v hodnocení i zařazení sportů do celkového programu Sokola ke značnému posunu. Sporty zde mají plně opodstatnění, vykazují nemalé úspěchy a mají značný vliv na mládež. Nadále však zůstává naším hlavním úkolem sokolská všestrannost, realizace programu zdravého jedince a tím celé společnosti po stránce fyzické, duševní a morální. Jsem přesvědčen, že podle určitých výhledových výkyvů se naše společnost bude za nějaký čas vracet k celkové všestrannosti.

Předkládám členům jen malé, rámcově načrtnuté zamyšlení, které končím výzvou:

Rozlišujeme v každodenní práci lo podstatné, co v našem společném zájmu musíme plnit, a podle toho jednat. Společnost nás bude posuzovat nikoliv podle slov, ale podle činů a výsledků práce.

Jiří Janoš - starosta ČOS

## Stanovisko k deklaraci o vztazích mezi Českou republikou a Spolkovou republikou Německo

Česká obec sokolská pozorně sledovala postup při tvorbě deklarace a je přesvědčena, že obě strany plně využily svých současných možností. Je si vědoma obrovské obtížnosti objektivně zhodnotit nesmírné utrpení lidí před desítkami let a rozhodně podporuje myšlenku k nesprávnostem se nevracet a nedovolit, aby z jejich plodů měl kdokoliv prospěch. Bez ohledu na formulaci jednotlivých ustanovení i bezprostřední vyjadřování k nim chápe deklaraci jako další část velmi složité a účinné cesty k pokojnému soužití v Evropě.

Dvur Ferrarskeho vevody  
nenajde rovných okolo,  
jim zaměnily Olymp svůj  
Mars, Venuše i Apollo.

Však pýchou dvora celého  
a skvostem v slávě knížete  
tři rytíři jsou, přátelé,  
jimž rovných sotva najdete.

Jako tři listy jetele,  
jinak je nikdo nespátří,  
ne jeden z nich, ne nikdy dva,  
než spolu vždycky všichni tři.

Lavičku dali sdělat si,  
kde panstvo nejvíce chodilo,  
lavičku, na níž vedle nich  
už více místa nebylo.

A v smích, žertech, hovoru  
tam sedávali všichni tři,  
jako tři listky jetele,  
což jinde člověk nespátří.

I Vévoda by přišel rád  
i damám se tak zlíbilo -  
však dali hlavy v hromadu -  
a místa víc tam nebylo.

I přišel čas, že jednoho  
Smrt odvezla si bezcitná -  
tu odřizli kus lavičky  
a sedávali nyní dva.

I přišel čas, Smrt přišla zas  
i druhého si vedla k tmám -  
poslední rytíř lavičky kus  
zas odřizl a sedal sám.

Sám seděl tam a myslil si,  
že sám je a jak byli tři,  
jako tři listky jetele,  
což člověk jinde nespátří.

Tak seděl, až zaspříšla Smrt  
a odvedla jej kam ty dva,  
a opuštěná zůstala  
lavička malá, dřevěná.---

A mäs-li v žití přátele,  
budte jak listek jetele  
a budte, pokud žijete,  
jak rytíři na lavce té.

A vezme-li smrt jednoho,  
pak nehledejte jiného -  
kus lavičky odřizněte tam,  
a zbud'te dva. A potom sám.



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