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"None, even the most glorious past, but the most active robust presence, shall guarantee our full future existence! So we must in our everyday strife look to the days ahead, rather than to the days past; today and tomorrow, not yesterday; to the dawn, not the sunset"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SOKOL DUES

March 4, 2005, Friday	Masaryk's Birthday Dinner/Dance	Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave. South San Francisco, CA
May 21, 2005, Saturday	Picnic noon to 4:30 P.M.	Lake Chabot in Castro Valley
September 17, 2005, Saturday	Picnic 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	It will be determined
October 21, 2005, Friday	Dinner/Dance	Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave. South San Francisco, CA
December 3, 2005, Saturday	Annual Meeting 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lunch 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. for all present members St. Nicolas Children's Party 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	Unity Building Recreation Area, 20121 Santa Maria, Castro Valley, CA
December 30, 2005,	End of the Year Dinner/Dance	Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave. South San Francisco, CA

New Members: Eva Kryska

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*"I pledge allegiance to the Flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for witch it
stands.*

*One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all."*

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Date: _____

Sokol: _____ Sokolice: _____

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4 _____

Residence Phone: _____ Bus Phone: _____

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Married ☐

Single ☐

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

U.S. Citizen? ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

If No, legal resident? ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

City, State, Country of Birth: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Please, list other clubs, organizations to which you belong: _____

Sponsor: _____

STATEMENT: I affirm that I am loyal to the government of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any subversive organization. If admitted to membership of the American Sokol, I promise to be governed by the by-laws in all my activities on behalf of said organization. I represent that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the statements contained in this application are full, complete and correctly recorded. I understand that this application shall be the basis for and a part of any insurance contract issued.

Signature of Applicant: _____

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE XVIII AMERICAN SOKOL CONVENTION

Date held: April 21 - 24, 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio
San Francisco Convention Delegate: Peter Linhart

I arrived in Cleveland via Houston, Texas on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 5 P.M., flying on Continental Airlines. Upon arrival at the Embassy Suites, I met with the other seven Pacific District Delegates: i.e. President Cheri Riddle, Barbara Lundeen, and Bill Zelenka.

On Wednesday, April 20 at 6 P.M., Icebreaker Social was held to welcome the delegates in the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol Greater Cleveland.

On Thursday, April 21, I officially registered and presented my credentials.
At this time all delegates received packets containing reports of ASO; such as The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Publications, and all reports from the Executive Board.

At 9:00 A.M. Thursday, the morning session convened. The agenda included presentation of colors, welcoming speeches, anthems, roll call etc. The various delegates were assigned to sit on different committees for the duration of the convention. I was assigned to the Membership Committee. We met from 1 to 4 P.M. daily on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to discuss ways to increase membership of all ages, and youth in particular.

"We need ways to get them into the door" and here are some of the proposals to that end:

1. Pay for instructors with an adequate compensation.
 2. At least one parent of a child participating in a BOI sanctioned class activity must be a Sokol member.
 3. Institute a national advertising agency to promote Sokol.
 4. Encourage spousal membership.
- All throughout the convention, Constitution and the By-Laws which were adopted at the XVII General Convention of the American Sokol held at Omaha, Nebraska on April 27 to 30, 2000, were adapted, changed or deleted.

Pertinent to the above, our morning session of Friday, April 22nd dealt with Article 80, #2, Expulsion f* which now reads: "For membership in an organization that opposes democratic principles"; this replacing the previous statement as it was deemed more positive.

On Saturday, April 23 in the morning I talked with President Larry Laznovsky at length, regarding the items I was asked to present by Edmund Teyrovsky, Vice-President and Frank Dlack, President, our Committee Board Members of Sokol San Francisco. The first proposal was to use the Czech language in Sokol communications. The other proposal was to give moral support to former prisoners incarcerated under Communism.

ASO did not wish to become involved, due to the political nature of the proposals. As far as using the written Czech language in any form of Sokol communication, Brother Laznovsky stated that very few delegates and respective zupa members speak Czech. They are mostly second and third generation Sokols of U S A.

The highlight of the Conference was the Convention Banquet held on the April 22 in the Sokol Hall. The excellent dinner was followed by the entertainment by the Czech dance band. Singing by the quartet wearing national costumes was well received. Also on the program was an excellent gymnastic presentation by Sokol youth team from Cleveland. The local dignitaries were present, and they delivered inspirational and appreciative speeches. The Czech Ambassador for the United States Hon. Palous, honored everyone with his presence. The evening was a huge success.

PROPOSAL: Upon mutual conciliatory deliberations with President, Sister Riddle and other Pacific delegates, I now propose to this committee that we pay any dues still owing to Pacific District, a sum under 200 dollars, and that we make peace with our brothers and sisters of the Pacific District - amicably and promptly.

Bro. Peter Linhart

Item of interest from the April National BOI Meeting :

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Sokolové slaví výročí Tyršova domu

Pražští sokolové budou mít o tomto vikendu důvod k oslavám. Přesně před osmdesáti lety byla dokončena stavba Tyršova domu, jenž je dodnes jejich hlavním sídlem.

Malá Strana - Osobitým spojením moderní architektury a starých šlechtických paláců je areál Tyršova domu. Jeho slavnostní otevření v květnu 1925 bylo velkou událostí pro celé Československo. Slavnostního průvodu se tehdy zúčastnilo čtrnáct tisíc lidí.

Masaryk vylezl na střechu

Myšlenku na zbudování Tyršova domu osobně podporoval i prezident Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk. „Sám byl totiž členem Sokola, a tak na stavbu finančně přispíval,“ řekl Jiří Němec z České obce sokolské (ČOS). Podle jeho slov si prezident vyžádal, aby si mohl celý areál prohlédnout ještě před jeho slavnostním otevřením.

„Masaryk si v Tyršově domě prohlédl doslova každý kout. Dokonce ve svých pětasedmdesáti letech velmi energicky vylezl až na jeho plochou střechu,“ dodal Němec. Součástí nového komplexu budov byl například první krytý bazén v hlavním městě a rovněž šedesát metrů dlouhá tělocvična. „Ta je svou rozlohou dokonce větší než hlavní sál Lucerny,“ upozornil Zdeněk Bartůněk z ČOS, jenž se zabývá historií Tyršova domu.

Bazén i tělocvična patřily při povodni v roce 2002 k nejpoškozenějším částem celého areálu. Například v tělocvičně, jejíž oprava byla dokončena v letošním roce, dosahovala voda až do výšky sto sedmdesáti centimetrů. Některá místa v Tyršově domě však stále na svou opravu čekají. Zadní nádvoří včetně poškozené balustrády by mělo být opraveno do roku 2006, kdy se v Praze uskuteční XIV. všesokolský slet.

Oslavy osmdesátého výročí otevření Tyršova domu přichystali členové Sokola již na tuto sobotu. K vidění tu bude například ukázka historického cvičení z roku 1925 či čtyři skladby, jež byly vytvořeny pro příští všesokolský slet. Lidé, kteří se v sobotu na Malou Stranu vypraví, si budou moci rovněž prohlédnout výstavu historických fotografií a také filmový dokument z roku 1925, jenž zachycuje atmosféru slavnostního otevření.

Kameny z Řípu i Kriváně

Součástí oslav bude rovněž začátek akce nazvané Expedice Kameny 2005. Ta má připomenout šest míst, z nichž byly v roce 1923 přivezeny základní kameny ke stavbě Tyršova domu. „Kameny, které byly zazděny do stěny tělocvičny, pocházejí například z Řípu, Kriváně či slovinského Triglavu,“ řekl Jiří Němec. „A právě z těchto hor chceme do Prahy přivést jiné, menší kameny a slavnostně je tu uložit,“ dodal.

Mašínové vyznamenání dostanou, za oceánem

Autor: iDNES - Eva Froňková

14.04.2005 01:00 - Bratři Mašínové a Milan Paumer se 1. listopadu 1953 probili za železnou oponu a zapsali se tak do dějin. Letos dostanou muži, kteří jsou pro někoho hrdinové, pro další dobrodruzi, pro jiné zločinci, cenu od krajanů. Provedli nejslavnější útěk z komunistické říše.

Kromě Mašínů a Paumera budou ještě vyznamenáni Zbyněk Janata s Václavem Švédou, kteří byli na útěku chyceni a příbuzný obou bratrů Ctibor Novák.

Všichni tři posmrtně, neboť komunistické Československo je poslalo na šibenici.

Odbojová skupina Josefa a Ctirada Mašínových se proslavila především odvážným útekem do Západního Berlína, kam se probojovala navzdory přesile východoněmecké policie.

"Samozřejmě, že nás to těší. Tady za oceánem to prošlo, neboť většina lidí jsou uprchlíci před totalitou, a tak se také dívají na celou věc s odbojem trochu jinak než lidé v Česku," říká Ctirad Mašín, který spolu s bratrem žije za oceánem.

Masarykovu cenu, kterou česští a slovenští emigranti uděluji tradičně od roku 1985, dostanou ve východoněmeckém Halifaxu. Zařadí se tak například k Josefu Škvoreckému či Tomáši Baťovi, kteří toto ocenění dostali už dříve.

"Vím, o koho jde. Rozhodnutí bylo jednohlasné. Rozhodovalo se také pod dojmem debaty v Senátu," řekl předseda Českého a slovenského sdružení v Kanadě Miloš Šuchma.

V Senátu se o ocenění vášnivě diskutovalo

Vloni se kvůli návrhu na ocenění Mašinů v Senátu strhla vášnivá diskuse, neboť návrh vyvolal vlnu nesouhlasu. Především proto, že Mašinové před svým útekem ze země bojovali proti komunismu se zbraní v ruce, a tak za nimi zůstali mrtví či ranění. Čímž také argumentovali komunističtí či někteří sociálnědemokratičtí senátoři, kteří s návrhem nesouhlasili. Na seznam kandidátů na medaile Mašiny navrhl senátor Josef Pavlata (ODS) a Martin Mejstřík (za Cestu změny). Prezident však návrh nemusí respektovat. Žádného z navržených nevyznamená. "Osobně si toho budu vážit víc od krajanů v Kanadě. Oni to umějí ocenit. Tady to oceňují jen političtí vězňové a váleční veteráni. Ale ostatní... Nevím. Mám pochyby, jestli si všichni uvědomují, o co nám šlo," říká Milan Paumer. Ten počítá s tím, že na převzetí ceny 4. června odletí. Zatímco bude za oceánem přebírat vyznamenání - doma, v Senátu, se bude svádět další kolo bojů o nový seznam kandidátů na medaile. Právě v červnu o něm budou rozhodovat senátoři a nový návrh na ocenění Mašinů už dostali.

May 1st in Czech Republic:

Velké oslavy konce války

Po dlouhých letech vojenská přehlídka v Praze na Letné s veterány Rudé armády, Polska či Rumunska, ohromná velkolepá slavnost v Plzni, kterou zaplavily americké historické vojenské vozy. Tak vypadaly oslavy 60 let od osvobození. Zatímco západní část země oslavovala americké a belgické veterány, Praha, Ostrava a další města slavila zásluhy Rudé armády. Na demarkační linii u Rokycan se sešli veteráni obou válečných velmocí, aby si potřásli rukama tak jako před 60 lety. V Praze se uskutečnila historická rekonstrukce bitvy o rozhlas na Vinohradské třídě, v Plzni téměř v každém parku vyrostl vojenský tábor US Army. Atmosféra byla nádherná, navzdory nepříznivému počasí. Češi na své osvoboditele nezapomínají. Nevyznamenat se primátor Prahy Pavel Bém (ODS) — v době oslav odjel na dovolenou na Novou Guineu. Legionáři a odbojáři od primátora vyznamenání nepřevzali.

Ministr Bublan:

Police zvolila špatnou taktiku

Ministr vnitra František Bublan si myslí, že při zásahu proti antikomunistům na prvomájovém mítinku KSČM v Praze na Letné zvolila policie špatnou taktiku. Chybu vidí v tom, že obě skupiny od sebe neoddělila a dopustila, aby byly na jednom místě. Kdyby tomu zamezila, nenastalo by podle Bublana následné "dohadování, handrkování a odvádění osob". Bublan to uvedl jako svůj soukromý názor při parlamentních interpelacích. Postup policie, který pravice kritizuje a považuje za brutální a za nadřizování levice, ale hájil.

Policejní brutalita byla zbytečná

Prvomájový policejní zákrok proti antikomunistům na pražské Letné samozřejmě lze kritizovat, zvláště v souvislosti s policejní ochranou průvodu neonacistů v Brně. Policejní akce proti Janu Sináglvi za účasti civilních „goril“, které se odmitly legitimovat, nepochybně byla brutální, neadekvátní a hlavně úplně zbytečná. Lidé se právem rozhořčují, že policie útočí proti odpůrcům komunismu a fašismu, zatímco propagátory těchto režimů chrání. Antikomunisté i antifašisté mají naopak všechny sympatie občanů demokratického státu, protože máme v živé paměti zvěrstva, která tyto režimy napáchaly.

Zbytečnost policejních zásahů, které řada lidí považuje spíše za policejní přehmaty, ovšem tkví v tom, že policie vlastně řeší politické přehmaty někoho jiného. Policista v akci nemůže provádět politická hodnocení - ta mu jsou dána tím, kdo kontroverzní shromáždění povoluje či nepovoluje. Jestliže příslušný městský orgán rozhodne, že shromáždění komunistů či neonacistů se může konat, pak předem souhlasí s tím, že se budou vést „vlastizrádné řeči“ (jako za Rakouska), i s tím, že proti nim někdo vystoupí. Policista už jen respektuje, že jde o povolenou akci a že proti jejím narušitelům je podle zákona povinen zasáhnout.

Proto bychom se měli se svým hněvem obrátit na toho, kdo povoluje shromáždění, na nichž komunisté nebo neonacisté vyzývají k nezákonnostem: ať už ke svržení demokratických pořádků, k rasové či třídní nenávisti, k násilí nebo k obhajobě zákonem odsouzených zločinů. Pokud už bude některá radnice tak „útlocitná“, že podle práva shromažďovacího bude povolovat akce přátel totality, pak by alespoň měla stanovit podmínky, za nichž bude akce policejně ukončena. Hlavní podmínkou by samozřejmě mělo být respektování Listiny základních práva svobod i všech zákonů, včetně protikomunistického. Pak by odpadl všeobecně pochopitelný nesouhlas demokraticky smýšlejících občanů s hlásáním bolševických a fašistických hesel. A odpadla by i nutnost málo pochopitelných policejních zásahů, při nichž antikomunisté jsou vláčeni v poutech a komunisté na tribuně se smějí.

JIŘÍ KARAS, poslanec PČR

We all know Dick Lamm as the former Governor of Colorado. In that context his thoughts are particularly poignant. Last week there was an immigration-overpopulation conference in Washington, DC, filled to capacity by many of America's finest minds and leaders. A brilliant college professor named Victor Hansen Davis talked about his latest book, "Mexifornia," explaining how immigration - both legal and illegal - was destroying the entire state of California. He said it would march across the country until it destroyed all vestiges of The American Dream.

Moments later, former Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm stood up and gave a stunning speech on how to destroy America. The audience sat spellbound as he described eight methods for the destruction of the United States. He said, "If you believe that America is too smug, too self-satisfied, too rich, then let's destroy America. It is not that hard to do. No nation in history has survived the ravages of time. Arnold Toynbee observed that all great civilizations rise and fall and that 'An autopsy of history would show that all great nations commit suicide.'"

"Here is how they do it," Lamm said:

First to destroy America, "Turn America into a bilingual or multi-lingual and bicultural country. History shows that no nation can survive the tension, conflict, and antagonism of two or more competing languages and cultures. It is a blessing for an individual to be bilingual; however, it is a curse for a society to be bilingual. 'The historical scholar Seymour Lipset put it this way: 'The histories of bilingual and bi-cultural societies that do not assimilate are histories of turmoil, tension, and tragedy.' Canada, Belgium, Malaysia, Lebanon all face crises of national existence in which minorities press for autonomy, if not independence. Pakistan and Cyprus have divided, Nigeria suppressed an ethnic rebellion. France faces difficulties with Basques, Bretons, and Corsicans."

Lamm went on:

Second, to destroy America, "Invent 'multiculturalism' and encourage immigrants to maintain their culture. I would make it an article of belief that all cultures are equal. That there are no cultural differences. I would make it an article of faith that the Black and Hispanic dropout rates are due to prejudice and discrimination by the majority. Every other explanation is out of bounds.

Third, "We could make the United States an 'Hispanic Quebec' without much effort. The key is to celebrate diversity rather than unity. As Benjamin Schwarz said in the Atlantic Monthly recently: 'The apparent success of our own multiethnic and multicultural experiment might have been achieved not by tolerance but by hegemony. Without the dominance that once dictated ethnocentrically and what it meant to be an American, we are left with only tolerance and pluralism to hold us together.'" Lamm said, "I would encourage all immigrants to keep their own language and culture. I would replace the melting pot metaphor with the salad bowl metaphor. It is important to ensure that we have various cultural subgroups living in America reinforcing their differences rather than as Americans, emphasizing their similarities."

Fourth, I would make our fastest growing demographic group the least educated. I would add a second underclass, unassimilated, undereducated, and antagonistic to our population. I would have this second underclass have a 50% dropout rate from high school."

"My **fifth** point for destroying America,

would be to get big foundations and business to give these efforts lots of money. I would invest in ethnic identity, and I would establish the cult of 'Victimology.' I would get all minorities to think their lack of success was the fault of the majority. I would start a grievance industry blaming all minority failure on the majority

population.”

”My **sixth** plan for America’s downfall

would include dual citizenship and promote divided loyalties. I would celebrate diversity over unity. I would stress differences rather than similarities. Diverse people worldwide are mostly engaged in hating each other - that is, when they are not killing each other. A diverse, peaceful, or stable society is against most historical precedent. People undervalue the unity it takes to keep a nation together. Look at the ancient Greeks. The Greeks believed that they belonged to the same race; they possessed a common language and literature, and they worshipped the same gods. All Greece took part in the Olympic games. A common enemy Persia threatened their liberty. Yet all these bonds were not strong enough to overcome two factors: local patriotism and geographical conditions that nurtured political divisions. Greece fell. “E. Pluribus Unum”—From many, one. In that historical reality, if we put the emphasis on the ‘pluribus’ instead of the ‘unum,’ we can balkanize America as surely as Kosovo.”

”Next to last,

I would place all subjects off limits make it taboo to talk about anything against the cult of ‘diversity.’ I would find a word similar to ‘heretic’ in the 16th century - that stopped discussion and paralyzed thinking. Words like ‘racist’ or ‘xenophobe’ halt discussion and debate.” “Having made America a bilingual/bicultural country, having established multi-culturism, having the large foundations fund the doctrine of ‘Victimology,’ I would next make it impossible to enforce our immigration laws. I would develop a mantra: That because immigration has been good for America, it must always be good. I would make every individual immigrant symmetric and ignore the cumulative impact of millions of them.” In the last minute of his speech, Governor Lamm wiped his brow. Profound silence followed.

Finally he said,

”**Lastly**, I would censor Victor Hanson Davis’s book Mexifornia.

<http://www.claremont.org/about/staff/hanson.html>

His book is dangerous. It exposes the plan to destroy America. If you feel America deserves to be destroyed, don’t read that book.”

There was no applause. A chilling fear quietly rose like an ominous cloud above every attendee at the conference. Every American in that room knew that everything Lamm enumerated was proceeding methodically, quietly, darkly, yet pervasively across the United States today. Every discussion is being suppressed. Over 100 languages are ripping the foundation of our educational system and national cohesiveness. Barbaric cultures that practice female genital mutilation are growing as we celebrate ‘diversity.’

American jobs are vanishing into the Third World as corporations create a Third World in America - take note of California and other states – to date, ten million illegal aliens and growing fast. It is reminiscent of George Orwell’s book “1984.” In that story, three slogans are engraved in the Ministry of Truth building: “War is peace,” “Freedom is slavery,” and “Ignorance is strength.”

Governor Lamm, walked back to his seat. It dawned on everyone at the conference that our nation and the future of this great democracy is deeply in trouble and worsening fast. If we don’t get this immigration monster stopped within three years, it will rage like a California wildfire and destroy everything in its path, especially The American Dream.

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Sokol Picnic at Chabot Lake Park, May 21, 2005.

Just one year after our first visit, a group of forty Sokol members and friends "landed" again in Chabot Lake Park. The location was different - a reserved picnic site named "Turtle" and, more importantly - this time we were blessed by gorgeous weather, a vast improvement from last year's cold, cloudy, almost winter-like day. A reasonably short walk from the parking lot, across a small brook, we have had an easy time to find a group of our tree-shaded tables. Running water and charcoal pits were at hand, potentially noisy neighbors far away. I would be hard pressed to come up with a reasonable excuse not to participate.

The semi-potluck concept worked well: there was a lot of sharing of food, the ever-glowing coals were utilized all day long, sausages, hamburgers and chicken drumsticks filled the air with irresistible smoky aroma. For those, not too keen to fight the occasional whiff of charcoal smoke, a bucket of KFC worked equally well, and there is a small coffee shop nearby.

We were pleased to welcome a number of guests from Sacramento and Monterey, hope to see them all at our future events. We appreciate their willingness to spent hours on the road for a chance to meet their countrymen, exchange the news, sing the Czech Moravian and Slovak national songs. And that we did with gusto, led by the clear voice of Sister Dusatko, reading the lyrics from booklets provided by Br. & Sis. Teyrovsky. Our thanks belong to all of them. Our singing performance was not too bad, judging from a number of passer-byes that stopped and listened.

The picnic organizers were pleased to hear from parting guests that this picnic was a success and they do not desire a greater reward for their effort than being able to welcome you all at our next gathering.

Zdenek Vernak.

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Old Friend

Around the corner I have a friend
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I knew, a year is gone

And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a swift and terrible race.
As in the days when I rang his bell,
And he rang mine,

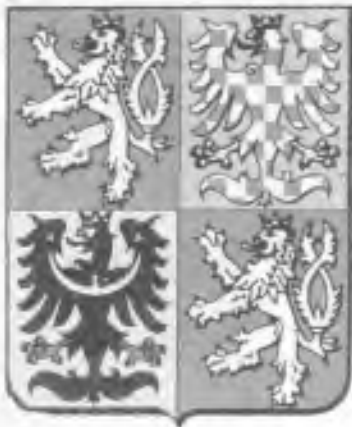
If, we were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow" I say "I will call on Jim"
"Just to show I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner - yet mile away,
"Here's a telegram sir--"
"Jim died today."

And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

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