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EDITORIAL

When we received last month's Specialist we were amazed at the paucity of philatelic knowledge presented to the readers. We hurry to apologize; but every word printed last month was important and we are sure the members realize it. We have so many irons in the fire: Awakening members to the need of paying dues and increasing the dues to a higher level; our handbook project; our participation in Compex 58 and the resultant publicity for our Society. If every member backs the Society in its endeavors we could present more material in the Specialist. As a resume: Did you pay your 1958 dues? Did you loan your mite to the handbook project? Did you make preparations or arrangements to exhibit at Compex? Did you help your Society by buying an ad in the Compex Directory. If you haven't done anything to answer these questions affirmatively you should beat your breast and cry mea culpa.

The nominating committee has contacted some members to accept nominations for various offices in the Society and as far as your editor knows all have accepted. In due time the membership at large will receive the ballot. It is not necessary to vote for the slate as presented; you may insert a vote for a candidate of your choice. Do not think it a waste of time to insert another name; the next nominating committee will thank you for these hints and suggestions. Every organization is always on the lookout for ready workers.

The librarian asks us to mention the following members who helped enrich the library in the past year: M. Barry, F. Benes, J. Jiranek, F. Kovarik, F. Kosin, R. Secky and J. Velek. These gentlemen deserve the thanks of the Society. While we are on the subject: Our librarian is a very helpful soul and has been of service to many members. You will assist him immeasurably by paying all postage expenses.

Our member Vilem Oštádel, Praha XVI, Na Zlíchově 39, Czechoslovakia, asks if we'd mention in our column that he should like to exchange mint Czechoslovakia for mint United States of which he needs a large number. We do this favor for strangers; Mr. Oštádel is a member of long standing and deserves this mention.

One of our members asks if we'll have an auction again. He'd like to donate some of his material to benefit the Society. It is planned to have an auction later in the year; just at present we are asking our members to pay their dues, contribute a loan, support our participation in Compex by showing frames and possibly helping out with ads in the directory. Asking more would not be good business.

From a member this info: "Remember I asked you in one of my earlier letters about a large size map of Czechoslovakia? Mr. K. J. Woodbury, Sr., 29 Cowesett Ave., West Warwick, R. I., has the map 45x30 inches, well supplied with town names for study purposes. It is black print on white. The cost is \$2 postfree and insured. I am very pleased with it and recommend it highly."

One member thinks we should give premiums other than those we now give to contributing and patron members but, in his own words, does not know what an appropriate award should be. If you want to express an idea on this subject write to your regional vice president or to another officer. We are always ready for suggestions on how to increase the revenue.

In the January 1958 issue of the Collectors Club Philatelist editor Henry Goodkind suggests a differentiation between covers and entires. He thinks collectors should deplore the use of unaddressed envelopes, especially First Day Covers. He mentions the "dedicated philatelist's attitude to live and let live." We know that many collectors admire their "unused" covers which have no sign of abuse usually accorded to postally handled. Giving a different name to this type of cover collecting serves no useful purpose. All collectors like to show covers and some are actually obtainable only in "cancelled by favor" manner.

R. I. P.

Among our dedicated members in her own quiet way was Mrs. Gladys R. Skopecek of Colfax, Calif. Among the first to join our Society, though not a Czech, she was always interested in the people of Czechoslovakia and in the mission of our Society. She helped in promoting the various projects, assisted her husband, who was responsible for our dictionary and who has translated almost every feature article that appeared in the Specialist in more than 10 years, in his work for the good of Czech philatelic literature. Ten years ago we spent several days with the Skopeceks in the Sierras and promised to return again. Alas, we shall never have that pleasure again for on January 24 this loving soul departed our vale of tears. Her death was a terrible blow to our dear friend George Skopecek. It is his wish that as long as he lives we carry her name on the roster of our Society. To Mr. Skopecek, her children and grandchildren we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May she rest in peace.

PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Among our philatelic friends in the old country are many who have been and some who are active in every stampic activity not only in Czechoslovakia but throughout Europe and the world. When we were named by the Society a member of the executive committee of Compex 58, when we realized the complexities of putting over a big show, we wondered how is it possible in a relatively poor country to do so grandiose a job as the various National and International exhibitions in Czechoslovakia. We asked one of the officials in the forthcoming Brno Show just how it is done. In a recent letter he explained it all. We present it to our members sans comment.

"In response to your request I shall explain the organization of philately and philatelic exhibitions. Since 1951 when the law concerning societies, clubs and organizations was changed, Czechoslovak philately was absorbed gradually into competitive national enterprises. We now have in Czechoslovakia circa 1200 groups with about 50,000 organized stamp collectors. The supreme organization is the ÚČSF (Ústředí Československých Filatelistů — Headquarters of Czechoslovak Philatelists), which is a consultative group

of the Ministry of Communications. The headquarters is financed by the Ministry, stamp section, it publishes a magazine, has its own offices in Praha II, Jindřišská 18. An auxiliary is the "committee of experts." This HQ is composed of five members named by the Ministry for a three year term. The expert committee at present consists of 14 members, 10 of them are from Praha, 1 from Hradec Krčlové, 1 from Brno and 2 from Bratislava.

"Exhibitions and all activities are mainly created in individual groups. Society, club and local shows are financed by the individual establishments and groups. Larger exhibitions, such as regional are financed by the ÚČSF and the Communications Ministry. A national or international is financed entirely by the Ministry at which time a series of stamps or a souvenir sheet is issued primarily for that purpose. This commemorative issue always suffices to finance the project. Awards, plaques, cups, medals, etc., are usually donated by the ÚČSF, various Ministries, cities, enterprises, clubs and individuals.

"To give you a clearer picture permit me to cite an example: The International Exhibition Praga 1955 cost 1,400,000 Kč and was in preparation for two years. The coming Brno National Exhibition 1958 has a budget of 900,000 Kč and the organizational work will take 1½ years.

"Admission is charged only to the regional, national or international exhibitions. With each admission ticket it is possible to purchase or obtain one series of commemorative stamps or one commemorative sheet (depending on what was issued for the occasion). The actual admission thus comes to about one or two crowns. The forthcoming Brno National Exhibition 1958 is assured of a commemorative series of stamps for the occasion with a face value of 3.50 Kč, the general admission will be 1.50 Kč or a total of 5 Kč. An issue of 200,000 series for the new issue service guarantees a minimum income of one million Kč so that a deficit is impossible."

NEW MEMBERS

- 594. S/Sgt. Chas. W. Stehlik, USMC, Marine Air Det., Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn 34, N. Y.
- 595. Sidney J. Capes, 12 Harley Close, Wembley, Middlesex, England.
- 596. J. J. Volny, c/o D. F. L., 49, Grayling Rd., London N. 16, England.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 103. Cdr. Luther L. L. Dilley, USN, 12525 Atherton Dr., Silver Springs, Md.
- 525. Capt. R. S. Steffel, 612 Oregon St, Fairfield, Calif
- 530. John M. Ditsky, 18940 Albion, Detroit 34, Mich.

CLEVELAND GROUP MEETING

On the occasion of the first spring meeting of the APS and the 68th annual Garfield-Perry March Party held during the week-end March 21-23 at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, your editor accompanied by the president of the Chicago group, Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. (or vice-versa) shall meet with the Cleveland area members. It is our guess that our last meeting in this area was in 1948 when our Society was comparatively young but when the Cleveland group was an active force. We really should have active groups in St. Louis and Omaha besides those in Cleveland, New York and Chicago, because those were the migration points of the Czechs in the early days of our country. All Cleveland area members are cordially invited to attend the meeting. For further particulars kindly contact George A. Blizil, 2364 Queenston Rd., Cleveland Heights or Karel Zahradnicek, 12704 Holborn Ave., Cleveland.

NEW YORK GROUP MEETING

The first meeting of the new year was held at the Collectors Club, Friday evening, Jan. 17, in the presence of president Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch, Mrs. R. Reiner-Deutsch, members L. M. Horechny, E. J. Michaelson, W. V. Schoenig, N. Feiwelsohn, P. H. Flynn, R. Secky, G. P. Koplowitz and J. Stein.

First on the agenda was the proposed publication of the Society's first handbook. After a short discussion it was decided that every member loan as much as he can afford, ranging from \$10 to \$100. (As not all those who promised a loan came through your editor withholds from publication both names and amounts pledged, from this report.)

The Constitution Revision Committee was recruited from among the New York group members and all were surprised at the apathy of the members toward a subject so very important.

It was decided to hold the annual exhibition May 16th with special emphasis on Czecho items.

It was also decided to hold the last meeting of the season in June instead of May as heretofore.

Member W. V. Schoenig displayed his beautiful collection of Czechoslovakia which met with the surprised admiration from all present. Certain parts of this collection can be described only with that worn out slogan "out of this world."

After this, member Reiner-Deutsch showed samples of paper varieties and gave a talk on same. This very educational dissertation was accepted with complete gratification by all present.

Member R. Secky informed us that Mr. Janecek who managed the Czechoslovak Pavilion during the New York World's Fair and who had the final word in the issuance of the well known New York World's Fair Sheets, upon being asked the story of these interesting side lights to Czechoslovak philately suggested the query be presented to Mr. Joseph W. Lowey who has been dead about 10 years.

Meetings of the New York group are held every 3rd Friday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St. All members and interested non-members are invited to participate.

MEETING OF THE CHICAGO GROUP

was held Sunday Jan. 19, in the home of member G. Kobyłka and in the presence of the following members: J. Jiranek, J. Velek, L. Markovic (of Milwaukee), C. Chesloe, J. Matejka, J. Janecka, E. Berka, F. Zaviska, F. Kovarik and Mrs. H. Beller.

The handbook committee reported that the completed manuscript plus stamps for illustrative purposes have been transmitted to Ray Van Handel who is to contact the printer and get the final cost estimate. Member Kovarik read the names of members who loaned the money to make the project possible and it was decided that their names and amounts loaned be published in the March issue of the Specialist. It is obvious we'll not collect the full amount immediately but another effort will be made to collect the necessary balance before the job is completed. Several members wrote they will help later, some pledged a definite amount at a later date; they were financially in the doldrums so soon after Christmas.

Next order of business was the Society's participation in Compex 58. As previously mentioned our society will show 102 frames. It is the intention of the exhibition chairman, J. Jiranek, to fill all frames but if any are not called for to utilize these for publicity purposes. The publicity to be employed should follow the Fipex pattern.

MARCH MAIL AUCTION

Lot No.	mint ★	used ○	Suggested Minimum Bid:
1 ★	Siberia, 31-33 perf. 11½, originals		\$ 7.50
2 ★	45a 10h green imperf.		2.00
3 ○	45a 20h red imperf. nice cancellation		3.50
4 ★	5h Hradcany, tete-beche, gutter pair		7.50
5 ★	61-63 Masaryk 1920, imperforated		12.50
6 ★	71,73 40h and 60h tete beche pairs		2.00
7 ★	82a 5h violet tete beche pair		.60
8 ★	84a 20h orange tete-beche pair		5.75
9 ★	87a 50h green tete beche pair		8.50
10 ★	97 60h Masaryk violet Comb. perf. rare watmks 1 and 4		6.00
11 ★	97 60h Masaryk violet Line perf. rare watmks 2 and 3		6.00
12 ★	105a Masaryk, Perf. 14, Poor upper left corner		2.50
13 ★	106 Masaryk, Block of four, plate number 11A		2.00
14 ○	80, 81 Agriculture, 500h and 600h, Comb. perf. 13¼x13½		3.50
15 ★	80, 81 Agriculture, 500h and 600h, YELLOW PAPER PROOFS		1.75
16 ★	B125, 25h Lion BLACK PROOF		1.25
17 ★	J10, J11 250h and 400h Dues, BLACK PROOFS		4.00
18 ★	J11 400h ORANGE Proof (only colored proof besides 5h)		7.50
19 ★	B127 75h value, 5 diff. proofs		3.75
20 ★	B128 100h value, 5 diff. proofs		3.75
21 ★	B129 120h value, 5 diff. proofs		3.75
22 ★	C3 Imperf. 28Kč red brown on 200h violet blue PROOF		5.00
23 ★	C3 Imperf. 28Kč dark brown on 200h ultramarine PROOF		5.00
24 ★	C3 Imperf. 28Kč dark green on 500h brown		5.00
25 ★	61a 125h ULTRAMARINE PROOF, imperf.		5.00
26 ★	61 125h two proofs imperf. on colored paper		2.25
27 ★	61 125h bluegreen proof on white paper o/g, imperf.		3.50
28 ★	63 1000h dark brown proof on white paper o/g, imperf.		3.50
29 ★	Masaryk 1920, 50h blue, imperf. small format proof, wh. pap. o/g		4.50
30 ★	Masaryk 1920, 50h blue, imperf. small format, brown paper		.75
31 ★	Republic 68, 70, 72, 73, BLACK PROOFS imperf. wh. pap. (4)		7.50
32 ★	Republic 69, 71, 72, 73, Colored proofs on brown paper, Imperf.		6.75
33 ★	Republic 90 185h BLACK PROOF on white paper, imperf.		2.50
34 ★	Agriculture 100, 200, 30 0and 400h, ultramarine PROOFS, impf.		6.00
35 ★	200-201 Nat. Anthem, block of four, corner plate 1A		3.50
36 ★	209-11 Cyril-Meth., gutter pairs, block of four, plate 1A		5.00
37 ★	175-178 Masaryk 1930, lower left corner block of four, plate 1		9.50
38 ★	Boy Scout Stamps, 2 shades (2 sets)		7.00
39 ★	B137-139 Olympic Congress		6.50
40 ★	J49 100/600, Comb. perf. 13¼x13½, rare		4.50
41 ★	USA Army in Plzeň, overpr. on Hitler heads, 10k, 20k, 30k, 50k		2.00
42 ★	307-309 Vertical gutter pairs, with 4 stamps		6.60
43 ★	776-779 Nat. Costumes, original sheets of 10 (4 val.)		7.50
44 ○	719 Int. Phil. Exh. Sheet, nicely cancelled, PERF.		2.50
45 ○	719 Int. Phil. Exh. Sheet, nicely cancelled, IMPERF. RARE		6.50
46 ☒	719 Same as lot 45 only on cover, very nice and very scarce		7.50
47 ○	200 diff. Czechoslovakia after 1945, mostly COMMEMORATIVES		1.75
48 ★	J14 rouletted perforation, vertical pair		4.50
49 ★	E. Silesia 3h, 30h, 40hB, 40hBL, 50BL, 50Br, Private Perf. 11½		6.00
50 ★	E. Silesia 3h, 30h, 40h, 50hBr, 50hBl, 75h, 80h, private perf. 13¼		6.00

All bids must reach us at the latest, on March 28th, 1958

FLEM STAMP COMPANY

5921 33rd Street, N. W.

Washington 15, D. C.

Member Jiranek submitted a proposed prospectus which will be sent to all members with the March Specialist. (It is possible this prospectus was mailed in February.) He also spoke for member Havlik who is in charge of the program committee and promised that the two will work together to make the exhibition a success. Non-member exhibitors of Czecho stamps will be accepted providing they pay an additional \$2 fee when submitting their entries and for this the Society will mail to them the Specialist for the balance of the year. Questioned about exhibition classes the chairman announced there will be only two classes; four awards will be made, first, second and third, plus the Grand Award known as the J. W. Lowey Memorial, and the Championship Award. It may be well to acquaint the new members what this means. The best Czecho exhibit by three neutral judges receives the Lowey Memorial. This Grand Award can be won only once in a lifetime; its winners can only compete with their peers in the Championship Class. The next three exhibits get the remaining three awards. In past years we had a section devoted to non-Czecho philately; due to the publicity value of this show we intend to refrain from exhibiting what we used to call "foreign material."

Members who so desire may notify the Directory chairman their name and specialty; this will be listed free in the Compex Directory but must be in the hands of George Havlik, 2336 56th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill., not later than April first. ALL members will be listed by name only; addresses and specialties only at the express wish of the member.

Incidentally, all communications about Compex and our part in the exhibition must be addressed to Joseph J. Jiranek, 5032 25th St., Cicero 50, Ill. Except in emergency cases all this business must be transacted by April 1, 1958.

About 1½ years ago our Society applied for a chapter charter in both A.P.S. and S.P.A. As is remembered, the SPA executive secretary, the late Edw. Vining, died while this matter was being processed; in due time we received the APS charter and now, thru the kind offices of member Henry O. Nouss our chapter membership in the SPA is accomplished.

The Chicago group asks all our members to support the Society efforts in the framework of Compex. It is easy to sit down and write a check for a few dollars; we ask more, we request active participation which alone can give the Society the publicity it needs. Many specialty groups are growing fast. We, too, must expand. There are many more collectors of Czechoslovakia than those who are members of our Society.

Next meetings of the Chicago group will take place on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

March 16, office of Jos. Janecka, 7306 Ogden Ave., Riverside, Ill.

April 20, home of Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., 614 Elmwood, Oak Park

May 18, home of Joseph Janecka, 2723 So. Central Park Ave., Chicago

June 15, home of Charles Chesloe, 83rd and Wolf Rd., Hinsdale, Ill.

LIST OF LOANS AND PLEDGES TO HANDBOOK FUND

Pledges: \$200: Dr. Jas. J. Matejka; \$100: Jos. Janecka, Geo. Kobyłka; \$50: Rud. Secky, Leslie Markovich.

Loans: \$100: Art. I. Kessler, F. Kovarik, Jos. J. Jiranek, J. Velek; \$50: A. Stach; \$30: Helen Beller; \$25: Geo. A. Blizil, Dr. Southgate Leigh, Jr., Henry O. Nouss, Chas. Chesloe, Andrew J. Kolesar; \$10: M. L. Hromadka, Egon Berka, A. Schwanderla, John Knollmueller, Jas. W. Adler, Dr. L. V. Fischmeister, Geo. Wheeler, Jas. Zdenek, Chas. Cerny, K. J. Woodbury, Sr., Henry Prokupek, Sr., R. A. Palmer, Jos. Strnad, Geo. Havlik, R. E. Breeding, A. G. Vavricka, Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch, Jos. Cervený, P. J. Flynn, Wm.



13th MAIL SALE

We are selling a collection of Czechoslovakia coming from Frankfurt am Main, belonging to a Sudeten German. Here are our suggested bids:

1	Scout stamps on 2 covers	10.00
2	Same used on pieces	4.00
3	Budejovice compl. set HORNER, up to 10 K	5.00
4	Different labels, some 38 all mint	2.60
5	Emergency newspapers, 14 (some bl.)	3.00
6	Siberia 15% signed Gilbert	1.00
7	Siberia, compl. set of LIONS up to 1 Rubl, all signed	18.00
8	22 Stampless covers, Czech cancels before 1850 (Czech territory) ..	9.50
9	56 postcards with stamps of Czech cities	4.00
10	46 postcards UNused (Czech cities)	3.00
11	83 postcards and stationery ALL used in Czech territory before 1918 all Austrian stamps with Czech cancels	8.00
12	75 postal stationery, all used	6.00
	Hradcany	
13	All unused part sheets, about 650 stamps	5.00
14	600 copies of the 1.000h USED	12.00
15	Waste prints, etc., 41 stamps	4.00
16	160 covers, all with Hradcany stamps	5.00
17	6,000 stamps Hradcany, all used	16.00
18	different flaws and smaller plate varieties	5.00
	Different issues	
19	1930 UPPER coupons, complete mint	2.50
20	1930 LOWER coupons, complete mint	2.50
21	1919 Posta 1919 complete set of AIRS, signed	75.00
22	1920 AIRS, imperf set mint	6.00
23	1920 AIRS, perf set mint	8.00
	Collections:	
24	Boh. Moravia complete with gutters, and other items	8.00
25	Czechoslovakia in album, nice collection, net value	22.00
26	Collection of World's Fair sheets, 18 different	11.00
27	116 covers of Czecho and Boh. Moravia	8.00
28	Collection of SUDETEN	22.00
29	3rd Republic used	3.00

Bids received until March 28th

ALFONS STACH

P. O. Box 387

Lenox, Mass.



Schoenig, Jos. Stein, L. Vrzalik and Capt. R. S. Steffel.

There were a number of members who promised to help out later on and we thank them as much as the others because it looks like we may have to call on them. The above report is complete up to February 10, 1958.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER from Jan. 1, 1957 to Dec. 31, 1957

RECEIPTS

	1957	1956
Dues and Donations (Donations \$25.00)	\$ 644.65	\$ 807.11
Advertising (does not include last 4 months of 1957)	146.75	148.30
Society Circuits	37.42	85.75
Sale of Back Issues	13.20	30.80
Chicago Show		27.31
Sale of Tickets at FIPEX		39.20
Profit on Albums at FIPEX		29.29
Bound Specialists Sold	141.58	104.88
Dictionaries Sold	16.25	105.38
Sale of FIPEX pictures		12.00
Deposits on Handbooks * (see note)		20.00
	<u>\$ 999.85</u>	<u>\$1,410.02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Specialist	\$ 728.00	\$ 781.27
Expenses of the Editor, Treasurer and Secretary, including mailing of Specialist, addressograph plates, envelopes, cost of banking, etc.	169.02	187.75
FIPEX Expenses		150.00
Cost of Bond to the winner of 1955 Show drawing (paid in 1956)		75.00
Binding of Specialists	33.75	272.00
Dues to Fed. of Stamp Clubs, and ads to programs	17.00	3.00
Deposit on COMPEX	75.00	
	<u>\$1,022.77</u>	<u>\$1,474.02</u>

RECAPITULATION

In bank and on hand, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 316.49
Receipts, 1957	<u>999.85</u>
	\$1,316.34
Disbursements, 1957	<u>1,022.77</u>
In bank and on hand, Dec. 31, 1957	\$ 293.57

* Note: As of Jan. 24, 1958, there is \$580.00 in the hand-book fund, including the \$20.00 from 1956.

G. C. Kobylka, treasurer

PARADE OF NEW ISSUES

Commemorative Issue "Costumes"

On December 18th, 1957, the Czechoslovak collectors of postage stamps celebrated the "Day of the Czechoslovak Postage Stamp" on which day, thirty nine years ago, the first Czechoslovak postage stamp, showing the picture of Hradčany Castle, had been issued.

On this occasion the Czechoslovak Postal Administration issued on 18th December, 1957, a set of 4 stamps "Costumes" of the following denominations,



motives and colors:

- 45 hal., Plzeň region, brown, blue and red
- 75 hal., Slovákko region, brown, green and red
- 1.25 Kčs, Haná region, brown, yellow and red
- 1.95 Kčs, Těšín region, brown, blue and red

The designs of all four stamps are by professor Karel Svolinský, the engravings by Jindra Schmidt (45 hal., 75 hal., and 1.25 Kčs) and by Ladislav Jirka (1.95 Kčs).

All the stamps were printed from flat plates in three-color recess print in sheets of 10, dimension of each stamp picture 23x30 mm.

Validity for postage from 18th December, 1957, until further notice.

The design of the First Day cover is by professor Karel Svolinský, the engraving was executed by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

Commemorative Stamps "International Geophysical Year 1957-1958"



On the occasion of the International Geophysical Year 1957-1958 The Czechoslovak Postal Administration issued on 20th December 1957 three commemorative stamps of the following designs and values:

- 30 hal., Radiotelescope, an apparatus measuring the activity of the sun. The color of the engraving, red; photogravured ground, yellow
- 45 hal., The meteorological station on Lomnický štít in High Tatra. The color of the engraving is brown, photogravured ground, light blue
- 75 hal., The second Soviet artificial satellite "Sputnik" orbiting around the earth. The color of the engraving is red violet, photogravured ground blue.

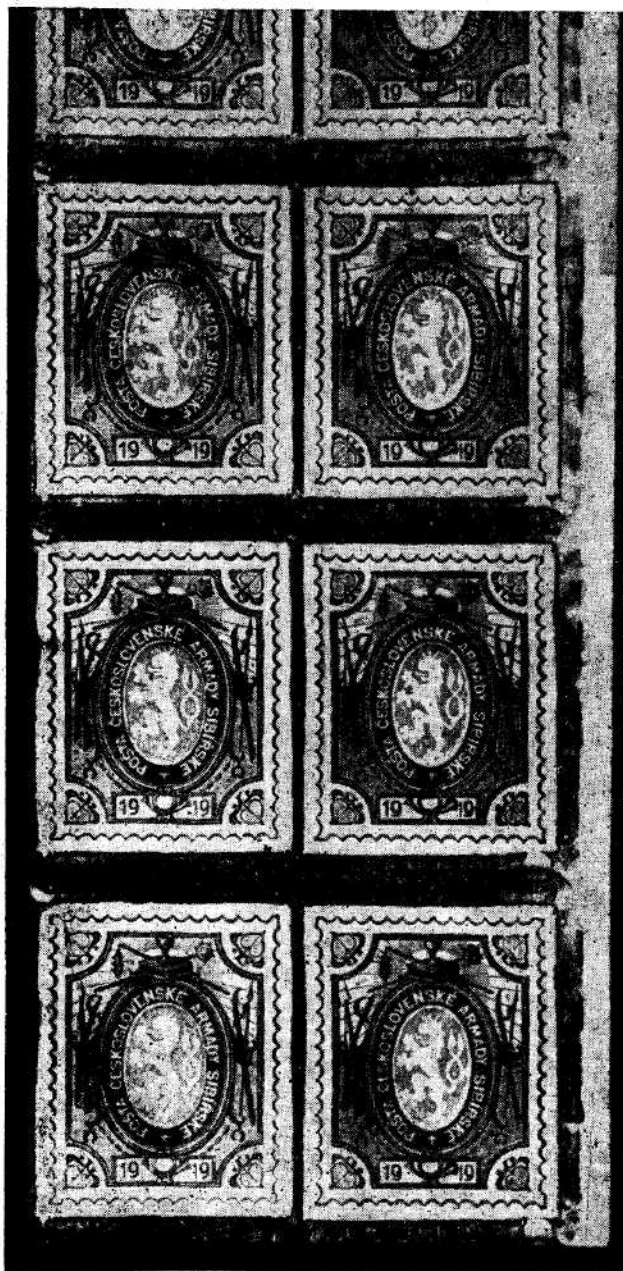
The designs of all three stamps are by František Hudeček, painter artist, the engravings by Bohdan Roule, Bedřich Housa and Ladislav Jirka.

The stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by recess print combined with photogravure, in sheets of 50. Dimension of the stamp picture 23x20 mm. (45 hal.) resp. 30x23 mm (30 hal. and 75 hal.)

Validity for postage from 20th December, 1957, until further notice.

The design of the First Day cover is by František Hudeček, the author of the stamps, the engraving by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

HOW WERE THEY PRINTED?



The collectors of Czechoslovak stamps encounter items which are to him questionable, because of what he sometime reads in the philatelic press. The attached picture shows such an interesting item. It is a part of a strip of

16 of the Siberian Lions, about which the following was written:

"The stamps with the embossed Bohemian Lion were printed in the same way as the Scout stamps. Two stamps were printed at one stroke with a double die, which had a movable center (white lion in a red field). The die impressed the details of the design and imprinted the color, red center and blue frame and finally cut the stamps from a pregummed sheet, giving the edges a resemblance of perforations."

Although at the beginning it is said that the stamps were produced in the same way as the Scout stamps, we note in the description of the Scout stamps that—"the relief of each value was impressed by one die, which, beside the relief of the Lion and the legend, also cut the edges in a simulation of perforations—"

There is no sense in talking about perforations, as there are no two joined stamps to be found, because the die made only one stamp at a time from a small pregummed sheet of white paper.

From the foregoing the reader could be persuaded to think that the Siberian Lions stamps were printed on small sheets of paper, which is not true. Our illustration shows that the Siberian Lions stamps were printed on a strip of paper in pairs. It also shows that the so-called LARGE and SMALL sabre were printed at the same time and so in the same issue.

František Novotný

POSTMARKS OF BRATISLAVA

By A. J. Stoyal

Reprinted from Chambers Stamp Journal

Postmarks—what a wealth of information can be gathered from postmarks! In this introduction is offered one possible style of collecting these town or city postmarks. From one of my own volumes I have selected the capital of SLOVAKIA—"BRATISLAVA", known to German elements as PRESSBURG and to Magyars as POZSONY.

Historical

Situated on the River Danube, an ancient town dating back to Roman times, in the 9th Century it was the seat of the rulers of the Great Moravian Empire. During the 13th Century German colonists settled in the town, whilst in later years it became the Magyar Coronation town. However, during the 18th and 19th Centuries, the town was gradually forced into the background by Budapest and became more of a provincial town, although still the center of Slovak intellectual life.

Austrian stamps were in use in Hungarian territory up to July 31, 1871; Hungarian stamps were not issued until this date, when political moves in Austria and Hungary were finally completed by the Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph, being crowned King of Hungary.

With the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918 and the Peace Conference in Paris in session, Bratislava, after considering and dropping the idea of an independent republic, asked Budapest for troops to defend them against the Czechs. The troops sent proved to be 200 mutineers from Pola, and the city was glad enough to see their backs! However, in spite of no opposition being offered the Czech legionaries, the special constabulary continued for weeks to protest by sporting red-white-green colors (Hungarian). By December 23, 1918, Dr. Benes had persuaded the Peace Conference that Bratislava was essential to the Czechoslovak Republic and the Hungarians were forced to retire. The Czechoslovak government was established at the beginning of February, 1919, in Bratislava and district.

The Republic endured until the break-up of the nation in 1939 when Hit-

PRESZBURG
28, MAR.

Fig. 1.



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Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 9



Fig. 8



Fig. 10



Fig. 11.

ler occupied Bohemia and Moravia and "granted" independence to "Slovakia" under German protection. The Russian occupation of Slovakia in 1915 and the final destruction of the German Fascist machine brought about the return of the Czechoslovakian Republic.

Philatelic

The collection commences with a 1848 pre-adhesive cover to London showing PRESZBURG (Fig. 1) followed by Austrian type 1 stamp with similar postmark, and, in addition, the normal oval postmark of PRESSBURG (Fig. 2) and the circular postmark (Fig. 3). Then Austrian stamps (Stanley Gib-

bons types 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) follow with similar postmarks and also the town Railway Station Postmark (B. H. - Bahnhof) Fig. 4.

The Magyar postmark POZSONY came into operation with the Austrian Franz Joseph type 1 in 1867 (Fig. 5). Postmarks (Figs. 5 and 6) are found on the Hungarian lithographed and engraved types of Franz Joseph, whilst, later Hungarian issues follow with postmarks Fig. 6 and 7, and similar types.

The Hungarian "Crown" postmarks follow on issues from 1895 onwards. (See Figs. 8 and 9).

The historical comment on the 1918 situation in BRATISLAVA is illustrated by the continual use of Hungarian postmarks on Czechoslovakian stamps and these postmarks were in use as late as October, 1919. The earliest postmark I personally have recorded of the BRATISLAVA (Fig. 10) Czechoslovakian postmark is 25.XI.1919.

After this date the normal Czechoslovakian town Bratislava postmarks and commemorative postmarks will be well known to collectors of the stamps of this country.

During the "Slovakian" independence, most covers showing the Bratislava postmark were censored by the German occupation forces even when written to Bohemia and Moravia.

Of the post-war period the collection commences with an early registered 1945 cover to England, showing the registered label and giving both versions of this town BRATISLAVA and PRESSBURG (Fig. 11). This shows how the German element re-instated itself during the war period. Of further interest, the "PRESSBURG" name has been obliterated on this label by a blue pencil—by the postal authorities (?).

It should also be noted that the normal town postmark of BRATISLAVA remained unaltered through the pre-1939-45 war until the present day.

It is hoped that this article will be of interest to readers and arouse their collecting instincts to follow up their own "pet" city through the same or similar process throughout the postal history.

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