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EDITORIAL

Once a year your editor faces a terrific problem. Our official year closes in December but the Specialist is put away for two summer months and when the season reopens we have so many reports plus the membership list that 16 pages seems hardly enough to cover all.

We are starting a new department in the Specialist: A secretary's page. This will release space from the editorial where the editor tried to rouse the members to increased activity and harped on them to pay dues.

Our member Rudolph F. Hajicek was feted on the occasion of his 50 years in the banking business. We congratulate him and hope he remains hale and hearty for many years.

Thru the good offices of our Canadian member Leo Goldman we receive the "Windsor Y Stamp Club Bulletin" which we then forward to our librarian. This publication has no precise date of issue (lucky editor!); the latest edition is No. 8, dated June 58 and in between we read "Published Now and Then." In this issue under the title "Canadian stamps that might have been" the author presents rejected essays though some were more pleasing to the eye than the accepted designs. In the attached exhibition catalog we note that member Goldman showed his collection of Masaryk stamps. We do not know the results of the exhibition but are glad Czechoslovak material was represented.

In the short time since the appearance of our Boh. Mor. Slov. handbook we have received more complimentary letters than ever before. Yet, one wrote: "It is an elaborate, well produced, specialized catalog and not an informative handbook." This may be true; if we could incorporate material which we gleaned since the work went to press, we would have to increase the size and that would also mean an advance in the cost. We hope to publish from time to time additions and corrections to the handbook and we are sure the members will be satisfied. If you have not obtained your copy, do so now.

Our Scottish member Alex. McInnes was accepted in audience by Prince Philip, which is indeed a signal honor in the Isles. We congratulate friend Sandy Mac; may it ever be one of his cherished memories.

The Mound City Stamp Club of St. Louis has its annual exhibition Sept. 12-14 at the Jefferson Hotel. Your editor plans to attend. Unfortunately it is too late to solicit exhibits but you are welcome.

A recent letter from Czechoslovakia asks: "We heard the U. S. plans to extend the 'Champions of Liberty' series to include one for Thomas G. Masaryk. When will this stamp be issued?" The first official request was made by our president, Dr. James J. Matejka, at the Complex banquet May 31,

1958. It is necessary to keep the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Stamp Designs aware of our request. If every member writes to the committee, c/o Mr. H. L. Lindquist, 153 Waverly Pl., New York 14, N. Y., our plans may succeed.

One of our members asked what type of press is employed in the production of Czecho stamps. Two colored jobs are printed from the "WIFAG" press; some stamps (as for instance the "Costumes") are printed from steel engraved plates but each color goes individually thru the press, these are usually printed in sheets of 10 stamps; the regular issues are still produced from the old Stickney rotary presses.

We are informed that the Minister of Commerce appointed the following philatelists to head the Central Federation of Czechoslovak Philatelists: President, František Smolík; secretary, Bohumil Matějka; editor, Miloslav Protičenský; recorder, Jan Tryzna; Josef Řezníček, all of Praha; Rudolf Misař of Plzeň and Jan Karásek of Brno. The two Slovak members have not yet been named.

The Society thru its Chicago Section decided to exhibit our publications in the Brno National Stamp Show. The executive members of the Czecho Federation were much impressed by the dictionary and requests for several copies had already reached us. Why don't our members recognize the value of the book? or are they all philologists?

Some time ago we mentioned the auction catalogs of Heinrich Köhler. Any member interested in these gems of art may write to the U. S. representative, Mr. Ludlow Grosse, 166 West 87th St., New York 24, N. Y.

EDITOR'S COMPEX REPORT

This is not a financial report but a record of the Show as it concerned our Society. It is impossible to measure its value to philately; suffice it to say it was immense and the attendance was far beyond all expectations. Our personal opinion is that had it not been for the first day of the IGY stamp the crowds would be more in accord with the original attendance plans. As it was, the lobby where the stamps were sold was so crowded Saturday that it not only detracted from the Show itself but we could not occupy our table more than a few hours; the FDC fans were spreading their wares all over the place.

Our participation was of benefit to the Society more ways than one. We had 102 frames of Czecho material ranging from the novice class to highly specialized. All phases of Czecho collecting were in evidence, from the Hradčany to the present era and from the Czecho Army Posts in Siberia to First Day Covers. The collections which created the greatest amount of comment came from Praha, member Zdeněk Kvasnička and his son, Ivo, our idol. Ivo showed Scout stamps including proofs, color trials, proofs of cancellations, Příjezd Presidenta Masaryka, used and on cover, including some forgeries. A Scouts stamp specialist of the Chicago area asked and obtained permission to photograph 12 pages which will be the nucleus of an article which we shall be privileged to reprint. Zdeněk showed S O 1920, Masaryks and early air mails. We had no idea of the existence of some of the material we were able to see. If one saw only the material shown in our 102 frames the trip was worth it. Chairman Jiranek will present a much more complete report on our participation in Compex.

If we were satisfied with the results of FIPEX in 1956 with an outlay of some \$400, we can exult over the results of Compex. We got no bonus from FIPEX except a recognition of our existence. Because COMPEX was more localized we gained much recognition in the Midwest and besides, be-



The COMPEX Board of Directors (seated, l. to r.): Earl Wellman, Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., Ben Reeves, Clark D. Baker, Howard J. Selzer. (Standing): Maurice Sanders, Smuel Raay, Sidney Shayman, Joseph Whitebourgh (front), Bernard Hennig (rear), John Metschinegg, Wayne Fitzgibbons, Roger Swanson, Frank Kovarik, Duncan Ferguson, Joseph Janecka, Jr., C. J. Michelsen, C. P. Jorgesen, Ernest Eckersall, Donald Cramer, Herman Wasmer.

cause COMPEX was a cooperative venture, we shall participate in the financial benefits. Our Society's Compex committee decided that in as much as in the past the Society used Janecka's frames and easels without recompense, this time we'll pay him a token for his service.

Our first day sale of the handbook became a historical fact when the first volume was officially sold on the opening day of Compex by the editor of the Czechoslovak Specialist to the president of the local Germany Society group, Mr. John Maschinegg. The traditional enmity between the Slavs and the Teutons came to a definite close with this act. It is our intent that from May 30, 1958, no hostilities shall exist between the two great ethnic groups.

Among the thousands present at Compex we noted the following: J. W. Adler of St. Louis, retiring president; Dr. J. J. Matejka, incoming president, J. J. Jiranek, J. J. Janecka, P. Kreischer, E. Berka, J. Velek, F. J. Rosner, R. Mitchell, G. Kobylka, R. L. Spofford, R. Palmer, C. Chesloe, F. Benes, all of Chicago, R. Van Handel of Sheboygan, H. Prokupek of Cleveland, L. Markovich of Milwaukee, and certainly many others we may have missed.

At 2 p.m. Sunday June 1, the Society held a meeting during which we discussed why countries like Ghana, Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam, etc., are so popular among the collectors and various theories were advanced. The chief argument why stamps of Czechoslovakia are not popular is the fact that the

country does so little to popularize them. There is no doubt that many of the stamps are pleasing to the eye and the issues on the whole do not propagate socialist theories over much. The editor pointed out that formerly photos of new designs were sent to the philatelic press with pertinent information. Later the photos were substituted with stamps sent in a first day cover. But recently they changed their policy and send only a printed sheet of paper without stamps or photos and frequently as circular matter. As a result not many New Issues columns in the philatelic press show them. The editor remarked that sometimes he had to ask a dealer for these stamps so he could illustrate them. If the Ministry of Posts shows so little regard to a Society devoted to propagating its philatelic wares among English speaking peoples, what else can we expect?

It was suggested that a travel exhibit be prepared and member Berka promised to help when the project gets under way. It was also suggested that ads be placed in various publications publicizing our handbook.

Member F. Rosner proposed the Society should back up a plea to get T. G. Masaryk on a Champions of Liberty stamp. Strange as it may seem the subject was mentioned in Cleveland; collectors from Europe are asking about it and even non-Czech collectors promise to plead for it. Our secretary prepared a sketch based on the current series and it is our opinion a sketch will be sent to every member of the Society. Do your bit.

REPORT FROM THE NEW YORK SECTION

Meeting of the Section of May 16, 1958, was attended by Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch, L. Horechny, E. Michaelson, P. Flynn, A. Kessler, J. Verner, E. Pobuda, G. Koplowitz, J. Stein and Mrs. R. Reiner-Deutsch.

Dr. Reiner-Deutsch gave a report on the New York participation in Compex and member Horechny collected the New York exhibits and forwarded same to Chicago. The New York Branch contributed a half page ad in the Compex Directory. Member Horechny contributed "Participation" certificates which each participating member at Compex will receive.

The local exhibition at Collectors Club will be held Sat. Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be held on the previous evening when all local members are urged to be present to help mount the frames.

Member Pobuda showed his collection of Czechoslovakia to 1939 with many interesting items.

The June 20th meeting was attended by Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch and Mrs. Reiner-Deutsch, A. Kessler, E. Michaelson, G. Koplowitz, N. Feiwelsohn, W. Schoenig, P. Flynn and J. Stein.

Dr. Reiner-Deutsch reported on the success of Compex contained in a very informative letter from the new secretary Jiranek. In the letter came the information that from the ranks of the New York Section member Reiner-Deutsch received the President's Award for his very interesting Czech Postal History. The doctor also passed around the handbook which was well received and the members wonder when they'll receive their own copies.

Member Schoenig was thanked for his efforts in advertising the coming exhibition. The committee in charge of the exhibition consists of W. Schoenig, E. Michaelson and J. Verner.

Next meeting of the Branch will be held at the Collectors Club Friday, Sept. 19, 1958.

Any member interested in exchanging stamps with a Czech collector may contact Mr. Leopold Vins, Ceske Budejovice, Husova Tr. 26/II, Czechoslovakia. Do not send any stamps until you get instructions.

MEETING OF THE CHICAGO SECTION JUNE 15, 1958

The Chicago Section meeting of the Society was held on Sunday, June 15, 1958, at the home of Mr. Chesloe. Vacations and the fact that Father's Day fell on our meeting day resulted in the attendance of only members Dr. James Matejka, George Kobylka, Frank Rosner, Charles Chesloe and Joseph Jiranek.

The main theme was, of course, the aftermath of our participation in COMPEX. A meeting of the CompeX committee was held at the La Salle Hotel on Wednesday, June 11th. The final accounting of the COMPEX corporation was not completed but it was estimated that in addition to our profit from the advertising placed by or through our Society, the Good Fellow and Patron Donations, our share from the profits of COMPEX should fall somewhere between \$208.00 and \$255.00. In addition, material sold at our Society table amounted to another \$132.00.

As an aftermath of COMPEX, Dr. Matejka brought to the meeting the government collection of the Czechoslovak Republic which arrived at the La Salle Hotel on June 5th, too late for inclusion in COMPEX. Doc passed this collection around to all the members present. It proved to be a mixture of the stamps of the 1st and 2nd Republics.

At the Wednesday meeting, Doc remarked that the main discussion by the delegates of COMPEX was the appearance of our exhibition, as it was beautifully housed in Joseph Janecka's frames and easels. It was regrettable that Mr. Janecka could not be present at the COMPEX meeting to hear the response of participating delegates who were so impressed by our display and also by the fact that about 250 envelopes containing 50 stamps each that were handed out at our table to the children attending COMPEX. The favorable impression by this approach led to the sale of several Handbooks.

In addition to the formal interest in Joseph Janecka's very fine frames and easels, the local group of the German Philatelic Society and also the Polonus Society are very much interested in them.

At the Wednesday meeting it appeared that even though the present COMPEX group shall not close itself up as a one year corporation till September, the delegates present felt that after the wonderful success of COMPEX 1958, they would like very much to participate in a possible COMPEX 1959.

Mr. Kobylka reported that thus far about 150 Bohemia-Moravia and Slovakia Handbooks have been sold and as yet our publicity has not begun. Because we would like to sell out the books just as soon as possible in order to get the money advanced by our members back to them, we hope that all of our members shall push the book.

Dr. Matejka turned in several bills which represented some of our expenses in COMPEX.

Jiranek reported that in order to try to recapture some of the Society's former members he has gone through all of the past membership listings in the Specialists—he has a listing of all the former members of the Society and their most recent addresses and is in the process of mailing out form letters reporting our participation in COMPEX and telling of our recent publication of the handbook and the other many advantages of belonging to our Society; attached to this letter is the Society form listing all of the society advantages including George Kobylka's album pages and also an application blank for membership. The purpose of this campaign is not only to increase the membership but also to broaden the interest to the present Society publications as well as the planned ones. It is hoped that our members who associate with any of our former members, do their bit to try and bring them back. Once this campaign is launched it is hoped to use the same approach to circularize potential new members. The Secretary feels that the coming

deadline of the old 3c rate for first class mail should be met to cut the cost of this canvassing, to a minimum. The broader base of membership shall almost be essential at the time we should begin to publish the next handbook "Czechoslovakia 1918-1925."

Dr. Matejka presented his idea to have our Society prepare a group of three or four frames which when filled with some philatelic material and our Society promotional material in order to have this material shipped to various large shows around the country and thereby promote our Society in prestige and membership. Because of the relatively small attendance we postponed the vote upon this suggestion.

On this note the meeting was adjourned until the September meeting.

Next meeting of the Chicago Group will be held in the home of secretary Jos. J. Jiranek, 5032 West 26th St., Cicero, Ill., Sunday, Sept. 21, 1958, at 2:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S COMMENT

The greatest need that all secretaries of philatelic societies feel is a medium of communication to all members. We are extremely fortunate in our Society to have such a long established and continuous publication, The Czechoslovak Specialist, which is ideally suited to carry the secretary's message to the members ten times a year. This small column shall serve to inform every member of our Society what is planned, what is being worked on and what help all our members can render in order to assure that impossible projects for one man can be jointly accomplished.

The greatest immediate need of our Society is a broader base of membership. Increased costs of publication of the Specialist, increased postal rates to mail it out, has brought talk of raising the dues to all of the members. I feel that this course would, in all probability, cause some members to drop out and in the end would mean smaller membership bearing the increased costs. I proposed right after taking office this June that if our Society is going to pursue the publication of future handbooks it is essential to broaden the membership to support these publications. I proposed a three step drive in order to expand our membership: (1) retain as many current members as possible, by extending prompt and courteous replies to all inquiries sent to officers and staff and make our Society such an essential part of the collecting of Czechoslovak stamps that no one would drop their membership. (2) There are a great many former members who dropped out of the Society during 1957 and 1948 when the change of government occurred in Czechoslovakia. It was my hope to send to each of the 350 former members form letters requesting their return to a more progressive Society. Because of the coming increase in the postal rates, this was pushed up to the first item of importance and the letters have already been mailed out. (3) The last but not least is the acquisition of new members. This secretary shall scan all membership rosters that come into his hands or our librarian, Mr. Kosik, any fellow who collects Czechoslovak stamps, or is a general collector with a Czech or Slovak name shall receive all the pertinent literature about our Society. I have contacted all of the local collectors I know personally who collect the stamps of Czechoslovakia and found that method by far the most effective. I am but one man, in one location, and we have some 230 members in various neighborhoods of various cities, in this country and abroad, what could be accomplished if we made each member a recruiting chairman. If you know of anyone you feel would be a good addition to our Society and would benefit from its services, talk to him, either send in for a membership application blank, or better yet collect the dues, send them in and I shall forward to him

all of the information about our Society along with a membership application blank. We have something really good to sell and if we do put out a good sales effort I am sure many shall find it an advantage to join.

Plans are under way now that ready for 1959 the secretary hopes to prepare regional membership lists which shall go out to each member at the time he joins for that year. It is hoped that by bringing to each member, the names and addresses of all the other members of our Society in his area that there shall be a much more interested getting together between the fellows of various cities and in the hopes that this getting together may result in more operating Chapters being formed. Remember one thing, with the adverse conditions of getting older material for our collections from Czechoslovakia there are in this country in the duplicates of one of our members, just the stamps and other material that we have been beating our heads against a wall to get, what better way of getting to that as yet untapped reservoir of material than getting together regionally for mutual benefit among the collectors, as well as for potential benefit of our Society.

I hope that this appeal shall warrant your co-operative efforts to make our present Society much better and stronger in the future. It can be done if we work together and do it now.

—Joseph J. Jiranek, Secretary

CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S PARTICIPATION IN COMPEX 1958

Joseph J. Jiranek, Exhibition Chairman

Our Society's participation in COMPEX (Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland) 1958 was a very wonderful and gratifying showing of our Society. The fact that the individual local philatelic organizations, eleven in number, could under the extremely able leadership of our own president, Dr. Matejka, co-operate successfully, was a wonderful accomplishment, but the fact that within our Society we showed by the participants in the exhibition the very wonderful and diversified interests in our specialty and also the extremely varied geographic location of those who participated. This made our show doubly effective.

The groundwork for COMPEX was very well planned and executed over some nine or ten months of planning. The first day of the United States Geophysical Year stamp did a great deal to add a tremendous impetus to the entire show. The fact that a very wonderful 184 page program was prepared by COMPEX in which all of the clubs participated, providing in addition to the exhibition listing from each society, a complete listing of the membership, two original philatelic articles and many fine advertisements which made the program of great permanent value and found its way into many philatelic libraries. The reported attendance to the show over the May 30, 31 and June 1st Decoration Day weekend was 15,686 people. Our Society had a table right at the elevator entrance on the nineteenth floor permitting a great many people who had never known of our Society's existence to see our sign, receive some free literature, small children received small packets of 50 stamps which included a card stating that the stamps were through the courtesy of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society. At the table there was offered for sale, the Bohemia-Moravia handbooks, the album pages of George Kobylka for all the parts of Czechoslovakia, our own bound Specialists, dictionaries, maps, and a check list of the postal stationery of Czechoslovakia, besides adding several members to our roster we also sold around \$135.00 worth of our material. The effectiveness of the packets to the children was commented upon by all of the other clubs and the good-will that was received through that source helped sell some of our material.

The exhibition itself, was something that I feel each and every member of the Society would have been proud to have seen. As has been the case in the past at our small local shows there has always been a task to fill up the frames which we hoped to show and as a consequence at the last minute some of the local fellows would volunteer additional material in order to fill the frames. Anticipating this I had planned to allocate six frames for Society Propaganda purposes, devoting one frame to the circuit, one frame to the library, two or three frames to our Specialist, one or two frames to our publications, directing the people from the exhibition hall to our table where the material that was shown could be purchased. The response, however, from a great many out of town members added such to our showing that in reality we had all of the frames called for and still had to penalize one of the local members to exhibit the two part collection from Czechoslovakia, which was delayed in release due to Czechoslovak Government permission to send it to our show. Because of the late date of that permission the exhibit, which was extremely large was flown in airmail and because the directory had to go to press was not fully described in the Directory.

We were fortunate again at this exhibit to use the frames and easels which were manufactured by our member, Joseph Janecka. The entire show with our exception was set up in various size frames upon tables with white table cloths over them and ours was the only exhibit that was set in large 24x36 inch size frames sitting in metal easels. Atop the first easel of each row was a metal flag of Czechoslovakia and because of our position in the hall that end of the row fell right into the center of the entrance door way which made for a row of flags to be lined up atop the easels. The frames and easels and the flags were commented upon by the other clubs exhibiting and already two organizations have queried Joseph Janecka about fabricating an identical set for them.

The men whom I least envied were our judges, Roman Burkiewicz, who is a very fine Polish Specialist who also collects Czechoslovakia and knows a great deal about the stamps of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Anton Dragoun, an elder collector of Czechoslovakia who founded the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club in Cicero, Illinois, in 1935, and Mr. Joseph Vondrak, a very well known specialist of Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina who at one time had a very wonderful collection of Czechoslovakia. For three hours these fellows examined the material in our exhibition and they came to me with shaking heads with the sealed envelope containing their final verdict. Their comment was how can one judge an exhibit where almost everything that is presented in its field is tops.

Their unanimous findings were as follows:

GRAND AWARD—Frank Benes—Eastern Silesia
 Championship Class—Dr. James Matejka—Czechoslovak Field Post in Siberia
 First Prize—Zdenek Kvasnicka—Hradcany, Masaryk, Airs & Eastern Silesia
 Second Prize—James W. Adler—Eastern Silesia
 Third Prize—Kenneth J. Woodbury, Sr.—Pmks of Prague during Boh-Mor. era
 Topical Award—Ivo Kvasnicka—Scout issues of Czechoslovakia
 President's Award—Dr. W. Reiner-Dentsch—Stampless covs. 1919, Nat. Pmks.
 Honorable Mention—Frank Kosik—"A Stamp is Born" Brno stamps step by step process in photographs.

These were the gentlemen who succeeded in winning prizes and it was only too bad that all could not have won. Through the very wonderful offices of the New York Chapter and Mr. Horeschny, exhibition participation awards were prepared and these with an enlarged imprint of the 80 heller Hradcany stamp with an overprint of participation in COMPEX were sent to all exhibitors and these were received with wonderful enthusiasm.

In order to share the exhibit in part with the majority of our members,

SEPTEMBER MAIL AUCTION

Lot No.	mint ★	used ○	Suggested Minimum Bid
1	○		Czecho Provis. Dues, Ovpt. "T" on Hradcany 3, 5, 10, 20h ---- \$ 1.00
2	○&★		Same overprint "T" on Austrian 3, 6, 10, 20 and 30H ----- 1.50
3	★		Boy Scout, 20h light carmine shade ----- 3.50
4	★		1 Hradcany 3h Tete Beche Gutter Pair ----- 1.25
5	★		2 Hradcany 5h Tete Beche Gutter Pair, Strip of 2 ----- 15.00
6	★		71, 73, 40h and 60h Tete Beche Pairs ----- 2.00
7	○		73, 60h Tete Beche Pair ----- .75
8	○		71, 73, 40h and 60h Tete Beche GUTTER Pairs ----- 3.50
9	○		82, 5h violet Tete Beche Gutter Pair ----- .50
10	★		84a, 20h orange, Tete Beche Pair ----- 5.75
11	○		same used ----- 2.75
12	★		87a, 50h green, Tete Beche Pair ----- 8.50
13	○		same used ----- 3.75
14	★		PROOFS 1920 Masaryk 125h Imperf. Blue-green, white paper - 3.50
15	★		" 1920 Masaryk 125h Imperf. Ultramarine, white paper - 5.00
16	★		" 1920 Masaryk 125h Imperf., 2 diff. on colored paper --- 2.25
17	★		" 1920 Masaryk 1000h Imperf. Dark Brown, white paper -- 3.50
18	★		" 1920 Masaryk 50h, imperf., small format, blue, brn. paper .75
19	★		" 1920 Masaryk, 50h blue imperf., small format, white pap. 4.50
20	★		" Republic 68, 70, 72, 73 Black on white paper, og, imp. - 6.25
21	★		" Republic 69, 71, 72, 73 Colored on brown paper, imp. -- 5.75
22	★		" Republic 90 185h black on white paper, imp. ----- 2.25
23	★		" Agriculture 100, 200, 300, 400h, ultram., white paper, imp. 6.00
24	★		" Agriculture 500 and 600h, perf. on yellow paper ----- 1.75
25	★		" Lion B125 25h Black on white paper, imperf. ----- 1.25
26	★		" B127-9 5 sets of diff. imperf. proofs (15 vals.) ----- 10.50
27	★		" Airmail C3 Imperf. dark green ovpt. ----- 5.00
28	★		" Airmail C3 Imperf. dark brown ovpt. ----- 5.00
29	★		" Dues 400h ORANGE, only proof listed besides 5h, imp. 7.50
30	★		106 Masaryk, block of four, plate No. 11A ----- 2.00
31	○		185 4K with upper ornamental margin ----- 1.25
32	★		C11 1Kcs perf. 13¼x12¼ ----- 1.50
33	★		C11 1Kcs perf. 12¼ ----- 3.50
34	★		C28-35 with upper margins and 15k LIGHT shade ----- 2.75
35	★		C28-35 with lower margins and 15k LIGHT shade ----- 2.75
36	★		307-9, Kosice, vertical gutter pairs (with 4 stamps) ----- 7.50
37	○		719 Int. Phil. Exh. Sheet, PERF., nicely cancelled RARE ----- 3.50
38	○		719 same IMPERF. ----- 7.50
39	★		SIBERIA 31-33 Originals, perf. 11½, orig. gum. ----- 7.50
40	★		SIBERIA 31-33 Originals Imperf. ----- 6.50
41	★		SIBERIA 31-33 Perf. 13¼ ----- 1.25
42	★		SIBERIA 36-45 Lions, VF og ----- 15.00
43	○		Easterr. Silesia 20a, 500h black ovpt. ----- 1.00
44	★		Eastern Silesia 21a, 1000h black ovpt. (Cat. \$40.) ----- 12.50
45	★		Eastern Silesia 24a, 10h imperf. (Cat. \$125.) ----- 30.00
46	★		Eastern Silesia J1 Grayblack overprint ----- 1.75
47	★		Eastern Silesia, 10h Hradcany, red, blk. ovpt., not official issue 2.50
48	★		Eastern Silesia, 25h ultramarine, perf., red ovpt., not iss. ----- 4.50
49	★		Eastern Silesia, COMPLETE COUNTRY 1-50, E1-2, J1-11, P1-5 29.00
50	★		SLOVAKIA B1 Tiso, all 4 corners in blks of 4 (16 stamps) ----- 3.50

All bids must reach us at the latest on September 27th, 1958

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who, because of geographic location could not attend the show itself and in order also to thank publicly the many members who did expend their time, energy and money in order to participate in the show, I shall list below in chronological order the exhibits as they were set up and in which manner the exhibit was reported in the COMPEX Directory.

"The theme of the exhibition is to show with the pages of the various members, arranged in the day of issue chronological order, the many specialized facets of Czechoslovak Philately."

Frame #s	Description	Exhibitor
1-8	Specialized showing of Czechoslovak Army Field Post in Siberia, 1918-19.	Dr. James Matejka, Oak Park, Illinois
9-11	Stampless covers, 1919, in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia—The Nationalization of Postmarks by removal of German names from cancelling stamps. Handstamped and manuscript rate markings. Handstamped and Manuscript registry markings.	Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, Bayside, New York
12-18	Selected items from a collection of the first issue of Czechoslovakia. Included are all the listed gutters, believed to be shown for the first time in America.	John Velek, Chicago, Illinois
19-20	Essays and Color Proofs, Hradcany and first Air Mail Stamps.	Thomas Buresch, Vauxhall, New Jersey
21-24	Specialized showing of the Scout stamps, including shades, printing waste, covers, mixed franking and the "Prijezd Presidenta Masaryka" in mint sets and on covers.	Ivo Kvasnicka, Prague, Czechoslovakia
25-28	Selected pages featuring printing trials of the Hradcany issue, Trial printings of the 1920 Masaryk Issue, Plate numbers of the 1924-25 issue of Masaryk, and selected items of Eastern Silesia.	Zdenek Kvasnicka, Prague, Czechoslovakia
29-33	"Posta Ceskoslovenska, 1919"—Early Czechoslovak Semi-Postal stamps on cover.	Frank J. Kovarik, Brookfield, Illinois
34-36	Eastern Silesia—Czechoslovak overprints, all issued varieties, overprint flaws, errors, postal stationery, cover, etc.	James W. Adler, St. Louis, Mo.
37-41	Selected pages of Eastern Silesia—Featuring the Masaryk Overprinted issue, perforated, imperforate and on trial printings, also covers showing the postal rate in effect at the time.	Frank Benes, Chicago, Illinois
42-47	Masaryk Issues—Specialized, color essays and proofs, including imperforates and varieties.	Lolly M. Horechny, Newark, N. J.
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I wish to thank each and every one of the fellows who helped with the physical set up of the exhibition, each and every exhibitor, without whose material the showing would not have been possible, and the many individual members who in various capacities offered advice and guidance to coordinate the many exhibits into a unit showing of Czechoslovakia. The financial part of our show shall be presented by our treasurer, George C. Kobylka, in a future issue of the Specialist, but I can say the ink will be definitely black.

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