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This is a special issue of the Czechoslovak Specialist dedicated to the work started during the Philatelic Breakfast at the American Philatelic Congress in Atlantic City, Sunday, October 25, 1959.

EDITORIAL

This issue of the Specialist is sent gratis to every specialist organization in the United States and Canada (and possibly other countries where English philatelic literature can be found). An offer of exchange will be made to those publications whose specialty is allied to ours; in the case of others they will be asked to send us only such copies of their publications as contain articles which may benefit our readers. The editor of this modest paper promises to reprint without changing a word or meaning and if the editor wishes to execute a change in any article, he will ask permission from the editor and author. Full credit will be given to the publication from which an article will be reprinted. If any cuts are employed we shall seek to borrow them, return them as promptly as possible and pay postage both ways.

As our readers know we are too poor to spend too much money on illustrations and so we farm out our heavier articles to other publications (Stamps, American Philatelist, SPA Journal, etc.) and thus our readers are enabled to get their specialty in the Specialist without amassing too many magazines of assorted sizes. Our Theresienstadt article is borrowed from a publication printed in Israel.

We had been exchanging copies with Polonus for 20 years; during Com-pex 59 we made exchange arrangements with the Germany Specialist. We send our Specialist to all philatelic publications which cooperate with us. We are happy to be given an opportunity to expand to other specialty groups.

During Sojex and APC in Atlantic City we held a meeting attended by Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch of New York, J. Bush of New Jersey, Dr. J. Matejka, J. Velek, R. Mitchell and F. Kovarik of Chicago. (Due to extremely nasty weather the other New York members who expected to attend failed to make it.) The Chicago Chapter explained what is being done re the celebrations on March 7, 1960, on occasion of the first day sale of the Masaryk stamp. The Society will issue two official first day covers and offer them for sale through ads in the philatelic press and in all Czech language publications in the U. S. and Canada. We shall wait with the printing until about February 1st when we shall have an idea how many we'll need. Plans of what Dr. Matejka and Kovarik hope to accomplish in Washington were divulged. The actual pilgrimage to Washington will be conducted by the Czechoslovak National Council; the philatelic angle will be handled by our Society. A

wreath-laying ceremony in Hotel 2400 where Masaryk spent most of his time when in Washington is now assured; the Washington Symphony Orchestra will be asked to present Czech and Slovak music March 5 and 6; The Smithsonian will be asked to feature Czechoslovakian ethnological exhibit; the National Gallery will be asked to show Czechoslovak art; the press and all telecommunication facilities will be asked to publicize the event and even culinary editors will be given recipes of dishes popular with Masaryk. It is our hope that for at least those three days Washington will be aware of the existence of the Czechs and Slovaks. The FD Ceremonies are planned in the Interdepartmental Auditorium, the most spacious government hall. A banquet culminating the ceremonies will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Hotel to which we intend to invite the president of the United States, the Postmaster General and other dignitaries. The ceremonies will necessarily turn around the two daughters of Masaryk now residing in the United States.

At this meeting the Chicago members announced they'll propose a change to the Constitution of the Society which will permit the reelection of any officer. This met with the approval of the two eastern participants.

The editor announced that the Czech portion on exhibition at the Smithsonian Philatelic Section is so poor it is never shown. The most complete portion is postal stationery and that is definitely poor. A want list will be presented in this and/or future issues of the Specialist and we urge our members to help build up the Czechoslovak collection in our national museum. You'll be proud to know that portions of your collection are on permanent public display for posterity. Send these direct to Mr. Geo. T. Turner, Philatelic Curator, Smithsonian Institute, Washington 25, D. C.

The New York Chapter suggested that an award be presented to the best Czech exhibit in any regional exposition in the United States and Canada. This is a splendid idea for the promotion of our particular facet of stamp collecting. The idea was wholeheartedly accepted and the New York representative assured us that his Chapter will foot the expense. All present expressed their satisfaction and gratitude.

While in Atlantic City we promised the chairman of the Hobbies Section of People to People Program, Mr. Harry L. Lindquist, we are willing, yes, anxious to participate in the program but principally with the people of Czechoslovakia. For years we have given free space to Czechoslovaks who want to exchange stamps or covers with our members. Now we are ready to expand this program. Our plan is to send 1000 unstamped and unaddressed envelopes of the T. G. M. series to the Central Czechoslovak Federation of Stamp Clubs. There they are addressed to collectors of Czechoslovakia; these covers are then returned to us and we'll place on each envelope both the 4c and 8c T. G. M. stamps and these will then be mailed gratis by us. As you know, Uncle Sam, generous as he is, expects 12 cents for every 12 cents worth of stamps. We ask our members to defray this expense to the tune of \$120. Any amount we collect above this amount will be turned over to the publication of our beloved Specialist. There are rumors the present Czechoslovak government is unhappy about this whole situation; we hope they are broadminded enough to let the stamps enter their country. We can understand why they refused the Kossuth FDC into the country; after all, T. G. M. was not an enemy of socialism even though he could not see eye to eye with stronger measures. May we ask a donation from you for this cause? Please send your contribution to Dr. J. J. Matejka, Jr., 216 La Salle Hotel, 10 No. LaSalle St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Due to an infection in both eyes (a heck of a time to be almost blind, at a stamp show); we kept no notes. The above were supplied by member Velek and if something is omitted we beg your kind indulgence. At the At-

lantic City Show the Grand Award was presented to Dr. Matejka for his Newfoundland Airmails and Dr. Reiner-Deutsch received an award for his Czechoslovak Postal History. In the Congress Book special mention and commendation were given to Dr. Matejka for his Alaska Postal History and Velek for his plating of the 100h Hradčany. During Naspex our Praha member Kvasnička received Grand Award for his Czechoslovak Fieldposts, Dr. Matejka obtained a sectional prize as did N. Feiwelsohn; L. Horechny acquired the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society Award and J. Verner received the Silver Award.

Wishes to exchange: Stanislav Haigr, Rapotín 254, okres Šumperk. State your specialties.

Your officers wish you and your families a
Very Beautiful and Merry Christmas
and a
Bountiful Philatelic New Year.

NEW MEMBERS

669. Sister Anthony Marie, St. Paul's Mission, Marty, So. Dakota.
667. Voytek, Joseph C., 3820 St. Kevin Ave., No. 2, Montreal, Que., Canada.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

Joseph Novy, West Cornwall, Connecticut.
Verner, Jaroslav J., U.S.I.S., Zagreb, Yugoslavia, c/o State Dept., Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Due to certain legal reasons we were unable to mail out the ballots with the last issue of the Specialist and are mailing them to you with this issue. To save you postage, you may mail both the ballot and your dues in the enclosed envelope. If you already paid your dues, please disregard this notice. The enclosed dues envelopes are left overs we intend to use up.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA WANT LIST of the Smithsonian Institute

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WANTED Czechoslovakia Die Proofs. All Czecho material in connection with Siberia. Czech flight covers. Dr. Matejka, 216 Hotel LaSalle, Chicago.
5-60

INTERESTED in every phase of Czecho philatelic literature. Let me know what you have and your price. Kovarik, 8748 Rockefeller, Brookfield, Ill.
5-60

SPECIALTY First Day Covers. Foreign stamps and covers including flights. Frank J. Rosner, 2325 61st Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.
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22nd MAIL SALE

We had many bidders at the 21st sale, many did get only one lot, many didn't get any lot, hope all will do better this time. We sell a collection which was given to me while I was in Vienna (a month ago) for the 22nd mail sale—all the material is very fine.

No.	Suggested bids:
1. Scout stamps, mint -----	\$3.00
2. Same on two covers -----	10.00
3. I provisional set compl. to 10K, mint -----	20.00
4. Budejovice set up to 10K, used -----	6.00
5. Porto stamps (provisionals) 18 diff. -----	4.00
6. Postal stationery (Austrian) cards used in Czech territory, 56, nice -----	2.00
7. Covers and cards, with Czech cancellations before 1918, altogether 67 items -----	3.00
8. 106 different picture postcards of PRAGUE, all with stamps -----	4.00
9. 72 different picture postcards of Czechoslovakia with stamps -----	4.00
10. Jehliczka 5K rose, perf and imperf (Slovakia) -----	3.00
11. Collection of diff. favor sheets (14) -----	3.00
12. Collection of mint and used miniature sheets (21 items) -----	4.00
13. Collection of postal stationery mint and used (96) -----	8.00
14. Hradcany small specialized collection -----	9.00
15. Specialized collection of chainbreakers -----	7.00
16. Siberia, set perf 11½ used on pieces -----	6.00
17. Set 13¾ unused, expertized Gilbert -----	1.00
18. Siberian card with stamp, rare -----	28.00
19. HRADCANY- set up to 1.000 unused -----	1.00
20. 20h superb copy unused, expertized -----	6.00
21. 1.600 stamps used -----	4.00
22. 56 covers all with Hradcany -----	4.00
23. 27 different waste prints -----	3.00
24. 17 different with small "flaws" -----	2.00
25. Many different issues, all mint Scott cat. \$48.00 -----	7.00
26. 1K VERTICAL watermark superb -----	20.00
27. 2K " " superb, with plate -----	30.00
28. 3K " " vf. copy -----	48.00
29. 1930 complete set mint -----	1.00
30. Same with lower and upper coupon mint -----	4.00
31. TYRS set mint -----	1.00
32. Same block of four -----	5.00
33. S. O. set to 1.000h plus set to 1.000 porto -----	4.00
34. Boh-Moravia collection complete -----	8.00
35. Same but specialized with coupons, gutters, covers, favor sheets, etc -----	21.00
36. III Republic, 1600 stamps all used in sheets -----	7.00
37. 37 diff. FDC, vf lot -----	5.00
38. Slovakia complete collection mint -----	44.00
39. After 1945 cards and covers ALL with special cancellations, a beautiful lot of 87 items -----	9.00

All bids must reach us by Dec. 31, 1959

ALFONS STACH

P. O. Box 387

Lenox, Mass.

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Bohemia and Moravia

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Carpatho-Ukraine

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Bohemia and Moravia

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Carpatho-Ukraine

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Slovakia

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Slovakia

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Slovakia

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Eastern Silesia

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Szechoslovakia Siberia Army Post

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Eastern Silesia

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Czechoslovakia Siberia Army Post

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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534-6	Jan Hus	.30	.10	663-4	Insurrection	.25	.08
537-9	Health	.30	.10	665-6	Chekhov	.12	.04
540-8	Sport	.60	.25	667-9	Friendship	.50	.15
544-5	Celakovský	.10	.04	670-2	Poets	.45	.12
546-7	Aleš I	.25	.06	673-5	Cities	.65	.20
548-51	Miner	.30	.10	676-7	Zápotocký	.15	.04
552-5	Army Day	.30	.15	678	Záp. Sheet	.40	.30
556	Phil. Exh. Sheet	.60	.60	679-80	Dukla	.40	.12
557	Phil. Exh. stamp	.04	.02	681-2	Sport	.25	.06
558-9	October Rev.	.15	.05	683-4	Comenius Univ.	.25	.10
560-1	Red Cross	.15	.05	685-7	Industry	.30	.19
562-3	Aleš II	.15	.06	688-91	Liberation	.30	.10
564	Gottwald 1 Ks.	.03	.02	692-3	Music Festival	.25	.12
565-6	Peace Conf.	.20	.07	694-5	Trade Union	.15	.07
567-8	Peace Conf.	.15	.06	696-8	Spartaciade	.45	.20
569-70	Nejedlý	.15	.06	699-05	Slavs	.80	.25
571-5	Poets	.30	.15	706	Youth Festival	.10	.05
576-8	February	.30	.15	707-10	Costumes I	1.25	.75
579-80	Václavek	.12	.05	711-5	Animals	.75	.30
581	Death of Stalin	.04	.03	716-8	Cities	.25	.12
582-3	Women's Day	.12	.04	719	Exh. Sheet Perf.	3.25	3.50
584-5	Gottwald Death	.12	.03	719	Exh Sheet imperf	5.50	7.50
586	Sheet	.20	---	720	Motorcycle	.10	.04
587	Socialismus	.05	.02	721-2	Army Day	.15	.06
588	Bicycle Race	.10	.03	723-6	Poets	.35	.15
589-2	Labor Day	.40	.15	727-30	Soc. works	.45	.20
593-4	Soc. Village	.25	.10	731-5	Five Year Plan	.25	.06
595-7	Soc. Projects	.20	.10	736-9	Industries	.60	.40
598-9	Music Fest.	.40	.05	740-3	Spas	.80	.25
600-4	Gottwald (5)	1.10	---	744-6	Country Defense	.40	.25
605-6	Zap. Photogr.	.35	.03	747-9	Olympics I	.32	.12
607-8	Fučík	.20	.03	750-5	Music Festival	.90	.45
609-10	Miners	.20	.08	756	Home Guard	.10	.04
611-13	Sport	.40	.15	757-60	Writers	.45	.15
614-6	Army Day	.40	.15	761-2	Frontier Guard	.15	.05
617-8	Záp. Engr.	.20	.03	763-5	Olympics II	.45	.15
619	Prague Castle	.75	.05	766-9	Nat. products	.40	.20
620	Korea	.10	.05	770-5	Trains	.65	.35
621-3	Friendship	.60	.40	776-9	Costumes II	1.15	.50
624-6	Nat. Theatre	.50	.20	781-4	Writers	.40	.10
627-8	Mánes	.35	.15	785-90	Towns	.60	.25
629-630	Hollár	.30	.15	791-4	Komenský	.60	.40
631-2	Tolstoj	.30	.10	793	Sheet of four	2.00	1.75
633-4	Railroad	.30	.15	795	Agriculture	.06	.03
635-6	Lenin	.30	.10	796-800	Sports	.70	.10
637-8	Party Congress	.50	.15	801-6	Musicians	.65	.10
639-41	Stalin Gottwald	.45	.15	807-10	Engineering	.60	.15
642-4	Sport	.45	.25	811-12	Phil. Exhibition	.65	.60
645-57	Postage	2.50	.15	812	Sheet of four	2.50	2.50

V. J. FLEISCHER, American Consulate Gen., APO 108, New York, N. Y.

The Theresienstadt Stamp

The Postal History of the Theresienstadt Ghetto
(Continued from last issue)

THE STORY OF CENSOR NO. 36

By W. P. H., Amsterdam

Up to fifty thousand Jews at a time vegetated inside the ramparts of Theresienstadt, an area built for approximately 3,000 people. Everything in Theresienstadt was organized with real German thoroughness. Having worked as a "Censor" in Theresienstadt I am confining myself to questions of censorship.

Postcards

At the head of the post office, until his deportation to the East in September 1944, stood Mr. D. Kuzover, well-known to many of us from his work for the Jews in Berlin. All the outgoing mail had to pass our Jewish censorship, and was then forwarded to the real "Zensurstelle, SS commander, Briefstelle Prag, Zenhalbriefstelle Berlin."

The town was divided into four postal districts of which districts I-III had four censors, and district IV six censors. Each censor had a number, with which he had to mark the censored postal items.

The task of the censors will appear clearly from the instructions which were given on May 24th, 1943.

1) Every inmate of the camp is allowed to write once only in 3 months.
2) A postcard will be handed to every inmate, against receipt, on June 1st.

3) The censors have to pass on the necessary instructions.

4) Cards, the contents of which are found in order, have to be delivered to the SS-Commander. Rejected cards are to be returned to the sender with reasons for rejection to be stated, and a new card to be handed out. A third card will not be provided.

A. HOW TO WRITE A POSTCARD.

Easily readable—German Language—short sentences. On front of postcard only address and sender's name. Signature to be identical with sender's name. Erasures, cancellations and marginal notes are prohibited.

Strictly forbidden to mention transport number, room number, the words barracks, ghetto. No titles or references to kind of employment or occupation.

Allowed to write to the "Protectorate," Germany and Occupied Territories. To enemy countries only through the Red Cross (if forms were in the possession of the sender). It was not allowed to apply for these forms.

B. CONTENTS OF THE POSTCARD.

FORBIDDEN: Politics and any references to local conditions. Mysterious passages, hints and underlining words or passages. Sentences like "hope to see you soon," etc. Requests for money or parcels. Mentioning of more than 2 names of persons.

EXAMPLE OF AN ALLOWED TEXT: "I beg to thank you for your parcel. I am well and I have regular work. I don't write often, in order not to overburden the reliable work of the post office. Kind regards, also from my husband, to you and Pauline, yours -----"


In this way the tasks of the censors were clearly circumscribed. On every Thursday night 5,000 postcards were sorted, according to the destination, bundled by hundreds, and made ready for dispatch, and on Friday morning a young girl came to take these bundles to the commander. How many of these 5,000 weekly cards may have reached their addresses? After the liberation thousands of bundles were found in the offices of the commander and in Prague.

The Parcel Post

For the inmates of the camp, the permission to write was a dire necessity in order to induce the recipients of one or more another to send parcels. These parcels reached the camp by the intermediary of the post office of Bauchowitz, situated outside the camp.

The Jewish parcel post official took over the parcels against receipt, and delivered them to our parcel post office.

The addresses received a notification that a parcel had arrived for them, and was to be fetched from the post office. The parcels had to be opened in

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GENÈVE (Suisse)	
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PRAG	

(Above) Printed address label used by the Red Cross, Prisoner of War Office, Geneva, for parcels forwarded to inmates of the Theresienstadt Ghetto.

(Below) Handmade postcard forwarded from Theresienstadt to Bruenn (in the "Protectorate"), without stamp but with various censor markings and the handstamp "Answer exclusively through the Jewish Community, Prague."

front of a German official. Smoking material, printed matters, letters, medicines, and so on were not allowed to be received.

One day, when censuring about a hundred postcards from the barracks of old Czech ladies, I noticed that all of them had the same contents: "Kindest regards from our teacher Jaludek (stomach), he would be glad to receive news from uncle Zibula (onion) and aunt Bramburn (potato)." If one person would have written it—but one hundred postcards on a single day, this was impossible. I advised to write for instance: Many thanks for the dried vegetables, we could use them very well, as we have cooking facilities here. Or: The artificial honey was excellent. One day, another censor told me furiously that a former (non-Jewish) colleague in Koenigsberg had sent him a rather meagre parcel, and he had confirmed (in order to give him a hint what to send the next time): the jam was excellent. And what was the answer from Koenigsberg? "I have laughed very much that a pot of jam had been put into my parcel by mistake. Anyway, I hope you enjoyed it."

Before my departure, I made an arrangement with my brother in Duesseldorf. He sent me all his parcels with a card of confirmation. In the heading: contents, I filled in the article I wanted to get next time. Thus, my brother always knew what he had to send until he himself was obliged to go into hiding.

This simple system of communication—by means of confirmation cards—was used later on in a wholesale manner by a Portuguese exporter of canned sardines in Lisbon. One day, there arrived a number of parcels containing 2 tins of sardines each. These titbits, full of vitamins, were highly appreciated, but the enclosed confirmation cards even more. The receiver had to fill in his name only and via Lisbon, these cards went to the families of the camp inmates.



To uphold the impression of "normal life" in the Ghetto, special bank notes were issued. We show here front and reverse of two bank notes. All bank notes bear the issue date of 1st January, 1943, and they are signed by Jakob Edelstein, "The oldest of the Jews of Theresienstadt." Bank notes exist in the denominations 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Kronen.

A group of Danish boys received regularly, through the intermediary of the Danish government splendid parcels from a Danish firm, with attached confirmation cards. Once I sent such a card to a family member in Denmark, thanking him for the parcel I had received from Messrs. Eversen, and to Messr. Eversen I sent another card confirming the receipt of the parcel ordered by Mr. X in Y. Result: I received a parcel every month. Do you know how my Dutch friends found out the bogus of Theresienstadt and our urgent need for additional food? On her first postcard, my wife wrote as sender: Alice H, nee Fainn (hunger). I could give away more tricks which were used to evade the restrictions of censorship, but I prefer not to do it; we censors have a professional secret too, and one never knows what the future has in store for us.

I should like to remember here with gratitude the endeavors of the Swedish and Swiss Red Cross to relieve our lot; unfortunately, their parcels reached their destination sporadically only. After the liberation, we found heaps of these parcels in the cellars of the SS-commander's office building, for me alone, ten of them!

THERESIENSTADT SOUVENIR SHEETS FOR S. S. OFFICERS

Theresienstadt (Tersein in Czech) in Bohemia was a show concentration camp of the Nazis, and was the only camp open to inspection by the International Red Cross. On the surface everything was done to display amenities, such as cabarets, cafes, etc., but actually Theresienstadt was a transit




The Jewish administration of the Ghetto even organized a kind of Bank. We show here the "Savings Card" of an inmate of Theresienstadt.

camp for the Polish gas chambers. The officer in charge, Dr. Seidel, later hanged in Vienna by the Allies, did all he could to throw dust in the eyes of the inmates and the international commission. Even stamps were printed, and were distributed monthly to the inmates for the free franking of parcels; the stamps were to be sent by the internees to their friends for use on the parcels, and any parcel not so franked was not delivered to the camp. Examples are known mint or used on parts of parcel wrappers. Numbered miniature sheets were philatelic souvenirs printed solely for the SS officers, and some of these sheets were seized after liberation.

Note: above from "Handbook of the Private Local Posts," by E. F. Hurst and L. N. & M. Williams published in "Billig's Specialized Catalogues" Volume 6.

Prof. Gilbert, Prague also reports that a number of imperforated Souvenir sheets printed in black, brown and green were found in 1945 after the liberation of Theresienstadt. These Souvenir Sheets are usually numbered. A few perforated sheets are known.

Please make note that the above composite article does present collectively a great deal of information which has never come to our attention, all of the information does add considerable depth to just what the Theresienstadt stamp really represented. The lack of this very wonderfully detailed information did not permit us to correctly describe this stamp in our Bohemia and Moravia Handbook. We do hope that this wealth of information shall permit many of our members to reach their own conclusions as to just what this stamp did actually represent.

N		Hoffer Marie		Pollak Dr. Richard	
Nr. 216.652		Wagen 129/IV		Herrn, Frau, Frä.	
Datum		Lausitzer Str.		Pan, pl, st.	
Theresienstadt		Prag XI		Lobischgasse 18	
Postauschweis					
Betrifft: Zulassung Der (die) Obgenannte(n) Karte Marke für Sie genehmigt. Willen Sie die Karte in unseren Amtsräumen Prag V, Josefstädtergasse 5, Erdgeschoß, gegen Vorlage dieser Vorladung in der Zeit von 9-11,30 und 15-17,30 Uhr begeben.			Vác: přípustění známka. Shora jmenovaný začal nám pro Váš známku. Vyvezdíte si ji ležt. oplatit v našich úřadech. Praha V, Josefstadtergasse 5, I. posch. proti předložení této výzvy Karta od 9-11,30 a od 15 do 17,30 hod.		
Klubovní kancelář Ausgabestelle von Zulassungsmarken			Židovská rada st. Výdejna přípustit		
DER MARKT IST ENTFALTET 8 KLEBEN AN BELEGUNG LÄSST KENNZEICHEN VERWENDET DO 8 UHR					
28. I. 1944					

HOW THE THERESIENSTADT STAMP WAS DISTRIBUTED

First type of form (white paper), used in 1943 to distribute the Theresienstadt stamp to relatives of Ghetto inmates, living in the 'Protectorate.' The Czech and German text reads: "Concerning: Admittance Stamp. The above named person forwarded a stamp for you. You may take delivery in our offices, Prague V, Josefstadter Street 5, ground floor, between 9-11:30 and 15-17:30, upon your showing this invitation.

Council of the Elders of the Jews of Prague

Issue Office of Admittance Stamps."

An additional rubber stamp in red reads: "You have to take delivery of the stamp within 8 days."

The oval rubber stamp reads "Katz" obviously the name of an official. This document has the Theresienstadt stamp affixed to it, i.e. the recipient took delivery of the stamp but did not make use of it.

Nr.-Gls. AT/187	Von-od Burgmann, Gustav AT/980 Hauptstr. 1/22	Herrn Frau, Pfl. Rau, pl. 4	Singer Paul Bismarck Zelle 113.
AS. Pab. 20	Theresienstadt Post Bauschowitz		
Datum 25. 9. 44.			
<p>In der Beilage übersenden wir Ihnen für Obgenann-ten 1 Zulassungsmarke für ein Paket nach Theresienstadt. Diese Marke ist auf das Postpaket anzukleben. Pa-kete nach Theresienstadt, die nicht mit Zulassungs-marke versehen sind, werden von der Post nicht be-fördert. Die beigeschlossene Bestätigung der Markeneingangs- wollen Sie unterschreiben und umgehend zurück- senden.</p> <p>V příloze Vám zasíláme pro osoba uvedeného 1 přípustčí známka na jeden poštovní balík do Terevna. Tato známka přilepíte na poštovní balík. Balíky do Terevna, které nejsou opatřeny přípustčí známkou, poštu nedoprováží. Přílohou potvrzení o příjmu této známky pode- píší a obratem vrací.</p> <p>Kbstenrat der Juden in Prag. Zidovská rada starších v Praze.</p> <p>2 Beilagen. s přílohy.</p> <p>A 1.9274 G-4 n. VL 44-5 n. A 25.308</p>			

Form (red paper) used in 1944. The text, in Czech and German, reads as follows: "Enclosed we are sending you for the above named person one admittance stamp for a parcel to Theresienstadt. This stamp has to be affixed on the parcel itself. The post is not accepting parcels for Theresienstadt which do not bear an admittance stamp. The enclosed confirmation about receipt of the stamp has to be signed and returned.

Council of the Elders of the Jews of Prague."

Underneath we find the remark "Two enclosures", obviously referring to the stamp and the receipt.

BEWARE OF FORGERIES!

We have dealt extensively with the postal services in Theresienstadt, the infamous Concentration Camp of the Nazi period and we also published fullest particulars on the "Theresienstadt Stamp," used as a "parcel admission" stamp.

We have to warn our readers that large quantities of forged Theresienstadt stamps and Souvenir Sheets have lately appeared.

In order to enable collectors to distinguish between genuine stamps—at least stamps printed from the original printing plates—and forgeries, we are showing here enlarged reproductions of a genuine stamp (above) and a forged one (below).

The forgeries are quite well done. But one only has to compare the shading of the lower part of the road to notice the difference. The genuine stamp shows the shading in parallel lines of strokes while the shading on the forged stamp consists of irregular dots and strokes. The same applies to the first two milestones above the letter "S" of "Theresienstadt".

There is also a very noticeable difference in the shading between the two hills in the background of the stamp. Collectors will easily find other differences in the design of the clouds, etc.

All forged Souvenir Sheets (with blocks of four) seen by us show on the top right stamp a big flaw above the tree on the right-hand side of the stamp. One may call it variety "additional branch of tree." Readers who



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