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The Postal Cards of the First Czechoslovak Republic

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Numerous articles have been written about the so-called classical postage stamps issued during the first two to five years of the Czechoslovak Republic's existence. There is also a fair number of articles dealing with the plate varieties or background history of some of the later stamp issues. However, precious little has been written about the postal cards (postal stationery) issued by Czechoslovakia during the 1918-1939 period. The two most probable explanations for this are the lack of interest in postal stationery in general and the unavailability of these cards. Although several thousands and even tens of thousands had been printed of each of the cards, most of them are today simply not obtainable. Thus, this article will be historical and perhaps somewhat academic. It is not intended to arouse interest in this philatelic specialty, but simply to inform collectors of Czechoslovak stamps, and others who might be interested, of the fact that such cards had been issued, had existed, and had even seen wide postal usage.

Most of the cards are very attractive and colorful. They provide an in-

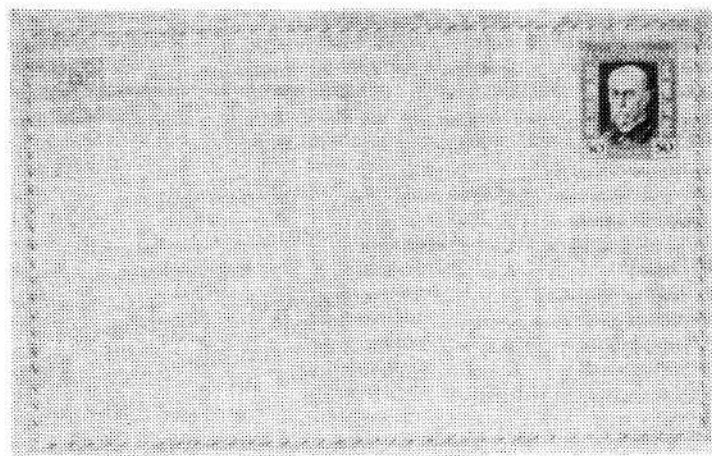


Fig. 1. Card issued for the Eighth All-Sokol Slet of 1926.

teresting historical and postal historical reflection of that era. They may be subdivided, for the purpose of organization, into the following categories:

Ordinary Cards

- Single cards for domestic use
- Double cards (cards with reply card attached) for domestic use
- Single cards for use to neighboring foreign countries
- Double cards for use to neighboring foreign countries
- Single cards for mailing to distant foreign countries
- Double cards for mailing to distant foreign countries

Cards with Picture on Left Side

- For domestic mail
- For mail to neighboring states

Commemorative or Special Event Cards with Picture and/or Inscription on Left Side

- For domestic use
- For use to neighboring countries
- For mail to distant countries

Special Purpose Cards.

The first Czechoslovak postal cards were Austrian postal cards overprinted with ČSR (the initials of the new republic) and the new, uniform denomination -10-. This overprinting was resorted to because of a great wartime paper shortage and the existence of large stocks of Austrian postal cards, left over from the days when Austria ruled Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia. These cards were placed on sale on December 10, 1918 and remained valid for postal use until October 14, 1919. These cards saw probably much more extensive postal use than did the Austrian and Hungarian stamps overprinted POŠTA ČESKO-SLOVENSKÁ 1919. Many types of the ČSR -10- overprint exist. Antonín Hoza, a specialist in this field, described fourteen varieties (Filatelista, 1956, no. 10, p. 109-110).

The next regular or ordinary postal cards (the first truly Czechoslovak postal cards) bore the classical Hradčany imprinted stamps (Scott Types A1

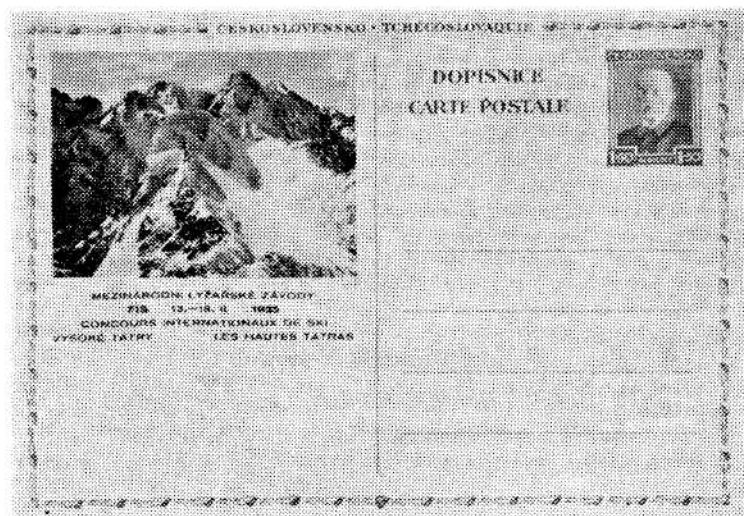


Fig. 2. Card bearing 1.50 koruny imprinted stamp (for use to distant foreign countries) issued on the occasion of the FIS Concours Internationaux de Ski, 1935.

and IV), designed by Alfons Mucha. The design of these postal cards and the denomination of the imprinted Hradčany stamp were changed several times. The first one had the denomination of 10 (haléru) and was issued in February 1919, the last of these, a 20 (haléru) card, appeared in May 1920. These cards were issued as single and double cards, both for inland and foreign use. Curiously enough, the rates of the cards intended for foreign use were the same as of the domestic cards. The only difference was that the former bore Czech and French inscriptions, while the inland cards had no inscriptions.

The imprinted stamp on the next ordinary cards was the allegorical, chain-breaking, "Liberated Republic" (Scott Type A6, Minkus T191). It appeared first in a 40 h denomination in August 1920 and in 50 h, 50+50 h cards in 1924 and 1925.

In June 1926, new regular cards were issued for postal contact with neighboring and distant foreign countries. These cards bore 1.20 koruny brown and 1.50 koruny red imprinted stamps (respectively) with a likeness of President Thomas G. Masaryk (similar to Scott No. 96, Type A9, or Minkus No. 265). Both cards were also issued in the double card form. A 50 haléru card of similar design is shown in Figure 1.

It may be regarded as some indication of the stability of the country and also of this period that the 50 h, 1.20 Kč, and 1.50 Kč postal rates had remained in effect unchanged from 1922 (and 1926) until 1939, or practically throughout the existence of the First Republic. The period included, however, also the great economic depression of 1929 and the early 1930's which brought many hardships also to the people of Czechoslovakia.

The so-called medium-size state emblem was used for the design of the imprinted, yellow-green stamp of the next 50 h postal card, issued in February 1927. A set of postage stamps of similar design (Scott Type A29) was not issued until about two years later. This card measured 145x95 mm. The card was modified in January 1931 (larger size—148x105 mm and new ornamental border of Linden leaves), July 1933 (vertical dividing line on front of the card shifted from left of center to center), and in 1937 (selling price of 50 h inscribed in upper left corner of the card). All of these types were also

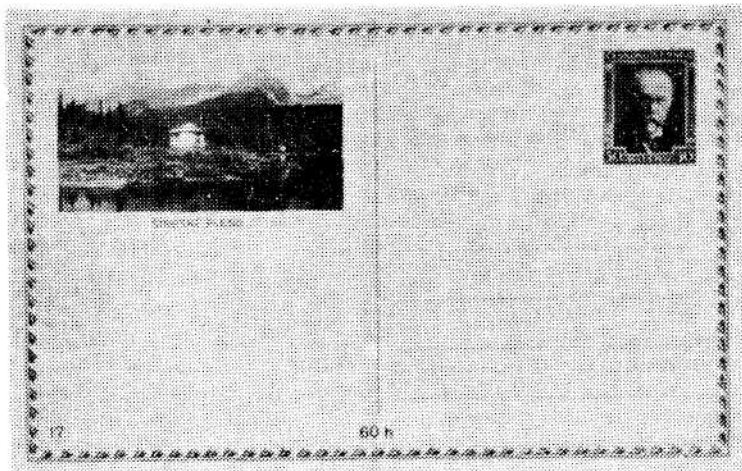


Fig. 3. Card 17 of a set of thirty-six pictorial cards issued in June 1929, propagating Czechoslovak tourist attractions. (The imprinted stamp does not bear the inscription 1918-1928.)

issued in the 50+50 h double card forms. The state emblem cards were the commonest and saw widest usage.

A new type of 1.50 koruny ordinary card was issued in January 1931. The red imprinted stamp showed a chest-length picture of President Masaryk which had never appeared on a postage stamp. The same imprinted stamp appears on a postal card issued for the occasion of FIS 1935, which is shown in Figure 2. This card was reissued with slight modifications, similar to those of the regular 50 h card, in January 1932 and March 1938.

This brings us to a review of the commemorative postal cards, the first of which was issued, quite fittingly, for the 75th birthday of the republic's founder and first president, T. G. Masaryk, on March 7, 1925. The card bore a green 50 h imprinted stamp picturing the president (like Scott No. 96, Type A9, Minkus 265, which were, incidentally, also issued for the March 7, 1925 celebrations) and the simple inscription 1850 7/3 1925 in a small scroll, topped with the letter M.

About two months later, an added inscription in Czech and French was imprinted in the upper left corner of these cards, which honored the International Olympic Congress held in Prague in 1925. The inscription exists in blue, yellow, red, green, and black.

In June 1926, a new card was issued (Figure 1) which had the same imprinted stamp as the card of March 7, 1925, but lacked the small scroll at the top, and bore instead in its upper left corner Czech and French inscriptions commemorating the Eighth All-Sokol Slet of that summer. This inscription appeared only in red. This card and the preceding one paralleled the issuance of overprinted postage stamps for the same occasions (Scott B140-143 and B137-139, Minkus 289-292 and 281-283).

The first set of pictorial commemorative postal cards was issued for the tenth anniversary of Czechoslovakia's independence (celebrated on October 28, 1928). Each of the eighteen cards of this set had a small, green reproduction of a photograph in its left upper corner, showing scenes from various spas, tourist attractions and mountain views of Bohemia and Slovakia. The 50 haléru green, imprinted stamp on these cards was similar to the 3 koruny stamp (Scott 150, Type A27, Minkus 357) issued in a set of stamps for the same occasion. These cards were similar to that shown in Figure 3.

Subsequent pictorial commemorative or special event cards or sets of cards marked the following events:

Physical Education and Sport Exhibition at Pardubice, 1931. Set of four 50 h cards; dark green imprinted stamp of same design as on the 1928 cards, but without 1918 and 1928 in the vertical columns of the stamp; dark green pictures on left side of the cards.

Ninth All-Sokol Slet, Prague, 1932. One set of seven 50 h cards (dark green imprinted stamp and pictures) and one set of four 1.20 koruny cards (dark brown, imprinted stamp with chest length picture of Masaryk (see Fig. 2) and dark brown pictures on left side). The year 1932 was also the centenary of the birth of Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, the founder of the Sokol movement. A set of four stamps (Scott 187-190, Minkus 394-397) commemorated the Tyrš centenary and the Ninth All-Sokol Slet.

Fifteenth Anniversary of Annexation of Podkarpatská Rus to Czechoslovakia, 1934. A set of eight 50 h cards. Dark green imprinted Masaryk stamps as on the two preceding sets of cards. The pictures on the left side show scenes from Podkarpatská Rus and a girl in native costume. The inscriptions are in Czech and in Ruthenian (Cyrillic letters).

Valdštejn (Wallenstein) Exhibition at Jičín, June-July 1934. Three 50 h cards with dark green imprinted Masaryk stamp. Views of Valdštejn's castle appear on two of the cards.

All-National Bedřich Smetana Exhibition at Litomyšl, June-August 1934. Set of five 50 h postal cards. The house in Litomyšl, in which Smetana was born is shown on one of the cards, while the monument erected in his honor in the town's square appears on another. A 50 haléřů stamp (Scott 194, Minkus 401) was issued on March 26, 1934, bearing a picture of Smetana and commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

Regional Sokol Slet at Ústí nad Labem, June-July 1934. One 50 h card. The picture shows a view of Střekov on the right bank of the lake.

Third Czechoslovak Workers' Olympics, July 1934. Set of seven cards with 50 h dark green imprinted stamp. Pictures on the left side of the cards show scenes from the sport events, the poster advertising this event, and President Masaryk with workers in a lounge at the stadium.

International Ski Competitions—FIS (Fédération Internationale de Ski) 1935 in the High Tatra Mountains, February 1935. Set of five 1.20 koruny cards with brown imprinted stamp (chest length picture of Masaryk) and blue pictures and set of five 1.50 koruny cards with red imprinted stamp and blue pictures on left side (Figure 2). These cards are probably the most attractive ones of all the cards issued during the period covered by this review. The blue pictures depict ten different, snow covered mountain views.

Scenes from the political and private life of former president T. G. Masaryk during the years 1918 to 1935. Issued for his 86th birthday in 1936. Set of twenty cards; deep green 50 h imprinted stamp (similar to Scott 212, Type A60; Minkus 434). The cards are numbered in the lower left corner. The picture on the left side of card 1 shows the President's arrival in Prague on December 21, 1918; card no. 10 shows him addressing the American people by radio on the occasion of the George Washington bi-centennial celebrations in 1932. On card 18, the President is seen abdicating his office on December 14, 1935, following a stroke. The other pictures provide also some insight into Czechoslovak foreign policy and system of alliances of those days. President Masaryk appears with King Alexander I of Yugoslavia on card 3 and with French Foreign Minister Louis Barthou and Dr. Eduard Beneš on card 17. Yugoslavia was one of Czechoslovakia's allies in the Petite Entente mutual defense alliance (Rumania was the other ally), while a treaty with France was supposed to guarantee Czechoslovakia's integrity.

St. Cyril and Methodius Millenary Celebrations at Velehrad, May-October 1936. Two cards with 50 h, deep green imprinted stamp (same type as above) and pictures. This millenary, or more precisely, 1050th anniversary, was commemorated with a set of three stamps (Scott 209-211, Minkus 421-423), issued on June 22, 1935, while Velehrad appeared earlier on the 1.20 koruny stamp (Scott 147, Minkus 354) of the 1918-1928 commemorative series.

Central Moravian Exhibition at Přerov, June-August 1936. Set of three cards with 50 haléřů, deep green imprinted stamp (similar to Scott 212, Minkus 434) and deep green pictures on left side of cards.

Tenth Central European Cup (soccer) Finals—A. C. Sparta—F. K. Austria, September 13, 1936. One 50 haléřů card with deep green imprinted stamp (Masaryk profile) and view of Hradčany and Charles Bridge on left side.

Several commemorative cards were issued in 1937 within the framework of the long series of "Poznejte svoji vlast . . ." pictorial postal cards (50 haléřů, deep green imprinted stamp, Masaryk profile; shown in Figure 4). They are described below.

Inscription Výstava "U nás" 1937 added to card No. 5 of this series, showing a scene from the town of Hronov. This exhibition of the works of the author Alois Jirásek was held at Hronov from June to August 1937. (Jirásek's likeness appears first on the 8 Kčs stamp issued on May 4, 1949. The centenary of his birth was noted by a set of four very fine looking stamps—

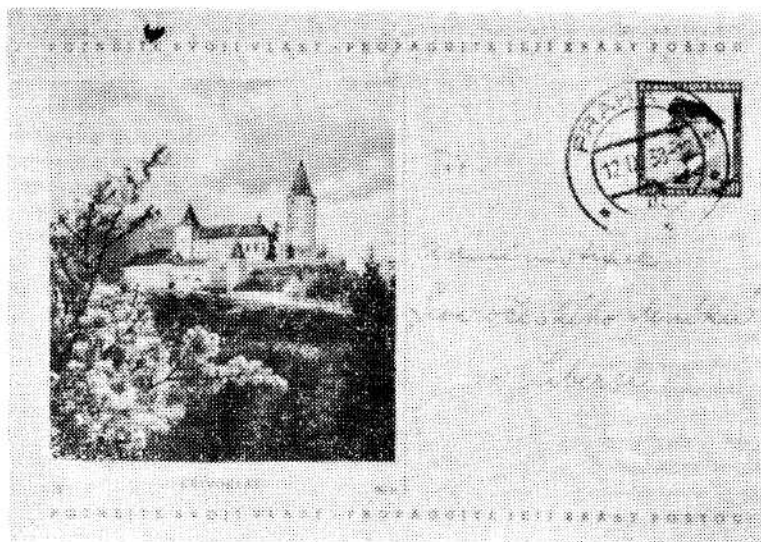


Fig. 4. Card 75 of the long set of POZNEJTE SVOJI VLAST pictorial cards. The issuance of these cards started in July 1937 and continued through the rest of 1937 and probably through part of 1938.

Scott 473-476, Minkus 806-809—issued on August 19, 1951. The Jirásek Museum appears on Scott 570, Minkus 899 of February 10, 1953.)
(to be continued)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Pursuant to Article X of the Constitution of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society the members of the Council by a unanimous vote propose the following Amendments to the Constitution.

Article IV of the Constitution

Add the following paragraphs—

4. The Council shall constitute the Board of Directors, shall be the legal representative of the Society and as such shall have, hold and administer all the property, funds and affairs of the Society in trust for its uses.

5. All disputes shall be referred to the Council and shall be resolved by a two-thirds (8 members) vote of the entire Council. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Council.

The Constitution specifies that these proposals be published in the Specialist and that members shall vote on them. Send your vote to Mr. Frank Kosik, National Secretary, Route 4, Box 286, Delavan, Wisc. 53115. The amendments will become part of the Constitution 30 days after the receipt of this issue, unless a majority of the voting members disapprove.

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Abbreviations and Signs:

ž—župa—district, p—poštovní úřad—post office
reproduction of envelope—poštovna—postal collecting station
★—žel. stanice—railroad station

Abara	Oborín	Alsómislye	Nížná Misla
Abaszallás	Lehóta pri Nitre	Alsómggyoród	Dolné Lieskové
Abaszéplak	Siplák	Alsónyárasd	Dolný Nárašd
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Abertham	Abertamy	Alsórétfalu	Lúky na Slovensku
Aboň Zemiansky	Zemiansky Aboň	Alsóricsó	Dolný Hríčov
Abos	Kysag-Obišovce	Alsósajó	Nížná Slaná
Abtsdorf	Opatov v Čechách	Alsószabadi	Dolná Lehóta
Adamsfreiheit	Horky u Nové Bystřice	Alsószalánk	Nížná Slovinka
Adamsthal	Adamov	Alsószalók	Nížný Slavkov
Adlerdörfel	Vorlička	Alsószelezsény	Dolné Slažany
Adlerkosteletz	Kostelec nad Orlicí	Alsószeli	Dolné Saliby
Adrsbach Dolní	Dolní Adrsbach	Alsószerdahely	Povážska Streda
Adrsbach Horní	Horní Adrsbach	Alsósztrégova	Dolná Strehová
Aich b. Karlsbad	Doubí u Karl. Varu	Alsószúcs	Dolná Súča
Aichen	Horní Sokolom	Alsótátrafüred	Dolný Smokovec
Aich-Pirkenhammer		Alsóterény	Dolné Terany
	Doubí-Pirkenhammer	Alsóvárad	Dolný Várad
Ainersdorf	Jednov	Alsóvásárd	Dolné Vašardice
Ajnácskó	Hajnáčka	Alsóvereczke	Nížnije Vereckí
Aknaszlatina	Akna Slatina	Alsóvesttény	Dolné Vestenice
Albersdorf	Albrechtice, Slez.	Alsózáblát	Záblatie nad Váhom
Albrechtsdorf	Albrechtice v Jiz.	Alsózsemler	Dolné Žemberovce
	Horách	Alt . . .	Starý, á, č . . .
Albrechtsdorf, Jiřetín		Alt Bunzlau	Stará Boleslav
	Jiřetín-Albrechtsdorf	Alt Ehrenberg	Starý Ehrenberg
Aleksínce	Alakšínce	Altenbuch	Staré Buky
Alenkowitz	Halenkovice	Altendorf	Spišská Stará Ves
Algersdorf	Valkeřice	Altendorf	Stará Ves
Almás Dolný	Dolný Almáš	Alt Grafenwalde	Stará Grafenwalde
Aloisthal	Aloizov nad Moravou	Alt Habendorf	Starý Habendorf
Alsóalmás	Dolný Almáš	Althart	Staré Hobzí
Alsóapsa	Nížnaja Apša	Alt Harzdorf	Starý Harzdorf
Alsódombó	Dolné Dubové	Althütten	Staré Hutě
Alsódubovány	Dolné Dubovany	Alt Kinsberg	Starý Kinšperk
Alsóesztergály	Dolné Strháre	Alt Langendorf	Stará Dlouhá Ves
Alsógyertyán	Nížný Hrabovec	Alt Moletuin	Starý Moletín
Alsóháamor	Dolné Hámry	Alt Possigkau	Starý Postrekov
Alsókaraszlő	Zariča	Alt Reisch	Stará Říše
Alsókorompa	Dolná Krupa na Slovensku	Alt Rohlau	Stará Role
Alsókörkény	Dolný Kereškýn	Alt Rothwasser	Stará Červená Voda
Alsókubin	Dolný Kubín	Altsättel	Staré Sedlo
Alsómeczenzéf	Nížný Medzev	Alt Schallersdorf	Starý Šaldorf
		Altsohl	Zvolen
		Altstadt a. d. Met.	Staré Město nad Metují

Altstadt b. Freudenthal	Staré Město u Bruntálu	Bad Wartenberg	Lázně Sedmihorky
Altstadt b. Mähr. Trübau	Staré Město u Mor. Třebové	Báhony	Báhoň
Altstadt b. Neubistritz	Staré Město u Nové Bystřice	Bajcs	Bajč
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Alt Titschein	Starý Jičín	Bakabánya	Pukanec
Alt Vogelseifen	Starý Vogelzejf	Balog Cierny	Cierny Balog
Alt Zedlisch	Staré Sedlistě	Balog Horný	Vyšný Blh
Amschelberg	Kosová Hora	Balog Vyšný	Vyšný Blh
Andersdorf	Ondřejov na Moravě	Balony	Baloň
Andreasberg	Ondřejov ☒	Bán	Bánovce, š. trenčianska
Annathal-Rothau	Annathal-Rothava	Baňa, Rákoš	Rákoš-Baňa
Apátkolos	Klíž Hradiště	Bánkeszi	Bankesi
Apátszentmihály	Bohunice	Bánluzsány	Podlužany
Apátújfalu	Opatovce nad Ipľom	Bánóc	Bánovce nad Ondavou
Appony	Oponice	Bánovce Zemplinske	Bánovce nad Ondavou
Apša Dolnaja	Nižnaja Apša	Barau	Bavorov v Čechách
Apša Nižnaja	Nižnaja Apša	Bardějov	Bardiov
Apša Srednaja	Srednaja Apša	Bardiuv	Bardiov
Apša Střední	Srednaja Apša	Bärenwald	Banvalt
Aranyosmarót	Zlaté Moravce	Barkaszó	Barkasovo
Árdánháza	Ardanovo	Barlangliget	Kotlyna Kúpele
Árdánová	Ardanovo	Bärn	Beroun na Moravě
Arnau	Hostinné	Bärn-Andersdorf	Beroun Ondřejov
Arnsdorf b. Haida	Arnultovice	Barnsdorf	Bernatice na Moravě
Arnsdorf b. Tetschen	Arnoltice u Děčína	Bärnsdorf a. d. Tafelfichte	Bernsdorf pod Smrkem
Árvanagyfalu	Oravská Velká Ves	Barossháza	Pružina
Árvapolhora	Polhora, župa oravská	Bärringen	Pernink
Árvaváralja	Podzámok	Bärringen-Abertham	Pernink-Abertamy
Asch	Aš	Barsbaracska	Baračka
Assakürt	Kerf	Barsbese	Beša
Augezd b. M. Neustad	Újezd u Unčova	Barsbessenyő	Žitavský Beščňov
Aujezd	Újezd	Barsendréd	Ondřejovce
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Auperschin	Úpeřiny	Barstaszár	Tesáre, ž. tekovská
Auřinoves	Uhřínoves	Bartelsdorf	Bartovice (Slez.)
Auscha	Ouštěk	Bartelsdorf	Bartultovice
Auschwitz	Úševce	Bartelsdorf	(p. Radvanice ve Slezku)
Auspitz	Hustopeč, již. Mor.	Bartelsdorf	Partutovice
Aussergefeld	Kvilda	Bártfa	(p. Stříteč, okr. Hranice)
Aussig	Ústí n. Labem	Bártfa Fördö	Bardiov
Austerlitz	Slavkov na Mor.	Bartfeld	Bardiov Kúpele
Austern	Úsoř	Bartovice	Bardiov
Babiny, Horaždovice	Horaždovice-Babiny	Bartovice	Bartultovice
Báb Malý	Malý Báb	Barzdorf am Rollberge	Pertolice
Bácsfa	Báčfa	Barzdorf b. Braunau	Božanov
Bad	Lázně	Barzdorf b. Jauernig	Bernatice u Javorníka
Bad Königswart	Lázně Kinžvart	Bašnice, Dolní Dobrá Voda	Dolní Dobrá Voda-Bašnice
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Bad Schmöcks	Starý Smolovec	Batiev	Bafu
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Batzdorf, Bhm.	Bartošovice v Čech.	Beregkövesd	Kivjažd
Batzdorf b. Rőwersdorf	Bartultovice	Beregleányfalva	Lalovo
Baumgarten	Sádek u Poličky	Beregrákos	Rakošín
Bauschendorf	Bušovce	Beregsasy	Beregsas
Bauschowitz a. d. E.	Bohušovice n. Ohří	Beregsárrét	Kálnik
Bautsch	Budišov, sev. Morava	Beregsom	Šom
Bazin	Pezinek	Beregszász	Beregsas
Bažejovice, Jisteb.	Jistebnice-Bažejovice	Bereg Velikij	Velikij Bereg
		Berchy	Velikij Bereg
		Berenesfalu	Prencov
Beckó	Beckov	Berezna	Berezovo
Bečva Dolní	Dolní Bečva	Berezné Malé	Maloje Bereznoje
Bečva Horní	Horní Bečva	Berezné Velké	Velikoje Bereznoje
Bečva Prostřední	Prostřední Bečva	Bereznije Maloje	Maloje Bereznoje
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Begaň Velký	Velikij Begaň	Berezó	Brezová na Slov.
Bélabánya	Baňská Belá	Bergesgrün	Chudelin
Bělá Česká	Česká Bělá u Ném. Brodu	Bergreichenstein	Kašperskš Hory
		Bergstadt	Horní Město
Bělá Dolní	Dolní Bělá	Bergstadtl Ratibořitz	Ratibořské
Bélaház	Boleráz		Hory
Belá nad Iplom	Bielovce	Bergstadtl U. L. F.	Hory Matky
Bělá Německá	Německá Bělá		Boží
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Bellus	Beluša	Berzevice	Brezovica nad Torisou
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Bělyj Potok, Trebuša	Trebuša-Bělyj Potok	Besztercsény	Bystričany
		Besztercebánya	Baňská Bystrica
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Benátky Nové	Nové Benátky	Betendorf	Bijacovce
Benátky Staré	Staré Benátky	Bethlensdorf	Betlanovce
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Benedekfalu	Beňadiková	Betlenovce	Betlanovce
Benesháza	Beňuš	Eetlér	Betliar
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Benešov Ném.	Německý Benešov	Bezdědice Velké	Velké Bezdědice
Benešov u Hlučína	Dolní Benešov	Bezö	Bežovce
Benke	Benkov	Bicscséfalu	Bytčica
Bennisch	Benešov, okr. Bruntál	Bidovec	Bidovce
Bensen	Benešov n. Ploučnicí	Biela bei Bodenbach	Bělá u Podmokel
Beňuša	Beňuš	Bielau	Bělá (Hluč.)
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EDITORIAL

Our best wishes to all of you for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

You all will note that with this issue we are commencing the publication of the official list of town equivalents as of 1924. We are indeed very much pleased to do this since to date no one has been in the position to give this correct listing to our collectors. We have published some of it in brief form, not from the original into Czech or Slovak, and shall still finish the one on Hungarian towns. We are planning to have four center pages of the official listing printed until all of it is published and hope to also have additional pages printed for the purpose of having them bound for the benefit of non-members who may be interested in the securing of a copy.

Our good friend Mel Klozar reminded us that we had an index every six months for a few years and then abandoned the effort. In the February issue we intend to publish an index for the year 1967. Member Hanish has been quite helpful to us by taking care of all duplications when a number of copies of some items are needed. This is very often of great help to us since we need not bother with carbon copies which usually do not look quite appealing. We wish to express our sympathy to member Helm whose mother passed away in November.

Members note: Samuel Ray, 3600 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60613, is the commissioner for Praga 1968. Anyone interested please contact him promptly.

We wish to impress upon our members that dues are now definitely payable and that no organization can issue a publication without funds. Do send your dues of \$5.00 if you possibly can, to the treasurer, Joseph Stein, 585 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Do it upon receipt of this Specialist. As you know patron members receive a bound volume at the end of the year! The dues are \$10.00.

NEW YORK BRANCH NOVEMBER MEETING

Due to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday, the Branch held its meeting on the 16th of the month and was fortunate in having Ben Beede again for the speaker. Member Beede had difficulties in getting to New York because some of the scheduled trains did not reach his station at all. While the members were waiting for his arrival, Pat Flynn gave an interesting talk on Polish postal stationery. Since most of the members had never seen any of that material, it was indeed an interesting experience. Ben Beede delivered a scholarly talk on "confiscated mail" consisting of items addressed to German offices or citizens from the formerly occupied areas in 1945. There were some items which took months to years to reach their destination. The group which began its meetings in 1956 at the Collectors Club is faithfully attending the sessions and naturally there are a number of additions to it consisting of some younger collectors and even some older ones. The ability to meet at the Collectors Club, which is conveniently located near to either the West or East transit systems, helps a great deal in retaining interest in Branch proceedings.

ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, the following action was taken.

The Council, recognizing the outstanding efforts in behalf of our Society of Ing. Ladislav Dvořáček of Prague, President of the Federation of Czechoslovak Philatelists, has unanimously elected him to Honorary Membership in the Society.

UNUSUAL PROVISIONAL CZECH ENTIRE

by Jar. Papoušek



Austrian and Hungarian postal stationery—entires—used in the Czechoslovak territory after the liberation of that country in October 1918, are classified as "Provisional Czechoslovak entires." Among them is one which is particularly interesting: the Austrian entire for the pre-paid subscription of domestic newspapers (Zeitung-Anweisung). To the price of this postal stationery, a subscriber simply added his subscription and the postal service transmitted his subscription with his name and address to the respective newspaper. This entire was printed by typography in brown color. It has the usual measurements of large Austrian entires—185 by 125 mm. On its face is printed the Austrian 10 heller postage due stamp. The first issue of this entire from 1905 was printed on thicker yellow paper in eight language combinations, of which only four were allowed for use in Czechoslovak territory: German, German-Czech, German-Polish and German-Polish-Ukrainian. On its control stub (see illustration) each of 10 lines between the letters K and H is 11 mm long. The 1906 printing used also brown color but on white, stronger paper. The size and the setting of the face are the same as on the first issue, 1905. However the text of the issue is only in German. The length of lines between letters K and h on the control stub is 9 mm.

In liberated Czechoslovakia, until May 14th 1919, the rate on this entire remained unchanged, i.e., 10 hellers. However after the increase in general postal rates which went into effect May 15, 1919, the cost of this entire was doubled to 20 haleru, with the additional mint 10 haleru postage due stamp to be affixed at the post office. This was one of so far unknown and unregistered methods of use of Czech postage dues stamps. And it is probably the only case of the postal sale of mint postage due stamps to the Czech public.

The Austrian and Hungarian entires were postally valid on the Czechoslovak territory until October 14, 1919. However at that time the term "postal entire" was not as clearly defined as it is now. For example any postal sta-

tionery which didn't have imprinted regular stamps but only revenue stamps was not considered or classified as entires. This stationery was used even after the above mentioned date until the remaining stocks were completely exhausted. For example in Prague proper, they lasted until November 4, 1919. The decree of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, issued March 3, 1920, announced officially that as of March 14, 1920, the Czechoslovak postal services will terminate the newspaper subscriptions through special postal stationery. The remaining stocks of these special postal cards were to be returned to the respective central business department of Ministry, which disposed of them in the usual way, so said the announcement.

At the Czechoslovak National Stamp Exhibit in Brno 1966, Mr. Zdenek Kvasnička exhibited this unusual entire with mixed franking cancelled with two "nationalized" postmarks of the famous Moravian shrine Svaty Kopeček.

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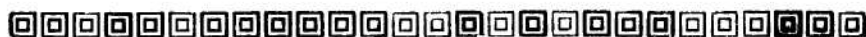
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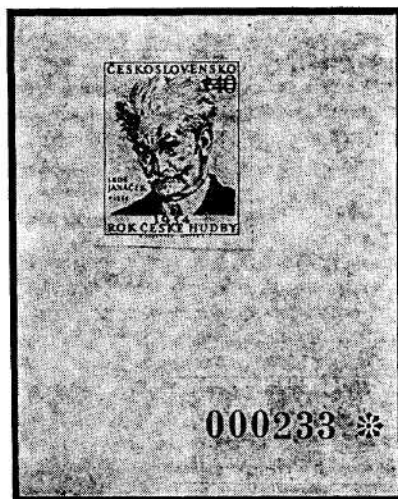
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SPECIAL SOUVENIR SHEET OF BRNO 1966 STAMP EXHIBITION

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Visitors of the Brno 1966 Czechoslovak national stamp Exhibition who bought the Exhibition's catalogue (its price: 10 Czech crowns) found in it a special souvenir sheet. This was the second time the Czech postal authorities surprised the collectors. During the Praga 1962 International Stamp Exhibition, its official catalog also contained a black reprint of the then current 10 crown air mail stamp in the form of a souvenir sheet.

The Brno Exhibition special souvenir sheet was issued September 10, 1966, which was the opening day of the Exhibition. There were 10,000 copies—each enclosed in a catalog—and each was numbered at the lower right corner with respective numbers from 000001 to 010000 followed by an asterisk.

Like its 1962 Praga predecessor, the Brno special souvenir sheet was not postally valid. Its main tasks were two-fold. First to advertise the Exhibition, and second, to induce sales of the Exhibition's Catalog. The latter succeeded very well. Each visitor was able to buy the catalog and only very few of them remained unsold and were donated to the Federation of Czechoslovak philatelists for its own use and disposal. Thus the Brno organizers prevented the repetition of the Praga 62 situation when the demand for official exhibition catalogs could not be satisfied and created bad blood among many visitors.

The organizing committee of the Brno Exhibition decided to use for its special souvenir sheet a black reprint of the stamp issued in 1954. This was the 40 haleru stamp with the portrait of the Czech composer, Leoš Janáček. The committee considered it particularly fitting to use this stamp owing to the long and intimate connections of Mr. Janáček with this city. He lived in this capital city of Moravia for most of his life and taught there at the local Music Academy.

For the black reprint the original engraving of the 1954 stamp was used. The only change is additional three horizontal bars across the stamp's denomination. The stamp was originally designed by Karel Svolinsky, creator of many postwar Czechoslovak stamps. The engraver was J. Schmidt. The

size of the sheet is 110x160 mm. Each sheet is numbered. There are considerable differences in thickness of paper used for this sheet. So far there are no known printing errors or faults of any kind on this souvenir sheet. This souvenir is considered as "official" ss in spite of the fact that it was not generally available for sale (only visitors of the Exhibition when they bought the catalog were able to secure it.)

The Czechoslovak postal authorities plan to continue as the situation warrants—to issue in the future, similar black reprints of Czech stamps as special souvenir sheets. As we recently reported in the Specialist in connection with the planned new Monograph of the Czech stamps, there will be some special philatelic material of this kind enclosed in each volume of this monumental and definitive work on Czech stamps. In addition we may expect another special black reprint during the next year's PRAGA 68 Exhibition.

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