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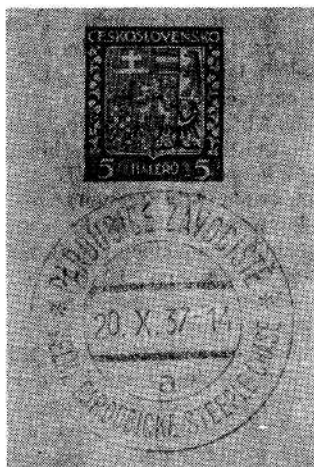
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## Czechoslovak Commemorative Postmarks 1919-1939

Translated by Dr. Otakar Kutvirt with the collaboration of Wolfgang Fritzsche

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## From the Editor's Stock Book

To those of us working for the past several years toward reunification of the SOCIETY, this month represents a major milestone. You will read elsewhere in this issue that Dr. Matejka and Mr. Velek, two of Chicago's most prominent collectors, have been restored to membership in our SOCIETY. Let it be made clear that these men have ACCEPTED our invitation most graciously, thereby pointing the way toward similar action by our former members in the Chicago area who severed their relationship with our SOCIETY in the wake of a dispute some years ago. It is our hope that the CHICAGO-LAND CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY will once again become a branch of our SOCIETY, and that our friends in Chicago will help us build up to where we can best serve our hobby the world over. We are, of course, also delighted to have Mr. Baxter back with us.

VAPEX '73 in Williamsburg, Virginia, came and went. As anticipated, it has left no mark on Czechoslovak philately, though we did note a lovely Zeppelin cover, posted in Prague, in one of the exhibits. The show was attended by Dr. Reiner-Deutsch who was honored by the APS Writers Unit #30 for his activities on behalf of philatelic writers from the western hemisphere within AIJP, an international organization of which he is Vice President. George Blizil, our International Secretary, also visited VAPEX '73. George, who edits the GERMANY SPECIALIST, reports that Mr. Erwin Fischer won the Germany Philatelic Society medal at the "Hollywood Stampede" in March with his fine showing of Protectorate Bohemia & Moravia.

Secretary Ed Lisý has received word that Mr. Rudolf Mařík, Třebichovice 163, 273 06 Libušín, Okres Kladno, Czechoslovakia, would like to exchange Czecho for U. S. and Canada, and can correspond in English.

Dr. and Mrs. Otakar Kutvirt of Rochester, N. Y., report that they are headed for sunnier climates to help Otakar recover from a recent operation. Best wishes from all of us!

Our readers are reminded that the SELL—SWAP—WANT column will appear for the first time in next month's issue. Each member is entitled to one FREE 15 word ad each year (word count does not include address). Mail ads to William Schoenig, 20 Charles Court, East Patchogue, NY 11772.

We have just learned that Bill Sandrik, of Washington, D. C., has accepted the Board's appointment as the SOCIETY'S NAPEX '73 Chairman. Bill will be planning our participation in this great philatelic event, and we'll be hearing from him shortly.

—HH

## Letter to the Editor

Sir:

"Charley's Corner" in the December issue of THE CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST discussed the Heydrich miniature sheet. From the historical angle there were a few errors that should be corrected for the benefit of any persons who would want to refer to it in their annotated stamp collections, if not also for the historical truth itself.

1: The "Reichsprotector," (the executioner of the Czechs), Reinhard Heydrich, was being driven at a *leisurely* speed in his open Mercedes-Benz car by an SS chauffeur. The execution took place just after the car made a very sharp—more than 90 degrees—turn, definitely an impossible automobile operation at "high speed" as suggested.

2: The execution was carried out by Sergeants Gabčík and Kubiš, both members of the Czechoslovak Armed Forces Abroad, who were sent to Prague

for that specific task by the Czechoslovak Government in Exile in England.

3: Heydrich was not machine-gunned, but was injured by a bomb blast; he died in the hospital from the injuries that were aggravated by the horse-hair imbedded in his kidneys as the seats in the luxury car disintegrated from the force of the bomb explosion.

For clarification it has to be added that one of the executioners jumped in front of the car with an English Sten-gun, intending to stop the slow-moving car or to machine-gun the occupants, but the weapon did not fire: it is possible that in that highly emotional moment the Sten-gun was not completely locked as required for it to function. At this point Heydrich was still in the car with his pistol drawn when the bomb thrown from behind the car rolled under the car and exploded. Heydrich staggered out of the car intending to shoot, but collapsed. The uninjured chauffeur actually exchanged some gunfire with the executioners.

Hopefully Mr. Chesloe will accept these minor corrections of this historic event because I was closely connected to the event in several ways at the time of its occurrence.

Also by way of warning collectors, there are many so-called "Heydrich sheets" on the market, which are not the one described by Mr. Chesloe. Many "souvenir sheets," with or without the portrait of Heydrich were produced after the Heydrich stamp was issued, the stamp then being pasted to the sheet; these were sold to the public by the thousands. Some entrepreneurs even added numbers to these sheets later on and tried to sell them as the real "Heydrich sheets." Whether or not this is merely a semantic difference or an outright lie, caveat emptor: they're worth between 50c and \$1.00 each, as opposed to the very expensive miniature sheet specially printed for the occasion, as described by Charlie. Happy hunting!

s/ Richard Gray

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The following books are offered for sale by the CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST on a "first come first served" basis:

POFIS '73 Catalogue ----- \$5.00  
 Dr. Jan Kostelka: Bohemoslovenika (78 pages) ----- .60

To order any of the above, send check payable to the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society to

Mr. Edward O. Tabor, Jr., Asst. Editor  
 7465 Keystone Lane  
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Please add 75c for postage and handling for the first book and 25c for each additional book. Also, please add a franked self-addressed envelope for confirmation of order or return of check, since supplies are limited.

## Stumped On Stamps

This month's question comes to us somewhat belatedly by way of former SPECIALIST editor Frank J. Kovarik, whose spring cleaning brought forth the following gem:



Sept. 1, 1959

Dear Mr. Kovarik,

About seven years ago, I wrote you about Czechoslovakia Scott #98 Type II with a 15 degree forward slanted numeral "1" about which you or no Czecho collector knew anything about. Later, you asked me to let you have a look at the stamp, which I deemed was an entirely too valuable a stamp to send through the mails, but since that time I have had a few enlarged pictures taken of this stamp, one of which I am enclosing.

If you should know of someone else who might be interested in it, please have him contact me. Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours

Joseph G. Mollmann  
1011 Sunset Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

Believe it or not! In any event, let me hear from you.

—R.G.

## SPRING CLEANING MAIL SALE

Prices represent minimum bids. Lots guaranteed genuine provided returns are made within 10 days. Postage and insurance extra. Catalogue numbers are SCOTT/POFIS.

1. 2a/M3 * 5h Irad. gutter, VF	6.00
2. Not list/174 * Type III, comb. perf. VF	20.00
3. S7d/T 156 II * 50h Chainbreaker, wide gutter, VF	20.00
4. B17/47a * Type I black overprint, 1 K	14.00
5. B19/49aI * Type I overprint	9.00
6. B20A/50aI * Type I overprint, VF	9.00
7. B21/51I * Type II overprint, VF	50.00
8. B32/55 * Type I and I overprint (2 stamps)	10.00
9. B37-39/52-54 * all Type II overprint, VF	195.00
10. B55-57/80-82 * all Type I overprint, VF	55.00
11. B59/84 * Type II overprint	26.00
12. B60/85 * Type II overprint	20.00
13. B62/87 * Type II overprint	20.00
14. B89/117 * VF Type III overprint	25.00
15. B123/139 * VF Type II overprint	10.00
16. B137-139/180-182 * Congress	25.00
17. As above except with Commem. Congress post mark	22.00
18. B140-142/183-186 * Sokol	23.00
19. As above except with Commem. Sokol post mark	21.00
20. C1-3/1-3 * Air Mail	22.00
21. C4-6/1-3 * Air Mail, C4 and 5 line perf., C6 comb.	30.00
22. C7-9/4-6 * Air Mail—Agric. and Sc., VF	4.50
23. Scout Set * First printing (dark gum)	7.00
24. 31-32/24-25 Masaryk S.O. * VF	42.00
25. Newspaper Emergency Label, "LLOYD", used	6.00
26. 68a, 69c, 70c, 73c, 88b, 90a, 91a (Scott) * N151, 152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 60, 61 (Pof.) IMPERFORATES	18.00
27. 93b/174 * VF Type III 2K line perf.	4.50
28. Prague I 1918 Rev. Overp. to 1K (15 value set) * VF	10.00
29. Siberia, Lion color trial in violet and red * VF	5.00

Mail Sale closes June 15, 1973. Non-Virginia residents only.

Send bids to:

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## NAPEX 1973

The Napex exhibition is scheduled for September 14, 15 and 16, 1973, at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel across the river from Washington, D. C. in Arlington, Virginia. Our Society is planning on participating at this show, together with the Postal History Society, the American Airmail Society, who is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and the United Postal Stationery Society, who is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 1st U. S. postal card. NAPEX is an open show and there is no limit to the number of awards a person or exhibit may earn. The frame fee is \$5.00 per 16 8½x11 page frames. Applications for participation and prospectus should be addressed to Herbert A. Trenchard, Entries Chairman, 6909—40th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. The closing date for receipt of entries is August 8, 1973. Further details regarding meeting dates, room discounts, etc., will be announced at a later date.

## CHICAGOLAND CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM

The CCPS continues its well-planned program at 2:30 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at 6635 Cermak Road. In February Dr. Harvey Karlin showed his early covers carried between Chicago and Europe, in March Václav Vaník displayed and discussed some of his many Czech rarities, and in April Jane and Joe Sterba will recount their experiences at BELGICA and other European exhibitions.

—Reported by Tod Stromquist

## Treasurer's Report 1972

Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$1316.00	Specialist, Printing, Mailing	1416.62
Advertisements	177.60	Artia Books for Resale	200.09
Donations	149.89	Postage and Editorial Exp.	113.37
Books	144.55	Bookbinding	93.00
Circuit Commission	72.77	Nojex, Advertisem't & Awards	40.90
Interest	41.83	Stationery	18.50
		SPA dues	5.00
	\$1902.64		\$1887.39
Transfer from 1971	\$1191.38		
Income 1972	1902.64		
Expenses 1972	1887.39		
			\$1206.63*
In savings account	936.36		
In checking account	270.27		
			\$1206.63

Notes: 1) Accounts receivable: Advertisements \$159.60

2) The Specialist expenses are for the first nine issues of the year. December 31, 1972

—Dr. Thomas Meeks, Treasurer

I have checked the treasurer's report and find it, on the basis of the submitted copies of the bank statements, correct.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 1, 1973

George B. Koplowitz, Auditor

# FIRST MAIL SALE

Sale Ends June 15th

DR. L. V. FISCHMEISTER, M.D.

Veteran Administration Hospital, Augusta, Georgia 30904

The prices given below represent MINIMUM Bids (Ausrufpreis).

1. Prague 1918, II. rev. em. compl. VF mint, sign. Mrnak, Gilb. ....	\$60.00
2. Hradcany, 10h tete-beche gutter VF. sign. 4 stamps .....	10.00
3. Same, gutter, M3 SZ, LUXUS, no fold betw. stps. rare .....	20.00
4. Same, 25hal. t.-b. gut. sign., some paper dist. betw. stamps .....	15.00
5. Same, 20h. imp. M 27, Sc. 45, sign Mrnak, LUXUS .....	25.00
6. P. C. 1919, B2, M41, type IIa, full 9 .....	3.00
7. —B12, M46, type IIa, full 9 .....	3.00
8. —B1, 12, M40, 46, inverse overprint .....	4.00
9. —B7, M63 overpr. both sides, B12, M46 offset, 2 stamps .....	4.00
10. —B17, 50b-black overpr. sign. ....	10.00
11. —4K, B20, M57, block of 4, N.H. sign. Mrnak .....	6.00
12. —same, used and mint, type I and II .....	3.00
13. —deep gr., B20A, M53, type I and II, sign. ....	18.00
14. —same, type I (cat. \$20.00) .....	9.00
15. —3K claret, 19A, M52, Type I, 25x30, VF, sign. Gilbert .....	145.00
16. —3Kc rose, B19, M56, Type I and II, vf .....	18.00
17. —same, inverse overpr. granite p., B23, M60 .....	4.60
18. —10K violet, B21, M58, type I, sign. Leset., etc., VF .....	50.00
19. Sp. handl. 2h, B32, M67, Type I and III, VF .....	10.00
20. —5h, B 33, M68, Type III, VF, sign. Les., etc. ....	150.00
21. Newspaper, 10h, B26, M98, Type I, VF, sig. Mrnak, etc. ....	255.00
22. Air M., compl. B37-9, M71-3, VF all, t. I, sign. Gilbert .....	210.00
23. B58, M92, porto 1 hal. II Type, VF .....	4.00
24. B59, M93, type II, sign. Les., VF (cat. \$55.00) .....	22.00
25. B62, M96, type II, sign. Gilbert, VF, cat. \$55 .....	22.00
26. B60, M94, type II, sign. Mrnak, VF, cat. \$55 .....	22.00
27. Turul 2 fil. type I and II B65, M105 .....	2.00
28. —3 fil. type III, B66, M106, sign., VF .....	7.00
29. 70 fil, type II, B70, M110, as usual off cent., sign. Les, Trib. ....	230.00
30. 10 fil., WHITE numb. B71, M118, VF, sign. Les, type III .....	45.00
31. 15 fil. WHITE numb. B72, M119, VF, sign. Les, type IV .....	25.00
32. Parliament 3K, B88, M135, type II, VF, sign. ....	8.00
33. —5K, type II, cent. to top, sign. Karasek, B89, M136 .....	18.00
34. —same, type III, F, sign. ....	23.00
35. —10 K type I, B90, M137, sign. Mrnak, Les, etc. ....	225.00
36. Porto 10 fil, BLACK num., B114, M149, WZ cross, type IV, F, sign. ....	36.00

37. Dove & Allegory, 1920, compl. gutter & tete-beche, 12 pairs, VF --	50.00
38. 1920 Allegory, 76-81, 400 h type I and II, compl. mint, VF, M183/8	10.00
39. —same, 100, 200, 300, impf. sign. Gilbert, Mrnak, mint -----	7.00
40. 1923, 100hal, 92, M202, Type I, II, III, perf. 13¼, 13¼:13½, 6 stps.	7.00
41. —200hal, 93, M203, type II, both perf. VF -----	6.00
42. —200hal, type III, perf. 13¼, VF -----	4.00
43. —200hal, type III, perf. 13¼:13½ VF -----	23.00
44. —300hal, type I, 94, M204, perf. 13¼, VF -----	2.00
45. —same, type II, perf. 13¼, F -----	13.00
46. —same, type II, perf. 13¼:13½ F-VF -----	32.00
47. —same, type III, perf. 13¼, VF -----	10.00
48. —same, type III, perf. 13¼:13½ VF -----	3.00
49. Olympic Congr., ALL WTM POSITIONS, F-VF, B137-9, M209-11	110.00
50. Sokol, ALL WTM POSITIONS, F-VF, B140-3, M212-5 -----	100.00
51. Nitra, 50 h gutter, VF, 1192a, 319SZ -----	50.00
52. Anthem Sheets, 200a-201a, compl. sign., VF, M330-1 x -----	145.00
53. —same, strip of 3 with complete top of the sheets, VF -----	35.00
54. —same, strip of 3 with complete bottom of the sheet, VF -----	35.00
55. 1945; 307-9, M408-10, GRAND CROSS GUTTER, 16 stamps, VF --	110.00
56. 1966; 1408, M1637, GUERNICA, compl. sheet of 15 w. coupons, VF	15.00
57. 1968; 1555, C65, M1805, 1744 BLACK PROOF, Schwarzdruck, 2-VF	7.00
58. 1961; 1080, M1314, SHEET OF 4, NH, VF -----	15.00
59. 1943; LONDON SHEET, VF -----	8.00
60. AIR MAIL. C 3 a, M194, inverted surch., VF, sign. 28/1000 -----	18.00
61. —14/200, 13¼:13½, sign. Hirsch, Trib., VF, C4a, 192C -----	18.00
62. —24/500, 13-:13½, Type I OPEN SPIRAL (var. C2, 193A), VF --	35.00
63. —same, imp. Type I, OPEN SPIRAL, VF -----	20.00
64. —1 Kc, perf. 12¼-C11a, 304B, VF -----	7.00
65. —20 Kc, perf. 13¼:12¼, C17b, M310D, VF, sign. Mrnak, Pofis	100.00
66. SIBERIA. 10 kop. CESHJA POSTA, VF, sign. Mrnak, Gilbert --	180.00
67. —overpr. 6-14, M9-17, LARGE SABRE, compl., VF, signed -----	40.00
68. —same, SMALL SABRE, compl., VF, signed -----	40.00
69. SO 1920, 10hal, imp. Scott 24a, M5, VF, signed Mrnak, Kessler --	90.00
70. —5 and 15 IMP., Sc. 3, 4, M3, 6, VF -----	8.00
71. —Masaryk, 31, 2, M26, 7, VF, sign. Tribuna, etc. -----	40.00
72. BOH. & MOR. 4, 5 10 Kor., with coupons—3 val. VF, OVERPRINT	20.00
73. —Porto gutter compl. 1-14Z, NH, VF -----	15.00
74. THEREZIENSTADT, Green, perforated, VF, Z1 mint -----	25.00
75. —SHEET of 4 in black, No 430, VF, mint -----	60.00

Please bid early. Lots are guaranteed genuine and as described provided returns are made within 7 days (Europe 14 days). Postage and insurance extra. NO AUFGELD. M-Michel Katalog. End of Sale.

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## Hidden Engravers' Marks on Czechoslovak Stamps

By Joseph Stein

The hidden engravers' marks on Czechoslovak stamps have interested me for many years, and I have exhibited them at several stamp shows of THE CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY. Most of them are the initials of the engraver, and during the First Republic from 1918 to 1939 there are really only two of any great importance, namely, those of Karel Seizinger and those of Bohumil Heinz.

Karel Seizinger, who engraved most of the stamps of the First Republic, marked his work primarily with the letter "S", but several examples of the letters "KS" are to be found. A randomness of positioning his "S" is certainly characteristic of his work regardless of whether it was right forward, horizontal or reversed on the face of the stamp; the third setting is, of course, the hardest to find.

Bohumil Heinz identified his engravings usually with his initials "BH", but in some cases it is found spelled out entirely as "HEINZ".

The work of both engravers has been rather fully described in the philatelic literature, and needs little additional discussion here for collectors of Czechoslovak stamps.

Very few of the stamps between 1918 and 1923 have engravers' marks, but among the stamps issued to mark the 10th Anniversary of Czechoslovak Independence there is clear evidence that two stamps of the 10-stamp issue included engravers' marks. From this set onward, engravers' marks were standard procedure for most Czechoslovak stamps. From 1937 onward the name of the artist was added to the stamps, the engraver's name being printed below the stamp design on the right, and the artists' name on the left.

Since the appearance of Ladislav Novotný's SPECIAL HANDBOOK FOR COLLECTORS OF CZECHOSLOVAK STAMPS in 1970, I have tried to compile a list of the so-called secret marks of the stamps of the First Republic. I believe that the HANDBOOK lists some but not all of them, so am taking the liberty of listing those noted by Novotný and some more that I have found in the hope that other collectors will add to the list from time to time. In the following list the asterisk (\*) next to the Novotný catalog number indicates that the HANDBOOK lists the engraver's mark.

Novotný Number	Scott Number	Description
239*	148	2 Kč, Brno: "S" in right corner above frame of denom.
242*	151	5 Kč, Praha: "S" in left corner above "1918"
243*	159	50 h, St. Wenceslas: "ALEŠ" on left side above numeral; "KS" on right side above numeral in flower decoration
244*	160	60 h, same as above
245*	161	2 Kč, "E. JENEWEIN" on left side above numeral frame; "KS" on right side of frame above 5th leaf from bottom.
246*	162	3 Kč, Initials of Josef Manes; "KS" in middle of gate floor
247*	163	5 Kč, same as above
254*	165	3 Kč, same as number 239*/148 above
255*	166	4 Kč, Tatrá, "S" on left side of frame near top of tree
256*	167	5 Kč, Praha: same as number 242*/151 above
257*	183	10 Kč, Praha: "S" in left corner above "K" of "Korun"
261	175	2 Kč, T.G.M.: "S" in horizontal position below 1930

262	176	3 Kč, same as above
263	177	5 Kč, same as above
264	178	10 Kč, same as above
265*	184	2.50 Kč, Křivoklát: "S" on left of frame
266*	185	4 Kč, Orlik: "S" on top of tree near left frame
267*	186	5 Kč, Krumlov: horizontal "S" in left corner above numeral frame
268*	187	50 h, Tyrš: Horizontal "S" in right corner
269*	188	1 Kč, same as above
272	191	60 h, Tyrš: "S" in right corner above numeral
273*	192	50 h, Nitra: "S" in rock below church near 3rd block of right frame
274*	193	1 Kč, Nitra: "S" on top of tree near right frame
276*	195	50 h, Legion: "S" on street level below the kneeling officer is hardly visible. Also "S" on second paw of lion from right
277*	196	1 Kč, Bayonne: according to Novotný, "S" in tree 1 mm diagonally left from "1934"; "S" below "N" of CESKO-SLOVENSKO
278*	197	2 Kč, Heyduk: "S" between two fruits below left foot
279*	198	3 Kč, Legionnaires: "S" in horizontal position below "C" in FRANCIE
280*	199	50 h, Dvořák: "HB" in right corner above numeral
281*	200	1 Kč, Kde Domov Můj: "M" for Mánes in left corner, and "S" upside down in upper bush in middle of stamp
282*	201	2 Kč: same as above
285*	202	50 h, T.G.M.: "HB" in fruit above right numeral frame
286*	203	1 Kč: same as above
287*	204	2 Kč, T.G.M.: "HEINZ" in leaf above numeral frame
288*	205	3 Kč, same as above
(On stamps between 285* and 288* the letters are hardly visible.)		
289	206	1 Kč, Arras: "S" on top of first tree near left frame
290	207	2 Kč, same as above
291	208	50 h, Štefanik: "HB" in right corner above numeral
295	B144	50 h+50 h, Children's Welfare: "HB" on table board below man's hand
296	B145	1 Kč+50 h, Children's Welfare: "HB" on bench board near right frame
297	B146	2 Kč+50 h, Children's Welfare: same as 295/B144
300	215	40 h, Komenský: "HEINZ" in right corner above numeral
301	216	50 h, Beneš: "HB" in right corner above numeral
302*	217	60 h, Štefanik: "HB" in right corner above numeral
304	218	1.20 Kč, Mukačevo: "S" in corner next to right numeral frame
305	219	1.50 Kč, Báňská Bystrica: "S" in horizontal position in bush near left numeral frame
306	240	1.50 Kč, Kutna Hora: "S" in horizontal position on left side of right numeral frame
307	220	2 Kč, Zvíkov: "S" in horizontal position in left corner above left numeral frame
308	221	2.50 Kč, Strčeno: "S" in left corner next to numeral frame
309	222	3 Kč, Český Ráj: "S" reversed in bushy tree in front 5mm from frame

310	223	3.50 Kč, Slavkov: "S" in building frame next to statue at right
311	224	4 Kč, Podebrady: "S" in corner next to right numeral frame
312	225	5 Kč, Olomouc: "S" on left side of street above tree
313	226	10 Kč, Bratislava: "S" on rock above two tall trees in center of picture
314	227	50 h, Beneš: "HB" above right numeral
315	B147	50 h+50 h, Child Welfare: "SS" for Stanislav Sucharda in left corner; "HB" in right corner
316	B148+	1 Kč+50 h: same as above
317	B149	2 Kč+1 Kč, Child Welfare: "S. SUCHARDA" in left corner; "B. HEINZ" in right corner
318	228	20 h, Zborov: "J. VLČEK" in left corner; "B. HEINZ" in right corner
319	229	1 Kč: same as above
320	230	2 Kč, Petite Entente: "S" above little hill near right frame above numeral
321	231	2.50 Kč: same as above
325	235	2 Kč, T.G.M.: same as 287*/204
326	236	50 h, Beneš, B.I.T.: same as 314/227
327	237	1.50 Kč: same as 305/219
328	238	2 Kč: same as 307/220
329	239a	50 h, Bratislava S/S: "S" above lake next to two small trees from right
330	239b	1 Kč, Bratislava S/S: "S" in tree above mausoleum near left frame
345	250	50 h, Košice: "S" reversed on top of tree near left frame
346	252	50 h, Štefanik: "HB" in right corner above numeral
Air 7	C10	50 h, "S" on road above letter K on right
Air 8	C11	1 Kč: same as above
Air 9	C12	2 Kč: "S" in lower right corner
Air 10	C13	3 Kč: same as above
Air 11	C14	4 Kč: "S" in horizontal position above letter O at right
Air 12	C15	5 Kč: same as above
Air 13	C16	10 Kč: "S" on wall to right of round tower above third pillar of bridge
Air 14	C17	20 Kč: same as above
Air 15	C18	30 h: same as Air 7/C10 above

These, in my opinion, are all the stamps of the First Republic that show a "secret" engraver's mark. While I have done a great deal of research in this matter, I do not consider it necessarily complete and shall welcome any information from other collectors of Czechoslovak stamps regarding additional material bearing such marks. I shall also be very pleased to answer the questions from other collectors about any matter in the above article.

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Fig. 1

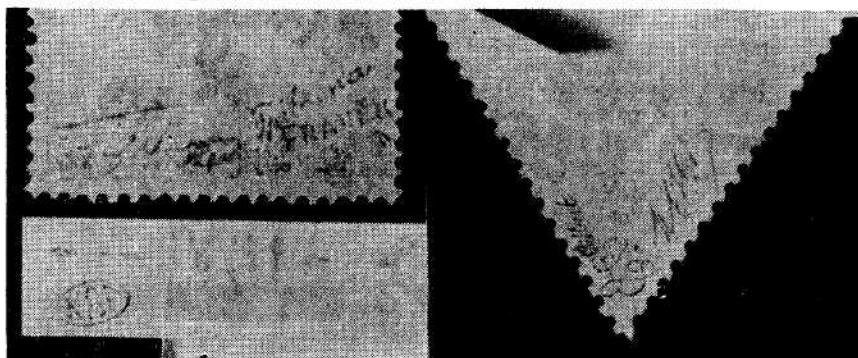


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

We shall now return to expert marks, which is a continuation of our corner in the February issue. We must also make a correction in that Erwin Hirsch and Jaroslav Franěk were NOT brothers-in-law. Franěk was married to the daughter of another prominent dealer of the earlier period, Antonín Černý, whose expert mark will be shown at a later date.

Figure 1 shows several signatures. From left to right: Felix Brunner (in pencil), Lešetický, Tribuna, Franěk, and "Lý" meaning Lešetický.

Figure 2 shows KAP in an oval. This is the mark of Karel Kaplánek, noted Prague dealer.

In Figure 3 we again note Kaplánek, Gilbert, Bloch (in pencil), and the fancy "LU" which stands for Lešetický-Ústředna, i.e. Lešetický Committee.

Figure 4 shows the familiar Lý for Lešetický. The other two marks at the middle bottom represent the New York stamp firm of J. and H. Stolor.

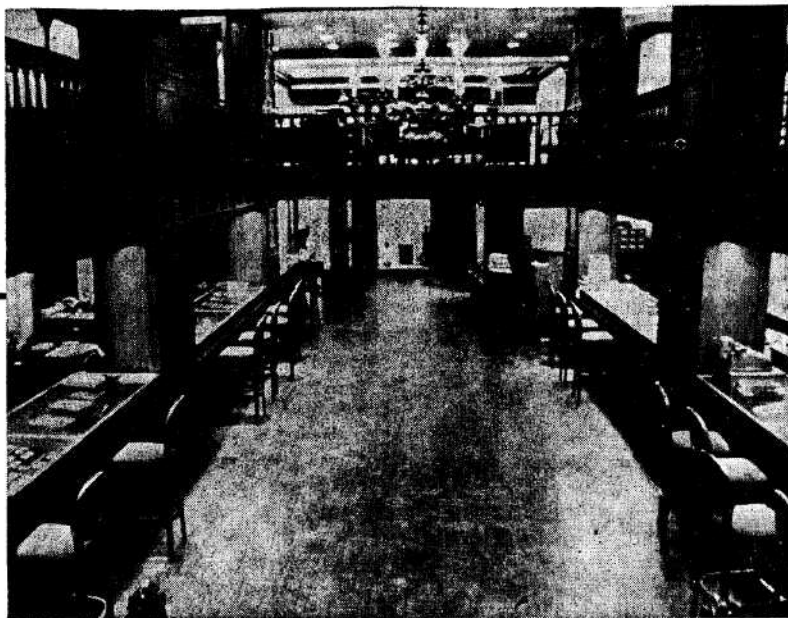
Figure 5, reading from left to right: Jan Mrňák, Tribuna, Pofis (Czechoslovak Government stamp monopoly), and Franěk. The "ČERNÝ" in the lower right corner means black in Czech—in this case indicating "black overprint"—rather than Franěk's father-in-law.

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Fig. 4

Fig. 5



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