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SEE YOU AT NAPEX '73 In Washington, D. C., September 14-16

By Wm. A. Sandrik, Exhibition Chairman, Soc. for Czechosl. Philately



Plans have been finalized for participation of the SOCIETY at NAPEX '73 (National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D. C.) which will be held at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel.

The exhibition area will be located in two large ball rooms. Our SOCIETY lounge, together with other society lounges will be situated opposite the main ball room, which will also house a fine dealer's bourse. The total exhibition will number some 400 frames. The other participating societies include the

American Air Mail Society, United Postal Stationery Society and the Postal History Society.

Our participation in NAPEX this year sets a double precedent. As far as I know, we have never before participated in NAPEX, and we have never before exhibited on two consecutive years. Hence I would like to urge all our members to prepare their exhibits early so as to have a large turnout. Entry blanks should be sent as early as possible and must be received not later than August 8th by the Entries Chairman, Herbert A. Trenchard, 6909 40th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Please write Mr. Trenchard as soon as possible for your entry blanks, as this is a very popular show. Being held in our Nation's Capitol, there are many interesting sights to be enjoyed, including many new ones like the Kennedy Center, the new Hall of Stamps at the Smithsonian and others. Sightseeing trips are being planned, including a tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which is scheduled for Friday. Advance reservations must be made with the NAPEX Committee.

When applying for an entry blank, a room reservation card will be provided. However, for those wishing to make reservations independently, the address of the hotel is: Marriott Hotel, Twin Bridges U. S. 1 and I-95, Washington, D. C. 20001.

The Awards Banquet will take place on Saturday evening. On Sunday (late) morning our SOCIETY will hold its meeting at the home of our Editor, Henry Hahn, in form of a cook-out brunch hosted by the Washington Branch of the SOCIETY. There will be a brief business meeting and possibly a speaker. Transportation will be provided.

It would be greatly appreciated if members planning to exhibit (or just attend) inform me, together with any pertinent information as to the number of frames, etc. We are also in need of volunteers to man our SOCIETY lounge. Any time you care to donate will be greatly appreciated—please let me know the date and time. My address is: 1221 Massachusetts Avenue N. W., Apt. 825, Washington, D. C. 20005.

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John Velek

It is with a deep and profound sense of loss that we announce the passing of JOHN VELEK of Chicago, Ill., who closed his album forever on Tuesday, April 24th, 1973. John is survived by his loving wife Mildred and his two daughters, Mrs. Janice Derrick and Mrs. Barbara Mackowiak, four grandchildren, and his brother Frank.

John Velek was a Patron Member and former officer of our SOCIETY and an internationally recognized authority on the Hradčany issue of Czechoslovakia. A prolific philatelic author, John's publications include vol. 10 of Billig's Specialized Catalogues—First Issue of Czechoslovakia, "The Hradčany" and numerous other articles and essays dealing with his field of lifelong study. John was the presiding officer of the Chicagoland Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, as well as a member of SPA, APS and the Collectors Club of Chicago.



In addition to stamps, John Velek enjoyed art, music and possibly most of all, giving of himself. Together with his wife, he spent many hours working with children at the Illinois Childrens Hospital-School and at the Merillac House. Since John willed his body to science, there was no funeral, but only a memorial Mass at his parish church.

The sun has indeed set over Mucha's Hradčany.

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Identification of Postmarks Used During the International Olympic Congress of 1925

by Ing. Jan Karásek and František Žampach

(Translated by Otokar Krejčí)



In the earlier literature, especially in the Hirsch-Franěk MONOGRAPHY of 1935, it is written that "on the occasion of the Olympic Congress held May 24 to May 29 a special postmark was used—but only at two temporary post offices."

In this connection it should be said that, in reality, as can be verified in the Bulletin of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, the Olympic Congress was held from May 24 to June 6, 1925. The promotion postmark attests to the fact that it was used as early as April of that year. It is also known that in addition to the main Post Office in Prague on Jindřišská Street, these stamps were sold at two other temporary post offices, namely, the post office in Tyrš House and the one in the National Museum. Thus three postmarks of almost identical type were used. The three differed in only minute details. Here are the facsimiles of the three postmarks and a few notes on their differences.

TYPE 1: The numeral "5" in 1925 rests above the letter "R" in KONGRES; the left asterisk consists of eight rays; the left foot of the letter "M" in MEZINARODNI is level with the upper horizontal bar.

TYPE 2: The numeral "5" in 1925 rests above the letter "E" in KONGRES; the left asterisk consists of eight rays; the letter "M" in MEZINARODNI is below the upper horizontal bar.

TYPE 3: The numeral "5" in 1925 rests above the letter "R" in KONGRES; the left asterisk consists of nine rays; the letter "M" in MEZINARODNI is in the same place as in type 1.

To date there is no definite proof as to which post office used each of the three types of postmarks.

A post card, however, is submitted—a photograph of a group of Sokols

in front of Tyrš House made when the House was opened—bearing the 50 h stamp with the Congress overprint and dated on the first day of issue, May 24th, 1925, at 10 A. M. There is no doubt that this postmark classifies itself as Type 1. We can state with certainty that this type of postmark was definitely in use during the Congress at the temporary post office at Tyrš House; as a double check an identical post card was sent to us by Mr. Zdeněk Kvasnička. As for the other two types of postmarks, we have not been able to ascertain accurately which one was used at the Museum and which one was used at the Jindřišská Street Post Office.

In compiling the dates on which these postmarks were used, postally used material has been submitted with postmarks up to June 3rd; none has come to our attention, however, for June 4th, 5th, or 6th, even though there is a strong probability that such material exists. It would be very interesting, therefore, to locate these other dates to prove the usage of the postmarks during the last three days of the Congress.

Additionally it should be noted that these postmarks in all cases specify the hour of the day of cancellation. The following hours of cancellation have come to our attention: 9 A.M., 10 A.M., 11 A.M., 2 P.M., 4 P.M., and 6 P.M. we have found these for all three types.

We should be remiss in failing to remark on Mr Jaroslav Justýn's article, CZECHOSLOVAK POSTMARKS WITH OLYMPIC THEMES, published in the Olympsport exhibition catalogue at České Budějovice in 1970: he noted that there are three types of this 1925 Olympic postmark. We find, however, that he gives a slightly different description of them and a different classification of the places of their use. It should be noted that breaks in the inner circle of the postmark, be it on the left side for Type 2, or on the right side of Type 3, do not prove anything, since we have found impressions with such broken circles in all three types. It is evidence, however, that they were damaged during use. And, as for the places of usage, we believe that with regard to the abovementioned post card and the writing on it Type 1 was used at Tyrš House. According to Mr. Justýn this Type 1 postmark was used at the Praha 1 Post Office on Jindřišská Street.

It is evident, therefore, that many more facts will have to come to light before this puzzle can be solved.

Ed. note. Looking over Type 1 and Type 3 post marks in my own collection, it appears that the easiest way to distinguish between these is by lack of the dash between date and time in Type 3. —HH

INTERESTING UNITED STATES' PERFORATION ERROR

Mr. Karel Lipa has come up with a freak perforation of the United States' "Champion of Liberty" issue for the 8c Masaryk stamp issued on March 7, 1960, Scott #1148. Probably a complete sheet of these stamps was sold to the public. The perforation of the sheet was shifted in such a manner as to make the title, "Champion of Liberty," appear at the bottom of the stamp rather than at the top, as the designer intended.

The editors of the SPECIALIST would be glad to know how many of these perforation errors are in the collections of the members of the SOCIETY. If you have one or more of these stamps, please inform the Assistant Editor.

E. T.

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From the Editor's Stock Book

It is tragic irony that only an issue ago we joyfully welcomed our friend John Velek back into the SOCIETY after several year's absence, only to mourn his passing a month later. Our hobby has lost one of its sages, and those who knew him personally lost a dear friend. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife Mildred, family, and the Chicagoland Czechoslovak Philatelic Society.

In this issue we have reviewed the latest supplement to K-LINE's specialized album of Czechoslovakia. This 20th anniversary supplement, including historical charts, maps, illustrations, and a brief history of the Bohemian Kingdom represents two years of extensive research by its author and publisher, George Kobylka. George obviously has a flair for concise and well presented history combined with artful philately. He has not skimped on materials (title page and map printed on plastic coated paper which you can wipe with a damp cloth) and the supplement (and album) fit conveniently in a 3-ring binder. The supplement is clearly a work of love, and as such will sell like hot cakes to every collector of new issues. The best part of the deal, of course is getting future supplements free with K-LINE's new issue service—so take a good look at the ad.

As we are about to take two months rest from our editing duties, Ed Tabor, Harlan Miller and I wish to take this opportunity to thank our many authors and translators for their help. We thank our readers for bearing with us and wish all a pleasant summer.

H. H.

"BOOK REVIEW"

K-LINE ALBUM SUPPLEMENT — 1972 ISSUES STAMPS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The 1972 supplement to the K-LINE Czechoslovakia Album has just been published, covering all the issues of the year and their photographic representations and descriptions of each set of stamps and of each stamp individually. The earliest, of course, are the new Postage Due stamps first issued in November of 1971, and the new "regular" series from 1 Kčs to 20 Kčs. Of particular interest is the page covering the 1972 World Hockey Championships; the center of the page gives the scores of all games played and the winning score of Czechoslovakia, its third World Championship since 1911.

Of particular interest, however, is the expressed intention of the publisher, Mr. George Kobylka, to bring to the English-speaking world a history of the Kingdom of Bohemia for the first time, so long mistreated in the history books of "Western Culture." A map accompanies the supplement showing the range of the rule of the Kingdom of Bohemia, with its western-most lands now in Belgium and Luxembourg, its southern extreme including Genoa and Milan and Bologna, its northern frontiers including Brandenburg, Berlin, Poznan, and Warsaw, and its domination of the Hungarian state and parts of what is now Yugoslavia. This reign was at its height during the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries—a period glossed over by some history books. Two more pages of this historical supplement discuss the rise of the Premyslide dynasty and give a list of the princes and dukes who ruled from the City of Prague. These were probably the most powerful princes of the Holy Roman Empire (which was neither "holy" nor "Roman" nor an "empire"), since, as non-German and non-Italian, they often cast a deciding vote at the Councils of Kings, Princes, Dukes, and Clergy.

(Edward O. Tabor, Jr.)

Some Gems of the Last 22 Years of CSSR Stamps

by Milan de Lany

The average collector of Czechoslovak stamps will concentrate on the issues of the 1st Republic. What with overprints, types, and rarities of that era, he will find the greatest values there, to be sure. Little attention is paid to the stamps of post World War II era, except to just fill spaces.

Here is an attempt to assess the value of some stamps issued between the years 1950 and 1972. During those 22 years some 1,450 stamps have been issued. Most of these are valued in pennies. But here and there some special items appear on the scene, stamps that have increased considerably in value from year to year. It is perhaps natural that most of these gems appear in stamps relating to philatelic exhibits, national art and costumes, and occasionally athletics.

Let us then have a look at some of these stamps in chronological order. The values given are for mint stamps as given in the 1973 Pofis catalog.

- 1952: The Bratislava Stamp Exhibit has a sheetlet of 2 stamps, 2 Kčs and 3 Kčs (Pofis 691 and 692) which has shot up in value and is now listed at 150 Kčs, and each stamp individually at 60 Kčs.
- 1953: There is nothing much this year, except that the "Solidarity with Korea" stamp of only 30h (Pofis 753) is valued at 12 Kčs.
- 1955: The year 1954 had nothing much to offer, but 1955 has some interesting possibilities. The set of 4 stamps depicting costumes (Pofis 840-843) is quite valuable with the 60h at 32 Kčs, and two others at 20 Kčs and 25 Kčs.
The International Stamp Exhibit "PRAGA 1955" has 2 sheetlets of 5 stamps each (Pofis 853-857). One of these is perforated and lists at 60 Kčs, whereas the imperforated one is 120 Kčs.
- 1956: Not much that year except one stamp out of a set of 6, entitled "Spring in Prague," the 45h (Pofis 888) is way above the others in listing at 30 Kčs.
- 1957: The 2 Kčs souvenir sheetlet of A. Zapotocky, Type I, draws only 2 Kčs, whereas Type II is 120 Kčs (Pofis A 967). Watch this Type II sheetlet!
- 1961: After a gap of almost 4 years, the World Stamp Exhibit—PRAGA 1962, produced advanced advertising in stamps with the 5 Kčs (Pofis 1216) valued at 75 Kčs, but note, the 4 stamp sheetlet of the same is worth 360 Kčs.
- 1962: The World Stamp Exhibit—PRAGA 1962 has a special souvenir sheet of 5 Kčs (Pofis 1268) listed at 45 Kčs perforated, but 180 Kčs imperforate. In connection with PRAGA 1962 is also the special commemorative of the International Federation of Philatelists (F.I.P.) (Pofis 1269) of 1.60 Kčs denomination valued at 10 Kčs. This may go up in value.
- 1964: There are 3 interesting and possibly valuable items that year.
 - a) From the flower set of 6, the 2 Kčs item (Pofis 1382) lists at 17 Kčs.
 - b) The Tokyo Olympics has a promising 2.80 Kčs (Pofis 1399) which lists at 14.80 Kčs.
 - c) The souvenir stamp honoring 3 Cosmonauts, 3 Kčs (Pofis 1400) lists at 15 Kčs.
- 1965: The Art Gallery in Prague features one item "Tizian," 5 Kčs (Pofis 1466) issued as a souvenir sheetlet. This lists at 11.25 Kčs.

Then the Medicinal Flowers feature the "Wild Rose," 2 Kčs, (Pofis 1495) which lists at 11.40 Kčs.

1966: Here the "Guernica" stamp with tab will very likely increase in value. Now the 60h (Pofis K 1543) stamp lists at 12 Kčs.

Then there is a fine set of paintings that appear in the Art Gallery in Prague shown on a set of 5 stamps. They are all 1 Kčs denomination stamps listing at 10 Kčs each, except for one, "The Recruit" (Pofis 1578) which lists at the much higher value of 50 Kčs singly, but in a sheetlet of 4 may run around 240 Kčs.

1967: The "Judaica" set of six averages low values for the first five, but then the sixth (Pofis 1620) 1.60 Kčs stamp shoots up to 20.50 Kčs. This will bear watching.

Similarly, in the Art set of five that year, the fifth stamp (Pofis 1651), 1.60 Kčs depicting an old Czech master from the year 1395, shoots up to 21.40 Kčs.

1968: PRAGA 1968 World Stamp Exhibit has a 10 Kčs souvenir sheet (Pofis A 1694) which is valued at 15 Kčs. And the F.I.P. commemorative of 5 Kčs (Pofis 1695) carries a value of 11.25 Kčs.

Then there is an Art set of 5 stamps, where the 3 Kčs (Pofis 1733) depicts the Madonna and Child painted by the Slovak master Pavol z Levoce. This stamp is listed at a good 20.80 Kčs.

The intervening years up to 1972 do not have any out-standing values, although the Prague Castle (1969) and the Art sets of that year have some possibilities. Similarly the same type of sets in 1970 and in 1971 are good stamps, and in future years will no doubt increase in value.

1972: Then in 1972 the stamp that has caused some excitement is the over-printed ice hockey stamps (Pofis 1961 & 1962). These 60h and 1 Kčs stamps list with Pofis at 8 Kčs, but as only 210,000 were issued, and because of the psychological appeal in the fact that CSSR beat the USSR in the world ice hockey contest, has made these stamps rather valuable, especially in CSSR where they are very scarce, and at auctions this set has brought between 300 Kčs and 400 Kčs, and more. Time will tell how valuable these stamps will become.

These then were the pickings of the last 22 years in CSSR stamps. As we look into the future, let us hope for some really outstanding values.

Charley's Corner

By Charles Chesloe, Box 237, Willow Springs, Ill. 60480



Fig. 1 — 1 Kč imperforate

Unusual material has been issued by the Third Republic, several pieces of which are illustrated and discussed here this month.



Fig. 2 — 3 Kčs partial printing variety

Figures 1 and 2 come from the issue of Czechoslovak "Army Day" on October 6, 1951. Figure 1 (Scott #483, Pofis #616) is an imperforate copy of the 1.00 Kčs showing an army field gunner and his gun; the usual perforation is listed in Pofis as 12½.

Figure 2 (Scott #485; Pofis #618) is an incompletely printed variety of the 3 Kčs value, undoubtedly due to a sheet of paper overlying the sheet being printed; again, undoubtedly, it was overlooked by the inspectors who should have discarded it. The illustration depicts three of the no more than ten that exist.

Figure 3 (Scott #1134a; Pofis A1268a) shows the 5 Kčs imperforate souvenir sheet issued in connection with the PRAGA 1962 Exhibition. 90,300 imperforated sheets were issued in four varieties, according to Pofis showing different configurations of the laurel branch decor at the top of the sheet each having nine variants. The copy shown has neither the laurel branch nor the printed statement below the stamp on the imperforate small sheet. Possibly it is a unique example.

Figure 4, listed in neither Scott nor Pofis, is probably an essay of the design for the cover of the programs available at the PRAGA 1962 Exposition. The 60 heller denomination, of course, for this issue of 1962 shows an encapsulated astronaut in the early days of the space program (Scott #1129; Pofis #1264).

Figure 5 (Scott #1119; Pofis #1254) is an interesting imperforate copy of the commemoration of the destruction of Ležáky by the Nazis 25 years

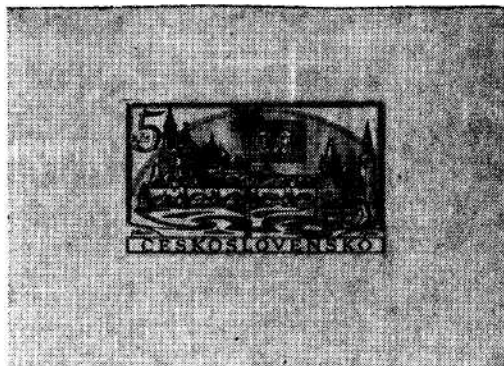


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

previously. Note particularly the faint outline of the black tulips double-printed on the face of the full moon. This certainly was a malfunction of the printing press and the sheet should have been discarded and destroyed; it was either saved inside the printing shop or escaped the notice of the inspectors.

Even though the first four of these items are rather obvious misprints, the fifth is certainly a misprint that would only be picked up by a trained eye. Keep your eyes open for such unobvious errors and keep me up to date on your findings as you enjoy looking over your collections this summer.

Good hunting—see you next September.



Fig. 5

BE A BIG DADDY — GET A JUNIOR MEMBER

50th Anniversary of Czechoslovak Independence In 1968

Little notice of October 18th, Czechoslovakia's Independence Day, was made in Czechoslovakia in 1968. There was, however, a small celebration at the former home of President Woodrow Wilson in Washington, D. C., where, among other things, the members of the Washington Branch of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society set up a stamp exhibit. Mr. Karel Lipa of Oak Park, Michigan, decided to participate in a unique way by having printed a four-page souvenir brochure to which he attached the four stamps that had been issued in the United States in honor of the close relationship between the Masaryk Republic and the United States. This is the story of his efforts.

The period of Mr. Lipa's preparation coincided, of course, with the "Prague Spring." He was, however, unable to obtain the backing of any of the philatelic societies; so he went ahead on his own. He decided on a four-page format, the front page of which was to carry the national emblem of Czechoslovakia. The form for this was located by a Mr. Burěš who provided a photograph of the old Sokol emblem with many unclear lines. Above this he decided to print "Free Czechoslovakia's Golden Anniversary" with a similar inscription in Czech.

Page 2 of the brochure is a copy of a letter signed by T. G. Masaryk from the "Conseil National Tchecoslovaque Présidence," and addressed to President Woodrow Wilson on October 18, 1918, as follows:

"Mr. President

I beg to enclose our Declaration of Independence, which is published today in all the Allied countries and in America; the National Council was compelled to make this declaration now because of the Austrian moves for peace and toward a mock-federation calculated to deceive the world.

Believe me, Mr. President,

Very respectfully yours,

s/ T. G. Masaryk"

Page 3 of the brochure is the final page of the Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence in form of a photostat of a typewritten copy in English, found in the archives of President Wilson by Mrs. Faltus of Washington, D. C., an official of the Czechoslovak National Council in America. This document relates the objectives of a Constitution yet to be written and accepted by the newly formed state. A copy of the document written in Czech or Slovak is not known to exist. It is interesting to note the titles of the co-signators: Thomas G. Masaryk used his title of "Professor" and assumed the duties of Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. General Milan R. Stefanik included his title of "Doctor" and undertook the duties of Minister of National Defense. Dr. Edward Beněš cited his doctorate of philosophy degree and undertook the duties of Minister of Foreign Affairs and of Interior.

Page 4 of the brochure was prepared to carry a cancellation with the date of October 18, 1968 and copies of the four stamps of the United States relating to Czechoslovakia. The difficulties of preparing this page presented Mr. Lipa with his hardest work.

The four stamps were described both in Czech and in English, and Mr. Lipa had to return the galley proofs of the Czech text at least four times to the printer for correction of the diacritical marks of the Czech wording. A correct text was not in his hands until, almost literally, the last minute. Finally, six hundred copies were printed. The four stamps were purchased in sheets at a premium in New York City, and were, first, Scott #910 (the Czechoslovak Flag from the over-run countries issue of 1943), second and third, Scott #1147 and Scott #1148 (The Champion of Liberty pair) depict-

ing Thomas G. Masaryk issued in 1960, and, fourth, Scott #1262 (The centenary of the Sokol Movement in America issued in 1965).

Since the brochures were not addressed to anyone in particular, Mr. Lipa was asking the United States Post Office to break its rules in seeking to have the brochures cancelled with the anniversary date. After much difficulty, Mr. Lipa convinced a postal worker to put a machine cancellation on the brochure in such a way as not to cancel the stamps but only to show the date of 18 October 1968.

Of the six hundred brochures printed, Mr. Lipa sold all but 35 at a dollar each. Only 500 of them bore all four stamps. Financially, Mr. Lipa broke about even.

Czechoslovak Commemorative Postmarks 1919-1939

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

(continued)

- ŽANDOV u ČESKÉ LÍPY—CANDEN bei BÖHMISCH LEIPA — Cyklistický závod o pohár Achilles—Achilles Poak Radrennen 30.-31.VII.
Achilles cup bicycle race (violet)
- KLATOVY—Konference mladého učitelstva ZÚS v Čechách. 4.14.VIII.
Young teachers conference Zus in Bohemia (blue)
- BOHDANEČ U PARDUBICE—Auto-moto-závody, C.-8.VIII.
Automobile-motorcycle races (blue and yellow and green)
- TRENČIANSKÉ TEPLICE—Prvý evropský festival komornej hudby. 14-29.VIII.
First European chamber music festival (also in French) (blue & red)
- MARIÁNSKÉ LÁZNE 1—MARIENBAD 1—III. světový kongres Agudos Jisroel, 18.23.VIII (also in Hebrew)
III. Agudos Jisroel world congress (green)
- ČESKÁ SKALICE—Celostátní jirinkové slavnosti 1837-1937, 18.-23.VIII.
All state dahlia festival (green and violet and yellow)
- ŠTERNBERK 1—STERNBERG 1, Ecce Homo, 5.IX.
Ecce Homo (green)
- HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ 1—Vojensko-sportovní závody armád Malé dohody 7.-14. IX. — Military sports contests of the armies of the Little Entente. (blue and red)
- PARDUBICE—ZAVODISTE—maloehodové jezdecké hry a Military, 12.IX, 11.-16.X. — Little Entente equestrian games (blue-yellow-red)
- NOVÉ ZÁMKY—Slávnost odhalení prvního památníka A. Bernolákovi, 12.IX.
Unveiling of the first monument to Bernolák (blue)
- LIBOCHOVICE—Oslavy J. E. Purkyně—1787-1937, 12., 18., 19., 25., 28.IX.
Purkyne commemoration (blue)
- PARDUBICE 1—Memorial Ing. J. Kašpara Letiště, 11.-12.IX.
Commemoration of Ing. Kaspar airport (blue and violet)
- BOHUMÍN 1—T.G.M. 14.IX.1937, Smutek Československa, 16.IX.-26.X.
Czechoslovak Mourning (Masaryk's death) (black)
- BRATISLAVA 1, same (black) a,b
- BRATISLAVA 2, same (black)
- BRNO 1, same (black) a,b
- BRNO 2, same (black) a,b
- BŘECLAV 2, same
- ČESKÉ BUDEJOVICE 3, same (black)
- HODONÍN 1, same (black) a,b
- CHEB 2, same (black) a,b
- KOŠICE 1, same (black) a,b

- KOŠICE 2, same (black)
 LÁNY, same (black) a,b
 OPAVA 1, same (black) a,b
 PARDUBICE 1, same (black) a,b
 FODMOKLY 1, same (black) a,b
 PRAHA 7 CIZINA ETRANGER, same (black) a,b
 PRAHA 7 LETECKÁ POŠTA, same (black)
 PRAHA 10 HRAD, same (black) a,b,c,d,e,f
 PRAHA 28 SENÁT N. S., same (black) a,b
 PRAHA 29 POSLANECKÁ SNĚMOVNA N.S. same (black) a.b.
 PRAHA 82 LETIŠTĚ—same (black)
 TOPOLCIANKY—same (black)
 UŽHOROD 1—same (black) a, b.
 BRNO 2—70 let Petra Bezruče 1867-1937 15.IX.
 70 years of Peter Bezruc (blue)
 BRATISLAVA 1—Celoštátny unifikačný kongres právnikov, 21-28.IX.
 All state unification congress of lawyers (blue-red)
 MĚLNÍK 1—Oslavy vinobraní N.J.S. 23.-28.IX.
 N.J.S. wine festival (blue and yellow)
 BRNO 2—VII. velká cena Masarykova, 24.-26.IX. a,b,c,d
 VII. Grand Prix Masaryk (blue)
 PRAHA 1—Mezinárodní a československé oslavy J. E. Purkyně, 24-28.IX
 International and Czech Purkyne commemoration (blue) also in Fr.
 BLATNÁ—same (blue)
 BRATISLAVA 1—Slovenská liga k odhaleníu pomníka Hviezdoslavovi 25.-27.
 IX—Slovak league unveiling Hviezdoslav statue (blue)
 LITOMĚŘICE-LEITMERITZ—Rijnové stavnosti-Októberfest, 25.IX.-4.X.
 October festival (blue)
 KBELÝ—III. národní let RČS a II. národní soutěž v letecké akrobaci—
 Letiště, 26.IX. — III. national congress and II. national competition
 of aerial acrobatics—Airport (blue)
 NOVÁ PAKA—Propagační výstavka poštovních známek, 26.-28.IX.
 Promotional stamp exhibit (black)
 MÍSTEK—Petr Bezruč v Místku 1891-1893, 27.-29.IX.
 Peter Bezruc in Mistek 1891-1893 (green)
 PRAHA 1—Zasedání správní rady Mezinárodního úřadu práce, 4.-9.X.
 Conference of the governing council of the international labor organization (blue)
 First cancel without "a" second cancel with "b"
 PARDUBICE ZÁVODIŠTĚ—Velké pardubické steeple chase, 17.X.
 Grand Pardubice steeple chase (green) a,b
 STRŽKOV 1—SCHRECKENSTEIN 1—V½stava poštovních známek, Brief-
 markenausstellung 17.X.—Postage stamp exhibition (violet)
 PRAHA 14—Autosalon 1937, 17.-24.X. a.b. Automobile show (black)
 BRATISLAVA—Celoštátna výstava poštových známok, 24.X.-2.XI.
 All state stamp exhibition (black) a,b,c,d,e
 KOŠICE 1—XIV. slovenský maraton, 28.X. XIV. Slovak marathon (blue)
 VRCHLABÍ—HOHENELBE—1837-1937, 21.XI. (green)
 KUTNÁ HORA—Bývalé sídlo českých králů, 4.XII.
 Former seat of Czech kings (black and blue)
 PRAHA 1—50 let Klubu českých filatelistů 1887-1937, 8.XII.
 50 years Czech philatelists club (blue)
 BŘEZNICE—Výstava T. G. Masaryka a Dr. E. Beneše, 12.XII.-1.I.1938
 Masaryk and Benes exhibition (blue)

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