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## SPECIALIZATION ON A BUDGET

Paper and gum of the post-WWII period

By Richard Gray, editor

Every collector specializing to some degree knows that it costs **money**—particularly today. But specialization in any aspect of our hobby is a natural expansion of our collecting growth, maturity and philatelic knowledge. **Many** collectors give up in despair and remain at the plateau of “catalog collecting,” when confronted with the price level of the specialized material and their philatelic budget. Some try valiantly to find reasonably priced issues enabling them to specialize on a tight budget. They stray from the initial goal to concentrate on issues dear to them by choice or a deeper knowledge just to find out that the “cheap issues” are also very dear when it comes to specialized material. Some budding collectors are scared to even dream about specialization for monetary reasons, lack of availability and difficulties in finding needed items. After reading or hearing the old “pros” discussing some unique items, they inevitably develop an inferiority complex and are convinced that they will never be able to “specialize.” It is true that in specialization (as in any other human endeavor) the most successful are the individuals with a strong will and the patience to learn, to wait and to sacrifice other pleasures of life in order to achieve their philatelic goals. Nevertheless, I can assure you that the knowledge and patience is far more important than the money in many cases. When you acquire an in-depth expertise of a certain issue(s) through absorbing the available literature on the subject, reading the philatelic journals, attending and discussing your specialty in your club, diligently seeking and seriously studying the items you need, you will find that many times the material you are looking for is available for a fraction of the true value. The reason is simple enough; not all the dealers can be specialists in every field and are willing to sell you, at a regular stamp price, a variety which you might find in his stock by virtue of your better knowledge of the subject. It is necessary from time to time to buy an item which is offered as a variety, but if you intend to build your specialized collection by ordering and paying for all the varieties as such, you better have your checkbook in good shape.

Specializing means many things to many people and comes in many different ways. All you need is to study the chosen subject and decide which way you will move in order to achieve the most with the least strain on your pocketbook. Many outstanding specialized collections were started in this manner and built on a budget. The important rule in specializing is to choose

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**The SPECIALIST, you and the membership dues**

When you read these lines, the Super Bowl will already have been decided and the football season will be over. Now is the time to include your Sunday afternoons in your collecting schedule and take a closer look at the coming year. The first thing on your agenda should be the matter of SOCIETY dues. If you have not already sent your check, the time is now. Do not forget that for the total of just \$15 you will become a Patron member with the advantage of receiving a hard bound copy of the SPECIALIST at the end of the year. It is not too late to increase your dues, if already paid and thus become a Patron member. The SPECIALIST is published on a limited budget and every \$ helps to make it a better philatelic journal. The more members who pay their dues on time, perhaps becoming Patron members, the bigger and better the SPECIALIST will be. We have ambitious plans for the SPECIALIST, but with a limited budget which does not allow us to publish more than 16 pages an issue regularly and with all the important SOCIETY business which we have to print in order to keep our members informed, not much space remains for our most important task—to write about stamps. Everything is interlocked and the start is in your hands. To help the SPECIALIST become bigger and more enjoyable for you, open your checkbook now and send your dues to our Secretary E. Lisy today. You are doing a service to the SOCIETY, the SPECIALIST and yourself as well. Do it now! An addressed envelope was provided for your convenience in our November issue of the SPECIALIST.

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a subject not yet fully explored and publicized. This means selecting an issue or period in which the material is not overpriced and is easily obtainable and plentiful, and most importantly, on which few detailed studies have appeared in journals or catalogs. From this you can see that the most popular issue for specialization, the Hradčany issue, will not fit the rule. There is plenty of easily obtainable material, but the issue has been studied in great detail by many experts and there is plenty of literature available. Catalogs, even Scott, already list and price many varieties of this issue. It means that many collectors were or are sifting through the available material and you have as much chance of finding a valuable variety of this issue as finding a pearl in an oyster served in a restaurant. Another very expensive area of specialization is in the Pošta Československá 1919 overprints. This issue became very popular for specialization because of the many varieties and types found in this issue. By now even the middle priced material is disappearing fast from the market, because so many collectors are looking for and searching through the available material. The side effect of specializing in any popular and high priced issue is the danger of a "find", which turns out to be cheap and counterfeit. The more popular and, consequently, the most costly the issue is, the more attention it gets from the unscrupulous counterfeiter. On the other end of the spectrum are, with the exception of the first overprinted issue, the issues of Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia. The material is available in blocks, sheets and even by the box and is very inexpensive. However, the varieties are almost non-existent due to the proper printing and strict in-house controls. With hard study and plenty of knowledge you might build a specialized collection of Prot. Boh. & Mor., but it will be quite small.

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262A-65 (6)	0,74	0,35	1,25	552-55 (4)	1,10	0,65	2,60
272-87 (16)	1,70	0,90	4,00	565-66 (2)	0,60	0,35	1,40
305-06 (2)	0,50	0,30	1,20	595-97 (3)	0,60	0,35	1,40
329-31 (3)	1,15	0,75	3,00	598-99 (2)	1,20	0,80	3,20
334-35 (2)	0,70	0,35	1,25	621-23 (3)	3,25	2,40	9,60
338-39 (2)	0,70	0,40	1,65	633-34 (2)	0,90	0,65	2,60
340-42 (3)	0,41	0,25	1,00	637-38 (2)	1,60	1,15	4,60
346-49 (4)	1,00	0,60	2,40	667-69 (3)	1,50	0,90	3,60
351-54 (4)	1,05	0,60	2,40	670-72 (3)	2,70	1,95	7,80
361-62 (2)	0,34	0,20	0,80	673-75 (3)	2,15	1,50	6,00
374-79 (6)	1,16	0,75	3,00	681-82 (2)	2,45	1,85	7,40
380-82 (3)	3,40	1,95	7,95	683-84 (2)	0,80	0,45	1,80
386-87 (2)	0,70	0,45	2,00	696-98 (3)	1,25	0,95	3,80
410-13 (4)	1,50	1,20	4,80	699-05 (7)	2,30	1,75	7,00
418-21 (4)	1,35	0,85	3,40	711-15 (5)	2,80	2,75	9,95
434-35 (2)	0,58	0,35	1,40	723-26 (4)	1,30	0,95	3,80
442-44 (3)	0,75	0,40	1,65	727-30 (4)	1,10	0,65	2,60
450-51 (2)	0,70	0,50	2,00	731-35 (5)	1,08	0,50	2,00
452-54 (3)	0,60	0,40	1,65	747-49 (3)	2,10	2,00	8,00
473-76 (4)	1,45	1,35	5,40	756 (1)	0,25	0,20	0,80
477-78 (2)	0,38	0,20	0,80	761-62 (2)	0,70	0,45	1,80
479-81 (3)	0,80	0,45	2,00	763-65 (3)	2,05	1,65	6,60
499-500 (2)	1,30	0,75	3,00	766-69 (4)	1,60	1,35	5,40
501-03 (3)	0,50	0,40	1,60	781-84 (4)	1,05	0,75	3,00
509-10 (2)	0,95	0,55	2,20	791-94 (4)	1,50	1,15	4,60
519-20 (2)	0,85	0,50	2,00	801-06 (6)	1,20	0,75	3,00
521-22 (2)	0,95	0,75	3,00	807-10 (4)	1,10	0,75	3,00
523-25 (3)	0,60	0,35	1,40	811-12 (2)	1,80	0,95	3,80
534-36 (3)	0,80	0,45	1,80	813-14 (2)	0,60	0,40	1,60
537-39 (3)	0,80	0,45	1,80	815 (1)	0,45	0,30	1,20
540-43 (4)	2,95	2,10	8,40	816-17 (2)	0,40	0,25	1,00

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## Did you know

A member of the SOCIETY's Chicago Branch, Joseph J. Janecka, Jr., from Riverside, Ill., was honored twice in recent months for his contribution to philately. In November, he was presented with the "Newbury Award" at the 89th Philatelic Congress in Chiba. A beautiful plaque has been presented to him. This award in form of a plaque has been presented to a selected stamp collector for his outstanding work for Philately. On Dec. 14, recognizing his devotion to our cause, the Board of Directors of our SOCIETY voted unanimously to name J. J. Janecka, Jr., an honorary member for his untiring work in behalf of the SOCIETY and his contribution to Czechoslovak philately in general. Our sincere congratulations. We are look-



ing forward to many more years of close co-operation.

• A large stamp dealer and auctioneer from the West Coast wrote us recently on his return from a stamp buying trip to Europe: "...the market is very strong. In East European material interest is the strongest in Czechoslovak and Hungarian stamps. The demand in Europe for good Czecho stamps is very good. The big problem with Czecho stamps is the extreme difficulty in dealing with the home market, because of the inability to exchange currency freely. I have had good success in selling better Czecho material here in the US at auctions and I am always glad to buy or accept for auction good Czecho collections as I have confidence in the future Czecho market....".

• The expertizing signature of Prof. Gilbert is well known and trusted in West Germany. His signature appears on many stamps of the Protectorate Bohemia & Moravia, which are collected in Germany as the part of the "Greater Germany." This prompted a counterfeiter in Hamburg to include the expert signature of Prof. Gilbert in his scheme to defraud the collectors. After two years of investigation, the Hamburg police were able to trace and arrest the Hamburg expert die cutter and about ten stamp dealers from the Hamburg area who conspired to sell the counterfeit stamps to collectors. At the time of the arrest many well executed dies of old and new German cancels and German expertizing marks were confiscated, among them the die of Prof. Gilbert's signature. It is not known if this counterfeit signature was applied extensively or not at all to some counterfeit or altered stamps. Exercise caution when purchasing the Theresien stamps and S/S in particular, as these items are still printed in West Germany from the original but minutely altered plates. These counterfeits reported in the SPECIALIST some time ago are the logical items to be "certified" by the faked signature of Prof. Gilbert.

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## Stumped On Stamps? ? ?

By Richard Gray, 3466 Mildred Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042

A reader from Texas sent me a Czechoslovak stamp of recent issue with a small hole (about 2-3mm in diameter) hand-punched through the light area of the stamp. According to the reader, he purchased the stamp from a local dealer, who had many other stamps, some in full sheets, hand-punched in the same manner. As the stamps were otherwise undamaged, the reader was wondering why the perfectly collectable mint stamps were mutilated and for what purpose.

The answer to the question of "why" is simple: Czechoslovak postal authorities are devaluating such stamps on purpose. These stamps are sent to various publications interested in postage stamps. Many countries are using the same approach in today's flood of new issues. They know that stamp collecting is a big business now and, realizing that a picture is worth a thousand words, they are sending "the real thing" instead of a wordy description. It is effective, and the punched hole (or an overprint such as "MIHON" on the Japanese stamps) prevents anyone from using these "freebies" for postal service. There is no philatelic value in these devaluated and mutilated, freely distributed stamps in my opinion, although the Japanese "MIHON" overprints bring fair prices on the specialized market.

The answer to the question of how a number of the stamps, indeed sheets, happen to be in one dealer's hands is not so simple and I do not even attempt to guess. It is beyond the scope of this column.



## New Issues

A five stamp set of stamps was issued Sept. 30, commemorating international co-operation in space. The 30h, 60h, 1Kčs and 2Kčs values are 41x23 mm, printed by rotary recess print combined with two-color photogravure in sheets of fifty. The 5Kčs value is 30x50 mm, printed by four color flat recess print in M/S of four stamps. The allegory depicts the historic "hand-shake in space" which took place on July 17, 1975, between the crew of US Apollo and Soviet Soyuz 19 space ships. The M/S contains a vertical gutter printed with the drawing of the star studded space.





## The Issues, Surcharges, Cancellations and Vignettes of the Sudetenland

(1880-1970)

By Roger Richet, SCP — Translated by Anne Vondra

**Note:** The original French edition of the book contains some 300 illustrations which greatly enhance the enjoyment and understanding of this unillustrated, serialized translation. Serious students of this topic are urged to purchase the original, paper bound French edition from the SOCIETY. Please see advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

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- 54—4.50 Kcs on 50 h. black (331)
- 55—4.50 Kcs on 2 Kc black (332)
- 56—4.50 Kcs on 50 h. green (Souvenir 1)
- 57—4.50 Kcs on 1 Kc carmine (S. 2)
- 58—4.50 Kcs on 2 Kcs dark green (S. 2)
- 59—4.50 Kcs on 1.60 Kc olive (312a)
- 60—4.50 Kcs on 1 Kc carmine lilac (324)
- 61—4.50 Kcs on 50+50 h. dark green (389)
- 62—4.50 Kcs on 1 Kc+50 h. carmine (390)
- 63—4.50 Kcs on 2 Kcs+3 Kcs black (Sheet 5)
- 64—4.50 Kcs on 50 h. dark green (337)
- 65—4.50 Kcs on 50 h. green (340)
- 66—4.50 Kcs on 1 Kc red-brown (341)
- 67—4.50 Kcs on 2 Kcs dark blue (342)
- 68—4.50 Kcs on 50 h. green (343)
- 69—4.50 Kcs on 50 h. green (344)

All the stamps of this series are rare and much sought after. They are priced at from \$100 to \$125 apiece. The Niklasdorf is doubtless the rarest of all the Sudeten occupation issues. They are just about impossible to find. The number issued is extremely small, judging from the few figures given here which comes from Dr. Dubb.

### The Parchen Overprints

Parchen (Prácheň) is a very small town in south west Bohemia near the Bavarian border, south of Schüttenhofen (Sušice), which is famous in medieval history and for the ruins of its ancient fortress-castle. Prácheň is also well known for its glassware. The Germans called it "The City of Glass" (Glas-gemeinde) and called it by this name on their swastika-decorated cancellations.

Two completely different overprints were produced at the same time at Prácheň, as evidenced by items in our possession dated October 18, 19 and 20, 1938 which are stamped with one or the other of these overprints.

#### Type I Overprint.

This overprint was applied in black by means of a metal stamp and a poorly inked pad, with the result that the impression was very often poorly etched. This hand overprint of Prácheň is easily recognized by the large size of the swastika above which the legend "Wir sind frei" always appeared. This was spelled out in Gothic letters, the smaller of which measured 1¼ mm high.

#### (Picture)

The Gothic legend greatly resembles that of the Bodenbach (Podmokly) overprint in appearance but the swastika is completely different. The arm-spread of the Prácheň swastika measures 6½ mm. while the thickness of the

arms is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  mm., giving the impression of "spider's legs".

This swastika, like others of a typographic nature, is composed of seven distinct parts, which are imperfectly joined together.

The Prácheň overprint appeared mostly on the lesser values of stamps being used at that time in Czechoslovakia, especially the "Coat of Arms" type (Yvert 252-257) which were used for sending postcards.

#### Type II Overprint.

The second type was completely different. It consisted of a swastika stamped in rose lilac with arms extending  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mm. and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mm. thick.

(Picture)

One notable fact in regard to the positioning of this swastika was that, while other swastikas were stamped on so that the lines of the arms were never strictly horizontal and vertical, on the Prácheň overprint they were.

As in the case of the first type of overprint, this second type was used on the little "Coat of Arms" Czech stamps, which evidently were the most commonly used in the smaller post offices at the time.

#### The Hand-stamp Overprint of Plaw

Plaw (Plavy) is a small town with a population of 2,000 in northeastern Bohemia, about thirty kilometers south of Gablonz (Jablonec), whose chief industry is cotton.

In spite of a majority of the population being Czech, Plavy was incorporated into the Sudeten territory and annexed by Germany on October 1, 1938; and the German minority wished to create an overprint to place on the Czech stamps then in use.

This overprint was applied with a rubber hand stamp. It consisted of three lines—the first two being the text "Wir Sind / frei" and the third a swastika with arms 6 mm. long and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mm. thick.

(Picture)

The letters of the text are tall and narrow— $2\frac{1}{2}$  mm. high—which clearly differentiates this overprint from others of the kind of this period and gives it a characteristic appearance.

The overprint was applied in black on most of the Czech stamps in use in October 1938, especially the "Coat of Arms" issue (252-257), "Portraits" (302, 308 to 310, 324) and "Views" (343-344).

Note that this hand-stamp overprint was applied to stamps before they were put on sale at the post office. The differences in colors of the overprint and of the cancellation are proof of this. This overprint is usually well-centered.

Now it happened that some mail was posted with Czech stamps purchased at the post office before the German occupation. These stamps had the overprint applied to them by the postal worker who took the mail, and sometimes both the stamps and the cover showed the imprint of the overprint application.

The Plavy overprint is very like that of Reichenau, but can nevertheless be readily distinguished from it.

The first letter of the first word of the overprint, "W," is very thin and narrow in the Plavy overprint, thicker and more solid looking in the Reichenau.

A special cachet was produced at Plavy to celebrate the official incorporation of the district of Plavy into Greater Germany on November 25, 1938. It bore the legend "Tag der Uebernahme Plaw zu Grossdeutschland." This cachet, applied in black, displayed in its center the famous slogan "Heil Hitler" above the German eagle, with wings outspread, and the date 25.11.38. This cancellation is very choice and it can be found as propaganda on registered mail sent regularly by the post to different parts of German territory.



### The Reichenau Overprint

Reichenau bei Goblitz a. d. Neise (Rychnov u Jablonce nad Nisou) is a small town with a population of 5,000 in north central Bohemia on the Nisa river, deriving its wealth from the textile industry. In the beginning of October 1938, the pro-German elements took the initiative in creating an overprint to be applied to the current Czech stamps.

(Picture)

This overprint was of the "Wir sind frei" variety in the ornate old Gothic lettering above a swastika. It looks very much like the overprints of Reichenberg (Liberec) and Rumburg, etc. However, the overprint, applied by rubber hand stamp in brownish-red ink, can be distinguished from the others in several important details:

The rather narrow small letters are 2½ mm. high and the capitals 4 mm.

The overprint is 20 mm. from top to bottom and 14 mm. wide. The swastika is 6 mm. in its over-all dimensions—the arms 1¼ mm. thick.

Attention to these measurements allows the collector to distinguish this overprint, which was not very widely used.

The Reichenau overprint can be found on all the stamps then in use in Czechoslovakia, in particular, the "Coat of Arms" series. Air mail stamps were also imprinted with this overprint, but they are extremely rare, particularly the high values. There was also some mixed franking with Czech stamps, overprinted as described above, used along with the German Hindenburg stamps.

### The Reichenberg Overprints

Reichenberg (Liberec) is a thriving city of northern Bohemia which had a population of 70,000 back in 1938, and today has 100,000 inhabitants; a prosperous city because of its metallurgic and textile industries.

Beginning in September 1938 they proceeded to issue an overprint made with a rubber hand stamp on Czech stamps throughout the district. This overprint, which was for the most part applied with black ink, bore the legend "Wir Sind / frei" on two lines above a swastika, and, of course, meant "We are free"! The whole Liberec issue consisted of 93 stamps and 3 sheets.

Details of this, the largest issue of all those produced in the Sudetenland, are as follows:

"Coat of Arms" series, 1929-31:		"Views" 1936:	
1—5 h. blue	(252)	16—1.20 Kc lilac	(311)
2—10 h. brown	(253)	17—1.50 Kc carmine rose	(312)
3—20 h. red	(254)	18—1.60 Kc olive	(312a)
4—20 h. red, vertical perforations		19—2 Kcs dark green	(313)
only for machine dispenser		20—2.50 Kcs dark blue	(314)
(coil stamps)	(254a)	21—3 Kcs brown lilac	(315)
5—25 h. green	(255)	22—3.50 Kcs lilac	(316)
6—40 h. lilac	(256)	23—4 Kcs lilac	(317)
7—40 h. brown-red	(257)	24—5 Kcs grey-green	(318)
		25—10 Kcs dark blue	(319)
"Portraits and views" 1931-37:		Air Mails 1930:	
8—40 h. dark blue	(308)	26—50 h. green	(A10)
9—50 h. dark green	(309)	27—1 Kc carmine red	(A11)
10—50 h. green	(324)	28—2 Kcs grey-green	(A12)
11—60 h. violet	(281)	29—3 Kcs dark lilac	(A13)
12—60 h. violet	(310)	30—4 Kcs slate blue	(A14)
13—1 Kc carmine lilac	(302)	31—5 Kcs red-brown	(A15)
14—5 Kcs green	(241)	32—10 Kcs ultramarine	(A16)
15—10 Kcs dark violet	(266)	33—20 Kcs dark violet	(A17)

## Newspaper stamps 1918-1920:

- 34—30 h. dark brown (J6)  
35—50 h. red-orange (J7)

## Newspaper stamps 1934 overpt. O.T.:

- 36—10 h. lilac (J4)  
37—20 h. blue (J5)  
38—30 h. dark brown (J6)

## Newspaper stamps 1937:

- 39—2 h. ochre (J17)  
40—5 h. light blue (J18)  
41—7 h. red-orange (J19)  
42—9 h. emerald green (J20)  
43—10 h. carmine brown (J21)  
44—12 h. dark ultraarine m (J22)  
45—20 h. black-green (J23)  
46—50 h. dark brown (J24)  
47—1 Kc grey-olive (J25)

## Personal delivery (Mar. 1, 1937):

- 48—50 h. blue (320)  
49—50 h. carmine red (320a)

In the case of these two values a tandem overprint was applied to two stamps (see example later)

## Postage dues 1928:

- 50—5 h. red (T55)  
51—10 h. red (T56)  
52—20 h. red (T57)  
53—30 h. red (T58)  
54—40 h. red (T59)  
55—50 h. red (T60)  
56—60 h. red (T61)  
57—1 Kc ultramarine (T62)  
58—2 Kcs (T63)  
59—5 Kcs (T64)  
60—10 Kcs (T65)  
61—20 Kcs (T66)

## Various issues 1935-37:

- 62—1 Kc carmine (Arras) (296)  
63—2 Kcs blue (Arras) (297)  
64—50 h. green (Mácha) (306)  
65—1 Kc claret (Mácha) (307)  
66—50+50 h. green (Children in art) (321)  
67—1 Kc+50 h. carmine lilac

(Children in art) (322)

68—2 Kcs+1 Kc blue

(Children in art) (323)

69—50 h. green (Zborov) (325)

70—1 Kc carmine (Zborov) (326)

71—50 h. slate (Purkyně) (329)

72—1 Kc rose (Purkyně) (330)

73—50 h. black (Masaryk) (331)

74—2 Kcs black (Masaryk) (332)

75—50 h. grn (ovpt. B.I.T.) (324)

76—1.50 Kc carmine (overprinted B.I.T.) (312)

77—2 Kcs dark green (overprinted B.I.T.) (313)

78—50 h. dark blue (Bratislava sheet 1937)

79—1 Kc dark carmine (Bratislava sheet 1937)

80—50 h. green (Sokols) (333)

81—1 Kc claret (Sokols) (334)

82—50+50 h. green (Children in art) (389)

83—1 Kc+50 h. carmine lilac (Children in art) (390)

84—50 h. dk grn (Legion.) (337)

85—50 h. green (Legion.) (338)

86—50 h. green (Legion.) (339)

87—50 h. green (Fugner) (340)

88—1 Kc red-brn (Fugner) (341)

89—2 Kcs slate (Fugner) (342)

90—50 h. green (Plzeň) (343)

91—50 h. green (Kosice) (344)

92—50 h. dark blue (Prague sheet 1938)

93—1 Kc dark carmine (Prague sheet 1938)

## Bratislava Newspaper Sheet

(October 24, 1937)

10 h. carmine brown x 25

## Bratislava Exposition Sheet

(October 24, 1937)

50 h. dark blue + 1 Kc dk carm.

## Masaryk Sheet (March 17, 1938)

2 Kcs + 3 Kcs black

As the Liberec overprint was applied by hand, there were often irregularities and errors, plus color variations resulting from the ink stamp, which could be every shade from deep black to dark black-brown.

Inverted overprints (like the one reproduced on a later page) are very choice items.

The Liberec overprint was more than a purely local issue; it was a regional overprint to be found on mail posted not only at Reichenberg (Liberec) but at its neighboring towns: Maffersdorf (Vratislavice nad Nisou), Buschullersdorf (Oldřichov), Stramberk (Štramberk), and many others. It was truly a tremendous issue, identified in German catalogs as the Reichenberg-Maffersdorf overprint after the two cities which used it most.

## Library Corner

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In this issue, we continue the listing of SCP library material which was printed in the October-December 1974 issues of the SPECIALIST. Many of the newly-acquired catalogs and handbooks are the result of donations by SCP members, and we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, Mrs. Joseph Sterba, Dr. John H. Jakes, Mr. F. S. Poteet and Mr. W. Trnovský. It is only through the cooperation and generosity of our members that we can achieve our goal of a first-class philatelic library.

In this issue we also list the titles of those periodicals available in the library, giving an indication of the range of years for which issues are available. In most cases, complete runs are not available, and the library would welcome offers of additional material. Periodicals will be loaned by (bound) volume(s) only. For example, item no. 128-20 would be Volume 20 (1970) of FILATELIE. When several volumes are bound together, the item will be listed with a suffix of A, B, etc.

A complete listing of the SCP Library Catalog, including library rules and regulations and listings of periodicals by volume, may be obtained by sending fifty cents (in stamps) to the librarian.

We continue our listing of library material:

106. Halliday, E. M.; The Ignorant Armies (1960, 232pp, English)
107. Fleming, Peter; The Fate of Admiral Kolchak (1936, 253pp, English)
108. Kennan, George F.; Soviet-American Relations, 1917-1920, Vol. II, The Decision to Intervene (1958, 513pp, English)
109. Kennan, George F.; Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin (1961, 411pp, English)
- \*110. Jakes, John H.; A Study of Czechoslovak Town Names in the United States (from a specialized collection) (75pp, English)
111. Jakes, John H.; Czechoslovak Stamps Tell of Their Country's History (83pp, English)
112. Táborský, František; Zakarpatská Ukrajina (1968, 52pp, Czech, with German translation)
113. Votoček, et. al.; Monografie Československých Známek, Vol. XIII (1975, 588pp, Czech)
114. Nováček, Jiří; Magazín Filatelistických Zajímavostí (1974, 86pp, Czech)
115. Pofis; Katalog Československých Známek (1968, 377pp, Czech)
116. Pofis; Katalog Československých Známek (1971, 446pp, Czech)
117. Pofis; Katalog Československých Známek (1975, 512pp, Czech)
118. The Czechoslovak Specialist (1940-1967, English)
119. Český Filatelista (1919-1941, Czech)
120. Tribuna Filatelistů (1921-1944, Czech)
121. Filatelistick: Revue (1929-1940, Czech) renamed Národní Sběratel in 1939
122. Slovenský Filatelista (1939-1944 complete run, Slovak)
123. Československá Filatelie (1945-1950 complete run, Czech)
124. Filatelistické Listy (1947, Czech)
125. Zpravodaj Naší Filatelie (1946-1948 complete run, Czech)
126. Časopis Českých Filatelistů (1946-1948, Czech)
127. Filatelista (1947, Slovak)
128. Filatelie (1951-1973 complete, Czech)

129. Merkur (1969-1971 complete run, Czech)
130. Oběžník Clenu Klubu Českých Filatelistů v Praze (1945-1946, Czech)
131. Poštový Věstník (1945, Slovak)
132. Věstník Ministerstva Pošt (1945-1948, Czech)
133. Artia; Wholesale Price List, Stamps of Czechoslovakia (1956, 24pp, Eng.)
134. Artia; Stamps of Czechoslovakia, Wholesale Price List (1957, 24pp, Eng.)
135. Artia; Stamps of Czechoslovakia, Wholesale Price List (1959, 83pp, Eng.)
136. Artia; Stamps of Czechoslovakia, Wholesale Price List (1969, 132pp, English)
137. Ekstein, V.; Katalog Československých Známek (1933, 116pp, Czech)
138. Ekstein, V.; Katalog Československých Známek (1936, 134pp, Czech)
139. Ekstein, V.; Katalog Československých Známek (1939, 179pp, Czech)
140. Ekstein; Deskové Značky/Plattenzeichen (1936, 103pp, Czech/German)
141. Filatelistické Revue; Katalog Sběratelů Československých Známek (1937, 104pp, Czech)
142. Kaplánek, K.; Katalog Známek Československých (1930, 128pp, Czech)
143. Kaplánek, K.; Katalog Známek Československých (1931, 71pp, Czech)
144. Karásek, Jan; Úprava Sbírky Poštovních Známek (1961, 40pp, Czech)
145. Minkus; Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia Stamp Catalog (1960, 160pp, English)



## From the President's Stock Book

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If philatelic reading provides more fun for the dollar than collecting, TALKING about stamps is even cheaper. (Why this preoccupation with the buck?—Remember this column is being written just before Christmas, which last year came right on the heels of those fabulous December SPECIALIST auctions). And thus I talked—hopefully to the amusement of the combined NY/NJ Branches, at their December meeting at New York's Praha restaurant. My subject was primarily the spiral types of the 500h Hradčany overprinted for Air Mail use. The regular meeting was followed by a Board Meeting at which a number of Society matters were covered.

INTERPHIL '76—Our SOCIETY, as one of eighteen guarantor national societies will participate in virtually every phase of INTERPHIL activity. SOCIETY members Mernard A. Hennig (Patron) and Dr. James J. Matejka Jr. represent two of the three-member Awards Committee. Member George T. Turner serves as a Judges' Liaison. Both Messrs. Hennig and Turner also serve on INTERPHIL'S Advisory Board of Philatelists.

The SOCIETY will donate a Czech crystal vase or other art object to INTERPHIL for disposition by the Awards Committee. We are pleased to report that the SPECIALIST has been accepted for exhibition in the Literature Class (Competitive) and that a bound copy of the SPECIALIST will be placed in the library at Interphil. The following SOCIETY members have thus far informed us of their acceptance as exhibitors: Matejka (Court of Honor), Chesloe, Fischmeister, Hahn, Kvasnicka, Pearce and Verner. We feel certain that there are others and would appreciate hearing from them.

Due to a number of conflicts in scheduling events, we do not as yet know whether the SOCIETY's main functions will take place the first or second week-end of INTERPHIL. This represents a change from our previously announced intent to schedule our events during the first week-end. Please watch this column for future announcements.



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## Charley's Corner

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This month we will show some of the many varieties of the Hradčany perforated issue overprinted "S O 1920".

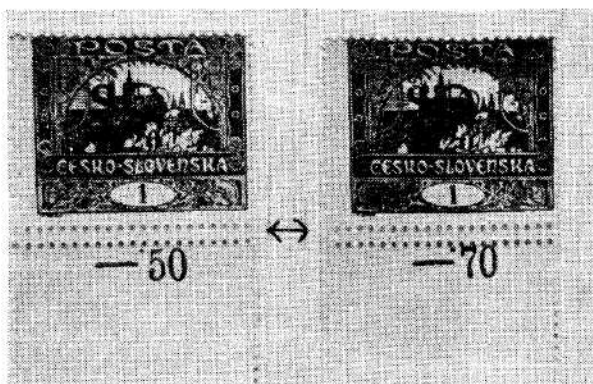


Fig. 1

Fig. 1 shows the double perforation at the bottom margin of the 1h line perf 13%.

Fig. 2 shows a block of six with a strongly shifted overprint and with the two sheet margin copies at the right completely void of the overprint. All these copies are line perforated 13%.



Fig. 2

Fig. 3 shows the 1h value with a triple overprint of "S O 1920" and the inverted overprint of the 5h value.

Many varieties of the overprint exist, such as offsets, double overprints and many types of the shifted overprints. In our next Corner we will show you some varieties of some of the scarce perforation types.

Good hunting—see you next month.

Ed. note: The double perf. variety shown in Fig. 1 is a variety of the basic stamps, which became a variety of the overprint after receiving the





Fig. 3

- overprint itself. The overprint was applied on existing stock of already printed and perforated stamps.

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