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SOCIETY IS INVITED TO 1940 CHIPEX

The Society has received an official invitation from the CHIPEX, Chicago Philatelic Exhibition, which will be held on February 16, 17, 19, 1940, at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago.

A 500 frame exhibit is slated which is destined to be the most important philatelic affair during 1940 in this country.

It was unanimously decided by the executive board to participate with at least 20 frames, which will be shown under the name of our organization. The cost of the frames will be defrayed by members who will participate in loaning part of their collections.

Since it was decided during our New York convention of last June to hold our 1940 convention in Chicago we will most likely hold same during the Chipex affair.

Exact details of our programs will be announced in future issues.

NEW ISSUES

BOHEMIA - MORAVIA

Referring to our October issue we have to add the following new items:

Three high values of identical design and belonging to the present set of view. The design is a reproduction of Scott No. 251 carmine in actual size. Denominations are as follows: 5K blue green, 10K ultramarine, 20K brown.

Newspaper stamps Nos. 419-27 were issued in somewhat changed appearance, the difference being the bi-lingual name of the country on top and bottom. The values have been printed this time in slanted form. The central design however as well as the original colors have been retained.

SLOVAKIA

A 60h purple and K 1.20 grey-green of identical design have appeared, issued in honor of J. Murgas, radio engineer. The stamps, which are of larger size, bear the portrait of Murgas in oval on the left side. On the

right is the view of a broadcasting station.

During the next few days a long set of new airmail denominations will appear.

—J. W. L.

AUSTRALIAN MEMBER IS ACTIVE STAMP AUTHOR

From our Australian member, W. L. Russell, who is in charge of publicity for the Myer Emporium, Ltd., Melbourne, we have received a nice booklet which is being periodically issued by the philatelic department of the Emporium and which is edited by Russell.

Among other very interesting articles we find a specialized treatise on the Arras issue, Scott 206-7.

It should be added here that Russell is the most active writer on Czecho-Slovak issues in Australian philatelic publications.

He also has received important awards for material exhibited at various times at national exhibitions, which indicate the calibre of his collection.

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Adlets (for members' wants, ex-
changes, sales, etc.): 1 cent per word.
Stamps accepted in payment under 25
words; over 25 words, cash, money
order, etc.

ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY SWELL CLUB SHELVES

Since my last message in the mag-
azine of the Society, a war, the extent
and implications which no one can
foretell, has started. Its immediate
effect on stamp collecting in general,
and the stamps of Czecho-Slovakia in
particular, is uncertain, but just be-
cause we can't obtain new issues,
(should there be any) is no reason to
become discouraged and "throw in the
sponge." For those of our members
who have just become interested in
the postal history of Czecho-Slovakia
there is plenty of material of the past
twenty years still to be had. Those
of us who have been collecting the
stamps for some time, and those who

are well advanced, have still a tre-
mendous amount of research work to
do, can still help those who are in
need of assistance. I am sure, and I
think all of us are, that it won't be
very long until the Republic will once
more be issuing its own stamps as an
Independent Nation. So in spite of
difficulties which will no doubt arise
let's carry on.

There have been several interesting
additions to the library, namely; A
translation of two portions of the
Hirsch-Franek Handbook. The parts
translated are "The First Legionare
and Charity Issue, 1920," pages 154 to
161, and "The 1919 Ceskoslovensko
Overprints," pages 162 to 172. Any of
the members desiring the loan of this
material may have it in accordance
with the rules of the library. This
translated portions of the Handbook
was received from Mr. W. L. Russell,
Victoria, Australia. Mr. Russell's
kindness and interest in the society
is, I am sure, appreciated by the
members of the society.

A list of the quantities overprinted
"Slovensky Stat" is also on hand.

Some of the members, perhaps, are
not aware that several well-known
Prague dealers are now in the United
States and Canada, and they have
stocks of Czecho-Slovakian stamp that
can't be exceeded anywhere on the
continent. The opportunity is ours to
secure material that, otherwise, we
would have been lucky to see on this
side of the Atlantic. These dealers
appreciate your enquires and I am
sure that the members will find their
prices reasonable for the class of
material that is wanted.

Incidentally some of our members
must have stamps etc. that they would
like to dispose off, either by sale or
exchange, why not let the rest of the
members know what you have by
inserting a small advertisement in the
magazine, or by dropping a note to
some of the members.

The Society is receiving regularly
the Collectors' Club Quarterly, which
is also kept on file in the library.

If any members have articles or
magazines dealing with Czecho-Slo-
vak postal history that they wish to
dispose of, they are welcome to send
it to the library for safe-keeping.

Let me hear from each and every
one of you from time to time and if
I can be of any help my services are
entirely at your disposal.

J. M. Stephen, Librarian.

PRONUNCIATION OF CZECH

There are no mute letters in Czech, and every letter is pronounced clearly and distinctly. The following rules apply to the pronunciation of this language (when letters in the list below are designated with a diacritic or mark above them, this will be explained in parenthesis):

A has the short sound of A in the northern English "have," French "patte," German "Mann."

E has the short sound of E in "set" as in standard English.

I and Y have the short sound of I, as in "sit," and the Y in "sylph" as in standard English.

O has the short sound of O as in "not," standard English.

U has the short sound of U as in "put," standard English.

The long vowels have the diacritic over them to denote that they are long.

A (with accent mark) has the long sound of A in "father," as in standard English.

E (with accent mark) has the long sound of A in "name," standard English.

I and Y (with accent marks) have the long sound of I in "machine," standard English.

U (with accent mark) and U (with small circle mark over it) have the long sound of U in "rule," as in standard English.

Other vowel sounds are: E (with small crescent over it) has the sound of YE in "yet," standard English; AI and AY have the sound of I in "hive" as in standard English; OU has the sound of O in "note," standard English.

Consonants are pronounced as follows:

C is pronounced TS, as in "bats;" CH is the guttural sound as in Scots "loch," or German "ach;" C (with small crescent over it) is pronounced as CH, as in "church;" D is pronounced as D, followed by Y, as in "yet;" G is pronounced as the G in "get;" H is never mute and when final is pronounced as CH in Scots "loch;" J is pronounced as the Y in "yet;" N (with crescent over it) is pronounced as the labial N, in the Spanish "senor;" R is strongly trilled or rolled and is always pronounced even after vowels. When it is used to form a syllable, as in "trn" (thorn) or "prst"

(finger), no vowel must be sounded; the rolled R is sufficient to join the two consonants.

R (with a crescent over it) is obtained by pronouncing the SH of "ship," with the tip of the tongue vibrating to produce a rolled R. In other words, it is a strongly rolled R pronounced simultaneously with SH.

S (with a crescent over it) is pronounced as SH in "ship." T is pronounced as T, followed by Y as in "yet." Z (with a crescent over it) is pronounced as the S in "vision." L is sometimes used to form a syllable, as "vlk" (wolf). This need present no difficulty for English-speaking people, as the final syllable of the word people is pronounced "pld."

At the ends of words certain consonants change their pronunciation: B is pronounced P; D is pronounced T; V is pronounced F; D is pronounced T; Z is pronounced S; Z (with a crescent) is pronounced S (with a crescent).

The stress is always on the first syllable, but all the succeeding vowels are pronounced equally clearly.

CZECH NAMES APPEAR IN U. S. TOWN CANCELLATION

It may perhaps not be known to the majority of our members that there existed in the United States communities which have either been named after Bohemian-Moravian cities or after subjects from Czechoslovak history.

I have been able to ascertain a number of such post offices in the United States and have written to the respective postmasters for their cancellation, enclosing a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

In the following I am listing the postmarks which I received:

Prague, Nebr., Prague, Okla., Prague, Ark., Karlin, Mich., Karlin, Iowa, Bohemia, N. Y., Pilsen, Kans., Moravia, N. Y., Moravia, Iowa, Moravia, Idaho, Pisek, N. Dak., Slovan, Pa., Beroun, Minn., Libuse, La., Kolin, La., Kolin, Mont., Carlsbad, N. Mex., Carlsbad, Calif., Carlsbad, Tex.

I would be obliged to our members for information as to additional post offices of similar character, which may be missing from my list, so that I can add them to my collection.

J. W. Lowey

FIELD POST

Of Czecho-Slovak and Allied Armies in Siberia and Their Postage Stamps

BY CAPT. ANTHONY NOVOTNY

Translated By Frank J. Kovarik

Ship	Ship Postmaster	Money Orders	Packages	Official Mail	Private Mail
1.	Silesia—Br. Syrový	—	13	345	15,000
2.	N. Novgorod—Kalous*	—	111	325	22,000
3.	Sheridan—Jelinek*	—	45	298	23,000
4.	Madavaska—Koci*	1	40	239	32,000
5.	Amerika—Tenca*	—	301	231	35,000
6.	Titan—Chvatal**	—	44	9	8,500
7.	Mount Vernon—Bilek	—	140	185	18,000
8.	Crook—Svatek	1	406	450	30,000
9.	Pres. Grant I—Steiner**	—	80	112	11,000
10.	Keemun—Bobos	1	425	176	10,000
11.	Ixon—Cermak	—		posta pro Ameriku	
12.	Sherman—Hampejzek**	—	300	3	5,000
13.	Edelyn—Hegr	3	888	179	10,000
14.	Dollar—Zahour	—		pro Ameriku	
15.	Teucer—Hell	—	624	85	4,000
16.	Protesilaus—Elsler	—		pro Ameriku	
17.	Thomas—Kula	—	990	184	12,000
18.	Logan—Vidimsky	6	451	62	10,000
19.	Huntsend—Schovanek*	—	450	73	7,500
20.	Pres. Grant II—Skopeczek*	—	997	312	3,000
21.	Heffron—Holatko	—	96	32	182
22.	(Kildonian Castle) Srbsky Transport	—		69	5,009
23.	Pres. Shnghaj—	—	—	—	1,200
	—	—	—	—	—
	—Celkem	12	6401	3369	249,300

Ship Postmaster: *postal official by trade (one experienced).

**postal clerk by trade.

Mail received from Czechoslovakia—
1st class mail: 413,265 pieces.

Parcels: 1,328 pieces.

Newspapers: (approximately): 12,000 pieces.

Statistics

Transportation of Mail of Field Post of Czechoslovakia and Allied Armies in Russia from Jan. 1, 1919, to Dec. 31, 1919:

Private Mail4,520,635
 Official Mail registered4,520,635
 Newspaper and other printed matter8,725,00
 Parcels 52,757
 Money Orders 38,725

(To the amount of 72,654,328 rubles)

Destination of Mail

Transportation in Percentages

	To April 30, 1919	From May 1 To Dec. 31, 1919
U. S. of America..	17.4	23.7
England	18.1	1.3
France	14.8	3.3
Italy3	.3
Roumania8	.3
SHS (Jugoslavia) .	.7	.8
Poland	1.5	1.0
Lithuania1	.1
China1	.0
Czechoslovakia ...	46.2	69.2
	100.0	100.0

NEW MEMBERS

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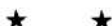
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"OVERPRINTS"

According to advance information we expected important changes in the Czecho-Slovak listings of the 1940 edition of Scott's Catalog. However, glancing through the catalog we were extremely disappointed. Not only were promised improvements omitted, but we find that certain items which had been listed for the past two decades were suddenly excluded. Just one instance: Nos. 61-63 which up to the 1939 edition were listed in imperforate state, are now missing.

We promised in one of our past issues that we would work for the improvement of the Czecho-Slovak section of Scott's Catalog. Changes are that by mid-summer we will have an iron clad case by which we finally hope to persuade Mr. Hugh Clark to listen to advise.

We have contacted several nationally known philatelic organizations, which similar to our own, are dissatisfied with the Scott Catalogue. At the present time a plan is underway upon which will be submitted to Mr.

Clark before he begins with the changes and additions for his 1941 edition. The organizations which jointly will submit correct listings are backed by a membership running into thousands of collectors and we do not believe that Mr. Clark will be able to evade the issue this time.

A glance at the paragraph elsewhere in this issue headed "New Members" will show you that the Society has now passed its "50 Mark," a record that makes us exceedingly proud. Let us not, however, rest on successes.

J. W. L.

Members' Adlets

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65-81	3.50	B137-39	8.50
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91-93	1.75	B140-43	9.00
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101a-101d	55.00	B144-4650
109-111	1.65	B147-4940
119-22	4.50	B150-5118
137-40	3.50	B152 Souv. Sheet55
144-53	2.25		
Same used with special cancel	1.50	Air Post Stamps	
158-162	1.85	C1-3	7.00
Same used with special cancel	1.00	C4-6 well centered	11.00
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Same used	1.50	Special Delivery	
Same mint with tabs	4.50	E4-6	6.50
Same used with tabs	3.75	Postage Due Stamp	
183	1.75	J1-14	3.50
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187-90	4.50	J28-57	3.50
192-93	1.00	J58-69	1.75
195-98	1.15	Newspaper Stamps	
200-0145	P1-26	1.00
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206-0740		
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236-3825	65-85	14.00
241-4342	Same used	9.00
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