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T. G. MASARYK STAMP

By the time the members get this issue of the Specialist the two stamps issued by the U. S. honoring Thomas G. Masaryk will have been issued and the elaborate ceremonies connected with the event will be a memory. Not many members ordered covers from our Society either for themselves or their friends to the disappointment of the committee. It is planned by the committee to service a few extra covers and sell them to interested parties later. We hope this venture of ours will not be costly to the Society.

OUR SECRETARY

Our very active secretary, Joseph J. Jiranek, Jr., was kept so busy with society affairs he found it necessary to take unto himself a wife to help him with some of the work. The young bride, the former Marilyn Jean Zawiski was married to Joseph, Saturday, Feb. 6, 1960, in the St. Philippus United Church of Christ in Chicago. The best man was our member Joseph J. Janicka and other members were present at the ceremony as well as at the reception held in Old Prague Restaurant. To the newlyweds, the fellow officers and members wish joy and happiness in their new state until death do them part.

COMPEX 1960

Your Chicago officers were so preoccupied with the Masaryk stamps and the First Day program that they forgot all else, but the delegate and alternates continued their work in that body. As is well known, Compex 59 was held during the Pan American Games with a five day show which ended Aug. 30. The delegates were so tired that they decided that to start work on another big show was a horrible thought and were prepared to abandon the idea in 1960 especially because some of the leaders of Compex were making preparations for the London International. But popular opinion, "l' opinion publique," was stronger than the will of the men who do the actual head and leg work. Late in 1959 the delegates met in the La Salle Hotel and with a majority decision reversed themselves and immediately pitched in to build another show in 1960. To avoid some of the pitfalls of the past, it was decided that all future Compex Exhibitions be held at a convenient time around Decoration Day, the end of May. After much discussion it was again decided to hold a two floor show because curtailing exhibition space would nullify the desired effect. It was also decided to revise the number of frames used by the participating member clubs. The delegates asked for an increase in the

number of frames, a decrease or, as in the case of your Society, left it to the Exhibition Chairman. In the present arrangement the exhibitions will be rotated between rooms so that one club doesn't hold an option on the most desirable location. It was gratifying to note the complete accord in this most ticklish task.

One of the most controversial subjects discussed was the program. As we remember, in the past it was a directory as well as a magazine containing very worthwhile articles on various phases of the hobby. Some clubs objected to these fetures and, as last year, so also this year, the participating organizations may publish their roster at cost per space used. In the past, the literature section was given free to the clubs but this year the space will be sold the same as the directory space. As a result it is doubtful if any articles will appear in the program. Instead, if a stamp will be accorded first day sale during Compex, stamps will be affixed to the program, cancelled with the First Day cancelling device and sold as a souvenir of the exhibition.

We failed to elect an exhibition chairman this year; an oversight. We shall do so in the Chicago Chapter meeting and in the meantime it was agreed to send all exhibition material to the office of Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., Room 216, La Salle Hotel, 10 No. La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill.; the good doctor is president of your Society. There it can be placed into the vault and remain safe. ALL members are cordially invited to participate. Compex 58 was well supported by the members from the East; Compex 59 had several exhibits from foreign countries; we want Compex 60 to be representative of the Society and not merely of the Chicago or any sectional area.

Last year we distributed about 18,000 Czechoslovakian stamps during Compex. It is our hope and wish to do so again and request our members to help propagate the stamps of Czechoslovakia by sending us their duplicates. We don't expect any rarities; the most common stamps will well answer the purpose. These stamp donations, too, may be sent to Dr. Matejka and marked "STAMP DONATION."

Both past Compex shows have been a big source of revenue to our Society. Because of this revenue your Society paid off its debts to the guarantors of the Handbook Fund and permitted the continuation of a 16 page Specialist at no increase in dues. Many specialist organizations have raised their dues, curtailed their publications or gave up the ghost. To help the Society the members must support its activities and Compex is one of the greatest.

STOP PRESS NEWS

At the Chicago Chapter meeting the following were elected to help with special committees during Compex 1960: Joseph Janecka, Exhibition Chairman and George Havlik, Program Chairman. Communication with these gentlemen may be addressed c/o Dr. J. J. Matejka, Room 216, La Salle Hotel, Chicago 2, Ill.

It was announced that our Society will show 90 frames of material. We ask you to please send Czecho material only.

WISH TO EXCHANGE STAMPS

Jaroslav Vachek, Jungmannova 41, Breclav.

Karel Fiala, Jos. Uhra 4, Brno (used U. S. and Canada)

Ivo Teplrek, Frenstat pod Radh., Nadrazi cislo 398.

Mike Fraer, Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp 17, Willits, Calif.

The latter seeks stamps of Czechoslovakia on an exchange basis and we recommend our members send him some of their duplicates with no strings attached.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Frank J. Kovarik
8748 Rockefeller Ave., Brookfield, Illinois.

Jan. 17, 1960

Dear Mr. Kovarik:

Per instructions I attach original copy of The Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society. In the opinion of the Auditing committee, the books are in good hands, and the attached report reflects the true position of the Society as of date indicated.

You will note that although receipts were only slightly ahead of disbursements for the year 1959, the Society did pay off in full Handbook Loans of Members (\$410.00) which is a non-recurring item. As a result of recent communication particular attention was made to the advertising of G. C. Kobyłka in the Specialist. The Advertising of same was promptly paid for and upon visual inspection of the personal check of G. C. Kobyłka, the auditing committee found that the check did satisfactorily clear the bank upon first passage.

Hoping the attached meets the approval of all concerned, I remain,
Sincerely

Lawrence Linhart

CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Financial Report of the Treasurer

Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959

RECEIPTS

	1959	1958
Dues and Donations	\$ 922.00	\$ 771.65
Advertising	193.13	126.55
Society Circuits	21.66	22.96
Sale of Bound Specialists and Back Issues	66.44	106.06
Dictionaries Sold	49.10	10.90
Auction	19.00	20.00
Compex	343.60	493.80
Sales of Handbook	109.75	768.81
Total Receipts	\$1724.68	\$2320.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Specialist and other Printing	\$ 839.90	\$ 802.60
Compex	201.48	130.15
Miscellaneous Expenses (Postage, Envelopes, Addressograph plates, banking, binding, etc.)	226.50	367.45
Printing of Handbook		1600.00
Payment in Full—Handbook Loans of Members	410.00	
	\$1677.88	\$2900.20

CASH ACCOUNT

In Bank and on Hand—Jan. 1, 1959:		\$ 131.84
Add: 1959 Receipts	\$1724.68	
Less: 1959 Disbursements	1677.88	46.80
		\$ 178.64

In Bank and on Hand—Dec. 31, 1959: \$ 178.64
Based upon our examination the above reflects the cash position of the Society as of date indicated. Unsold dictionaries, handbooks, and back issues of Specialists were not counted.

Signed:

Lawrence Linhart, John Velek, Joseph Janecka
Auditing Committee, Jan. 16, 1960

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

C23-27	Airmails-Coupons	2.50	---
C28-35	Air Surcharges	2.00	---
C28-35	Same Marg. edges	3.50	---
C36-39	Spas	1.40	.90
C40-44	Air views	2.75	1.25
C45-46	Airmails 1957	.60	.25
E1-3	Spec. Delivery	.20	.15
E1a-3a	Same, white paper	6.25	5.50
EX1-2	Spec. Delivery 1937	.10	---
EX3	Spec. Delivery 1946	.05	---
J1-14	Dues, 14 values	6.50	.40
J15-19	Blue surcharge	.50	.15
J20-31	Violet surcharge	6.50	.60
J20-31	Less J28	2.00	.50
J22-34	Postage Dues 1924	.80	.08
J35-41	Postage Dues 1925	1.00	.15
J42-43	Postage Dues 1926	.15	.05
J44-49	Postage Dues 1926	.80	.10
J50-56	Postage Dues 1957	.50	.15
J57	Surcharge Imperf.	.35	.10
J58-69	1928 Dues	.70	.10
J70-81	1946 Dues	.40	.10
J82-94	1954 Dues	3.25	1.10
O1-7	Officials 1945	.20	.10
C8-15	Officials 1947	.25	.10
P1-8	Newspaper	.30	.12
P9-10	Newsp. surcharge	.20	.10
P11-13	Noviny Overpr.	.20	.10
P14-16	O. T. Overpr.	.10	.10
P17-25	Pigeon	.10	.10
P26	Phil. Exhib. Sheet	.35	.35
P27-36	Delivery Boy	.10	.10

EASTERN SILESIA

1-21	S. O. Overpr. Impf	9.50	---
1-21	Same less No. 3, 4	2.50	3.50
20a	Black Overprint	1.00	1.00
21a	Black Overprint	17.50	17.50
22-30	S. O. Overpr. Perf.	1.10	1.25
31-32	S. O. Masaryk	17.50	---
E1-2	Special Delivery	.05	.10
J1-11	Postage Dues	1.50	2.00
P1-5	Newspaper	.25	.30

Complete Country 59 vals. mint \$29.

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1	3K Jasina	.20	---
1	same with coupon	1.00	---

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31a-33a	same, imperf.	6.50
31-33	Perf. 14, white gum	1.25
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35	Lion, 1920 Ovrp., I or II	1.25
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SLOVAKIA

		Mint:
1	Parliament	.07
2-23	Overprint	32.00
2-18	Short set	1.50
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26-33	Hlinka incl. a Nos.	.50
34-37	Stefanik	.30
38-39	Murgaš	.15
41-42	Costumes	.15
43, 43A	Tiso	.06
44	Castle -- .90 per 10	.10
45-49	Tatra views	.90/10 .10
58-61	Castles	.80/10 .10
62-64	Memorandum	1.25
70-73	Phil. Exhibition	.75
74-76	Postal Congress	.18
77-82	Educat. Society	.40
83, 93, 94	Hlinka	.08
89-92	Railroad	.30
95-102	Kings	.75
103-7	Tatra views	.10
108-9, B25-6	National Def.	.45
110-15	Tiso	.60
115	10K Gutter Pair	2.50
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B5-7	Children Welfare	.35
B8-10	Hlinka Youth	.40
B11-13	Red Cross	.15
B14-16	Soldiers Welfare	.35
B17-20	Cultural Instit.	.20
B21-24	Sport Issue	.35
B27a	Sheet (single .20)	1.25
C1-9	Airmails	.60
C10	Airmail 1K with Wmk.	.10
J1-12	Postage Dues I	7.50
P1-9	Newspaper Overpt.	1.50
P10-18	Newspaper	.40
Complete Country (incl. 'a' Nos.)		\$60

V. J. FLEISCHER, American Consulate General, APO 108, New York, N. Y.

National Stamp Exhibition Bratislava September 24-October 9, 1960

The Federation of Czechoslovak Philatelists in Prague (member of the FIP) will hold a National Stamp Exhibition known as BRATISLAVA 1960 between September 24 and October 9, 1960. The exhibition will take place in the Slovak Museum in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, and the cooperation of the Ministry of Communications has been accorded.

Collections of philatelists outside of Czechoslovakia who are members of national philatelic organizations are invited to enter displays, as also authors and editors of philatelic literature. Entries should be applied for by February 29, 1960 at the latest.

A special invitation to American collectors has been extended by Frantisek Smolik, president, and Bohumil Matejka, General Secretary.

Exhibits may contain the following types of collections: (a) Officially issued postage stamps of all kinds, entires, cancellations, essays, proofs, postal stationery, etc.; (b) stamps of local or private posts; (c) samples of philatelic literature (catalogs, journals edited in Czechoslovakia after 1945 and abroad in the last five years), albums and other philatelic accessories.

Exhibits will be subdivided into (a) Official Class—not for competition: reserved for exhibits of postal administrations, postal museums, stamp printing establishments, and designers and graphic artists of stamps; (b) Class of Honor: Exhibits which since 1945 have won at least two gold medals or equivalent awards in national or international exhibitions; (c) Competition Class: (1) Czechoslovakia (a) general collections, (b) specialized collections, (c) research collections; (2) U. S. S. R. & People's Democracies; (3) topical and thematic; (4) Europe; (5) overseas; (6) entires, pre-stamp covers, cancellations; (7) local and private posts; (8) junior collections (a) up to 14 years, (b) 14 to 18 years; (9) literature, catalogs, journals; (10) philatelic accessories.

Each exhibitor will receive a souvenir certifying his participation. Each exhibitor in the Class of Honor will receive an object of art with a certificate of participation in the highest class. The best collector in this class will receive the Grand Award of Honour—Bratislava 1960.

In the Competitive Class the following prizes will be awarded: (1) Grand Prix Bratislava 1960, for the best collection of Czechoslovakia; (2) Grand Prix of Friendship Bratislava 1960 for the best collection of the U. S. S. R. and People's Democracies; (3) Grand Prix of Peaceful Cooperation Bratislava 1960 for the best foreign collection in the 4th-7th class and Grand Prix Bratislava 1960 for the best Czechoslovak entry 4th-7th class; (4) Prize of Progressive Philately Bratislava 1960 for the best topical or thematic collection in the 3rd class; (5) Prize of the Czechoslovak Youth Bratislava 1960 for the best junior collection in Class 8.

There will also be silver-gilt, silver, and bronze medals, and certificates of merit. A special group of "Prizes of Honor" will be awarded, and more details of these will be furnished later.

The Jury will consist of eleven members, who will judge according to the rules of the F. I. P.

Space for exhibits is furnished free of charge, but exhibitors must pay a fee of Kcs. 20 for each collection in order to cover the cost of insurance while the material is at the exhibition, the fee for safe deposit vault, and expenses connected with the return of collections and forwarding of souvenirs, prizes, medals. This amount is payable in advance by money order, and you will be advised of cost if and when notified of acceptance of your entry. Entries of juniors up to 18 years are free of charge. The Exhibition Commit-

tee reserves the right to reject any exhibit without assigning any reason. The Committee will decide on the acceptance of entry applications in the sequence of their arrival and will notify the exhibitors of their decision. The Committee reserves the right to allocate accepted collections such exhibition space as they consider adequate in relation that the extent and significance of the collection, taking into consideration the sequence of its entry.

Application to exhibit should be sent by airmail at once to Vystavny vybor Bratislava 1960, P. O. B. 1028, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Give your full name and address, what philatelic organizations you belong to (probably one national society will be sufficient), title of the collection, in which class you wish to enter, amount of space desired for exhibit, number of sheets and their proportions, what prizes exhibit has been awarded and where, a concise description of the exhibit (which should be given on a separate sheet), date of your letter, and your signature.

Exhibitors should make their own arrangements for insurance on the way to Prague and return; the Committee will insure against all risks from date of receipt to date of their return shipment. Each exhibit must be accompanied by a list in four copies of the stamps, entires, literature, documents, and all supplementary material sent. The list must contain the name of the country exhibited, number of stamps and description of them mounted on each exhibition sheet, and their date of issue. Valuable stamps should have added the number of a worldwide known catalog. The exhibition sheets should be numbered consecutively on the reverse side. All other exhibits besides stamps should be described individually but briefly. Exhibits may be sent by airmail or regular post, but must be forwarded in time to reach their destination by September 15, 1960 at the latest.

All correspondence should be addressed to Vystavny vybor Bratislava, 1960, P. O. B. 1028, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Collections from outside Czechoslovakia must be sent prepaid to the Center of Czechoslovak Philatelists, Vystavna zahranično-colno komisia pri Ustredi csl. filatelistov, Jindrisska ul. 18, Praha 3, Czechoslovakia. Receipt of consignments, clearance through customs, and the observance of regulations of Czechoslovak authorities, will be taken care of by the Committee. At the close of the exhibition, exhibits will be returned as soon as possible. The fee for customs clearance and other minimal expenses must be paid by exhibitor within fourteen days after notification of the cost by the Committee on a specified account in Czechoslovakia.

—From "Stamps" Magazine

OUR ADVERTISERS

In this issue of the paper we mentioned how the treasury benefits materially from its connection with Compex. Another extra source of revenue comes from our advertisers. You may have noticed that sometimes almost half the Specialist pages contain advertising. We have two advertisers who take a full page and two who take a half page. They advertise not only because advertising pays but also to help the Society's treasury. It behoves our readers to support the stalwarts of our publication.

Seems like our classified ads didn't go over so well. The editor failed to get repeats and it is possible this type of ad, as far as our publication goes, will die a natural death. We made very little money on these ads; they were intended as a service to the members.

MANO KATZ

Only a few months ago we accepted a new member from London; Mano Katz, who immediately sent us copy for two full pages of ads. In his last

letter to the editor he promised a full page ad on a yearly basis. The following notice appeared in a most recent issue of the magazine STAMPS:

Death came suddenly, on January 25, 1960, to Mano Katz, well known London specialist dealer in German, Austrian and Czechoslovakian stamps. He was 65.

He was born in Czechoslovakia and began dealing in stamps at Brünn in the years before World War II. With the rise of the Nazis he was obliged to flee the country but his wife and 12-year-old son were trapped there and he never saw them again. He re-established himself in London and began trading as Alpha Stamps, Ltd., but later set up on his own account. Soon afterwards he married his secretary and chief assistant, who played a large part in building up the business.

Apart from the general issues of the countries in which he specialized he had a comprehensive stock of propaganda stamps and forgeries of both World Wars, and this stock was used by L. N. and M. Williams as a basis for research when writing their book *Forged Stamps of Two World Wars*.

Mano Katz was a familiar figure not only in the London auction rooms, but also in European philatelic circles, for he made frequent business visits to that Continent.

To the bereaved widow the officers and members of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society extend their profound sympathy.

MINKUS REGIONAL CATALOGS

The most recent of the pocket-size regional catalogs which have been introduced by Minkus Publications, Inc., 115 West 30th Street, New York 1, N. Y., are for the British Commonwealth and Greece, Albania, and Turkey.

The idea of producing such catalogs, confined to a country or group of countries, has met with tremendous response among many collectors whose philatelic interests embrace only certain areas. It is one of the best things that have been done for collectors in recent years, when the large number of stamps issued all over the world annually make it practically an impossibility for one to "collect the world" as so many did in eras past. Now a collector can buy just those catalog sections in which he is interested, and save himself the cost of the additional parts he does not want. On the other hand, the sectional catalogs are so easy to use while working with a collection that even those collectors who desire the whole catalog find it convenient to buy additionally certain sectional parts to avoid having to handle the cumbersome large tome while consulting the catalog for prices or other details. Of course, the pocket-size catalog is also handy to carry from place to place, while traveling, visiting a club or on a stamp buying jaunt.

All prices are based on a faithful study of realistic market averages in all of these regional catalogs, and Editor-in-Chief George Tlamsa, Art Director Rudy Vecerin, as well as other members of the staff, have in other respects done a remarkable job of research and study in order to give collectors catalogs that will meet their needs.

The catalogs are available countrywide at stamp and coin department stores which are listed regularly in the advertisements of Minkus Publications in this magazine. Also through your favorite stamp dealers or book store.

The prices on the various regional catalogs are as follows: Czechoslovakia, Poland and Russia—\$2.00; The French Community of Nations and Monaco (France, Occupations, Post Offices Abroad, Colonies, Territories, Possessions, Andorra and Monaco)—\$2.50.

—From "Stamps" Magazine

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The Life and Accomplishments of Founding President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk

by Ing. Weiss

From *Československá Filatelie*, Vol. III, Number 24, December 20, 1947

Translated by Joseph J. Jiranek

PATTERN FOR A TOPICAL COLLECTION

The heightened interest in topical collecting has resulted in letters of inquiry about this new facet of philately. Topical collecting concerns itself with gathering all varieties of postage stamps that pertain to any subject of interest. A fine collection that might be of interest would be as a rule one which deals with a limited subject.

There is probably no Czechoslovak stamp collector who has not at one time or other greatly interested himself in the life and accomplishments of our founding President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, so I have decided to assemble a collection of stamps which could tell us much about him. Of course any collector may expand this listing into as broad a collection as he desires. (Translator Note: Do not overlook the many fine photographs which pertain to Masaryk upon the picture postal cards of Czechoslovak postal stationery, to augment the stamps mentioned.)

Thomas Garrigue Masaryk was born on March 7, 1850 in the town of Hodonin (Czech #317) in the Austro-Hungarian Empire during the reign of Emperor Franz Josef I (Aust. #29). He pursued his early schooling in the city of Brno (Czech #A114) and in Vienna (Aust. #126). Masaryk pursued his higher education in Leipsig (Germany #496) where he first became acquainted with his American wife-to-be, Charlotte Garrigue. Their wedding took place on March 15, 1878 in New York City. (Monaco #C20). He began lecturing at the Prague University (Czech. #A127) on September 16, 1882. It was not until five years later that Masaryk first visited Nikolai Tolstoy (Russia and Czech #631) in Moscow (Russia). He journeyed to Russia again in 1888 and 1910.

In 1896 Masaryk published a very fine work of the significance of the political awakening titled "Karel Havlicek" (Czech #315). In the same year he published "Otaska Solialni" (The Question of Socialism), a review and critical examination of the life and works of Karl Marx (Russia #422). Later as Masaryk advanced considerably in responsibility, education and politics he was elevated to a high position in the Higher Gymnastic council of the Malstranskem Sokol group, as he advocated the teachings of Tyrs and Fugner, founders of the Sokol Movement (Czech #187-189 and #246). In the year 1911 Masaryk was recuperating on the island of Capri (Italian #646) and collaborated with the Russian writer Gorky (Russia #470).

On December 17, 1914, Masaryk left Czechoslovakia in order to wage a battle for the eventual liberation of his homeland. He first went to Rome (Italy #505) where he established the first agreements with the responsible representatives of the Allied Powers. From Italy he journeyed to France where before Christmas of 1915 he became ill and was housed in the apartment of Dr. Denis in Paris. His first lecture at the Sorbonne was held February 22, 1916 and later he was elected President of the Czechoslovak National Council. His mail collaborators in the liberation movement were Dr. Eduard Benes (Czech. #227) and General Dr. Milan Rastislav Stefanik (Czech. #208).

Under the leadership of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk there was a spontaneous grouping of all the Czechoslovak Legionnaires fighting in Russia, Si-

beria, France, Italy and Serbia in pursuit of the single goal, the liberation of Czechoslovakia from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. (Czech. #195-198, 206, 228, 243, 244, 245.) After the October, 1917, Russian Revolution, Masaryk went to Russia where he was made Commander-in-Chief of all the allied forces in Siberia. He remained there until March 7, 1918.

From Russia, Masaryk traveled to the United States. Joyous welcome was extended to him in Chicago (U. S. #729). He was invited to confer with President Woodrow Wilson (U. S. #623) in the White House (U. S. #932) in Washington, D. C.

On November 14, 1918, Thomas G. Masaryk was elected the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic, soon after the liberation on October 28, 1918. In his journey to Czechoslovakia he left the United States on November 20, 1918, and traveled via London where, in recognition for his contribution to the war effort he was presented to King George V (Britain #128) and his wife to Queen Mary (Canada #213). On December 14, 1918, Masaryk went to Paris where he conferred with Clemenceau (France #417). President Masaryk had an audience with the King of Italy, Victor Emanuel III (Italy #222) on December 17, 1918.

After this great triumphal trip President Masaryk made his entry into Prague (Scout stamps "Prijezd Masaryk) and flanked by representative legionnaires from all the fighting fronts, being driven from the Wilson railroad station to the Hradcan Castle (Czech. #A1, etc.), the residence of the President. The following day Masaryk made his first public statement of policy. On March 7, 1920, celebrating the 70th birthday anniversary of the President, the first Czechoslovak stamp in his honor was issued. (Czech. #62). From that time on Masaryk devoted the remainder of his effective life to his nation and state.

In 1923 he served as host president for the First International Exhibition of Postage stamps in Brno (Czech. #148). The fall of the same year Masaryk left on a state visit to France, Britain and Belgium where he was granted an audience with King Albert I (Belgium #126) and Queen Elizabeth (Belgium #330).

President Masaryk was again re-elected on May 27, 1927, and in his policy statement he called attention to the coming tenth anniversary of the Republic in 1928 (Czech. #150). A great celebration was held March 7, 1930, to celebrate Masaryk's Eightieth Birthday Anniversary (Czech. #175). Masaryk was again re-elected for the fourth time in 1934 and again in 1935 there was another celebration marking his 85th Birthday (Czech. #202 and 204.) On December 14, 1935, due to ill health, President Masaryk gave up the presidency in favor of his long time, tireless collaborator Dr. Eduard Benes. On September 14, 1937, the long and fruitful life of President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk came to an end. A state of deep national mourning was observed by the Czechoslovak nation (Czech. #234, 235 and B152).

In the execution of his official duties as President, Masaryk welcomed and visited many of the leaders and kings of the world. Among these were King Alexander I of Yugoslavia (Jugo. #64), the Romanian King Karel II and his son Michael (Rom. #439 and 568), King Prajadipok of Siam (Siam #207) and the Austrian President and former classmate Dr. Hainsch (Aust. #B77). Masaryk made various state visits to the Moravian and Slovak provinces where he was warmly greeted by the people and where he showed the great love he had for the young children of the nation (Czech. #B150 and B151).

During the occupation by the Nazis every effort was made to obliterate every memory of this great man, but not only did the Czechoslovak Army in France and Britain prepare and issue special commemorative postmarks

to mark the various anniversaries of Masaryk but even a composite stamp in a souvenir sheet. Bohumil Heinz, a patriotic engraver of Czechoslovakian and Bohemia and Moravia postage stamps included in the Karluv Tyn Castle stamp of 1939 the caricature head of Masaryk, along with those of Dr. E. Benes and General Milan Stefanik, all surrounded by an outline of the map of the Czechoslovak province. Thus even the most critical scrutiny of the occupying forces could not keep Masaryk off the stamps of his country.

Even before the complete liberation of Czechoslovakia postage stamps with Masaryk's portrait were printed in Moscow (Czech. #263). These were placed into use almost at the same instant of liberation. One of the early sets of regular issues also had the portrait of President Masaryk. In 1947, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the death of President Masaryk, a final set of stamps with the Masaryk portrait was issued. The later Communist regime has made a point of holding photographs of Masaryk to the minimum. In the case of the Czechoslovak catalogues not even an illustration is permitted for the stamps already issued in his honor, and any reference to him must not carry any title. The issuance of the Champion of Liberty stamp for Masaryk will be a tribute justly deserved by a man whose efforts for democracy are one of the most heroic by a single man in this twentieth century.

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Bohemia & Moravia First Issue

by F. J. Schmittel

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Soon after Hitler took over Germany it became quite evident that he planned to become the lord of Czechoslovakia. How this was achieved is all such recent history that there is no need to repeat it here. Since the disintegration of Czechoslovakia is related to the subject of our article, however, we will recall to readers' minds the following:

The northern, western and southern boundaries of Bohemia and Moravia, the so-called Sudeten area, was taken by Germany Oct. 1, 1938; the Teschin area in the northeastern part of Moravia was taken by Poland Oct. 8; the southern border of Slovakia was seized by Hungary Oct. 10, 1938; and on March 10, 1939 Hungary took all of the eastern section, Carpatho-Ukraine. On March 14 Slovakia declared its independence, and cast its lot with Hitler's Germany. March 15, 1939, the German army marched into Czechoslovakia and Hitler proclaimed himself Protector of Bohemia and Moravia.

Stamps of Czechoslovakia were valid in the Protectorate until Dec. 12, 1939, although on July 15 the current stamps of the Republic were overprinted and placed on sale. It is thus possible to have covers with mixed franking. The overprinted issue consisted of the following nineteen values: 5, 10, 20, 25 and 30h of the Arms design, 40h Komensky, 60h Stefanik, 1Kč Ceskoslovensko and 1Kč (Cesko-Slovensko) Masaryk 50h Plzeň, 1.20Kč Mukačevo, 1.50 Banská Bystrica, 1.60 Kutná Hora, 2 Zvíkov, 2.50 Strečno, 3 Český Ráj, 4 Poděbrady, 5 Olomouc and 10Kč Bratislava.

The overprint consists of a three-line bar across the original title heading. At the top of each central design appears the overprinted legend in German "Böhmen u. Mähren" and below in Czech "Čechy a Morava". Due to the various sizes of stamps receiving this treatment five types were employed for the operation. All overprints were performed by the photogravure process and only black ink was used.

Let us examine the types:

Type I: The Coat of Arms stamps overprint has three horizontal lines 17.75 mm long. The legend "Böhmen u. Mähren" is 15.50 mm and "Čechy a Morava" also 15.50 mm in length. The distance between the bars and the German overprints is 2.5 mm, and the distance between the German and Czech overprints is 9.30 mm. The height of the letters is 1.5 mm. The overprint is not very prominent; it is least visible on the 5h dark blue, and best seen on the 20h brick red. The overprinting ink does not show uniform intensity. It was applied on full sheets of 200 subjects, but many sheets and many more part sheets were damaged, and so the stamps when placed on sale at the Agency consisted of half-sheets or smaller fragments of same.

Type Ia: The portrait stamps are slightly different in size. The bars are 18 mm long; the German legend is 15.8 mm, the Czech 16 mm. Distance between the bars and the German legend is 2 mm, between German and Czech inscriptions is 10 mm, otherwise the overprint does not differ from Type I.

Type II. This type appears only on the Plzeň stamp; the horizontal rectangle required a different size of overprint. The horizontal lines are 23 mm long; the German and Czech are both 20 mm long. Distance between the lines and the German legend is 2 mm, and between the legends it is 6.5 mm. Height of the letters is 2 mm. This overprint is very clear. Overprinted in sheets of 50 and 100 subjects.

Type III: Views on stamps of intermediate format required a still different size of overprint. There are some slight differences from normal due

to the replacements of plates after originals showed signs of wear. Stamps were overprinted in sheets of 50 and 100 subjects. The 100 subject sheets of the 1.20, 1.50, 1.60, 2, 2.50 and 3K values have lines of lengths between 19.1 and 19.3 mm. The German legend is 16.8 and the Czech 16 to 16.8 mm long. Distance between the lines and the German text is 1.9 to 2 mm and between the legends 11.8 to 12 mm. The fifty-subject sheets of these stamps show no variations.

Type IV: The 4 and 10 Kč values are overprinted in greatest size contrast. The length of the lines is 28.5 mm; the German overprint is 25.9 mm to 26 mm and the Czech is 26 mm long. Distance between the lines and the top overprint is 2.5 mm and between the top and bottom letters 10.8 mm. The overprint appears prominently on both stamps. The 4 Kč came to the Agency in sheets of 100 subjects but the 10 Kč only in top or bottom half sheets of fifty; possible reason for this is that many were damaged during the overprinting operation. Only one plate was employed to overprint these two values which shows two minor varieties. The 91st stamp has only the left half of the supersign in the Czech legend and the 92nd stamp has a broken line in the right half of the same supersign. Smaller differences are due to the wear of the plate.

Type V: The 5 Kč, because of its vertical rectangle format, required a different overprinting plate. The length of the lines is 23.5 mm, the German legend is 20.25 mm, and the Czech is 20.30 mm; the distance between the lines and the German text is 2.6 mm and between the two texts 16 mm.

The ink used to overprint these stamps was a weak black, easily dissolved in benzene. Many of these overprints became smeary when collectors tried to soak the used stamps in water.

The most prominent major varieties found in this issue appear on the 20 and 25h Arms type stamps; the 50th stamp is without the "u." in the German overprint (Böhmen-Mähren) and on the 26th stamp of the 1.60 Kč an "n" is substituted for the "r" in Mähren (Böhmen u. Mähnen).

For further information on the stamps of Bohemia and Moravia and Slovakia please refer to the specialized catalog and handbook published by the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society and obtainable from the treasurer Geo. C. Kobylka, 1433 So. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill., \$4.50 postpaid.

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Stamp Market Tips

by Leo Eaton

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—A very long time ago I mentioned Michel Nos. I and II, the 1918 Boy Scout issue, not listed in Scott, but nevertheless asked for by thousands of collectors of Czechoslovakian and Boy Scout issues. Very little of this issue can be found outside of Czechoslovakia, and little stock of it exists there. Occasionally one notices offerings of this popular issue ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for mint or used on piece sets. It is very difficult to find this set on covers with a nice, clear "Posta Scautu" cancellation as these covers are seldom found. If anyone is interested in these topics, try for mint, used, or used on covers sets, as this issue has a long way to go.

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PODEBRADY

King Jirí z Poděbrad came from this town. About 1460 he proposed the formation of the League of European Nations to combat the Turks and to establish peace in Europe. Nothing came of this premature suggestion. Komenský proposed the same thing in 1650, but again without results. The king's equestrian statue graces the town square. Poděbrady is also known for the mineral water "Poděbradka" used for heart ailments.

A 4K stamp picturing the statue and the baths was issued in 1936.

OLOMOUC

It is the second city of Moravia, around which centers the agricultural industry and is also the seat of the archbishop. One of the early bishops of Olomouc was an Englishman in 1201. The town hall is famous for its Orloj and in its proximity stands the baroque style statue of the Holy Trinity, erected in 1715 in the hope of turning away the Black Plague, which raged at that time in Central Europe.

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