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THE NEW YORK CONVENTION

Our third annual convention was destined to be a complete success, arrangements were completed, the stage was set and the prospects of a large attendance were excellent, even the weather was perfect, up to about Dinner time when the skies opened and let forth a torrent of rain which not only marred the prospects of a successful Dinner but continued far into the night. Nevertheless, a number of guests attended and the following members and their families were present: G. Bergl, F. Brunner, E. Burger, B. Dub, Mrs. Fritzsche, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Horechny, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Kempe, Wm. Klemm, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowey, Dr. Reiner-Deutsch, R. Seckey, G. F. Smyth, A. Stach, F. Stern, T. J. Vavrinek, F. O. Voticky and M. Zemany and son.

All present enjoyed a successful dinner and promptly at nine o'clock President Reiner-Deutsch called the Convention to order.

In his opening address he expressed the wish for an early resurrection of Czechoslovakia. Theodore Vavrinek was persuaded to serve as Recording Secretary and turned out an unusually good job. The session was opened with the reading of the various reports and suggestions. Space does not permit the reproduction of the reports in their entirety and so only the highlights will be touched upon. Editor Kreischer's letter; "...I am highly pleased with the cooperation given me in my office. Many excellent contributions were published and more are on hand for future publication. I am also grateful for the comments I

have received from the members though I would like to see more members contribute material and also offer opinions as to how the "Specialist" can further be improved upon. In closing I wish to make the following motion; that any member of our Society who is called into the services of our Country shall be carried on the membership rolls as a paid up member until his return to civilian life." The motion was duly seconded and accepted.

Treasurer Greenawalt's Statement; "...that our bank balance as per May 7th is \$72.55, not counting uncollected bills for advertising or outstanding minor expenses."

Chairman of the Rules Committee, Frank J. Kovarik; "I hereby propose that we retain the \$1.00 dues but, in addition, create the following groups: Associate Members at \$2.00 and Patron Members at \$5.00 per year." The proposal was put in motion, seconded and accepted. Several of the attending members expressed their willingness to voluntarily raise their dues for 1942 and will enter one or another group. This step is likely to boost the income of the Society and make possible various improvements as for instance the enlargement of our monthly publication.

Sales and Exchange department, Mr. Fritzsche: "There are now 58 booklets with a total value of \$454.68 circulating. Since no circuit has made a complete round as yet, sales can not be ascertained and likewise the percentage going to our treasury can not be computed. However, it should be stated that everything is running fine and that every member is com-

plying with the rules. In answer to criticisms as to why the department is run on a net basis and not on catalogue value like other exchanges, I propose the formation of an expert board which will compute the market prices of Czecho-Slovak varieties in Scott values, so that for instance, easy exchange between United States and Czecho-Slovak stamps can be accomplished."

Due to the large amount of work involved to arrive at an exact and fair exchange level the expert committee could not be formed and a fairly lengthy discussion seemed to obstruct further proceeding when Alfons Stach arose and proposed "... that his 1941 Specialized catalogue serve as an exchange medium..." This clever suggestion was put in a motion, seconded and passed.

The secretary was then instructed to write a letter to the absent Fritzsche expressing the appreciation of the society for the expert handling of his department.

The final report was one submitted by the Secretary, part of which follows; (1)...."....that a committee be formed for the purpose of recruiting new members for the society. (2).... that a board be formed for the purpose of creating publicity about our society in the various philatelic magazines and stamp columns in the many news papers in the United States. (3)....that a committee be formed for the purpose of holding a stamp exhibition, preferably in October of this year, in one of the larger halls of the Czech section of New York City. The exhibit is to consist of about 50 frames, part of which will contain Czecho-Slovak material and the remainder of such material as would be exhibited by other clubs, similar to our society, who specialize in other countries. No charge is to be made for the use of frames by the guest societies and no admission charge is to be made to visitors of the show. However, bourse tables are to be rented to dealers, the income thereby derived is to pay the expenses of the exhibition.

The above proposals were agreed upon as follows: (1) Messrs. Secky, Voticky and Vavrinek were appointed to the membership committee. (2) Member Secky will take over publicity with the New York Czecho-Slovak newspapers while Mr. Lowey will continue to arrange publicity in the national philatelic magazines. (3) Inquiries will be made and if the Exhibition proves feasible a committee will be formed in September to make all the arrangements. In connection with points 1 and 2 it should be added that Frank Kovarik will write up our interests in several Chicago papers. Also Fred Peters has in the past and will continue frequent mention of our society in special articles he will write for various philatelic publications.

As it was becoming quite late at this time it was decided to proceed with the auction. However, it was agreed that several points which had not been discussed as yet would be taken up at a post convention meeting of New York officers and all out of town officers were to be consulted by mail. These matters are described further below. The auction may be pronounced as a 100% success. Some very fine material was donated by the following members; Bergl, Berka, Fritzsche, Horechny, Klemm, Lowey, Michaelson, Novy, Reiner-Deutsch, Secky and Mrs. Skopecek. Among the many fine items were such as Plate number blocks of four of the 1928 issue of Czecho-Slovakia, single plate numbers of various commemoratives, Air Post sets of Russia, U. S. Ship covers, among them one from the Flagship Pennsylvania. Also a cover from the German cruiser Karlsruhe which went down in Oslo last year. Special mention must be made of a handsome souvenir box embellished with really fine used U. S. commemoratives. This was donated by member Horechny and was acquired by your Secretary. Spirited bidding was in evidence throughout the sale, particularly between Messrs. Stach and Secky by whom most of the material was acquired. Also it must be mentioned that Mr. Horechny conducted the sale

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in truly professional style and whenever necessary knew how to pep up matters. A total of \$23.40 was realized from the sale, all of which went into the society treasury.

Regarding the sale of the souvenir sheets issued in conjunction with the convention, certain accounts have not as yet been liquidated but a final report on this matter will appear in an early issue of the Specialist.

As to matters taken up in the post convention meeting the following decisions were arrived at, namely; (1) Article V, Section 1. Election of Officers) of our constitution is to be amended as follows: "The election of Officers shall take place every **second year.**" Therefore, no election will be held in 1941, the next one to take place in 1942 and every other year thereafter. (2) Due to the Seasonal let-up of stamp collecting and activities during the Summer months and considering that the income of the Society has fallen off considerably in 1941 due to the loss of advertising and the lowering of the annual dues the publication of the Specialist will be dispensed with during the months of July and August of 1941.

Signed J. W. LOWEY

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

May 22, 1941

Received of J. W. Lowey the sum of \$23.40, receipts from the donation auction held during the Convention on May 17th. Witnessed by a statement signed by members L. M. Horachny, Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, R. Secky, F. Voticky and T. Vavrinek.

Signed,

Guy Greenawalt, Treasurer

NEW ISSUES

In going to press we learn that Treasurer Guy Greenawalt has become the father of a healthy baby girl. It is the first child born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenawalt and we extend our sincere well wishes to the very happy parents and the little lady.

P. S. Have you an application blank handy, Guy?

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our newest member.

#86 Charles Jakubec, Box 87, Oak Hill, N. Y.

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WHO ARE WE

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Clayton E. Brown
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During the 1910 epidemic of Infantile Paralysis when I was 12 years of age I became afflicted with this disease which left me without the use of either leg.

When I was able to be up and out of bed in a wheel-chair, friends of mine brought me a small stamp book and a package of 1000 assorted stamps, and thus started my career in the stamp hobby.

During my Grammar and High School days I saved every stamp I could get my hands on, but after graduating from High School and starting out to work, my stamp collecting was sadly neglected for about 10 years when I again became interested and started the collecting once more.

I now have the use of one leg, can go most everywhere on crutches, of course, drive my own car, and at the present time am employed by the Town of West Springfield in the office of the Highway Department.

I belong to the West Springfield Stamp Club, and have served as Purchasing Agent for the past two years, have been on the Entertainment Committee; Auction Committee; and Publicity Committees.

Three years ago I started to specialize in the country of Czechoslovakia and have had lots of fun obtaining the material and information which go with these stamps. At the present time I have all the regular issue, some mint and others used, most of the airmails, and most of the souvenir sheets. I have now started to pick up the varieties, Cancellations, and envelopes.

Besides Czechoslovakia I save Canada, France, Belgium, Newfoundland, and in United States collection I have Mint Blocks, Mint singles, used singles and first day covers.

I enjoy the hobby very much and try to attend every meeting of our club. This club meets at the homes of the members, and we have a limited membership of 17 active members and two honorary members. We are very active in the Connecticut Valley exchanging speakers with all the

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COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THEIR HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

by J. W. Lowey, A.P.S. 15442

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Figure 18.

Applied at Prague Main Post Office, Senate Post Office and many communities. Color: Carmine.

(Same shape and inscriptions as Figure 16).

Figure 19.

Applied identically at most post offices of the country. Color: Black (Mourning).

Legend: "Smutel Ceskoslovenska".

Translation: Czechoslovakia Mourns

Kutna Hora

Today Kutna Hora is a provincial city, though the story of its one-time greatness is evident from the many historical buildings and monuments still standing intact. From here several Bohemia Kings ruled the country. In the Middle Ages most of Europe's silver was mined in the vicinity and minted at the Royal Mint of Kutna Hora. Here stands the magnificent cathedral of St. Barbara, built in the 14th century, whose tremendous size and Gothic architecture ranks with other outstanding edifices of its period. In 1937 the country issued a stamp showing a view of the cathedral (Scott 240). Simultaneously the Post Office at Kutna Hora applied a First Day Cancellation (Fig. 20).

Figure 20.

Applied at Kutna Hora. Color: First Day, Blue, for one week thereafter, Black.

Legend: "Byvale sidlo Ceskych kralu".
Translation: Once the residence of Bohemian Kings. In the upper part of the postmark is the coat of arms of the city.

Some other Postmarks used:

Figure 21.

Applied at Prague. Color: Blue.
Legend: "Festival Pevecku Obce Ceskoslovenske".

Translation: Singing Festival of Czechoslovakia.

Figure 22.

Applied at Bratislava. Color: Black.
Legend: (Slovak) "Celostatna vystava postovych znamok".

Translation: National Philatelic Exhibition.

Figure 23.

Applied at Prague. Color: Black.

Legend: "Mezinarodni vystava postovnich znamek".

Translation: International Philatelic Exposition.

Figure 24.

Applied at Turciansky Svaty Martin. Bicolored: Red and Blue.

Legend: "Slovenska Narodopisna Vystava".

Translation: Slovakian Historical Exposition.

Figure 25.

Applied at Trhove Sviny. Color: Blue.
Legend: "500 let mesta".

Translation: 500th Anniversary of the City. (Coat of Arms).

Figure 26.

Applied at Prague. Bicolored: Red and Blue.

Legend: "Final stredoevropskeho poharu Slavia Ferencvaros".

Translation: European Soccer Final, Slavia S. C. (Prague) versus Ferencvaros (Budapest).

(The Star is the emblem of the Slavia Club).

Figure 27.

Applied at Prague. Color: Blue.

Legend on right: "Kde Domov Muj".

Translation: Where is My Homeland? (Czech National Anthem).

The names on the left, Joseph Kajetan Tyl and Josef Skroup, are those of the composer and Lyricist of the anthem. K. Strakaty is the publisher.

Figure 28.

Applied at Prague. Color: Purple.

Legend: "Celostatni Sjezd Katoliku CSR." (Also French).

Translation: First National Catholic Convention of Czechoslovakia.

Figure 29.

Applied at Prague. Color: Purple.

Showing on the left a male and a female worker and a hammer against the background of a house.



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* 1934 *
JOSEF KAJETÁN TYL
FRANTIŠEK ŠKROUP
K. STRAKATÝ A



* 1834 *
* 1934 *
Kde domov můj

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ICELOSTÁTNÍ
SJEZD
KATOLIKŮ ČSR.
PRAHA 27. 30. VI. 1935.
LE CONGRÈS
DES
CATHOLIQUES ČSR.



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On the right is a view of the Cathedral of St. Vitus.
 Legend: "3. Delnicka Olympiada Ceskoslovenska".
 Translation: Third Olympic Games of the Workers of Czechoslovakia.

Figure 30.
 Applied at Prague. Bicolor: Red and Blue.
 Legend: Volba Presidenta Republiky.
 Translation: Election of the President of the Republic.

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clubs in this vicinity, and once a year holding open house to all clubs, we are also invited as a body to the meeting of all clubs in the neighboring towns, and this helps to make good feelings and many friends.

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