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## EDITORIAL

Our society is a progressive society. As we look back to the early days, as we think of the torture we went through to get money to publish the Specialist with less than one hundred dollars a year and yet produce a creditable job, we wonder how we pulled through. Today our Society numbers about 106 members; our treasury shows a little extra money so that we needn't skimp and your editor isn't begging members for articles as was his wont. But, to continue in this state, members must continue their membership, they must bring in new members and those who can afford it should join either the associate or patron class of membership. Every cent we get goes into the Specialist; you can measure the size of the treasury by the size of your paper. Our plan for the coming year is even more ambitious than you dare hope. We plan on completing the series of articles on the Masaryk stamps which started with the watermarked paper and which are really a grand subject of study to the student and specialist. We have photographs of these stamps large enough to detect with ease the various types and it is our wish to get cuts of these made and publish them in our magazine. (Incidentally, we intend to make extra prints of these for our members at cost, providing a sufficient number is interested in the project.) We are dividing the work of the secretary; as you know, Mr. Lowey has been our secretary from the very beginning, now that the mails with Europe are open, his job got to be too big even for him and we created a new office especially for him. He relinquishes the office of secretary; from now on we shall have two secretaries; a national secretary who handles the regular secretarial work and an international secretary who will handle all correspondence of the Society with foreign countries, especially with Czechoslovakia. Mr. Velek has been appointed by your president to the office of national secretary and Mr. Lowey is appointed international secretary. From now on until the next regular election (in the Fall of 1946) our officers are:

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Mr. Lowey will soon acquaint the membership through his own column in the Specialist just what his duties are and we trust that the members will appreciate the efforts Mr. Lowey and the other officers are putting forth for the good of the Society, which means you. May we suggest that when you wish to write to several of the officers you address your correspondence to each officer you wish to contact and do not send it all to only one officer? You are wasting the man's time and money. Please make our loads lighter; we shall ap-

preciate it.

One of our members forwards a very good suggestion. He is modest enough to tell us that other magazines use the same idea; just another story of Columbus and the egg. If you have a friend anywhere in the world who for some reason cannot subscribe to our magazine or be a member, yet would appreciate receiving the Specialist and you are financially able to help him, why not send the secretary a dollar and the secretary can send a complimentary membership card to such a person at the same time telling him it is with the best wishes of the donor?

Another member tells us that during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia, the nazis took from the Praha Museum the dies used for some of the earlier stamps of Czechoslovakia, especially the Music Sheets, have reprinted them and are now selling them through Sweden. So, be careful!

#### NEW MEMBERS

170. Lada Adamec, Skvorec 22, u Prahy, Czechoslovakia.  
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#### KINDS OF MEMBERSHIP IN OUR SOCIETY

For those who joined our Society this year and who want to know what we mean by Associate membership and Patron membership, this explanation is necessary. Everybody knows that if we collect only one dollar from every member, our income would be only about \$100 per year and with that amount, at the present cost of printing, we cannot do much. Some members want to help us out with an extra donation; so they could get something for their additional money, we give a complete file of the Czechoslovak Specialist for the year mailed flat, if they remit \$2.00 for the Associate membership. If they send \$5.00 for the Patron membership, we send them a bound volume of the Specialist. Unfortunately, our book-binder is on the sick list, but eventually Patron members will receive their bound volumes, both the 1944 and 1945 volumes. Please, bear with us.

**PAY YOUR 1946 DUES NOW!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS to the MEMBERS**  
 of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society and their families  
 —The Officers

#### NEW ISSUES

We are now in a position to bring a complete check list of the stamps issued in Czechoslovakia since its liberation.

##### London Issue

16 values, perforated, showing 8 portraits of Czechoslovak soldiers in the various attire of Allied Armies. Each portrait is reproduced on two different values, small size, 19½x22½mm.

5 h gray	1 K rose
10 h deep brown	1.50 K claret
20 h rose	2 K ultramarine
25 h rose carmine	2.50 K violet blue
30 h purple	3 K dark brown
40 h black brown	4 K light violet
50 h gray green	5 K gray green
60 h violet blue	10 K ultramarine blue

**Moscow Issue**

3 values, perforated, showing the profile of former President Masaryk, large size, 22x32mm.

50 h	emerald green
1 K	red
2 K	deep blue

**Kosice Issue, First Release**

3 values, imperforate, showing the steel helmeted Profile of a Red Army soldier, Czech Lion and city skyline (see illustration), large size, 24x30mm.

2 K	rose carmine
5 K	deep blue green
6 K	light blue

Also a souvenir sheet was released. It has the three denominations and the inscription "Return of the President of the Republic to the Homeland, Kosice, April 1945."

**Second Issue**

4 values, imperforate, with two clasped hands and the flags of Czechoslovakia and Soviet Russia (see illustration), large size, 30½x23½mm.

1.50 K	pale violet maroon
9 K	orange red
103 K	light brown
20 K	light blue

**Banska Bystrica Issue**

5 values, perforated, with various designs (see illustration), large size 30x23mm.

1.50 K	carmine, Flags of Czechoslovakia, Russia, U. S. A., England
3 K	light blue, Banska Bystrica
4 K	deep brown, Turciansky Sv. Martin
4.50 K	violet, Sklabina
5 K	green, Strecno

**Bratislava Issue**

8 values, imperforate, Bohemian Lion and Linden Leaves, small size 23x18mm.

50 h	olive green
1 K	red violet
1.50 K	carmine
2 K	dark blue
3 K	brown
4 K	dark blue green
6 K	blue violet
10 K	blackish brown

**Prague Issue**

7 values, perforated, re-engraved design of the Linden Leaf of 1939. Small size, the first 3 values measure 17½x22mm, the four last values 18½x21mm.

30 h	olive brown
50 h	deep blue green
60 h	strong blue
60 h	pale blue
120 h	rose
300 h	light brown
500 h	blue green

**NEWS AND VIEWS**

by J. W. Lowey

Several years ago I wrote a lengthy letter to Mr. Hugh Clark, publisher of the Scott catalogue informing him that it was my considered opinion that the Czechoslovak section could stand a number of corrections and added that I would be only too glad to point out the necessary changes. I emphasized that my aim was not directed at price changes but mainly in the following essentials—1) to eliminate German names and references, 2) to list recognized major varieties, 3) to correct historical and other errors.

Those who are acquainted with Mr. Clark will know his conservative ways and minute scrutiny of details in all his dealings. It was therefore a pleasant surprise when I received his invitation a few days later to visit him in his "inner sanctum." To make the story short—I was asked to make up a list of the contemplated changes and submit them as early as possible so that they could be incorporated in the then next edition of the catalogue.

Today I may well have a feeling of satisfaction because some 75 per cent of my suggestions have been accepted and the respective changes made. There is definite hope that within a year or two the catalogue will be brought up to date. Nevertheless even now the improvements can be seen if, for instance, the two editions of 1942 and 1946 are compared. Let me give a few examples.

In 1945 the population of Czechoslovakia was stated with about 9 million. In the 1946 edition it is correctly given with about 15 millions. All German version first names of famous men have been changed to the rightful Czech version. Now it is BEDRICH Smetana, ANTONIN Dvorak, JAN Evangelista Purkyne. Also all former names of cities and communities given in German are now in the Czech language. Kuttenberg is now KUTNA HORA, etc., etc.

Though as stated above I have had no hand in price changes I have, nevertheless, indirectly influenced Mr. Clark. For about 25 years the prices for the first issue of Siberia (Silhouettes) were the same for the two perforations. This year the change was finally accomplished because I was able to convince Mr. Clark that the perforation 11½ was the original issue whereas the 14 (13¼) perforated stamps were reprints.

On the other hand I notice in the present edition a mistake which I have immediately brought to the attention of the publisher. It concerns illustration A7. From the copy of my last letter sent to Mr. Clark before he began to work on the 1946 release I find that I suggested the following description "John Hus as a young Priest." Instead there is the following enormity under the cut "John Zizka, founder of the Calixtine Hussites." Anyone versed with Czech history

know this—Zizka wrote his name without the "s,"—Hussites is spelled with one "S" AND—Zizka was not the founder of the Calixtine Husites.

Mr. Clark answered back that he himself does not know how this distortion happened and that correction would be made in the forthcoming edition.

In connection with this—if any member has additional suggestions regarding corrections please send them to me and I will include them with my 1947 list.

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I always thought that my collection of the postmarks of the Czechoslovak Army in England was complete. However the other day I received from one of my military friends in England the following cancellation on cover. It is a large round affair in red ink with the usual bilingual inscription "Czechoslovak Army Post Office." The inner field shows a soldier loading a big gun. Above and below the illustration is the lettering "Sancta Barbara—Ora Pro Nobis." My friend informs me that it is called the "Artillery Postmark" and that it is the rarest of those applied in the British Isles. It was used early in 1940.

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A set of the 13 Flag stamps issued in this country in 1943 sells for about one thousand koruny in Czechoslovakia. That would be about 30 Dollars pre war currency!

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During the past year I have tried twice to arrange for a revival of the New York chapter meetings but it seems that I have no "takers." Well—I am definitely not going to try a third time. Perhaps some other member will have better luck in calling together the bunch.

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And now a few personal remarks. Elsewhere in this issues you will read that I have resigned as national secretary of our society a post which I held for almost seven years in order that I may give all my time to my new field—international secretary. To my successor and personal friend, John Velek of Chicago, I extend my heartiest wishes. I have no doubt that he will ably replace me!

As my first task I have set to establish connections for our members with those collectors of Czechoslovakia who would be willing to enter into exchange. A beginning has already been made. I am corresponding with several collectors on the other side who are interested to join our organization. Some of them speak English. I can not give sufficient details at this time but am fairly certain that I will be able to release information in the January issue of the Specialist.

#### JINDRICH FUGNER

G. Greenawalt and F. J. Kovarik

Born in Prague on September 12th, 1822, Henry Fugner was the son of a merchant family. Thru private studies and long commercial trips in foreign lands, particularly England, France, Italy and Germany he obtained an excellent education. His knowledge of languages and a keen business sense made him successful. He took over his fathers business in 1849 but in 1855 he gave that up to take over a general agency for insurance "Uneva Societa Commerciale d'Assicurazione" which he directed very well.

He was married in 1853 to Catherine Turecka. They had one child, a daughter Renata, who later became the wife of Dr. Miroslav Tyrs.

In 1860 he was elected to the Prague Chamber of Commerce and Director of Bohemia Commercial Market. In 1864 he organized and directed the Prague Mortgage Bank.

In 1862 he helped organize the National Sokol. His great love for the Czech people who then suffered under absolutist oppression, when national expression was all but prohibited, gained for him the honor of being the first president of the new movement. The beauties of his soul: democracy, brotherhood and moral integrity were transferred into the new society. Through his efforts and financial help the Prague Sokols were able to build their own home in which they



MAX SVABINSKY DEL. 1925

## JINDŘICH FUGNER

TYRŠŮV DRUH A BUDOVATEL SOKOLSTVA,  
STRÁŽCE A OBHAJCE NARODNÍ MÝŠLENKY

1822—1865

could further their studies and exercises of physical culture.

Through his efforts the Gabelsbürger system of stenography has been adopted for the Czech language. When in April 1861 the first Bohemian Parlia-



ment met, he edited, with Bleyer, the Czech portion of the proceedings in Czech stenography. He did more to further the study of Czech stenography than any other person.

He died in Prague Nov. 15, 1865 and was buried in Olsany cemetery in Prague.

**COMMEMORATIVE CANCELLATIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA**  
dealing with the SOKOL movement and  
other gymnastic organizations.

After reading the history of the Sokol Movement, it is hard to realize that Austria would commemorate any Sokol event with a commemorative cancellation, but such is really the case. The Sixth All Sokol meet held in Praha, June 28th, to July 1st, 1912, was commemorated by the application of a handstamp to mail matter. The legend is in the Czech language and reads "VI Slet Sokolu" in the upper half of the circular handstamp. The lower half has the name of the city in both Czech and German—"Praha - Prag." A bridge of two parallel lines in the middle of the handstamp contains the date. It is believed the German Translation did not please the authorities ("Meet" would be translated "Zusammenflug") and therefore the idea of a German text was dropped. As this was the last Meet of the Sokol's under Hapsburg misrule—no other commemorative postmark is possible.

The first Sokol Meet after the creation of the Czechoslovak Republic, commemorated by a special postmark, took place August 24th, 1919, in Znojmo. For purposes of brevity we append a chronological list of all known cancellations not only of the Sokols but also the Orel (Eagle—Catholic Sokols), the D. T. J. (Delnicka Telocvicna Jednota—Workers' Gymnastic Union) and the Boy Scouts. We hope this helps those of our members who may branch off into a sideline with the Sokol idea as its theme.

TOWN	LEGEND	DATE	OCCASION
1—Znojmo,	Sokolsky Slet	Aug. 24th, 1919	Local Meet
2—Praha,	VII Slet Vsesokolsky	June 25-July 6, 1920,	All Sokol Meet
3—Praha-	Stadion-Delnicka Olympiada	June 25-30, 1921,	Workers' Olympic Games
4—Brno,	Slet Orelstva	July 20-Aug. 16, 1922,	Eagles' Meet
5—Karlovy Vary, I. Tel.	Slavnost Karlsbad, I. Turnfest—D. T. S. S.	Aug. 6, 1924	Turners' Meet
6—Praha,	Mezinar. Kongres Olympijsky— Congres Olympique International Praha, 1925		Int'l Olympic Congress
7—Praha,	VIII Slet Vsesokolsky	May 24-25 1925 (3 types)	
8—Praha II	Delnicka Olympiada	June 3-7, 12-14, 8th All Sokol Meet	
9—Orlova,	Krajovy Slet Sokolstva na Tesinsku	June 19-22, June 26-July 7, 1926, a. b. June 26-July 7, 1927, Workers' Olymp.	
10—Praha,	Orelske Dni	June 29-30, July 5-7, 1929	Local Sokol Meet
11—Pardubice,	Vyst. Tel., Vychovy a Sportu	July 5-7, 1929 (a, b, c) Eagles' Days May 31-Oct. 4, 1931.	
12—Praha,	Slovan. Skautske Tabory	1931 June 26-July 3, 1931,	Slavic Scout Camps
13—Praha,	83. Vystaviste u Pril. Skautskych Taboru	June 26-July 3, 1931,	Exposition of Scout Camps
14—Koprivnice,	Krajsky Slet Sokolstva,	July 5, 1931 —	Local Sokol Meet
15—Praha,	IX Slet Vsesokolsky	June 5-July 7, 1932, a, b, c, d, e, f, g.	9th All Sokol Meet
16—Kolin 1,	50 let Dorostu a Sokolske Zupy Tyrsovy	June 2, 3, 9, 10, 1934	50 Years of Local Council
17—Praha 73,	Slet Orelske Zupy Pospisilovy	June 16-17, 1934	Local Eagle Meet
18—Usti n L.	Krajsky Slet Sokolstva	June 26, July 8, 1934 a, b.	Local Sokol Meet

19—Opava 1, Krajsky Slet Sokolstva	June 17-June 30, 1934 (Green & Red)	Local Sokol Meet
20—Vimperk, Sokolsky Slet, 50 let, Odbor N. J. P.	June 23-24, 1934 (Green)	Local Meet and 50 years Jubilee
21—Policka, Slet Sokolske Zupy Vychodoceste, Pippichovy	July 1, 1934 (violet blue)	Local Meet
22—Banska Bystrica, XII Svetovy Ta- bor Skautske Esper. Ligy - XIIA Tutmonda Tendaro De Skolta Esperantista Ligo	July 16-31, 1934 (Green)	12th World Jamboree of Esperanto Scout League
23—Ceska Trebora 2, Jubilejni Slet Sokol, Zupy Vychodoceste Pip- pichovy 1885-1935.	June 23-30, 1935	Local Sokol Meet and 50 Year Jubilee
24—Tabor 1, Krajsky Slet Sokolstva	July 5-7, 1935	Local Sokol Meet
25—Moravska Ostrava 9, Sokolske Dny Ostravskych Okrsku	June 29-30, 1935 (Green)	Local Sokol Meet
26—Liberec 1, Padesat Let Sokola	May 30, June 1, 1936	50 Years of Group
27—Praha 14, Zemsky Skautsky Sjezd	May 31-June 1, 1936	Nat'l Scout Conv.
28—Chrast u Chrudime, Oslava 50 let Sokola — 1886 - 1936	June 7, 1936, (Blue)	50 Years of Group
29—Orlova, Sokolsky Slet	June 7 & 21, 1936	Local Sokol Meet
30—Uzhorod 1, Zajazd Cosna Podk. Rus (Also in Cyrillic script)	June 27-30, 1936	Visit of Sokols to Ruthenia
31—Chrastava-30 Telecvicna Slavnost Kratzau 30 Mannergauturnfest	July 4-6, 1936	Men's Gymnastic Festival
32—Jaromer, Otevreni Skautskeho Domova	May 26-30, 1936 (Green)	Inaugural of Scouts Home
33—Vysoke Myto, Slet Sokolske Zupy Vychodoceste Pippichovy	June 20 & 27, 1936 (Yellow)	Local Sokol Meet
34—Praha 14, Jubilejni Slet Orelske Zupy Pospisilovy	June 20, 1936 (Blue)	Local Eagle Meet
35—Tatarska Lomnica, Sletove Zimni Hry.	Feb. 4 & 14, 1938 (Blue) a, b.	Winter Games
36—Praha, X Vsesokolsky Slet	May 28-29, June 16, 18, 19, 25 July 7, 1938 (Blue) a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o.	10th All Sokol Meet
37—Uhersky Brod, Slet Sokolske Zupy Komenskeho	May 22, June 5, 1938 (Green)	Local Sokol Meet
38—Dobris, III Slet Sokolske Zupy Prazske-Scheinerovy	June 6, 1938 (Blue),	Local Sokol Meet
39—Praha, IV Stredoskolske Hry pri X Vsesokolskem Slete	June 9-12, 1938 (Blue-Red) a, b,	High School Games in con- nection with 10th All Sokol Meet
40—Praha 14, Sletova Vystava X. Vsesokolskeho Sletu	June 26, July 7, 1938 (Green) a, b.	Expo. at 10th All Sokol Meet
41—Praha 36, Sokolske Vecery Slovanske na Zizkove	July 2-4, 1938 (Blue)	Slav Sokol Celebrations

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