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EDITORIAL

This is a big year for American collectors. The first edition of United States stamps made its appearance in May, 1847, making these classics centenarians, eligible for antiquarians who consider nothing old until after it reaches its one hundredth birthday. That great International Stamp Exhibition of which we talked since 1936 is just around the corner and many collectors are making plans to be present. Your editor and others have made reservations in hotels in New York. But there are collectors who cannot attend the show in the Big Town and so, smaller villages like Chicago, Omaha, Cleveland, etc., are really celebrating with big exhibitions, yet miniatures when compared with what we hope to see in New York City.

In our last issue of the Specialist we announced the Garfield Perry Club show in Cleveland and the preview there of the Czechoslovak Government exhibition for the New York show. Mr. G. Blizil, our member, who is responsible for this preview in Cleveland, suggested we come to Cleveland, pick up the exhibit and show it in Chicago. We know firemen are clever and we suspect George used this method to entice us to visit his city and their show. Our time is limited, our pocketbook more so, but our Society has so many members in Cleveland, that we decided to throw ourselves upon their hospitality. As this will loom big in the annals of Czecho philatelic history in America, we hope to report this show, as well as the auction and exhibition in Chicago, in the May issue of the Specialist.

NOTICE!

If you fail to receive the May issue of the Specialist, complain to the treasurer. But, if you really must make a complaint, be sure your dues for 1947 are paid. Printing costs are high, we cannot as yet take advantage of second class rates and so the postage is quite high and we must economize. Don't forget! If you are delinquent, pay your dues immediately. Yes, we need members, but only paying members. You must admit, you really get your money's worth these days, because the Specialist gives you more information on the stamps of Czechoslovakia than any other English publication in the world.

NEW MEMBERS

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- 260. Mathew J. Martinek, 1731 Newland Ave., Chicago 35, Ill.
- 261. Charles Waldman, 821 Brummel St., Evanston, Ill.

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- 83. B. Dubey, c/o Hartford Stamp & Coin Store, 285 Trumbull, Hartford, Conn.
- 102. Lt. R. L. Spofford, 147th AACCS Sq., APO 184, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.
- 231. Robert Kreisinger, 2324 41st St., N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

NEWS AND VIEWS

It is a little too early to write about the success of our benefit auction for the Society, which means for the benefit of the Specialist. Mr. Reinowski wrote that a few additional lots were received since the publication of our list last month, the additional donors will be announced in the May issue of the Specialist. But, it is not too early to thank those who donated material for this auction and those who buy at the Auction. We are ready to work harder for the betterment of our publication if we know that the members are ready to do their bit.

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Publicity helps. You may have friends who collect stamps of Czechoslovakia, yet you hesitate to ask them to join our ranks. Why not send the names and addresses of these collectors to the secretary, Mr. John Velek, 2229 Kimball Ave., Chicago 47, Ill., who will mail to these prospective members a sample copy of the Specialist and an application blank. If, however, you write a letter to these, telling them that you took the liberty of nominating them for membership, you will do a service not only to those collectors but also to yourself and the rest of our members.

If all goes well, the May issue of the Specialist will contain a complete membership list. It is natural, that only members in good standing will be publicized in this list. You want the rest of the members to know you are on the beam, so, if you haven't paid your 1947 dues yet, do so now. Tomorrow may be too late!

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Our St. Vaclav article brought in many fine comments. We did expect personal friends to compliment us on our effort, when strangers praise our work, we are "delighted," to use the word of our boyhood hero. We have written an article about St. Cyril and St. Methodius earlier, with the coming of the St. Adalbert (Vojtech) stamp, we hope to prepare a good article again. We have been interested in the hagiographic stamps, not only of Czechoslovakia and other Slavic countries, but of the entire world. Perhaps the largest collection of this type belongs to a Czech Catholic priest, Father Cech, of LaCrosse, Wisc. His collection has been written up so much and so often by many philatelic writers, that possibly, this is not news. Despite this, we still like to express our views.

We were mildly surprised at the number of our members who possess Czech-English and English-Czech dictionaries. Only recently we obtained a "lesson in English" which is to be followed in a radio broadcast from Praha. We pride ourselves on our knowledge of Czech, though we never came closer to Czechoslovakia than Treves in Germany. We tried to pronounce English as the Czech instructor proposed it, the "accent" was decidedly new. We wonder how our Czech sounds to bona fide natives.

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In "Casopis Ceskych Filatelistu" we read a very interesting bit of news about the Czech engraver, Eduard Karel, who has just celebrated his 86th birthday. Many of us know that he engraved the 1920 Masaryk stamps, but we didn't know that this work brought upon him the hatred of his employers, the Graphic Union. When Max Svaabinsky designed the stamp portraying Masaryk in 1920, he asked Mr. Karel to do the engraving. Karel complied, not knowing that his employers at the Graphic Union were bidding for the job. Karel's work was of such excellent workmanship that the Graphic Union became jealous and fired him. Upon Karel's arrival home, he found Prof. Kysela awaiting him with an offer of a Chair of Engraving Art at the Art and Technical School. It is natural that the man who was just fired from his job should accept a new post and thanks to him, and this incident, many students acquired a wonderful education in the art, chief among them is the celebrated Czech engraver of many new stamps, Bohumil Heinz.

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February is a very short month. We promised our members an April issue of 12 pages; due to lack of time, we have difficulty preparing 8. We trust the members will forgive us; we'll surely make up for this before very long. We

should have remembered not to count our chickens before they are hatched and not to cross a bridge before we reach it.

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With the March issue of the Specialist we mailed to every member a copy of "List No. 1" published by the philatelic agency at Praha. The late receipt of a sufficient quantity of these enabled us to add this service to our members.

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Perhaps the best news we can offer our members is the news that our own past secretary and organizer, Mr. J. W. Lowey, has returned home from upper New York State where he was regaining the strength sapped out of him during the trying war years. We now hope that he regains his health sufficiently to give to the members his own personal "News and Views" which, we, very humbly, tried our best to continue during his convalescence. *Mnogaja ljeta!*

OUR CONVENTION IN NEW YORK THIS MAY

Due to very bad weather in New York, the injury of one of the committee members entrusted with preparing our 1947 convention and other hard luck, not enough definite progress has been made in this regard. We have the assurance of the committee members that the convention will take place in New York during the CIPEX and it will take place in a Czech atmosphere. All members who plan to be in New York during CIPEX, from May 17 to May 24, are urged to contact either Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, Mr. Rud. Secky or Mr. Wolfgang Fritsch, 3317 Glenwood Rd., Brooklyn 10, N. Y. Your editor plans to attend this convention; he is anxious to meet you and hear from you what you want in the Specialist.

A definite program will be published in the May issue of the Specialist; we urge all Metropolitan New York members to attend. Any member who has the time and is willing to work for the success of this meeting is asked to contact one of the above named gentlemen.

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TYPE VII

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One printing form consisting of two plates of 100 subjects each was used in the printing. The plates were marked 12, 12A.

Unwatermarked paper only was used in the printing. The color is carmine red. The perforation is 9 $\frac{3}{4}$. The stamps were placed in circulation in August 1927.

No printing errors or varieties have been reported. The stamps appear with and without the gum breaker lines.

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A LISTING OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS
Used in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, from May 5, 1945
 Color of cancellation: b—black; r—red.

1945

1. Brno 1, 2	r	President republiky v osvob. Brne President of the republic in liberated Brno	May 12
2. Praha 1	r	Prijezd presidenta republiky dr. Edv. Benese a, b, c, d Arrival of the president, Dr. Benes	May 16
3. Bustehrad	o	Treti vyroci vyhlazeni Lidic Third anniversary of Lidice massacre	June 10
4. Tabor 1	o	Navsteva presidenta republiky dr. Benese Visit of the president	June 16
5. Vrbatuv Kostelec	b	Treti vyroci vyhlazeni lezaku a, b Third anniversary of Lezaky massacre	June 24
6. Ceske Budejovice 1	b	1911 Zborovske Oslavy 1945 Zborov Celebrations	July 1
7. Pardubice 1	b	Obetem popravenych na Zamecku To the victims of those executed at Zamecek	July 1
8. Praha 1	b	Odcinujeme Bilou Horu We avenge White Mountain	July 1
9. Tabor 1	b	Manifestace jinosceskeho lidu na Kozim Hradku Manifestations of southern Czechs at Kozí Hradek	July 6
10. Roudnice n. L.	o	Celostatni Husovy oslavy na hore Ripu a, b Huss celebrations on Mt. Rip	July 6
11. Roztoky	b	znovuvysveceni chramu Pane na Levem Hradci Rededication (blessing) of church at Levy Hradec	July 8
12. Kolin 1	b	Majales cs. studentstva May Day festivities of students	July 14
13. Olomouc 1	b	Odnaleni pamatniku padlym hrdinum rude Armady Unveiling of tablet to the Red Army dead	July 15
14. Strakonice	b	Navsteva velitele americkych vojsk generala Pattona Visit of Gen. Patton	July 17
15. Chocerady	b	Otevreni vojen. letecke ozdravovny Komorni Hradek Opening of military aviation sanatorium at Komorní Hradek	July 22
16. Chotebor	b	Dni odboje kraje narod. poutniste Days of the national underground	July 22
17. C. Velenice	b	Oslava 25. vyroci pripojeni vitorazska k CSR. 25th anniversary of annexation of Vitorazsko to Czechoslovakia	July 29
18. Luhacovice	b	Odhaveni pamatniku Rude Armady Unveiling of red army memorial	July 29
19. Hodonin 1	b	Odhaveni pamatniku rude armady Unveiling of red army memorial	July 30
20. Praha 1	b	Spojenecky vecer Allied evening	Aug. 8
21. Domazlice	b	Chodska pout u sv. Vavrince Chod pilgrimage to St. Lawrence	Aug. 12
22. Olomouc 1	b	Narodni zne na Hane National harvest in Hana	Aug. 15
23. Zlata Koruna	b	II. Narodni Pout 2nd National pilgrimage	Aug. 15
24. Podebrady	b	Navsteva presidenta republiky dr. Edv. Benese	Aug. 17
25. Olomouc-Praha	b	100 let drahy olomoucko-prazske, vlakova posta 100 years of the Olomouc-Praha RR, Railway mail serv.	Aug. 18
26. Ujezd n. L.	b	I. narodni pout I. national pilgrimage	Aug. 19
27. Netvorice	b	I. narodni pout—navrat vystehovalcu First national pilgrimage—return of emigrants	Aug. 19
28. Olomouc 1	b	100 let drahy olm. praz. 1845-20.VIII.1945 Centenary of Olomouc-Praha RR	Aug. 18-20
29. Praha 1	b	do.	Aug. 19-Sept. 16
30. Vlasim	b	Manifestace cs. lidu, prisaha mladeze na Blaniku Manifestation of Czech people—oath of the youth at Blaník	Aug. 26
31. Vysoke Myto	b	Sraz sokolstva Sokol get-together	Aug. 26

32. Tucapy u Sobeslav	b	Predani pudy ceskym zemedelcum Transfer of land to Czech agriculturists	Aug. 26 Aug. 26
33. Kaplice	b	Prvni narodni slavnost First national celebration	Aug. 26
34. Nachod 1	b	Sjednoceni telovychovy Unification of physical education	Sept. 2
35. Ledec u Saz.	b	Prvni Zahajske oslavy First celebrations at Zahaj	Sept. 2
36. Brandys n. Orl.	b	Komenskeho oslavy Komensky celebrations	Sept. 2
37. Uhersky Brod	b	Manifestacni sjezd na Javorine, a, b Manifestation convention at Javorin	Sept. 2
38. Jirkov	b	Narodni manifest na Cervenem Hradku National manifestation at Cerveny Hradek	Sept. 9 Sept. 9
39. Chotovice	b	I. ceske okresni dozinky Vrchlabske I. Czech county gathering at Vrchlaby	Sept. 9
40. Lysa n. Lab.	b	Manifestacni den kraje County manifestation day	Sept. 9
41. Chocen	b	100 let drahy olomoucko-prazske-Pamatce inzenyra a buditele Jana Pemera Centenary of the Olomouc-Praha RR—In memory of engineer Jan Perner	Sept. 9
42. Lisov	b	Krajova manifestace pro pripojeni Luzice Manifestation for annexation of Luzice	Sept. 9
43. Klatovy	b	Skautske slavnosti Scout celebrations	Sept. 7-9
44. Mtycin	b	Znovuvysveceni zvonu pres. Osvoboditele T.G.M. Rededication of the bell Pres. Liberator	Sept. 14
45. Praha 11	b	Marianske poutni oslavy v Lorete Marist pilgrimage celebrations in Loretto	Sept. 16
46. Dusniky	b	Tryzna za padle v odboji Zeleza 1-9 Memorial for dead of the underworld of Zelezo	Sept. 16
47. Liberec 1	b	Dozinkova manifestace, a, b Get-together manifestation	Sept. 16
48. Kozmice	b	Otevreni rodne svetnicky Sv. Cecha v Ostredku Opening of Cech's birthplace in Ostredek	Sept. 16
49. Orlova	b	Otevreni ceskych skol v tesinsku po osvobozeni Reopening of Czech schools in Tesin	Sept. 16
50. Pocinovice	b	Narodni pout u Dobre vody National pilgrimage to Dobra Voda	Sept. 16
51. Hodonin 1	b	Znovuodhaleni pomniku pres. Osvoboditele T.G.M. Re-unveiling of Statue to Pres. T. G. M.	Sept. 16
52. Tisnov	b	Pamatnik partyzanu—Skalicka Partisan memorial—in Skalicka	Sept. 16
53. Bohusovice n. O.	b	Pohreb umucenych obeti—Mala pevnost Terezin Funeral of tortured—fortress Terezin	Sept. 16
54. Praha 10 Hrad	b	Navsteva Marsala sira B. L. Montgomeryho Visit of Field Marshal B. L. Montgomery	Sept. 22
55. Haj ve Slezku	b	Tabor Slezkeho lidu—Ostra Hurka Convention of Silesians—Ostra Hurka	Sept. 23
56. Svetec	b	Otevreni Preissigovi skoly Opening of Preissig School	Sept. 23
57. Praha 1	b	Otevreni Bezrucovy knihovny post. zamestnancu Opening of Bezruc library of postal employees	Sept. 25
58. Melnik 1	b	Otevreni vystavniho domu prace Opening of exhibition home of labor	Sept. 28
59. Stara Boleslav	b	Stara Boleslav 28. IX. 1945	Sept. 28
60. Ceske Budejovice	b	Svatovaclavske oslavy 28. IX. 1945 St. Vaclav celebrations	Sept. 28
61. Praha 10 Hrad	b	do.	
62. Vseruby u Kdyne	b	Oslava vitezstvi Bretislava nad Nemci 1040-1940 Celebrations of Bretislav's victory over the Germans	Sept. 28
63. Kdyne	b	do.	
64. Vraný u Peruce	b	Odhaleni pomniku basniku Svat. Cechovi Unveiling of statue to the poet Cech	Sept. 28
65. Praha 1	b	Tyrsovy hry 1945, a, b Tyr's Games	Sept. 30
66. Brno 1	b	do. (no a, b)	Sept. 30
67. Prerov 1	b	70 let vyssi rolnicke skoly 70 year anniversary of agricultural school	Sept. 28-30

68. Hronov	b	Vystava postovnich znamek Postage stamp exhibition	Sept. 28-30
69. Vsetin	b	Jubilejni oslavy cs. narod, odboje ppl. M.J.H. Jubilee celebration of Czech national underground revolution	Sept. 28-30
70. Ces. Budejovice 1	b	Oslava 31 leteho trvani plukov, praporu M.J.H. 31st anniversary of M.J.H. regiment	Sept. 30
71. Praha 1	b	Den vystavy cs. letectvi Czechoslovak aeronautical exposition	Oct. 7
72. Klecany	b	Zahajeni provozu civilniho a sportovniho letiste (unofficially cancelled in red) Inauguration of civilian and sport use of airport	Oct. 7
73. Kublov	b	80. vyroci smrti J. M. Zvonare 80th anniversary of the death of J. M. Zvonar	Oct. 7
73a. Praha 1	b	Ctvrtstoleti svazu vynalezcu 1920-1945 25th anniversary of Inventors' Society	Oct. 7
74. Liberec 1	b	Den Vystavy cs. letectvi Day of Cz. aviation	Oct. 7
75. Zelezna Ruda	b	Prvni narodni manifestace First national manifestation	Oct. 7
76. Praha 10 Hrad	b	Gen. Dwight Eisenhower navstevou v CSR Visit of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in CSR	Oct. 11
77. Melnik 1	b	Navsteva presidenta republiky dr. Edv. Benese Visit of pres. of the republic E. Benes	Oct. 14
78. Semily	b	80 let divadelniho spolku 80th anniversary of dramatic society	Oct. 14
79. Borotin	b	Oslavy jihoceskeho odboje Celebrations of southern Czech resistance	Oct. 21
80. Ces. Budejovice 1	b	Zalozeni zakl. kamene jihoces. Nar. div. Laying of cornerstone of southern Czech national theater	Oct. 21
81. Praha 1	b	Smutecni tryzna za cs. letce Memorial services for Cz. fliers	Oct. 21
82. Chrudim 1	b	Pamatce nasich padlych In memory of our fallen	Oct. 20-21
83. Praha 1	b	Manifestacni sjezd cs. socialni demokracie Manifestation convention of Czech social democrats	Oct. 19-21
84. Zbihroh	b	100. vyroci narozeni J. V. Sladka 100th anniversary of J. V. Sladec's birth	Oct. 27
85. Karlovy Vary 1	b	Odhaleni pametni desky prezidentu republiky dr. E. Benesovi a spojeneckym armadam Unveiling of memorial tablet to the pres. of the republic, E. Benes and Allied Armies	Oct. 27
86. Motycin	b	Odhaleni pametni desky obetem nacismu 1939-45 Unveiling of memorial tablet to victims of nazism	Oct. 27
87. Praha 29 Nar. shrom.	r	Prvni schuze Narodniho shromazdeni First meeting of National assembly	Oct. 28
88. Praha 1	f	Oslavy 28. rijna 1945, a, b Oct. 28th celebrations	Oct. 28
89. Praha 10 Hrad	r	ditto	
90. Pardubice 1	r	ditto	
91. Brno 1	r	ditto	
92. Opava 1	r	ditto	
93. Ces. Budejovice	r	ditto	
94. Karlovy Vary	r	ditto	
95. Usti n. Lab.	r	ditto	
96. Kladno 1	b	Znovuodhaleni pomniku T. G. M. Re-unveiling of T. G. M.'s monument	Oct. 28
97. Pecky	b	ditto	
98. Olomouc 1	b	100 let drahy olom.-prazske Centenary of Olomouc-Praha RR	Oct. 14-28
99. Sezemice	b	Znovuodhaleni pomniku praporecniku roty "Na Zdar," K. Bezdickovi Re-unveiling of monument to K. Bezdicek, standard-bearer of "Na Zdar" regiment	Oct. 28
100. Ces. Budejovice 1	b	Pamatce umucenych postovnich zamestnancu In memory of tortured postal employees	Nov. 1
101. Mnich. Hradiste	b	Statni pohreb poslance Jana Svermy State funeral of John Sverma, Member of Parliament	Nov. 11

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