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EDITORIAL

This is our vacation month. We plan on a more or less philatelic vacation and the result of our efforts may be published in the May or June issue of the Specialist. We were personally gratified with the result of the election for editor. We obtained a 100% vote! Seriously, we should not have appeared on the ballot. According to the present by-laws, the editorship is "awarded" by the president; the president has a narrow choice, for not every member has the time or the inclination to devote to this work. Up to the end of the war and about 10 months thereafter, all our spare time was devoted to the Specialist; since then only about half (and the members get much more reading material), with more help from the members this time is being cut further. We thank you who cooperate; we, too, love to play with stamps. In this issue of your paper you find a message from the retiring president and a message from the new prexy. You find a report from the treasurer. The work on the Specialist suffices as a report from your editor. No report was asked from the secretaries; both agree that the Specialist is read, judging from the mail they receive.

In this issue of the Specialist you find the "Auction Sheet." It is not as long as it could be; but it is not too late yet to send additional material for the auction, unfortunately only those who attend the auction in person will have a chance to bid on this late material. We trust that you who bid, bid generously. Our Society was born at a very inauspicious time and is going through times of great inflation. While most politicians consider these "boom times," all economists agree these are "temporarily inflated periods" which sorely need readjustment. Yet, while this period exists, our printing costs are high and to continue the 12 pages each issues set as our goal, every member must help. We realize that most white collar workers are in a bad shape (we are). But tradesmen and businessmen are going through a boom and we count on their help. In depression times the white collar worker will pull you through. A good lesson in cooperation!

A MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

My dear friends and fellow members!

My term came to an end and I am the fourth ex-president of our Society. It was an honor and a privilege to serve you in the capacity of president and I assure you, I enjoyed it.

During my tenure of office the Society grew proportionately more than ever before; but circumstances, not my person, had much to do with it. The war ended successfully and collectors of Czechoslovakian stamps from all over the English-speaking world came to us. At present our Society has members on every continent except Asia; when free intercourse and better conditions are established there are surely some collectors in China, Japan or India ready to join our ranks.

We have not fared poorly from a financial point of view. But, if we want to continue the progress we have shown in the last two years, we must gain more members in every class, especially the Associate and Patron classes. We must subscribe to every endeavor of the Society where increased finances are concerned; we must patronize the circuits and we should help make the annual auction a financial success.

One of our chief concerns was to advertise the stamps of Czechoslovakia. We received no payment for this from the Czechoslovak government; it was a purely charitable act on our part and here, by charity, we mean love.

Let us not forget that our only means of cooperation is the Specialist. This organ of our Society has been the means of disseminating knowledge of the stamps of Czechoslovakia, it has been the instrument which kept our organization a live society. We should do all in our power to keep this organ the finest stamp magazine in the philatelic world.

To all of you, individually and collectively, I express my thanks for your cooperation and to the new president I cry the old Slavonic salute "Mnogaja Ljeta"!

Karel Zahradnicek

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am deeply grateful for the honor bestowed upon me to serve as President of our Society for the forthcoming term.

An organization such as ours is most unique, inasmuch as we have no meetings to attend and have few actual contacts to fraternize over Czechoslovak philately. We are held together by the SPECIALIST. The Society's success is reflected in the SPECIALIST. An orchid to the Editor, Frank J. Kovarik, who has done so much to keep this paper interestingly informative and on a high standard. His recent crusade on printer's waste, color trials and proofs was most courageous and deserves commendation.

We realize that as the SPECIALIST goes, so goes the Society. Therefore we must get more new members and support this paper. Getting new members is another way of spreading good will and increasing interest in Czechoslovak stamps.

The Chicago Chapter of the Society is sponsoring a benefit donation auction this spring. I urge you to send duplicate worthwhile material to Mr. Alfred N. Weiner, 5056 1/2 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., who will arrange it into lots for the auction.

If you have had an interesting experience with a correspondent, write it up for submission to the Editor. If you are inclined to write a story on Czechoslovak stamps—technical or historical—do so. I know the Editor will appreciate such cooperation. This is your paper.

I hereby pledge to do all I can to maintain the leadership and high standards set by my predecessors. Each one of you can contribute to the growth of the Society by getting at least one new member.

George A. Blizil

TREASURER'S REPORT 1947

Jan. 1, 1947 — Balance forwarded		\$245.85
Receipts: Dues*	\$430.14	
Advertising	28.45	
Back copies of Specialist	14.95	
Auction (net)	64.50	
Circuit Commission	27.25	
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Total		565.29
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Grand total		811.14

Expenditures: Bank Charges	2.00	
Printing Specialist (including cuts)	282.08	
Printing election ballots and envelopes	8.00	
Addressograph plates	14.46	
Mailing notices to delinquent members	4.15	
Printing membership cards	9.50	
Secretary's expenses	6.00	
Mailing Expenses	78.95	
Binding and misc. editor's expenses	18.87	
		424.01
Total		424.01

Dec. 31, 1947 balance

\$387.13

*Larger balance this year due to collecting much of the 1948 dues earlier than other years.

Guy Greenawalt, treasurer

Attention delinquent members: Last year it cost your Society \$4.15 to collect your dues and much of the treasurer's precious time. If you are in arrears now, run down to the Post Office now and mail in those 1948 dues; if you have a checkbook and a balance in your favor, mail a check to your treasurer: Mr. Guy Greenawalt, 1443 No. Hudson Av., Chicago 10, Ill. The rest of the members thank you!

NEWS AND VIEWS

by the Editor

Scott Publications, Inc., publishers of the Scott Catalog, notify us of changes in the Scott 1948 Catalog Volume II. Under "Czechoslovakia" make this change: C18 3 5

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The Garfield-Perry Club, of which our president is secretary and program chairman, will present an All-Sokol program April 16th. We note that our members K. Zahradnicek (past president), J. Lisy and Ed. Jirousek actively participate.

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Our down-under member, Mr. W. L. Russell, has an article in "Stamps and Coins," an Australian publication, entitled "Just what do you mean, Mr. Gibbons?" This is a very fine article on Egypt Gibbons #25, and shows that Bill not only follows the study of Czecho stamps but others as well. Evidently Gibbons is as fallible as Scott.

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A member writes: "By the addition of names to the Membership List, we watch our Society grow. From these published lists, certain approval houses add to their 'sucker list.'" He then asks: "What is the Society's position in coping with this racket?" We advise all members to govern themselves according to the laws of the United States. Every approval which was not solicited, must be accompanied with return postage and envelope. If the sender fails to comply with this rule and law, hold the material until you receive the return postage.

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A very delightful time was spent by your editor in the company of a member-visitor to Chicago, Mr. Beedon. We are not frequently at home on Saturday evening; this time we were fortunately free and thank Mr. Beedon for the visit.

OUR STAMP EXHIBITION AND AUCTION

At the last meeting of the committee for this event, our only public demonstration for Czech stamps, the general chairman announced that, so far, about 50 frames have been bespoken. Most of these are from Chicagoans. If any of our out-of-town members want to show any of their stamps, it is imperative to

contact the chairman immediately and let him know what type of material and how much of it they desire to exhibit. The time to act is now! The address of the chairman is Mr. George Kobyika, 3453 W. 23rd St., Chicago 23, Ill. Remember, every participant receives a ribbon as a testimonial of his or her cooperation.

We also take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to all members of our Society to attend this affair. You'll not go hungry; Mr. Reinowski, through whose good offices we are enabled to get the hall "for free," always sees to it that coffee and donuts aplenty are served to all visitors. And as far as lodging is concerned, we assure you, you'll not sleep on a park bench.

The chairman of the auction announced that so far about 40 lots have been received and only a very small number of donors are on the books. If you have anything to offer, you still have time. So, send it immediately to Mr. A. N. Weiner, 5056½ N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. Several members wrote they have nothing to offer but promised to bid generously on items submitted to this auction. Send in your bids as soon as possible to Mr. Weiner.

The committee has already decided on the judges for the show, as also the auctioneer. Pending their acceptance, no names are mentioned in this issue of the Specialist.

Your editor will not have time to write much about the show in the April issue of this paper, for he hopes to bask in California sunshine in March. He does hope to mention the names of the donors (as far as he can have them before the end of February), the names of the judges and the auctioneer and possibly the names of those submitting bids, whether they are successful as bidders or no. This is our small way of showing our appreciation to those who are willing to help make this venture a success.

EARLY POSTAL HISTORY OF SLOVAKIA

By George A. Blizil



One of the most desirable sets of postage stamps to come out of World War II is the regular set of Czechoslovakia overprinted "Slovensky Stat 1939" for use in Slovakia, the erstwhile German puppet state. This set is found in Scott's catalog under Czechoslovakia—Slovakia Nos. 2-23, together with the newspaper stamps Nos. P1-9.

The philatelic history of this "independent" state during the year 1939 is hectic. It starts with Slovakia No. 1, which is the overprinted 300h on 10 Kcs. of Czechoslovakia, commemorating the opening of the Slovakian Parliament on January 18, 1939. This overprinting was done from two plates in red orange in Prague. The 2 plates differ—therefore there are 2 types of overprints. There were 790,000 copies of this commemorative overprinted for intended restricted use in Slovakia. The next stamp to appear was the 60h blue Stefanik, which is No. 255 of the Czechoslovak Republic in Scotts.

In late 1938-39 there was political friction between the Czech government and the Slovak government located in Bratislava. At the request of the Slovak government, the Minister of Posts in Prague printed 100,000 copies of the 60h Stefanik stamp in blue. They were delivered to Bratislava on March 14th, 1939, and were intended for exclusive use in the new embryonic state. A few weeks later a shortage of stamps developed in Prague and that Post Office tried to get this shipment of 100,000 returned. The Bratislava Post Office refused and one half the issue was put on sale March 30th in that city only. The balance of the issue was overprinted later. This stamp was printed in sheets of 200 from 1 plate, perf. 12½.

Just prior to issuance of the Stefanik blue, the Bratislava government decided to overprint the remainder of the regular Czechoslovak Republic stamps "Slovensky Stat 1939," thereby creating definitely a new philatelic country, as well as a new field for philatelic counterfeiters. All the overprinting was done at Bratislava, the dates and values as follows:

March 21st, 50h Stefanik green
 March 22nd, 10, 20 and 1 Kc.
 March 24th, 5, 30, 40, 60h Stefanik violet, 1.20, 1.50, 1.60, 2, 2.50, 3 and
 March 29th, 25h, 4, 5, and 10 Kcs. 3.50 Kcs. in red.
 March 30th, 60h Stefanik blue
 April 1st, 3.50 Kcs in blue
 April 8th, 50h Benes

The 5 h to 1 Kc. were overprinted horizontally in blocks of 200 (full sheets), except the 25h which was done in blocks of 50 and 100 because of the small supply left in Slovakia at that time. The 1.20 to 10 Kcs. were put through the presses to receive diagonal overprints in sheets of 100. The first run of overprints on the 3.50 Kcs. was done in red on bottom half sheets, and, as you will note above, it was decided to do the top half sheets a week later from a new plate in blue ink.

Not all overprints are uniform and if one was to specialize in varieties, one would run into confusion. Seldom are any of the varieties constant, but European catalogs list dozens. The Novotny Slovakia catalog illustrates, for example, 27 different overprint variety "errors," which look like splattered ink spots, incomplete inkings, etc.

The reason for the current high prices on individual items in this set is reflected in the amounts issued. Just before Pearl Harbor the writer received figures from a correspondent who was a Bratislava Post Office employee at that time. His listings differ from the amounts issued given in the latest Slovakian specialized catalog, as shown below:

Scott No.		1939 Report	1947 Figures
2	5h	87,000	108,279
3	10h	358,000	359,300
4	20h	1,033,600	1,415,850
5	25h	43,100	90,974
6	30h	677,800	979,050
7	40h	221,800	292,950
8	50h Stefanik green	1,600,000	1,601,200
9	50h Benes	1,812,200	1,812,200
10	60 Stefanik violet	364,000	365,100
11	50h Stefanik blue	50,000	50,000
12	1 Kc.	1,656,000	1,658,550
13	1.20 Kcs.	138,050	139,000
14	1.50 Kcs.	146,850	147,500
15	1.60 Kcs.	81,400	83,150
16	2 Kcs.	91,450	91,100
17	2.50 Kcs.	134,300	134,950
18	3 Kcs.	107,550	108,300
19	3.50 Kcs. in red	21,100	total
20	3.50 Kcs. in blue	17,480	40,667
21	4 Kcs.	30,500	34,187
22	5 Kcs.	24,450	28,188
23	10 Kcs.	12,450	16,124

Apparently no one can explain the differences in the two sets of figures. Never-the-less in most cases the figures vary but little and illustrate the relative scarcities in the set.

Only a few months after the 5h was released, and it was learned that it would be a limited item, counterfeiters took this stamp into camp. Other frequently found fake overprints are on the 30h, 1.60, 3.50, 4, 5 and 10 Kcs. Position of overprint characters, color of ink and other small details are the differences between originals and fakes. The writer has successfully established "phonies" in three values, which are in his collection. Mr. A. N. Weiner, of Chicago, is working on these fake overprints through the use of photographic enlargements for comparison. Making these comparisons to establish the differences between genuine and counterfeit is a very trying and exacting task, and Mr. Weiner is to be commended on his undertaking.

An interesting detail exists in the position of the overprints on the 3 high values. They are applied at a 42 degree angle, except for the 25th stamp on each sheet which is at a 45 degree angle and has an extra heavy imprint. This 25th stamp sells for about 20% more than others in the sheet. The 11th stamp of the sheet on each of the 3 high values has a very light ink application due to a plate defect. Forged overprints on these stamps (4, 5 and 10 Kcs) are at almost any angle by the original 42 degree and are very well made. Border coupons found on the 4, 5 and 10 Kcs, were also imprinted and it must be remembered the original color used is dark carmine! Genuine overprints on values 1.20 to 3.50 Kcs. are at angles from 48 to 50 degrees.

At present the complete set of 22 values is selling for the equivalent of \$100 in Czechoslovakia, which reflects the true picture of their rarity. One Bratislava dealer has advertised that he will pay \$60 for good genuine copies of the 10 Kcs.

The newspaper stamps Nos. P1-9 were overprinted in a different style type, known as the block letter, and has the year date appearing above "Slovensky Stat." All 9 values were overprinted in blocks of 100 in April, 1939. Different colored inks were applied as follows: 2, 7 and 10 h, dark blue; 5 and 9 h, dark red; 50h, light blue; 12, 20 h and 1 Kc., orange red. ALL double overprints on these newspaper stamps are counterfeit. Amounts issued range from 2,700,000 on the 5h to only 55,500 on the 1 Kc. This last mentioned value is now selling for about \$5.00 in Europe.

All "Slovensky Stat" stamps were valid for postage to July 10, 1939. Regular Czechoslovak Republic stamps were removed from sale, together with the overprints, on July 31st. Remainders of the overprints (low values) were available after July 31st but were not good for postage.

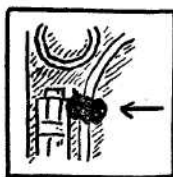


On March 6, 1939, the first Father Hlinka stamps were printed in Bratislava. These are the first stamps officially printed by the Slovakian government (Scott illustration A1). This 50 h and 1 K set was held back until April 1st when they too were overprinted "SLOVENSKY STAT" diagonally. The 1 K red value (Scott No. 25) exists in imperforate condition, but was not regularly issued.

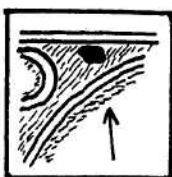
A few weeks after the above issue of 2 values, there appeared the regular issue of Hlinka stamps (Scott 26-33). On the top of these 10 stamps, the inscription is "Slovenska Posta," whereas on the first Hlinkas (Scott 24-25) the

top reads "Cesko-Slovenska." Two values, 20 and 30h, exist imperforate and of course the same plate flaws exist on both the perforated and imperforate. In this set there are 4 other values which exist imperforate, but were not regularly issued. They are the 5h, 1 K, 2.50 K and 3 K.

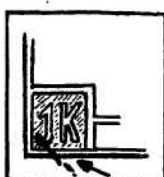
HLINKA VARIETIES - SCOTT NOS.



No. 24
9th Row
2nd Stamp



No. 25
5th Row
19th Stamp



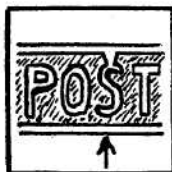
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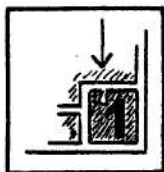
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18th Stp.



No. 29
6th Row
6th Stp.



No. 30
2nd Row
13th Stp.



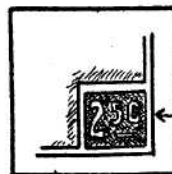
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12th Stp.



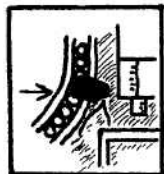
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1st Stp.



No. 28
2nd Row
19th Stp.



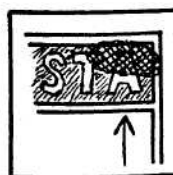
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3rd Row
4th Stp.



No. 32
8th Row
1st Stp.



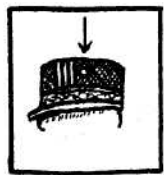
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10th Row
4th Stp.



No. 32
9th Row
1st Stp.



No. 33
1st Row
6th Stp.



No. 37
6th Row
7th Stp.



No. 37
10th Row
3rd Stp.

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The 1939 Hlinka issues were printed in Bratislava in sheets of 200, (20x10), perforated 12½ on unwatermarked paper. Printed by the neotype, or photogravure process, the stamps had unusual plate number information on each sheet. On each sheet the information "A1 6.III.1939" appears twice—on both the lower left and right sides of the sheet. Therefore each sheet contains two plate blocks, right and left. The 10h was re-issued later from a new plate, which had no plate number information. Each value bears a different date as part of the plate number, which is the date of approval.

Listed below are a few of the major varieties that exist on the Hlinka stamps. If these are pointed out definitely as varieties on an album page, they make an interesting feature.

Scott No.	Denomination	Variety	Position in Sheet
24	50h	broken frame around portrait—	9th row, 2nd stamp
25	1K	ink splotch next upper right Slovak cross in circle—	5th row, 19th stamp
25	1K	color gash diagonally thru left numeral box—	10th row, 17th stp
26	5h	Color smudge in back of Hlinka's ear to frame—	4th row, 18th stamp
28 & 28a	20h	white spot between the nose and frame—	2nd row, 19th stamp
29 & 29a	30h	"rose in hair" variety—	6th row, 6th stamp
29 & 29a	30h	white face (light impression)—	8th row, 4th stamp
30	50h	accent mark above "s" in "posta" is solid white—	2nd row, 13th stamp
31	1K	white spot in right numeral box connecting with top frame—	1st row, 12th stamp
31	1K	small circle with dot in center located on forehead—	5th row, 1st stamp
32	2.50K	Broken "0" in 2.50 in right numeral box—	3rd row, 4th stamp
32	2.50K	Blotch of color in pearls of frame in upper left—	8th row, 1st stp
32	2.50K	Blotch of color on top of "TA" in Posta—	9th row, 1st stamp
33	3K	White space, keystone shaped, in right box (left side interior)—	1st row, 6th stamp

All the above listed varieties are constant, and therefore can be considered as varieties and not "freaks." All these early Hlinka issues were printed in sheets of 200 and perforated 12½ on unwatermarked paper, except the two imperfs, 28a and 29a. These were eventually followed by other Hlinka issues on watermarked paper and other perforations.

A commemorative set for General M. R. Stefanik was released in Bratislava on May 4th, 1939 (his birthday). However, they were not permitted to be used for postage by a Nazi order inasmuch as the General is pictured in the uniform of a French army officer. Genuinely used copies of this set (Scott 34-37) are non-existent. Small quantities of this set can be found cancelled to order and on "1st day covers," but this cancelling was done by some enthusiastic philatelist.

The commemorative Stefanik set was also printed in Bratislava, perforated 12½ on unwatermarked paper. The 40h, 60h and 1 Ks. values were printed in sheets of 200. The high value 2 Ks. was printed in sheets of 100, being the large size format. The only two constant varieties exist on the 2 Ks., which are illustrated in the group of sketches.

Next followed a commemorative set for Rev. J. Murgas, Slovak radio-scientist; 2K, 4K and 5K regular issues; followed by the first of several Tiso issues—all of which make up the early postal repertoire of Slovakia—Hitler's puppet state.

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AUCTION CATALOG

All items mentioned herein will be auctioned off at Olympic Hall, 6136 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill., Sunday, April 4, 1948 at 2:30 P.M., during the Second Philatelic Exhibition of the Chicago Group of Czechoslovakian Collectors. All items listed are numbered according to Scott 1948 Catalog, all are mint unless otherwise noted. Bids on these items should be in the hands of the Auction Chairman, Mr. A. N. Weiner, 5056½ N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., not later than April 1, 1948.

Lot	description	Scott #	Value
1	Blk of 25, 20h, L R corner	4	.75+
2	Strip of 10, vert. R with plate markings	5	.60+
3	L L corner blk of 15, 1h, Plate II	23	.30+
4	Block of 12, 2x6, 15h	27	.96
5	100h, used, 3 types each, line and comb perf	92	.60+
6	200 & 300h, not center	93-94	5.50
7	100h, T I, comb perf	92	1.00
8	300h, T I, comb perf	94	2.50
9	Blocks of 4, 5, 10, 15h, not centered	65-67	.52
10	Blocks of 4, 20-60h (40h not centered)	68-73	3.00
11	Blocks of 4, 80-90h, not centered	74-75	2.00
12	Single & block of 4	208	.50
13	block of 4, 50h	227	.20
14	Purkyne singles	232-233	.20
15	do.	do	.20
16	Purkyne U L blocks of 3 with coupons	do	1.60+
17	Sokol 50h U L, 1K U R, blocks of 3 and coupon	241-242	1.20+
18	Bachmac, 50h, R & L coupons	243	.16+
19	Bachmac, U L block of 3 and coupon	243	.32+
20	Vouziers, L R & L R corner singles & coupons	244	.20+
21	do, U L & U R corner blocks of 3 and coupons	do	.40+
22	do, U L only	do	.20+
23	Doss Alto, do	245	.20+
24	Sokol Meet, 50h R, 1K and 2K L with coupons	246-248	.30+
25	Misc. 224, 228, 247, B144, 151	1.10	
26	Sheet	B153	1.50
27	50h-2K	263-265	.20
28	London Issue comp.	272-287	1.04
29	Partisan Issue comp	288-92	.55
30	do in blks of 4	do	2.20
31	Regular issue in blocks of 4	294, 295, 295A, 297, 297A, 298,	
		299	2.44
32	do	301, 303, 304	1.88
33	Kosice Issue	307-309	.50
34	do	do	.50
35	do	do	.50
36	do	310-314	2.10
37	do	do	2.10
38	do	do	2.10
39	Havlicek, comp set of corner blocks with coupons	315	.48
40	do	do	.48
41	Two year plan	322-324	.21
42	do	do	.21
43	do	do	.21
44	do	do	.21
45	do, in pairs	do	.42
46	Benes	318-321	.33
47	315, Lidice 1.20 & 2.40, Moyses, all with coupons	do	.40+
48	P C 1919 B2, 8, 10, 13 (2 shades)	14	.90
49	block of 8	B7	.24
50	Block of 6	B8	.30
51	U L & U R blocks of 3 and coupons	B156-158	1.20+
52	St. George sheet autographed by engraver	B158	.30
53	Air Post	C10-12, 14-17	2.85
54	do	C26	1.00
55	Bratislava Newspaper sheet, without comma, Ekstein 25a	?	
56	Newspapers comp, blocks of 4	P27-35	1.08
57	Proofs on yellow paper	7, 23, E1, J13	1.00
58	Misc	S O 23, 26, EX3, Siberia 33 (remainder)	.50
59	Bohemia-Moravia, blocks of 4	1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10	2.12
60	do (incl. 60h, 80h, 1K)	20-24	.20
61	Linden Leaves, comp set strips of 4 with gutters	do	.75+
62	Regular issue	36-40	2.50
63	1 set plain, 1 with L, 1 with R coupons	88-89	.30+
64	Used set	62-83	1.80
65	R & L coupons	B1	.30+
66	With coupons	B5-8	.30
67	blocks of 4	B9-12	.80
68	pairs	B13-14	.16
69	blocks of 4	do	.32
70	All corner blocks of 4	B25-6	2.40
71	Misc 84, 90, B9-14, 21, 27, 28	1.15	
72	Slovakia, blks of 4, 27, 29,	31, 32	2.60
73	do	89-92	.35
74	do	77-82	.85
75	Misc mint and used	do	?
76	U. S. Flags comp.	do	1.93
77	Austria, Jicin cancel, thinned on surface	45	.15
78	do, 1890, 10 Italian cancels	do	3.00

- 79 Belgium, 5 Parcel Post on piece20
- 80 Bulgaria, Sts. Cyril and Methodius set 304-308 1.80
- 81 do do do 1.80
- 82 Poland, blks of 4 (B2 reconstructed, 2 pairs) .. B1-10 .98
- 83 1 sheet of "Truth Prevails," poster stamps50
- Cancellations, ord and comm., favor sheets, etc.
- 84 Siberian Post, Army cancel on piece, 2 items.
- 85 2 Budweiss cancels on piece of semi-official overprint.
- 86 Hung. post card with "Poczony" cancel dated June 19, 1919
- 87 Kladno cancel, Dec. 30, 1918, on Austria Spec. Del. & 6h bisect.
- 88 Favor Sheets with blocks of B124-129.
- 89 8 covers, Nov. 4, 1922, Phil. dealers Congress, 1 red, 1 black cancel.
- 90 Masaryk 75. B'day covers, Praha 1
- 91 do Opava
- 92 do Brno
- 93 do Kosice
- 94 do Pardubice
- 95 do Bratislava
- 96 1928 Comm. set with comm. cancel on piece.
- 96a do various post offices, Pl. #
- 97 St. Vaclav se on sheet, cancel. Praha 10
- 98 do Praha 1
- 99 do Stara Boleslav
- 100 1930, 2 & 3K Masaryk, Comm. cancel on cover
- 101 1930, Comp. coverage of Masaryk 80 B'day cancels on 1 sheet.
- 102 Comp. Sokol set with comm. cancel of July 3, 1932.
- 103 2 cancels Praha, election of president
- 104 Usti n. Labem, Autopost, April 3, 1938
- 105 Liberec, Phil. great Market favor sheet, Aug. 19, 1937
- 106 Card, Nova Paka, Phil. Exp. Sep. 28, 1937
- 107 Strekov Favor Sheet, Phil. Exp. Oct. 17, 1937
- 108 Czech Army in England, visit of Dr. Benes, July 26, 1940
- 109 do St. Vaclav, Sept. 28, 1940
- 110 Praha-Paris First Flight, July 5, 1927
- 111 Handpainted cover, Aug. 16, 1947. Thanksgiving pilgrimage
- 112 do Breclav, unveiling monument to Masaryk
- 113 do Pardubice, steeple chase
- 114 Favor sheet, Karlovy Vary, Oct. 27, 1945, unveiling tablet
- 115 Praha, Student Congress, Nov. 30, 1945
- 116 1st anniversary of revolution cover, Praha, May 5, 1946
- 117 First flight, Praha-New York — June 17, 1946
- 118 2 covers, Brno Phil. Exp. Aug. 3, 1946
- 119 Two Year Plan, official first day cover
- 120 do unofficial, but comp. set
- 121 2 year plan cancel, Oct. 28, 1946
- 122 St. Albert cover with official first day cancel, April 24, 1947
- 123 do ordinary cover, but complete set
- 124 Student Congress official first day cover, July 20, 1947
- 125 Eger, Nazi comm. cancel, Oct. 3, 1938
- 126 Comp. set, Government postal cards, 1947
- 127 Sudeten Jubilee in Kaaden, Mar. 4, 1939
- 128 Wien, 47th Phil. Day, Oct. 5, 1941
- 129 Karlsbad, Sudeten Jubilee, Dec. 4, 1938
- 130 Slovakia, Stefanik set on cover, Bratislava, June 30, 1939
- 131 2 Slovakia Gov't. cards, o'printed "Ceskoslovensko" (Ragus & Hlinka)
- 132 Slovakia Gov't cards, 1 Tiso, 1 o'printed "Ceskoslovensko" on Razus
- 133 Album for Protectorate stamps, has space for all stamps, value \$5
- 134 Comp. volume I "Zpravodaj Nasi Filatelie" 1.60
- 135 Set of 4 booklets, Greater U. S., Land Divided, Amer. War Heroes, etc.
- 136 Drufila catalog of Czechoslovakia 1948
- 137 Several lots of photos of Czech stamps, for further info contact Mr. A. Weiner, 5056½ N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

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1948 STAMP PROGRAM OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Ministry of Posts plans on the following commemorative stamps in 1948:

1. XI. International Sokol Meet. The design for this stamp is the work of Prof. Max Svabinsky and represents the Sokol Organization swearing loyalty to the Republic. From a marching group of Sokols comes forward a young, serious member and a smiling girl gymnast and both salute the appreciative Republic who offers her hand to them.



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Stamps for this issue will consist of 1.50, 3 and 5K denominations. The engraving is the work of Jindra Schmidt. They will be printed in the large format with coupons. Both coupons and first day cover engravings are the work of Prof. Svabinsky.

Besides this, sometime in June the Ministry will issue stamps showing two Sokol leaders: Dr. Jindra Vanicek and Dr. Scheiner.

2. 600th anniversary of the founding of the Charles University, of Praha, will be commemorated April 7, 1948. Two designs for this issue have been chosen: one portraying St. Vaclav and Charles IV as they appear on the University seal of the XIV Century; the other portrays Charles IV, the founder of this the oldest university in Central Europe. The design is the work of Prof. Karel Svolinsky and the engraving has been entrusted to J. A. Svengsbir. The stamp will most likely be of the large format and values planned at present are 1.50, 2, and 3K.

3. 100th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention of Kromeriz. Designed by Prof. Max Svabinsky and will be issued at the opening of the "Exposition of a Century of Czech National Life" in Kromeriz, June 20, 1948. (From another source we learn the stamps for this issue will consist of portraits of Frantisek Palacky and Ladislav Rieger, who were most active in bringing about the reforms of 1948.)

4. 100th anniversary of the Revolution in Slovakia.

5. 30th anniversary of the birth of the Republic.

6. Stamps with a monetary surcharge "For Children."

Besides this, due to the increase in postal rates, it is necessary to change some of the current issue. The first to obtain this change will be a stamp of the 1.50Kcs denomination, showing a new portrait of President Benes, from a photograph by Prof. Ehm.

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