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EDITORIAL

Czechoslovak philately in America is on the rise. The American Philatelist published three articles within the last year; one of these is being reprinted in the Specialist now. Three articles in Stamps in the Special Czechoslovak Issue of March 27. The April issue of the SPA Journal has an excellent article on the "Music Sheets" and the counterfeits by Spying eye. Our writers are being asked for more material. We hope to reprint all these articles in the Specialist and are compelled by these circumstances to limit our valuable space to stamp information and as little as possible to Society affairs. So, if our News and Views column is dropped for a while, forgive us.

We realize that members want to hear about others, we shall therefor publish lines where we used to print paragraphs.

Congratulations are in order: Dr. Reiner-Deutsch has been elected corresponding member of the Societe' de Biologie de France. Mr. Brunner's daughter, Paula, was married last month. Mr. Pollak went to Praha for his bride. Mr. Blizil won first award for his "Music Sheet" showing at Garfield-Perry.

In this issue we publish the membership listing in alphabetical arrangement, listing the collecting specialties of those members who supplied us with the information. If a member's name is omitted we ask: have you paid your dues? If you have paid them, kindly notify us and we shall publish a correction in the next issue of the Specialist.

OUR SHOW AND AUCTION

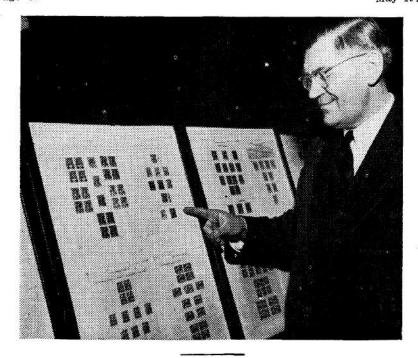
Our show was a success in every way. The judges were presented with a formidable task; finally they asked the committee permission to issue two first, two second and two third awards. In one thing they agreed: they hadn't seen such an array of fine material before. The first awards went to Waldman and Kovarik; the second to Blizil and Hrivnak and the third to Kobylka and Velek. The first three mentioned received also "Educational Awards" of the Chicago Philatelic Society. About 300 visitors viewed the 61 frames.

The auction, too, was a big success. 150 lots were donated and these brought into the treasury about 150 dollars. The donors were: Lowey, Kovarik, Velek, Weiner, Zaludek, Waldman, Ludlow, Thivierge, Brunner, H. H. Smith, Kvapil, Novotny, Reiner-Deutsch, Novy, Pierce, Zoubek, Johnson, Martin, Sabol, Greenawalt, Skopecek, Stack, Woodbury, Handel and Reinowski.

To the bidders, the donors, the judges (Polachek, Steindler and Reeves and the auctioneers (Domar and Russo), to all who helped make April 4, 13.8. a banner day in the history of our Society: Thanks a million!

On the next page is an illustration from the Community Reporter (Chicago) showing your editor before his stamps. Fine chap, eh?

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We present to our readers an illustration of the second design for the Charles University Commemorative stamps reported in the April issue of your paper. Courtesy of Chicago Svornost,



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Position 41. There is a break in the design between the T and A of POSTA. The left stroke of the same A is thicker near the bottom. There is a prominent dot in the top right branch of the large bush.

Position 42. There is a short line in the top margin over the P of Posta. There is a short point on the upper left corner and several dots along the left frame line as illustrated in Figure 3.

Position 43. A small white dot and a heavy white line are located below the left branch. (Billig No. 7q) There is a colored dot on the frame over the T . of POSTA, to the right of the long ray and near the center of the left branch of the large bush.

Position 44. The top branch of the large bush has a colored dot to the left. There is a dot on the outer edge of the third leaf in the right group and a tiny one over the sun.

Position 45. The tail of the left dove has a dot near the top. The left frame line has a small spot of color between the C and E of CESKO.

Position 46. There are two small dots over the spire and two others to the left of the center towers; also a tiny dot to the right of the long ray.

Position 47. There is a large white spot between the large butch and the right branch. (Billig No. 7k) This variety was transferred to Plate II but the cluster of dots over the right tower and the double ray will place this stamp in Plate I.

Position 48. The long ray is partly doubled to the right. There are three adjacent dots over the first tower at right and another dot between the two towers. A short piece of the left frame is missing at the bottom.

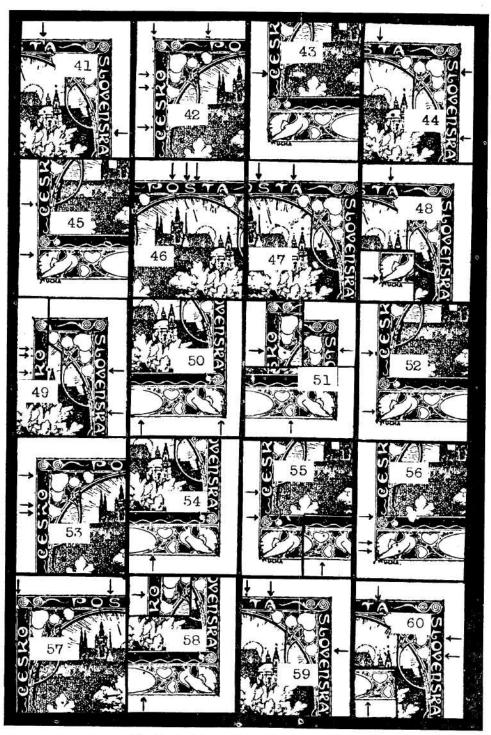


Fig. 3-40 haleru Plate I Positions 41-60

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Position 49. There is a white dot to the right of the large bush. The dot over the second right tower is shifted to the left of the tower. A colored dot is enclosed by the 0 of 40 and there are several dots along the left frame line.

Position 50. The tail of the right dove has a dot near the outer edge. There is a large break in the tablet line over the 0 of 40 and also the colored line below the base of the vignette.

Position 51. Several very small dots are the only plating guides to this position; on the edge of the lower heart at right, enclosed in the 0 of 40, in the first leaf of the left group, the third leaf of the right group and above the sun.

Position 52. The left frame line has a heavy dot over the C of CESKO. The left dove has a dot in the lower part of the tail. There is a dot over the spire and another to the right of the long ray.

Position 53. A heavy line runs thru the K of CESKO. (Billig No. 7n) This is another variety that was duplicated in Plate II and two small dots over the spire and a dot in the short tail feathers of the left dove must be checked to prove this stamp from Plate I.

Position 54. The value tablet has a break in the frame line at the bottom right. The left stroke of the M of MUCHA rests on a short horizontal line,

Position 55. The base of the vignette has a diagonal white line under the small bush. There is a colored dot in the top heart at right. The left frame line has a very short break over the C of CESKO.

Position 56. The small bush breaks into the base of the vignette. (Billig No. 7m) There are two colored dots in the wing of the left dove and another in the fourth leaf at left.

Position 57. The small bush has a dot of color in the top branch. There is a break in the spire near the top. The left frame line is broken just below the top scroll.

Position 58. The value tablet has a dot near the top line to the right. The left frame line has a break between the K and the O of CESKO. There is a colored dot near the center of the left branch of the large bush.

Position 59. There is a white spot just below the A of POSTA. There are two colored dots in the top margin, over the P and between the ST; also dots between the sun and right tower and on the breast of the left dove. The base of the vignette has a white dot above the 4 of 40.

Position 60. Small colored dots are the plating guides to this position. There are several between the sun and the two right towers, one over the spire, over the C of CESKO and on the value tablet line at right; also before the word MUCHA.

Position 61. The design is broken above the left stroke of the K of CESKO and below the O of POSTA. The first leaf at left is broken on the inside edge. The top right branch of the large bush has a colored dot near its center.

Position 62. There is a large white spot between the left branch and arch. The spire has a tiny nick on the left side near the base and two small dots above the tip. There is a colored dot to the left of the center tower.

Position 63. The left frame line is broken at the top and bent upward. Later printings of this variety show the point wearing away and in the final stages missing entirely. The right frame is broken over the L of SLOVENSKA. The third leaf in the right group has a dot near the center. A white line joins the third and fourth leaves in the left group and breaks thru the fourth. The left dove has a dot in the tail.

Position 64. The left branch of the small bush has a short line of color in the top. There is a dot near the bottom of the second leaf on the left and on the same side a dot over the C of CESKO.

Position 65. The lower heart on the left has a prominent dot on the bottom line and a tiny one just above. There is a colored spot in the top right heart. The sun encloses a tiny dot and another is located to the left of the second right tower. A small cluster of dots is located above the sun near the ar.h.

Position 66. Four small dots of color must be found to identify this position. Two are above the spire, one to the right of the long ray and the fourth to the right of the second right tower.

Position 67. This is another position that can be traced thru dots in various parts of the design—above the bottom left scroll, in the wing of the left

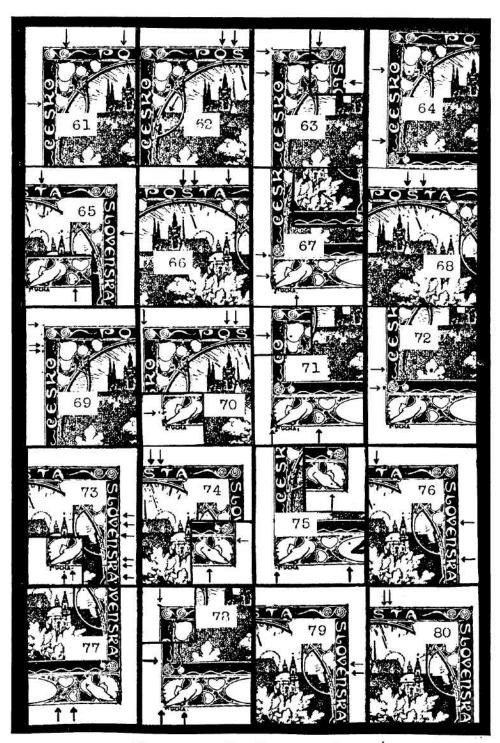


Fig. 4-40 haleru Plate I Positions 61-80

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dove, after the A of MUCHA and in the right side of the large bush.

Position 68. There are two dots between the sun and long ray and two more diagonally over the spire. The value tablet has a break in the top line between the 4 and 0 of 40.

Position 69. The left margin has four dots toward the third leaf with a very small dot on either side. Also a dot on the upper left corner. There is a tiny dot between the second right tower and the regular dot of the design.

Position 70. There is a colored dot in the bottom of the O of POSTA. There are two breaks in the bottom left frame line with a dot over the top one. There is another break in the left frame line over the K of CESKO. The tip of the spire is bent to the left.

Position 71. There are two dots located in the lower heart at left. The word MUCHA has a period after it. There is a short point extending from the lower left. A guide dot one mm. in diameter is located about 7½ mm. from the stamp in the left margin.

Position 72. The small bush has a colored dot in its center. (Billig No. 7jj) The space enclosed by the 0 of 40 has a dot near the top. The left margin has a dot above the bottom scroll. Some printings of this stamp show the top of the left frame line damaged in several places.

Position 73. There are small breaks in the design over the O, E, S, K and A of SLOVENSKA. The word MUCHA has a tiny dot after the A and under the H. Also a dot to the left of the long ray.

Position 74. The right dove has a colored dot on the wing and another on the top of the tail. There are several small dots above the sun and on either side of the long ray. There is a short spur on the upper right side of the 0 of 40

Position 75. The right dove has a dot in the bottom of the wing. There is a dot in the upper left part of the value tablet and another to the left of the M of MUCHA.

Position 76. The large bush has a colored dot in the top right branch. The sun is broken on the right side and there is a very small dot to the right of the long ray.

Position 77. There is a dot in the bottom heart to the right and one on the back of the left dove almost touching the back line. The small ornament between the value tablet and the right top heart touches the heart. There is a tiny break in the colored line under the small bush. A small dot is located between the center tower and the spire.

Position 78. The upper left corner extends into the margin. The left dove has a dot of color on the bottom wing line. There are two small breaks in the left frame line—above the lower scroll and in the bottom corner. The spire has two small dots directly above it and there is a period after MUCHA.

Position 79. There are two dots over the spire but they are spaced farther apart than in the preceding position. The right frame is broken over the E of SLOVENSKA. There is a large white spot under the V of SLOVENSKA which breaks into the adjacent leaf. The base of the vignette has a white dot above the right heart.

Position 80. The long ray is doubled thru most of its length. There is a dot on the sun below the ray and another over the P of POSTA. The lower left corner is extended into the margin. There is a large position dot in the right sheet margin 8 mm. from the stamp.

Position 81. The top frame line has several short breaks over the left scrolls. There is a break in the white line above the base of the vignette between the two bushes. There is a small break in the design above the O of CESKO.

Position 82. The large bush has a white dot on the tip of the right branch. The frame line is broken over the O of SLOVENSKA.

Position 83. There is a large arrow on the upper left corner. (Billig No. 7gg) This variety shows considerable wear in the later stages of the plate and almost disappears in the last printing. The large bush has a white spot over the left branch. The long ray is partly doubled but the second line shows very faintly on lightly printtd copies.

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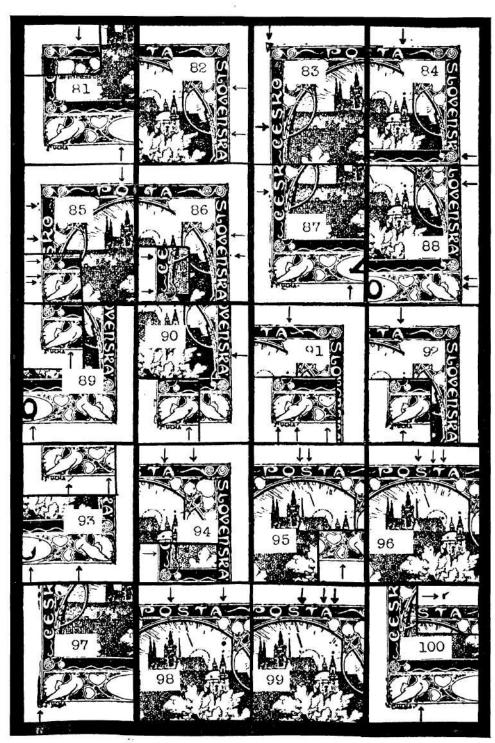


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