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## EDITORIAL

Many of our members wondered why the September issue of the Specialist failed to reach them on time. Rest assured, it is not the fault of your editor nor of the Post Office Department. Just a little hard luck; we hope the October issue gets out on schedule.

In our last issue we notified the members that Mr. Greenawalt, our treasurer, finds it necessary to resign his office. Mr. Blizil, your president, secured the services of Mr. Edward J. Sabol, member #259, who will handle the finances of our society until our next election next year. Let us all make our new treasurer happy by mailing our 1949 dues now. Remember: 1 dollar for ordinary membership; 2 dollars for associate membership; 5 dollars for patron membership. For any amount above 5 dollars you may name it anything you please. The new treasurer's address is:

Edward J. Sabol, 350 Jackson St., Bristol, Penna.

The first Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America is sponsoring a philatelic exhibition October 30 and 31, 1948, at Masaryk School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero, Ill. Several members of this club are members of our Society; the name of the club may be misleading (all members do not collect Czechoslovakia but all members are collectors, and, we believe, are of Czech extraction). Your editor was asked to give a short talk on stamp collecting among Czechs in America on the opening night and all our members are invited to give the poor editor their moral support. Unaccustomed as he is to public speaking, etc., etc.

Member Charles Paveza, a friend of your editor for more than a quarter of a century, became the proud papa of a big bouncing boy baby. Congratulations on the new issue, Charley, we'll petition Congress for a new stamp to commemorate the event.

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## NEW ISSUES

## One Hundredth Anniversary of the Slovak Insurrection



To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Slovak National Insurrection, the Ministry of Posts issued on August 27, 1948, a series of three commemorative stamps of the following denominations and colors:

1.50 Kcs red brown      3 Kcs red      5 Kcs blue

The stamps bear the portraits of three of the leaders of the uprising: M. J. Hurban on the 1.50, Ludovít Štúr on the 3. and M. Hodža on the 5. Kcs. The designing of the three stamps was entrusted to prof. Karel Svolinsky.

At the top of each of the stamps is the legend "Ceskoslovensko," while the numerals of value are just below between the left outer frame and the head of the subject. The title of each of the designs appears immediately above the lower frame line.

Each of the values was engraved by a different artist: the 1.50 by J. A. Svengsbir, the 3. by L. Jirka and the 5. Kcs by J. Mracek. The names of the designer and engraver are found below the bottom frame line toward the right corner.

The stamps are printed from 100 subject steel engraved plates of the large size vertical rectangle and as is customary with this format, contain 12 printed coupons, 6 on each side. The design of the coupons was prepared by the author of the stamps, prof. Svolinsky and the engraving was done by the engraver of each stamp proper.

The stamps will be valid for both inland and foreign postal purposes up to August 31, 1949.

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From another source we learn that this uprising against the Magyar overlords was abetted by Austria who at that time fought the Magyars who were trying to throw off the yoke of the Hapsburgs. Austria beat the Hungarians, gave Hungary an almost equal place with itself in the dual monarchy and then gave Slovakia back to the Hungarians who mistreated the Slovaks more than ever before, in retaliation for the help given Austria. History repeats itself.

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It is understood that a stamp commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Republic is being prepared and from the description received it will be a curious hodge-podge of: 1, a working man's family; 2, Mount Rip and 3, a nationalized factory.

A commemorative souvenir sheet celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first Czechoslovakian postage stamp will consist of a single design of the 1000h Hradcany. It will be issued November 15, 1948, and from the description will be something really nice.

The charity stamps, Detem (Pro Juventute), may be issued about December 18th. This day may be designated as the "Day of the Postage Stamp."

A new definitive series is in preparation with the head of president Gottwald replacing the heads of Benes, Masaryk and Stefanik. This, of course, was expected.

There is talk of a stamp honoring Tucik, but nothing definite on that score yet.

### CHECK LIST OF THE ISSUES OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC

#### Kosice Issue



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This series of stamps was prepared in a printery in Kosice and produced by the offset process on white, unwatermarked paper. The first three values were issued imperforate; the remaining four values were rouletted 12½. The stamps portraying Red Army soldier were printed in sheets of 240 stamps (2x100 and 2x20), with horizontal gutters between the 100 and 20 subject portions of the sheets and with vertical gutters between the 100 and 100 and between the 20 and 20 subject portions. Thus it is possible to have pairs with vertical and horizontal gutters as also blocks with cross gutters. The horizontal stamps showing clasped hands and symbolizing brotherhood of Slavic Nations were printed in sheets of 120 subjects. Plate numbers appeared in the lower left corner of the sheet except on the 2Kcs where plate number appeared in both right and left bottom corners. Shades exist in all.

Of these stamps the soldier type was first issued March 26th and the clasped hand type was issued May 9th, 1945, in Kosice and after the complete liberation were in use throughout the Republic until they were demonetized January 31, 1946, in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia and February 28, 1946, in Slovakia. According to some authorities the following quantities were sold:

1.50Kcs	353,400	9. Kcs	604,680
2. Kcs	1,924,560	13. Kcs	602,580
5. Kcs	480,960	20. Kcs	369,120
6. Kcs	615,600		

#### CHECK LIST

Our no.	Scott no.	Drufila no.	Value	Type	Color
1	307	353	2. K	1	crimson rose a pair with vert. gutter b pair with horiz. gutter c cross gutter block
2	308	354	5. K	1	slate black a pair with vertical gutter b pair with horiz. gutter c cross gutter block
3	309	355	6. K	1	ultramarine a pair with vertical gutter b pair with horiz. gutter c cross gutter block
4	311	356	1.50K	2	brown red
5	312	357	9. K	2	red orange
6	313	358	12. K	2	orange brown
7	314	359	20. K	2	blue

## Commemorative Souvenir Sheet



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Issued in commemoration of the return of President Eduard Benes and his Committee of National Liberation, April 15, 1945. Printed by the offset method in a printing establishment in Turciansky sv. Martin, Slovakia. Light olive burelage covers the sheet. Issued imperforate.

## CHECK LIST

8	310	3	sheet of three
	360	a	2. K crimson rose
	361	b	5. K slate black
	362	c	6. K ultramarine

Total quantity issued: 593,300 sheets.

## Bratislava Issue

Printed by the neotype (photogravure) process in Bratislava on unwatermarked paper and issued imperforate. There were two printings of this design: first printing: sheets of 100 subjects with wide spacings between stamps; second printing: sheets of 200 subjects with narrower spacing between stamps. In some values the shades of the two printings are very dissimilar so that singles can be placed into the correct grouping but blocks show this very easily. First day of use was April 30, 1945 and as fast as distribution could be effected were used throughout the Republic until they were demonetized January 31, 1946 in Boh., Mor. and Sil. and February 28, 1946, Slovakia.

The following quantities were sold:

	1st printing	2nd printing
50h	3,050,000	9,554,000
1.K		6,780,000
1.50K	3,089,000	10,082,800
2.K	4,994,000	5,920,000
2.40K		6,726,000
3.K	2,070,000	4,779,000
4.K		2,948,000
6.K	1,322,000	4,849,000
10.K		2,158,000

## CHECK LIST



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9	266	363	50h	4	olive gray a 1st printing
10	267	364	1. K	4	bright red violet
11	268	365	1.50K	4	dark carmine a 1st printing
12	269	366	2. K	4	deep blue a 1st printing
13	269A	367	2.40K	4	henna brown
14	270	368	3. K	4	brown a 1st printing
15	270A	369	4. K	4	dark slate green
16	271	370	6. K	4	violet blue a 1st printing
17	271A	371	10. K	4	sepia

Note: Numbers 10, 13, 15 and 17 did not appear in the first printing.

## Praha Issue



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Between May 24th and October 8th, 1945, the new Czech government utilized the linden leaf motif used in the former Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. The lower values were printed by the photogravure process on unwatermarked paper and perforated comb 14. The balance of this issue was printed from steel engraved plates on the Stickney rotary press and perforated line 12½. Only the 60h value appeared in both printings.

We have no record of how many of these stamps were issued.

Dates of issue: No. 18: Oct. 8; 19: June 8; 20: May 26; 21: May 23; 22: June 11; 23: Oct. 8; 24: May 26; 25 and 26: June 11. All in 1945.

## CHECK LIST

18	256A	372	10h	5	black
19	257	373	30h	5	yellow brown
20	258	374	50h	5	dark green
21	258A	375	60h	5	dark blue
22	259	376	60h	5	blue engraved
23	259A	377	80h	5	orange vermillion
24	260	378	1.20K	5	rose
25	261	379	3. K	5	violet brown
26	262	380	5. K	5	green

## Moscow Issue

The following six stamps were printed in Moscow by the photogravure

process and brought with the Red Army and the Committee of Liberation which worked in the Soviet Union to the liberated territories of former Czechoslovakia (with the exception of Carpathia-Ruthenia, which was part of the price paid to Russia for freedom [?]). Originally only the 50h, 1K and 2K were used, their first day of issue was July 16, 1945; the 5h, 10h, and 20h came about a year later. Printed on plain, unwatermarked paper and line perforated 12¼. In this issue are found many imperfections, evidence of a sloppy job. These stamps are still in use (September, 1948). The portrait is that of the president-liberator, Thomas G. Masaryk.

CHECK LIST



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27	262A	381	5h	6	dull violet
28	262B	382	10h	6	orange yellow
29	262C	383	20h	6	dark brown
30	263	384	50h	6	bright green
31	264	385	1. K	6	orange red
32	265	386	2. K	6	chalky blue

London Issue

(top row) 7 8 9 10



(bottom row) 11 12 13 14

Just as the Moscow issue was brought to the liberated country from the East, so this issue was brought from the West. It is a very interesting group because it portrays Czechs and Slovaks who fought outside their land in the Armies of the Allies and gave their full measure that the world may know that

Czechoslovaks hate despots. The portraits show:

- 5h Staff Captain Ridky, British Field Uniform, fell at Alamein
- 10h Army surgeon Novak, French Uniform, died in London during the Blitz
- 20h Captain Otakar Jaros, Russian Uniform, fell at Sokolov
- 25h Captain Cimprich, French Foreign Legion, perished in air fight
- 30h First Lt. Jiri Kral, French Uniform, fell during the Battle of France
- 40h Sgt. Josef Gabcik, British Parachutists Uniform, one of the four parachutists flown from England to Czechoslovakia. It is Gabcik who killed Heydrich. He was later shot in a pitched battle with the Gestapo.
- 50h Staff Captain Vasatko, British Air Uniform, killed in battle of Britain
- 60h Pvt. Frank Adamek, British Tropical Uniform, fell at Tobruk

The printing was from steel engraved plates on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated comb 11½. These stamps are still in use (September, 1948). First day of use, August 18, 1945.

## CHECK LIST

33	272	387	5h	7	intense blue
34	273	388	10h	8	dark brown
35	274	389	20h	9	brick red
36	275	390	25h	10	rose red
37	276	391	30h	11	purple
38	277	392	40h	12	sepia
39	278	393	50h	13	dark olive
40	279	394	60h	14	violet
41	280	395	1. K	7	carmine
42	281	396	1.50K	8	lake
43	282	397	2. K	9	ultramarine
44	283	398	2.50K	10	deep violet
45	284	399	3. K	11	sepia
46	285	400	4. K	12	rose lilac
47	286	401	5. K	13	myrtle green
48	287	402	10. K	14	bright ultramarine

## Partisan Issue

This series of stamps was issued to commemorate the first anniversary of the revolt of the Slovaks in Banska Bystrica against the nazi despots. The stamps were printed by the photogravure process on white unwatermarked paper and perforated line 10¼. They were produced in a printing shop at Banska Bystrica and issued in sheets of 100 subjects. This issue of stamps was demonetized January 31, 1946, in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia and February 28, 1946, in Slovakia. Total number issued:

1.50K	2,040,000	2. K	2,070,000	4. K	1,030,000
	4.50 K	1,010,000	5. K	1,000,000	

## CHECK LIST

49	288	403	1.50K	15	bright carm.—Flags of Russia, Gt. United States and Czechoslovakia
50	289	404	2. K	16	bright blue—View of Banska Bystrica
51	290	405	4. K	17	dark brown—Partisan welcoming a Soviet soldier
52	291	406	4.50K	18	purple—Sklabina castle ruins
53	292	407	5. K	19	deep gr.—Slovak patriot at Streno



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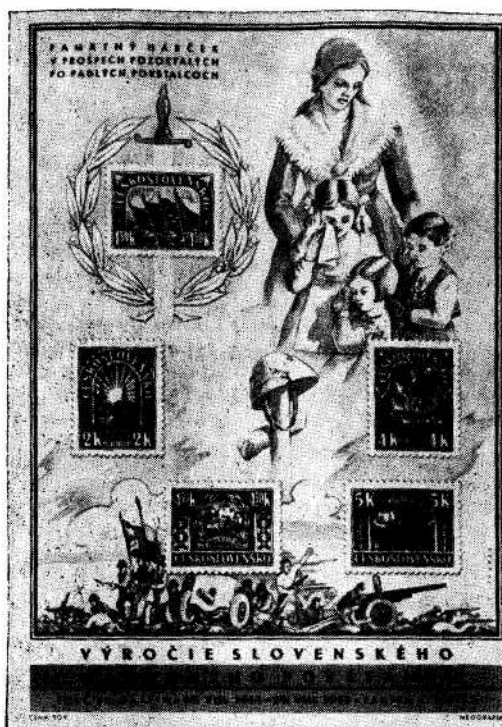
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## Partisan Sheet



This series of five stamps was printed on a cardboard, ungummed commemorative sheet, which additionally, depicted the horrors of war. The stamps were not perforated but a simulated perforation was drawn around each subject. The sheets sold for 50 crowns and the proceeds were given to the widows and orphans of partisans. Total number of sheets issued: 162,000.

## CHECK LIST

54	408 to 412	20	same values and colors as previous 5 numbers
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This stamp was not listed in the 1948 Scott catalog, but we understand it will be mentioned but not listed in the 1949 cat.

## 1945-46 Portrait Issue

All the preceding stamps may be rightfully classed as provisional or temporary issues and this series which made its original debut October 28, 1945, is really the first definitive issue of the second Republic. The three stamps honored as the first issued of the series (30h Stefanik, 60h Benes and 1.20Kcs Masaryk) could also come under the heading as commemoratives because they were issued on the anniversary of the Republic, Czechoslovakian Independence Day. The stamps were printed by two processes:

1. 50h, 80h, 1.60K and 15K were printed in sheets of 100 subjects, comb perforated 14, on white unwatermarked paper.

2. Balance of the issue was printed in sheets of 200 subjects, line perforated 12½, on white, unwatermarked paper.

There are two types of the 2.40K stamp: Type 1: The drawing of the face consists of weaker lines, the blending of the background into the white area behind the head, is very noticeable. The zero in the figure of value is more elliptical.



Type II. Stronger lines in the face, the lines in the background stop abruptly instead of blending into the white area. The zero is rounded. The tail of the "2" is slightly shorter.

The first days of the issue are as follows: 30h, Oct. 28, 1945; 50h, Dec. 10, 1945; 60h, Oct. 28, 1945; 80h, Dec. 10, 1945; 1K, April 5, 1947; 1.20K red, Oct. 28, 1945; 1.20K violet, Feb. 25, 1946; 1.60K, Dec. 10, 1945; 2.40K, Dec. 14, 1945; 3K, Nov. 15, 1945; 4K, Mar. 5, 1946; 5K, Nov. 15, 1945; 7K, Dec. 10, 1945; 10K, Nov. 15, 1945; 15K, Dec. 20, 1945; 20K, Mar. 5, 1946.

## CHECK LIST



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Editors note: We follow the European catalogs in this issue, despite the differences in printing. Numbers marked with an asterisk were printed by the photogravure process and perforated 14; balance of the issue were engraved and perforated 12½.

54*	293	413	30h	21	rose violet
55*	301	414	50h	22	brown
56	294	415	60h	23	blue
57*	302	416	80h	21	dark green
58		417	1. K	21	orange
59	295	418	1.20K	22	carmine rose
60	295A	419	1.20K	22	rose lilac
61*	303	420	1.60K	23	olive green
62	296	421	2.40K	21	rose, Type I a Type II
63	297	422	3. K	23	red violet
64	297A	423	4. K	22	dark blue
65	298	424	5. K	22	Prussian green
66	299	425	7. K	23	gray
67	300	426	10. K	21	dark blue
68*	304	427	15. K	22	red violet
69	300A	428	20. K	21	sepla

(to be continued)

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**A LISTING OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS USED IN  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA DURING THE YEAR 1947**

135. Hudlice	b	Jungmanovy oslavy Jungman celebrations	9/7
136. Hustopec u Brna	b	Odhaleni pametni desky Masaryka Unveiling memorial tablet to Masaryk	9/7
137. Praha 1	b	Jubilejni sjezd reklamního klubu Jubilee convention of advertising club	9/7
138. Praha a, b Autoposta	b	P V V	9/14
139. Hodonin 1	b	TGM - 1937 - 14.IX. - 1947	9/14
140. Lany	b	do	do
141. Praha 10 Hrad	b	do	do
142. Praha 1	b	80. narozeniny Narodního umelce P. Bezruce 80th birthday of national artist, Bezruc	9/15-16
143. Brno 2	b	do	do
144. Opava 1	b	do	do
145. Zlin 1	b	XII. Mezinarodnu sestidenni soutez FICM XII. Six jours internationaux FICM 12th international 6 day competition of FICM	9/16-21
146. Brodek u Nezamyslic Autoposta	b	Dobrochov-Otevreni rozhlasoveho Vysilace morava Opening of broadcasting station "Morava"	10/4
147. Praha 1	b	75 let Ceskoslovenske Akademie Obchodni Dr. Edvarda Benese 75 years of Czechoslovak Business Academy "Dr. Ed. Benes"	10/5
148. Praha 1	b	1847-100 vyroci narozeni Dr. Emila Holuba-1947 100th anniversary of birth of Dr. Emil Holub	10/7
149. Holice v Cechach	b	do	do
150. Praha-FIP	b	Kongres Mezinarodni filatelisticke federace International Philatelic Federation Congress	10/10-13
151. Breclav 2	b	Odhaleni pomniku TGM Unveiling TGM monument	10/12
152. Hradec Kralove 1	b	Jubilejni vystava postovnich znamek Jubilee exhibition of postage stamps	10/12-19
153. Hradec Kralove Autoposta	b	do	10/13
154. Pardubice Autoposta a, b	b	Velka pardubicka Steeple-chase Grand Steeple Chase in Pardubice	10/12
155. Praha Autoposta	b	XXVIII. Mezinarodni vystava automobilu 28th international auto show	10/18-28
156. Turciansky Svaty Martin	b, bl	1797—Stefan Moyses—1947	10/18-24
157. Praha 8	b	Rozestaveny beh XI. Vsesokolskeho Sletu Preparations for the 11th All Sokol Meet	10/25-27
158. Praha 1 a, b	b	30. vyroci rijnove revoluce 1917-1947 30th anniversary of October Revolution	10/26
159. Zlin 1	b	Zlin 550 let mestem Zlin is 550 years a city	10/26-11/2
160. Praha 1 a, b	r	Oslavy 28. rijna October 28th Celebrations (Czech Independence)	10/28
161. Praha 10 Hrad	r	do	do
162. Praha 29 N. S.	r	do	do
163. Plzen 1	r	do	do
164. Tabor 1	r	do	do
165. Usti nad Labem 1	r	do	do

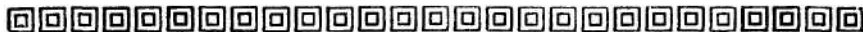
166. Pardubice 1	r	do	do
167. Brno 1	r	do	do
168. Olomouc 1	r	do	do
169. Opava 1	r	do	do
170. Kosice 1	bl	XVII. Mezinarodny maratón slobody 17th international Liberty marathon	10/28
171. Kosice 1	bl	Odevzdanie vysielaca gen. M. R. Stefanika do prevadzky Turning the Stefanik radio station to its duties	10/26
172. Brno 1	b	XXI. radny sjezd Cs. socialni demokracie 21st regular convention of Czech social democracy	11/14-16
173. Litomerice	b	Jungmannovy oslavy 184-1947 Jungmann celebrations	11/15-16
174. Praha 1	b	60 let klubu ceskych filatelistu 60 years of the Czech Philatelic Club	12/14
175. Kladno 1	b	50 let sokolske zupy Budecske 50 years of the Budec Sokol group	12/21
176. Brumovice na Morave	b	90. narozeniny spisovatele Jana Herbena 90th anniversary of the birth of the author Jan Herben	5/24-25

Editor's note: The data here assembled may not be complete. We waited a long time to present this material to the many members interested in this type of information; any member who possesses a commemorative cancellation different than those here listed, is asked to communicate with the editor and corrections or additions will be published. Where we felt a translation was unnecessary, we economized on space. No. 64 stumped us; can't learn what a "stomatologu" is—can any member help?

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