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EDITORIAL

As we prepare copy for this last issue of your 1951 Specialist we are gratified with the success of our efforts. In the year 1948 the Specialist contained 136 pages; in 1949 and 1950, 132 pages and this year again 136. Despite the tremendous increase in cost we succeeded in holding membership dues down until the end of this year; with costs more than doubled, a 100% increase in dues is justified. We are confident you are getting your money's worth and assure you that the Czechoslovak Specialist will continue to be the leader among specialized philatelic publications. To insure this primacy you must pay your 1952 dues to the treasurer, George Kobylka, 3453 W. 23rd St., Chicago 23, Ill., NOW!

November 2-4 was a big week end for Chicago. Not only did we shiver because of extreme cold, break our back shoveling away a record 8 inch snow, but we were hosts through the Chicago Philatelic Society to the Seventeenth American Philatelic Congress. Many interesting papers were read and discussed; among these was a very fine paper entitled "Early Czechoslovakian Town Postmarks" by our Miss Mildred A. Glueck. Messrs. Jere Hess Barr and James B. Shaner, Sr., have granted permission to reprint Miss Glueck's article in the Specialist. We advise our members who are interested in good philatelic literature to mail a check for \$3.00 to Mr. James B. Shaner, Sr., 426 W. Main St., Kutztown, Pa. It will be three bucks well spent. At the same time make out that check for your 1952 dues to the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society and mail it to the treasurer, NOW!

Some time ago a west coast member complained that the ads in our paper are very monotonous but suggested no improvement. During the above mentioned Congress we talked about this with our librarian, Leo Goerth, owner of the Postman's Knock and advertiser in this publication. He thought of something novel and asked our opinion. We agreed this ought to be good and so be sure to read Leo's new ad next month. To get the issue remember you must pay your dues. Send a check or a money order to your treasurer, NOW!

A very fine article on the postmarks of Bratislava appeared in a recent issue of Chambers' Stamp Journal. We contacted Mr. Chambers and were assured that we may reprint this article in the Specialist. If you are also a general collector and want a fine magazine be sure to ask for a sample copy by writing to Chambers' Stamp Journal, Kalamazoo, Mich. And, as long as you are writing you might as well make out that check for your 1952 dues and mail it to your treasurer, NOW.

Your editor is rounding out his tenth year in the service of the Specialist. In March, 1942, the then president of our Society, Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, asked us to take over the editorship "temporarily." We enjoyed this exacting task very much and though at times we were quite angry because of the printer's "deadline," we made many more friends among stamp collectors everywhere. Help us celebrate our tenth anniversary by sending your 1952 dues to the treasurer, NOW!

It seems that every December your editor found it necessary to ask the members to remember their financial obligation to the Society. We mustn't break this precedent and therefore remind you that regular membership is now \$2 for the calendar year, \$5 associate membership, \$10 patron membership and, if we have a good old fashioned Maecenas in our midst, \$75 Life Membership. Your treasurer's name is George C. Kobyłka, his address is 3453 W. 23rd St., Chicago 23, Ill. So, please, mail your dues, NOW!

PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN OF GOOD WILL
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A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS
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Your Officers.

1952 SHOW AND AUCTION

A meeting of the Chicago Group was held at the home of member Kovarik. The members present unanimously agreed that the Annual Czechoslovak Philatelic Society's Exhibition be held in the spring of 1952. (Date to be set by the Exhibition Chairman.) Due to the inconvenience of railway transportation to and from Cicero over week-ends, the chairman was empowered to contact managers of halls in the city, preferably on Chicago's West Side, and if considered suitable, to enter into an agreement for a two day exhibition. (A subsequent meeting disclosed that two convenient halls can be had in the months of March and April and the chairman was empowered to place a deposit on the more suitable of the two.)

An innovation has been suggested last year and deemed worthy of a trial at our next benefit auction. Complaints from out of town members were tabulated and the committee decided that something can be done by both the local committee and the membership as a whole to improve the auctions, to place them on a higher level and thus become a means of greater financial help to the Society. The truest complaint was that most of the material donated to the auction is of inferior condition and of little use, especially to a Specialist. It was decided that members who have better items or lots among their duplicates yet hesitate to donate them, may sell them through the auction. They will guarantee to pay 20% of price realized for material up to \$20 selling price, 15% over \$20. Each submitted item to carry a reserve bid; if this bid is not met then 10% of the reserve bid will be charged with a minimum of \$1 to cover the partial cost of the expenses connected with the auction. In this way the Society derives some additional revenue and much better material can be offered. The second complaint must be corrected by the members themselves. Very many items intended for the auction reach the chairman long after the auction catalog went to press. In that way some desirable items received no publicity and as a result bidding on these was limited to those on the floor. We earnestly beg our charitable donors to send in their lots early; only in that way can they do the most good. Remember the old adage: "He gives twice who gives immediately." (Or words to that effect).

A third complaint is that some of the items offered are not worthy of

inclusion in the auction. This happens every year and we are prepared. We all know the parable of the widow's mite. We are aware that a pittance to one is a fortune to another. We cannot disdain the crumbs of the poor for such are a greater offering than the fatted calf of the bloated millionaire. (We know we have none of the latter in our organization, at least we know of no bloated member, rich or otherwise.) So, we lump all these together, honestly tell the auction participants: "If you pay more than 10 cents you are robbed" and these lots bring up to \$2.50 each. The bidder's only reason is to help the benefit auction.

The following chairmen for this great event have been elected and each of these chose a committee to assist him. Some members have not been contacted and we therefor ask them if they cannot serve on the committee to which they were assigned to notify the general secretary of the exhibition, Mr. R. L. Spofford, on which committee they prefer to serve.

General secretary: Mr. R. L. Spofford, 5001 Drexel Blvd., Chicago 15.

General Chairman: Mr. Wm. Sporka, 1435 S. Central Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.

Members: M. Glawe, A. J. Hrivnak, M. Kalish, P. Kreischer, G. Ruzicka, L. Slivon, E. Zaludek.

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Exhibition Chairman: Mr. F. Kovarik, 2502 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 23.

Members: M. A. Glueck, J. Jiranek, E. S. Kral, E. Novak, E. Polachek, M. Skrivanek, F. Zaviska.

Bourse Chairman: Mr. R. Reinowski, 1939 Highland Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Members: A. N. Weiner, A. J. Zern, J. L. Kasper.

We ask all Chicagoland members to attend the next meeting of the Group, Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m., at the Cicero-Berwyn Bourse, 6236 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill. Use theatre entrance but go down into the basement. Remember, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT A FIASCO BY YOUR WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION!

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