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EDITORIAL

Our editorial in last month's Specialist contained a few veiled hints urging members to pay their 1952 dues. Wondering if these subtly hidden suggestions could be detected by our members (who are not all Sherlock Holmeses), we placed a copy before our censor (a sister, who, like most women, notices everything). She assured us all was fine and to the point, except the last paragraph. Her comment was: "A good Christian loves everybody, even his enemies"; therefore, the wish "PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN OF GOOD WILL" must include even those who failed to pay their 1952 dues. But, honestly, boys and girls, don't you think that by paying your 1952 dues NOW you merit the wish a hundredfold? This time, to all members, past, present and future, paid up and delinquent, and their families,

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Our treasurer brought for our perusal a file of letters received from members who sent in their 1952 dues. Some of the letters are flattering and whereas your editor is human, he was tickled. We thank them all for their confidence and assure them that such letters are the stimulants which keep your vain editor on the job. To show you our appreciation, if the treasurer gets \$100 in dues by January 1, the February issue will contain 16 pages; if by March the treasury has \$300, your April issue will come out with 16 pages and if in May the treasury shows a balance of \$500, unless the printing costs go up, we feel safe in promising a 16 page issue every month of the year except July and August.

The energetic Joseph Stein of New York sent us a clipping from New Yorkské Listy which contained news of a meeting of our group there. Member Joseph Novy, formerly Czechoslovakian Consul in Cleveland, then Consul General in New York and recently a refugee from the Czechoslovakian paradise, presented an illustrated lecture on the Pošta Československá 1919 issue. We are glad to know the New York group is again on the beam and congratulate itself that our visit with them in September may have acted as a shot in the arm.

When member Novy arrived in America we asked him how philately fares in the old country. His report was so disconcerting we decided not to print it. Just as there is no Sokol organization in the land of Fügner and Tyrš, so is there no philatelic Society in the country which was the home of the Klub Českých Filatelistů; a country which published Český Filatelista, Tribuna, Filatelistická Revue, Slovenský Filatelista, etc. must be satisfied with a mediocre publication. Instead of the country serving philately, philately is now the

wench of a philosophy which at no time mustered 25% of the population. At present even that figure can be reduced by more than half.

Occasionally your editor receives a publication which he is asked to review. Naturally, if the review is not favorable, no more free copies to the editor. We have adopted a policy that we shall review for our readers only such publications which, in our humble opinion, merit good words. Recently we received a booklet of cartoons entitled "ALL in FUN" and every cartoon is strictly philatelic. We read every caption and looked at every picture and can assure the members, we enjoyed it all. If you want good clean fun and are willing to spend a dollar you can't go wrong. The 309 cartoons will give you three good chuckles for every penny, plus nine which are for free. Send your dollar to "Stamp Wholesaler," Burlington, Vt. (It can't hurt if you mention the Specialist.)



"Quick, call the decoding room and the Secret Police! This one's potential dynamite! It reads: 'Have 952 Russians to trade for V.F. O.G. B.W.I. U.P.U.!' "

One of the cartoons from the above mentioned "All in Fun."

The day after Thanksgiving your editor boarded a train for St. Louis to visit his brother and family and incidentally to meet some of our members there. Since the end of WW II (or did it end?) our every vacation was either partly or entirely philatelic. Since no one at home objects, we think it is the finest idea ever to penetrate our cranium. There it has a lot of room for roaming and spreading around.

Our past treasurer Ed Sabol, again got in the limelight. He paced the floor of a Philadelphia hospital on November 23rd until he walked out for himself a boy, brand new, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz., who will later answer (or ignore) to the call John Andrew. To Ed and Fran the heartiest congratulations from all the members of the Society.

Last Call. Pay your 1952 dues NOW. The Membership List will be published in the April Specialist. To get your name into that issue your 1952 dues must be paid about March 1st. This year we ain't foolin'. You want the treasurer's address? Mr. George C. Kobyłka, 3453 W. 23rd St., Chicago 23, Ill. Pay as much as the Society is worth to you, but be honest. Minimum accepted: \$2.00. Thank You!

We have received from Europe in recent months stamps to be expertized

and possibly sold. This is especially true about Czechoslovakia. To date, not one stamp received is genuine. We warn our members, especially those in Czechoslovakia, beware of the shysters who are trying to peddle off their junk to you. Threaten them that if a purchased stamp is a fake, you not only expect your money back but also the destruction of the faked item. Only in that way can we stamp out these thieves.

NEW MEMBERS

467. Laddie Pesek, 4491 East Blvd., Garfield Hts., Ohio
 468. Joseph Janecka, 2633 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago 23, Ill.
 469. Paul Marusic, 1720 So. Clinton St., Chicago 16, Ill.
 470. Joseph Mikrut, 1925 S. 59th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

141. Mrs. John Strnad, 7004 Colby Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.
 178. Mrs. N. D. Marty, 1620 No. Rutherford Ave., Chicago 35, Ill.
 389. R. A. Boydston, Box 135, Gatun, Canal Zone
 435. Fred A. Gubler, 854 Culver Rd., Rochester 9, N. Y.

PARADE OF NEW ISSUES

Commemoratives marking the "Month of the ČSR-SSSR Friendship"



On the occasion of the "Month of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship 1951," the Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts has issued a new series of three commemoratives of the following designs, colors, and denominations:

- 1/ The double-portrait of J. V. Stalin and Klement Gottwald, Kčs 1.50, gray brown.
- 2/ The figures of V. I. Lenin and J. V. Stalin, accompanied by Red Army soldiers, Kčs 3.—, red.
- 3/ The same design as 1/, Kčs 4.—, blue.

The design of the stamps 1/ and 3/ was made by Jindra Schmidt after the artistic poster by Josef Schlessinger which was issued to propagate the Month of the Czechoslovak Soviet Friendship. Engraving by Jindra Schmidt. Both the stamps in the vertical format 23.5x30 mm in dimension, are recess printed in sheets of 70 and 35 copies.

The stamp 2/ is the work of the Soviet artist A. Kibrik, graphical arrangement by J. A. Švengsbír, printed in photogravure, in vertical format 23.5x31 mm in dimension.

The stamps are valid for postage from November 3rd, 1951.

A cacheted First Day Cover designed and engraved by Břetislav Franc, as well as the Collection Sheet were issued at the same time.

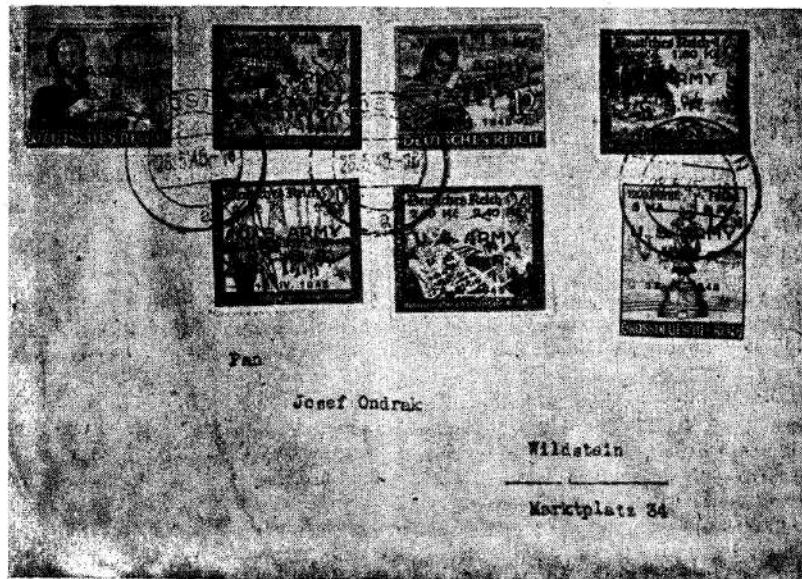
War Emergency Issue of U. S. Army in Czechoslovakia

Translation from the Information Gazette, No. 21/22, 6/5/48 (Duisburg). Official paper of the Land Organization North Rhine-Westphalia which is in the National Organization of German Philatelists (Brit. Zone)—in the 3rd year of issue.

A part of the U. S. forces which advanced to the east in 1945, reached on 4/18/45 the northwestern part of the Sudeten country and established there in their occupation zone, Franzensbad, a Czech Civil Government.

Among other things the Czech Commissioner wanted to initiate immediately postal communications. Directions from the new Czech Central Post Administration in Prague were still missing. The Czech Civil Commissioner, in view of the fact that the local post offices were still run by the old German post officials, considered it necessary that the postal income should be controlled by special measures. He, therefore, established contact with the occupation army in order to obtain this control by the issuance of stamps. This permission was given by the military government (Major Margolia) along with the expressed order that no stamps or cancels were to be used that carried the emblems of the Third Reich.

Neither the U. S. Occupation Army nor the Czech Civil Administration considered it necessary to have produced a special issue of stamps with a new design because in a short time the postal administration could be expected to be taken over by the Central Postal Administration in Prague. On the other hand the American Military Government stamps which were used in Germany, could not be used in this region. Inasmuch as there were no supplies of old Czech stamps, the Occupation Army got the idea of putting an overprint on the German special stamps without Hitler emblems. The only amount of these special stamps that were available, were 1250 sets of the Postal Comradeship III and 1000 pieces Fulda. Though this was only a comparatively small amount it was thought, that on the one hand the postal traffic would be small in the beginning and on the other hand that the Czech Central Post Administration would soon find other ways out of the serious stamp problem.





The overprinting was done under the supervision of the military authorities with a specific American printing ink in a print shop in Franzensbad. A protocol was made about the issue in English and Czech languages, which was signed by the Chief of the Czech Civil Administration, Mr. Slawik, and the representative of the occupation army. The issue bears the printing in four lines "Wertbezeichnung, U. S. Army, v č. S. R., 18. IV. 1945". On 5/25/45 the stamps were handed over to the occupation authority and, in agreement with the Czech Civilian Commissioner, distributed among the post offices of the occupation in Franzensbad, Eger, Falkenau and Wildstein. At the same time the order was given as to which type of cancellation was to be used.

The sale of the stamps started on May 26. Only a few stamps were sold because the sale had not been especially announced in advance; besides, the control through U. S. officials excluded large scale purchases by stamp collectors. However during May 26 the same U. S. military authority telephoned the order to the post offices of Eger, Falkenau and Franzensbad to stop the sale of the stamps to civilians and to sell them only to members of the occupation army and to use them only as official stamps of the army. This order was preceded by a telephone agreement between the Commander of the Occupation Army with another army office, which is not known. The only place to which this order was not forwarded by mistake was Wildstein. Here, the stamps were still sold normally to the Civil Administration on the 26th and 27th of May and used and the sale to civilians was stopped only in the afternoon of May 27th.

The remainders of the stamps of all four post offices were issued to the members of the U. S. Army as official stamps and used as such until the Czech Central Posts was established about 10 days later.

The acceptance of this emergency issue by philatelists will vary like that of most emergency issues, however it remains interesting because in contrast to several emergency issues of the French, English and Russian Zones, this one remains the only emergency issue within the area of the U. S. Occupation.

The undersigned had access to another document concerning this issue, signed by the Adjutant of the U. S. Occupation Army, Lt. Mikolajczyk, but could not make use of it.

Eberhard Keiler, Munich 13,
Deidesheimer St. 42, U. S. Zone, Germany

(Editor's Note: A friend of ours tried to check on this issue in the files of the Pentagon. The issue is still shrouded in mystery, and as such cannot be considered official nor even semi-official.)

PRICES REALIZED AT DR. O. POZDENA SALE
Conducted by United Stamp Co., N. Y. C.

343	★	1920-25 Chain-breaker Lot of 11 IMPERFS., 9 diff., o.g., f.-v.f. (69(2), 70-72, 73(2), 88, 90(2), 91 vars. -----	15.00
344	★	1920 ditto 30h red violet IMPERF. double print, one inverted, o.g., v.f. (70a) -----	10.50
345	★	— ditto 40h red brown clear double print, o.g., v.f. (71 var.)	8.00
346	★	1920-25 Tete beche pairs: Carrier pigeon 5h, 10h, 20h, Chain-breaker 40h and the rare 50h, o.g., v.f. (71a, 82a-84a, 87a) --	13.00
347	○	— ditto 5h, 10h, 20h, Chain-breaker 40h, 60h, f. to v.f. (71a, 73a, 82a-84a) -----	5.50
348	★	— Tete beche gutter pairs 6 diff. incl. the rare 50h green, o.g., v.f., unlisted Scott (71, 73, 82-84, 87 vars.) -----	15.00
349	★	1920 60h dark blue clear double print, o.g., v.f. (73 vars.) -----	9.50
350	★	— Agriculture lot of 11 stamps IMPERF., 6 diff., incl. shades, o.g., f. to v.f. (76, 77, 78(3), 79(2), 80(2), 81 vars.) -----	15.00
351	★	1920-25 10h olive bistre clear IMPERF. double print, o.g., v.f. (83 var.) -----	9.00
352	★	— 20h deep orange clear double print, o.g., v.f. (84 var.) --	8.00
353	★	— 50h yellow green Tete beche pair, o.g., v.f. (87a) -----	8.00
354	★○	1920 Collection of 870 stamps on 49 pages, incl. 373 o.g., among them 140 Plate number copies, Proofs (30 diff. of #74, 75 mixed), shades, errors, perf. vars., f. to v.f. (65-94) -----	33.00
355	★	1925 Masaryk Second Engraving, 1k carmine, o.g., v.f. (102) -	19.00
356	★○	1925-27 Masaryk Collection 354 stamps on 19 pages, mostly used, incl. #95-101, 102-108 wmk. positions compl., also plate numbers, blks, vars., f. to v.f.; most desirable and interesting lot for specialists (95-108) -----	27.50
357	★○	1926-27 Views Specialized Collection of 107 stamps o.g., incl. compl. sets, plate numbers, blks; cat. val. \$96.00; additional 237 stamps used, arranged according to wmk. positions, plate numbers, blks, shades, not figured in cat. val. f. to v.f. (109-141)	36.00
358	★○	1928 Commems 30h to 10k many compl. sets, o.g. and used, incl. plate numbers, blks; f. to v.f. (142-51) -----	16.00
359	★○	1929-38 Specialized Collection of over 1400 stamps on 90 pages, incl. 970 stamps o.g., mostly compl. sets, plate numbers (89), plate number blks (73), gutter pairs (39); f. to v.f. Very nice lot (152-57, 91, 94, 99, 208, 12-33, 36-50, 53-54) -----	52.50
360	★○	1929 St. Wenceslas 50h to 5k 14 compl. sets, 7 o.g., incl. blks, plate numbers; f. to v.f., very clean lot (159-63) -----	16.00
361	★○	1929, 31, 33 Views Collection of 41 stamps, o.g., incl. pl. # blks (#192-93) etc., cat. val. \$62.75; add. 87 stamps used not figured in cat. val., f. to v.f. (165-67, 84-86, 92-93) -----	16.00
362	★	1930 Commems, Masaryk 2k to 10k compl. set B.L. corner copies, tabs and Pl. #1, o.g., v.f. (175-78) -----	7.00
363	★○	— ditto 4 compl. sets, two o.g., tabs on T., B. respectively, others used, one red canc.; v.f. (175-78) -----	11.00
364	★○	1932 Sokol Congress Collection of 7 compl. sets o.g., incl. plate numbers, blks.; add. 40 stamps used, not figured in cat. val., f. to v.f. (187-90) -----	27.50
365	★	1934 Legion, Arras, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Collection of 128 stamps, o.g., incl. compl. sets, plate numbers, blks, gutter pairs; cat. val. \$60.90; add. 60 stamps used, not figured in cat. val., f. to v.f. (195-98, 206-07, 209-11) -----	16.50
366	★○	— National Anthem Collection of 44 stamps, incl. plate num-	

- bers, blks, also 2 compl. sets on thick paper, f. to v.f. (200-201, 200b-201b) ----- 13.00
- 367 ★ 1935 Commems 50h to 3k 15 compl. sets, incl. plate numbers, 1, 1A, tabs, blks; o.g., v.f. (202-205) ----- 16.00

SEMI-POSTALS 1919

- 363 ★○□ Collection of 400 stamps, on 18 pages, incl. sets, blks of 4, shades, plate vars., Cat. Val. \$223.40; also Offset printings 12 singles and 6 blks of 4. All stamps guaranteed genuine, mostly signed, f. to v.f. (Betw. B1 and 123) ----- 75.00
- 369 ★ Lot of 7 diff. INVERTED OVERPRTS compr. #B1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13 vars., o.g., v.f. ----- 10.00
- 370 ★ Lot of 9 diff. DOUBLE OVERPRTS compr. #B1-3, 6, 10, 13, 16, 18, 22 vars., o.g., v.f. ----- 35.00
- 371 ★□ Lot of 6 diff. Printing vars. incl. 2 freaks in blks of 4 with normals, o.g., v.f. (B2, 7(5), 13(4), 15, 16 vars.) ----- 8.00
- 372 ★ 10h, 15h printed on both sides, surface imperfections due to removal of hinges, f. (B5, 7) ----- 5.00
- 373 ★ 15h dull red, vert. pair, one without overprint, o.g., v.f. (B7 var.) 9.00
- 374 ★ Shifted overpr. Lot of 12 stamps, compr. 7 diff. incl. 5 pairs, o.g. (B7(2), 9, 18(2), 34(3), 47(2), 63(2)) ----- 8.00
- 375 ★ INVERTED OVERPRTS Lot of 6 diff. compr. #B14, 16, 20(2 diff.), 22, 23 vars., o.g., v.f. ----- 12.50
- 376 ★ 1k carmine, black overprt., o.g., v.f. (B17) ----- 7.50
- 377 ★ 10k violet Type I, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B21) ----- 16.00
- 378 ★ — ditto but Type II, o.g., v.f. signed FRIEDL (B21) ----- 14.00
- 379 ★ 10k dark violet INVERTED OVERPRT, o.g., v.f. signed FRIEDL (B21a var.) ----- 37.50
- 380 ★ On Newspaper 1908 the unlisted 2h dark blue, o.g., faint horiz. gum crease, otherwise v.f., signed FRIEDL (Austria P15) -- 25.00
- 381 ★ — ditto on 10h carmine, o.g., v.f. certificate FRIEDL (B26) 78.00
- 382 ★ On Special Handling 1916 2h claret DOUBLE OVERPRT., one inverted, o.g., v.f. (B32 var.) ----- 10.00
- 383 ★ — ditto 5h, deep green, o.g., v.f., certificate FRIEDL (B33) 40.00
- 384 ★ — 1917 2h, 5h(2) DOUBLE OVERPRT., o.g., v.f. (B34, 36 vars.) ----- 15.00
- 385 ★ — ditto 2h claret black overprt., o.g., v.f. (B35) ----- 5.00
- 386 ★ On Air Post The compl. set of 3 vals., o.g., v.f., certificate FRIEDL (B37-39) ----- 48.00
- 387 ★ On Postage Due 1908-13 4h to 25h, o.g., f. to v.f. (B41-44) -- 10.00
- 388 ★ — ditto 6h carmine INVERTED OVERPRT., o.g., v.f. (B42 var.) ----- 10.00
- 389 ★ — ditto The unissued 10h carmine, o.g., tiny thinning, otherwise v.f., signed FRIEDL, RARE (Austria J38) ----- 21.50
- 390 ★ — ditto 14h carmine, o.g., v.f. (B43) ----- 6.25
- 391 ★ — ditto 30h carmine, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B45) --- 14.00
- 392 ★ — ditto 50h carmine, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B46) --- 30.00
- 393 ★ — ditto The unissued 100h carmine, o.g., v.f. signed FRIEDL, RARE (Austria J44) ----- 25.00
- 394 ★ — 1916 Lot of 6 diff. INVERTED OVERPRTS. compr. #B47-49, 52, 53, 55 vars., v.f. ----- 10.50
- 395 ★ — ditto 50h rose red, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B54) -- 19.50
- 396 ★ — ditto 10k ultramarine, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B57) 20.00
- 397 ★ — 1916-17 15h to 2h, 10h on 24h, 20h on 54h, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B59, 60, 62) ----- 18.00
- 398 ★ On Hungary 1913-16 6f olive green, 50f lake INVERTED OVER-

	PRT., o.g., v.f. (B67, 68 vars.) -----	5.00
399	★ — ditto 70f red brown and green, o.g., v.f., certificate FRIEDL, (B70) -----	45.00
400	★ — 1916 10f rose, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B71) -----	16.00
401	★ — 1916-18 Lot of 9 stamps (B73(3), 74-76, 79, 81, 82, o.g., v.f. -----	5.00
402	★ — ditto Lot of 6 diff. compr. #B73, 91, 92, 100 shifted overprints, #B83, 117 freaks, o.g., f. to v.f. -----	6.75
403	★ — ditto 10k violet brown and violet, o.g., v.f., certificate FRIEDL (B90) -----	32.50
404	★ — 1918 Lot of 8 diff. INVERTED OVERPRTS. compr. #B81, 82, 84, 85, 99(2), 101, 102, 118 vars., o.g., v.f. -----	10.00
405	★ — ditto 3 diff. DOUBLE OVERPRTS. compr. #B92, 98, 99, o.g., v.f. -----	8.00
406	★ — 1919 Magyar Posta 20f dark brown, o.g., v.f., certificate FRIEDL (B97) -----	107.50
407	★ — Postal Savings Stamp The unissued 10f violet, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL -----	20.00
408	★ On Postage Due 1905-10 The unissued 6f green and black wmkd Crown (136), o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (Hungary-J13) -----	20.00
409	★ — ditto 50f green & black, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B110) -----	10.00
410	★ — 1914 1f green & black, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B111) -----	48.00
411	★ — ditto 2f green & black, o.g., v.f., signed FRIEDL (B112) -----	21.00
412	★ — ditto 5f green and black, o.g., small faults, still f., signed FRIEDL (B113) -----	16.00
413	★ — ditto The unissued 20f green and black, o.g., v.f. (Hungary J25) -----	10.00
414	★ — 1915-18 1f to 30f, the compl. set, o.g., f. to v.f. (B115-23) -----	7.50
415	★ Lot of 4 diff. compr. #B3, 81 double overprint, #B27, 61, invert. overprint, o.g., f. to v.f. -----	5.00
416	★○ 1919 Legion: Specialized Collection of 354 stamps type SP1, 2, incl. perf. varieties, imperfs, shades, blks, also Proofs (77), printers waste; f. to v.f. (B124-29 vars.) -----	42.00
417	★○ 1920 Red Cross Collection of 67 stamps, incl. proofs, blackprints, errors, varieties; mostly o.g., some compl. sets; f. to v.f.; very interesting lot (B130-32 vars.) -----	27.00
418	★○ 1923-38 Collection of 145 stamps, o.g., incl. compl. sets, blks, Pl. # blks, tabs; cat. val. \$60.00, f. to v.f., attractive lot (B133-36, 44-52) -----	19.00
419	★ 1925 Olympic Congress, compl. set, o.g., f. to v.f. (B137-39) -----	4.75
420	★ 1926 Sokol Issue, compl. set, o.g., v.f. (B140-43) -----	3.25
421	★ Air Post 1920 The imperf. compl. set, o.g., v.f. (C1-3) -----	5.25
422	★○□ Special Delivery 1919-21 Collection of 115 stamps, 6 diff., mostly o.g., incl. #E4-6 perf., imperf.; Pl. # and perf. varieties, multiples, shades; cat. val. \$35.00, add. Proofs, etc (31); f. to v.f., Very useful lot (E1-6 and vars.) -----	25.00
423	★○ Postage Dues 1918-19 Collection of 156 diff. provisional hand-stamped overpr. or surcharges on Czechoslovakia, Austria, issued during the early month of the Republic, due to lack of postage due stamps, mostly o.g., v.f., very nice and clean lot -----	50.00
424	★○ — 1918-28 Collection of 1000 stamps on 49 pages, many compl sets, blks, perf. vars., plate numbers, shades, cat. val. about \$150.00; incl. Proofs (108), blackprints, Specimen (11), f. to v.f. clean lot (betw. J1 and 69) -----	75.00
425	★ Newspaper Stamps 1918 Emergency Issue MERKUR, Franko Hotove Zaplaceno, one of the rarest stamps, v.f. (STACH (1941) -----	

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- 429 ★○ 1937-51 Collection of several hundred stamps on pieces, sheetlets, favor sheets, covers with special cancs.; incl. large vars. of N. Y. World's Fair 1938-39, later issues o.g. or on F. D. Covers, labels, etc., v.f. Very interesting lot for specialists, in Scott's Specialty Album ----- 51.00
- 430 ★ 1945-51 Collection of 1365 stamps mostly compl. sets, nearly all Commems, incl. 200 blks of 4, stamps with tabs, etc. Strong in later issues, o.g.; very fine lot ----- 33.00
- 431 ★☒ 1947-51 Collection of 98 compl. sets; 2 of each, comprising 49 diff. o.g., mostly with tabs, same on F.D. cachet covers with special cancs., on White Ace Pages, v.f. (Betw. #322-447) -- 37.50

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- 432 ★○☒ Covers, Cards 1919-39 Collection of 150, in Scott's Specialty Album; nearly all Commems. with special cancs., strong in Air Post (#C7-18), some Fieldpost 1919; also "Wir Sind Frei" "Heil Hitler," f. to v.f. ----- 40.00
- 433 ○☒ — 1945-50 Collection of 175 covers, incl. many compl. sets, some Revolution cancs., postal cards, F. D. cancs; also 140 stamps, many diff., tied to pieces with special cancs., f. to v.f. 40.00
- 434 ★○☒ Postal Cards 1918-44 Collection of 126, nearly all diff. incl. Germ. Protectorate(28), Slovakia(20); many special cancs., some Pictorial Postal cards; v.f. ----- 25.00
- 435 ☒ Official Pictorial Postal Cards 1945-50 Collection of 80, nearly all diff. mostly with special cancs., incl. regular Postal Cards (19), v.f. ----- 15.00
- 436 ★☒ — 1948-50 Collection of 68 diff. compr. SOKOL Congress 1948 (40), Pictorial Postal Cards (12), Tatra 1950 (16), all unused, Very fine lot ----- 11.00
- 437 ★☒ — 1949 64 diff. with Gottwald 1.50k brown (Type A135), unused, v.f. ----- 9.50
- 438 ★ BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA, SLOVAKIA 1939-45 Collection of 2500 stamps o.g. incl. compl. sets, blks, Pl. # blks, shades, gutter pairs, tabs, etc., f. to v.f. Very attractive lot (Betw. #1 and P19) ----- 61.50
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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 therefore 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.

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