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EDITORIAL

With this issue of your Society's official organ you will find an envelope which serves a good purpose. It is a reminder that your annual dues are due and it is a handy instrument which saves you time because you need not look for paper or an envelope. Merely write in your name and address and type of membership you desire for 1953, then make out a check or purchase a money order, enclose, seal, place a postage stamp in the upper right hand corner and mail. We thank you, but, read on:

You have noticed this issue's contents as well as the contents of the two previous issues. It isn't necessary to be a printer to realize the cost of these last three issues; the illustrations going with this series of articles enhance the value of the Specialist. Your editor believes that one picture is worth ten thousand words; look at the many worth while pictures we give you and shall continue to give. A work such as this has never been attempted before, not even in Czechoslovakia. The author assures us it will take more than a year to complete. If enough interest is evinced it is possible this series of articles will be reprinted and published in book form. Realizing what is in store for you if you pay your dues promptly, may we suggest you voluntarily increase your dues? Remember, our's is a non-profit organization and every cent collected from dues, ads, voluntary donations as well as from the annual benefit auction goes into the Specialist. So, don't disappoint us, increase the amount you wanted to send by whatever you can afford and mail it in the envelope enclosed for that purpose with this issue of the Specialist.

We are indebted to our author-member Zdeněk Kvasnička for his work on this series of articles as well as for his amassing of illustrative material. George Skopecek deserves many thanks for translating all this and our ever-willing member, Richardson L. Spofford who helps in editing the feature articles which appear in this publication, must come in for his share of praise. The best way you as member can show your appreciation for the work these gentlemen are doing for your benefit is to make out a check as big as your bank account permits, enclose it in the envelope you received with this issue of the Specialist and mail it pronto to the treasurer.

A new stamp and a souvenir sheet have been issued in Czechoslovakia honoring the National Philatelic Exhibition in Bratislava. The government notified no publication of this issue nor was a customary first day cover issued; this gives rise to a question if this issue is speculative. We shall soon find out.

The following letter from member Louis A. Ruzicka, 3006 58th Avenue, Oakland 5, Calif., is self-explanatory:

"I have approximately 550 Czechoslovakian meter strips for years 1933-34 in 165 firm or company varieties which I will be happy to give at the rate of five or more to any member who will send me a stamped addressed envelope bearing a commemorative stamp on cover mailed to me. I will hold back a number of these meter strips for those members who reside overseas."

This is the last issue of your Specialist for 1952. You have received 160 pages, more than ever before. We should like again to give you 160 pages in 1953; to do so we must not only retain the members now on the roster but we must gain new members, too. Again we urge you, send your dues to the treasurer now. Some few members have already done so and we thank them heartily.

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE OFFICERS OF THE
CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY
WISH A VERY
JOYOUS AND HOLY CHRISTMAS

ELECTION

No, this is not a political piece. Your officers decided to save the Society money and you time. Whenever a slate of new officers was presented for election it was accepted with only a small fraction of the membership participating. So this decision was reached: The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates who will be considered elected unless a portion of the membership vetoes some or all of the candidates presented.

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Many members wonder why a first day cover from Czechoslovakia may take a long time reaching them. Collectors over there may purchase first day covers from the post office and mail them as late as 15 days after issue. We have noticed that some post offices add a local postmark to these on the day of actual mailing, without damaging the stamps or the special cancellation. Do not complain if your cover reaches you late, it is not the fault of the Post Office there nor here.

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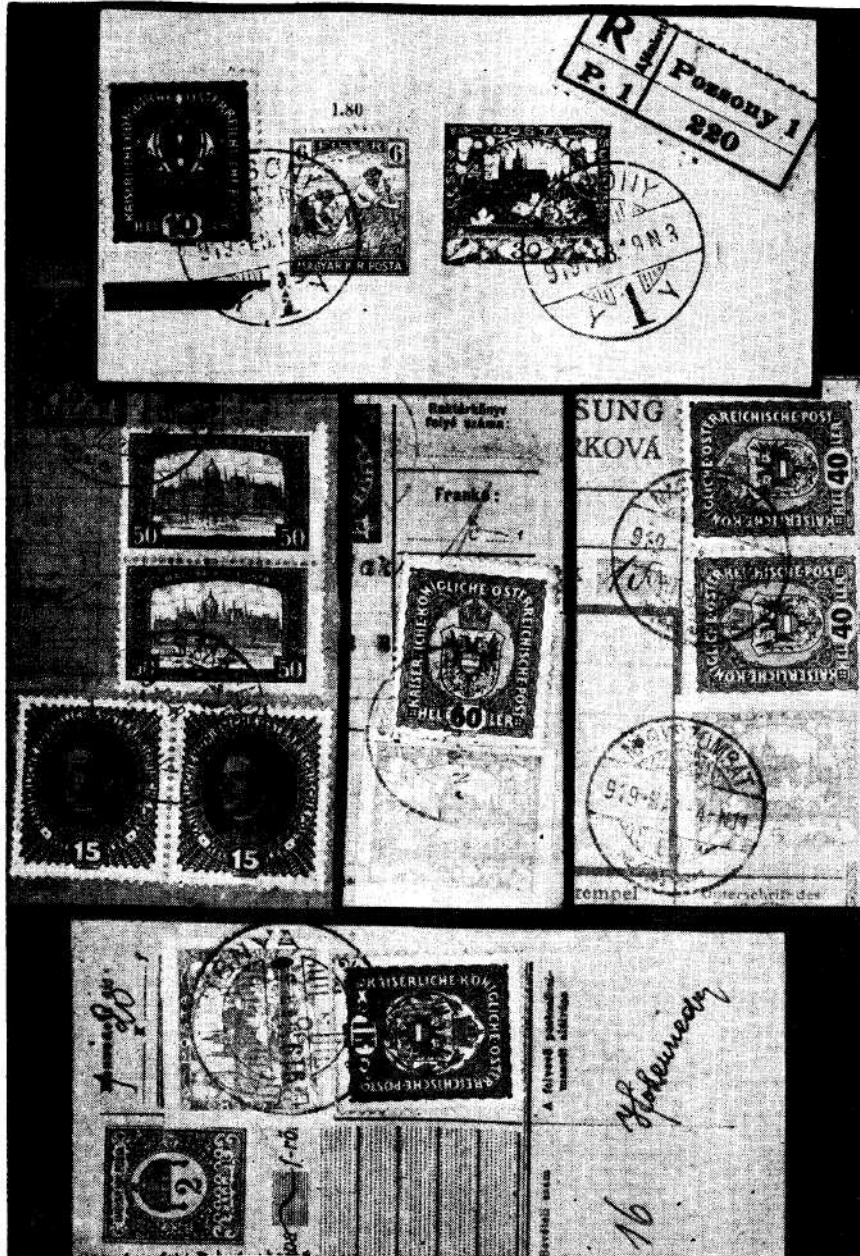
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Mixed franks of Austrian, Hungarian and Czechoslovak stamps.

B. Hungarian Stamps

Hungary had been a semi-independent part of the Empire since 1848 and



Mixed franks of Czechoslovak and Hungarian stamps.

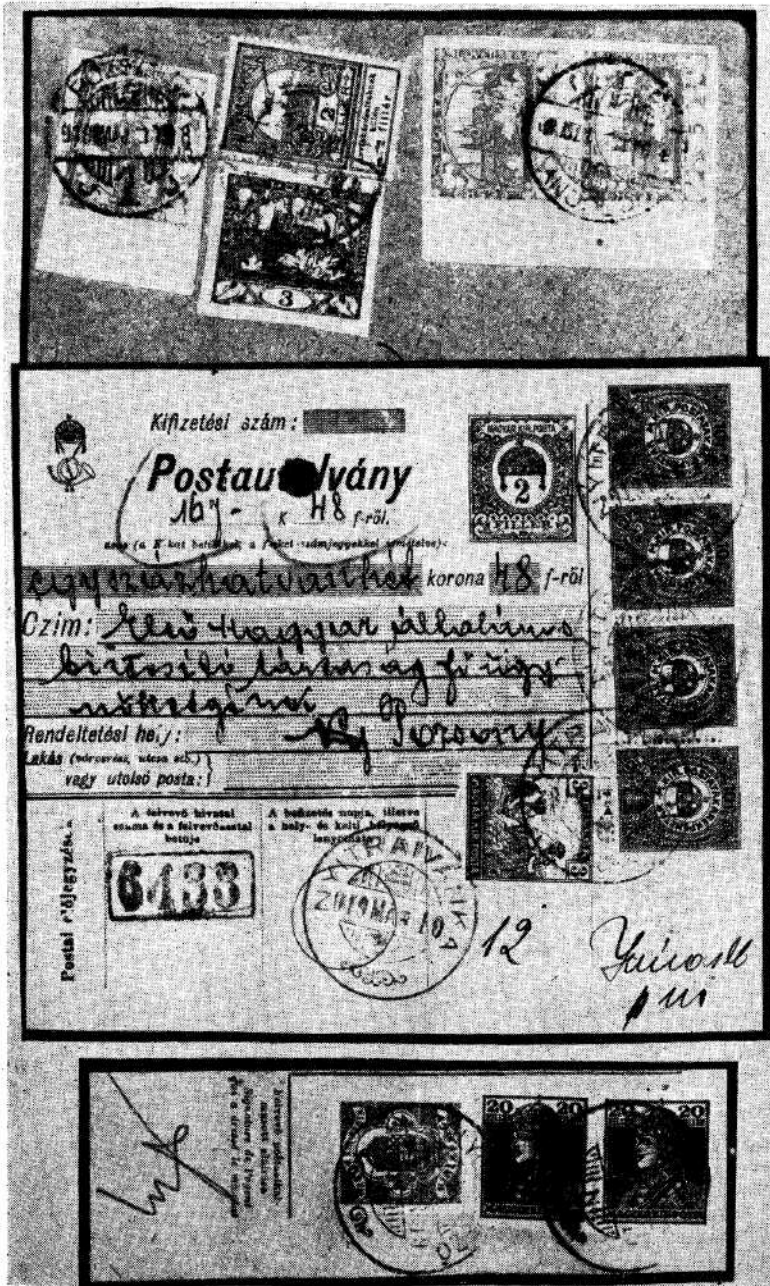
the Habsburg rulers had the hereditary title of King of Hungary. This independence was stressed on the Hungarian stamps with the inscription MAGYAR KIR. POSTA, meaning "Royal Magyar Post."

Budapest was the distributing center for all postoffices. During the brief life of the Hungarian Republic in 1919, and before some parts of Slovakia had been ceded to the Czechoslovakian Republic, it issued Hungarian stamps with the inscription MAGYAR POSTA. The remnants of these issues were used up by the Czechoslovak Republic during the Transition Period.

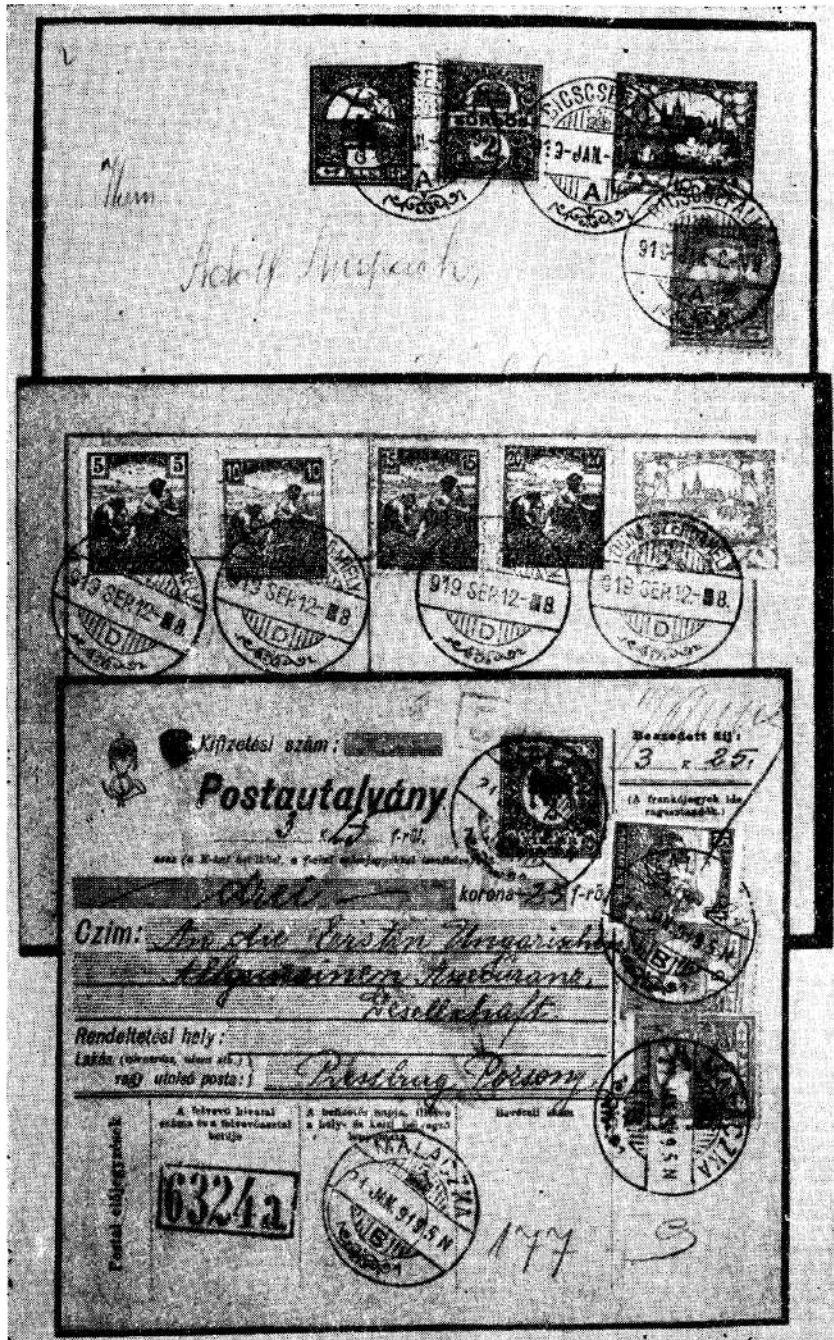


Hungarian parliament stamps and mixed franks.

Mixed franks of Austrian and Hungarian stamps of the early and even



Mixed frank of Hungarian Flood stamp and Hradčany Postal Savings stamp used for current postage. Newspaper stamp used for current postage. Very rare.

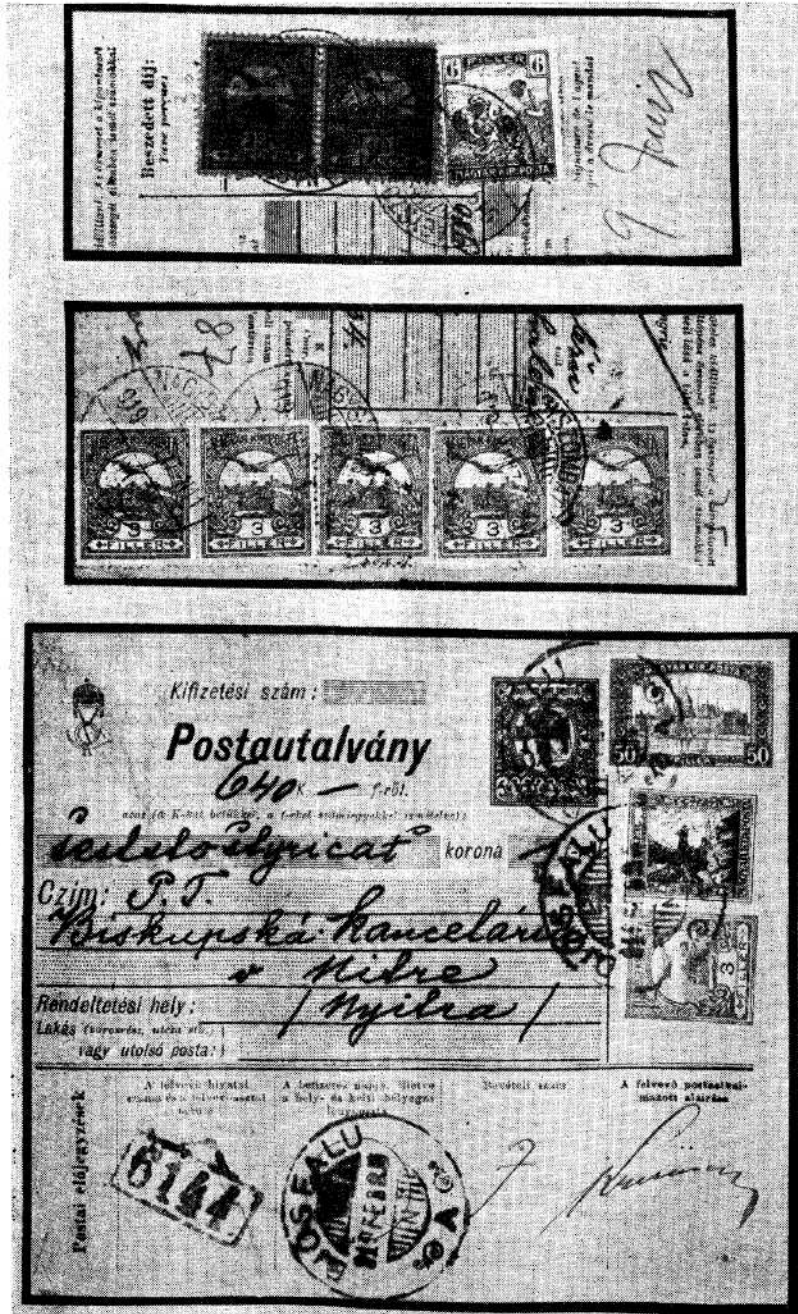


Hungarian TURUL, special delivery and Hradčany used for current postage. Reapers, 10f and 15f (white numerals) used in 1919.



Hungarian stamps overprinted Köztársaság used in Czechoslovakia for current postage.

of the 1918 issues are scarce, but the rarest of all are the franks composed of Austrian, Hungarian and Czechoslovakian stamps. The shortage of postal



Hungarian TURUL used for current postage in Czechoslovakia.



Hungarian postage dues (red and black numerals) used in Czechoslovakia for current postage,

material of all kinds was such during the Transition Period that the postal authorities used everything that came to hand. This created a very interesting philatelic condition. Hungarian stamps used in Czechoslovakia are considered more valuable than Austrian, and because postal and business contacts were mostly with Budapest only, very little of the postal mixture was turned in to Praha.

In the following tabulation the scarcity of stamps is again shown by asterisks: *-scarce, **-rare, ***-very rare.

1. Current Postage		87	A4	5f	emerald***
1916-1918. Reapers; higher values, Hungarian Parliament. Colored numerals.		88	A4	6f	olive green***
		90	A4	12f	violet***
		91	A4	16f	gray green***
108 A9 2f brown orange		93	A4	25f	ultramarine***
109 A9 3f red lilac		95	A4	35f	red violet***
110 A9 4f slate gray*		96	A4	50f	lake blue***
111 A9 5f green	1916. War issue. Soldiers fighting, eagle with a sword.				
112 A9 6f greenish blue*	B53 SP3 10f-2f red rose*				
113 A9 10f red rose	P54 SP4 15f-2f dull red*				
114 A9 15f violet	B55 SP5 40f-2f brown carmine**				
115 A9 20f gray brown	1913. Flood issue.				
116 A9 25f dull blue	B2 SP1 2f olive yellow***				
117 A9 35f brown	1918. Hungarian Republic issues.				
118 A9 40f olive green	1916-1918 Reapers, over rinted Köztársasag. Colored numerals.				
119 A9 50f red violet and lilac	153 A9 2f brown orange*				
120 A9 75f bright blue & pale bl.	109 A9 3f red lilac*				
121 A9 1K red brown and claret	110 A9 4f slate gray**				
122 A9 80f green and pale green	156 A9 5f green*				
123 A9 2K olive brn & bistre**	157 A9 6f greenish blue**				
124 A9 3K violet and indigo***	158 A9 10f rose red*				
125 A9 5K dk brn & light brn***	159 A9 20f gray brown**				
126 A9 10K violet brn & violet***	162 A9 40f olive green***				
1916. Reapers. White numerals.	1918. Reapers, inscription Magyar Posta.				
106 A8 10f rose**	1918. Portraits of Charles IV and Zita. Overprinted Köztársasag.				
107 A8 15f violet**	168 A11 10f scarlet*				
1918. King Charles IV and Queen Zita	169 A11 15f deep violet*				
127 A11 10f scarlet	170 A11 20f dark brown*				
128 A11 15f deep violet	171 A11 25f bright blue*				
129 A11 20f dark brown	172 A12 40f olive green***				
130 A11 25f bright blue	173 A12 50f lilac***				
131 A11 40f olive green**					
132 A11 50f lilac**					
Earlier issues, demonetized, and stamps of the new Hungarian state used in Czechoslovakia.					
1913-1916. Turul flying over the St. Stephen Crown. The turul was the sacred Hungarian bird which according to legend, settled on the shoulder of Arpad during a royal election, assuring him of his election.	2. Postage due stamps.				
	1915-1918. Red numerals in a green, ornamental frame. Wmkd, Double Cross.	J28	D1	1f	green and red**
84 A4 1f slate***		J29	D1	2f	green and red*
85 A4 2f olive yellow***		J30	D1	5f	green and red*
86 A4 3f orange***		J31	D1	6f	green and red*
		J32	D1	10f	green and red*
		J33	D1	12f	green and red**

J34	D1	15f	green and red*	P8	N5	2f	orange**
J35	D1	20f	green and red*	4. Special delivery and Postal Savings stamps.			
J36	D1	30f	green and red**	1916. St. Stephen crown with inscription Sürgös. Wmkd. double cross.			
1914. Black numerals in a similar frame.				E1	SD1	2f	gray green & red**
J20	D1	2f	green and black***	Postal Savings stamp, St. Stephen crown in a circle with inscription M. KIR. POSTATAKAREK-PENZTAR.			
J22	D1	6f	green and black***	10f dull volet**			
J24	D1	12f	green and black***	3. Newspaper stamps.			
J26	D1	20f	green and black***	1914. Hungarian Crown and Coat of Arms.			

CHECK LIST OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS

For the Year 1949

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continued

June 12	Lidice-Autopošta	7. výročí vyhlazení Lidic 7th anniversary of Lidice Massacre
June 12-20	Trutnov 1	Krkonošská výstava 1949 1949 Krkonoše exhibition
July 3, 4, 5, 10, 17, 24, 31		
Aug. 7, 11, 21, 28		
June 12 to	Praha 1	Týden Čs.-rumunského přátelství Week of Cz-Rumanian friendship
June 18		
June 18 to	Gottwaldov 1	Ustavující konference SOF Organizational conference of leather industries
June 22		
June 26	Vrbatův Kostelec	Už nikdy Ležáky Never again "Ležáky"*
June 25-26	Kojetín 1	Okresní slet Sokolstva District Sokol Meet
June 25-26	Vsetín	Krajinská výstava Valašsko v práci Valašsko at work exhibition
Jul. 16, 17, 23, 26, 30, 31		
Aug. 6-7		
June 24	Praha 1	100. výročí Frederika Chopina 100th anniversary of Chopin
July 2-3	Trutnov 1	Krajská letní slavnost KSČ Summer celebration of Distr. Cz. Comm. Party
July 2-3	Strážnice	Slavnosti lidového tance a zpěvu Folk dance and song celebrations
July 2-4	Třebíč	130 let obchodní akademie 130 years of business college
July 3	Protivanov	Sokolské dny Sokol days
July 9-10	Jičín	Mistrovství Č. S. R. ve střelbě Marksmanship contests in CSR
July 16-19	Pardubice	Ženíjní pluk 1 "Bachmačský" - památné dny Historic days of first regiment
July 24	Trutnov 1	Den odborářů Artisans' day
July 27-31	Litvínov 1	Radostné dny Stalinovců Happy days of Stalin followers

*Ležáky met same fate as Lidice.

Aug. 6-7	Český Těšín	Národopisné dny Dny ludoznawcze Days of national culture
Aug. 6, 8, 14, 21	Hronov	XIX. Jiráskův Hronov Jirásek's Hronov
Aug. 6, 8, 14, 21	Náchod 1	Jiráskovy oslavy Jirásek celebrations
Aug. 7	Poděbrady	Mezinárodní závod v chůzi 50 km Praha-Poděbrady International contest in 50 km walk
Aug. 13-15	Domažlice	Chodská pout na Vavřinečku Chod pilgrimage to Vavřineček
Aug. 14	Roudnice n Lab.	I. mezinárodní závody "Velka cena města Roudnice n/L v chůzi na dráze" First international contest for "Grand prize of city of Roudnice n/L 10 km walk"
Aug. 14	Vranov n/dyji	Křest prvního parníku na Moravě Christening of first Moravian steamboat
Aug. 28	Pardubice 1	III. Sjezd budovatelů republiky Third convention of Republic's builders
Sept. 4	Benešov u Prahy	KSČ - Den radosti - SČSP Day of happiness—Comm. party
Sept. 3-4	Pardubice-Závodiště	XI. zlatá přilba Československa Eleventh Cz. golden helmet
Sept. 1	Praha 1	První den vydání First day of issue (used for the first time with the 1949 Air Mail stamps)
Aug. 21-27	Jirkov	Červený Hrádek Národní pout Červený Hrádek National pilgrimage
Aug. 27-28	Sušice	Oslava slovensk. národního povstání Celebrations of Slovak national uprising
Sept. 4	Karlovy Vary Autopošta	Krajská letní slavnost KSČ Regional summer celebrations of Comm. Party
Sept. 4	Havlíčkův Brod	I. den čs. letectva First day of Cz. aviation
Sept. 4-11	Vamberk	Výtava poštovních známek Postage stamp exhibition
Sept. 11	Praha 1 Kutná Hora 1 Jihlava 1 Most 1 Sokolov Kladno 1 Zbůch Trutnov 1 Jáchymov 1 Příbram Ostrava 1 Rosice u Brna Hodonín	Den horníků Day of miners
Sept. 11	Banská Stiaavnica Handlová Banská Bystrica Spišská Nová Ves	Den baníkov Day of the miners

Sept. 9-11	Olomouc 1	Festival radostné práce Happy work festival
Sept. 10-11	Nový Jičín	150 let kloboučnického průmyslu 150 years of hat making
Sept. 10	Praha 1 České Budějovice 1 Plzeň 1 Karlovy Vary 1 Ústí n/Labem 1 Liberec 1 Hradec Králové 1 Pardubice 1 Jihlava 1 Brno Olomouc 1 Gottwaldov 1 Ostrava 1	Den solidarity s bojujícími ženami asijských a afrických národů Day of solidarity with the battling women of Asiatic and African na- tions
Sept. 11	Hrdlovka	Přejmenování dolu Alexandr na důl pres. Gottwalda Changing of name of Alexander mine to Pres. Gottwald mine
Sept. 11	Brno 1 Hrdlovka Gottwaldovo údolí Líšen	5. krajská manifestace práce a soc- ialistické soutěžení Fifth regional celebrations of work and socialistic contest
Sept. 10-18	České Budějovice 1	Jihočeský lidový festival práce a radosti Folk festival of work and joy in southern Bohemia

(Continued in next issue)

AGAIN — THE NEW ISSUES

ALL MINT

Jilmnický -----	.14	Youth -----	.20
Zapatočky -----	.17	Ševčík -----	.15
Lenin Hall -----	.20	Komenský -----	.38
Kollár -----	.24	Womens Day -----	.20
Holub -----	.24	Fascists -----	.11
Industry -----	.20		

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