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EDITORIAL

We are embarked on the fifteenth year of the Society. In this time we did very well both as an organization disseminating knowledge about the stamps of Czechoslovakia and as a publishing concern. True, we have made no headway with our main project but we surely did increase the size and value of our Specialist. For this the Society thanks its collaborators, both authors and translators.

Last month you received an envelope which you were to use when paying your 1953 dues. We are sure you are convinced that the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society is the best specialistic group in the world and that membership in it is worth more than the minimum dues. Do your part now if you failed to do so last month.

Mrs. Gladys Skopecek of California read our plea for an extra donation to our printing fund and did something about it. She mailed the treasurer a check for \$5.00 which will help pay for the cuts needed to make the Kvasnicka articles more interesting. Your editor takes this opportunity to thank her.

Our past president John Knollmueller spent his vacation visiting various members in California. We had a card from him from Colfax where he visited with the Skopecks; from Oakland where he saw members Louis Ruzicka and Eric Stork; from the Los Angeles area a card tells us he expects to meet with the new president, Bruce Bryant and others. We are glad John and his wife enjoyed their vacation and that they learned there are no people like the stamp people.

Our good friend Rudolph Novy of Dallas writes that our little plug about his wants brought results and he acquired most of the items he wanted. We therefore decided to help others. Our member from Down Under, Bob Dodd, is anxious to acquire a genuine 1Kes Music Sheet of 1934. Bob's address is: Robert Dodd, 419 Albany Rd., Victoria Park, Western Australia.

Another Down Under member, William Russell, writes: "Wrote to ORBIS recently to find out the significance of the dates on the selvedge of new issues coming from CSR. In case you haven't heard, it is the printing date, hence one finds different dates on different values of the one set."

One group in England is very active and our groups in the U. S. could learn much from our British cousins. They have produced a Czech-English, English-Czech philatelic dictionary, a modest mimeographed job of 15 pages. We of the dictionary committee in the United States have been stumped with several words and we shall study this work of Mr. and Mrs. Erich H. Rogers

and possibly learn and revise our work. We congratulate our members over there on the fine work done.

Your editor works in the Chicago Post Office and anyone who has worked in any P. O. in the U. S. during the Christmas rush knows what it means. We tried to prepare this copy earlier than usual but the rush descended upon us sooner than we expected and therefore if this issue comes to you with only eight pages forgive us. We shall make it up to you at another time. Mail facilities are taxed to the limit; the P. O. clerk is taxed beyond that. Many of those who apply for a job at the P. O. for the Christmas rush are unfortunates who can't get a job anywhere at any time. These are the cause of more and bigger headaches than the large mail volume increase. If the February issue of the Specialist turns out to be a bit screwy blame it on the P. O. Xmas rush hangover.

Last but not least we wish our members and their families a New Year full of the delights philately offers its devotees. Your new officers hope you will continue to support your Society in 1953 as you did in the past.

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PARADE OF NEW ISSUES

State Exhibition of Postage Stamps in Bratislava.
 Issue of a Souvenir Sheet and a Commemorative Postage Stamp.





On the occasion of the State exhibition of postage stamps taking place at the Slovakian Museum in Bratislava from 18th October to 2nd November, 1952, the Ministry of Communications issued on 18th October, 1952, an Exhibition Souvenir Sheet and a commemorative postage stamp.

The Souvenir Sheet bears two postage stamps, recess-printed from the flat plate, showing the coat-of-arms of Bratislava and the inscription "Celoštátná výstava poštových známok Bratislava 1952" (State Exhibition of Postage Stamps Bratislava 1952). The values are Kčs 2. (left) and Kčs 3. (right).

The design of both stamps by professor Max Schurmann is made after statues placed in Bratislava. The design of the Kčs 2.— stamp shows the statue Bulgarian Partisans by F. David and bears the inscription "Mier udržáme" (We Maintain Peace). The design of Kčs 3.— stamp shows the statue "Vděk sovětské armádě" (Gratitude to the Soviet Army) by J. Kostka, with the inscription "Sovietskej armáde osloboditelke" (To the Soviet Army—our Liberator). The pen-ink drawing of both Schurmann's designs are made by Jindra Schmidt who also engraved the two stamps. The graphical arrangement of the Souvenir Sheet is by professor Karel Svolinský.

Both stamps are of vertical form, size of the picture is 23x30 mm. The inscription "Celoštátná výstava poštových známok and the Kčs 2.— stamp are printed in red colour, the rest of the inscription "Bratislava 1952", the Kčs 3.— stamp and the coat-of-arms of Bratislava in blue colour. The size of the Souvenir Sheet which is of horizontal form, is 100x75 mm. The selling price including the entrance-ticket is Kčs 15.—.

The Souvenir Sheet is valid for inland postage and for foreign countries with the face value of both stamps 5.— Kčs, from 18th October, 1952.

Beside the Exhibition Sheet the Ministry of Communications issued on the same occasion a commemorative postage stamp showing the picture of Bratislava. The design shows the river Dunaj (Danube) with the harbour and the castle in the background. It is the work of J. A. Švengsbir who made also the engraving. The value of the stamp which was recess-printed in the Exhibition hall in sheets of 70 and 35 copies, in brown-grey colour, is Kčs 1.50. The stamp is of vertical form, size of the picture 23x30 mm.

Validity for postage in inland and for foreign countries 18th October 1952.

A First Day Cover bearing the design of Slovakian Museum, designed and engraved by J. A. Švengsbir, as well as a Collection Sheet, were issued at the same time. No First Day Cover was issued for the Exhibition Sheet.

New Commemoratives Honoring the 35th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution

To commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution and the "Month of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship 1952", the Ministry of Communications issued two commemorative postage stamps.

Kčs 2.— grey and Kčs 3.— red-violet

The design of both stamps adapted after the drawing of Petr Vasiljevič, Soviet graphic artist, is by Václav Šprungl. The pen-and-ink drawing and the engraving is by Bohdan Roule. The design of the stamps shows Lenin



and Stalin in conversation with Red-Armists.

The stamps are recess-printed in sheets of 50 copies in form of horizontal rectangle, 30x23 mm in dimension.

Validity for postage in inland and for foreign countries from 7th November, 1952.

A First Day Cover designed and engraved by Bohdan Roule and a Collection Sheet, were issued at the same time.

Czechoslovak Red Cross 1952



On the occasion of the first State Congress of the Czechoslovak Red Cross taking place in Prague from 15th to 16th November 1952, the Ministry of Communications issued two commemorative postage stamps of the following denominations and colors:

Kčs 2.— brown and Kčs 3.— vermilion red.

The design of both stamps is identical, designed by Vladimír Kovařík, artist-painter. In the foreground is the picture of a Red Cross nurse, protector of the health of the working people and announcer of peaceful life between the nations. All the care given to the health and welfare of the people is made possible by everyday's work and therefore the portrait of a worker completes the portrait of the Red Cross nurse. The peace endeavor of both is symbolized by a dove bearing a peace-twig and by the outline of the factory symbolizing peaceful construction. The design of the stamp is completed by the Red Cross flag. Besides the inscription Československo and the value figures (2.00 and 3.00) there are the inscriptions "Za mír a zdraví pracujících" and "První celostátní sjezd ČSČK 15-16.XI.1952" (For Peace and Health of the Working People, First Czechoslovak Red Cross Congress) on the stamps.

The graphical arrangement is by J. A. Švengsbír. The scheme for printing is adapted by the cooperators of the Printing Office Pravda in Bratislava, where the stamps were printed by photogravure in sheets of 100 copies in form of a vertical rectangle, the dimension on the picture being 22x28 mm.

Validity for postage for inland and foreign countries from November 15th 1952. An official First Day Cover designed and engraved by Václav Šprungl as well as a Collection Sheet were issued at the same time.

New Commemoratives Showing the Reproduction of Works by Mikoláš Aleš



To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mikoláš Aleš on 18th November 1952, the Ministry of Communications issued the second part of the series of two stamps with reproductions of fragments of Mikoláš Aleš' designs, one of which shows Trutnov from the series Vlast (the Fatherland), the second shows Matěj Louda z Chlumu, a Hussite leader. The graphical arrangement on the stamps is by professor Karel Svolinský, the engraving is by Jindra Schmidt.

The denominations and colors are:

- (1) Matěj Louda, Kčs 2.—, dark brown,
- (2) Trutnov, Kčs 3.—, dark green.

The stamps are recess-printed in the Printing Office of the Ministry of Communications in sheets of 50 copies in form of a horizontal rectangle, dimension of the picture 40x22.5 mm. Validity for postage for inland and for foreign countries from November 15, 1952.

An official bicolored First Day Cover, a reproduction of an Aleš drawing on the wrapper of a work in three volumes on Aleš, edited by the Union of Graphic and Plastic Artists "Mánes" in Prague, and a Collection Sheet were issued at the same time.

—Czechoslovak Post Philatelic Service

A LETTER FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT—JOHN KNOLLMUELLER

Dear Frank:

Finally, I got time to write you a letter of visiting our members of The Czechoslovak Society.

The wife and I left Salt Lake City on the 17th day of November. There was a heavy snow storm over the mountain territory. Our first stop was made in Reno. We arrived in Reno, it was very nice weather. As you may know, this is the Biggest Little City in the World. We could not pass the opportunity to look the city over. Reno is known for its gambling, never closes its doors 24 hours. We did win a couple of jackpots, but our conscience wouldn't be clear if we wouldn't leave the money in Nevada. In Reno, I called up Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Skopecek and told them of my arrival the next day in Colfax, California. Arriving in Colfax the next day at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, I was given the World-famous Western hospitality and stayed over in their home at Topside where they are making their home. The wife and I had a wonderful visit with them. We discussed what could be done to improve and get more members on the West Coast for our Society. Mr. Skopecek showed me his wonderful collection of stamps. You could call it topical collection of stamps showing maps, locomotives, bridges; I got the first inside story what he is doing on bookbinding and engraving. All in all, the day was almost too short and we went to bed at 2:00 o'clock in the morning. The following day, we went to Oakland, were met by member Stork, who is a dealer in Oakland, California and he called another member. We had a nice

meeting in his store and again we discussed a drive for our membership on the West Coast. Mr. Stork drove us over to Frisco. We stayed in the St. Francis Hotel. We were invited out and had a wonderful drive through the City of San Francisco, arrived late at our hotel that night. Friday, I registered to attend the big auction of Mr. Hughes', and had a wonderful time bidding on certain stamps for my Czechoslovak collection. At that time I met Mr. Jerry Formanek, who is a stamp dealer in Frisco and handles quite a bit of Czech material, Germany and France. Jerry called our Member William Trnocsy, who is working at the Cliff House. We had a meeting in Jerry's store and again we discussed a drive for new members on the West Coast. All these people promised that they would do their utmost to get at least one or two members to our Society. We visited several big hotels in Frisco, Mark Hopkins Hotel and the Fairmount, went out to the Cliff and Seal House, had a wonderful view, saw ships coming in and going out thru the Golden Gate Bridge. All in all, our time was well spent in Frisco. Leaving Frisco, Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, we drove through Oakland again and bid Member Stork goodbye. We took the inland route to Los Angeles, and arrived in Los Angeles about 9:00 o'clock at night. The trip was wonderful, going through the cotton fields around Fresno, California and seeing all the vineyards. In Los Angeles, we were greeted by my wife's sister and we made our home there for our stay. Tuesday, I went to downtown Los Angeles, looked over the stamp shops, but could not locate what I was looking for. Wednesday, I called up Member W. B. Bryant and he, in turn, called another house meeting and we met Mrs. Penn. Again, we had a wonderful house meeting. About ten members were present. I was astonished what I did see of Mrs. Penn's Czechoslovakian collection of stamps. All the efforts she is putting in recalling past history of Czechoslovakia, drawing all her own maps, or states belonging to Czechoslovakia as far back as she can locate it in library books and other Czechoslovakian material pertaining to history of this country. Good spirit was had by all and the meeting was closed about 2:00 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Bryant assured me that he will do his utmost to bring life into members on the West Coast. I want to thank all the members in this way for the wonderful hospitality they have given to me on my trip and I hope that someday, they come through Salt Lake City and I can show them my collection of stamps and give them the same hospitality they have given to me.

Yours truly,
John Knollmueller

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Sept. 11-20	Praha—Autopošta	50. jubilejní pražský vzorkový veletrh 50th jubilee of Praha Sample Fair
Sept. 14	Hradec Králové 1	Otevření krajského oblastního divadla Opening of regional theatre
Sept. 18	Žatec	Dočasná zeleného zlata Harvest of green gold (hops)
Sept. 24-Oct. 2	Brno 26	Brněnské výstavní trhy Brno exhibition markets
Sept. 25	Praha 160	Velká střeoevropská cena Grand Central European prize (horse racing)
Sept. 25	Brno 2	Velká cena Československa Grand Cz. prize
Sept. 30-Oct. 16	Brno 1	Výstava 30 let klubu č. filatel. v Brně Exhibition of Cz. philatelic club
Oct. 2-9	Praha 1	Celostátní oslavy bojů u Dukly National celebration of Dukla battles
Oct. 15-16	Praha 1 České Budějovice Plzeň 1 Karlovy Vary 1 Ústí n/Labem 1 Liberec 1 Hradec Králové 1 Pardubice 1 Jihlava 1 Brno 1 Olomouc 1 Gottwaldov 1 Ostrava 1	Krajská konference všeodborová ROH Regional trade council conference
Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20	Praha 1	Celostátní svazová konference ROH National alliance trade council conf.
Nov. 5-6	Karlovy Vary Ostrava 1	do do
Nov. 12-13	Hodonín 1 Olomouc 1	do do
Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20	Brno 1	do
Oct. 23	Pardubice 1 Závodště	60. Velká Pardubická Konference 60th great conference at Pardubice
Oct. 23	Brno 2	100 let pošt. úřadu 100 years of post office
Oct. 23	Bratislava 2 Nitra Košice 1 Prešov 1 Banská Bystrica	Krajská všeodborová konference "Vpřed k socialismu" Regional trade council conference "Forward toward socialism"
Oct. 28	Praha 1 Brno 1 Bratislava 2 Košice 1	Oslavy 28. října Oct. 28th celebrations Oslavy 28. Oktobra Oct. 28th celebrations
Nov. 6	Veltrusy	Otevření školy rudé armády Opening of Red Army school
Oct. 29-Nov. 13	Brno 1	Výstava technické knihy Exhibition of technical text books

Nov. 4-6	Brno 1	XOII sjezd SIA 92nd convention of SIA
Nov. 12-13	Praha 1	Ustavující konference svazu zaměstnanců pošt Organizational conference of Post Office clerks alliance
Dec. 3-26	Praha 1	Výstava čs. státních statků Exhibition of Cz. national Estates
Dec. 17-18	Praha 1	I. celostátní konference zaměstnanců čs. státních lesů a statků First national conference of employees of Cz. national forests and Estates
Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4	Mladá Boleslav 1	Výstava 30 let čs. armády Exhibition 30 years Cz. Army
Nov. 19-20	Praha 12	II. celostátní konference svazu zaměstnanců v kovoprůmyslu 2nd national conference of steelworkers alliance
Nov. 23	Vyškov 1	Dědice Rodiště pres. rep. Kl. Gottwalda Dedice Birthplace of pres. G.
Dec. 11-15	Praha 1	II. všeodborový sjezd 2nd all trades convention
Dec. 18	Praha 1 Brno 1	Den poštovní známky Day of the postage stamp
Dec. 21	Bratislava 2 Praha 1 Brno 1	70. výročí narození J. V. Stalina 70th anniversary of Stalin's birth
1950		
Jan. 15-Feb. 26	Tatranská Lomnice Autopošta Štrbské Pleso	Lyžiarské majstrovstvo ČSR Tatranský pohár Cz. ski meet Tatra Cup
Jan. 10-12	Rokytnice v Orlických Horách	II. zimní přebory Svazu čs. hasičstva 2nd winter exercises of Cz. firemen
Feb. 25	Praha 1 Brno 1	Únor 1948 bojující 1950 budující February 1948 battling 1950 constructing
Mar. 4	Orlová 2	Důl Ant. Zápotocký V předních řadách průkoníků A. Zápotocký mine In forefront of pioneers
Mar. 4-7	Sliach 1	I. sjezd Živeny Svazu sloven. žen First conv. of Slov. women
Apr. 3	Skuteč	Oslavy 100. výročí úmrtí hudebního skladatele V. J. Tomáška Celebrations of centenary of death of composer V. J. Tomášek
Apr. 14	Praha 1A Praha 1B	20. výročí V. Majakovského 20th anniversary of Majakovský
Apr. 15-16	Děčín 2	5. okresní konference KSČ 5th regional conf. of Cz. Comm. Party
Apr. 22-23	Roudnice n/Labem A	Národní pout mírová manifestace na Řípu National pilgrimage Peace celebrations at Říp
May 5-9	Praha 1A Praha 1B	5. výročí lidové dem. rep. československé 5th anniversary of people's democratic Czechoslovakian Republic
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	Bratislava 2	
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	Košice 2	
	Prešov	
May 7	Skuteč	SBS Odhalení památníku II. odboje obětem fašismu Unveiling of memorial to victims of 2nd revolution and fascism
May 9-16	Praha 1	III. ročník mezinár. cyklistick. závodu Varšava-Praha 3rd year of international cyclist race Warsaw-Praha
May 9-June 4	Praha 1	Mezinárodní hudební festival pražské jaro 1950 s hudbou za mír Praha Spring International musical festival 1950 With music to peace
May 14	Terezín	5. Vzpomínkový den 5th memorial day
May 14	Valeč v Čechách	Slavnost květů krajský aktiv mládeže Blossom celebrations regional activities of youth
May 27-29	Litomyšl	Mezinárodní hudební festival International music festival
May 20-21	Mnich	5. národní pout 5th national pilgrimage
May 14-29	Praha-Autopošta	P. V. V. Praha Sample Fair
May 21	Jaroměř 2	I. krajský sjezd S. Č. S. P. First regional convention
June 3-4	Rakovník 1	Jubilejní slavnost "Budoucnosti" Jubilee celebration of "Future"
June 5	Praha 1	75. výročí narození S. K. Neumanna 75th anniversary of Neumann's birth
June 7-11	Praha 1	Sjezd Č. S. M. Convention of
June 11	Praha—Autopošta	Výstava jižních Čech 1950 Exhibition of Southern Bohemia
June 18-July 31	Soběslav	Oslavy 130. výročí Bož. Němcové Celebrations of 130th anniversary of Božena Němec
June 21, 23, 25	Česká Skalice Ratibořice	Vzpomínka na působení zakladatele C. Č. S. Dr. K. Farského. Memorial to the organizer of Cz. Church dr. K. Farský
June 24-25	Plzeň 1	8. výročí vyvraždění Ležáků 8th anniversary of Ležák massacre
June 25-July 4	Jablonec n/nis.	Sdružená obec baráčníků I. sjezd župy sedlčanské
July 2	Cheb 1	

July 2	Veselí n/Lužnicí	Allied group of hut dwellers First Congress of Sedlčany council Jedna z nejstarších pošt. stanic
July 4	Hlinsko v Čechách	One of oldest P. O. stations Odhalení Husova pomníku na Skalce Unveiling of Hus monument at Skalka
July 9	Stárkov	Odhalení pomníku padlým rudoarměj- cům Unveiling of monument to fallen Red Army men
July 1-4	Jilemnice	Mistrovství ČSR v odbíjené žen a mužů CSR championship in of men and women
July 9	Hodonín 1 Kyjov	Hodonínská soutěž automobilů a mo- ocyklů Hodonín race of autos and motor- cycles
July 9	Lány—Autopošta	Návštěva hornických učňů Visit of mine apprentices
July 1-6	Luhačovice	Modlíme se za mír Pracujeme za mír We pray for peace We work for peace
July 3-6	Velehrad	do
July 31	České Velenice	30 výročí navrácení Vitorazka 30th anniversary of the return of Vitoraz

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