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EDITORIAL

At no time since taking over the duties as your editor were we as happy to continue our task as now. Those of you who read the editorials of the past two months know we were somewhat incapacitated; it took a Spofford to give our condition an apt description. We thank our pinch-hitters: George Kobylka, Richardson Spofford and John Velek for placing the Specialist into the hands of our members without interruption or delay. Suffice it to say: We thank God we are among you sinful mortals! Undoubtedly we were not good enough for Heaven or too good to go to Hell and so a compromise was reached. We went through a period some consider suffering but we class it as a liberal education in the mores of mortals. In our nine week sojourn in the hospital we met sterling characters as well as cheats and forgeries. Until this last escapade in hospitals our time was spent in private rooms. We spent 22 hours out of every day in silent communion with ourselves or authors and composers who knew how to extend solace. Having been forewarned by our doctor that our accident may mean three or four months in a hospital we felt sorry for the insurance company which according to the law must pay the bill and we chose a ward. The ward was divided into two sections consisting of 12 and 13 beds each. Our motive was not altogether altruistic. We must pay the hospital bills until an agreement is reached with the insurance people; with the limited means at our disposal, the ward was the only solution.

We have been sent booklets, books, handbooks and catalogues for review many times. We have yet to review a catalogue as good as the one sent in by Maison Berck, a catalogue of France and Colonies from 1849 to 1955 (it does not run through 1954). We had planned to spend our vacation working on the handbook, and here, a specialized price list which answered our most fervent prayer how a descriptive booklet about the stamps of a given country should be arranged. In a brief way it gives descriptions we expected to give to our subscribers in words multiplied at least ten times. Yet we were complimented by a former member on our ability to present readers pertinent facts without resorting to elaborate and flowery descriptions. We shall never forget our late Arnost Berka on his first visit to our Sanctum Sanctorium. He told us bluntly it is not necessary to explode into ecstacies, the important thing is to say all there is to say in as few words as possible. Those members interested in this excellent French Catalogue may write to Mr. Ed. Berck, 6 Place de la Madeleine, Paris VIII, France.

Among our advertisers we find stalwarts who in our private conviction

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have helped our Society continue its existence. They are: Cross, Stach and Miller; we now have added George Kobylka who with his albums has revolutionized the collecting of our favorite country. There are other dealers who reach our members occasionally. Among these is Roman Burkiewicz of Granite City, Ill. Roman complained that only one answer to his ad brought results. It would be interesting to learn the reason for such a meagre response. It may be possible to correct the ads; this would help members obtain a better slant on the material offered for sale. Your comments will be appreciated.

A letter from member Barry which we hoped to reproduce in the September issue. You may recall that during our last auction a non-member seemed very perturbed that the Music Sheets went so high! There are three known types of fakes of this issue. We have known of genuine sheets in faked covers and fake sheets in genuine covers. A good description of the Music Sheets appeared in the Specialist in the past; it is the purpose of this publication to expose counterfeits when an exposition is necessary. As the Society is co-operative it behoves every member to do his part by informing all members of dangers which may face them. Herewith Mr. Barry's letter:

"Now as to the fake Music sheets. I know all about them and have reported the case some time ago to the Treasury Department for investigation. I am not very sure of the source, but it seems it originated in Detroit and Pennsylvania. I know the way they are doing it. There are a few dealers who sell the original Music sheets, but when they sell them, they keep the cover. I had that experience, where I purchased genuine sets without a cover and the dealer who sold them at auction was very insulting when I demanded the cover, claiming that this is not a part of the sheets. He is right and wrong. The sheets were sold by the P. O. that time with covers only, the same as the Wipa sheet in Austria. The difference was, that the Czecho cover was made from the same paper as the original sheets and if you take the cover and remove the rear page, you have the genuine paper to work with and if you note, the papers on the fakes are 90% genuine. There was no gum, so that is overcome, the perforation could be easily done, because the ones who take straight edges of U. S. and perforate them can do the same way with the sheet. You may not have known how the fakes are being made, but here it is, and that is true and I may be quoted. Only I can't give names until I get the release from the investigation and then I was going to send you a copy anyway. I could only hint now without names. It also seems that the fakes are being sold in San Francisco and Oakland, if they are even in Los Angeles, I can't tell, never heard anything about it. The same parties are also spreading a great deal of surcharges Posta 1919 and Germany inflations, Hungary occupations, etc."

During our enforced stay in the hospital our treasurer and assistant editor George Kobylka frequently visited with us. During one of these visits he told us of another brain child of his; specialty pages made to order, same stock used for his albums to fit any standard three ring binder. For instance: we collect cancellations of Czechoslovakia and we want the imprint "TOWN CANCELLATIONS". George will make these up at \$3 per 100 pages, 100 pages being the minimum. Sounds like a good and sound business idea.

We recall the days when only one International Stamp Exhibition was announced each year. But the postage stamp has reached its centennial and most countries in the world are reaching that jubilee. Perhaps the most advertised centennial is that of India; we wish the Indian International our whole hearted sincere success.

Several members deplored the absence of the Kvasnicka articles. Even

if cruel fate had not struck us as it did (ye gods, how poetic can we get?) it would be necessary to curtail these because the cost of the illustrations has been terrific! We are now working on this series again and hope to present the next sequel in the new volume.

Now that we have mentioned the new volume, and as that means a new year, may we remind our members that they might as well send in their 1955 dues now before they spend it on those Christmas gifts. Toward the end of every year the treasury has a very depressing look and an early payment of dues may give it that lift it needs.

The Chicago group held a meeting in September with only two members attending. We write this before the October conclave and deplore the fact we cannot attend. We hope all members residing in the Chicago area take advantage of these meetings for much can be learned there. When the group met in May a member showed for inspection a series of Slovakian covers showing the "SLOVENSKY STAT 1939" overprint. The 2Kcs was on the Bohemia-Moravia series instead of the regular 1936 issue of Czechoslovakia. It was the concensus of opinion that the overprint is a fake even if the true overprinting device was employed.

MEETINGS OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER

All meetings at 2:30 in the afternoon. Society circuit available at each meeting.

November 21st—Paul Marusic, 1720 S. Clinton, Chicago 16, Ill. December—No meeting.

January 16th—Frank Kovarik, 2502 So. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Our well known member Dr. James Matejka was exhibition chairman of the Austin Stamp Club's show and he made a big hit by announcing that the proceeds of the show will go to a worthy cause. We understand that a sum of more than \$800 was given to this cause. Dr. Matejka was successful bidder for the King Farouk Austrian Collection and on the picture loaned to us through the courtesy of the magazine "STAMPS" he is showing this newsworthy acquisition to his friend Waldo Kenworthy.

WALTER VESELSKY

We were informed of the recent death of one of our earlier members, Mr. Walter Veselsky. Your editor was closely associated with Mr. Veselsky for many years before the war; together we bought stamps from Praha and divided them in our home. Mr. Veselsky's interest in Czecho philately was very sincere and strong and we are hurt with his passing. To his widow and children we express our healt-felt sympathy.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 91. Joseph Novy, P. O. Box 8, Goshen, Conn.
- 96. Egon Berka, 5475 Everett Ave., Chicago 15, Ill.
- 443. Frank Steiner, 5100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 29, Calif.

The following Specialists were returned to us as undeliverable by the Post Office: Matthew Martinek, Clifford Amyx, Frank R. Zimmerman. The Specialist addressed to Arnold Bellini of New York City was returned with the notation "deceased." We wrote a first class letter to the address asking particulars but this, too, was returned to us. Do any of our New York members know of the fate which took Mr. Bellini from our midst?

MONTH OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVIET-FRIENDSHIP 1953 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

August J. Hrivnak

November 7, 1953

The Zapotocky led government of Czechoslovakia has decreed that the month of November 1953 is to be known as the "Month of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship" and to have as its slogan:

With the Soviet Republics for a lasting peace in the world.

This action has a further significance this year, since it also honors the signing of a friendship pact approximately 10 years ago. To publicize the decree and to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Czechoslovak-Soviet friendship pact, which took place in Moscow on December 12, 1943, the postal administration issued a set of three postage stamps as follows:

Deno	mination	Color	Scott Design No.	Scott Cat. No.	Perforation
30 1	Heller	Green	A-254	621	
60 1	Heller	Brown	A-254	622	
120	Heller	Blue	A-254	623	

It is rather difficult to reconcile how the Communists justify recognizing this one instance of an event occurring prior to 1948. The Czechoslovak history with them starts about 1945. WHO signed for Czechoslovakia in 1943 when the nation was under the yoke of Hitler as a Protectorate and a government "in exile" with headquarters in London and only recognized by the Allies. This is surely quite a feat—setting up a treaty by people who were not instructed by the population and signed for them without their knowledge or explicit consent. The present Czechoslovak government indulges in some rather queer fantasies for the things it wants to perpetuate.

To justify the need for giving visible expression to the propagandizing of this friendship pact, they invoke the old autocratic theory that if you preach a lie long and loud enough it will soon become a recognized truth. The author of the publicity leaflet for this issue of postage stamps asks: Just how did our new issue of friendship pact postage stamps contribute to the friendly relations now existing with the Soviet Union? The answer he gives is that this contribution consists of two stamps in the series that depict new magnificent structures, the Lomonsovov University at Moscow and the V. I. Lenin ship canal in Russia. Apologetically, he also adds that there is one other design that portrays symbolically-by a montage arrangement of Hradčany and the Kremlin-the friendship existing between the two nations. It looks as though the outward evidences of this friendship are just another means of publicizing the feats of communistic Russia. Hradčany was built centuries before these would-be friends came into existence, so how this fits in with the modern communist building program is a matter of conjecture. The friendship theme seems to dwell on singing the praises of the Russians or else-

The 60 heller denomination was designed and engraved by Bohdan Roule whose praises are extolled in the article publicizing the issue in Filatelie (October 1953). The vastness of the buildings composing the Lomonosovov University, which is the subject of the design, is such that it is practically impossible to do them justice if they are to be shown on the usual size of postage stamp. In reducing it to conform with the available space a considerable amount of the detailed beauty must be glossed over, but the designer has been able (despite the handicaps) to present the various facades and building groups in a perspective that is quite accurate as to its actual proportions.

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However, it also adds that the many multi-storied buildings now gracing Moscow are the symbols of the Soviet era and are in keeping with the Stalin reconstruction plans for Moscow. These skyscrapers change the Panorama of the city and give evidence to the creative ability of the Soviet people to bring their standards up to those of other peoples. The available technical knowledge allows for the rapid completion of the authorized projects, which is so characteristic of the Soviet Union policy, and accounts for the strides already made.

The 30 heller denomination was designed by architect Albert Jonáš and engraved by Bedřich Housa. It symbolizes the "Friendship motif" by an unusual composition embracing the Hradčany Castle, the home of the Czechoslovak president and the Kremlin, the Russian Dictator's home. From these seats of the respective governments emanate the basic concepts of the history making re-birth of a new social order that is being heralded by the flag of each of the nations incorporated prominently in the design. Segments of the two governmental headquarters are so joined together in the pictorial presentation that it does not point up any favoritism, which, so the publicity states, symbolically accentuates the political unity of the two countries.

The 1.20 Kčs denomination was designed and engraved by Bedřich Housa and depicts the V. I. Lenin ship canal—another of the gigantic works of the Soviets—according to the publicity leaflet. The view shown presents one of the dams of this canal, the control buildings of the power plant and shows a canal boat afloat on the canal. The publicity writeup goes on to state that the designer of the stamp in his production captured the durability and the thoroughness of the communistic effort in the field of public works. Every one of these efforts entails man's endeavor to combat nature, and the design in its presentation also reflects the high quality of the author's artistry and engraving ability.

The adoption of the two designs publicizing the soviet public works is in part also an expression of thanks to the Soviet postal administration for their issuance of a postal issue containing designs of Czechoslovakian motives.

The publicity leaflet closes with the statement that all three designers of this issue were in close colaboration and for this the nation proclaims its gratitude. Their conduct has resulted in presenting to the world stamps, the designs of which entailed difficult creative tasks. Notwithstanding, these obstacles have been surmounted and the resultant product of this effort gives evidence of their idealism and purpose. This issue further emphasizes the solidarity of both peoples in their establishment of political peace and the building of socialism. Czechoslovakia thus evidences its continued cooperation in the full sense of the slogan as set forth:

"With the Soviet Union for a lasting peace in the world."

The usual presentation sheets, bearing stamps with first day cancellations were prepared for this issue in addition to an official first day cover. The cachet on the cover was designed by Teodora Novák and its engraving was performed by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The stamps were printed on a good grade of white unwatermarked paper by the government Printery Unie at Praha. The sheet format for this issue, because of the size of the individual stamp, consists of 25 stamps—5x5. The stamps themselves are a horizontal rectangle and in the overall measure 52x33 mm. The design portion of the stamp however, measures 49x30 mm. The issue is perforated.

They are valid for the prepayment of postage beginning with November 7, 1953, and until their recall.

(This issue was illustrated in this year's volume XVI—page 6.)

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obrázek u prostřed návrhu obrázkový obrázkové vydání obrazotvornost obruba obrouček, obruč obrys obsaditi

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picture, plate photograph, portrait, illustra-tion, painting vignette

pictorial pictorial issue fancy, imagination hem, border, edge hoop contour, profile to occupy forces of

occupation index, impost, content broad including

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od prva odrážeti odřený odruda odskakující odstín odstraniti od středu odstrčiti

take away to renounce, to deny left sender to convey delivery to deliver estimated value, price

estimate watermark detector legacy, settlement deferment

to will to remove, to take off segment

to uncover, to open discovery remote, far soaked off, peeled off, off cover to loosen to reflect font separated to separate postponed deferment consideration, prize to take from, to withdraw

soaked off resistance resistant to alcohol resistant to water resistant to acid rest, pension afternoon resistance, contrast

reply responsibility to correspond, to reply from the first to reflect worn out variety peelable variety, shade

to take away off center to shove away, postpone

omalovaný

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ošklivý

ugly

odvázati to loosen omastek shortening odvolati to withdraw. omezený limited to rescind omyl mistake, error odvolaný reversed omyl v perforation error Jdvrácený turned off zoubkování odznak reverse, opposite tanned, burned insignia, medalopak lion, badge, emblem opálený odzrcadlený reflected opatřiti to furnish o erta offer opatrnost caution offset. offset opatrovati to preserve kamenotisk opevnění fortress, fortifiohláška advertisement cation ohled consideration opis copy ohnutá deska curved plate opomenouti to fail, to forget ohnutý bent, sprung, opotřebovaný worn curved oprava correction ohoblovaný real surfaced opravdový ohrada oprava pen retouching, repair, o amžik moment correction okamžitě corrected, recut, immediately opravený oko loop, eye, mesh reengraved okolnost circumstance opraviti to repair, correct, copied o'copirovaný restore okr ochre oprávnění authority okrově hnědá ochre brown oprávniti to authorize okrově žlutý ochre yellow opřený leaning border, margin okraj opsaný copied okrajní bloček marginal block opuštění evacuation marginal number okrajní číslo opustil gone away okrajní dvojice marginal pair opustiti to leave, to drop okrajní průsvitka marginal oranžový orange watermark oranžově hnědý orange brown marginal printing okrajní tisk oranžově žlutý orange yellow oranžově červený okrasa ornament orange red okrášlený beautified orazítkovaný cancelled okrášlený rámec ornamented frame, orazítkovaný blue pencil cancel border modrou tužkou okres district, county orazítkovaný pen cancel okřídlený winged pérem okrouhlý, circular orazítkování ship cancel okružný na lodi okulatělý rounded orazítkovaný před precancel okupační armáda forces of occupapoužitím tion orazítkování grill cancel okysličení oxidation průsekem okysličiti to oxydize orazítkovati to cancel olej oil ořechově hnědý walnut brown oily ink olejnatá barva orel eagle olejovaný papír oil paper ořezaný trimmed oliva, olivový olive ořezati to trim olive brown olivově hnědý organisace federation, league olivově žlutý olive yellow orloj townhall clock olivivě šedivý olive gray osa axis olivivě zelený olive green osada colony, settlement olivivě černý olive black csamělý alone, private Olympické Hry Olympic Games osamocený isolated

oslavený	glorified	otisk	print, plate,
osm	eight		impression, reprint
os mý	eighth	otisknutý	printed
osmin a	one-eighth	otočený	turned
osmnáct	eighteen	otupělý, otupený	blunted
osmdesát	eighty	otvor	gap, hole
osmkrát	eight fold,	otýpk a	bundle
21 37	eight times	ovalní	oval
osmistran	octagon	ověření	verification
osobně	personally	ovlád a ný	ruled
osobní	individual	ozdoba	ornament, fancy
ospravedlniti	to justify	ozdobený	beautified, orna-
ostatek	reminder	ozdobný	mented
ostří	edge trimmed	ozdobná pomlčka	ornamental ornamental bar
ostřih a ný ostřihati	to trim	ozdobné razítko	ornamental cancel
ostrovní pošta	island mail	ozdobný rámec	ornamental bor-
ostrý	sharp	ozdobny rumec	der, frame
osvěta, osvícení	enlightenment	ozdobný svitek	ornamental scroll
osvětliti, osvítiti	to enlighten	ozn a čení	label
osvobození	exemption,	oznak	symbol
	liberation	oznámení	announcement,
osvobozený od	free frank		advertisement
poštovného	CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR AND ADDRESS	oznámk a	advertisement,
otázka	question		notice
otevříti	to open	oznámkovati	to frank
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padělaný	forged	papír	paper
padělatel	faker, forger	papír dvojitý	double paper
padělati	to falsify,	papír naskrz	colored thru paper
0.422000	counterfeit	zbarvený	Mark
padělek	fake, counterfeit	papír udělaný z	linen paper
padesát	fifty	lněných hadrů	to the same and
padlý	dropped	papír udělaný na	machine paper
pahýl	stub	stroji	
paklíček	parcel	papír rýhovaný,	ribbed paper
palác palec	palace inch, thumb	vergé	surface colored
pálená hněd	burnt umber	papír zbarvený na povrch.	paper
horská	burnt umber	Barva se ve	paper
pálená siena	burnt siena	vodě smyje	€
pálený	burnt	papír tuhý	tough paper
Palestina	Palestine	papír hedvábný	silk paper
palice	club	papír konopný	manila paper
palm a	palm	papír žilkový	granite paper,
palmová ratolest		NOTE TO SERVICE TO	silurian
paluba		papír hůlkový,	batoné paper
památný aršík	souvenir sheet	hůlkovitý	
památečný,	memorial	papír mřížovaný	wove paper
památník		papír rýhovaný	laid paper
pamětní vydání	commemorative	papír tenký,	thin paper
Panama	issue Panama	slabý papír velmi	nolure neres
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wall paper wirewove, vellum paper stencil paper stiff paper paper stock stretch of paper paper mill paper wrinkle paper hinge color of paper manufacture of paper paper machine paper pulp paper price paper thickness spot in paper paper shrinkage watermark parchment paper banknote paper writing paper watermarked paper newsprint currency mat gleam, ray pair steam parquet steamer, ship steamer team of oxen strip, band smuggler band, tape stockbook pockets web strip assembly line to smuggle strip of stamps backbone fifteen

patrice transfer roll patřičné místo proper position patrnost visibility patrný visible, apparent pátý fifth pauza interval, pause páv peacock páví modř peacock blue páví zeleň peacock green páže page oven, furnace pec péče care pečlivý accurate pěkný good, fine gloss pel peněženka pocketbook peníz coin, piece pentle, ribbon pentlička pérové desky spring back cover pérem pen and ink cancel orazítkovaný perforačka perforating machine pearl nerla perlový pearly perlově šedý pearly gray péro pen, spring Persie Persia perut' wing peseta peseta pět five pětina fifth quintuple pětičarý five sided pětistranný pětinásobný fivefold pětkrát five times strength, fortress, pevnost consistence strong, firm, fixed pevný piják blotting paper column pilíř pinseta tweezers, tongs pioneer pionýr pískovitý sandy type, letter písmeno písmo script písť' hub Pitkéern Ostrovy Pitcairn Isls. plachetní glider létadlo plachetní lod sailing ship plachta sheet, cover plachtářská glider post pošta plakát sign, bill plán draft, plan

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On 15th June, 1794, Prokop Diviš, Czech inventor of modern age, constructed at Přímětice, a little village in South Moravia, the first lightning conductor in the world. He himself used to name his invention the "Meteorologic machine."

The design of both the stamps bearing the portrait of Prokop Diviš and the picture of the lightning conductor is the work of professor Cyril Bouda. The engraving is by Bohdan Roule.

Both the stamps 23x30 mm in dimension, arranged vertically, were recess printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of 50 copies.

Validity for postage from June 15th, 1954.

The official First Day Cover was also designed by professor Cyril Bouda and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

Tenth Anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising



To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising the Ministry of Communications issued two commemorative postage stamps depicting a Woman-partisan and a Partisan. Both the designs are the work of Marie Medvocká, painter artist. The engraving of the design "Woman-partisan" is by Bedřich Housa, the design of the "Partisan" was engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The stamps are of the following values and colors:

- (1) Partisan, 30 hal. value, red,
- (2) Woman-partisan, 1.20 Kčs, blue.

The stamps were recess-printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of 50 copies in vertical form, 23x30 mm in dimension.

Validity for postage from August 28, 1954.

The design of the First Day Cover is by Stefan Bednár, painter-artist, the engraving is by Bedřich Housa.

CHECK LIST OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS . for the year 1953 Compiled for the Czechoslovak Specialist by Ladislav Kropáč

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Jan. 4-9	Praha 121	Zasedání rady svět. federace demo- krat. mládeže v Praze Meeting of directorate of World Fed-
Jan. 17-18	Praha 12	eration of Democratic Youth in Praha II. čs. sjezd obránců míru 2nd convention of Cz. defenders of
Fab. 14-15	Praha Autopošta	peace I. celostátní sjezd JZD 1st State convention of JZD Union
Jan. 24-Feb. 14	Praha 1	of Agriculturalists Mezinárodní výstava výtvarníků- spojařů
Feb. 5-3	Praha 121	International Exhibition of Creative Artists Zasedání rady svět. federace demo- krat. mládeže
Feb. 10	Praha 1	Meeting of directorate of World Federation of Democratic Youth 75. narozeniny Zdeňka Nejedlého
Feb. 15	Sokolov	75th anniver, of Birth of Z. Nejedly Výstava poštovních známek horníků- filatelistů
Feb. 28	Praha 1	Postage stamp exhibition of miners- philatelists Celostátní konference DSO Dynamo
Mar. 7-21	Praha 12	State Conference of DSO "Dynamo" Konference mezinárod. odborov. sdružení-doprava
Mar. 8	Praha 1	International conference of Artisan Union-transportation Mezinárodní der. žen
Mar. 7-12	Praha 1	International Women's Day Zemřel učitel a vůdce pracujících celého světa J. V. Stalin
	Brno 1	Stalin, teacher and leader of world's workers died
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		International children's day
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		Review of folk dances and singing
		1953
June 19	Praha 1	Pražské jaro
		Praha Music Festival
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		National Festival of Youth
July 9-11	Brno 2	Celostátní konfer. lid. kursu ruštiny
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		Day of Cz. Army
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