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EDITORIAL

For the information of our many friends it is our duty to inform them on the progress of our recuperation. We have returned to work on a limited time schedule November 1. We do not work more than four days in a week and not more than two days in a row. We are of the firm belief that greater activity may result in a quicker return to our former life. Our doctor assured us we will never be the same and we are conditioned to this fate; a certain limitation of former activities will be the result of our accident. While this is deplorable we thank God it is no worse. We experience our greatest difficulty in the morning upon arising. Before our left leg limbers up sufficiently to limp around we experience plenty of severe pain. It is the same with our right hand. Aside from the thumb and the little finger we feel a dreadful numbness in the fingers and we are unable to grasp anything firmly. It takes about an hour of writing before we can do so with a certain degree of ease. Each day we take limbering exercises of about two hours duration and four or five times a week we take therapeutic treatments to loosen the stiff muscles. Many of you asked how the accident occurred. To answer everybody individually would entail much work and deprive us of more time than we can spare and so, in another part of this issue of the Specialist, we publish a letter stating the facts. Again we thank our many friends for their kind words and thoughts, the good wishes and gifts.

Before our return to work we obtained permission from our doctor to visit St. Louis. This sprawling city is dear to us as the home of our brother and his family, the home of several very dear philatelic friends and members of our Society and a historic monument of our country. We always try to visit brother at a time when the Mound City Stamp Club holds its annual exhibition. This year the Club was host to the American Philatelic Congress, an organization to which we owe much of our personal philatelic knowledge. Being a member of the Congress Association since its beginning we are happy to note the progress shown. We are well acquainted with the guiding lights of this stellar group and are happy to renew our many friendships whenever we can spare the money and can obtain time from our breadwinning activities. Among our closest stamp friends was a former editor and president of the American Philatelic Congress Association, the late Walter R. McCoy. Attending the Congress seems to us a requiem for Mac. This show was our first of the season which added to our enjoyment of it. To the many friends who had helped to make this such a pleasurable event, our sincere and cordial thanks.

The second stamp show it was our privilege to visit this season was that of the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America. At first glance one might think it is our Society (and indeed, many of our personal friends attended the show thinking it is sponsored by our Chicago group). This club does not feature Czecho philately but just stamps. It was organized at a time when philately was considered a pastime of adolescents and as many Czechs were collectors, this gave them an opportunity to band in a club devoted to their hobby. The Grand Award winner was our member Frank Benes with his specialized collection of Eastern Silesia. We congratulate Mr. Benes on the excellent presentation of his material which won for him the Honors of the Show. Among the exhibitors we noted other members of our Society: A. J. Hrivnak who showed Slovakia, and J. J. Jiranek who exhibited Czecho in used pairs, not only unusual but quite outstanding.

Among the many Auction Catalogues we received recently perhaps the most interesting is that of Sylvester Colby, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y., presenting the philatelic library of Col. Ralph A. Kimble. Among the many scarce items presented for sale is a collection of the Czechoslovak Specialist, volumes 1 to 13 as one lot, volumes 1 and 2 as another, followed by 3 to 5, 7 to 9 and then volume 10. It will be of great interest to us to learn what these can bring at auction. Our printings of the Specialist in the first three years of the Society varied, we ordered 100, 200 or 500 copies. When we wanted to advertise the Society on some special occasion we ordered more, but for the 50 members comprising the membership in those formative years, 100 copies sufficed.

Some time ago we received a Czech publication entitled (in translation) "A Concise Informational Guide to the Philatelic Section of the Praha Postal Museum." It is definitely concise and we believe so are the exhibitions. We have been informed that the Postal Museum of the present time is a continuation of the Museum of pre-1939 fame. We feel sure that a fine collection of U. S. A. was on exhibition there then, yet no U. S. stamps are listed. Sic transit gloria mundi! Maybe the Western Hemisphere is nonexistent, though the guide mentions that case VI is reserved for trans-oceanic countries but at present is closed. We should especially like to see case VII showing Czechoslovakia from 1918 to 1939. We recall the fine studies of the stamps of the First Republic based on the material shown in the Museum. We hope the specialists of Czechoslovakia are given an opportunity to prepare monographs on the stamps of our favorite country based on the available material. Despite the many fine articles, much work can yet be done on the Hradčany, the Allegories, the Masaryks and the era following through the issuance of the 1936 pictorial issues.

The most recent philatelic publication reaching our desk is "The Holy Land's Philatelist (Israel's Stamp Monthly)." Volume 1, number 1 is a very ambitious project of 40 pages plus the covers. It is printed on a very good grade of paper and contains articles of special interest to collectors of Israel stamps. We recommend it very highly to our membership. The subscription price is \$3.00 per year and can be had from Israel Periodicals, 13, Montefiore St., Tel Aviv, Israel.

In our last issue we suggested you pay your 1955 dues now and thus save yourself the irritation of making out checks after Christmas when the bank balance is inordinately low. Several members have availed themselves of this advantageous tip and they have nothing to worry about. In fact when we waste space in the next four issues of the Specialist reminding delinquents to meet their obligations, these members will have the satisfaction of knowing **they are saving money to the Society which will enable us to give you**

the kind of reading to which you have become accustomed in the past.

We invite members to take advantage of the first mail sale advertised in the Specialist by Alfons Stach. If this sale meets with success we will be able to sell more space for this type of advertising and in time can turn over the profit to the membership in increased pages of the Specialist with the many fine illustrations such as those that accompany the Kvasnička articles.

To the members and their families a

A VERY MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS
is sincerely wished by the officers of the
CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY
and by the editor of the
CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST

Dear Friends:

So many of you asked about my accident that I find it expedient to publish the whole story. This will save me much time (I keep up a correspondence with about 200 people) and thus you will get the full details.

At about 1:45 p.m., Monday, July 19, 1954, I left my home to go to work. I get my bus at 26th St. and Kedzie Ave.; the Blue Island Ave. bus takes me to the Post Office entrance. Upon reaching the corner the signal light for the North-South traffic was red; I waited for it to change. When the light changed to green and I ascertained that my road was clear, I started to cross the street, looking to the right and left, when suddenly a delivery truck, whose driver made a left turn, looking to the right if no one was coming toward him, loomed before me. When he looked in the direction he was driving he was practically on top of me; he slumped over the wheel, most likely applying the brakes. It was my intention to admonish him on his poor driving ability but how much or what I said I do not know. When I regained my senses I sat on the street, my back propped against the leg of a policeman who shaded me from the hot sun. When I tried to lift my right hand I noticed it was broken so I picked it up with my left hand and held it in my lap.

I was very fortunate that two policemen of the Accident Prevention Division were nearby and efficiently took over. Though they called for an ambulance immediately, when this was not forthcoming they asked me if I was willing to take a chance in the squad car. Naturally my mind was set on getting aid as soon as possible and I agreed they take me to St. Anthony's Hospital. A neighbor helped the policemen place me in the car taking care of my smashed left knee while I nursed my broken arm. Upon our arrival at the emergency entrance I was placed into a wheel chair, my clothes (or what was left of them) were removed, my bruises, which extended along the left portion of my body from ankle to the top of my head, were painted so that I looked like an Indian on the war path and three stitches were put into my left eye brow. Then I was wheeled into the operating room where Dr. O'Connor set my broken arm and I was rolled into my bed in Ward 5. Bed 18 was my home for the next nine weeks; for 23 days I left it only once, on July 22nd, and then only for an operation which was performed on my left knee. It is self evident that those 23 days were long, the best I could do with my time was to read my magazines. After getting into a wheel chair and being able to get around it was possible for me to read books as well as magazines; on the porch of the hospital we could watch TV in the evenings and so time went by much faster. My arm was in a cast 8 weeks; when the cast was removed I realized what havoc this played with my muscles. Even now, one month later, I am still unable to move my wrist as freely as before despite the exercises and

treatments to which it is subjected. My knee was not placed in a cast. After a period of time the doctor had me slowly lifting my knee a little at a time, then raising my leg, dangling over the side of the bed and later placing a little weight on it but without stepping on it. Eight weeks after the knee operation I was taken to the X-Ray room where my knee and my hand were photographed. Two days later my doctor came to me with the joyful news that all was well knitted; the only bad feature which may yet plague me is the cartilage. The left side cartilage of the left knee was removed entirely, the right side is badly damaged as also the left side of the right knee. The doctor suggested I get a stout cane and try walking. I made my first attempt Sunday morning after breakfast on September 19th. When the doctor came to see me a few hours later and seeing how nobly I managed, he released me from the hospital exactly two months after my admission and since then I continue my exercises. I have somewhat regained the use of my writing hand and in the first two weeks at home and in the country succeeded in answering the more than 130 letters which accumulated in that time.

I take this opportunity to thank you most kindly for the visits, the get-well cards, the calls, and gifts showered upon me. It is gratifying to know that so many friends expressed concern about my misfortune. While in the hospital and since I did much praying, not only for myself but for you who have shown so much kindness to

Your Sincere Friend, Frank

NEW MEMBER

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PARADE OF NEW ISSUES

New Commemoratives—A. P. Chekhov



To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the death of A. P. Chekhov, a Russian dramatist and short-story writer (1860-1904), the Ministry of Communications issued on September 24, 1954, two commemorative postage stamps of the following denominations and colors:

30 h., green 45 h., brown

Both stamps show the portrait of A. P. Chekhov, designed and engraved by Bohdan Roule.

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

Validity for postage from September 24th, 1954.

The First Day cover for this issue was designed and engraved by Bedřich Housa.

Issue of New Current Postage Stamps
(Third part of the Emission)



The Ministry of Communications issued on September 25th, 1954, the third part of new current postage stamps comprising three stamps of the following motives, colors and denominations:

15 h., green 40 h., brown grey 75 h., blue

The 15 h stamp showing the design of a worker on the site is the work of J. C. Vondrouš, painter-artist. The engraving is by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The 40 h stamp shows a postwoman after the design by Anna Podzemná-Suchardová. The engraving is by J. A. Švengsbír.

The 75 h shows a turner of metal, designed by Vojtěch Němeček, engraved by Jan Mráček.

All the stamps were recess-printed by the Post Printing Office in Bratislava in sheets of 100 and 50 subjects in vertical format, 19x23 mm in dimension. Validity for postage from September 25th, 1954.

New Commemoratives—"The Czechoslovak Army Day 1954"

On the occasion of the Czechoslovak Army Day taking place on October

plán lodě	ship design	podmínka	condition
plast'	honeycomb	podmořská lod	submarine, U-boat
plat do ruky	cash with order	podniknouti	to take in hand
plát	plate	podoba	shape, figure
plátěný ohyb	linen hinge	podobizna	picture, portrait
platitel	payer	podobné tkanině	fabric like
platiti	to pay	podobné vypuk-	resembling em-
platné	payable, in force	lému tisku	bossed print
plátno	linen	podobný sklu	glassy
platnost	force	podpis	signature
platný	valid	podpisní značka	monogram
plavba	voyage	podpora	aid, help, support,
plebiscit	plebiscite		basis
plemeno	race	podporovaný	backed, aided
plesnivý	mouldy	podporný	subsidiary
pletenec	hairbraid	podrážka	shoe sole
plný	full	podřadný	inferior
plochy	flat	podřízený	subordinate,
plocha	plane	podrobení	inferior
plod	product	znalci	expertization
ploditi	to produce	podrobně	particularly
plotna	plate	podrobnost	detail
plovoucí, plující	floating	podrobnost	margin detail
plození	reproduction	okraje	
plst'	felt	podržeti	to hold
pneumatická	pneumatic post	podstatek	material
pošta	temporary	podstatný	material,
počasný	origin, beginning		substantial
počátek	blotchy, blackened	podvésti	to take in, to
počerněný	lot, count		cheat, defraud
počet	torch	podvod	fake, fraud
pochodeň	to number, to	podvodník	faker
počítati	count	podvodný	bogus, fraudulent
nejistota	doubt	pohádka	fairy tale
pochybnost	fallibility	pohlavár	chief
pochybný	dubious, question-	pohlčení	absorption
	able, doubtful	pohled	landscape, scene
počítání	count	pohlednice	picture post card
počítati	to count	pohledy	views
počt'ák	postilion	pohltiti	to absorb
pod	below, under	pohodli	convenience
podatka	receipt for mail	pohostiti	to treat
podceniti	underrate	pohrávání	trifling
podpisní značka	initial	pohyb	movement
podepsati smlou-	to enter into con-	pohybovač	motor
vu, záruku,	tract	pohybovati	to move
kontrakt		pojednání	method, process,
podezřelý	suspicious		essay
podíl	part	pojednati	to treat
podílný	interesting	pojištěný	insured, assured
podkova	horseshoe	pojištěný dopis	insured letter
podlaha	floor	pojistiti	to insure
podle toho	according to	pojmenování	designation
podloudník	smuggler	pojmouti	to take in
podlouhý	oblong	pokaňhaný	blurred
podložený	lined	pokaziti	to impair, to spoil
podmínečně	conditionally		

pokladna	cash-register, treasury	poplatek za zpro- středkování	commission
pokladní úřad	treasury department	poprsí	bust
pokles	devaluation	poprvně, poprvé	at first
poklesek	error	poptávka	request
poklesnutý	dropped	porada	council, advice
pokoj	peace, room, rest	pořádek	order
pokračování	continuation	pořadí	series, sequence
pokračování	to continue	poraněný	wounded
pokročiti	to step	poraněný	disabled veteran
pokrok	advance, process, progress	vysloužilce	
pokropený	sprinkled	poražený	thrown, knocked down
pokrytý	coated	pórovitý	porous
pokus	experiment, essay	porovnání	parallel, match
pokusiti se	to experiment	porovnatí	to compare
pokusné období	experimental period	Portoriko	Puerto Rico
pokusný tisk	experimental print	Portugalsko	Portugal
pokusy dělati	to experiment	Portugalská Guinea	Portuguese Guinea
pokuta	penalty	Portugalská Indie	Portuguese India
pokynutí	cue	porucha	break
polární	polar	poručík	lieutenant
pole	field	poruší	Ruhr
políčko	pane	porušený	defective, warped
politický	political	posaditi	to place
poloha	position	poschodí	floor
poloostrov	peninsula	posel	messenger
poloúřední	semi-official	posílatel	sender
polovice	half	posílka	consignment, shipment
položený	laid	poškození	damage
položiti	to place, set, put	poškozený	damaged, mutilated
Polsko	Poland	poskvrna	stain
pomatení	confusion	poskvrněný	soiled, stained, blurred
poměr	proportion, relation	poskvrněný tisk	soiled print
pomatený	confused	poskytnouti	to furnish
pomazaný	soiled	poslední	extreme, last
poměrně	relative	pošmourný	dull
pomíchatí	to mix up	posmrtní maska	death-mask
pomník	monument	pošpiněný	dirty
pomoc	help, aid, refuge, relief	pospolitý	social
pomoc dětem	help to children	pošta	post, mail
pomoc přistárlým	help to aged	postačitelně	well
pomocný	subsidiary	postavení	standing, fabrication, condition
pomoří	coast	postaviti	to build, to place
pomožený	relieved, help	postava	form
ponechaný	allocated, left	postavení	place, rank
poněkud	partially, somewhat	postaviti	to build, fabricate
ponorka	submarine	postillion	postillion
popelnice	urn	postoj	attitude
popis	account, description	postoupený	advanced
poplatek	tax, contribution	postoupiti	to step
		poštou prošlé	postally used

pozdě	late	předválečné	prewar printing
později datovati	postdate	tisknutí	
pozemek	land	předek	front
pozemní cesta	land route	předepsání	rule
pozlacení	gold leaf	předepsati	to direct
poznamenání	designation, denomination	předešlý	late, previous, former
poznamenáno	noted	předhůzka	stain
poznamenati	to note, to indicate	předloha	proposition
po.námka	note, footnote	předměstí	suburb
poznání	recognition, identification	předmět	motive, topic
poznany	known	předmluva	foreword, preface
poznati	distinguish, recognize	přední odstín	principal shade
poznatka	knowledge	přednost	distinction
pozor dávatí	to pay attention	přednosta poš- tovního úradu	postmaster
pozorně	carefully	přednost zaslu- hující sazba	preferential tariff
pozornost	care, consideration	předpis	ordinance, rule
pozorovati	to note, see, consider	předplatitel	subscriber
pozpátku	reverse	předseda	president
pozůstalý	remained	předslov	introduction
pozůstávati	to consist	představitelný	presentable, likely
práce	work, employment	představující	representative
prach	dust, powder	před tím, předem	in front
prací	washable	přeháněti	to enlarge, exaggerate
pračka	fight	přehlédnouti	to omit
Praha	Prague	přehlédnutý	omitted
prakticky	expedient	přehlídká	control, inspection
pramen	head, source	přehlídnutý	inspected
prapor	flag	přehlížeti	to inspect
prasklý	cracked, sprung	přehnutá nálepka	folded hinge
prasknouti	to crack	přejmenován	renamed
práti	to wash	překážka	obstruction
pravá velikost	actual size	překlad	version, translation
pravá strana	right side	překlenutý	curved, arched
pravidelně	regularly	překřížení	crossing
pravidelný	regular	překřížený	crossed
pravidla	rules	překřížiti	to cross
pravidlo	standard, regula- tion, ordinance	přelomený	broken
právníctví	law practice	přeložiti	to produce, to re- move, to fold, to translate
právo	law, authority	přemalovaný	repainted
pravoúhelník	rectangle	přemožený	forced
pravoúhlý	rectangular	přenos	transfer
pravý	right, genuine	přepážka	branch, agency
pravý úhel	right angle	přepážkově	retail
prázdný	empty, blank	přepočítání	recount
pražský trh	Prague Fair	přeprava	transfer
prchlivá barva	fugitive color	přeříznutý	bisected
prchnutí	escape	přerušená čára	broken line
přechodní barva	intermediate color	přerušeni,	interruption
přechodní vydání	intermediate issue	přestání	
před	pre, before	přerušiti,	discontinue,
předválečné	prewar issue	přestatí	interrupt
vydání			

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MAIL SALE

How the sale came about: While I was in Vienna I met a collector from Czechoslovakia who now lives in Vienna and he told me he would like to sell his collection in a sale and not outright. I suggested the Czechoslovak Specialist—and he agreed.

The suggested bids are MINIMUM bids.

Lot #	Provisional Issues:	Suggested Minimum bids
1	Scout stamps, * -----	1.25
2	Same, used -----	1.25
3	Same, on 2 covers -----	2.00
4	Provisional government up to 10K * -----	18.00
5	Budejovice red overprint up to 10K * -----	6.00
6	Same, black overprint, used on pieces -----	5.00
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12	Siberia (Sibir) block of 4 perf. 13% * -----	4.00
13	Same lot, signed Gilbert -----	4.00
14	25 kop. the Lion issues, both types of each type, total 16 stamps * -----	8.00
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17	8 covers Stampless, all used in Czech territory before 1850, cancellations: Prag, Brünn, Ollmuetz, Znaim, etc. -----	20.00
Hradčany:		
18	* sheets and part sheets, about 700 stamps -----	10.00
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20	Waste prints, double prints, etc. (78) -----	5.00
21	14,000 Hradčany used in bundles of 100, many diff. values (may be split up in 20 smaller lots) -----	42.00
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23	25h Ultramarine -----	2.00
24	10h green Imperf. -----	2.00
25	20h red Imperf., superb -----	6.00
26	30h violet Imperf, superb -----	6.00
27	Same, DARK violet, superb -----	8.00
28	Vacek's book of cancellations on Hradčany -----	3.00
Masaryk Issues		
29	125h, 500h and 1000h * fine set -----	1.00
30	Scott #95 to 101 compl * vf -----	3.00
31	Scott #98, block of four * -----	1.50
32	Scott #99 block * -----	2.00
33	#101 A nice copy unused -----	15.00
34	#101A to 101D complete set Vertical watermark, used -----	2.50
35	#102 very nice copy * -----	12.00
36	#103 block * -----	3.00
37	#104 vf block * -----	3.00
38	#168 to 178 compl. set vf * -----	2.50
39	Same, used -----	1.00
40	2K to 10K 1930 with coupons UPPER * -----	2.00
41	Same, used -----	2.00
42	2K to 10K lower coupons, compl. set -----	2.00

43	Same used	2.00
44	1923 B33-36 compl. set *	1.00
45	Same, used	1.00
46	#B147 to 139 CONGRESS, fine set *	4.00
47	Same used	4.00
48	#B140 to 143 compl. set *	4.00
49	Same, on cover	4.00

Pošta 1919

50	10K dark violet, vf copy, signed #B21a. Scott \$75	19.00
51	10K light violet, vf copy, Scott \$60, #B21	19.00
52	2h triangle, vf copy #B32	1.00
53	2h Special Del. BLACK overprint #B35 Scott \$15	4.00
54	Airmail, complete set *, #B37 to 39, vf, Scott \$240	55.00
55	#B41, B42, B43, B44, all vf. Scott \$24	5.50
56	#B54, 50h rare stamp, vf *	20.00
57	10K Parliament * #B90, Scott \$175	60.00
60	#B115 to 123 compl. set vf * Scott \$36	8.00
61	REPRINTS #B18a, 19a, 20a, 21a, all government reprints used on covers (Scott \$775)	45.00

Airmails

62	#C1 to 3 compl. set * vf	5.00
63	#C4 to 6 compl. set vf	9.00
64	Rare perfs of the 1930, all *	8.00
65	Sets of the later issues	2.00
66	Different stamps used	1.00

Eastern Silesia

67	500 and 1000h Masaryk with overpr. S. O. both vf, Scott \$70, #31-32	14.00
68	Set from 1h to 1000h	3.00

Slovakia

69	Father Jehliczka, complete sheet of 25 IMPERF	7.00
70	Same, block of six, perf.	4.00
71	First set compl. * Scott \$70, #22 to 23	14.00
72	Same on pieces vf, all signed	14.00

Plate Blocks

73	Vf collection of diff. plate blocks of the first Republic, 112 blocks, many issues *	22.00
74	68 plate blocks, vf lot *	14.00

Second Republic, after 1945

75	Scott #293 to 304 in compl. sheets of 100, Scott \$200	32.00
76	#307 to 309 HORIZONTAL gutter pairs *	6.00
77	#307 to 309 VERTICAL gutter pairs *	6.00
78	130 covers, from the period 1945-1948	14.00

Third Republic

79	2,300 stamps used and * high cat.	11.00
80	62 first day covers, mostly to Vienna	10.00

Bohemia & Moravia

81	Compl. collection in album	4.00
82	First set, used, #1 to 19	2.00
83	Specialized collection in album with gutter pairs, covers, essays, reprints, etc.	12.00
84	160 covers, many commercial during the German occupation	15.00
85	Small collection of Czechoslovakia, mostly used	8.00
86	Small collection of Czechoslovakia, mostly unused	15.00

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UNKNOWN ENGRAVING OF T. G. MASARYK



First Engraving

1920 2000h Essay

Second Engraving



Die Proof of the Issued Stamp

For the 70th Birthday Anniversary of Pres. T. G. Masaryk, two stamps were issued of 500 hal. and 1000 hal. on March 7, 1920. The designer was Max Švabinský and the engraver was Karel, of Unie. These were the first Czechoslovak engraved stamps. Trial prints, however, show that there were two different engravings made. The first was very coarse, the second, much finer. The second one was used for printing of both values and for the trial prints of the unissued 2000 halerů. On the first stamp, the coarse one, we see much difference in shading of the face and the heavy lines of the ornaments. The figures 2000 are also much wider than the last print. The third photo shows the trial print of the 1000 hal. as it was finally issued.

CHECK LIST OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS
for the year 1953

Compiled for the Czechoslovak Specialist by Ladislav Kropáč

Oct. 24 Praha 8 5 let divadla S. K. Neumanna
5 years of Neumann Theatre

Oct. 18	Brno 2	Výstava poštovních známek Dny maďarské známky Postage stamp exhibition Days of the Hungarian stamp
Nov. 18	Praha 1	70 let Národního divadla 70 years of the National Theatre
Nov. 7-Dec. 5	Praha 1	Měsíc čs.-sovět. přátelství Month of Cz.-Soviet friendship
Nov. 28	Praha 1	Josef Mánes
Dec. 5	Praha 1	Václav Hollan
Dec. 9-11	Praha 1	Výstava maďarské poštovní známky Exhibition of Hungarian postage stamp
Dec. 11	Turnov 1	Celostátní konference o monokrysto- State conference on pure crystals
Dec. 29	Praha 1	125. výročí narození N. Tolstého 1828-1910 125th anniversary of birth of N. Tolstoy

TRIAL PRINTS OF NEW ENGRAVINGS



Photo of St. Václav Statue
from which design was prepared



Die Proof of St. Václav 1929,
2.50 Kčs stamp

One of the poorest stamps of the Pictorial set of 1929 is the 2.50 Kčs value engraved by Goldschmied from a painting by J. Šetelík. The printing office tried out several kinds of colored inks from a new supplier. Each print was tagged, showing the kind of ink used. The illustrations show the design from which the engraver worked and a trial print, before the value was inserted.

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43a, 45a, 47a Ail three mint Superb. Scott \$72.00 for	28.00
61/63 all mint -----	1.25
95/101 all mint -----	3.00
101A Superb mint -----	25.00
101B Superb mint -----	25.00
119/122 all mint -----	5.75
200b, 201b used or mint -----	2.25
About 200 stamps all used from 1948-1953 incl. 2 sheets	11.50
First set of Slovakia, mint or used -----	18.50
First set of Bohemia-Moravia mint or used -----	3.00

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