

# THE CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST

OFFICIAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE  
CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Copyright 1955 The Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of North America

Editor Frank J. Kovarik, 2502 So. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

Vol. XVII

October 1955

No. 8

## EDITORIAL

When this issue of the Specialist reaches you, our show is only about 6 weeks away. It is surprising how time flies! The days and nights during our terrific heat wave seemed to drag on and on; there was no end to them. Suddenly these endless days drop off into oblivion and we are confronted with the surprising fact that not only is summer gone (oh, yeh? look at the thermometer!) but our Show is just around the corner. Much work remains to be done and it cannot be postponed. The Chicago group is intent on making your Society a leader in its field; if you believe this possible, do help in every way you can.

It is a strange phenomenon that we who are so overburdened with tasks other than earning our daily bread and oleomargarine, have the nerve to strive for a bigger membership so we could put out a bigger and better publication. The truth of the matter is this: It doesn't take any more time to write an editorial for 200 members than it would for 300 or 400. To publish additional eight pages for certain issues may take up only about eight or ten hours of additional editing and arranging. It has its rewards. Each one of us is egotistical to a certain degree; when we hear praises sung about our conduct it warms our heart and though sometimes we feel we have reached the end of the rope, we throw in a little more slack and go to it with greater fervor. Has this work any monetary reward? Not during our lifetime. We are well aware of the tremendous boost our hobby got from Franklin D. Roosevelt. After his death some parts of his collection were sold at auction and, because at some time they were in the possession of the president of the United States, brought higher prices than if they were sold by a fameless collector. An editor of a publication like the Specialist gains some notoriety, either good or bad. If good, upon his demits his estate can add an extra percentage from the fact that "Mr. So-and-so was a leader in this field of collecting and items from his ultra-specialized collection will add dignity to your collection." If the poor sucker is in dire need to sell during his lifetime, the comment may be "He was just a big gas balloon".

You are aware that we must elect new officers this year. Every paid-up member is entitled to a vote. A ballot will be found with this issue of the Specialist. Kindly vote either the candidates recommended by the nominating committee headed by the past president of the Society, George A. Blizil, or insert names of men or women who in your opinion would be competent officers of your organization. Maybe you think these inserted names stand no chance of electon. Yet they may be a hint to the nominating committee two years from now who have a difficult task of choosing the right member for the right job.

At the same time you receive a prospectus or application blank to enter your prized possession for competition at our Exhibition. Kindly forward this at your earliest opportunity to Mr. Paul Marusic, Sr., 1720 So. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.

Perhaps you are aware that the American Philatelist published serially another plating chapter of a Hradčany stamp by John Velek. If enough members signify their willingness to purchase a reprint of this article we shall order these to be printed and sold at cost to those members who make application for same.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO  
REMEMBER THE MAINE  
REMEMBER OUR SHOW!

The following letter was received by your secretary. As a Society we cannot help financially, but we can advise our charitable members on how to dispose of their duplicates.

Dear John Velek:

"WE OF UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY NEED YOUR HELP."

We are trying to serve approximately 150 cerebral palsy victims with a form of recreation, which will also have therapeutical benefits. We have discovered that the handling of stamps, such as hinging and placing them in albums, is a great factor in helping muscular coordination. Therefore we are requesting your support.

This project depends entirely upon you. We have no funds set aside for this purpose.

The postage and stationery with which to write you is being paid for by myself. TWO papers—LINN'S & STAMPS have carried articles in the past with this appeal. The results have not brought in enough of the material which is needed desperately to make it successful.

Our organization needs stamps, assorted or unassorted, United States or foreign. The larger stamps do the better job for the cerebral palsy victims as they do not have full control of their muscles. Whenever possible the stamps should be arranged by countries.

Again I invite your support, thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Joseph B. Fierman  
Chairman Philatelic Hobbies  
2042 E. 4th St.  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

#### OUR SHOW OF SHOWS MEETING OF THE CHICAGO GROUP

The Chicago group met at the home of member Jos. Janecka where they were treated to a view of the planned new aluminum exhibition frames and their supporting easels. It was noted that especially at this time of the year glass is somewhat scarce but it is hoped enough frames will be available for our November exhibit which will take place Saturday and Sunday Nov. 26-27 at Stefanik Hall, 2446-50 So. Pulaski Rd., Chicago. Several good points concerning these frames have been advanced by the visiting members which may be incorporated into the new frames. Among these was the painting of the aluminum parts with a brown color; the lowering of the frames about 6"; obtaining a rubber cushion around the ¼" plate glass which would protect the glass from breakage and the placement of fluorescent lighting either over or

under the frames. As this matter may be of rather grave concern further studies of the lighting will be made. It is possible that at our show samples of each may be exhibited and a poll taken which type of lighting is most satisfactory. In our last report we mentioned that storage of frames is the No. 1 problem of every stamp exhibition. Lighting is certainly the number 2 problem. We have seen some grand showings of stamps which, under the lighting handicap, were total flops. It is our sincere wish that our guinea pig show will help solve the No. 2 problem as No. 1 was solved.

Mr. Polak of the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Society visited our meeting as a representative of his society. He was assured that members of his group will be accorded the same courtesies our own members enjoy. They may compete with our members on the same grounds; fees for the frames will be 50 cents a frame (size 24" x 36" which will hold 9 small size album pages or 6 of the larger size) payable in advance with \$100 insurance for each exhibit. Any one desirous of higher coverage shall add 25 cents per \$100 additional insurance. This fee is payable in advance.

The entertainment committee, headed by member Joseph Janecka, 2723 So. Central Park Ave., Chicago 23, Ill. is ready to take orders for the dinner held at Old Prague Restaurant in Cicero in a true Czechoslovakian atmosphere. You may order what you wish and pay the prevailing price. In other words, it is Dutch treat.

Chance books were mailed to all U. S. and Canadian members with the September Specialist. Chances are 5 cents each, each book contains 100 chances making a total donation to the Society \$5.00 per book. The winner is entitled to a \$100 U. S. Government Series E Bond. It is highly desirable that members make their returns not later than November 15. You may return the book with only a portion of the chances sold. If such a book is drawn and from it a blank is drawn another attempt will be made until a winner is determined.

Mr. Velek reports that donation material for the auction is coming in, not as an avalanche but enough to satisfy the officers that members feel a keen interest in the progress of the Society. No organization can claim a 100% cooperation, even 80% is considered good. We are confident that more than 80% of the membership feels it should give the Society support. After all, in the long run, benefits are sure to accrue.

Member Kaspar brought up the idea that because we consider ours a specialized organization we have no room in our show for current material. We have proved that such is not the case; a member obtained second award for his most recent Czecho stamps showing only one of each variety. This certainly cannot be considered specialization.

Member Kovarik announced that he has started a series of publicity articles which is sent to all philatelic publications in the United States and Canada. It is hoped that this type of publicity will help boost the membership in the Society.

Member Kovarik announced that a down payment of \$140 was made to Fipex for a lounge and four frames to publicize our Society at the Fifth International Stamp Exhibition held in 1956 in New York.

Next meetings of the Chicago group will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, OCTOBER 16, at the home of MEMBER PETER KREISCHER, 251 W. 108th Pl., Chicago; November 20, at the home of MEMBER JOSEPH JIRANEK, 5032 W. 25th St., Cicero. No meeting scheduled for December.

#### NEW MEMBERS

- 530 John M. D. Ditsky, 8041 Jordan, Detroit 34, Mich.  
 531 John G. Knauer, M. D., Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa.

## Parade of New Issues

### A New Commemorative Stamp "Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students in Warsaw"



To mark the Fifth Festival of Youth and Students in Warsaw the Ministry of Communications issued a commemorative postage stamp of 60 hal., blue. The design of the stamp is by Jan Černý, graphic artist, the engraving by Ladislav Jirka.

The stamp was recess-printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of 50 copies. Vertical form, dimension of the stamp picture 23x30mm. Validity for the postage from July 20th, 1955.

The design and the engraving of the First Day cover is by Bedřich Housa.

### New Commemoratives "National Costumes"



To propagate the people's creative power the Ministry of Communications released on 25th July, 1955, a set of four postage stamps showing the topics of the following national costumes:

1. Očová (Slovakia) 60 hal. value
2. Detva (Slovakia) 75 hal. value
3. Chodsko (Bohemia) 1.60 Kčs value
4. Haná (Moravia) 2.— Kčs value

The designs of all four stamps and their three colored harmony is the work of professor Karel Svolinský, the engraving was executed by Jindra Schmidt.

The impression of the stamps was executed in three colored recess-print from flat plate by the Post Printing Office, Prague, in sheets of 10 copies.

All the stamps are of vertical format, dimension of the picture 23 by 30mm.

Validity for postage from 25th July 1955.

The engraving of the First Day cover after the original design by professor Karel Svolinský, is by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

## Commemorative Stamps "Fauna"



The Ministry of Communications issued on August 6th, 1955, a set of five postage stamps showing the following topics:

1. a carp, 20 hal. value. The colors: the photogravure, blue, the recess-print, black brown.
2. a stag-beetle, 30 hal. value. The colors: the photogravure, red, the recess-print, black brown.
3. a partridge, 35 hal. value. The colors: the photogravure, brown, the recess-print, dark brown.
4. a swallowe-taile, 1.40 Kčs value. The colors: the photogravure, yellow, the recess-print, dark brown.
5. a hare, 150 Kčs value. The colors: the photogravure, green, the recess-print, dark brown.

The designs of the topics No. 1 and 2 are by Zdeněk Seydl, painter artist. The engravings of the topics No. 1 and 2 are by Jindra Schmidt, the other engravings by Ladislav Jirka.

The printing of the stamps was executed by the Post Printing Office by combined recess-print and photogravure in sheets of 5 copies. Format horizontal, dimension of the stamp picture 41 mm by 23 mm.

Validity for postage from 8 August 1955.

The First Day cover was designed by Zdeněk Seydl. Two engravings for the bicolored recess-print from flat plate was executed by Ladislav Jirka.

## ADVERTISING RATES

	1 insertion	5 insertions	10 insertions
Full page	6.00	5.50	5.00
½ page	4.00	3.75	3.50

10% discount to members.

## Cancellations

Zdeňek Kvasnička

### 4—Payment of Postage partially or wholly by Postage Dues, Newspaper or Special Delivery Stamps marked by a manuscript or hand stamp Franco or Franko

(Numbers in parentheses are Scott Catalog numbers)

#### Austrian Postage Dues with a handstamp Franco or Franko (J49-J57)

Arnsdorf b. Haida, 10 hal. (J38)  
 Brno, 5, 10, 20 hal.  
 Doudlevice, 5, 10 hal.  
 Fürstenhut, 5, 15, 50 hal., 1K, 10, 15, 20, 50 hal. (J60-J63)  
 Jablunkov, 5, 10 hal.  
 Jizerodol, 5 hal.  
 Kunnersdorf, 5 hal.  
 Lenora, 10, 15 hal. (J61) 50 hal. (J63)  
 Balenovice, 5, 20, 25, 30 hal.  
 Oderberg, 25h. (J41) 5, 10, 15/2 (J48) 15, 20, 50 (J61-63).  
 Pardubice, 10 h.  
 Pecka, 5h.  
 Plzeň 2, 10h.  
 Písek 10, 15, 20, 30, 1K, 15/2 (J48) 10, 15, 20, 50h (J60-J38)  
 Příbram, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40h., 1K (J47)  
 Předklášteří-Tišnov, 5, 10, 15, 20h.  
 Semily, 5h.  
 Schaab, 5h.  
 Těšín, 5, 10, 25h.  
 Terezín, 5, 10h.  
 Trzynecz, 15h.  
 Unter Reichstein, 10, 15, 20h. (J60-J62)  
 Velká Ves, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40h.  
 Vimperk, 5, 25, 50h 15/2 (J48) 15, 20, 50h (J61-J63)  
 Vrané n. Vltavou, 10, 30h.  
 Vysoké n. Jiz. 5, 10h.

#### Austrian Postage Dues with a manuscript Franco or Franko (J49-J57)

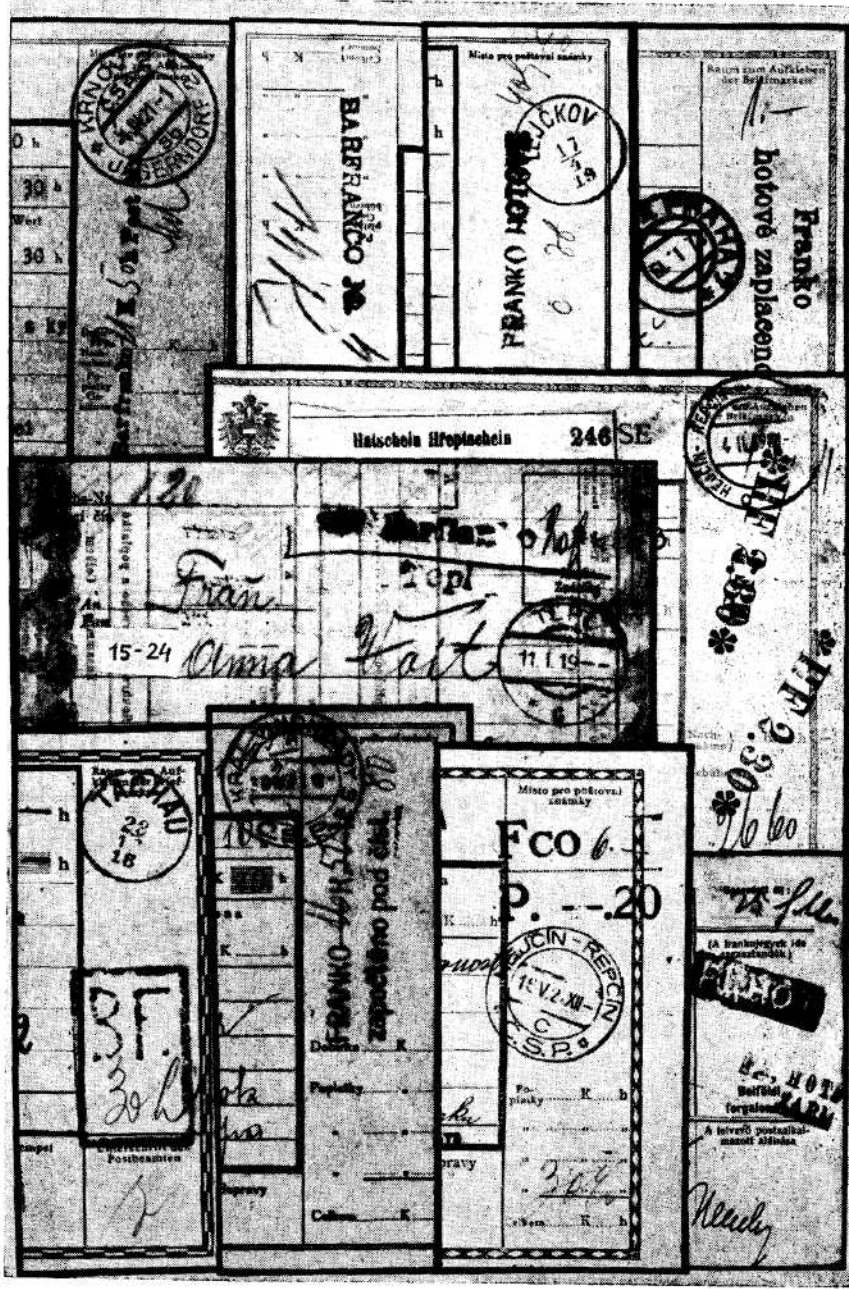
Malenovice 10h, 15/2 (J48)  
 Mšeno u Mělníka, 10h.  
 Pečky, 25h.  
 Třeboň, 5h.

#### Czechoslovakian Postage Dues with a handstamped Franco or Franko (J1-J8)

Arnsdorf b. Haida, 5h.  
 Doudlevice, 5h.  
 Nová Rolava, 5h.  
 Nové Zámky, 10, 20h.  
 Kunnersdorf, 5h.  
 Letovice, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30h.  
 Semily, 5h.  
 Schaab, 5h.



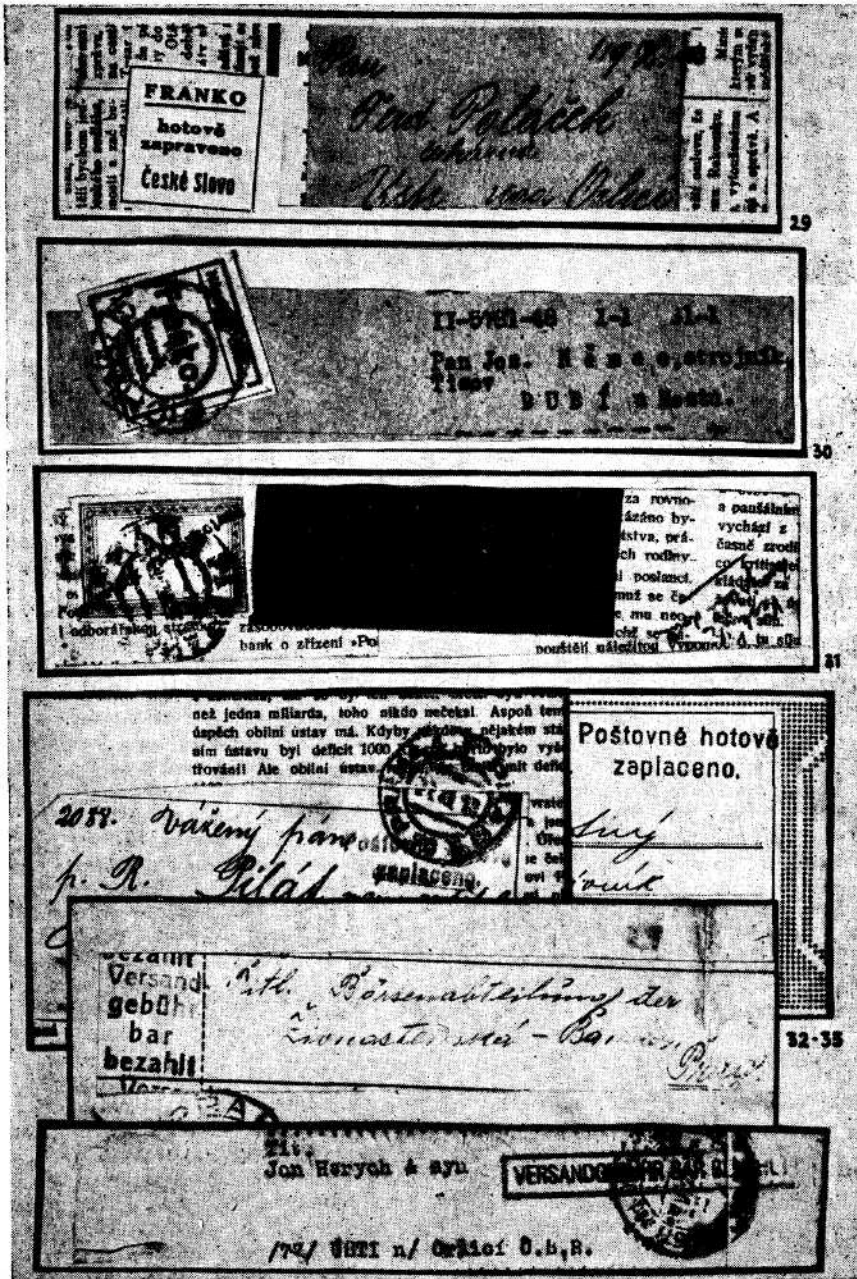
Suchdol n. Labem, 5h.  
Záboří n. Labem, 5, 10, 20h.  
Zbiroh, 50h.



Czechoslovakian Postage Dues with Manuscript Franco or Franko (J1-J2)

Ěrsékútjvar, 5, 10h.  
suchdol n. Labem, 5h.

Železná Ruda, 5h.  
Štoky, 5h.

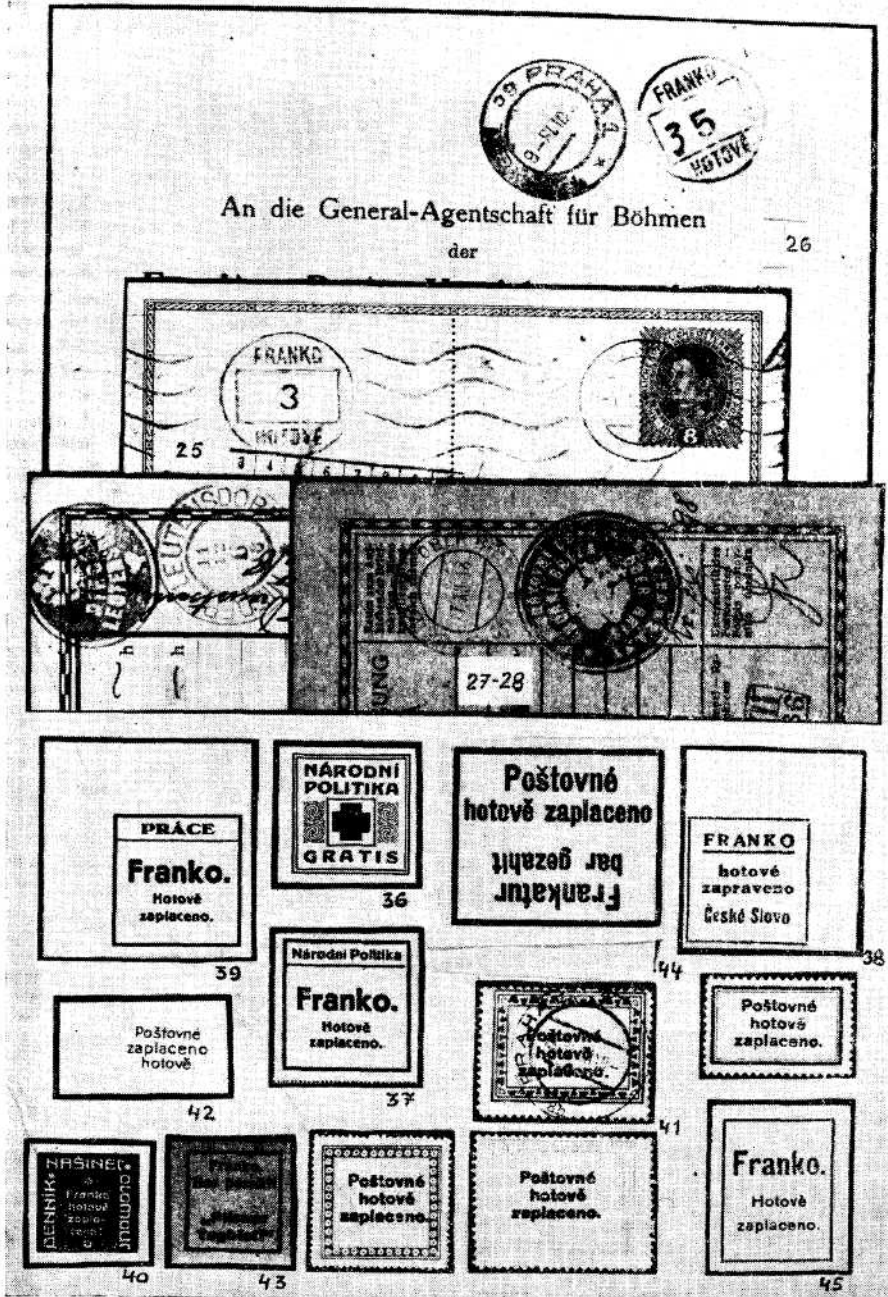






Austrian Newspaper stamps with a handstamped Franco or Franko (P19-P23)

Malenovice, 3, 4, 6, 10, 30h.



**TRY OUR  
AUCTIONS**

**Write for our next catalogue**

**WE HAVE MUCH TO OFFER IN  
CZECHO MATERIAL**

**CROSS STAMP CO.**

**551 Fifth Ave.**

**New York 17, N. Y.**

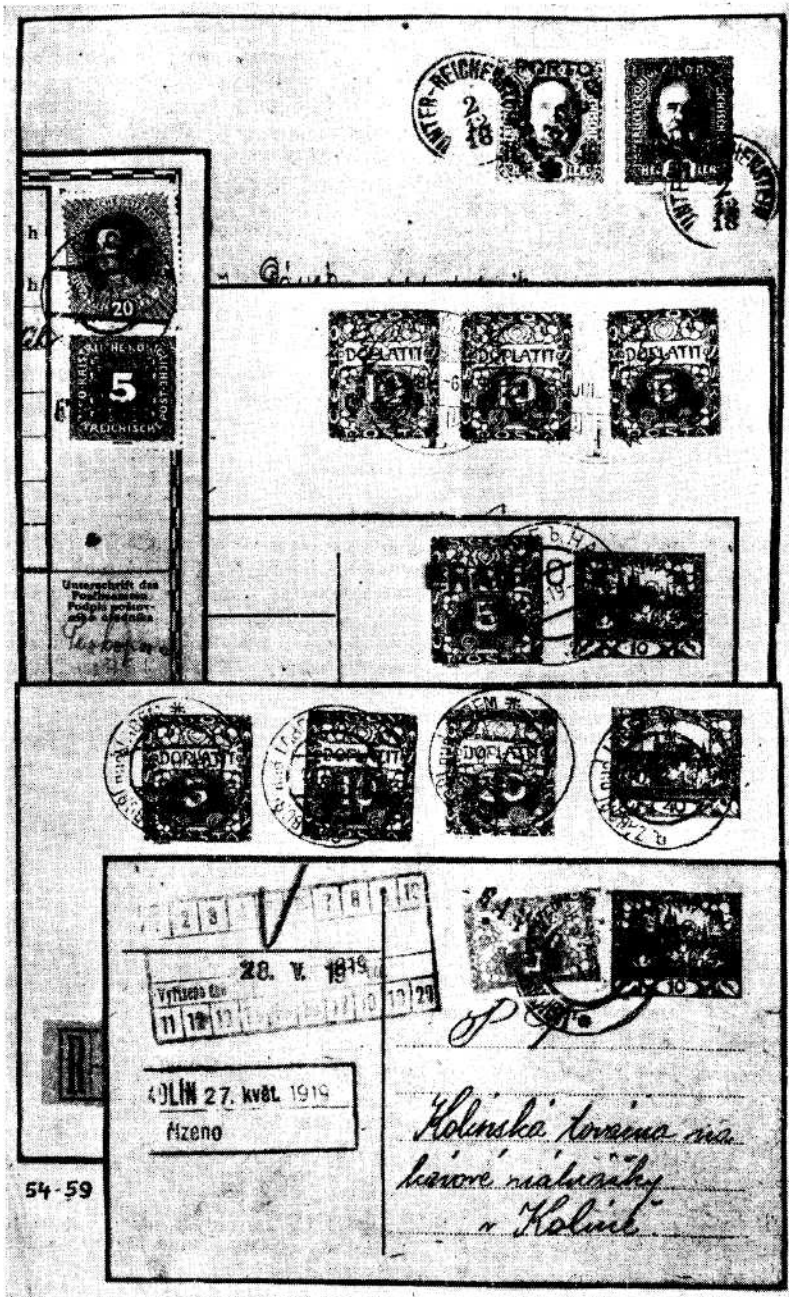
Olovi, 4h.

Pisek, 2, 4, 6, 10, 30h.

Stift Tepl, 30h.



Velká Ves, 4, 6, 10h.  
Teplice, 4, 10, 30h.  
Turn, 2h.





**Austrian Special Delivery Stamps with a handstamped Franco or Franko**  
(QE3-QE4)

Malenovice, 2, 5h.

Rumburk, 2, 5h.

**Czechoslovakian Special Delivery stamps with manuscript Franco or Franko**  
(E2)

Jablonec, 5h.

**Austrian Revenue Stamps**

These were used as postage stamps on very few occasions. So far there are only two places known where so used—Tábor and Neugarten.

The Hungarian regular postage stamps are known to be bisected in some instances, but only one is definitely known—20Fil, bisected for 10Fil. postage with a Gyetva cancel.



**ZVOLEŇ**

A massive castle, celebrated in Slovak history and song. It dates back to 1351. When Gabriel Bethlen captured Bratislava in 1619, he took the Hungarian crown and kept it here. In the town's 14th century church is a stone font in the form of a chalice, a brass lamp of 1566 and a silver cup of 1620, the period when the church was used by Husites. Zvoleň was handed over to Jan Jiskra of Brandýs in 1434 by Queen Elisabeth. Hunyadi burned it down in 1451. The whole castle is now used for Government offices.

The stamp issued in 1949 does not do Zvoleň justice.

**OLD AUSTRIAN POST CARDS**  
with  
**CLEAR CZECH CANCELS**

- 1) Card of 1870's, 2 Kr. Yellow, each ----- .30
- 2) Card of 1880's, 2 Kr. Brown, each ----- .15
- 3) Stamped envelopes, 1880's, 5 Kr. Red, each ----- .20

Quantities limited and no order for less than \$2.00 please.

**B. J. MILLER**

264 E. 180th St.

New York 57, N. Y.

And if you want to send a parcel to the folks in the old country, get in touch with my friend František B. Aleš, 1371 First Ave., New York, N. Y., for reasonable, reliable service.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PRESIDENT—

James W. Adler, 6452 Nashville Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.

-----

SECRETARY—

Melvin F. Klozar, 601 Tuxedo Ave., Cleveland 29, Ohio

-----

TREASURER—

Geo. C. Kobyłka, 1433 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

-----

INTERNATIONAL SECY.—

A. J. Hrivnak, 174 Addison Rd., Riverside, Ill.

-----

LIBRARIAN—

F. J. Kosik, R. 1, Delavan, Wis.

-----

SALES MANAGER—

Wolfgang Fritzsche, Box 402, Geneva, N. Y.

-----

EDITOR—

Frank J. Kovarik, 2502 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

-----

EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT—

Ken Woodbury, Sr., 129 Cowesett Ave., W. Warwick, R. I.

-----

MIDWEST VICE PRESIDENT—

Chas. A. Matiaska, 11217 Methyl Ave., Cleveland 20, Ohio

-----

WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT—

Anthony J. Cifka, 1641 Stout St., Denver 2, Colo.

-----

OFFICIAL EXHIBIT ENTRY BLANK

Paul Marusie, Sr.

I wish to enter the following stamp exhibit in the 10th Annual Exhibition of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society. I agree to comply with the rules and regulations and will have my exhibit in the hands of your committee by Nov. 15, 1955.

Description of Mounted Exhibit: -----

Classification ----- Size frame 24"x36". Number of frames -----

Description of Unmounted exhibit: Number ----- of album pages of size -----, which will require ----- frames (50¢ fee for each frame)

Subject -----

Classification: Czechoslovakia and/or -----

Signed -----

Address -----

City & State -----

Member: Yes—No

Additional insurance desired (at 25¢ per \$100 valuation) -----

WE OFFER IN  
**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

1920	Tete-beche values, mint (3) -----	\$2.00
	Red Cross compl., mint -----	.75
	80h+90 Hus, mint -----	.15
1926	Tatra 2K, 3K, 4K, 5K with watermark, mint	5.00
1928	10th Anniversary, compl., mint or used ----	1.00
1930	2K to 10K, mint -----	2.00
1932	Tyrš complete, mint -----	2.50
1937	Bratislava Souvenir Sheet, mint -----	.05
1939-1940	World's Fair Sheets, 6 diff., mint -----	2.75
20	✉ Covers I Republic, all different -----	2.25
20	✉ covers II Republic, all different -----	2.50
20	✉ covers III Republic, all different -----	2.50

**Alfons Stach**

LENOX, MASS.