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EDITORIAL

Our printer wishes to apologize to our readers for the appearance of the last issue of the Specialist. He knows we like to present some illustrations in every issue if possible. Though he had several pages of New Issues which would be illustrated, due to the death of his Mother, he was unable to have the cuts made in time. In such circumstances we must forgive him; yet the issue presented several good, meaty articles. To Mr. Miller we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

About eight months ago we heard our West Coast member M. Barry was on the sick list and have just heard he is yet not well. We wish him speedy recovery.

We have seen the seal our New York members are selling to promote their one day show in the Collectors Club. All we can say is that it is beautiful, representing the 200th of the fifth year anniversary of the Republic. The designer, L. M. Horechny, deserves the thanks of all the members, New York and elsewhere. To partly defray the costs of the exhibition, these are sold at 10 cents each or 3 for 25 cents. If interested, write to Jos. Stein, 673 Hinsdale St., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. and include with the cash a stamped, addressed envelope.

It is difficult, even to your editor, to get accustomed to the new nomenclature used in our Society since the adoption of our new Constitution. We may slip now and then and decide to acquaint all members in a short summary with the changes. What we called GROUPS are now CHAPTERS. The regular \$2 U. S. members remain as before but members elsewhere are ASSOCIATE members. The \$5 members are SUSTAINING members and those who contribute \$10 remain PATRON members.

Since we exhibited our publications in the Czechoslovak National Stamp Exhibition held in Brno during September we have received requests for the Dictionary, sample copies of the Specialist and requests for exchange correspondents. Among the latter are: Jiří John, Královské Poříčí 95 u Sokolova and A. Koutník, Fučíkova 155, Ústí nad Labem, Czechoslovakia.

Arrangements were made in Montreal to allow the S. P. A. to sell the Handbook and the Dictionary as a package deal. When the dollars and cents agreement has been reached we shall sell these two books to our members under the same conditions. We must admit our mistake in publishing the dictionary in the Specialist; many members removed the pages from the Specialist and thus obtained their copy as a gift. In order to get back some of our dead capital we are selling the dictionary slightly below cost.

We are making good progress with our effort to have the U. S. P. O. D.

issue a stamp honoring Thomas G. Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Frank J. Rosner, one of our Chicago members, has been publicizing this move in the Czech press of Chicago. Mr. K. Zahradnicek and H. Prokupek of Cleveland have been doing their share along like lines. Members in the East are not lagging. Mr. H. L. Lindquist, publisher of STAMPS and a member of the Stamp Advisory Committee writes he will gladly transmit the requests which reached his office to Mr. L. Rohe Walter. Your president has done much direct propaganda in his official visits to Washington. Even if we see success ahead we must not relent in our efforts. Please read the president's message in this issue of the Specialist. Only two subjects are allotted each year to the Champions of Liberty series; this means you must exert yourselves if we want this campaign to be a success.

Many members persist in asking officers to convey messages to other officers of the Society. They write to the editor, enclose a check to the treasurer and request information from the librarian. When we lived only a block from the treasurer's shop and could see him daily without trouble, we didn't mind it. It is proper, especially when writing to the librarian, to enclose return postage. We should be glad the librarian looks up the information and answers our questions; don't ask him to pay the postage. His budget is limited.

NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETING

The first meeting of the new season was held in the Collectors Club, Friday, Sept. 19. Present were Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, L. M. Horechny, E. J. Michaelson, N. Feiwelsohn, G. B. Koplowitz, P. L. Flynn, J. Verner, Wm. Schoenig, F. Sobota, J. H. A. Thivierge, C. Fisher, and J. Stein. Dr. Reiner-Deutsch presented his report on his visit with the Chicago members; also read a letter from the secretary, J. Jiranek. Member Feiwelsohn showed his collection of first day covers from the Praga 1955 Stamp Exhibition.

A discussion of the New York Chapter's exhibition of Oct. 18 was the first order of business on the agenda. All fifty frames have been subscribed and paid for at the rate of 50 cents each. All members were urged to attend the meeting Oct. 17 to prepare the frames. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. The members will then repair to the Narodni Budova for a group dinner. Slides showing the collection of our Praha member Kvasnicka will be presented at 2:30 p.m. L. Horechny prepared a souvenir sheet to commemorate the event.

Feiwelsohn then showed three counterfeits of the Theresienstadt stamp in black, blue and green, imperforate, with a very fine gum. These are offered from Vienna in complete sheets, even the green compares unfavorably with the original.

Next meetings of the New York Chapter will take place at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St. Nov. 21, Horechny will show Czecho general issues, no meeting in December, and in January Flynn will show Czecho postcards.

CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

The first fall meeting of the Chicago Chapter was held at the home of Joseph Jiranek, Sept. 21, 1958. R. E. Mitchell, J. Jonecka, M. Skrivanek, G. Kobyłka and J. Velek attended. A great deal of Society business had accumulated since our June meeting, and it was regrettable that our president, Dr. Matejka, and our editor were in Canada attending to some Society business and could not be present.

To augment the meeting Dr. Matejka had prepared a letter of aims which

Jiranek read to the assembled and the meeting was held under the directorship of our vice-president, John Velek. Each point that was presented was in turn discussed and the following actions were taken.

The primary mission of Dr. Matejka and Mr. Kovarik was to present the new S.P.A. man taking over the sales of philatelic literature, a proposal to handle our dictionary and handbooks. In addition Dr. Matejka shall have an opportunity, at the visit to Washington for the first day of the Kossuth stamp, to help promote the Masaryk stamp.

An item of business which had to be attended to was the election of a COMPEX delegate and alternate and a policy instruction as how to represent our Society. The fact that our former delegate Janecka and the alternate Kovarik did such a very fine job last year by unanimous acclamation they were re-elected to their respective offices.

The Society traveling exhibit which has been suggested by our president, was discussed. Mr. Janecka felt that even though there was a weight factor that must be considered in this project, that rather than make up aluminum frames which would not be able to take the rough treatment that this exhibition shall have to take, and felt that it would be a far better and more economical idea to fabricate these frames from stainless steel and where the very large 24x36 inch sheets of plexiglass are very expensive, by putting two dividing strips of metal on the face into which the smaller sheets of plexiglass could slide into we could have a more rigid constructed frame and keep the weight down considerably. All of the members present expressed great interest and saw the potential to go into this project, but felt that it would be better to leave this until the next meeting.

Mr. Mitchell made a wonderful offer to any of our members to make a date some evening to bring material for examination under black light which permits a new examination of various aspects of papers, colors, overprints, attempted repairs, etc. Several members of the German Society got together and purchased six of these for their use.

During the discussion Mr. Mitchell asked what the response to our handbook was by the members of the German Society. He offered to arrange for an advertisement in the German Society publication to promote the handbook and sharing the cost of the ad with several members.

G. Kobyłka presented a report of the financial end of COMPEX. Allowing for the expenses of COMPEX his books show a clear profit of \$250.00 has been added to our treasury. The success of our part in COMPEX was directly due to the very wonderful co-operation of the New York Chapter and the many individual out-of-town members who helped us present a fine display.

The handbook also has had a very fine summer-season sale and some 175 of these had been sold. Mr. Kobyłka read a very fine revue of our handbook in the Royal Philatelic Society publication. The only criticism was the mention of hysteria that existed in France and Britain after the German propaganda barrage before the Munich Pact. They felt that hysteria was too critical, that the move showed they lacked farsightedness would have been better. An offer to handle our handbooks by a company which has publications and connections with German collectors throughout the British Empire was presented. A review copy shall go out to them with information, price, etc.

Several ideas were discussed to make another press release to the philatelic press of the handbook and dictionary combination. Jiranek presented a thought, several of our members have seen in our books a very economical, yet wonderful CRISTMAS GIFT. The holiday season coming on it might be an idea to promote this idea with our handbooks and dictionaries during November and December. This would be a dual gift, one to the recipient of the book, and to our Society to recoup some of our investment.

John Velek presented a very attractively designed Mast Head for the Specialist prepared by Ray Van Handel. All present felt that this new clean, modernistic design might well symbolize the new progressive spirit of our Society. All present wish to thank Mr. Van Handel for another fine contribution of his artistic genius.

A question was presented by Jiranek, that we try to establish a more permanent, centrally located meeting place, like the La Salle Hotel where we could meet during some conveniently selected evening. Mr. Mitchell presented many factors involved to select the right day. The only way he felt we could feel sure we are progressing in the right direction was to mail out to each and every Chicago area member a questionnaire to determine, if meetings were held in a centrally located place, just which evenings they felt that they could attend. The factors of work, other philatelic meetings, and social obligations would of course govern the time when most of our members could attend. It was felt that a change like this requires a great deal of preparation. A poll of all Chicago area members seems the only possible way to get a better idea of the views of those members who have been unable to attend the meetings on Sunday afternoons.

Prior and after the meeting those assembled scanned through the wonderful historical scrap books prepared by our member Skopecek, one containing the newspaper and magazine clippings of the Munich Agreement and the other of the Communist Putsch. All present viewed with great interest the great wealth of material that was gathered and mounted, and which we feel shall be a very worthy addition to the historical section of our library, unless it is accepted by St. Procopius College library in Lisle, Ill.

Next meeting of the Chicago Chapter will be held in the home of member Egon Berka, 5475 Everett Ave., Chicago (2 blocks west of Lake Shore Drive along 55th Street) Sunday, November 16th, 2:30 p.m.



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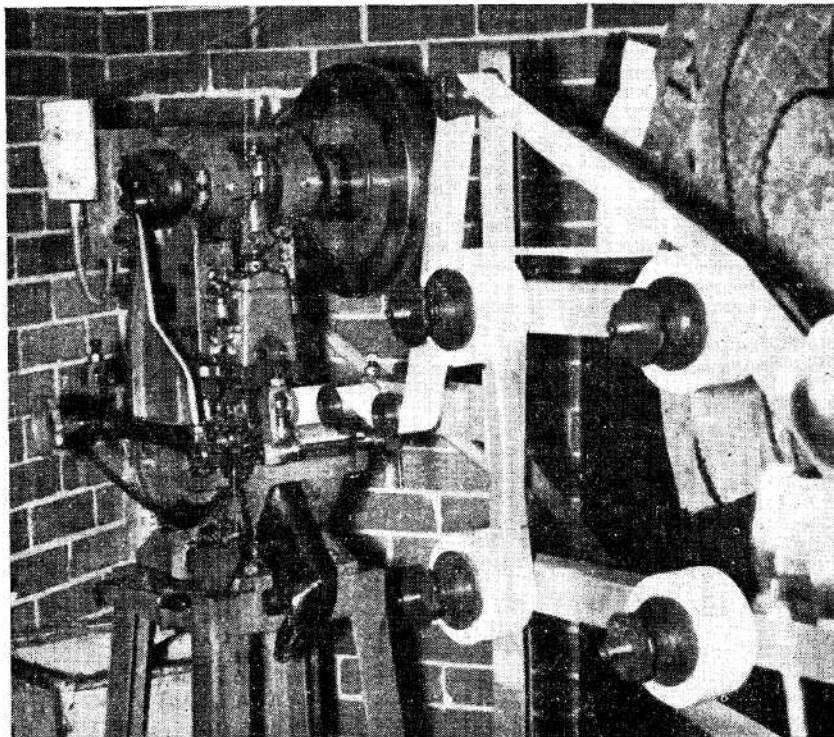
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PHILATELIC NOTES

by George van den Berg

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The illustrated Rube Goldberg contrivance, chums, is a hinge-making machine, the only one of its kind in the world, used in producing stamp hinges in the Hornadge stamp factory in Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia.

Normal hinge-manufacturing procedure is to have the hinges punched out on die presses from flat sheets. The Australian machine, which was especially designed and produced by a Czech engineer now resident in Sydney, is a radical departure from usual production methods since the hinges are produced on a rotary basis. Reels of gummed glassine are fed through the machine at high speed, giving an output in excess of 4,000 hinges per minute. Since it produces the vast bulk of the hinges used in Australia (the duty on imported ones is excessively high), it is kept working all day every day, and sometimes at night as well, to meet demand. Once cut, the hinges are packed by weight, laboratory micro-balances being used for the purpose.

I saw the machine in operation several times and couldn't resist a picture. Truly it's a fearsome but highly efficient affair. I hope the make-up man gets the cut in rightside up!

WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 19, 1958

At the invitation of the Postmaster General, Arthur E. Summerfield, I flew from Montreal, Canada, where I was attending the annual convention of

the Society of Philatelic Americans, to Washington, D. C. The occasion was the first day ceremony of the postage stamp honoring Lajos Kossuth, the Hungarian hero. This stamp, issued in both 4c and 8c denomination, is part of the series known as the Champion of Liberty which was initiated by our President Dwight E. Eisenhower. Magsaysay of the Philippines was the first to be so honored and of late Simon Bolivar the great South American liberator was also honored.

The ceremony was held in the United States Department of Interior amphitheatre at precisely 3:30 p.m. However, prior to this an exhibit of the personal efforts of this great hero was held in the wings of this hall. These were awesome. It is hard to forget excerpts from Kossuth's speeches which were made from the Atlantic Coast to as far as St. Louis, Mo. Excerpts from most of his speeches were prepared by our Library of Congress, two of which I shall perhaps never forget. At Annapolis, Md., Kossuth said, "We are indeed fortunate to have God in heaven and America on earth!" And another, "A protectorate is the first step that Russia uses to subjugate." How true these statements are today!

All of this once again brought to mind the fact that the United States Post Office Department should issue a stamp in the Champion of Liberty series in honor of Thomas G. Masaryk. In my address at a testimonial banquet held May 31, 1958 in honor of COMPEX (Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland), I inaugurated this request by asking the Special Assistant to the Post Master General, L. Rohe Walter, the guest speaker, if this issue could not be possible. This was perhaps the first request for such a stamp. Mr. Ervine Metzler, the designer of the International Geophysical Year Stamp, also honored that night said that this idea might be considered. Mr. Metzler is of Czech parentage and a former citizen of Chicago, today his office in New York City is a beehive of activity as he is a member of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the Post Office Department. Thereupon, I, as president of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, presented this request before our Society. There was no question as to their decision, as the Society unanimously voted to press this stamp into actuality. Circulars have been printed, and more will be coming off the press asking all persons to write their United States Senators or to write to:

Hon. L. Rohe Walter
Special Assistant to the Postmaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

Many of you remember Thomas G. Masaryk. I do not. Many of you remember Czechoslovakia. I do not. But regardless of this fact, I am sure that every drop of Czech blood that flows within any of us will surge at the thought that a postage stamp might be issued by the United States government to honor the greatest champion of liberty Czechoslovakia has ever had. Will you help us make this possible? Will you write? PLEASE flood the offices of the Special Assistant with this request. Make it possible for all to know that we in America have not forgotten Masaryk for what he has done. Make it known that Czech ancestry in America has risen once again and will make itself manifest!

James J. Matejka, Jr. M.D.

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Again this month our membership reflects our two prong membership drive to retain as many current members while, with the help of our membership we recruit new members. The addition of one member here and one there helps to offset our constantly increasing costs.

The September issue of this column presented our membership drive

policy, the October pointed up the importance of channeling any and all philatelic literature that may be in danger of destruction to our library, as well as the need to send desirable duplicates to our librarian for inclusion in the Society Mail Auction, which shall earmark 100 percent profit to be added to our treasury, all the above are only means to place our society upon a stable financial footing.

In this issue I would like to present our role in the publication of handbooks and dictionaries. Specialized collections of all nations are works based upon highly specialized research studies by many men over a long period of time. This information is channeled to the philatelic publications for a short term effect, but it is the bound editions of specialized philatelic information that are the permanent archives of philately.

With our present high costs, a limited edition of any publication is an extremely expensive proposition. This high cost discourages private, profit making publishers from entering this field. This void leaves it up to the specialized societies to attempt to publish material on a non-profit basis in order to keep the cost within the reach of the limited field. The non-profit factor is a really tough obstacle, no cushion over cost can be used upon a very popular book to carry a book in the series not so popular. This type of prospect makes for a great deal of courage to forge ahead with our planned series.

The main reason for publication is to make available information to our members. When all of the work of preparation, editing and art work is completed ready for publication it is a very sad commentary to our specialty to have these remain in the hands of our treasurer, unsold and unused. It is a sad situation that this very wonderful information is not in the hands of our members who could gain so much from it.

The Bohemia-Moravia and Slovakia handbook is the only specialized work available in the English language. The regular catalogues do not list one-tenth of the data needed to set up a truly specialized collection. From this it would seem that all of our members would want this very beautiful volume in their reference library. The response of most of the non-member purchasers has been that they were more than satisfied with the information, appearance and price.

The dictionary is another matter. The fact that the Bohemia-Moravia and Slovakia handbook is the first of our planned series of specialized handbooks, it is almost a certainty that a translating dictionary shall for many years be the only way our non-Czechoslovak members would be able to utilize the wonderful Czechoslovak philatelic literature. A great many of our members discount the value of this dictionary as the KEY to unlock the vast storehouse of philatelic information that is contained in Czech periodicals, catalogues and handbooks. The dictionary used to translate a few key words can open up vast amounts of specialized information at present available nowhere else.

A great many of our members found that bound volumes of the Czechoslovak Specialist, with an effective index placed in a handy location, permits a fine reference file of specialized information, ready for immediate and effective use. The Specialist contains a great many fine articles about the older issues as well as detailed descriptions of the new issues.

Please do not overlook the timely fact that the bound volumes make very fine and lasting CHRISTMAS GIFTS to your philatelic friends and relatives. Any who collect stamps of Czechoslovakia, Germany or Central Europe will be interested in the Bohemia-Moravia and Slovakia handbook and possibly also the dictionary.

Let us therefor check our philatelic libraries and see what we can use. Also having copies of these publications, it is a wonderful philatelic service to your Society and other collectors to take these publications with you to

meetings of other organizations to show them what your Society is doing. I am sure that many potential customers of our literature do not have the opportunity to see the material and thus we cannot sell them. If these people are interested, take their order, collect the funds and send them to our treasurer or myself and the literature shall be sent out immediately. Every dollar we can liquidate from our literature can then be put to a new task of improving our Specialist and the other services of our Society to the membership.

It is understandable that not all of the members can help in all of the projects that can aid our Society, but with the three facets already outlined, I feel that there is one phase that each of our members can be of some service to the Society and himself or herself. Let us NOT say "LET GEORGE DO IT," as there are not enough GEORGES IN OUR SOCIETY to do everything.

Joseph J. Jiranek

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THE FOUNDERS AND LEADERS OF THE SOKOL MOVEMENT

DR. MIROSLAV TYRŠ (1832-1884) while professor of history at the Praha University, with JINDŘICH FÜGNER (1822-1865) laid the foundation of the Sokol Gymnastic Society. Fügner was the first president of the Praha Sokol. This movement spread into all Slavic countries. Units were established in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Poland and in foreign lands, wherever Slavs were living.

For the IX Sokol Congress in 1932 four stamps were issued featuring M. Tyrš and in 1933 a 60h stamp was issued.

A portrait of Fügner is on a stamp issued for the X Sokol Congress in 1938.

DR. JINDŘICH VANÍČEK (1862-1934) leader of Czech Sokol units and DR. JOSEF SCHEINER (1861-1932) president, with their untiring efforts and steadfastness kept the spirit of Sokol alive in the darkest days.

Stamps issued for the XI Sokol Congress show the portraits of these two leaders.

PARADE OF NEW ISSUES

New Commemoratives "National Exhibition of Archival Documents"



On the occasion of the "National Exhibition of Archival Documents," opened in the historical milieu of the Castle of Prague from 15th May, 1958, for the period of three months, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of the Czechoslovak Republic is issuing two commemorative stamps. The designs and the engravings are by Jiří Švengsbír.

The denominations, colors and motives are the following:

30h, red, portrait of George of Poděbrady, popular Czech king, and his Seal; 60h, dark blue, the reproduction of an anonymous engraving, showing the City of Prague of 1628.

The stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by rotary recess print in sheets of 50 stamps. Dimension of the stamp are 41x23 mm.

Validity for postage from 15th May, 1958, until further notice.

The First Day Cover after the design and engraving by Jiří Švengsbír was issued at the same time.

New Commemorative stamps "Cultural and Political Events" (May 1958)



To commemorate the IVth Congress of the International Democratic Women's Federation, to be held in Vienna in June 1958, and the 1st World Trade Union Conference of the Working Youth (Prague, July, 1958), the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Prague will issue two postage stamps. Moreover, the Ministry will issue one commemorative stamp on behalf of the Society for the Dissemination of Political and Cultural Knowledge.

The values, colors, motifs and designs of the stamps are as follows:

30h, red, the Society for the Dissemination of Political and Cultural Knowledge, a design depicting the sculpture "Towards the Stars," the work of the Soviet sculptor G. Postnikov;

45h, violet, the IVth Congress of the International Democratic Women's Federation, the picture shows three women of different races tending towards a better future, in background the globe;

60h, blue, the Ist World Trade Union Conference of the Working Youth, a girl and a boy, in background both the halves of the globe, representing the common fatherland of the working youth.

The designs of the stamps are by the engraver Jindra Schmidt (30h) and by the painter Jan Černý (45h and 60h). The engravings were executed by Jaroslav Goldschmied (30h; line drawing by Jindra Schmidt), Ladislav Jirka (45h), and Bedřich Housa (60h).

All the stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by rotary recess print in sheets of 50 stamps. Dimensions of the stamp pictures are 41x23 mm.

Validity for internal and international postal use from 26th May, 1958, until further notice.

The First Day Cover is designed by Jan Černý and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

New commemorative stamps "Czechoslovak Communist Party Congress"



On the occasion of the XIth Congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (CPC) and of the 15th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship, Mutual Aid and Post-War Collaboration concluded between Czechoslovakia and the USSR, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Prague will issue three commemorative postage stamps. The values, colors, motifs and designs of the stamps are the following:

30h, red, the inscription "The XIth Congress of the CPC, Prague, 1958," the picture of a sickle and a hammer decorated by flowers and spikes;

45h, green, the inscription "The XIth Congress of the CPC," the motto "Under the leadership of the CPC, we shall accomplish the building of socialism," the picture of a sickle and a hammer, in background the map of the Czechoslovak Republic;

60h, dark blue, the inscription "The 15th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship, Mutual Aid and Post-War Collaboration concluded between Czechoslovakia and the USSR," the picture of the atomic reactor installed at Řež near Prague.

The designs have been executed by the painter artists František Hudeček (30h and 60h) and Viktor Polásek (45h). The engravings are by Bedřich Housa (30h), Bohdan Roule (45h) and Ladislav Jirka (60h). All the three stamps have been printed by rotary recess print by the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of 50 stamps. Dimensions of the stamp pictures are 41x23 mm.

Validity for internal and international postal use from 26th May, 1958, until further notice.

The design of the First Day Cover has been prepared in line drawing by František Hudeček and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

Postage stamps with the portrait of the President Antonin Novotný



The Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has issued, on June 18th, 1958, two new current postage stamps with the portrait of Antonin Novotný, the President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

The values and colors of the stamps are as follows:

30h, blue; 60h, red.

The design, identical for both values, and engraving are the works of the engraver Jindra Schmidt.

The stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Bratislava in rotary recess print. The dimensions are 19x23 mm. The sheets contain 50 or 100 stamps.

Validity for internal and international postal use from June 18th, 1958, until further notice.

No First Day Cover has been issued with these stamps.

Commemorative stamps the "Conference of the Posts and Telecommunications Ministers of the Socialistic Countries"



From 20th June to 9th July, 1958, a Conference of the Posts and Telecommunications Ministers of the Socialistic Countries will take place in Prague. On the occasion of this Conference the Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will organize in the Radio Palace in Prague the Club of the posts and telecommunications employees, an exposition both of posts and telecommunications technics and of postage stamps. To mark this event, two commemorative stamps will be issued, the values, colors and designs of which are as follows:

30h, dark brown and light orange, a female operator in a trunk exchange, 45h, dark blue and light green, an aerial mast of a transmitter, in the background the design of an oscillogram.

The two stamp designs are by the painter Mario Stretti. The engraving of the 30h stamp is by Ladislav Jirka and that of the 45h value is by Bedřich

Housa. The engravings for the second colors have been executed by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The two stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the combined bi-colored rotary recess print in sheets of 50 stamps. Dimensions of the two stamp pictures are 23x41 mm.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from 20th June, 1958, until further notice.

The First Day Cover is designed by Mario Stretti and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

Issue of new commemoratives "Czechoslovak Spas"



The Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue, on June 25th, 1958, a set of the commemorative postage stamps advertising the Czechoslovak Spas. The values, designs and colors of the stamps are as follows:

- 30h, Karlovy Vary (the 600th anniversary of the foundation), red;
- 40h, Poděbrady, brown;
- 60h, Mariánské Lázně (the 150th anniversary of the foundation), green;
- 80h, Luhačovice, red brown;
- 1.20 Kčs, Štrbské Pleso, blue;
- 1.60 Kčs, Trenčianske Teplice, violet.

The designs of the stamps were executed by the painters Václav Šprungrl (30h), Antonín Homolka (40 and 80h), Karel Tondl (60h), and Jozef Chovan (1.20 and 1.60 Kčs). The engravings are by Bohdan Roule (30 and 40h), Jan Mráček (60h, 1.20 and 1.60 Kčs) and Bedřich Housa (80h).

All the stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print. Dimensions of all the stamps are 41x23 mm.

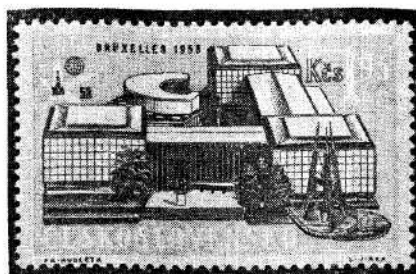
Validity for internal and international postal use is from 25th June, 1958, until further notice.

Two First Day Covers of the same motive, executed by Jaroslav Goldschmied, will be issued at the same time.

New commemorative stamp "World Exhibition in Brussels 1958"

The Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue, on July 15th, 1958, in addition to the five stamps "World Exhibition in Brussels, 1958" (issue March 25th, 1958), an additional commemorative stamp, the value of which is 1.95 Kčs.

The design represents the Czechoslovak pavilion at the Brussel's World Exhibition, projected by the architects Ing František Čubr, Ing Josef Hrubý and Zdeněk Pokorný. The design of the stamp was executed by the painter



František Hudeček. The basic engraving is the work of Ladislav Jirka; the supplementary one for the second color was executed by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The stamp was printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print in two colors; red brown and blue. Dimensions of the stamp picture is 49x30 mm. The sheet contains 25 stamps.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from July 15th, 1958 until further notice.

The First Day Cover was designed by František Hudeček and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

**New Commemorative stamp "The 85th Birthday of
Professor Max Švabinský"**



On September 17th, 1958, the Artist Laureate Professor Dr. h. c. Max Švabinský, outstanding Czechoslovak painter and graphic artist, will reach the age of 85. The Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will commemorate this event by issuing a commemorative postage stamp with the reproduction of the artist's symbolic work "The Poet and the Muse." Professor Švabinský himself has prepared the design in line drawing; the engraving, in accordance with the wishes of the author, was executed by Jindra Schmidt.

The stamp, the value of which is 1.60 Kčs, was printed by the Post Printing Office by the flat recess print. The color is black brown. Dimensions of the stamp picture: 30x49 mm. The sheet contains 4 stamps.

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