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## OUR LAST EDITORIAL

Some people make it a practice to review their activities of the past year and accordingly make plans for the new. Your editor re-read his editorials and Chapter reports and saw that he was reporter of all kinds of activities within the Society and as these sometimes occurred after the deadline when most of the copy was already prepared for the printer, there was no coordination and the whole presented a sloppy job. We have also noticed that sometimes this reporting was misinterpreted and we were brought to task for our efforts. If any member ever felt that our reports were aimed especially at him, we sincerely apologize and wish to assure him that no malice was in our heart. From now on we shall edit philatelic articles to the best of our ability and we shall present reviews of philatelic literature. This may result in fewer pages, but it shall make for a better Specialist. We shall ask the president to appoint reporters and our task will be what we were elected to do, edit.

## THE THOMAS G. MASARYK STAMP

In a very spirited meeting and after much balloting by the many members present, two designs were chosen for our cacheted covers. One design was to be chosen from among the issued stamps which once adorned a postal issue of Czechoslovakia, while the other was to carry a portrait which never appeared on a stamp. The issue of 1947, a profile of Masaryk, was chosen by a majority present for one cover. Incidentally this design was chosen by three members who mailed in their preference. The other cover will bear a very popular front view of Masaryk. This was the more difficult to choose because of the many portraits and pictures shown. We even had a pen drawing of Masaryk and photographed mailed in.

It was decided to label the portrait "President-Liberator" as he was affectionately known by his countrymen while in office and out. At the bottom of the envelopes will be a notation: OFFICIAL COVER—CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

It was suggested that although the Czechoslovak National Council will sponsor the pilgrimage to Washington from various parts of the country, the Chicago Chapter of our Society should charter a Greyhound bus to and from Washington because we must haul the 36 frames and easels besides First Day Covers and other paraphernalia. We must be prepared to affix the new stamps to the covers so they'd be ready for the first day of sale. We hope other than Chicago members will give us a hand then.

All members who want to participate in an exhibition of stamps (restricted to Masarykana only), not for competition, should contact Dr. James

J. Matejka, Jr., Room 216, La Salle Hotel, Chicago 2, Ill.

In the December Specialist we mentioned the People to People program for the first day of Masaryk covers and asked our members to contribute \$120 toward the project. So far only \$10 was forwarded to the treasurer yet we are sure our members are more generous than that. The idea behind this is that in a gesture of good will we hope to send 1000 First Day Covers of the Masaryk set to 1000 collectors in Czechoslovakia who will thus have a memento of the event and will learn something of our Society. Mail your contributions now to the treasurer George C. Kobyłka, 1433 Cuyler Avenue, Berwyn, Ill. Any amount will be gladly accepted. Do so immediately; we must have this money ready as soon as the envelopes are finished. Remember that this People to People program is dear to the heart of our President Eisenhower.

Another thing that must be hurried is the ordering of First Day Covers. It is cheaper to order 5000 envelopes at one time than 3000 in two or three orders. The sooner we know the number we shall actually need, the better for our treasury. We studied the various price lists of other FDC and decided on the following tariff:

1 set of 2 cacheted blank envelopes -----	\$0.25
5 set of 2 cacheted blank envelopes -----	1.00
Single of the 4c stamp on FDC -----	.20
Single of the 8c stamp on FDC -----	.25
Set of 4c and 8c stamp on FDC -----	.40
Pair of 4c stamp on FDC -----	.25
Pair of 8c stamp on FDC -----	.35
Block of 4 4c stamps on FDC -----	.30
Block of 4 8c stamps on FDC -----	.50
Plate block of 4c stamps on FDC -----	.70
Plate block of 8c stamps on FDC -----	1.50

Send your orders immediately to Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, Room 210, La Salle Hotel, Chicago 2, Ill. Your Society has a wonderful opportunity to help the treasury; we did our utmost to get the stamp, now let us be as helpful in this fund raising project.

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#### ORIGIN OF IDEA FOR MASARYK STAMP

As far as this reporter is concerned, the first mention of a stamp for T. G. M. was placed before the Society members during a special meeting in March 1958 in Cleveland by member Karel Zahradnicek of that city. This request was then officially presented during the Compex 58 banquet in May 1958 in Chicago to the Hon. L. Rohe Walter and after that petitions were being sent to the Post Office Department on the advice of your Society and especially through the efficient help of the Czechoslovak National Council and the Czech and Slovak press.

We were also asked by some collectors, who, inasmuch as the Czechoslovak government may not be officially represented, will get the presentation sheets. Two daughters of Masaryk reside in Florida and it is they who are entitled to this honor and distinction.

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#### ALL ROADS LEAD TO WASHINGTON

Pilgrimages to Washington on the occasion of the first day ceremonies of the TGM stamp will be organized from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, and other places. The program as arranged by the Czechoslovak National Council is roughly:

- March 4, Friday, leave Chicago via B & O in afternoon  
 5, Saturday, arrive in Washington in morning  
 5 and 6, Sat. and Sun., program of sight-seeing and entertainment  
 7, Monday, 10 a.m., First Day ceremonies with Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield and a representative of president Eisenhower. Presentation of sheets of stamps to the daughters of TGM. Afternoon, laying of wreath at plaque in Hotel 2400 where TGM used to dwell when in our capitol. Evening, a grand banquet in the Willard Hotel.  
 8, Tuesday, afternoon, leave Washington.  
 9, Wednesday, arrival in Chicago.

For those interested, an extension trip is planned to Florida where grand ceremonies will take place.

As you notice, the above information deals primarily with Chicago. For trips from other places or by other means of transportation, also for more complete information, write to Czechoslovak National Council, 4125 West 26th St., Chicago 23, Ill., and please mention our Society. More detailed program will be published in the Specialist in the February issue. Time flies; hasten to make your reservations.

#### MINKUS CATALOG OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND RUSSIA

Our members may have heard or read that Minkus Publications, Inc., 115 West 30th St., New York 1, N. Y. are not issuing only the regular catalogs volume 1, 2 and 3 of the world, but also paper bound volumes of group countries. Of these the most interesting to us is the catalog of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Russia and of course, the most valuable to us is the first part. As we thumbed through the pages we found practically no changes in the arrangement or in the prices though we admit we did not take it item for item. In our review of Minkus 1958 we were pleased to note the many illustrations absent in Scott; this year the Scott method is used and space is saved. The editor-in-chief asked us to offer suggestions for changes either in the listing or prices. Minkus has used the chronological system of listing and in our humble opinion we prefer that to the categorical. We would suggest the listing remain as is and as far as prices are concerned we always believed that the publisher has his own reasons for the prices he attaches to stamps and whether he sells them at his price or at a discount is his concern and not ours. The single country collectors will appreciate this catalog; they have an inexpensive 160 page catalog to peruse instead of a clumsy opus of some 1200 pages. They get besides Czechoslovakia proper a catalog of the Czechoslovak Legion in Siberia, the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, Slovakia and Eastern Silesia. No price is mentioned in the volume we received but if our memory serves us right the advertised price was one dollar. If you get your volume from a Minkus store be sure to let them know it was through our recommendation. Furthermore, if you have any suggestions for changes of this catalog, communicate same to us or to the publisher direct. We must advise our members that while the catalog is more complete than Scott in a general way, it is by no means specialized. You'll not find mention of even major varieties, let alone FDC or favor sheets. And if you collect Poland and Russia, you get an added bonus.

#### NEW MEMBERS

670. Anthony Budin, 313 Fairview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey.  
 671. Bernard A. Hennig, 6227 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago 46, Ill.  
 672. Peter Tarassoff, 423 Broadway Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

Otakar Kutvirt, 161 Branford Road, Rochester 18, New York.

Egon Berka, 5475 Everett Ave., Chicago 15, Illinois.

V. J. Fleischer, Munich Radio Center, American Consulate General, APO  
108, New York, N. Y.

Emanuel H. Novak, 1925 Wesley Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Milo Barry, 14653 Roslog Blvd., Van Nuys, California.

### MOSDEN UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC CATALOG

We have no idea of how many of our readers collect UAR but when we receive a review copy we feel bound to review it. We also hope for reciprocal courtesy. To be exact, this catalog is for the United Arab Republic (Egypt, Palestine and Syria) and the Republic of Iraq. These new countries have at one time been parts of the British Empire (except Syria) and as the Empire is perhaps the most popular philatelic group and many collectors of Great Britain continue to collect them, we feel sure we are performing a service to many readers. The catalog is edited by E. H. Moshi and published by Mosden Stamp Co. of New York, Ltd., 521 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

The catalog begins with the newly-formed United Arab Republic and we wish to interject that an inclusion of the fore-runners would have added much to the value of the catalog. It is followed by Palestine (here again the Palestine issues of after World War I would enhance the value of the volume), Syria, Iraq and Yemen. True this catalog is of the UAR but we feel the philatelic impact of each era is interesting. Since the breaking up of the Ottoman Empire after WWI these various countries were independent until the need for a stronger Arab country became a necessity.

This Mosden catalog performs a worthwhile service and we recommend it to our readers who are interested in these countries. Send 90 cents to the Mosden Company whose address is at the beginning of this review and be sure to mention you read this in the Specialist.

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WANTED Czechoslovakia Die Proofs. All Czecho material in connection with Siberia. Czech flight covers. Dr. Matejka, 216 Hotel LaSalle, Chicago.  
5-60

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INTERESTED in every phase of Czecho philatelic literature. Let me know what you have and your price. Kovarik, 8748 Rockefeller, Brookfield, Ill.  
5-60

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SPECIALTY First Day Covers. Foreign stamps and covers including flights. Frank J. Rosner, 2325 61st Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.  
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WILL EXCHANGE Austrian cancels on Hradčany. Frank Steiner, 5100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 29, Calif.  
3-60

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LONDON 1943 EXHIBITION SHEET. A beautiful miniature sheet, issued on the occasion of the Czech Exhibition under the patronage of President Benes. Unmounted mint. Postage paid. \$3.20. Payment in current U. S. stamps accepted. Mano Katz, 8A Richmond Mansion, London SW 5, England.

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## SEMI-POSTAL STAMPS 1919

B4	6h deep orange very fine mint, first hinge (cert. Pearson) --	\$120.00
B21	10kr. violet, bright color, very fine mint, first hinge (cert) ---	35.00
B21a	10kr. deep violet, superb mint (cert.) -----	38.00
B25	10kr. violet, granite paper (cert.) World Rarity! -----	1350.00
B41	4h large figure, fine used, overprint reversed (obraceny) ----	250.00
	(World Rarity, Ekstein cat. 1939 Kc 28,000)	

## MASARYK STAMPS

61a	1920 125h light ultramarine, unmounted mint -----	2.80
98-101	1925 1kc-5kc (4) superb unmounted mint -----	2.40
101A	1k red wmk. vertical, unmounted mint (\$50.00) -----	24.00
101C	3k brown superb, unmounted mint (wmk. position 4) (\$100.00) -----	48.00
102	1k red type II crosslined shoulder, unmounted margin copy ----	26.00
B137-39	Olympic Games (3) superb mint (\$25.00) -----	15.00
B140-43	1926 Sokol Issue (4) superb mint (\$18.75) -----	12.50
212	1935 1k imperf. margin copy, superb mint, very rare! -----	35.00

## 1920 CHAINBREAKER

70, 71, 73, 88, 91	compl. 5 sheets of 100 stamps each (500 stamps), sheets mounted on margins (cat. \$278.00) nearest offer accepted to	50.00
88	1920 100h dark brown, Kosice postal forgery, superb mint ----	15.00

## AIR MAILS

C1-3	1920 imperf. (3) superb mint -----	12.50
C1	Error ovpt. 14½c/1000h violet, superb mint -----	14.00
C3	Error ovpt. 28kc/200h blue, black overprint, superb mint ----	14.00
C3	Error ovpt. 28kc/200h blue, red overprint, superb mint -----	14.00
C3	Error ovpt. 28kc/500h brown, superb mint -----	14.00
C4-6	Air perf. compl. (3) superb mint -----	18.50
C7-9	1922 air set compl. (3) superb mint -----	1.50
C7a	50h/100h green, inverted ovpt. superb mint -----	14.00
C23-27	1946 air. Compl. set with tablets (5) superb mint -----	4.00

## POSTAGE DUES

J45	1926 40/200h violet, horiz. pair, upper marginal copy, one stamp without ovpt., only 10 pairs exist, so-called "Trenschiner Error." R.R. World rarity -----	150.00
J18	1922 100h/80h olive-green ovpt. inverted surcharge, superb mint lower margin copy with marginal number, a beautiful item. Cert. Dr. Wallner, Vienna -----	50.00

## SIBERIA CZECH ARMY (Scott page 1135)

31-33a	1919 imperf. (3) compl. un gummed -----	6.50
31-33	perf. 13½ Prague print (3) superb mint -----	1.00
31-33a	Imperf. (3) overprint "BALICKY DO VLASTI" (signed) ----	65.00
31-33a	Imperf. (3) overpr. "PRVI JUGOSLAWENSKI PUK" -----	65.00
36-45	Surcharged compl. (9) superb mint -----	25.00

My almost complete stock of Czechoslovakia and Bohemia-Moravia enables me to fill want lists for the cheapest as well as the rarest items. I have been in the stamp trade for over 40 years, from 1923-1939 in Czechoslovakia. I am a member of P.T.S. and B.P.A. (London), A.P.H.V (Hamburg) and Czechoslovak Philatelic Society (USA).

**MANO KATZ, 8A Richmond Mansions, London S.W. 5, (England)**



## MASARYK, CHAMPION OF LIBERTY



Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today, on the forty-first anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic, that the sixth of the "Champions of Liberty" postage stamps will honor Thomas G. Masaryk—the founder-first president of Czechoslovakia. As in the past, these stamps will be issued in two denominations—4 cents for first-class domestic postage, and 8 cent for first-class international surface mail.

The Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamps will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on March 7, 1960, the 110th anniversary of Masaryk's birth. Details as to design and colors will be announced later.

Masaryk, of Czech and Slovak parentage, rose from humble origin to become a respected professor of philosophy at Charles University in Prague, and a representative of his people in the Austrian parliament while the Czech and Slovak lands were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

He believed that cultural nationalism in the fields of history, folklore, literature, music and art would not reach fulfillment unless his people also enjoyed political independence.

During World War I, with the backing of dedicated leaders who remained in Prague, and the assistance in Paris of Eduard Benes, a Czech, and Milan Stefanik, a Slovak, and other fighters for freedom, Masaryk led the movement for an independent Czechoslovakia. His efforts in uniting Czechs and Slovaks abroad, in mustering military units of his countrymen, in arousing worldwide public opinion, and in gaining diplomatic support were crowned with success on October 28, 1918, when the Czechoslovak National Committee in Prague issued and made effective a declaration of Czechoslovak independence. Shortly thereafter Masaryk was chosen first president of the new Republic. Under his presidency (1918-1935) the Czechoslovak Republic, though beset by many internal and external difficulties, became a notable example of a modern democratic state, pursuing social progress through democratic methods and played a constructive role as a small nation in international affairs.

Postmaster General Summerfield said that: "The ties between Thomas Masaryk and the American people were especially strong. Masaryk married an American girl and took her family name, Garrigue, as his middle name. His visit to the United States in the summer of 1918 further heightened the unity of Americans of Czech and Slovak origin in support of the

cause of Czechoslovak independence.

"Masaryk's presence in the United States also dramatized the cause of Czechoslovak independence before the American public and influenced the U. S. official position. Subsequently, the American public took a special interest in the newly created Czechoslovak Republic whose institutions were often patterned after American standards.

"Masaryk's long service in the cause of Czechoslovak independence and his masterly leadership in bringing it about make him truly the father of the Czechoslovak Republic. Today, the Czech and Slovak peoples, while retaining in a formal sense the national independence for which he fought, do not have the internal democratic freedoms they once enjoyed.

"These stamps commemorating Thomas G. Masaryk as a "Champion of Liberty" will thus mark not only the strong friendship of the peoples of the United States and Czechoslovakia, which Masaryk symbolized, but also their common aspirations for freedom."

Earlier "Champions of Liberty" postally recognized by the United States were: Ramon Magsaysay (1957); Simon Bolivar and Lajos Kossuth (1958); and Jose de San Martin and Ernst Reuter (1959).

CHAPTER MEETINGS

The New York Chapter meets every third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York City.

The Chicago Chapter meets every second Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Federal Loan and Savings Association Bldg., 6635 Cermak Rd., Berwyn, Ill.



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### PARADE OF NEW ISSUES

Postage stamp commemorating the 2nd Congress of the Czechoslovak Society for the dissemination of Political and Cultural Knowledge



On the occasion of the 2nd Congress of the Czechoslovak Society for the Dissemination of Political and Cultural Knowledge the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Prague has issued a 30h value commemorative stamp. The color of the stamp is blue.

The design of the stamp was executed by the graphic artist Vojtěch Němeček, the engraving by Bedřich Housa. The picture represents man's flight in the cosmos by means of a rocket.

The stamp was printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print in sheets of 50 stamps. The dimensions of the stamp picture are 23 by 40 mm.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from 17th April, 1959 until further notice.

The First Day Cover was also designed by Vojtěch Němeček and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

Commemorative stamps on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Škoda Works in Plzeň and on the occasion of the National Stamp Exhibition in Plzeň, 1959



On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Škoda



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813-4	Lidice	.20	.12	B1-16 (ex. B4)	.90	---	---
815	Int. Mot. Race	.12	.05	B17	Black Overprt.	9.00	---
816-7	Inventors	.20	.05	B18-20	2, 3, 4K	3.50	---
818-22	Tatra Nat. Park	.45	.20	B20a	4K deep green	3.00	---
823	Bezruč	.12	.06	B21	10K 28.00 deep vi.	32.00	---
824	Int. Trade U. Cong.	.15	.07	B22-23	Granite paper	.80	---
825-6	Television	.17	.10	B27-31	Newspaper	.75	---
827-8	Oct. Revolution	.15	.10	B34, B36	Spec. Handling	.08	---
829-30	Zapotocky	.18	.10	B36	Green black ovpt.	7.50	---
851	Zap. Sheet	.30	.20	B41, B42, B44	Dues	4.50	---
832-5	Costumes 57	.75	.45	B47-53	Dues	.75	---
836-8	Geophysical Year	.60	.05	B55	1K .50, B56 5K 2.00	---	---
839-43	Sport	.75	.25	B58	1h gray	1.00	---
844-5	Nejedly	.20	.08	B60	10 on 24h blue	11.00	---
846-8	February Anniv.	.55	.20	B62	20 on 54h orange	12.00	12.00
849-53	Bruxelles Fair	.60	.25	B61, B63		.10	---
854-5	Documents Exh.	.18	.09	B65, 67, 68 2f, 6f, 50f		1.00	---
856-8	Cultural events	.25	.15	B66	3f \$4.50, B69 60f	4.00	---
859-61	Congress	.25	.15	B73-88	16 values	5.00	---
862-7	Spas	.85	.45	B89	5K value sign.	7.50	---
868-9	Post min. Conf.	.15	.08	B91-95 (B91-4 .50)		2.50	---
870-1	Pres. Novotny	.15	.06	B98-9	Newsp. & Spec. Del.	.10	---
872	Bruxelles Fair	.60	.25	B100-2		.70	---
873-6	Writers	.60	.10	B111		50.00	---
877	Svabinsky	.30	.25	B116, 119, 122		.25	---
	Sheet of four	2.20	---	B124-9	Czech Legion	.10	.10
878-81	Phil. Exh. Brno	.90	.60	B130-2	Red Cross	.75	.75
881	Sheet of four	2.40	2.40	B133-6	Rep. Anniv.	2.00	1.75
882-6	Mushrooms	.85	.25	B137-9	Olympic Congress	7.50	6.00
887-9	Unesco	.30	.15	B140-3	Sokol Slet	6.50	5.00
890-5	Automobiles	.85	.20	B144-6	Child Welfare I	.35	.20
896	40th Anniv. Stamp	.12	.05	B144	Coupon .35, B145 Cp	.45	---
897-902	Sport	1.10	.30	B147-9	Child Welfare II	.30	.20
902-4	Agric. Coop.	.16	.10	B150-1	Child Welfare III	.20	.20
905-07	Human Rights	.75	.20		Same Coupons	1.25	---
908-11	Pioneers	.40	.20	B152	Children Sheet	.45	.60
912	Curie	.12	.05	B153	Indp. Anniv. Sheet	.45	.60
913	Writers Congress	.06	.03	B154-5	Student Congress	.10	.06
914-7	100 Years of Skoda	.65	.30	B156-7	Liberation Anniv.	.10	.05
918-9	RQH	.15	.10	B158	Liberation Sheet	.20	.25
920	Stamp F-h. Zvolen	.12	.05	B159	Stamp Exhibition	.15	.25
921-6	Famous Men	.60	.30	B160-2	Repatriation	.20	.03
927-9	Indust. Exh. Brno	.45	.15	B163-5	Child Welfare IV	.12	.05
930-2	Slov. Nat. Uprising	.45	.15	B166-7	Child Welfare V	.75	.15
933	Lunik	.15	.10	B168-9	Red Cross	.75	.15
934-8	Animals	.75	.40	C1-3	Airmails Imperf.	7.50	7.00
939	China Cooperation	.06	.03	C4-6	Airmails Perf.	11.50	10.50
940-1	Air. Kaspar	.55	.25	C7-9	Air Surcharge	1.25	1.00
942-3	Darwin-Haydn	.65	.30	C10-8	Airmail, 1930	1.40	1.00
	Birds	.85	.45	C16	10K Blue shade	1.00	.50
	New Issue Service 5 sets minimum.			C19-27	Airmails	1.30	.60

V. J. FLEISCHER, American Consulate Gen., APO 108, New York, N. Y.

Works in Plzeň a national postage stamp exhibition has been organized by the employees of the engineering industry in Plzeň, in May, 1959. Both the events have been commemorated by the issuing of 4 postage stamps with the following values, designs and colors:

- a) 30h, Renaissance Town Hall in Plzeň, brown;
- b) 60h, a part of a steam condensation turbine, violet and green;
- c) 1 Kčs, St. Bartholomew's Church in Plzeň, blue;
- d) 1.60 Kčs, a part of the quick-motion point lathe type SR-1200, black and yellow.

All the stamps were designed and engraved by the graphic artist Jiří Švengsbír and printed in rotary recess print by the Post Printing Office in Prague. The sheet contains 50 stamps. Dimensions of the stamps are 23 by 41 mm.

The two First Day Covers, one of them representing the Theatre in Plzeň and the other the drilling machine type WD-250, were designed and engraved by Jiří Švengsbír.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from May 2nd, 1959, until further notice.

#### Commemorative stamps "Cultural Personalities, 1959"



To commemorate the anniversaries of some outstanding Czechoslovak cultural personalities, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Prague has issued six commemorative stamps, the value, designs and colors of which are as follows:

- a) 15h, František Benda (1709-1786), composer, 250th anniversary of his birth, color: dark blue;

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- b) 30h, Václav Kliment Klicpera (1792-1859), founder of the Czech drama, 100th anniversary of his death, dark red;
- c) 40h, Aureol Stodola (1859-1942), the outstanding Slovak technician, 100th anniversary of his birth, grey-green;
- d) 60h, Karel Václav Rais (1859-1926), writer, 100th anniversary of his birth, red brown;
- e) 80h, Antonin Slavíček (1870-1911), the outstanding Czech painter, violet;
- f) 1 Kčs, Petr Bezruč (1867-1958), poet, brown.

The designs of the stamps are by Dr. h. c. Max Švabinský (c, d, e) and by Professor Karel Svolinský (a, b, f). The etchings for all the stamps are the work of Jindra Schmidt.

All the stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print in sheets of 50 stamps. Dimensions of all the stamps are 25 by 40 mm.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from 22nd June, 1959 until further notice.

Two First Day Covers were issued at the same time. The designs were also executed by Dr. h. c. Max Švabinský and Prof. Karel Svolinský. The etchings are by Jindra Schmidt and Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The new air mail stamps with the picture of the first Czech plane.



The first Czech aviator, engineer Jan Kašpar, on the 25th of August, 1909, in Pardubice, made his first flight attempts with his airplane. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this outstanding event issued two air mail stamps of the following values, themes and colors:

- a) 1 Kčs, a group of airplanes of the first Czech flying school of Ing. Jan Kašpar in Pardubice, black and yellow.
- b) 1.80 Kčs, a portrait of Ing. Jan Kašpar, the flight of the first Czech airplane black and blue.

The designs of both stamps are by the academic painter Kamil Lhoták, the engraving being done by Jiří Švengsbír.

The stamps were printed by rotary steel print combined with recess print at the Post Printing Office in Prague. Dimensions of the stamp picture are 40 by 23 mm. Every sheet contains 50 stamps.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from October 15th, 1959 until further notice.

The design and the engraving of the First Day Cover was executed by Jiří Švengsbír.

#### A commemorative stamp "Soviet Rocket on the Moon"

The Ministry of Communications issued on the 23rd September, 1959, a commemorative stamp to mark the landing of the Soviet rocket on the moon.



On the stamp in the denomination of Kčs 0.60 is the picture of the rocket with the inscription "SSSR" and the moon with the Soviet flag along with the date of landing of the rocket: "13. IX. 1959 22h 02 m 24 s".

The stamp was designed by the academic painter Viktor Polášek and engraved by Ladislav Jirka. The engraving for the second color is by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The stamp was printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print combined with photogravure in sheets of 50 stamps.

The colors are red and blue. The dimensions of the stamp picture are 41 by 23 mm.

Validity of the stamps for internal and international postal use is from 23rd September, 1959, until further notice.

The design and the gravure of the First Day Cover was executed by Jiří Švengsbír.

Tenth Anniversary of the Tatra National Park



To mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Tatra National Park, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications issued on the 25th September, 1959, a com-

memorative series of five stamps. The values, motifs and colors as follows:

- a) 30h, a Marmot (*marmotta marmotta*), black and grey,
- b) 40h, a European Bison (*bison bonassus*), brown and green,
- c) 60h, a Lynx (*lynx lynx*), vermilion-red and yellow,
- d) 1 Kčs, a Wolf (*canis lupus*), grey-yellow and blue,
- e) 1.60 Kčs, a Stag (*cervus elaphus*), red-brown and light-brown.

The stamps are designed by the painter Josef Baláz, engraved by: a) Bedřich Housa, b, c) Jan Mráček, d) Bohdan Roule, e) Jaroslav Goldschmied, after drawings by Jindra Schmidt. The engravings for the background color are by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print combined with photogravure in sheets of 50 stamps. The dimensions of the stamp pictures are 40x23 mm and 23x40 mm respectively.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from 25th September, 1959, until further notice.

The two First Day Covers were engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied after designs by Josef Baláz and drawings by Jindra Schmidt.

#### Commemorative stamps with the portraits of Franz Joseph Haydn and Charles Darwin



At the suggestion of the World Peace Council, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will commemorate by the issue of new postage stamps the 150th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin.

The stamp with the portrait of F. J. Haydn has the value of 60h, and is printed in a blue color.

The value of the stamp with the portrait of Charles Darwin is 3 Kčs and its color is red-brown.

The designs of both stamps are the work of professor Karel Svolinský and the engravings have been done as a facsimile following the author's sketches by Jindra Schmidt.

Both stamps have been printed at the Post Printing Office in Prague by rotary steel printing in sheets containing 50 stamps. Dimensions of the stamp pictures are 23 by 41 mm.

Validity of these stamps for internal and international postal use is from October 16th, 1959, until further notice.

The First Day Cover design has been designed by professor Karel Svolinský and the engraving has been done by Jaroslav Goldschmied.



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