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COMPEX 1960

This is the last issue of the Specialist before the big midwestern stamp show known as Compex. Organized about three years ago it staged its first mammoth exhibition in 1958 during the Geophysical year. The Post Office Department considered the show of such importance to its IGY stamp program that Chicago was chosen as the place for the first day sale of the issue. Last year the P. O. D. promised Compex the first day sale of the Pan American Games stamp and this year the 2½c embossed envelope will make its debut May 28. On that same day cachets will be applied to these envelopes which will also bear the 1½c 1954 stamp to make up the first class rate of 4 cents.

Forty bourse tables in the Grand Ballroom will circle one part of the exhibition. The Century Room, also on the 19th floor of the LaSalle Hotel will house still another portion of the show. The balance of the exhibition will be found in the various halls on the 18th floor. Our portion of the exhibit will be found in the Douglas room.

It is not too late to send in your Czecho material to be shown but we hope you already had sent in your prospectus. We also hope that those of you who have something to advertise availed yourselves of the opportunity to use the Compex Directory and Program medium to present your wares before the visitors to Compex.

We always had out of town members visit Compex and this year promises to be a banner one. If you wish to participate as a guest, let us know. If you desire hotel accommodations we recommend the La Salle Hotel and Dr. Matejka promises to give you something suitable to your taste and pocket-book. Please contact him at your earliest convenience.

One of the reasons your Society has not raised its dues is the extra income accruing to the Society treasury from Compex. An unique arrangement is the distribution of profits from Compex. The organization which helps to build the treasury gains while the society whose representatives allow George to do it may be presented with a bill.

As in the past your Society will have a small hospitality room where some member is constantly in attendance. Learn where it is and get acquainted with your Chicago confreres and especially your officers. It could do no harm for Chicagoland members to get acquainted because only a small number attend the meetings. In the hospitality room your Society will hold a meeting to discuss proposals for the future guidance of the Society.

We asked members to send in their Czecho and related material duplicates which will be given to children during the show. Last year we distributed about 18,000 stamps (our goal was 25,000) and it helped to advertise our Society. This year to date we have more than 5000 specimens ready

for distribution. Our thanks to members Bush, Knox, Velek, Hale, Skopecek, Pearce and Kovarik.

We failed to advertise "Patrons of Compex" so only a few of the Chicago members participate. The idea is to donate \$1 and be listed in the directory as a patron. (This is very common in the Chicago area and very often a goodly sum is thus acquired.) The Society purchases only as much space as is necessary to list the donors and the profit goes to our treasury. Remind us next year and if you feel generous now, send your contribution to Geo. V. Havlik, 2336 So. Central Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Surely our members remember our note about the 30h Novotny regular issue, printed in violet instead of blue. As usual, some "lucky" collectors obtained a stock of these and began to sell them at a considerable premium over face. In view of this the government printed a considerable number of these stamps in the new color. General collectors are satisfied but not so the specialists. We must remember that the original violet color was caused by an unclean ink or rather a mixture of two inks, blue and red; the reprint is in a true violet color. Under an ultraviolet light the original shows up just like the original blue but the violet reprint throws off a reddish hue not unlike carmine. Another thing to watch is the gum.

We were told that the old stickney rotary press which has been used for more than 30 years in Czechoslovakie and which after WWII was sent to Bratislava has seen its last days of usefulness and shall be retired from stamp manufacture. The same is true about the U. S. Stickneys; we wonder if the machines used in Sweden and Poland are still producing.

We have received news which made us very sad. About a week ago we had a letter stating that the Masaryk covers sent by air mail were delivered in Praha, but our latest news reverses this by stating that all first day covers and, in fact, all mail franked with stamps featuring Masaryk will be refused and returned to the sender. We know that Hungary returned the Kossuths; Czechoslovakia returned the Kossuth first day covers because the cancellation incorporated Slovakia's coat-of-arms and were not supposed to adorn a cover honoring a Hungarian patriot. We were sure Czechoslovakia is more liberal minded but in this we may be wrong.

Some members wrote to us and asked for the Specialist Whole Number 195. Thru error the number was omitted and we hope it caused no inconvenience to anyone.

The following collector wishes to exchange stamps: Miloslav Hrbka, Rooseveltova 689, Most, Czechoslovakia.

K-LINE PUBLISHING 1959 SUPPLEMENT

As in the past, so also now, the 1959 supplement for the stamps of Czechoslovakia reached your editor for review. This 1959 addition consists of 10 pages for the regular issues and 1 page for the air mail section. Every subscriber is highly pleased with these album pages for many reasons: They are printed for standard three ring binders; they contain all pertinent information; they are ready for collectors as soon after the first of the year as is humanly possible; they are on a very good grade of paper and they are not expensive. In the manner of presentation they compage highly with world albums.

Readers of the Specialist who have never seen the K-Line albums are invited to ask for a sample page by writing to K-Line Publishing, Inc., 1433 Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill,

In our last issue we told of Janecka's metal Masaryk in a three dimensional design. Our word picture was not as descriptive as we should have liked and as Joe had a picture of his masterpiece we promised to show it to all our readers. Joe donated this metal reproduction of the 8c Masaryk stamp to the Smithsonian Institute.



CORRECTION

On page 62 of the last issue of the Specialist in the second paragraph about K-Line Publishing, Inc., we read that Dr. Matejka is on the Board of Directors. Dr. Matejka promised to serve on the advisory committee without compensation. He is not a member of the newly formed corporation. We are sorry if we caused him any concern.

T. G. MASARYK COVERS

We are happy to announce that every cover we had prepared of the Masaryk stamps has been sold and a report on our gain should appear shortly.

While we were in Washington, Mr. Bernard Davis, a member of the Stamp Advisory Committee, presented us with postcards portraying T. G. Masaryk, president of Czechoslovakia, drawn from life by Boris Grigorian. The original hangs in the National Museum in Praha. The cards are either blank or contain either the 4c or 8c or a combination of both the Masaryk stamps. The proceeds from the sale of the cards is for the People to People Program. About 50 sets are still available at \$1 a set or singly 15c for a blank, 25c for the 4c, 30c for the 8c or 45c for the combination. Mail your order now to F. J. Kovarik, 8748 Rockefeller Ave., Brookfield, Ill.



(Post Office Department Photo)

Charles Prhal (left) and Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., co-chairmen of the T. G. Masaryk Committee, presenting to P. M. G. Arthur E. Summerfield a check for \$250,000 for the Champion of Liberty stamps honoring Masaryk which were issued in Washington, D. C. March 7, 1960. The Masaryk first day sales reached the highest figure of any stamp ever issued in the United States. This \$250,000 check also represented the largest single purchase ever made of a new stamp on the first day of sale.

(Cut courtesy of "Stamps")

MASARYK FIRST DAY

For the second time this year the Washington Post Office handled an all-time record number of first-day covers. There were 1,710,726 covers canceled March 7, 1960, when the 4 and 8-cent Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamps were first placed on sale. A total of 3,666, 612 stamps was sold in Washington that day, with a value of \$187,649.96.

The first record set this year was the cancelling of 1,419,955 first-day covers bearing the 4-cent Boy Scouts of America Golden Jubilee commemorative, released February 8. There have been 4,085,472 first-day covers cancelled this year through the Masaryk issue.

Collector reaction to the "Champion of Liberty" stamps has been steadily increasing. There were 334,558 first-day covers cancelled August 31, 1957, when the 8-cent Ramon Magsaysay stamp initiated the series. All subsequent "Champion of Liberty" issues comprised 4 and 8-cent denominations.

In sequence of issuance, first-day cancellations were: Simon Bolivar, July 24, 1958—708,777 covers; Lajos Kossuth, September 10, 1958—722,188 covers; Jose de San Martin, February 25, 1959—910,208 covers, and Ernst Reuter, Sept. 29, 1959—1,207,933 covers.

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Parade Of New Issues

A Commemorative Stamp to Mark "Tenth Anniversary of Chinese People's Republic"



The Ministry of Communications issued on the 1st of October, 1959, a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Kčs 0.30 showing the Postage Stamp Printing Office in Peking.

The stamp marks the Ten Years' Cooperation in postal technics between Czechoslovakia and People's China, since the Printing Office depicted on the stamp was built with the help of Czechoslovak technicians.

The Chinese Postal Administration also issued a stamp of the same design and with the inscription "Chinese-Czechoslovak cooperation in Post and Telecommunications."

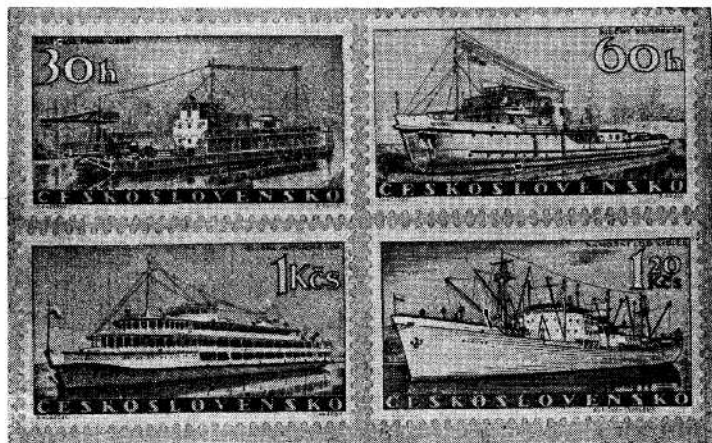
The stamp was engraved after a Chinese design by Bedřich Housa. The engraving of the second color is by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

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 dark brown and dark blue. The dimensions of the stamp picture are 41 mm by 23 mm.

Validity of the stamps for internal and international postal use is from 1st October, 1959, until further notice.

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

New Issue "Ships and Vessels"



The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue on 22nd February, 1960, a series of 4 stamps depicting ships and vessels, and consisting

of four values:

1. River dredge boat, 30 h., color: brown-green, red
2. River tug, 60 h., color: dark red, green
3. Passenger motor-boat, 1.— Kčs, color: violet-blue, orange-yellow
4. Cargo steamship "Lidice," 1.20 Kčs, color: violet, yellow-green.

The stamps were designed by the painter František Hudeček, engraved by Bohdan Roule (1 and 2), Jan Mráček (3), and Jiří Švengsbir (4). All the stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print combined with photogravure in sheets of 50. The dimensions of the stamp picture are 23x41 mm.

The First Day Covers were designed by the painter František Hudeček, engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied.

The stamps are valid in internal and international postal use from 22nd February, 1960, until further notice.

Czechoslovak Castles on Stamps (1st part)



The Ministry of Communications will issue on 21st March, 1960, a current series of 8 different stamps depicting Czechoslovak castles, as follows:

1. 5 h, Trenčín Castle, violet-blue
2. 10 h, Bezděz Castle, black
3. 20 h, Kost Castle, brick-red
4. 30 h, Pernštýn Castle, green
5. 40 h, Kremnice Castle, brown
6. 60 h, Karlův Týn Castle, red
7. 1.— Kčs Smolenice Castle, violet
8. 1.60 Kčs Kokořín Castle, blue

The denominations of 10h, 20h, 30h, 60h, and 1.60 Kčs have been designed by the graphic-artist Jaroslav Šváb, the remaining three values are the work of Anton Hollý. They have been engraved by Jiří Švengsbir (5h and 40h), Bedřich Housa (10h and 30h), Jindra Schmidt (20h), Jan Mráček (60h), Bohdan Roule (1.— Kčs) and Ladislav Jirka (1.60 Kčs).

The stamps were printed by the Post Printing Office in Prague in one color by the rotary recess print in sheets of 100. The dimensions of the stamp pictures are 19x23 mm.

Validity for internal and international postal use is from 21st March, 1960, until further notice.

No First Day Cover will be issued for this emission.

24th MAIL SALE

★—Mint ○—Used

No.	Suggested bids:
1. Scouts 10h and 20h ★ -----	\$2.00
2. Scouts 10h and 20h each on cover -----	5.00
3. Budejovice, complete set up to 1K on fine cover -----	2.50
4. High values 2, 3, 4, 10K on piece -----	3.00
5. Austrian postal stationery used in Czech territory, 38 cards -----	3.00
6. 62 picture postcards of diff. Czech towns with stamps -----	4.00
7. Covers with Austrian stamps, but all used in Czech territory (34) -----	3.00
8. 46 labels all Czech -----	2.00
9. 40 diff. proofs and reprints and waste prints -----	3.00
10. Small collection of favor sheets, altogether 16 -----	2.00
11. Overprints: T and D and Porto on 35 stamps ★ and ○ -----	4.00
12. Newspaper stamps (provisionals) 13 some ○ -----	4.00
13. 6 stampless covers BEFORE 1850, Czech town names -----	3.00
14. 34 stationery ★ and ○ mostly Hradcany -----	3.00
15. 37 postcards with PRAHA picture and with stamps -----	2.00
16. Similar lot only 42 cards -----	2.00
17. Austrian stamps with Czech cancellations, 22 mostly diff. -----	2.00
18. HRADCANY, 1h complete sheet -----	1.00
19. 3h complete sheet of 100 -----	3.00
20. 34 waste prints -----	3.00
21. 78 covers all with Hradcany stamps, early time 1918-1920 -----	5.00
22. 10h, 20h, 30h SUPERB copies IMPERF -----	15.00
23. 300h in 2 different colors, proofs -----	3.00
24. set up to 1000h ★ (18 diff.) -----	2.50
25. 2,250 Hradcany stamps all USED, mixed (for colors, canc.) -----	4.00
26. Hradcany different perf., 17 different -----	1.00
27. Collection of only Hradcany stamps ★ and ○ on album pages, specialized, some waste prints, some reprints, some on pieces, nice -----	11.00
28. Small Czecho collection in stockbook, about 800 stamps, also blocks, mostly used -----	6.00
29. LEGIONAIRES, different perfs in blocks (16) -----	4.00
30. on 6 favor sheets -----	.50
31. POSTA 1919, 10k light violet superb -----	20.00
32. airmails complete set ★ superb -----	75.00
33. 10k blue PORTO ★ -----	20.00
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35. Set of 48 different all ★ -----	5.00
36. 8 stamps with INVERTED overprints -----	5.00
37. MASARYK 1920, 1.25, 500, 1,000 all ★ -----	1.00
38. 125 perf and imperf ULTRAMARINE -----	4.00
39. 1923 complete set ★ -----	1.25
40. Congress complete ★ -----	5.00
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42.	1925 2k with vertical watermark and PLATE no. superb	30.00
43.	5k ★ and ○ vertical watermark -----	1.00
44.	vertical watermarks complete set ○ -----	3.00
45.	Dove and Allegory, complete TETE BECHE ★ -----	15.00
46.	same USED, superb -----	15.00
47.	Airmails, first set ★ -----	5.00
48.	Second set ★ vf -----	10.00
49.	Third set ★ -----	1.00
50.	Fourth set ★ -----	1.00
51.	Fourth set in blocks of 4 ★ -----	4.00
52.	Newspapers first issue, 4 complete sheets -----	4.00
53.	Special delivery stamps, Scott 1 to 6 PLUS the error 5h in the color of 2h ★ -----	8.00
54.	Postage due stamps. Overprints on Austrian and Hradcany (14) --	2.00
55.	Def. issue set up to 2000 ★ -----	4.00
56.	Overprints complete INCL. the rare J28 ★ -----	11.00
57.	ERROR 50 on 400h (instead of 60) signed GILBERT -----	50.00
58.	S. O. complete set up to 1,000h (no scarce values, but compl.) ★ --	3.00
59.	5h and 15h IMPERF ★ -----	4.00
60.	500 and 1,000 Masaryk ★ vf -----	16.00
61.	Collection of S.O. on album pages, all compl ★ and ○ inc. Masaryk	22.00
62.	MINIATURE SHEETS, 12 different★ and ○, N. Y. Worlds Fair 16 different -----	7.50
63.	Same on 5 covers used (registered mail) -----	4.00
64.	Different plate blocks (bl. of 4) 28 vf lot -----	5.00
65.	Favor sheets (with stamps) sold in Prague at different occasions 20 different -----	5.00
66.	21 stamps with tabs ★ and ○ -----	2.00
67.	World War II, Czech Fieldpost in England, cards and covers (8) --	3.00
68.	Sudeten, Boh. Moravia, 18 covers and cards used during the Sudeten crisis -----	4.00
69.	Boh. Moravia specialized collection on album pages incl. covers, sheets, cards, proofs, reprints and favor sheets on album pages, nicely collected -----	24.00
70.	Czech collection ★ and ○ in German album, nice high Scott -----	31.00
71.	Second republic 78 covers, nothing rare -----	4.00
72.	Third republic 1100 picture stamps, mostly ○, high cat. -----	4.00
73.	All unused stamps face value Kcs 500 -----	3.00
74.	54 different FDC all vf. -----	7.00
75.	1100 used stamps partly in sheets -----	2.50
76.	40 miniature sheets (duplicates too) -----	3.00
77.	Covers of the I and II and III republic altogether 200 covers -----	4.00

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PRICES REALIZED

Continued from last issue)

From the auction of Carl E. Pelander, Feb. 26-27, 1960.

610	★	C8a 100h/200h inverted surcharge, Gilberts guarantee, og, vf 1	6.00
611	★	1940-51—C28-39 Two sets in og blocks of 4's, vf	48 5.50
612	★	1951—C36-39 6k to 20k in miniature sheet of 10's, mint, vf 40	7.00
613	★	1955—C40-46 80h to 10k in mint, nh, blocks of 4's, vf	28 8.00
614	★	1922-51—Betw. C7-39 Balance of the air post collection, 95 mint og, 70 used, incl. 15 blocks, 6 covers, one franked with C4-6 (possibly bogus) not priced, interesting and f.	165 18.50
614A	★	1919-48—Betw. E1-P36 The specialized collection of Spec. Del., Dues, Personal Del., Officials and Newspaper stamps, 1017 stamps, 317 used, bal. mint og, incl. 74 blks, f to vf	1017 45.00
615	★	1919-21—3a 5h color error, printed in color of 2h, also 10h on white paper, both og, vf	2 4.75
616	★	1918-19—Provisional Dues Collection, 355 stamps, mint and used, incl. 3 covers, majority on pieces, Austrian, Czech-Polish, Czech-Austria combinations, various bisects, many diff. handstamps, as "PORTO", "FRANKO", "TAXE", "DOPLATI" plus letters "D", "P", "T", various types and colors. A very interesting specialist lot, vf (Est. \$27.50+)	355 27.50
617	★	J15, 28 20h/3h block of 6, misplaced surcharge, plus the 100h-80h olive green, og, all signed Gilbert, vf	7 4.50
618	★	1918—Provisional Newspaper Stamps, 10 diff. incl. 3 diff on wrappers, plus compl. sheet of 32 "Narodni Politika", etc., rare and vf lot	47 21.00
619	★	Stockbook with several thousands of stamps, incl. good charity and airs, etc., f (Est. \$70.00)	? 10.00
620	★	1938-48—N. Y. Worlds Fair Souvenir sheets (2), in original folders (7), Souvenir Folders (6), Favor Sheets (1), Souvenir Sheets (2), plus 3 progressive proof sheets of Phil. Exhib., cancels, etc. Interesting, vf. (Est. \$14.50)	37 2.50
621	★	1920-48—Essays (41), Christmas Seals 1928-39, 1948, Propaganda Labels (57), interesting and vf (Est. \$14.00)	114 3.00
624	✉	1919-44—Field Post Covers and Cards, 19 diff. incl. scarce Hungarian Border War in 1919, fine lot	19 10.50
625	★	1939-44—Bohemia-Moravia 1-P19 The complete country specialized, 1067 stamps, 347 used, bal. mint og, incl. 90 blocks and one cover, f to vf	1067 32.50
626	★	— 1-P19 As above, all but four ★ og, f to vf	183 8.00
627	★	1939-45—Slovakia Betw. 1-J38 Collection, incl. compl. sheets of 28a, 29a, also 73 blocks, 24 used, bal. mint og, f-vf	770 10.50
628	★	— 1, 24-EX2 Collection, incl. types on #1, og, f to vf	129 4.25
629	★	1939— — 2-23 5h to 10k compl., og, signed by Dr. Dub and others, f to vf	22 33.00
630	★	— J1-P36 Dues and Newspapers, compl., og, J12 has pin head thin, others f to vf	71 8.00
631		LITERATURE 11 black binders with fine articles on this country's stamps, also over 70 issues of the "CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST," fine and valuable lot	12 15.50
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At the auction of Mercury Stamp Co., 10 East 40th St., New York 16, N. Y., Feb. 16, 17 and 18, 1960:

1558	★ CZECHOSLOVAKIA #62, 63 vars. 1920, 500, 1000h, imperf. vf	9.00
1559	☒ 62, 63 vars. 1920, 500, 1000h, imperf. tied to cover from Cheb, vf -----	13.50
1560	★ 78, 80 vars. (Mi. 185B, 187B) 1920, 300, 500h, rare comb perf. 13¼x13½, vf -----	25.00
1561	★ 93 var. (Mi. 203IIIA) 1923, 200h, Type III, comb perf. 13¼x13½, vf -----	16.00
1562	★ 94 var. (Mi 204IIA) 1923, 300h, Type II, cob perf. 13¼x13½ vf -----	31.00
1563	★ 94 var. (Mi 204IIB) 1923, 300h, Type II, line perf. 13¼, vf -----	16.00
1564	★ 101A, 1925, 1k, vert wmk., vf -----	25.00
1565	★ 101C 1925, 3k, vert. wmk., vf -----	80.00
1565	★ 101C, 1925, 4k, vert. wmk., vf -----	80.00
1566	★ 102, 1925, 1k, vf -----	15.50
1567	★ Semi-Postals B8a, 1919, 20h green, vf -----	6.00
1568	★ B10 var. (2), 1919, 30h, double overprint, vert pair, vf -----	8.50
1569	★ B18a, 1919, 2k, dark blue, one perf short at T, yet vf -----	185.00
1570	○ B18a, 1919, 2k dark blue, tied to small piece, vf -----	175.00
1571	★ B19a, 1919, 3k claret, vf -----	75.00
1572	★ B21, 1919, 10k, violet, vf -----	25.00
1573	★ B21a, 1919, 10k deep violet, vf -----	28.00
1574	★ B26, 1919, 10h Newspaper, vf -----	102.50
1575	★ B33, 1919, 5h Special Handling, a few short perfs, f -----	75.00
1576	★ B36 var., 1919, 5h Special Handling, horiz. overprint, vf -----	6.00
1577	★ B36 var., 1919, 5h Special Handling, vert. pair, B stamps without overprint(overprint partly on back), vf -----	11.50
1578	★ Unlisted, 1919, 5k lilac Postage Due (Austria J45), a few perfs bit shortened, scarce, f. -----	20.00
1579	★☒ B48 var. (4), 1919, 10h Postage Due, inverted overprint, strongly shifted, block of 4, vf -----	9.00
1580	★ B57, 1919, 10h Postage Due, vf -----	30.00
1581	★ B59, 1919, 15h on 2h Postage Due, vf -----	8.00
1582	★ B60, 1919, 10h on 24h Postage Due, vf -----	10.00
1583	★ B62, 1919, 20h on 54h Postage Due, vf -----	10.00
1584	★ B63 var. (2), 1919, 50h on 42h, horiz. overprint across pair, vf -----	11.00
1585	★ B90, 1919, 10k Hungary, slight vert. crease, f. -----	67.50
1586	★ B92 var. (2), 1919, 20h, double overprint, B margin pair, vf -----	7.00
1587	★ B112, 1919, 2f Hungary Postage Due, a few perfs bit short vf. -----	22.50
1588	★ B126 var. (2), 1919, 50h, line perf 10½x13¼ and 11½x10½ vf -----	16.00
1589	★S B140-143, 1926, Sokol, 50, 100, 200, 300h, vf -----	8.00
1590	★S Air Post C1-3, 1920 14, 24, 28k, imperf, vf -----	7.50
1591	★S C4-6, 1920, 14, 24 28k perf, vf -----	15.00
1592	★ Postage Dues J47, 49 vars. (Mi. 44B, 46B), 1926, 50, 100h, rare comb perf. 13¼x13½, f-vf -----	6.00
1593	★ J50 var. (Mi. 47B), 1927, 100h, line perf 13¼, unpriced, rare, vf -----	27.50
1594	★ EASTERN SILESIA 21a, 1920, 1000h, black overprint, vf -----	18.00

Czechoslovakia Hradčany Spiral Variety

By F. J. Kosik



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Even among collectors of Czechoslovakia many are not familiar with, or are altogether unaware of, two existing types on the Hradčany issue, Scott's Type IV (Fig. 1), values 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75, 120 and 500h. Type I, open spiral; Type II, closed spiral. The spiral concerned here is located in the top left-hand corner of the design. Type II is the retouch as referred to in the following paragraphs.

The 5, 15, 20, 25, and 500h were initially issued with the open spiral (Fig. 2). Later printings of these values show the spiral retouched (Fig. 3). The 10, 30, 50 and 120h values were issued only with the open spiral. The 75h value also belongs in this category. It is the only value in this group that interests us because one stamp in two plates (200 stamps) was left unretouched.

During the retouching, due to human error, certain positions on various plates were left unretouched. Here pairs showing both types are possible. Such pairs are much sought after by those aware of these spiral types. The following listing shows the positions of the unretouched stamps on retouched plates. Plate markings are missing on these retouched plates, so "A" and "B" are used to denote positions on different plates.

5h Plate "A" 93; 15h Plate "A" 2, 21, 22, 23, 49, 83, 91, 99; 20h Plate "A" 9, 34; 25h Plate "A" 10, 27, 31, 63, 80, 90; 75h Plate "A" 82; 500h Plate "A" 32, 35; 15h Plate "B" 94; 20h Plate "B" 83; 25h Plate "B" 3, 12, 13, 87, 100.

A detailed resume of the foregoing information is as follows:

Group I. Includes those values that exist only in Type I. Here belong the 10, 30, 50 and 120h values.

Group II. Includes those values which exist in full sheets of both types. Here belong the 5, 15, 25 and 500h values.

Group III. Includes those values which have both types on one sheet and/or plate. Here belong the 5, 15, 20, 25 and 75h values. These values

are the ones to check for pairs with both types.

As mentioned previously, the 75h value (position 82) with the unretouched spiral (Type I) appears only once on two plates prepared for this value, i.e., on 200 stamps. A copy of this unretouched stamp is considered rare. A pair showing both types is naturally scarce, especially in used condition. Due to printing peculiarities the spirals we are interested in affected so as to produce pseudo-types. For a copy to be clearly identified as authentic check the elongated dash in the "7" of "75" as shown in Figure 4.

Spiral varieties of Scott's Type IV also should be looked for on these stamps surcharged "DOPLATIT", overprinted "S O 1920" and the 500h value of the first airmail surcharge. There are possibilities of forming a highly specialized collection of these spiral types if one includes the various perforations, mint and used copies, surcharges, overprints, trials and proofs. Comments, additions and questions are welcomed by the writer: Frank J. Kosik, Route 3, Box 463, Delavan, Wis. (Librarian, Czechoslovak Philatelic Society)
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