

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST

A publication of the Czechoslovak  Philatelic Society of N. America

Copyright 1961 The Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of North America

Editor Frank J. Kovarik, 8748 Rockefeller Ave., Brookfield, Illinois

Vol. XXIII

September 1961

No. 215

EDITORIAL

During 20 years of our active work with the Boy Scouts, Labor Day had one meaning: With that day the fun of vacationing came to a halt; most of the boys returned to school that next day and the humdrum of work recommenced. Our Society activities also begin with September. The Chicago Chapter is embarking on a program of activities with a showing of Hradčany by John Velek. Member Joseph Houda promises to show his collection of medals in November. Member Kovarik is tentatively scheduled to show engravings of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. As you see, this type of program is broad and will encompass even non-Czecho material.

Our June issue of the Specialist contained only 12 pages. It was our desire to have nothing continued into the September issue. The Czechoslovakian Postal authorities sent to Compex a small brochure to be distributed at that show but we removed enough copies to send a specimen to every member. If we had the 16 page Specialist maybe the booklet could not be enclosed because the two items would be too heavy for one postal rate.

Pofis published a handbook (no. 4) entitled "Úprava Sbírký Poštovních Známeč" (Arrangement of a Collection of Postage Stamps) by our member Jan Karásek of Brno. To give our readers an idea of what the booklet contains we hereby give a translation of the index: Philatelic exhibitionism; kinds of album pages; frames and illustrations on album sheets; annotations; main points in the preparations of sheets; number of stamps on a sheet; pictorial and text part; upper and lower part of album sheet; description of the collection; quality of the stamps; table of valuation for topical stamps; table for junior collections; effect of arrangement on the judges and illustrations. The latter part is especially interesting and can be of help even to old time specialists. The cost is Kčs. 2.45.

Some time ago we mentioned a request relative to Czechoslovakian Boy Scout labels. We wrote to Mr. Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., an authority on Boy Scout stamps, cancellations and labels, who sent us his illustrated, specialized catalog which is very thorough. Any reader interested may write to Mr. Thorsen, 387 Sunset Rd., Winnetka, Ill. The price listed is \$2.00. This catalog lists Scout labels of Czechoslovakia we never heard of.

In another part of this issue you will find the results of the election. The candidates nominated by the nominating committee were elected by an almost unanimous vote and we are sure they will do all in their power not to keep the Society where it is but to enlarge the membership and give better service. An old Czech proverb says that "a new broom sweeps better" and we are sure we can expect that from our new officers. Incidentally the new term of office begins on January 1, 1962; only the new editor starts his duties one month earlier.

Apropos of the above, the only officer for re-election was the president of the Society, Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. We had the pleasure of informing our members that "Doc" was named to the new United States Stamp Advisory Committee. It is to the advantage of our Society to have a leader who carries such prestige.

Our president sent us a letter with two Czecho seals enclosed both containing the legend "Lidice Budou Žít" (Lidice Will Live). The one design in black bears a picture of a destroyed village with a cradle in the foreground and the other design features a large cross with a crown of thorns in black, a stylized flower in red and the background in beige. Obviously the seals commemorated martyred Lidice, but the writer of the request wants to know where these stamps originated and who distributed them. If any reader can answer that, please write to Kovarik and we'll then pass on the knowledge to our members.

The feature article in this issue of the Specialist is reprinted from the 1961 Compex Directory. It was authored by member Z. Kvasnička of Praha, translated by member George Skopecek and is a very fine general article on the postage due stamps of Czechoslovakia. Some members feel it should have been specialized; but the Compex Directory is not geared to specialized articles because it has a limitation on space and the visiting collectors, the purchasers of the directory, don't care for Czechoslovakian specialization. But it gives plenty of general information and we are sure you will like it (at least many of you). This year's Compex program sold out quickly; that is the reason for this reprint. The 58 and 59 Compex programs contained very good articles but as the books are still available we do not wish to reprint the articles.

Last issue of the Specialist contained a notice that our Society will hold a meeting in Philadelphia during the American Philatelic Congress on Nov. 4. We promised to bring more on this in the September Specialist but, as next month is more opportune, we asked our member Dr. Reiner-Deutsch to send us the particulars for our October issue.

We have never refused to give a little free space to those Czecho collectors who want to exchange stamps. Not once did we hear that anybody took advantage of these ads. However, we continue to do so; it may make for better public relations. Here are a few more:

Used U. S. stamps for FDC of Czecho, Poland or Hungary; has also material from 1918-1939: Karel Jančík, Rovečné Č. 16.

Stamps and FDC: Jaroslav Sokol, Tř. Obranců míru čp. 1208, Hradec Králové 2.

U. S. stamps before 1920 for FDC or stamps mint or used: Leopold Vinš, Husova 26, České Budějovice.

Czech FDC and mint singles for U. S. or U. N. stamps, singles or blocks. John Pavlo, 14A East 39th St., Savannah, Ga.

FRANK O. VINSON

Our New York friend, member Joseph Stein sent us a clipping from the New York Times of June 23, 1961 telling of the death of one of our oldest members in the Society, roster no. 40, Frank O. Vinson. We have known Frank and his charming wife Vlasta almost from the day they came to America fleeing from Hitler, Eichmann, the Swastika and the Nazis. At the meeting in 1939 when our Society was formally organized in New York, we learned to like this fine couple and our friendship continued until his death. We reprint the obituary from the New York Times. To the widow and his brothers the officers and members extend their heartfelt sympathies.

FRANK O. VINSON, STAMP DEALER, 60
Purchaser of Part of Farouk Collection Is Dead

Eastchester, N. Y., June 22—Frank O. Vinson, a stamp dealer, died here today in his home, at 3 La Mesa Avenue. He was 60 years old.

In February, 1954, Mr. Vinson paid about \$60,000 for the largest block of stamps from the collection of former King Farouk of Egypt, at an auction sale in Cairo. In March, after returning to his home here, he received from the Egyptian Government an autographed photograph of President Mohammed Naguib as official confirmation that he was the largest purchaser among the dealers attending the auction.

Most of the stamps were resold at auction here. Mr. Vinson headed the United Stamp Company, which has the same address as his home. It formerly occupied a store in Grand Central Palace on Lexington Avenue, New York. In 1952 the store was rifled so completely by a burglar that he moved.

A native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, he came to the United States in 1939. He had been a banker in his native land.

Mr. Vinson belonged to the Collectors Club, the American Philatelic Society and many groups connected with stamp collecting.

He leaves his wife, Vlasta, and two brothers, Egon and Arnold Voticky

PAUL PEKURNEY

We have been informed by Mrs. Anna Pekurney, the widow of our member Paul Pekurney, of his death January 6, 1960. At that time Mr. Pekurney was sustaining member roster no. 559. To his widow the officers and members of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society extend their deepest sympathy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1962 and 1963

69 ballots were received all voting for the slate submitted by the nominating committee. The only deviations were as follows: 2 votes were denied to the president, Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr.; 1 denied to Joseph J. Janecka for vice president; 1 to Joseph Stein for treasurer and 2 to Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch for editor. The write-in votes were 1 for Milo Barry for president; 1 for Wilbur D. Knox for vice president and 1 for Frank J. Kovarik for editor.

67 ballots were cast for the \$1.00 increase in dues raising them from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for one year.

1 opposed any increase.

1 suggested raising the dues to \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph J. Jiranek, chairman; George V. Havlik, Frank J. Kovarik

The sustaining member dues remain at \$5.00 per year and the patron member dues remain at \$10.00 per year. These two classes were of considerable help in keeping the Society solvent and it is thru their financial help the Specialist could afford the luxury of illustrations. We recommend this class of membership to all our members thereby relieving the editor of many headaches. The sustaining member gets at the end of the year an extra volume of the Specialist for that year and the patron member gets the volume bound in cloth.

Officers for 1962-63

President: Dr. J. J. Matejka, Jr.

Vice President, East: L. M. Horechny

Vice President, Central: J. Janecka

Vice President, West: Dr. H. J. Safarik

Treasurer: J. Stein
 Secretary: F. J. Kosik
 International Secretary: R. Spofford
 Councilor, East: G. Koplowitz
 Councilor, Central: C. J. Kozak
 Councilor, West: W. B. Bryant
 Editor: Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch

THE CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBIT AT COMPEX John Velek

A very successful CompeX has passed and the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society was again among the 12 clubs to take part.

The award winners were chosen by three prominent Chicago collectors: Bernard Hennig, Anton Dragoun and Albert Hoch. The awards were as follows: the grand award (J. W. Lowey Memorial Plaque) was won by Herbert Dube for his wonderful collection of Prague postmarks on covers all used before the Republic. The earliest dated from 1782 and four frames were the rare stampless covers. I am sure that seeing this material was a treat for everyone.

The first award went to Jaroslav Cimrhakl of Prague, Czechoslovakia, who showed a fine collection of Czech airmails including a highly specialized study of the first engraved issue.

The second award was won by Zdenek Kvasnička of Prague. He exhibited a highly specialized collection of Czech airmails. These included many provisionals such as manuscript "Porto" on Austrian and Hungarian stamps, other unusual "Porto" handstamps, quarters and halves of Austrian stamps tied to parcel cards and many others. Of the first postage dues there was a die proof autographed by A. Mucha as the designer and a horizontal gutter of the 500h green postage due and the 300h Hradčany. Rare essays and proofs of the postage due overprints for the Hradčany filled a frame. Ending this fine exhibit were many die proofs of the 1928 regular issue.

Third award was won by Frank Kosik with his interesting exhibit called "The Birth of a Stamp" showing photos of the original drawings and the equipment used to produce a stamp. This exhibit also won the research award provided by the S. P. A.

The Postal History Award provided by the Nassau-Suffolk Philatelic Alliance was won by the grand award winner, Mr. Dube of Toronto, as was the Historical Award furnished by the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs. Mr. Dube also showed a fine additional collection of early Czechoslovakia.

Some of the "Not for Competition" exhibits were last year's grand award winner, Mr. W. D. Knox of Texas, whose collection of early Czechoslovakia included the rare 30h Hradčany, comb perf. 13¼x13½ on piece. Another fine collection in this category was the exhibit of Czechoslovak Field Posts of 1938 shown by Dr. Reiner-Deutsch of New York. He also showed two frames of the very rare 1918-20 Field Posts that are seldom seen. Also in the non-competitive class was a collection of Bohemia-Moravia belonging to Joe Janecka of Riverside, Ill., and 16 frames shown by eight New York members as a group. One of the unusual exhibits of this group was the secret engraver's marks of Schmidt, Heintz, Sizinger and Goldschmidt.

The Topical Award furnished by the American Topical Association went to Frank Rosner of Chicago for his Physical Culture postcards. A very interesting three frame exhibit showing "the Butcher" (Heydrich), "The Patriots" (Gabcek) and "The Victim" (Lidice) belonged to Paul Hale of Brighton, Ill.

Other interesting exhibits included a one frame showing of Czech rarities

K-LINE PAGES**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

Supplement #8 - 1960

\$1.15

Plus 15c postage

OTHER PARTS

Part 1, 1918-1939	9.00	45c
Bohemia & Moravia 1939-1945	1.50	25c
Slovakia 1939-1945	3.25	25c
Part 2, 1945-1953	6.25	35c
Supplement No. 1, 1953-54	1.20	25c
Supplement No. 2, 1954 .....	.45	15c
Supplement No. 3, 1956 .....	.85	15c
Supplement No. 4, 1956 .....	.55	15c
Supplement No. 5, 1957	1.25	20c
Supplement No. 6, 1958	1.10	15c
Supplement No. 7, 1959	1.20	15c
EASTERN SILESIA, epl.	1.65	15c

**OTHER ALBUM PAGES
AVAILABLE**

CAMBODIA

GHANA

GUINEA

LAOS

MALAGASH

PHILIPPINES

POLAND

TOGO

U. A. R.

VIET-NAM

CHAMPIONS OF LIBERTY

OLYMPIC GAMES

SPORTS

U. N.

SCOUTS

WORLD FAIRS

RELIGION

K-Line Publishing, Inc.1433 So. Cuyler Ave.
Berwyn, Illinois**Bohemia-Moravia-Slovakia
Handbook**

(only 600 printed)

\$4.50**English-Czech and
Czech-English
Philatelic Vocabulary**Hard Cover bound — **\$4.50**Soft Cover bound — **\$3.50**Svedectvi doby na Poštovních
Známkách Československa
(in Czech) — **\$1.00**1961 Pofis. Cat. — **\$1.50****Bound Specialists**

On First Come—First Served Basis

We have on hand

(4) 1949	3.88
(3) 1951	3.88
(5) 1954	3.88
(6) 1955	3.88
(7) 1946-1947 ...	5.88
(3) 1948-1949 ...	5.88
(3) 1950-1951 ...	5.88
(8) 1952-1953 ...	5.88
(4) 1951-1953 ...	7.88
(1) 1953-1954 ...	5.88
(5) 1954-1955 ...	5.88
(5) 1957	3.88
(1) 1958	3.88
(5) 1959	3.88
(5) 1960	3.88
(7) 1958-1959 ...	5.88

Order from your Treasurer:

G. C. KOBYLKA

1433 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Illinois

Please make separate checks for Album Pages and Specialists

belonging to Rudolf Secky of New York. Among other things in this frame was the only known gutter pair of the 3.50 K. Scott No. 184. Also shown was an interesting exhibit of entires of the world addressed to Czechoslovakia and belonging to Miloš and Jiří Smolík of Czechoslovakia.

Joe Jiranek showed his fine collection of the Czech Army in Britain, the commemorative postmarks being complete. Mr. Rudolph Novy of Dallas, Texas, had a very complete collection of Bohemia-Moravia showing plate and gutter blocks. August Hrivnak of Riverside, Ill., showed his Mareš and Šrobár Revolutionary issues and English Fieldposts.

Altogether, I think this year's exhibit was one of the most diversified and interesting we have had, showing the wide range of specialties our members have.

RESULTS OF THE 1961 COMPEX AUCTION

The 1961 COMPEX Auction was held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the Executive Suite of the COMPEX Organization. Because of the inability to advertise in advance the exact time that we could hold the auction the floor bidding and response were very poor, so that in most cases the mail bidders were in complete control of the auction. The following are the lots that were sold at our auction and the prices realized:

Lot No.	Price Realized
2. U. S., 2 Masaryk Champion of Liberty cards -----	\$.85
3. U. S., Masaryk, Mannerheim, Simon Bolivar, Paderewski FDC ----	1.10
4. N. S., Masaryk FD covers -----	.55
5. Czecho, Stampless Cover, June 3, 1876, Prague to Budweis -----	.75
7. 10 Haller Scout stamps, two distinct shades -----	5.00
8. 20 Haller Scout stamps, two distinct shades -----	5.50
9. 20 Haller Scout stamp, offset impression on gummed side -----	4.00
11. 10 H. mint and 20 H. cancelled "NV" Scout stamps -----	4.15
12. 10 H. Scout stamp on cover cancelled "NV" -----	8.10
13. 20 H. Scout stamp on cover cancelled "NV" -----	9.00
14. 10 and 20 H. Scout stamps on piece cancelled with Scout cancel. -	4.75
15. 10 H. Scout stamp imprint Postal Card, mint -----	14.25
16. Šrobár overprint on Hungarian Postal Card used -----	2.60
17. Mareš overprint on 10 Haller Crown Postal card, mint -----	2.70
18. Prague II overprint on 20 H. King Karel letter sheet, Mt. -----	2.70
19. Prague II overprint on 10 H. Crown postal card, mint -----	2.70
20. Levec Issue on cover, Austrian 157, 149 and 168 -----	2.25
21. No. 44 Hradčany printed on both sides -----	7.00
22. No. 2, 5H Yellow green, 2 tete-beche gutter pairs mt. -----	16.00
23. No. 61-63, 1920 Masaryk Issue, 1000 H with "Rose" -----	2.75
24. No. 82a tete-beche pair, mint -----	.60
26. No. 83a tete-beche pair, mint -----	.50
27. No. 83a tete-beche gutter pair, mint -----	1.50
28. No. 84a tete-beche pair, mint -----	4.25
30. No. 84a tete-beche gutter pair, mint -----	5.00
31. No. 84a tete-beche and tete-beche gutter double strip used complete width of the sheet -----	20.00
32. No. 71a tete-beche pair, mint -----	.70
33. No. 71a tete-beche pair in block of four, mint -----	1.25
34. No. 87a tete-beche pair, mint -----	9.00
35. No. 87a tete-beche pair, mint -----	9.00
36. No. 87a tete-beche gutter pair, mint -----	9.00
37. No. 87a tete-beche gutter pair, mint -----	9.00
38. No. 73a tete-beche gutter pair, mint -----	2.25
39. No. 23 offset, No. 5 partial offset, No. 3 Vzorec Ovpt. -----	.90

40. No. 66, blocks of six imprint trial prints on green paper -----	1.10
41. Trial prints No. 73, pink paper, No. 76 on dark red paper, No. 80 on yellow paper, No. 81 on yellow paper -----	.95
42. No. 71, 74, 76, 77, 18 and 79 on stamp paper, imperf mint -----	3.50
43. No. 76 Trial on dark red paper, 77 on dark red paper, No. 80 and 81 on yellow paper -----	2.25
44. No. 80 vertical strip of four on yellow paper -----	1.50
47. Official Essay, Chain breaker with date 28-X-1918 stamp size, bright red -----	3.75
49. No. 88 block of four trial print on yellow paper -----	2.25
51. No. 61 dark blue trial impression, no value impt. -----	2.00
52. No. 61 ultramarine, No. 62 gray on brown paper, No. 63 dark brown on brown gummed paper, all trial prints -----	3.25
53. No. 62 vertical pair gray on brown paper -----	2.25
54. 50 H. small unissued Masaryk Essay ultramarine -----	.75
56. No. 96 and 97 trial prints on yellow paper, gummed -----	3.50
58. No. 137-140 mint, OG, VF, well centered -----	4.00
59. No. 159-163 St. Wenceslaus, Black Commem. Postmark -----	1.25
60. No. 175-176 Masaryk set used with tab tabs -----	3.00
61. No. 170 Masaryk with triple perforation through lower tab -----	1.50
63. No. 165-167 with Plate No. 1, OG, VG, mint -----	3.25
65. No. 184-186, OG, VG, with plate No 1A, mint -----	1.50
70. No. 200b and 201b, 191, all tied to cover -----	2.00
72. No. 239 Bratislava sheet, stamps considerably shifted -----	3.00
73. No. 251 Praga Sheet, signed by Vondrous, Seizinger and Tučný --	3.00
74. Assortment mint stamps, some with tabs of 1936-1938 issues ---	2.50
76. No. 249 and 250 gutter pairs, mint, 2 sets -----	.25
77. No. 255 Blue Stefanik -----	2.00
78. No. 310 Souvenir sheet, Lion with broken leg variety -----	5.00
79. Large Essay drawing of Prague scene, value 3 Kčs. -----	6.25
80. No. 355-356 left and right coupon pairs, mint -----	.40
82. No. 351-354 mint sets, 2 sets -----	.20
84. No. 719 Souvenir sheet, perforated, mint -----	1.25
85. 1961 Sport set, 2 sets, cancelled -----	.40
86. 1961 Flower set, mint -----	.40
87. 1961 Issue of Third Five Year Plan first day cover -----	.25
88. Favor sheet, 1935 Rota Nazdar -----	.45
89. No. 307 vertical gutter pair, 2 pairs -----	1.05
90. Postal Employees Plaque favor sheet -----	.30
94. First Day of Issue Favor sheets, including Prov. Airmail set and the SPA airmails among others -----	2.75
95. No. B16 50 H green, strip of three, one not ovpt. -----	7.20
97. No. B130-B132 Red Cross Issue, mint -----	.75
98. No. B131-B132 blue imperforated, mint -----	1.35
99. No. B126 gold and silver color trials, perf., mint -----	8.00
100. No. 125 light brown, imperf., mint -----	2.25
101. No. B127 imperforated, cancelled -----	2.25
102. No. B131 and B132 value, imperforated, mint -----	1.15
103. No. B133-B136 OG, VF, mint -----	2.80
113. Airmail C3a, inverted surcharge, signed, OG VF -----	12.00
115. No. C25 First Flight, 18 block used -----	1.75
119. Provisional Newspaper sticker black on green paper used pair --	4.25
120. No. E2, Vert. Pair, Double print with control no. -----	8.25
121. No. E2 printed on gummed side of E1 on face side -----	7.05
122. Carpatho-Ukraine, 3K Reconstructed sheet, plate No. 1A -----	2.50
123. Carpatho-Ukraine, 3K reconstructed sheet, plate No. 1 -----	2.50

124. Slovakia No. 24 gutter pair, block of four	1.00
125. Slovakia J1-J12 mint set, unwmkd.	4.75
126. Czechoslovak Field Post No. 44, June 11, 1919 on two strips of P4 Newspaper stamps on piece .....	.85
127. Mixed Franking cover, October 19, 1938	1.50
133. Eastern Silesia No. 20a, black ovpt., imperf.	1.00
142. Siberia, No. 31-33 Perf 11½ used on pieces	14.25
144. Siberia, postal card with Czech lion imprint and 1920	4.50
150. Austria, B66-B70 semi-postal set	3.50
151. Austria, C1-C3 Air Mail set	2.25
152. Canada, No. 74, block of 10 mint .....	.50
155. Iceland, No. 213-216 New York World's Fair, mint	1.25
157. Mexico, Cat. 774-776 Astrophysic Congress, mint .....	.90
158. Mexico, Cat. C178-C179, mint	2.50
159. New Zealand, C4, mint .....	.90
160. New Zealand, C6-C8, mint .....	.84
161. Nicaragua, C253, mint .....	.40
163. Panama, 88-95, mint	4.00
164. Panama, C43-47, 4th Central American Caribbean Games, mt.	1.20
166. Salvador, C1, mint .....	.90
168. Salvador, C4, mint .....	.75
170. Czechoslovak Postal Stationery, 1946, various views, 16 cards	2.75
172. Czecho. Bacteriological Warfare card, mint .....	.25
173. Czecho, 50 H Masaryk card, plus 3 Olympic Congress cards	1.25
176. Czecho, 1948 card, Czechoslovak Army in Russia .....	.35
177. Czecho, 1948 30th Anniversary of Czechoslovak Postage Stamp ...	.30
180. Czecho, 1948 Winter Sokol Games, 8 different mint .....	.85
182. Czecho., Slovak cards ovpt. "Ceskoslovenska" in red .....	.45
184. Czecho., Postal Stationery, 4 different mint .....	.55
185. Czecho., Postal imprint envelope, present president, mint .....	.35
186. Bohemia and Moravia, 4 covers .....	.90
187. Bohemia and Moravia, 9 postal pictorial cards, mint	1.20

PRAGA 1962

WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

We are specialists for travel to Czechoslovakia, representing the official travel bureau ČEDOK, Prague.

We are servicing any travel needs, issuing Čedok Vouchers, hotel accommodations, obtaining visa for you, conducted tours, independent tours.

ARE YOU GOING? Contact us first

Also: Money transfers (Tuzex agency), parcels Tuzex Prague, Tuzex money vouchers for travelers. Guidebooks and maps of ČSR. Dictionaries Czech and English. Translations. Immigration affairs.

Frantisek B. Ales, owner

Alesh Travel Agency, 1371 First Ave., New York 21, N. Y.

Phone: LE 5-4944

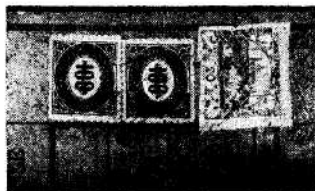
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

by Zdenek Kvasnička

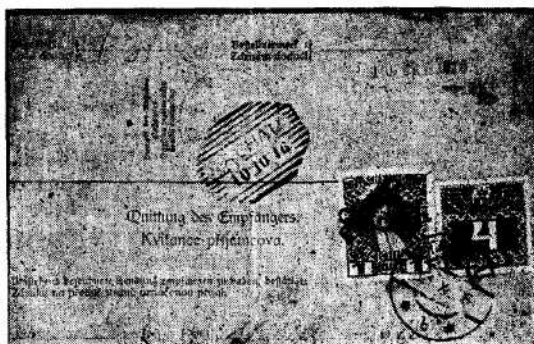
translated by G. R. Skopecek

Reprinted with permission from Compex Directory 1961

The first Postage Due Stamps in the old Austrian Empire, and, of course in the present Czechoslovakia, which was a part of it, were issued Feb. 1, 1894. Immediately after stamps for postage were put in use, insufficiently franked letters were taxed with additional 3kr. and after Sept. 1, 1898 this was raised to 5kr. Later, a double penalty was established for the difference between the postage paid and the postage that should have been. This system is in use to this day. The forwarding Post Office notes in red pencil the postage due and marks it with an auxiliary stamp "T" (T means TAXE). The delivering Post Office applies the necessary postage due stamps and collects from the addressee.



There were various auxiliary stamps in use, some carried only a "T", others Porto, Doplatne, and other pertinent markings. If such a letter was undeliverable, the postman brings it back to the postoffice, where the Postage Due stamps are stamped Neplatne (invalid) or just crossed off in pencil. If the letter is to be delivered to a new address, the dues are collected there. Postage due stamps are also used in the interior accounting of money orders and other uses, for which the high values are issued. They are not authorized for regular postage and if they are, it is only in an emergency.

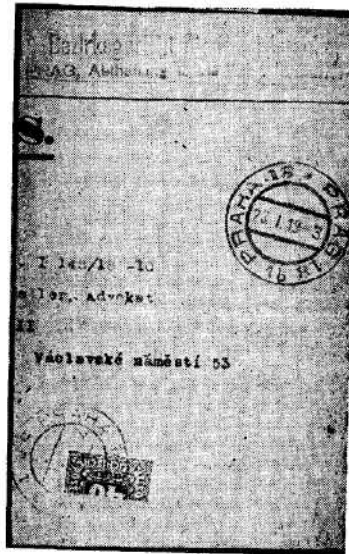
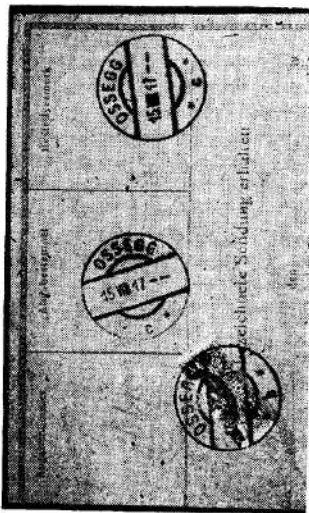


On the contrary, regular postage stamps are used as dues and some governments do not have any postage due stamps at all. The post offices are not allowed to sell them to philatelists; this is reserved for the Philatelic Agency. Halving and quartering stamps is more common with the postage dues than with regular stamps, because there is less chance of losing money. This unauthorized, but passively suffered action is known even with the first Austrian postage dues, particularly the 6kr. and the 10kr. values. The second Austrian issue of 1899 was changed from kreutzers to hellers and crowns, but

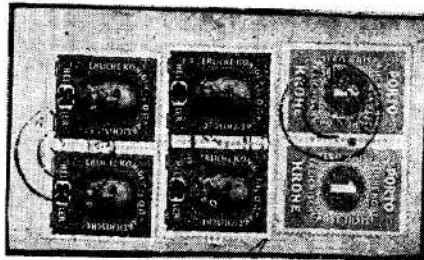
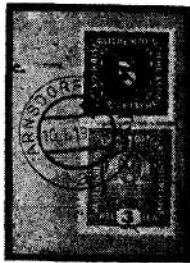
even here we find bisected stamps.

There are some very interesting mixed franks of both issues. Of the second Austrian issue which was valid until used up, a small remainder was left until the establishment of the Czechoslovakian Republic and were, in an emergency, used as regular and postage due stamps.

The Austrian issue of 1908, so called "Large Numerals" and the 1916 issue of "Small Numerals" and postage due provisionals were slated for overprinting with the "Pošta Československá 1919" overprint. Bisecting of the large numeral stamps for use as postage dues was quite common as was use of some values of regular stamps for this purpose, by stamping them **Porto**.



These were the conditions facing all Successor States, when the supply of stamps from the Vienna State Printing Office was cut off. The Czechoslovakian Postal Administration was confronted with the job of getting the postal service in good running order in the shortest possible time. This meant a supply of stamps of their own. In a very short time a regular issue was



out and on Feb. 1, 1919, approximately 3 months after the independence, Unie in Praha delivered the first postage due stamps, designed by A. Mucha. These were issued gradually as follows:

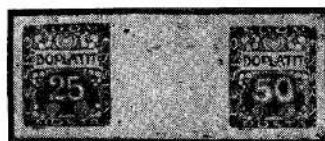
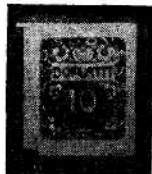
5h	brown olive	Feb. 1, 1919	19,340,000
10h	brown olive	Feb. 1, 1919	22,330,000
15h	brown olive	Feb. 1, 1919	16,520,000

20h	brown olive	Feb. 5, 1919	16,000,000
25h	brown olive	March 22, 1919	8,560,000
30h	brown olive	Feb. 17, 1919	27,910,000
40h	brown olive	Feb. 24, 1919	7,440,000
50h	brown olive	Feb. 11, 1919	12,060,000
100h	dark brown	March 6, 1919	7,800,000
250h	orange	Oct. 25, 1920	12,500,000
400h	carmine	Oct. 21, 1920	15,040,000
500h	gray green	April 24, 1919	4,710,000
1000h	violet	March 20, 1919	3,020,000
2000h	dark blue	Oct. 20, 1920	2,520,000

The 250h and 400h values were withdrawn July 31, 1924, and the balance on August 31, 1928. Between Oct. 28, 1918, and Feb. 1, 1919, there was such a shortage of Postage Due stamps, that post offices used all sorts of means to ameliorate this condition. Because accounting for them was an interior service, it was easily accomplished, sometimes by bisecting and rarely by quartering stamps. In Slovakia, where Hungarian stamps were in use, the bisecting was very seldom done. Regular stamps were used, either with some postage dues or alone and sometimes even without being so marked, or with an emergency stamp *Porto*, *Doplatit*, *Doplatne*, *Aviso*, *Portomärke* and others. Very interesting—philatelically—are the provisional stamps manufactured by some post offices, with legends such as “P”, “D”, “Porto”, “Doplatit”, “Doplatné”, “Portomärke”. There is no doubt that stamps with these overprints are collectible.



Another interesting phase of this period is the use of postage dues as regular postage, either alone or mixed. Some post offices stamped *Franco*, to show their use. When on Feb. 28, 1919, the use of Austrian and Hungarian stamps was officially terminated, we quite often find halved Czechoslovakian stamps, especially on the parcel tags. Sometimes stamps were halved or pen marked *Doplatné* even when there was a sufficient supply of stamps, although this occurs very seldom. However, that shows that regulations are quite often disregarded.



The printing of the first issue of postage due stamps was done by book-print with zinc plates, usually four, sometimes two and for a faster production, two values were printed together. In one case, 500h postage dues and 300h Hradčany regulars were printed, the two being of the same color. They are found printed on various thicknesses of paper. The color differences are

considerable and run from yellow olive to brown olive. Discernable plate markings are known on the 15h and 40h values, with a broken dash. All values were issued imperforate, except a few sets destined as gifts by the Ministry, which were perforated. Those, of course, can not be told from counterfeit perforations. The defects in printing are yet to be catalogued in detail. Some catalogues list the 5h and 20h values with a line across the stamp, 50h with a defect in the word Mucha (cha is underlined), 400h with "U" in place of "O" in the word Česko, 500h with "Q" in place of "O" in the word Slov and 200h with a white dot in front of letter P in Pošta. Used postage dues of the lower values are quite common, but the high values, 250h, 400h, and 500h are not and the 1000h and 2000h were perhaps never used at all. Many postage dues, including the highest values were used up on accounting forms of the money order service.

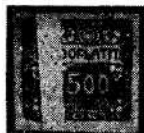
Full sets of stamps, imperforate and perforated were provided for the Postal Union in Bern, with a black overprint "vzorec" (sample). Many of these stamps found their way into the philatelic market. The overprint is in many positions—inverted, vertical reading up and down, left or right.

I on the left, reading down imperforate 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 100 and 500, 1000h. 11¼ perforated 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100h, perforated 11½ 5, 10, 15h, perforated 10½ 25h.

II on the left, reading up, imperforate 100, 500, 1000h, perforated 11½ 100, 500, 1000h.

III on the right—down—imperforate 100, 500, 1000h.

IV on the right—up—imperforate 25h.



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS WITH OVERPRINT SO 1920

Eleven values of the first issue were overprinted with SO 1920 (Silesia Orientalis) for the plebiscite territory of Eastern Silesia. The overprint is blue to blue black, except on the 5h value, some of the sheets were overprinted in black. Sheets for this were taken out of stocks and are alike as to color, gum, paper and various defects as the regular issue. The overprint was done by only one plate, composed by hand. In the printing run, some letters and numerals were damaged and on replacement, caused many differences in the appearance of the overprint. The principal divergences are:

- 2nd stamp — letter "S" shifted up
- 16th stamp — numeral 9 broken at the bottom
- 22nd stamp — numeral 9 of different face
- 24th stamp — numeral 2 larger size
- 41st stamp — letters S O close together
- 62nd stamp — numeral 1 smaller size
- 80th stamp — numeral 1 deformed
- 81st stamp — numeral 2 different size (larger), 20 close together
- 89th stamp — numeral 0 broken at the top and bottom
- 92nd stamp — lower part of the date damaged

In a small part of the run, the first stamp values 5, 10, 30, and 40hal show the letter "S" inverted, and others have missing numerals in the date. Trial prints in a different position (vertical) in red are known 100, 500 and 1000h values, some offsets of the overprint and on 5h the red overprint is inverted. Postally used lower values are found mostly on the parcel post tags the higher values 100, 500, 1000hal. were practically all cancelled to order

REMEDIAL ISSUE

In December 1921 the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs issued a circular stating that for economic reasons it was necessary to use up the large stocks of discontinued stamps by suitable overprinting for use as postage dues. The overprint was done by the Unie in blue or violet color with metallic sheen,



using zinc and copper plates made by a photochemical process. Of designs offered for overprinting Hradčany issue one was Čsp-Doplatit in two lines and the other Doplatit with a small heart in the center and numeral 100 on each side. Both of these were rejected after trials. The first was tried in red on values 10h red and green, 20h blue green and in black on 10h red and green, 15h, 30h and 40h violet. The second one was tried on brown and very thin white paper. Trial prints of definitive overprint with the first and worked over plates are known on white, brown and silky paper on values 20, 50, 100, and 200h in red, violet, black, blue and brown. Offsets of the overprint in whole or in part, or partially printed are rather rare. Slightly shifted overprints are accepted as normal and only in printers waste, which ordinarily is not supposed to leave the printery, do we find very much shifted, double or inverted overprints.



Hradčany values overprinted:

Imperforate:

10/3h	red violet	June 15, 1923	3,995,000
20/3h	red violet	Feb. 10, 1922	10,560,000
30/3h	red violet	June 15, 1923	3,050,000
40/3h	red violet	June 15, 1923	11,595,000
50/75h	lack green	Jan. 20, 1922	10,214,000
60/50h	violet	Feb. 2, 1926	466,000
60/50h	blue	Feb. 2, 1926	331,000
60/80h	olive	Feb. 17, 1922	2,740,000
100/80h	olive	Jan. 18, 1922	8,270,000
100/120h	black gray	Apr. 1, 1923	14,960,000
100/400h	blue violet	Feb. 2, 1926	2,190,000
100/1000h	red violet	Feb. 2, 1926	782,800
200/400h	blue violet	Feb. 18, 1922	2,930,000

Perforated:

30/15h	brick red	Feb. 2, 1926	1,037,500
40/15h	brick red	Feb. 2, 1926	2,200,000

Perforations are not detailed, but run as follows:

30/15 comb 11%, 13% x 13½ line 13%

40/15 comb 11%, 13% x 13½ line 13%, 11½, 13% x 11½

The stamps were taken from regular stock, so contain same defects that are found on the basic issue, such as various papers, color shades, rare offsets and folds. Very thick paper (carton) is known in values 50/75h, 60/75h, 100/400h, 200/400h and in the perforated 30/15h. Very rare is the very thin transparent paper. The counters on the lower edge of the sheets were over-

printed with a wide bar in the color of the overprint.

Overprint on postage due stamps:

10/15h	brown olive	July 1, 1925	1,090,000
20/5h	brown olive	July 1, 1925	3,275,000
30/15h	brown olive	July 8, 1925	1,560,000
40/15h	brown olive	July 8, 1925	5,350,000
50/250h	brown olive	July 1, 1925	4,640,000
50/400h	brown olive	Nov. 6, 1924	6,075,000
60/250h	orange	Sept. 20, 1925	3,000,000
60/400h	carmine	Nov. 30, 1924	1,140,000
100/250h	orange	July 15, 1925	3,020,500
100/400h	carmine	Nov. 30, 1924	7,030,000
200/500h	gray green	Sept. 26, 1927	300,000

Overprint on all values is violet with metallic sheen. Differences and defects are same as in the basic stamps, but offsets and shifted overprints are rare. The stamps are imperforate and if any are found perforated it was done privately by some post offices. The counters on the lower edge of sheets are overprinted with a wide bar of same color as the overprint, except on 200/500h sheet.

(to be continued)

NEW MEMBERS

714. James C. Haskins, 5527 North Nagle Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.
 715. Robert Logan, 171 West Colfax Ave., Roselle Park, N. J.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

427. 2nd Lt. J. Benchik, 44th Eng. Bn. (Const.) APO 20, San Francisco, Calif.
 233. F. Sargent Poteet, 5425 Falmouth Road, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.
 607. Joseph F. Dolak, 12818 Hlavin Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.
 444. Alfred John Stoyel, 50 Kynaston Ave., Thornton Heath, Surrey, England
 668. Harold B. Curry, 1411 Elizabeth, West Monroe, La.
 609. Jaroslav J. Verner, Am. Con. Poznan, c/o American Con. Gen. Frankfurt
 APO 757, New York, N. Y.

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.

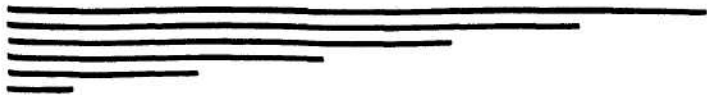
HAVE RETIRED

Accumulated Czech material for 25 years, rich in Hradčany stamps and Sudeten postmarks. Now have time to look it over. What do you need? Let me know your wants.

KENNETH WOODBURY, SR.

29 Cowesett Ave.

West Warwick, R. I.



WANT TO BUY

MINT MINT
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

ISSUES 1923-1926
(Scott Nos. 92-118)

Full Sheets

Part Sheets

Blocks

Die Proofs

Color Trials

Plate Proofs

Rare Perforations

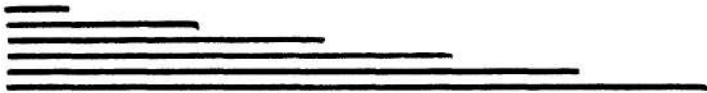
Varieties

Rare Watermark Positions

ARTHUR I. KESSLER

551 Fifth Ave.

New York 17, N. Y.



We just bought a big stock of
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

and

Slovakia

and

Boh Moravia

and a VERY Specialized Collection
of these countries

WE FILL WANT LISTS

Alfons Stach

LENOX, MASS.