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FLAWS ON 30 HALERU STAMP OF PRAGUE CASTLE SERIES 1966



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The last few years the Czech postal authorities issued annually a special series entitled "Prague Castle." These are intended to propagate the rich and varied historical past and relics of this seat of Czech Kings. In the respective series of these stamps issued in 1966, two stamps were printed (30 and 60 haleru) and during the printing some serious difficulties arose. The outer layer of chrome on printing cylinders sagged under the pressure in several places and these small depressions filled with ink. The result was many flaws and imperfections in the form of small dots and lines appearing on some stamps

of this issue. The majority of these flaws appeared on 30 haleru stamps. Due to the large size, these stamps were printed in panes of 25 stamps each and one whole turn of a cylinder printed TWO panes, which we shall mark "A" and "B." On the pane A there are the following printing flaws identifiable:

- 11th stamp: a dot above the letter R in in word ZAHRA DA (1) and three dots under the letter S in word STOLETI (2).
 12th stamp: Group of three dots after the letter Y in word PRAŽSKY (3), one dot under the letter D in word ZAHRA DA (4), one dot between the words ET (5), one dot under the letter D near the bottom border line of the stamp—in word LETOHRADKU (6) and one dot after the number 16 (7).
 13th stamp: One dot between the letters AD in word LETOHRADKU (8) and four dots near the right edge of the stamp (9).
 16th stamp: Two dots after the first letter O in word ČESKOSLOVENSKO (10).
 17th stamp: Group of dots under the letter V in word ČESKOSLOVENSKO (11).
 18th stamp: Two dots above the letter N in word ČESKOSLOVENSKO (12).
 20th stamp: Two dots over letters PR in word PRAŽSKY (13) and one horizontal line after the signature JIRKA (14).
 21st stamp: Horizontal line under number 9 in yeardate 1966 (15).
 25th stamp: Group of dots near border line before the letter Č in word ČESKOSLOVENSKO (16).

Pane B flaws

- 3rd stamp: Five dots in the letter H in word HRAD (17).
 11th stamp: Group of dots before the hook (v) above the letter Č in word ČESKOSLOVENSKO (18).
 12th stamp: One dot in the letter E in word LETOHRAD EK and one dot over the letter O in word STOLETI (19).
 19th stamp: Four dots in the middle field of the base of the structure above the letter A in word PRAŽSKY (20).

It should also be noted that these flaws might vary in intensity from one pane to the other, thus on some stamps they may be barely visible.

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GERMAN OFFICIAL MAIL IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA,
1939-1945

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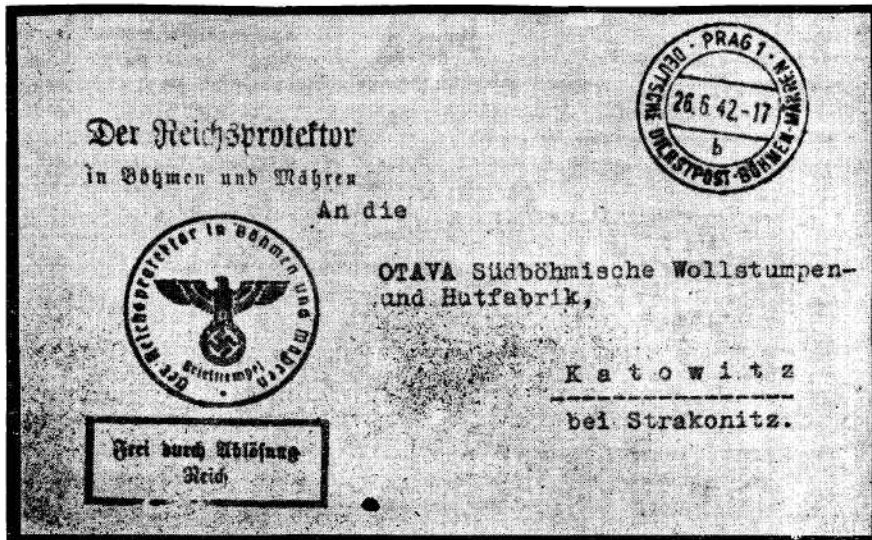


Figure 6. A German Official Mail cover with a DEUTSCHE DIENSTPOST cancellation.

Cancellations of Postal Centers of the German Official Mail

In less important localities, the German occupation authorities established so-called postal centers of the German official mail (Behördenpostelle). Each center had its own number, usually included in its postmark. These centers, perhaps substations, were under the jurisdiction of the nearest German official mail post office.

The function of these substations originally was to receive, service and transfer the official mail to the respective higher post office. Later the functions were extended to the actual cancellation of the mail and servicing of the registered official mail with its own registered mail stickers.

The postmarks of these postal service centers were mostly four-line rubber stamps, either with borders or without. Few had three or even five lines. Some of these rubber postmarks used Latin letters, others German Gothic letters. Some used legend "Deutsche Reichspost" instead of "Deutsche Dienstpost". In places with a large volume of mail, these rubber handstamps had to be frequently replaced, sometimes with different types or arrangements from the original ones (Figures 8 and 9). Often they were also exchanged because of errors in the name of locality, etc. For an example, the postmark of Prelauc was changed to Pselautsch, Milowitz to Milowitz bei Lissa a. d. Elbe, and Windischgrätz to Münchengrätz (see Figure 10). There are numerous provisional types of these postmarks known to exist. For ex-

amples, there are postmarks from Doberschisch, Ritschan and Gottfriedschlag.

For the registered mail, these substations used blank "R" stickers which were cancelled with the rubberstamp postmark of the locality (Figure 11). These postal substations were often moved from place to place according to official needs. In some places they were either replaced by regular German official mail post offices or simply transferred to another locality.

The post offices, as well as these substations, were discontinued by April 30, 1945. From that date—the final critical period of the Third Reich—the German official and military mail—was serviced and delivered exclusively through the German military field post.

These substations of the German official mail system also used their own letters sheets.

The following is a list of all known postmarks of these substations and their types which I have in my own collection or are known to exist:

- Type 1a: Cancellation without borders, Gothic letters, Deutsche Dienstpost.
 Type 1b: Cancellation with borders, Gothic letters, Deutsche Dienstpost.
 Type 1c: Cancellation without borders, Latin letters, Deutsche Dienstpost.
 Type 1d: Cancellation with borders, Latin letters, Deutsche Dienstpost.
 Type 2a: Cancellation without borders, Gothic letters, Deutsche Reichspost.
 Type 2b: Cancellation with borders, Gothic letters, Deutsche Reichspost.
 Type 2c: Cancellation without borders, Latin letters, Deutsche Reichspost.
 Type 2d: Cancellation with borders, Latin letters, Deutsche Reichspost.

Name of Town	Official Mail	
	Postmark Type	Center Number
1 Aderkosteletz	1c	83
2 Altbunzlau	1a	41
3 Beneschau	1c	59
4 Beraun	1a	11
5 Bistritz am Hostein	1c	77
6 Bojkowitz	1a	12
7 Böhmisches Brod	1b	46
8 Braneis/Elbe	1c	41
9 Chotzen	1c	65
10 Deutschbrod	1b	13
11 Deutsch Giesshübel	?	49
12 Doberschisch	1a	58
13 Domaschin	1b	32
14 Elbekosteletz	1a, 1c	12
15 Frankstadt am Radh.	1b	52
16 Friedberg (Mahren)	2c	43
17 Friedek-Friedberg	1a	43
18 Friedek-Mistek	1b	43
19 Friedland/Ostrawitza	1b	42
20 Göding	1a	15
21 Gottfriedschlag	1c	93
22 Gross Meseritsch	1c	49
23 Iglau	1b	16
24 Jinetz	1b	17
25 Jitschin	1a	14
26 Josefstadt	1a, 1c	23
27 Jungbunzlau	1b	18
28 Kirchsassen	1c	92
29 Kladno	1a	19
30 Klattau	1b	20



Fig. 7

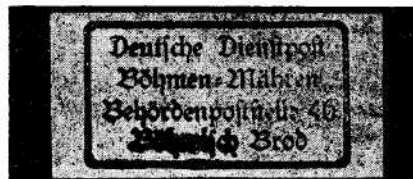


Figure 9. A sixth type of handstamp.

31 Königgratz	1b	21
32 Königshof	1c	69
33 Kolin	1c	22
34 Kralup/Moldau	2a	44
35 Kremsier	1a, 1b	24
36 Kuttenberg	1c	70
37 Lager Blanitz, Post Böhmisches Sternberg	1c	72
38 Laun	1b	54
39 Leipzig	1c	82
40 Liblitz bei Böhms. Brod	1a, 2a	46

41	Littau	1c	27
42	Luhatschowitz	1c	64
43	Melnik	1b	26
44	Milowitz	1c	62
45	Milowitz bei Lissa		
	a.d. E.	1a, 1c	62
46	Münchengrätz	1c	94
47	Nachod	1c	60
48	Neuhaus (Böhmen)	1a	51
49	Neustadt a.d.		
	Mettau	1a	50
50	Neupaka	1c	31
51	Ober-Berschowitz	1c	76
52	Pibrans	1a	45
53	Pisek	1b	30
54	Podiebrad	1a	31
55	Politschka	1c	39
56	Prelauc	1b	48
57	Pschelausch	1a	48
58	Prerau	2a	—
59	Prossnitz	1b	33
60	Prornitz-Kosteletz	60 1a	60
61	Prosnitz-Kosteletz	59 1a	59
62	Rakonitz	1c	85
63	Raudnitz a.d. Elbe	1c	68
64	Reichenau d.d. Kn.	1c	73
65	RPZ—Ritschan	1c	75
66	Rokitzan	?	35,
67	Rübstich	1c	91
68	Schlan	1a, 1c	34
69	Schlappenz	?	39
70	Seltschan	1c	31
71	Senftenberg	1a, 1c	42
72	Slawitschin	1c	61
73	Starkenbach	1c	67
74	Strakonitz	1b	47
75	Straschitz	1c	46
76	Straschetitz	?	44
77	Tabor	1b	36
78	Taus	1a, 1b	53
79	Teplitz a.d.		
	Betschwa	1c	80
80	Theresienstadt	2a	37
81	Trebitsch	1c	84
82	Tschaslau	1a	80
83	Turnau	1c	71
84	Ungarisch Brod	?	79
85	Ungarisch Hradisch	1b	38
86	Wal. Klobouk	2a	58
87	Wallach. Meseritsch	1b	55
88	Wifo-Raudnitz	?	74
89	Wildenschwert	1c	25
90	Wilkau	1c	37
91	Windischgrätz	1c	94
92	Wittingau	1c	56
93	Woporschan	1c	78



Figure 8. Five types of rubber hand-stamped markings in different type faces and arrangement.

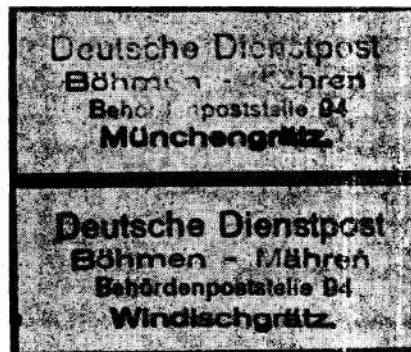


Figure 10. These handstamps show change in name of Windischgrätz to Munchengrätz.

94	Wrasch	1c	66	Note Examples of different types
95	Wbetin	1a	57	of cancellations, Figures 8, 9, 10 and
96	Wsetin	1a	57	11.
97	Zlin	1a, 1b	40	
98	Otrokowitz	2a	35	(Tr. LHV)

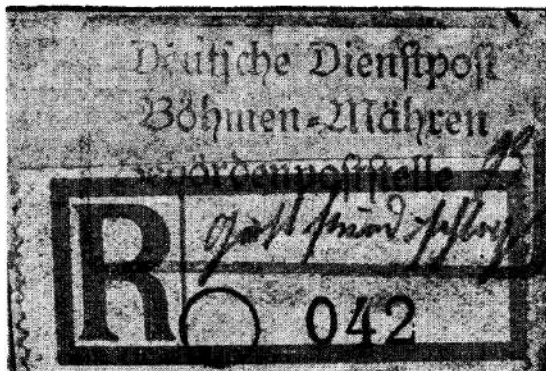


Fig. 11

NEW YORK JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETINGS

There is usually a great problem in getting members to attend meetings in either January or in February. But in spite of the cold weather there was a good attendance to listen to the talk of member Pat Flynn in January who showed us much Czechoslovak Postal Stationery. It is truly amazing how much one can accomplish when collecting the various postal cards of the country. The study of each entails quite some work and the members are always fascinated to learn more from such an expert as Mr. Flynn.

In February member Reiner-Deutsch brought with him the 48 pages he showed at the Collectors Club when participating in a seminar. His items were parts of nine different collections. He had some covers of the 11th regiment, forerunners (Austria and Hungary), Siberian Field Post, Field Posts on Slovakia 1918-20, Czechoslovak Army in France 1940, Stampless Covers 1919, Provisional postage stamps 1918-19 and provisional postage dues of the same period and an air mail cover of March 1921, Prague-London. We had our Mr. Kessler with us this time who has since then left for Europe again

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Hermannseifen	Heřmanovy Sejgy	Hluboké	Hlboké
Hermannshütte	Heřmanova Hut	Hlušice Velké	Velké Hlušice
Hermannstadt	Heřmanovice	Hmiňanská Nová Ves	Chmiňanská Nová Ves

Hněvice, štětí-	Štětí-Hněvice	Hontianske Tesáre	Tesáre, župa
Hnilce	Gelnica		Hontianska
Hobitschau	Hlubočany	Hontnádas	Nadošany
Hoboltov	Gabolto	Hontnémeti	Nemce
Hobzí Staré	Staré Hobzí	Hontvarsány	Varšany
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Branik-		Hora Kosová	Kosová Hora
Hodnitz-Tasswitz	Hodonice-Tasovice	Hora Krásná	Krásná Hora
Hodolany	Olomouc 7	Hora Kutná	Kutná Hora
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Hodrusbánya	Hodruša	Hora Michalova	Michalova Hora
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Humenná Olka	Nižná Olka	Chwalkowitz	Olomouc 9
Hummel	Homoly	Chýše Pasovského	Čerchov
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Hunfalva	Huncovce	Chyžná Voda	Chyžnianvoda
Hůrka, Černá-	Černá-Hůrka	Chyžné	Chyžnianvoda
Hurkenthal	Hůrka	Chyžné pri Revúci	Chyžnianvoda
Huschitz	Hoštice u Vimperka	Chyžnô	Chyžnianvoda
Husovice	Brno 14		
Hussowitz	Brno 14	Ida Malá	Malá Ida
Hustoje	Hust	Ida Velká	Velká Ida
Huszt	Hust	Idka	Malá Ida
Huta Detvianska	Detvianska Huta	Iglau	Jihlava
Huta Katerinská	Katerinská Huta	Igló	Spišská Nová Ves
(Katina)		Iglófüred	Spišská Nová Ves Kúpele

Illau		Ilava	Janovice Uhlířské	Uhlířské Janovice
Illava		Ilava	Janowitz b.	Janovice u
Iloncza		Ilnica	Römerstadt	Rýmatova
Ilosva		Iršava	Jansdorf	Janov u Litomyšle
Išava		Iršava	Janské Lázně, Vitkov-	Vitkov-Janské
Imely		Imel		Lázně
Indic		Jindice	Janské Lázně, Vrajt-	Vrajt-Janské
Ingrowitz		Jimramov		Lázně
Ipelská Salka		Salka	Jan Svatý pod Sk.	Svatý Jan pod
Ipelské Kosihy	Kosihy nad Iplom			Skaloc
Ipelské Opatovce	Opatovce nad Iplom		Jan Svatý u Sedlčan	Svatý Jan u
Ipelské Siahy	Šahy			Sedlčan
Ipolybalog	Balog nad Iplom		Jarabina	Jarembina
Ipolybél	Bielovec		Jaroměř, Josefov	Josefov-Jaroměř
Ipolyberzencze	Breznicka		Jaroslavice, Božice-	Božice-Jaro-
Ipolykeszi	Kosihy nad Iplom			slavice
Ipolynagyfalu	Ipelská Velká Ves		Jasenná	Jasina
Ipolynyék	Ipelské Nekije		Jaseno Horné	Horné Jaseno
Ipolypásztó	Pastúchov		Jastersdorf	Jestřabí
Ipolyróna	Rovňany		Jászfalu	Jásová
Ipolyság	Šahy		Jászó	Jasov
Ipolszakállós	Sakálóš		Jauernig	Javorník
Ipolszalka	Salka		Jedlová	Tannenberg
Ipolyvarbó	Vrbovka		Jeedl	Jedle
Ipolyvisk	Viškovce		Jechnitz	Jesenice u Podbořan
Irhóc	Olchovec		Jelenice, Vrutice-	Vrutice-Jelenice
Irholcz	Olchovec		Jelení Horní	Horní Jelení
Irhovec	Olhovec		Jenkov Golčův	Golčův Jenikov
Irritz	Jiřice		Jenkov Větrný	Větrný Jenikov
Irzmann	Jeřmaň		Jenke	Jenkovce
Iserthal	Jizerodolí		Jernye	Jarovnice
Ispácza	Špačince		Jeřice Velké	Velké Jeřice
Istekník	Jistebník ve Siezsku		Jeřmanice, Dlouhomostí	Dlouhomostí-
Istvánháza	Štefultov			Jeřmanice
Ivančice, Kounice-	Kounice-Ivančice		Jesenčany Staré	Staré Jesenčany
Ivánkafalva	Ivančiná		Jesenec, Džbel-	Džbel-Jesenec
Ivánka pri Dunaji	Ivánka pri Bratislave		Jesenice Velká	Velká Jesenice
Izbugyaradvány	Nižná Radvaň		Jeseno Horné	Horné Jaseno
Izsa	Iža		Jeschkenkoppe	Ještěd
Jabelová	Abelová		Jezero Černé	Černé Jezero
Jabláncz	Jablonica		Jez Krásný	Krásný Jez
Jablunków	Jablunkov ve Slez.		Jezvé, Stružnice-	Stružnice-Jezvé
Jablonné Něm.	Německé Jablonné		Jičín Nový	Nový Jičín
Jác	Jácovce		Jičín Starý	Starý Jičín
Jägerndorf	Krnov		Jirkov, Otvice-	Otvice-Jirkov
Jaispitz	Jevišovice		Jirny Veliké	Veliké Jirny
Jakartice Pusté	Pusté Jakartice		Jiřetín Český	Český Jiřetín
Jalhová	Olchovec		Jiřetín Dolní	Dolní Jiřetín
Jamnitz	Jemnice		Jiřetín, Grunt-	Grunt-Jiřetín
Janíkovce Velké	Velké Janíkovce		Jiřetín Horní	Horní Jiřetín
Jánosgyármát	Janova Lehôta		Jistebsko,	Šumburk-Jistebsko
Jánosi	Jánošovce		Šumburk	
Jánošovce nad Rimavou	Jánošovce		Jogsdorf	Jakubčovice
Janovice Červené	Červené Janovice		Johannesberg	Honsberg
			Johannesthal b.	Janův Důl
			Reichenberg	

EDITORIAL

We received quite recently a beautifully bound and very nicely illustrated book by Slavomír Kaiser entitled "O Čem Známký Vypravují," a presentation designed for youth. We were asked subsequently to review this in our Specialist. Our major objection to the book is that according to its content of 240 pages there apparently was no stamp of Czechoslovakia worth mention before 1945. Aside from two Austrian stamps of 1850 and one Hradčany illustration on the 9th and 10th pages respectively there is no reference to any issues of 1918-39. The first sixteen pages are devoted to a brief description of the development of mail and to other facets of the methods of stamp collecting including perforation gauges and hinges. We feel that the introduction has valuable information for the education of youth. Designers and engravers of Czechoslovak stamps are also listed which is an unusual addition to a book of this type.

In general the book is divided into topical or thematic areas. Detailed descriptions are given on one page and on the opposite side the respective stamps are illustrated. Since it is seemingly becoming more of a custom to use stamps for all types of propaganda purposes it is not surprising that the text frequently has additions not required for the description of the issue as such. The overall impression is that it is a fine effort and a good tool to stimulate interest in postal issues of Czechoslovakia since 1945.

Member Alex Sisson has a great problem and we hope there will be a member who can possibly help him out. He is in need, for completing his library of Specialists, of a complete set of the 1939 issues of the publication and a copy of the January issues of 1940 and 1942 respectively. We were unfortunately unable to supply him with those mentioned and would be indeed grateful if one of our members could let him have them. His address is 5959 Horger Ave., Dearborn, Mich. 48126.

Some time ago we received a booklet on Carpatho Ukraine written by a French collector. One of our friends in Washington just mailed us the translation of it, consisting of 42 typewritten pages. We are now awaiting permission of the author to publish it in our Specialist. We believe that it will be an effort worth while for our members.

You will note in one of the articles that L. Novotný is preparing a specialized catalog which may be of true value to our collectors. It was suggested to us that it be translated and published. We are sure we should receive permission for its publication and also quite certain that we shall receive the cuts amounting to about 2000. Well, this is something to look forward to, a problem which, when properly solved, will benefit our membership as has always been our aim.

We are pleased to inform you that we participated in a seminar at one of the meetings of the Collectors Club. The title of the seminar was "Three Faces of Philately." We were given the "postal history" face with Boggs for stamps and Mrs. Hackett (Pres. ATA) for topicals. We presented our own view on what constitutes the collecting of postal history materials, illustrating with Czechoslovak items and apparently our ideas met with the approval of the 80-90 members of the Club present. The very well known philatelic journalist Ernest Kehr was the only one (beside the moderator) who made remarks about our presentation and his words were extremely favorable. Subsequently we presented our views to the Board of Directors of the Postal History Society of the Americas for its discussion and possible adoption as the aim and official stand of the organization. The definition as presented by us was adopted with minor changes and all of our remarks regarding collecting and writing on postal history were accepted to be published as the declared policy of the society. This work has been long overdue and

we are indeed pleased to have worked on the matter and to have been of some help to philately in this manner.

We deviate from routine methods this time to bring to you a few words about collections which a former active member and secretary, J. J. Jiranek of 5032 West 25th Stret, Cicero, Ill. 60650, wishes to dispose of due to personal reasons.

There is a very fine and interesting Siberian collection which contains almost every item in mint, including "Baličky do vlasti and Prvi Jugoslavenski puk u Sibirii." In addition there are a number of covers as well as much collateral material.

His Czechoslovak Army in France, World War II, collection has most of the items the founder of this society gathered for years and also many items secured by Mr. Jiranek. His volumes of the Czechoslovak Army in England, World War II, have also all the material originally owned by Mr. Lowey plus many added ones. There is a complete collection of the commemorative markings of the military units with extensive collateral material.

Finally we wish to mention the specialized mint and cancelled collection of Bohemia and Moravia, as well as the same type of collection of Slovakia.

We urge our interested members to contact Mr. Jiranek.

Members please note that the amendments to the Constitution proposed and published in the January 1968 issue of the Specialist were passed and will be added to the Constitution.

ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Upon the suggestion of members of the council, a unanimous decision was secured for the honoring of Jan Mrňák, one of the foremost experts of Czechoslovak Philately, Member of the International Association of Experts, Consultant in all literary philatelic undertakings of his country, on his 65th birthday, with Honorary Membership in our Society. (Pursuant to Article III, par. 4 of the Constitution.)

THE CZECH PHILATELY 1967 (Some Vital Statistics)

The Czech stamp bi-weekly Filatelie published recently some interesting statistics about Czech philatelists and their organization. These were excerpted from the annual report of Mr. J. Cimrhakl, Secretary of Czechoslovak Philatelic Federation, presented during the 1967 December meeting of Federation's Executive Committee. He reported that as of October 1, 1967 there were 839 philatelic clubs with total membership of 27,849 in Czechoslovakia. This represented the numerical growth of about 11 percent with some 74 new clubs established since January 1, 1967.

Furthermore statistical breakdown reveals that majority of Czech philatelists is in the 40 to 50 years age group. Women stamp collectors represent about 10.9 percent of the above total. Nine members of CzPF are over 90 years old. The report did not give any hard number of junior stamp collectors but it stated that, hopefully, their number should reach 10,000 by the time of the next convention of Czechoslovak young collectors. During 1967 the Federation organized several national and regional stamp exhibitions, especially Young Collectors Exhibition in Pardubice, National thematic stamp Exhibition in Opava, National Aerophilatelic Exhibition in Bratislava and a regional stamp Exhibition in Liberec. It is interesting that the budget for each of these Exhibitions was between 80,000 to 100,000 Czech korun, not a small amount, considering the Czechoslovak resources.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1967

Income	Expenses
Dues ----- \$1,029.50	Print. "Spec." Jan.-Dec. 67 \$ 898.80
Donation ----- 30.00	Mailing of Specialist ----- 247.94
Advertising ----- 187.40	Bookbinding "Spec." '66 ----- 63.00
Sale of books ----- 53.65	Dues, SPA, Federation ----- 7.00
Circuit Commission ----- 40.92	Postage ----- 31.20
Interest on Savings Acct. 22.76	Misc. (law suit, long distance phone calls., Sept.-Nov.)-- 50.00
<u>\$1,364.23</u>	<u>\$1,297.94</u>
Transfer from 1966 ----- \$ 1,048.31	
Income in 1967 ----- 1,364.23	
	<u>\$ 2,412.54</u>
Expenses in 1967 ----- 1,297.94	
	<u>\$ 1,114.60**</u>
IN TREASURY ----- \$ 1,114.60**	
**In checking account ----- \$ 638.80	
In savings account ----- 475.80	
	<u>\$ 1,114.60</u>

This is a report for the whole year of 1967.

As of this date there are absolutely no obligations outstanding.

During the year we had 265 paid up members and 5 honorary making it a total of 270.

This report will be verified and if found correct published in the "Specialist."

Czechoslovak Philat. Society

Dec. 31, 1967.

(signed) Joseph Stein, treasurer

The detailed report was found to be in agreement with the summary of transactions and balances as of December 31, 1967.

Thomas Meeks, Arthur Kessler, Auditors

WASHINGTON BRANCH FEBRUARY MEETING

The secretary does not attend the meetings very often due to his occupation and hence we received a few words from the chairman of the branch. We are told that a new applicant was present, Mr. Howard Hotchner, with whom the editor is well acquainted and it is hoped that by the time this reaches our membership, Mr. Hotchner will be one of our members. In addition to the usual trading of stamps, the fine collection of Germany and German Colonies of member James J. Franz was viewed. There was another guest present, member Krejčí's niece from Žilina was there, who is spending six month's with the Krejčí family.

A NEW HANDBOOK FOR SPECIALISTS OF CZECHOSLOVAK STAMPS

To any serious collector of Czechoslovak stamps, the name Ladislav Novotný must sound very familiar. Of course it does, because Mr. Novotný is the author of one of the most comprehensive catalogs of Czech stamps ever issued. He published it in 1949 and since then his catalog became a "must" for anyone specializing in Czechoslovak philately. It was therefore with a great pleasure for us to read of an interview with him in one of the recent issues of "Filatelie" in which Mr. Novotný announced the completion of another philatelic work, which may become—at least for those of us who have

a working knowledge of the Czech language—a very important aid in pursuing our specialty.

Mr. Novotný calls his new philatelic reference work: "A special Handbook for Collectors of Czechoslovak Stamps" (Speciální příručka pro sběratele čs. známek), and as he says, it means "exactly that" and adds that his work "contains everything a specialist in the Czech stamps needs to know about Czech stamps, entires, cancellations, field posts, courier posts, plate block numbers, etc., from 1918 until the present issues."

The author considers his new Handbook as "an extension in depth" of his original 1949 catalog of Czech stamps. The "in-depth" treatment of the material would mean greater precision, factual and theoretical, better differentiation and painstaking care in description of all special aspects of Czech postal issues. In his Handbook, all the new facts about the past and present Czech stamp issues discovered by other prominent Czechoslovak philatelic specialists and experts, will be also registered. There will be new chapters in it on 1918 and 1945(!) PROVISIONAL issues, also on various Czechoslovak courier posts, including detailed information on some hitherto unclassified and not cataloged Czech entires. All specialized information on such "classics" as Hradčany and other issues was updated and revised in view of all new recent discoveries.

Another innovation in his Handbook is the pricing and evaluation of stamps. The author decided—in view of his experience with his 1949 catalog—to switch to the point system. He considered this question very carefully and decided in favor of the point system, which according to his experience will be more permanent than the usual "dollar and cents" quotations. In his Handbook, at least for the present, one point is to be equivalent to 10 haléřů of Czech currency.

In the manuscript form, Mr. Novotný's Handbook has some 800 pages and over 2000 pictures of stamps, entires, types, retouches, etc. The specialization will include differences and variations in print, colors, color shades, in paper, glue, perforations, proofs, essays, flaws, errors, imperfections, etc. Collectors of entires will have in the Handbook new chapters on telegrams, parcel post and other types of special postal stationery, also on different types of the Czech and Austrian cancellations and other specialties which so far were not systematically described and cataloged.

In order to give a "push" to the sales of the new Handbook, it is planned to include in each copy a reprint of some previously issued stamp; it is very likely that it will be a black reprint of the Guernica stamp issued in 1966.

There was no information in the interview when the new Handbook will be available for sale.

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BRITISH GPO FIRMLY AGAINST "CANCEL TO ORDER" PRACTICE

British Postmasters' General Office has made a decision which will probably stir a considerable controversy in the British philatelic community. In the February '68 issue of its Philatelic Bulletin, the GPO announced its decision to continue refusing "cancel to order" requests both from the dealers as well as from individual philatelists. The announcement says that the GPO authorities have been "for some time" under pressure to accept both addressed and unaddressed philatelic items at the counter, datestamp them and return them to the customer without sending them through the mail. We know, continues the announcement in the above Bulletin, that this service would be welcomed by a proportion of our customers." It would make it absolutely certain that the items were not lost or damaged in the mail. Also the British postal authorities are aware that this "cancel to order" service is provided in

some other countries. But as the GPO Bulletin says "we have kept our official ear pretty close to the ground on this question and we are convinced that many dealers and, we believe the majority of collectors, do not want it. "They want a postmark that is a POSTmark, that is, evidence that the item bearing it has passed through the mail in the ordinary way," says the announcement.

The Bulletin then goes into details of existing postal conditions and regulations relating to posting, handling and transporting mail in the United Kingdom. "These conditions are not arbitrary but have been born of long and practical experience," it states expressly and continues: "If these conditions would be flouted generally, as is already attempted by some—the Bulletin claims—there would be a deterioration in the speed of delivery and an increase in the cost." British postal authorities describe the "items" which do not conform to the prescribed regulations as "embarrassing packets." They are prohibited, and if they are found, they are liable to be held or returned to the sender. Under the above classification, according to the Bulletin, are the following: philatelic items with the address on the back or on the left-hand side, cards and envelopes where a design or other printed matter has not been confined strictly to the left hand half; and items with the stamp elsewhere than in the top right-hand corner. Other "embarrassing packets" are letters or cards which have been re-posted with a fresh stamp, without the old stamp and postmark having been covered by an adhesive label.

Quite interesting are the reasons given by the British GPO for its decision to continue the present policy: "Some people will think," states the announcement, "that we are being too strict in the line we have taken. But, when we look at the past, we find that interest and value lies in philatelic items because they are part of postal history, that is, they relate to postal activities that were actually current at the relevant time. We are sure that this will hold good for the future also. We may create some trade in the short term, or make life easier for ourselves and other people, by divorcing philately from the postal services, but this policy would surely lead to a gradual debasement of philately and to an eventual dwindling of interest in it. Thus our object is to maintain the quality and the genuineness of the philatelic services we provide. We believe this to be in the long term interest both of the Post Office as a seller of philatelic services and of British philately generally."

As far as Czechoslovak philately is concerned, the Czech postal authorities is among those which indulge in the "cancel to order" policy regarding their so called "used" stamps sold by "Pofis" and its export agency the "Artia." The Scott Catalog noted this fact pointing out that "postally used" Czech stamps deserve generally higher valuation than the former artificially created variety. Perhaps a closer look at the British GPO policy would be beneficial to quite a few other postal administrations around the world.

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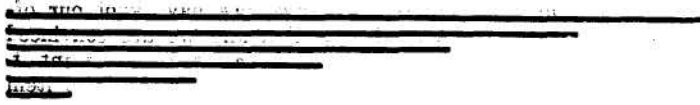
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