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Charley's Corner

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Type I Type II
Joined types — Line $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{3}{4}$

Many collectors of Czechoslovakia concentrate on the first issue—the Hradčany. In fact some of the finest collectors specialize in this issue. The issue has many branches, i.e. provisional dues overprint Doplátit (postage due) overprints, air mail overprints, Vzorec (Specimen) overprints, and S O overprints of 1920 for Eastern Silesia.

One of the most interesting facets, which many collectors overlook are the joined types which occur on the 5th type of the Hradčany issue.

In the upper left corner the bottom curved line of the left spiral exists in two positions in relation to the common line joining both spirals. Type I the



Type II Type I
Comb $13\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

bottom line does not join the common line (pen spiral), Type II the bottom line joins the common line (closed spiral).

The joined types occur on the following values 5h, 15h, 20h, 75h, and 500h. These exist on all the values imperforate as well as the various perforation varieties. They also exist in all of the overprints as mentioned in the above although in the air mail only two or three pairs are known on the 24kc/500 value and only imperforate.

Carefully inspect your pairs, blocks and larger pieces and by all means don't tear or cut up your joined pairs. Should you find the air mail variety let me hear from you. You would have found one of the rarities of Czechoslovakia.

Illustrated are closeups of the two different spirals, as well as examples of some rather rare joined types, in the perforation varieties. The 25h imperforate is one of the more common varieties, it makes an interesting piece when shown on a parcel post clipping.

The collectors in Czechoslovakia are very keen on the joined types and therefore many pieces have been forged. Usually type II is painted or colored to resemble type I. Exercise caution when purchasing this material. Be sure it is expertised and examine under a strong light or ultra violet. The color will be concentrated (blocked in).

Good hunting, see you next month.



Type II — Closed Spiral



Type I — Open Spiral



Parcel Post Clipping



Intersputnik

The Ministry of Telecommunications of the CSSR released on 15 November 1971—on the Day of Institution of the International System and Organization of Space Telecommunications—Intersputnik—one commemorative stamp in the value of Kčs 1.20.

The theme of the stamp is the cooperation of socialistic countries in the peace-employing of space.

Designed by academic painter Jaroslav Lukavský. Engraved by Miloš Ondráček.

One FDC, designed by J. Lukavský and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied was released together with the stamp.

Printed at the Post Printing Office in Prague by the rotary recess print in black combined with 3-colored photogravure.

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CHANGES IN THE COUNCIL AND CONSTITUTION

Two resignations have occurred during the summer months. With the publication of this issue, Bill Schoenig ended his brief but productive career as editor of our Specialist. The president has appointed Henry Hahn of Fairfax, Va. to succeed him along with Edward Tabor of Forestville, Md., who will assume the newly formed position of assistant editor. The other resignation came from Delavan, Wisc., where Frank Kosik gave notice of his retirement as librarian of the Society. Mirko Vondra has now appointed Jay Carrigan of Potomac, Md., to assume the post of librarian. Mr. Carrigan will be aided in his new function by Ladislav Vydra of Rockville, Md., who will act as assistant to the librarian.

Presently arrangements are under way to transfer the library to a new home. More information will be forthcoming about this in the October issue.

The polls are closed. The ballots on the proposed changes to the constitution which appeared in the May and June issues have now been counted. All proposed changes have passed without exception. The voting on the first four proposals was unanimous. Proposal Number Six passed by a vote of 32 to 3. Despite this overwhelming margin, Proposal Six cannot be adopted because Article XI of the Constitution requires a two thirds vote of the entire eligible membership in order to be changed. The proposal will therefore be resubmitted to the membership for another vote at a later date. The other adopted changes will be put into effect immediately. This includes the four changes in the Bylaws.

We wish to congratulate both of our members in New Zealand for their winning silver medals at the recent National Stamp Exhibition held in Wellington, New Zealand.

Alec McMillan, #751, for Postal History of Czechoslovakia, showing various postmarks including field post.

Gerald M. van Zanten, #893, for issues of the First Republic, some field post items and material issued in connection with Czech Stamp Exhibitions.

These two members are doing a swell job in promoting Czech philately and our own society.

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MEASURING PERFORATIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAK STAMPS

By Edward O. Tábor, Jr.

Reference is made to the fine description of the means used to perforate the early issues of Czechoslovak stamps in the April, 1971, issue of *The Czechoslovak Specialist*, by Jan Mrnak and translated from *Filatelie* by G. P. Skopceček. The techniques of line and comb perforations are illustrated and described in detail, but the measurement of perforations as described leaves something to be desired; Mrnak suggests using stamps of (questionably) known perforation to estimate unknowns. The "standard" stamps must be in mint condition to begin with. They are then applied to a black background with minimal wetting, as Mrnak properly points out, to restrict any change in their dimensions. Such a method obviously wastes mint copies howsoever small their values may be.

The method of counting the number of holes or ridges in 2.00 cm is almost impossible because of the frequency with which Czechoslovak stamps employ perforations listed in PROFIS by quarters of perforation units; the trouble lies in counting and measuring one or three quarters of a perforation hole—something that is not there!

Another difficulty is the precise and accurate measurement of the 2.00 cm length. Marked off in ink the two lines are each at least 0.02 cm wide, equivalent to about a quarter of a perforation unit. Even the use of a steel machinists' rule yields about the same error due to parallax. The vernier caliper is accurate to 0.01 cm, and the micrometer caliper is accurate to 0.001 cm, but both will stretch or squeeze the paper being measured giving an unknown error.

There is a commercial device available that can be used by the beginner and the specialist to determine accurately perforation gauge units within 0.05 units. It is the "Instanta" transparent perforation guide, patented and available from Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., at 391 Strand, London WC 2, or from Stan-Gib, Inc., of New York City for \$1.25 postpaid. Stamps with gauges between 9.75 and 18.25 can be measured. It is made of clear lucite-type plastic with engraved lines in black to place either on perforation holes or ridges. It avoids errors due to parallax by having the engraved lines on the surface that touches the stamp. While a black background is preferable for gauging perforations, the "Instanta" is equally capable of measuring accurately the perforation of stamps on cover; a magnifying glass is suggested for this purpose. The time needed for any single measurement is no more than for the usual dotted perforation guide for loose stamps, and probably will be quicker for stamps on cover.

It is also noteworthy that the "Instanta" gauges are those referred to in the Gibbons' specialty catalogs for British Empire stamps.

POSTAL STATIONERY COLUMN

As a result of the increase in aerogramme postage, 3 new forms were issued in 1971.

March 1971. The old aerogrammes of 1.20 Kcs. were overprinted with 3,80, the old 1,20 obliterated with r bars. Overprint in red and in dark red.

August 1971. 3,80 Kcs. with a new stamp design in very dark violet. After 12 years a new design: bird wing over mountains and village, in upper left of stamp a letter and post horn and airplane, in lower right of stamp 3 80 KCS. All other inscriptions as before, on back in 2 lines, 135mm and 62½mm.

Wolfgang Fritzsche

Instant Precision

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LAST CALL FOR NOJEX

October 27, 28 and 29 are the three dates to remember. The North Jersey Stamp Exhibitors are sponsoring an exhibition at the Coachman's Inn in Cranford, New Jersey, in which the chief exhibitors will be members of the Postal History Society, the German Philatelic Society and our own CZPS. There has been a marked lull in the submission of applications to our exhibition chairman, Emil Michaelson, since it was announced in the June issue that we had reached the halfway point in our goal of 40 frames. This is understandable in view of the summer months which just passed. The total to date is 24 frames. This means the Society is still short 16 frames of its commitment. The President wishes to remind all members that applications for submission of frames should be in the hands of Mr. Michaelson not later than September 30.

The bi-annual convention of the Society will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 at a conference room to be announced at the Coachman's inn. The meeting will coincide with Czechoslovakia's commemoration of its Independence Day. A special program has been planned which will include a talk by Joseph Lacko, Vice President of Sports Philatelists, on the subject of the Sokol on Stamps. For a guest speaker, the Society will be privileged in hearing John G. Lexa, Secretary General of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences. There will also be a business meeting of the members and Council of the CZPS and the awarding of prizes. This will include a grand award, gold, silver and bronze awards and two special awards: one for the best novice exhibit and the other for the best researched exhibit. For our purposes, "Novice" is defined as one who has never before exhibited at a show on behalf of the CZPS. The purpose of the novice award is to encourage participation by the Society's newly formed Youth Division, comprising collectors between the ages of 14 and 17 years.

On behalf of the entire Society, the President urges every member to attend not only the NOJEX exhibition, but our own bi-annual convention as well. There are still a few rooms available at the Coachman's Inn for those who prefer to be right on the premises. However, there is also a Holiday Inn nearby as well as other hotel and motel accommodations. Nevertheless, reservations should be made as early as possible. Any member desiring further information on overnight accommodations in the area or having some problem along that line should contact the exhibition chairman, Emil Michaelson, 1833 Arbor Lane, Union, N. J.

CZECHOSLOVAK COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS 1919-1939

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1930

- Praha 1—1850 T. G. M. 1930—7.III. (red)
- Praha 10 (Hrad)—same (red)
- Praha 25—same (red)
- Pardubice 1—same (red)
- Brno 1—same (red)
- Opava 1 Troppau 1—same (red)
- Bratislava 1—same (red)
- Košice 1—same (red)
- Užhorod 1—same (red)
- Hodonin 1—1850-1930 Rodiště T. G. Masaryka—7.III. (Birthplace of T. G. Masaryk, red)



- Železný Brod—Výstava 1930—8.VI.-17.VIII. (1930 Exhibition, black)
 Štrbské Pleso—Konferencia malej dohody 25-27.VI (Little Entente Conference, black)
 Karlovy Vary 1—Karlsbad 1—M. L. L. Letecká slavnost—Flugfest 7-8.VI. (Air Festival, black in 2 types)
 Ústí nad Labem 1—Aussig 1—II Slavnost tělovc. svazů. II Bundes Turnsportfest—4-6.VII. (II. Festival of the gymnasts league, black)



- Příbor—Okresní výstava 1930—20.VII.-3.VIII. (1930 County Fair, black)
 Vsetín—Národopisné slavnosti Moravskoslezské 1930 5-6.VII. (1930 Moravia-Silesia Folklore Festival, black)
 Praha 1—IV. světový sjezd Unie Sionistů revisionistů 10-15.VIII. (IV. World congress of the union of Zionist revisionist, red, also Hebrew)
 Praha—III. světové ženské hry O 6-8.IX. (III. World womens games, a. b. blk.)



- Úst nad Labem 1—Aussig 1—XI. sjezd německých filatelistů. XI. Deutscher Philatelistentag 4-5.X. (XI. Congress of German philatelists, black)
 Praha 14—Autosalon—20-29.X. (Automobile Show a, b, black)
 Rakovník—výstava poštovních známek—26-28.X. (Postage Stamp Exhibition, red and black)
 Jilemnice—Lyžařská mistrovství Československa 1931—22.XII. 1930—25.1 1931 (1931 Czechoslovak Ski Championship, black)



1931

- Plzeň Letiště—3.V 1931 (Airport, black)
 Praha 7—I. let Praha—Mariánské Karlovy Vary—15.V. (I. flight Prague—
 Marienba-Karlsbad, black)
 Praha 82—same (black)
 Mariánské Lázně 1—same (black)
 Karlovy Vary 1—same (black)
 Pardubice—Výstava tělesné výchovy a sportů Č. S. R.—31.V.-4.X. (Exhibition
 of physical education and sports of Czechoslovakia, a, b, blk.)

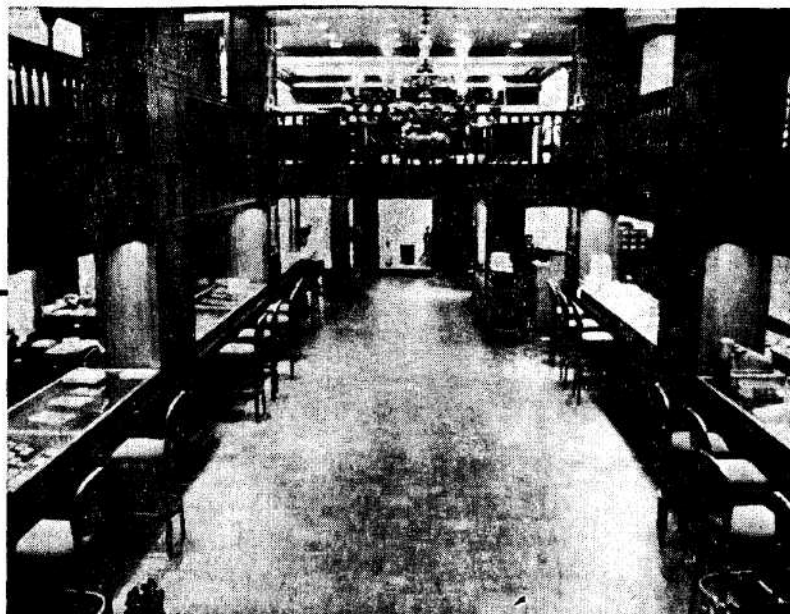


- Praha—Réunion Téléphonique Internationale—4-20.VI. (black)
 Praha—Conférence Aériopostale 1931—4-20.VI (Conference on Airmail 1931,
 black)
 Louny 1—Severočeská výstava 1931—14.VI.-2.VIII. (North Bohemian Exhibit,
 1931, black)
 Kyjov—Slovácký rok 24-29.VI. (Year of the Slovaks, black)
 Praha—Slovanské skautské tábory 1931—26.VI.-3.VII. (Slavic Scout Jamboree
 1931, black)
 Koprivnice—Mrajský slet sokolstva 1931—5.VII. (Regional Sokol Congress
 1931, black)



- Hejnice-Haindorf—Slavnostní dny Jedenaždý—Jedermann Festspiele 1.-31.VII
 (Festival Days Jedermann, black)
 Hronov—Jiráskovy oslavy—17.-23.VIII. (Jirasek Commemoration, black)
 Olomouc 1—Zemská zemědělská výstava—5.-12.IX. (Land Agricultural Ex-
 hibit, black)
 Teplice-Šanov 1—Teplitz-Schönau 1—XII. sjezd německých filatelistů—3.4.X.
 XII, Deutscher Philatelistentag. (Day of the German Phila-
 telists, black)
 Praha 14—Autosalon 1931—22.-28.X. (Automobile show 1931, a, b, black)

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