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## Washington's Hall of Stamps and the Mails

(A SPECIALIST Staff Report)

If, by this February day, your thoughts have turned to spring, or if your spring feverish family is thinking of dragging you away from the collection you have enjoyed these long winter evenings, despair not. You may, after all, be able to talk the folks into a trip to Washington, D. C.—the cherry blossoms are just a couple of months off and these, added to dozens of old and new attractions Washington offers its spring visitors is absolutely certain to camouflage your real purpose—a visit to the Hall of Stamps and the Mails of the Smithsonian Institution.

Located at the National Museum of History and Technology on Constitution Post—Lion of Bohemia Forgery at Smithsonian

Genuine, Type I  
(Small saber  
handle)



Forgery, Type I  
(Note line  
after "E")

Genuine, Type II  
(Large saber  
handle)

Forgery, Type II  
(Note dot next  
to tail)

tion Avenue at 14th Street, N. W., the Hall of Stamps has in recent months been enlarged and improved. Besides housing the "National Stamp Collection" the Hall is designed to educate rather than simply display. From reconstructed post office to a print shop, to displays relating to early mails—all of this is there to be savored by collector and non-collector alike. A new and extremely popular display is the Headsville, W. Va. country store post office, fully restored and operating near the entrance of the building. The building dates from the 1860's and was in use up to 1914. Staffed by some of the friendliest employees on the Postmaster General's payroll, one can not only buy current postal issues but also have them canceled with a special "Smithsonian Station" hand cancel bearing a line drawing of the old post office.

A display entitled "The Language of Philately" defines and illustrates philatelic terminology in a both rigorous and artistic manner. Numerous Czechoslovak items are used for illustration. These, particularly the less common items were probably taken from an extensive collection of Czechoslovakia buried in the Institution's stacks and, unfortunately, not generally accessible to the public.

Rarities and items of historic and philatelic note are displayed throughout the exhibit as well as by means of a continuous and automatic slide program housed in a newly added mini-theater. The material selected for audiovisual display is well chosen to fascinate both novice and expert.

By far the weakest display is the previously mentioned "National Stamp Collection"—a rather pompous name for some nearly-filled Scott pages with a mixture of mint and used stamps of uncertain quality. Because of limited and rather obsolete display facilities, what one sees is presumed to be only a small fraction of our "National Stamp Collection"—but why not keep that part of the display up as well?

To collectors of Czechoslovakia, the disappointment is particularly pronounced. The displayed "collection" includes no semi-postal issues, and the pages of regular postal issues lacks several "penny" items, not to mention the mixing of common used and mint stamps. To find Czechoslovak Legion Posts one must look under "S" for Siberia. But what really hurts one's national pride is the junk that comprises the showing. Although the Scott catalogue points out that "forgeries exist" and that the lithographed set (Scott 1-3) exists either imperforate or perforated 11½, the Smithsonian exhibits the 13¾ line perforated set, which is actually a near worthless reprint, gummed and perforated in Prague for purely philatelic purposes. But far worse, the beautiful, embossed "Lion of Bohemia" issue (Scott 6-14) is represented by a common forgery, well known to nearly every Czecho collector as the CZEKULA or "Swiss" forgery.

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The particular forgery is of the Type I, most easily identified by the horizontal white line following "E" in the "SIBIRSKÉ". (See illustration). Unfortunately, this forgery has polluted many an otherwise good collection. Hence, in the interest of philatelic ecology, the SPECIALIST hereby calls for the immediate removal of both above mentioned sets from our National Collection.

But, as we all know, one bad egg won't spoil the omelete (or will it?)—so we nevertheless urge our members to visit Smithsonian's Hall of Stamps this spring or summer for a truly philatelic experience.

## Czechoslovak Perfins

By J. J. Verner

Have you ever wondered what those funny holes are in some stamps? And why do they seem to appear so often on used and so seldom on mint stamps? Obviously the answers are that the holes in the stamps are perforated initials (perfins to the initiated) and are applied to stamps to keep them from being stolen or used by unauthorized individuals. Perfins are generally applied to stamps by institutions and commercial firms. And since perfins appear on stamps, collectors collect them.

There is also an organization of perfin collectors in the United States called the Perfins Club (what else?). Collectors of perfins are rather realistic, it seems to me, in that most of them recognize that theirs is a hobby of love and not profit. Perfin collecting seems to be still a somewhat esoteric branch of philately, and hence the demand for stamps bearing perfins has not yet driven the prices up. Further, most perfins are found on used stamps because institutions and companies have not, by and large, made their perforated stamps available to collectors in mint condition. The stamps are intended for use on what is generally called commercial mail—and commercial mail tends to consume large numbers of mint stamps.

Now, what, you ask, does all this have to do with Czechoslovak philately? Everything, since perfins are also known on stamps of Czechoslovakia. I have had perfins in my stock books for many years and, quite frankly, I have not known what to do with them. My collection is fairly specialized so I did not want to omit these stamps and just identify them as perfins, but at the same time I did not have the necessary information needed to classify them with more precision. So in the stock books they stayed. Over the years new ones were added from time to time. But what to do with them? There is little in either Czech or English literature on Czechoslovak philately known to me that deals with the perfins. Of course, Czech catalogs do list the 10¢ "reapers," white number, with the perfin "G.St." which had been overprinted "Pošta Československá 1919". But what about all the perfins on other stamps?

Now, glad to report, our plight has been alleviated. The Perfins Club (copyright 1972) has just published a catalog entitled *Perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia*, compiled by the Prague collector Vojtech Maxa. Mr. Maxa was introduced to Czechoslovak perfins quite recently, his primary philatelic interest being pre-World War II Poland, largely through an interest in Polish perfins. As he tells the story, "When I visited him (a friend) in Warsaw in 1969, he told me to 'have a look how the situation is with the Czechoslovak perfins.' I had a look—and this catalog of mine is the result." Mr. Maxa has now launched on a project to catalog the perfins of Hungary, Romania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. While Mr. Maxa does not consider himself an advanced collector of Czechoslovak stamps, he has made a major

contribution by his pilot work in this unexplored, if somewhat esoteric, area of Czechoslovak philately.

Mr. Maxa's approach to cataloging the perfins is the height of simplicity. He lists the perfins alphabetically by their first initials. Perfins made up of symbols rather than letters are listed at the end of the catalog in a section of their own. The catalog is loose leaf so additions can be made to it as research continues. As one opens the catalog he sees a listing of the initials, coded period of use, city in which used and the using organization on the left page of a double page spread. On the right hand page the same perfins are drawn to actual scale permitting the collector to compare his perfins directly against the catalog. Several blank spaces are left after each letter to allow for future additions. The only text is the introduction.

The catalog contains about 750 dies and covers perfins used in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia from the introduction of perfins in the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1870 down to the present day. Mr. Maxa estimates that the catalog in its current form contains between 85 and 90% of the perfins used in Czechoslovakia. The perfins are used today in Czechoslovakia by only one company, namely Orbis; otherwise, they have been replaced by the use of company postal meters. How accurate his estimate is only time will tell.

There is obviously more work to be done in this field. Not only is it highly probable that more perfins will be found (several perfins not included in the catalog have been recorded in the short time since the catalog was published), but also there are blanks in the information about their use. Many firms using perfins have yet to be identified and even some cities in which given perfins were used need pin pointing. Collectors can help by checking any covers bearing perfins. Most of those covers should be commercial with the names of the firms on them as well as post marks identifying the city in which used.

But for this one needs a copy of the catalog. It can be obtained postpaid for a small consideration (\$3.00 for members of the Perfins Club, \$5.00 for non-members) from Richard L. Mewhinney, Secretary of the Perfins, 4 John Glenn Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960. Incidentally, for those interested, membership in the Perfins Club is \$3.00 for one year, \$5.00 for two.

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26. Documents Philateliques; Revue de l'Academie de Philatelie: Tome II, No. 12 (April 1962, 48pp, French).
27. American Philatelic Congress Book: Twenty-First (1955, 160pp, English).
28. American Philatelic Congress Book: Twenty-Second (1956, 208pp, English)
29. American Philatelic Congress Book: Twenty-Sixth (1960, 175pp, English)
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31. National Philatelic Museum Magazines (English):
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  - August, 1953—Philosophy of Collecting
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  - March, 1955—Philatelic Libraries
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## Anyone Know What Happened to the Extra 40h Masaryk Plates?

by H. Hahn

According to literature,\* the so-called 40h "NEOTYPIC" was recess printed from "at least" four plates. The plates, which were made of soft copper, wore relatively fast. The rapid wear of the plates is reflected in the huge number used, at least 56 for the printing of a mere 224½ million stamps of the 50h denomination; or only about 4 million per plate, or 40,000 sheets on the average. A similar calculation for the 60h value yields about 32,180 sheets per plate.

On the other hand, some 25.2 million of the 40h stamps were printed. Using the same rationale as above, the four plates, (unmarked, 9/VI, 12/10 and 2/10) would have yielded some 63,000 sheets each on the average, which is nearly twice as many as of the 60h value.

This number appears too high, and one wonders whether the "early unmarked plate used in the printing of both the line and later the comb perforated varieties is indeed only one plate. It is suspected that collectors may have missed plate number designations in the left selvage, such as have been discovered in the instance of the 50h denomination and illustrated below:



The accepted explanation, of course, is that indeed more stamps were run from the 40h plates, since more poor-quality printings of the 40h value are found. But this may not be the whole story.

Collectors are therefore urged to examine the selvage on the 40h values most carefully for numbers or possibly notches or other markings used in earlier periods.

\*—Hirsch-Franěk, "Československé Známký," F. Borový, Prague, 1935, p. 267.

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By Charles Chesloe, Box 237, Willow Springs, Ill. 60480

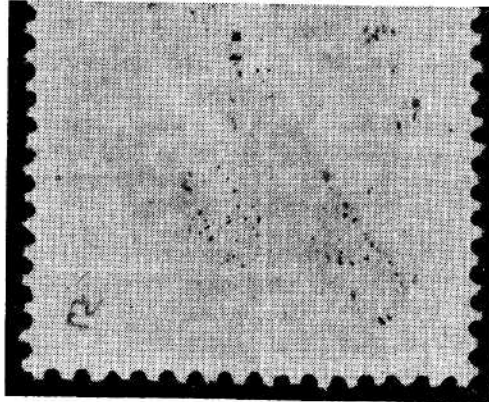


Fig. 1

This month we shall continue with expert marks applied to stamps of the early period.

In the early nineteen twenties, there emerged numerous fine dealers in Czechoslovakia, most of whom were located in Prague. These dealers, for the most part, were honest men and expertized stamps which they sold. They had very good knowledge of the Czech material they dealt in, and by expertizing these stamps, they guaranteed their genuineness to their customers.

Foremost among the dealers was Vilém Ekstein, who used the mark "EV" as shown in Figure 1. He also used a mark which spelled out his name "EKSTEIN".

Two other prominent dealers were brothers in law, Erwin Hirsch and Jaroslav Franěk. They also headed an expert committee known as "Tribuna" and published an excellent philatelic journal known as "Tribuna Filatelistů". Their expert marks are shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. Fig. 2 shows the "Hirsch" mark in the upper left corner. Other expert marks shown on the same stamp



Fig. 2

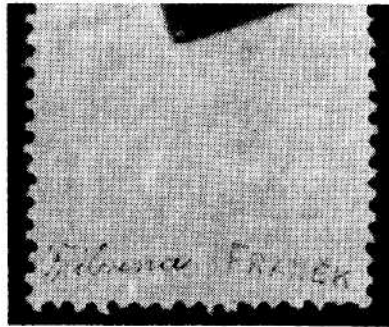


Fig. 3

are those of Lešetický (fancy monogram), Tribuna and Gilbert. The others in Fig. 2 I can not identify. The marks in Fig. 3 are easily identifiable. Incidentally, one of the finest books ever written on Czech philately is the Hirsch-Franěk handbook "Československé Známký," published in Prague in 1935.

Erwin Hirsch was the philatelic teacher and personal friend of another prominent dealer and honored member of the CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY, Arthur I. Kessler. Today Mr. Kessler is a noted expert on Czechoslovakia, and a signed copy "Kessler" in soft pencil is shown in Fig. 4. To the right of his signature is that of another noted expert, Herbert Bloch, head of Mercury Stamp Co. and the last surviving member of the famous Friedl Expert Committee (New York).

Fig. 5 illustrates the signature of Dr. Wallner of Austria, expertising and plating the same stamp as shown in Fig. 4.

The "Pošta Československá 1919" overprint issues carry the widest range of expert marks because of the rarity of numerous individual items and their popularity among collectors and dealers the world over. Unfortunately, some dealers outside Czechoslovakia, whose knowledge of these issues was at best marginal, "expertised" these stamps as well. Among these were the world

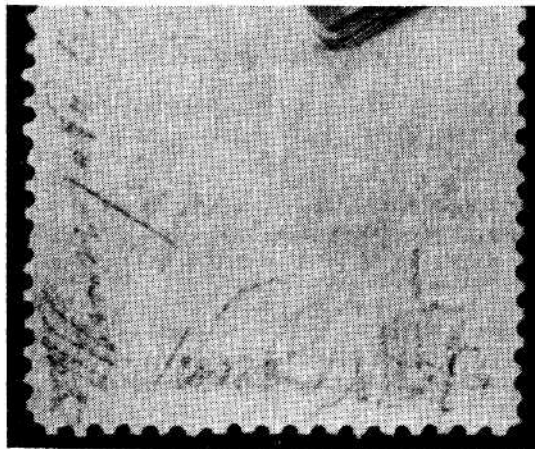


Fig. 4



Fig. 5

famous Diena brothers of Italy, who were mentioned in one of my previous "Corners." I recently saw a 4 Kč "POŠTA 1919" on granite paper with an A. Diena photo-certificate which was in fact a forgery.

The best assurance one can have these days is to secure an expert mark or other guarantee from either Herbert Bloch or Arthur Kessler, both of New York City.\* In Czechoslovakia, Prof. R. Gilbert is still a recognized authority, although Ing. Jan Karásek and his expert committee (see December '72 SPECIALIST, article by Karásek) render expert opinions which are of equal value, I'm sure.

(To be continued)

\*—Ed. Note: Mr. Kessler, long-time benefactor of the SPECIALIST, now spends much of his time in Europe. We suggest that members wishing to have stamps expertized await word from the CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S Expertization Committee, which will arrange for the expertization of stamps by recognized experts. It is anticipated that this Committee will begin accepting stamps in a month or two.

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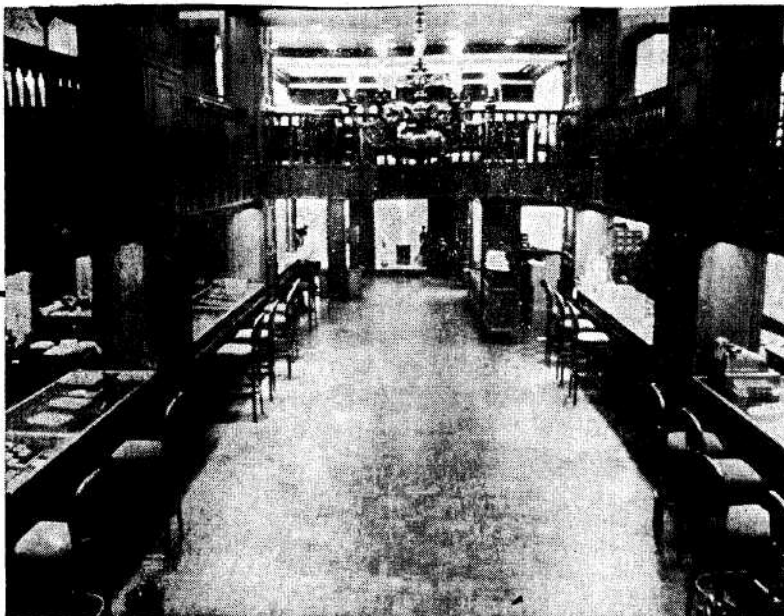
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I. All state philatelic congress (blue)
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VI. Congress of Czechoslovak legionnaires from Italy (blue)
- PRAHA 83. Veliconoce Čsl. Cerven ho křiže, 11-14.IV.—  
Easter of the Czechoslovak Red Cross (green)
- PRAHA 1, Mezinárodní kongres Volné myšlensky—12-14.IV.—  
International congress of freethinkers (green)
- MORAVSKA OSTRAVA 1, Mezinárodní kongres Volné myšlensky, 12-14.IV.—  
International congress of freethinkers (green)
- LITOMYŠL, Výstava poštovních známek, 12-19.IV.—  
Stamp exhibition (black)
- STŘEKOV 1—SCHRECKENSTEIN 1, Odhalení pomníku prezidentu Osvoboditeli  
T. G. Masarikovi, 26.IV (also in German)—  
Unveiling of the statue of the liberator president T. G. Masaryk (blue)
- VRBOVÉ—30. výročie Markovičových volieb 16--18.V.—  
30th anniversary of Markovic's election (green)
- LITOMĚŘICE—20. výročí založení pěšího pluku 2. Jiřího z Poděbrad—16-19.V.—  
20th anniversary of the founding of the 2nd infantry regiment Jiri  
from Podebrad (black)
- PRAHA 1, 75 let pražského Hlaholu 1861-1936, 17.V.—  
75 years of Prague Hlaholu (blue and red)
- VELEHRAD, Jubilejní Cyriolometodějské oslavy, 17.V.-4.X.—  
Cyril and Methodius anniversary celebrations (violet and red)

- MNICHOVO HRADIŠTĚ—Oslava 100. výročí narozenin Dra Karla Mattuše 1836-1936, 20-28.V  
 Celebrations of the birthday anniversary of Dr. Karel Mattus (blue)
- BANSKÁ BYSTRICA—Otvorenie vysieláča T. G. Masaryka, 23-25.V.  
 Opening of the T. G. Masaryk Radio Transmitter (violet and red)
- LITOMĚŘICE—Oslavy K. H. Máchy, 1836-1936, 23.31.V.  
 K. H. Macha celebration (blue)
- LIBEREC 1, Padesát let Sokola, 30.V.-1.VI.  
 Fifty years Sokol (black)
- UŽHOROD 1, I. národopisné dny, 30.V.-1.VI. (also in cyrillic)  
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- HODSLAVICE—Rodiště Palackého 1876-1936, 31.V.-2.VI.  
 Palacky's birthplace (violet)
- PRAHA 14, Zemský skautský sjezd 31.V.-1.VI.  
 Country scout congress (green)
- PRAHA 83 LETIŠTĚ—Armádní letecký den—7.VI.  
 Army Air Force Day (blue)
- SHRAST U CHRUDIME—Oslava 50 let Sokola 1886-1936, 7.VI.  
 50 years Sokol celebration (blue)
- ORLOVÁ—Sokolský slet, 7. and 21.VI.  
 Sokol congress (black)
- JIHLAVA 1, 500. výročí Basilejských kompaktát, 11.VI.-12.VII.  
 500th anniversary of the Basel compacts (blue)
- PARDUBICE 1, V. memorial J. K. Lobkowicze, 12.17.VI.  
 V. memorial of Lobkowicze, (12-13 green; 13 also blue; 14 blue; 15-17 green and blue)
- SMIŘICE—Eucharistický sjezd, 14.VI.  
 Eucharistic congress (orange yellow)
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 K. J. Erben celebration (green)
- UŠTĚČORNA—Oslavy Masarykovy čl. školy—20-22.VI, also in cyrillic  
 Masaryk Czechoslovak school celebration (green)
- OPAVA 1—TROPPAU 1, II. Hospodářská výstava, II. Wirtschafts-Ausstellung 20.VI.-16.VIII — II. Agricultural fair (green)
- PŘEROV 1, Středomoravská výstava, 20.VI.-16.VIII  
 Central Moravia Exhibition (blue and green)
- FRÝVALDOV—FREIWALDAU — Výstava Lidové slavnosti—Austellung-Festwoche, 21.V.-12.VII. — Exhibition—Folk festival (green)
- ROŽNOV POD RADOŠTĚM—Odhalení pomníku presidenta Osvoboditele 23.VI.-7.VII — Unveiling of the President-Liberator statue (green)
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 First religious play (violet)
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- NITRA—Zájazd ČOS 27.-28.VI — Sokol trip (green)
- SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES—Zájazd ČOS 27.-29.VI. — Sokol trip (green)
- PREŠOV 1, Zájazd ČOS 27.-29.VI — Sokol trip (green)
- KOŠICE 1, Zájazd ČOS 27.-29.VI — Sokol trip (green)
- UŽHOROD 1, Zájazd ČOS na Podk. Rus, 27.-30.VI. (also in cyrillic)  
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