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Czech Scout Stamps—1918, Used on Telegrams

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The telegraph service in the United States is privately owned and operated. In Europe and most other countries this is not the case as the telegraph serv-

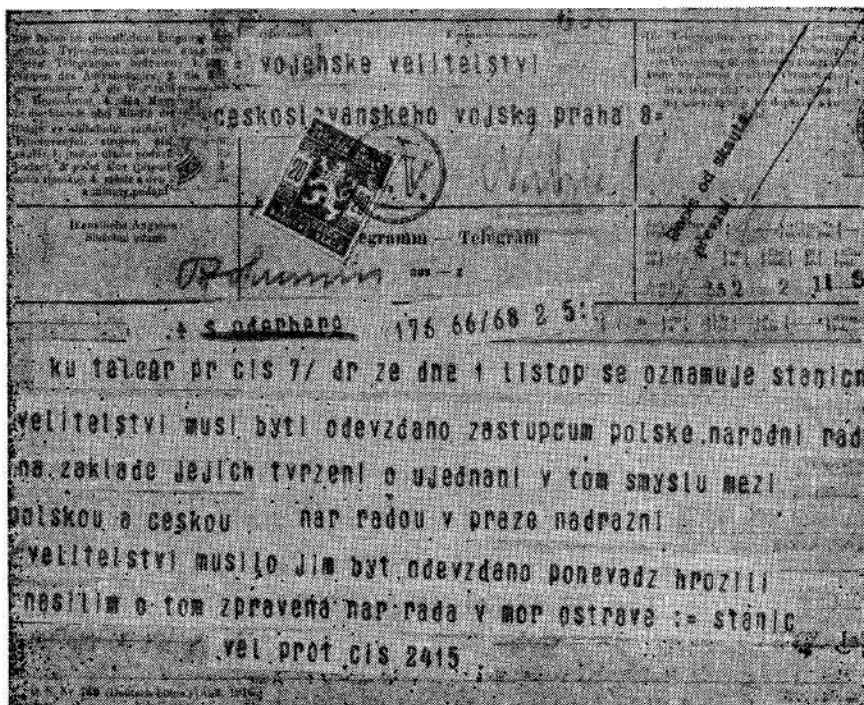


Fig. 1 (Translation) To the Military Command of the Czechoslovak Army, Prague 8. In answer to telegram no. 7/ of 1 November it is announced that station (railroad) command must be transferred to representatives of the Polish National Committee on the basis of their insistence concerning agreement in this respect between the Polish and Czech National Committees in Prague . . . railroad station command had to be transferred because of a threat of force . . . National Committee in Mor. Ostrava has been informed of this: (signed) Station Command number 2415.

ice is operated by the government as part of the post-office department, as it was in Austria and subsequently in Czechoslovakia.

Many articles have appeared in the philatelic press concerning the 10h blue and 20h red Czech Scout stamps used in November and December 1918 and their use on letters, but little has appeared regarding their use on telegrams.

While the stamps were not officially valid until November 7, 1918, some were used as early as November 2 as shown on the telegram Fig. 1. This telegram was sent from Bohumín (previously S. Oderberg) by the Commander of the Station, to the Military Command of the Czechoslovak Army in Prague and refers to a change in command for the station by the Polish National Committee.*

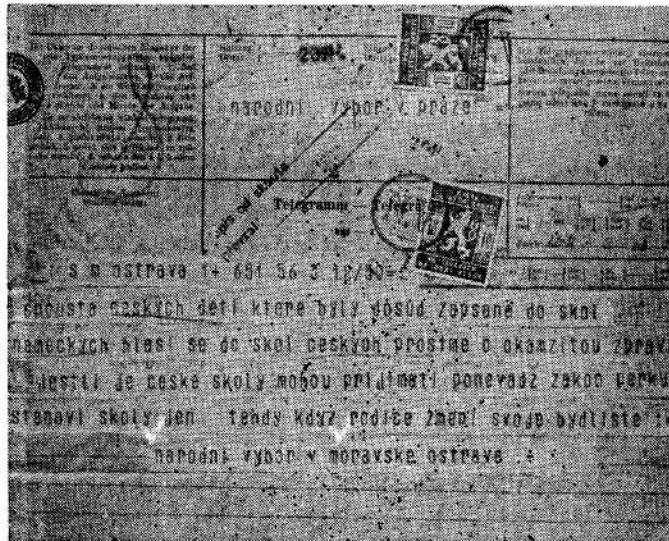


Fig. 2 (Approximate translation) To the National Committee in Prague from Mor. Ostrava. A mass of Czech children heretofore registered in German schools reporting to Czech schools . . . request immediate instruction whether Czech schools can accept them since the law regulating schools calls for change only when parents change their address . . . National Committee in Mor. Ostrava.

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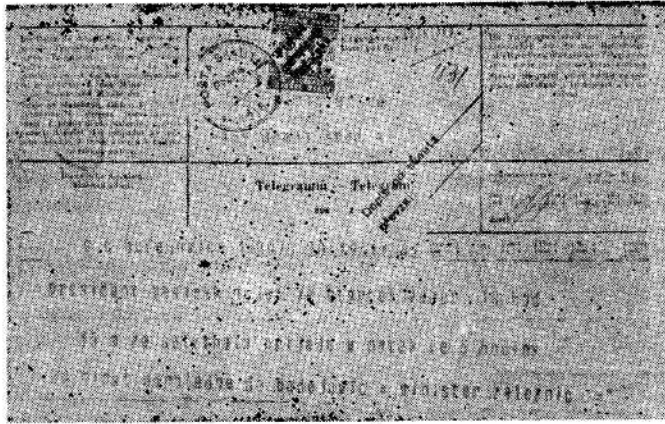


Fig. 3.

The telegram illustrated in Fig. 2 is dated November 3, sent from the National Committee in Mor. Ostrava to the National Committee in Prague and concerns the transfer of Czech children previously enrolled in German schools to Czech schools.*

The delivery of telegrams, together with letters, newspapers, documents and other official papers, with Scout stamps attached, continued until November 25, 1918. If the telegrams were long and consisted of more than one page, the stamps were applied to the first page, with only the Scout cancellation applied to the additional pages.

The original stamps were overprinted for the arrival of President Masaryk in Prague on December 21, 1918 and were also used on telegrams. Fig. 3 shows a telegram sent from České Budějovice on December 19 from the

* Figure captions give complete translations of telegrams.

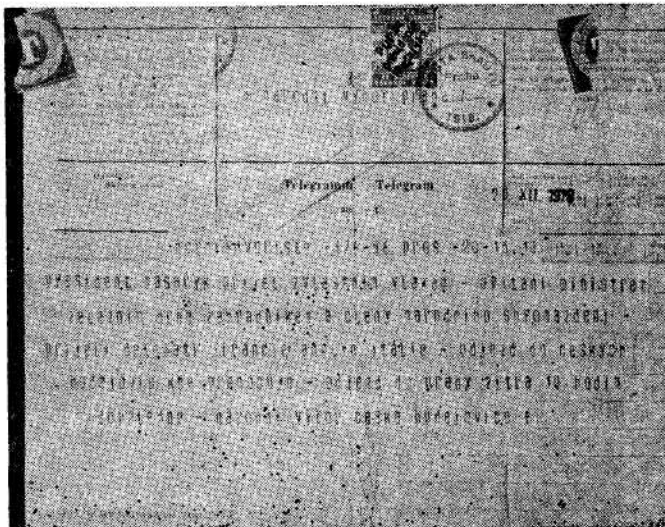


Fig. 4

Minister of Railways to the Presidium of the Cabinet, Prague Castle, informing them that "President Masaryk left Salzburg (Austria) thursday at 10 p.m. and would arrive at České Budějovice, Friday at 3:20 p.m."

The telegram shown in Fig. 4 was sent by the National Committee in České Budějovice from Horní Dvořiště on December 20 to the National Committee, Prague, stating that "President Masaryk arrived in a special train, followed by a reception by the Minister of Railways and members of Parliament, also that representatives of France, England and Italy were present. Departure for České Budějovice where he will stay overnight and departure for Prague tomorrow at 10 a.m."

Only 600 of the 10h and 1,000 of the 20h were overprinted and few were used, with most of the remainder destroyed. These stamps on covers and telegrams are exceedingly rare.

From the Editor's Stock Book

This issue frustrates your Editor because it is certain to disappoint a good many of you. The problem is that as we go to press we are only ten days short of giving you the NAPEX '73 story as well as the outcome of our SOCIETY elections.

All we can say about NAPEX at this point is that the response from our SOCIETY has been phenomenal, both in the number and quality of exhibits submitted. According to Herbert A. Trenchard, NAPEX Entries Chairman, the number of frames entered exceeded available space by about 20%, as a result of which entry rules had to be enforced to the letter, otherwise acceptable exhibits had to be refused on the basis of quality, and large exhibits (including Dr. Kutvirt's and your editor's) had to be cut down. We are unhappy to report that PRAGA '68 Gold Medalist Jaroslav J. Verner's exhibit of S. O. had to be refused due to late application. This is particularly painful as Jerry, who currently lives in Kabul, Afghanistan, went to considerable trouble sending in his exhibit in spite of the fact that he is simultaneously exhibiting at POLSKA '73. All this points to the fact that in future exhibits we must secure a guarantee from the host to accept 80 to 100 frames, assuming, of course, that our SOCIETY's Chairmanship for the exhibit remains in able hands, such as Bill Sandrik's and that the show takes place in a city where there is an active and enthusiastic Branch. On the positive side, this experience has reconfirmed our belief in the basic strength of our SOCIETY and the growing interest in Czechoslovak stamps.

Ed Lisy, our Secretary, reports an unprecedented flood of ballots to elect ten (10) members to the Board of Directors of the SOCIETY which will take over in January. We wish to express our appreciation to those of you who have voted and thus have given our SOCIETY a truly representative leadership.

To those of you who may have missed the announcement in Linn's and other publications, on September 25 Vatican City has issued a series of stamps to commemorate the millenium of the founding of the Latin Episcopal See of Prague. The issue comprises four values, with each stamp bearing the inscription "Diocese Pragensis 973-1973." The 20-lire value pictures St. Wenceslaus, the 90-lire the Prague Diocese coat of arms, the 150-lire the spire of the Cathedral of Prague, and the 220-lire pictures St. Adalbert. Printing is by rotogravure on glazed papers in panes of 25 subjects. If this issue is as beautiful and popular as the "Viaggio dei S. S. Cirillo e Metodio in Moravia" issue of November '63, the Vatican Postal Administration is to be complimented and we all better get our orders in to our favorite new issues

dealer (who we hope is one of our advertisers).

Chairman of the Expertizing Committee, Dr. L. V. Fischmeister, informs us that the operating procedures for his committee have now been formulated and are awaiting the Board's approval. Once these rules have been published in the SPECIALIST, members will be able to take advantage of this new service offered by the SOCIETY. We hope that the rules for use of our Library, together with the listing of its contents as assembled by our Librarian, Jay T. Carrigan, will result not only in increased use of our library, but that some of the members will clear their book-shelves of duplicate or no longer needed material which might fill a gap in the material we now list.

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Mr. Jay T. Carrigan, 12448 Over Ridge Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854.

All of the catalogs and handbooks pertaining to Czechoslovakian philately are listed in this issue. Future issues will be devoted to a listing of various periodicals. As always, your library welcomes the donation of relevant material which it does not currently possess.

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Fig. 6

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Fig. 8

Fig. 9

Fig. 7 shows a block of four of the 40h with the overprint strongly shifted to the right. These shifted overprints are known to exist for all values from 5h to 1 Kč, and, although they probably exist for the higher values, they would be considered quite rare.

Fig. 8 is an interesting overprint on a paper-fold variety of the 50h Beneš.

Naturally, trial overprints were prepared to test the processes and also to determine the format or style best suited to each particular stamp. Fig. 9 illustrates such a trial overprint in blue reading down rather than up, and Fig. 10 shows another trial overprint in red instead of the catalog listed "blue." The trial on the right is red and also inverted. The red overprint is also known to exist on the 20h value, and, in normal position, on the 40h "Znak."

Figure 11 shows another trial overprint on the 5 Kč value reading up instead of down.

The 10 Kč value is shown in Fig. 12 with the overprint applied to the coupon as well as to the stamp. Such an overprint is known to have been applied to the 4 Kč value also. A blurred overprint can be seen in Fig. 13 on the coupon of the 4 Kč value, even though the stamp itself carries the overprint in the usual position along with a blurred overprint in the inverted position. Fig. 13 is printers' waste and has no gum.

Fig. 14 shows another trial overprinting on cover. The pair of 25h stamps, as noted by the arrows, was overprinted with the same form of the overprint that was used on the Newspaper stamps (Scott P-1 to P-9) of the

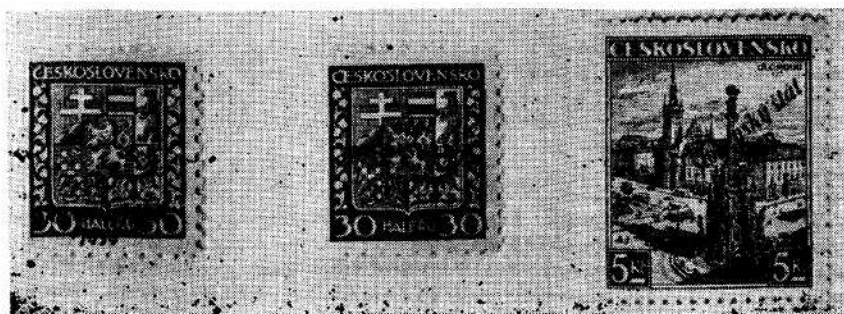


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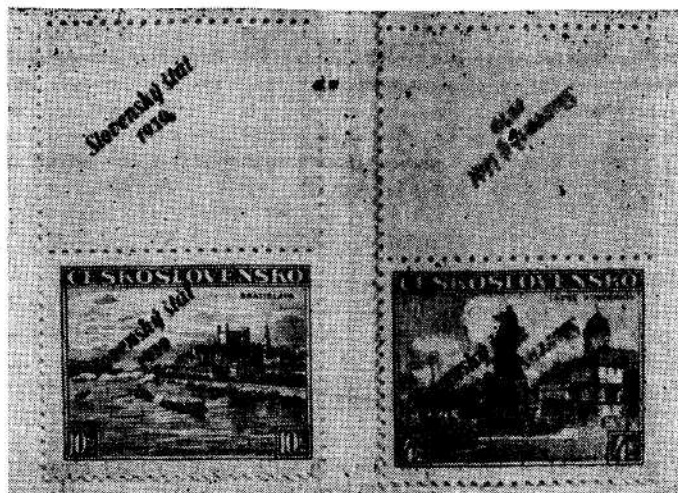


Fig. 12

Fig. 13

same period. The picture of the 25h stamp on the right of Fig. 14 shows the overprint in the usual position.

These are only a few of the great variety of misoverprinted stamps that have been emitted among the Slovakia issues. Additional material is available and will be presented in a future discussion.

We hope all of you had a delightfully philatelic summer, and we look forward to sharing more Czechoslovak oddments with you in the months ahead.

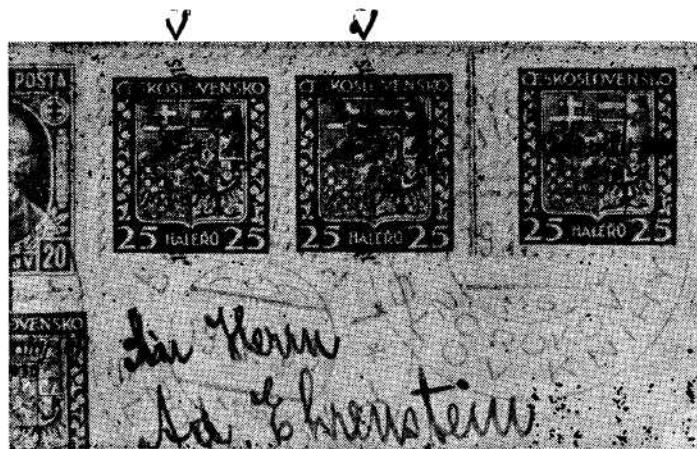


Fig. 14

NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION IN BRNO

Member Dr. J. J. Matejka has informed us that there will be a National Stamp Exhibition in Brno, ČSSR on June 8, 1974, at which he will exhibit in the Court of Honor. A prospectus for the exhibit may be obtained from our Honorary Member, Ing. Jan. Karasek, P. O. Box 430, 602 00 Brno 2, Czechoslovakia. Doc Matejka had kindly offered to take our member's exhibits to the Brno show personally.



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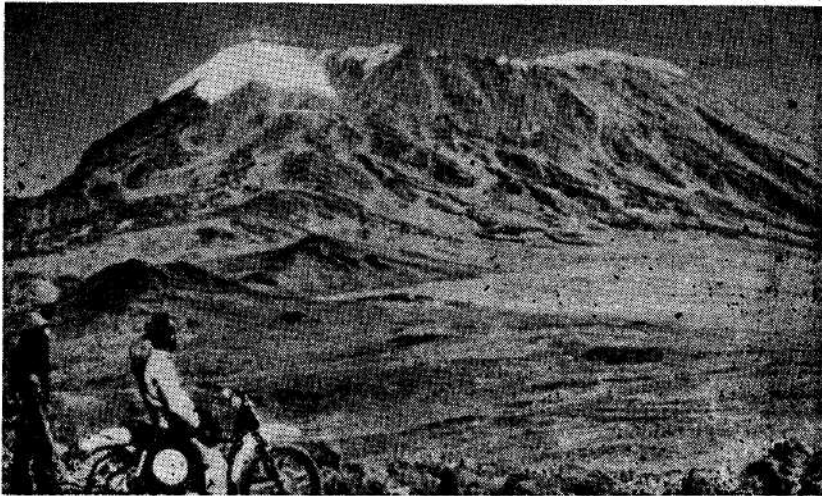
In looking over ČSSR stamps one finds that a large number of them every year are devoted to sports, whether it be the Olympics, winter sports and ice skating, hockey, Sokol, various athletics and other international contests, including automobile, motorcycle, and even bicycle racing.



ČSSR Stamps showing motorcycle races

This year a fantastic feat took place in East Africa, when a young man, William de Garis, rode a ČSSR motorcycle all the way to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, some 19,340 ft. high. The ice and snow covered peak towers over the country side and can be seen as far as Nairobi, 200 miles to the north.

Although this is not pure philately, yet, indirectly there is an association. The climb for Mr. de Garis was equipped and arranged by my sister Erica at Marangu Hotel, on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. My father, as a Czean settler, built up the place, and he was a very keen philatelist and collector of



Approaching Kibo peak on Mt. Kilimanjaro



On the very top of Kibo, Mt. Kilimanjaro

Czechoslovak stamps as well. I, as his son, have continued in that interest and am now a member of the Society for Czechoslovak Philately. Having had the pleasure of climbing to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro several times myself, I can well visualize the route taken by Mr. de Garis and appreciate this very difficult achievement.

The motorcycle was a CZ 250 Scrambler, donated for that occasion by the Motokov company in Prague, Czechoslovakia. After the successful climb, the ČSSR Consul and others came to the Marangu Hotel for a champagne party to celebrate. I would like to express my appreciation to the Motokov company for sending me some of the pictures and a very nice letter.



The ČSSR Consul and others with Mr. de Garis (center) after the climb

Incidentally, the four motorcycle stamps issued in ČSSR during the last few years indicate the Czech's appreciation for such motorcycle races. Considering this outstanding and fantastic feat, never before achieved by anyone, it could reasonably be expected that the ČSSR postal service would issue some stamps commemorating this event. If so, this article would then become a fore-runner of a real philatelic feature.

The author wishes to express his appreciation for the Mt. Kilimanjaro photographs provided by Motokov.

Joe Stein of the New York Branch writes that arrangements have been made for monthly Saturday afternoon meetings at the PRAHA RESTAURANT. All those living in the New York Metropolitan Area are asked to contact Joe Stein for details.

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