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## Report from the Beginnings of Our Philately

In today's report we will back track to the year 1919 and seek the secret of the PČ 1919 20 f MAGYAR POSTA with the picture of reapers. It belongs among the rarest of stamps; in the catalog (Pofis) it is listed under number 107A and priced at the handsome sum of 8,000 Kčs. Most collectors realize that we refer to a stamp that is not only expensive but also rare. In other words, even though 80 hundred-crown bills are not easy to come up with, hav-

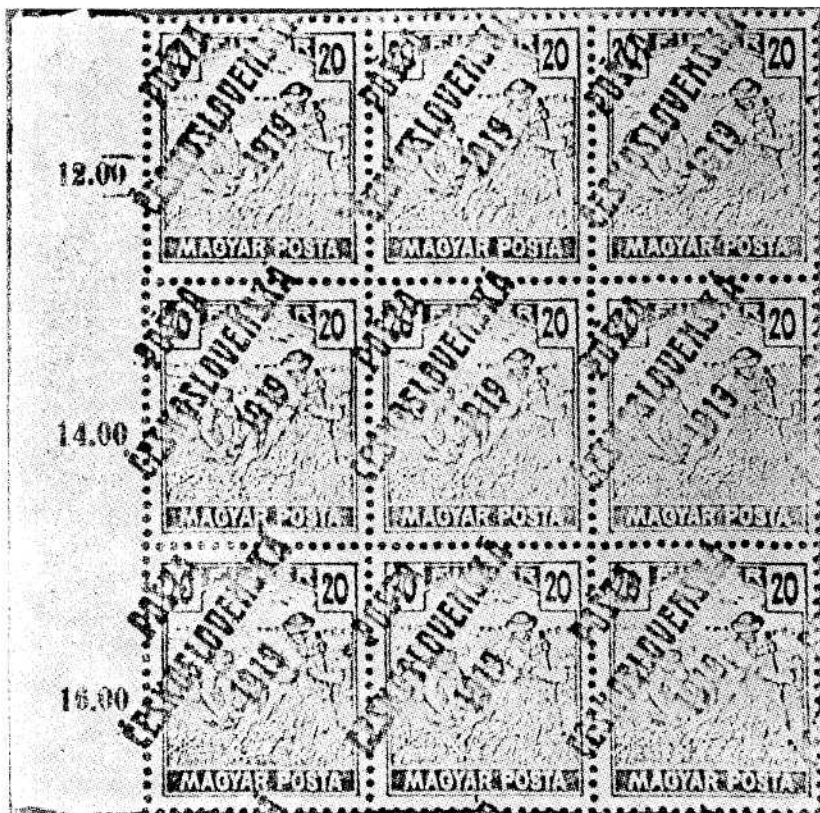
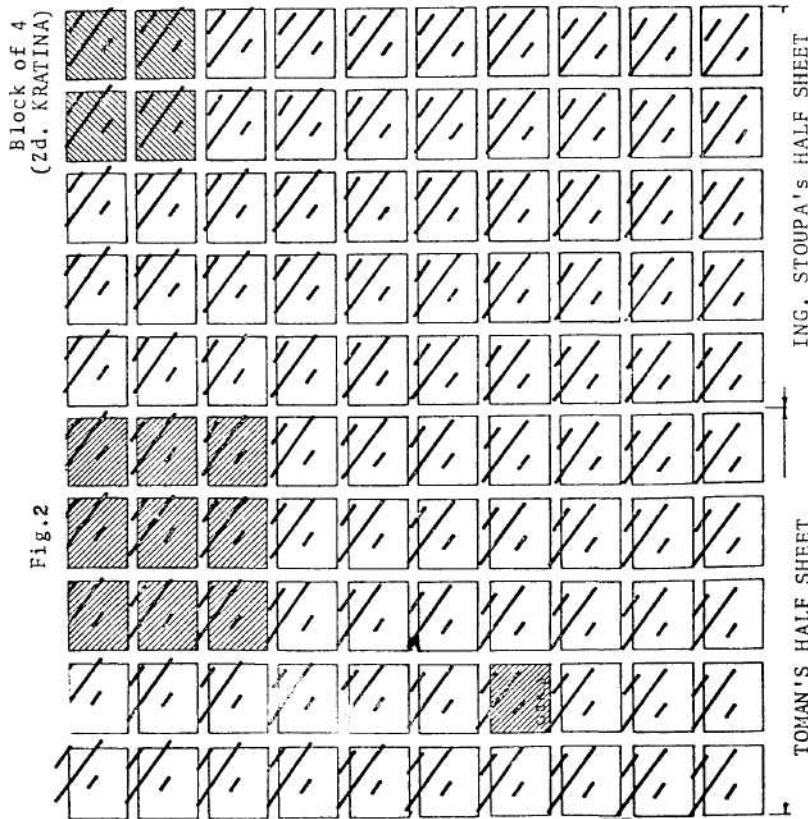


Fig. 1

ing them does not necessarily insure such a purchase. To buy one, one must also be blessed with a certain degree of philatelic luck. Why? Since there were only one hundred such stamps originally, including four overprint types, the explanation is relatively simple. Let us first look to the second volume of *Monografie*.\* On page 39 we read: "... according to the sources of E.

Fig.2 RECONSTRUCTION OF SHEET, 20f MAGYAR POSTA



\*—*Monografie Československých Známek*, V. II, POFIS, Prague 1971.

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Fig. 3

Hirsch there were overprinted . . . 20 f with the illustration of the reapers and the title **MAGYAR POSTA** of 1919, as determined subsequently, approximately 100 stamps (2 half sheets) which were overprinted in error and all sold at the main post office along with the common 20 f reapers with the title **MAGYAR KIR. POSTA**. On page 113 we continue to read: the inclination (of the overprint) in all stamps of the 20 f value **MAGYAR POSTA** is  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees.

The careful reader must immediately have noted a discrepancy in the citations. The unusual inclination could not have been preserved in the overprinting of two separately printed half sheets. And since it is a fact that the 20 f **MAGYAR KIR. POSTA**s have a characteristically different inclination of the overprint, it is apparent that E. Hirsch was in error. Thus, what are the real facts or **HOW MANY STAMPS ARE CONTAINED IN 2 HALF SHEETS OF THE 20 f MAGYAR POSTA?**

The largest preserved block of the 20 f **MAGYAR POSTA** is an edge block of 9. We secured a photograph of this block (Fig. 1), and based on this block we reconstructed the original sheet, since it is most likely that such a sheet was overprinted as a unit.

With the illustrated schematic diagram (Fig. 2) I proceeded to question the collector **Zd. Kratina**, whom I know to have examined numerous copies of this rarity. **Zd. Kratina** tells us: "I owned approximately 5 singles of this rarity—they weren't even so expensive at the time,—I paid about 250 Kč and later 300 Kč. In addition to the singles I also had the upper left-hand corner block of 4. I bought it from the dealer **Ing. Stoupa** for approximately 1,400 Kč.

My ears perked up as soon as I heard mention of a block of 4. A unique opportunity to test the prepared reconstruction. My next question: Would you still recall, **Mr. Kratina**, how the block of 4 was centered?

"All 4 overprints were well centered but shifted slightly toward the top."

Only following this answer did I lay my schematic diagram before **Mr. Kratina**, in which one can see that his description of the left hand corner block of 4 is as I predicted. In our further discussion I learned piece meal of the history of the discovery of the 20 f **MAGYAR POSTA**.

The ordinary brown 20 f reapers was not a common stamp in comparison with the other values of the set. The overprinting of 260 sheets did not satisfy the requirements of the dealers. It was for this reason that the overprinted sheets were torn in half prior to distribution, and only  $\frac{1}{2}$ -sheets was included in each dealer's order. It thus happened that in his order the Prague dealer **Ing. Stoupa** found the upper half sheet of the stamp which was thus far unknown. Since at that time discoveries of various varieties in the **Pč 1919** is-

sues were fairly frequent, Ing. Stoupa did not doubt the genuineness of the stamps, but he immediately visited the Director of the Prague Philatelic Postal Service, Toman, with a request for additional error printings. Of course he did not receive any, but instead put a bug in Toman's ear. Toman searched and found; he found the lower half of the sheet!

Both half sheets were eventually broken into smaller blocks and singles. The illustrated block of nine originates from Toman's find. When we examined the schematic, we observed that the best centered overprints originate from the left upper corner, while the maximum decentering occurred in the right lower corner. Thus Ing. Stoupa had in stock "better" copies than Toman.

Let us again return to the citation of E. Hirsch in the second volume of *MONOGRAFIE*, which states that: "error printings of the 20 f MAGYAR POSTA were . . . all sold at the main post office . . ." Hirsch is correct in that they were sold at the main post office in as far as they were paid for at that location. However, they were not sold singly for 30h. All 100 stamps passed through the hands of two individuals, Stoupa, and Toman. This is not to say that there was anything they might be accused of, since both were more dealers than collectors. To realize a fast profit, both half sheets were broken up without further study or documentation. We don't know at this time which printing form of the type F was used for the overprinting. We can only speculate that it was form 1c which is the same as that used for the overprinting of the common 20 f reapers. Collectors who are lucky owners of the 20 f MAGYAR POSTA may use the illustrated schematic to locate the precise position in the sheet from which their copy originates. To identify the position, one must consider the horizontal and vertical shifting of the overprint. The decentering of the overprint, however, must be measured with respect to the perforations rather than with respect to the stamp print. Some stamps in the sheet are considerably inclined or even shifted from their normal rows by as much as 1 mm. If you have such a stamp (as for example happens to be the single illustrated in Fig. 3) you will find the stamp itself quite poorly centered, without the decentering necessarily occurring with respect to the perforations. By careful measurement of both directions of decentering of the overprint you should be able to locate the stamp within an approximate block of 9. Since the sheet comprises 4 overprint types, you can immediately eliminate many possible positions within the approximate block of nine in which you have preliminarily located your copy, and thus find its exact location. In the case of the illustrated single stamp, we have preliminarily located it within the block of 9 comprising positions #76-8, 86-8, and 96-8. Since the overprint is of type IV, the exact location can only be #87. As a final check it is necessary to have a sheet of 100 of one of the common denominations having overprint form 1c,—the most common probably being the 3 f reapers. (However, care must be exercised to insure that the sheet is not of the form 1, 1d or 1e.) Comparison made with the aid of a good magnifier or, better yet, an enlarged photograph, will reveal minor damage or deformation of the overprint, which will then confirm the precise location of your specimen. The position determined for the illustrated single matches precisely sheet position #87 when one observes the second numeral "1" in "1919" (mainly a deep cut in the heel on the left),—and thus one concludes that the stamp is properly located.

Finally, I have a request. Don't keep the sheet location of your copy a secret—let us\* know. If we succeed in having a significant number of positions documented, particularly toward the center of the sheet, we will try to establish the printing form with certainty. We would thus join together

in erasing a major gap in the knowledge of our stamps.

\*—Ed. Note. It is suggested that members owning this rarity determine its sheet position and forward their results to the Editor of the SPECIALIST. We will preserve the owner's anonymity in forwarding our results to Prague.

### From the Editor's Stock Book

We were shocked and saddened to learn recently of the death in an auto-train crash on October 5th of the son of Dr. and Mrs. Otakar Kutvirt of Rochester, N. Y. We wish to express our heartfelt condolences on behalf of the entire SOCIETY.

Mail has been particularly heavy last month, and much of it deserves mention in this column.

Alec McMillan from Auckland, New Zealand writes: ". . . although I do have some material to swap, no one is here to swap it with. It must be wonderful to be able to attend a Society meeting . . . With regards to my starting on Czechoslovakia, well, I am an electrician on ships and have spent all my working life at sea. Some years ago I was in a small port in the south island of New Zealand and a collector called at the ship to see if anyone on board collected stamps. I later called at his home and he told me he had written to 'FILATELIE' asking for someone to write to him to exchange Czech stamps for New Zealand, and he asked me whether I'd be interested, as he had received literally a sack of mail containing 437 letters. He told me he would give me a couple of hundred if I would promise to answer them. I took them and sorted out about 700 stamps, all different, and that started me off on Czechoslovakia. Incidentally, it took me a year to answer all those letters and quite a bit of my pocket money. That was about 15 years ago and I am more interested than ever, but have diversified my collecting to include Czech first flight covers, postal history, field posts and am now starting a side line collection of all the stamps and material relating to the artist Max Svabinský . . . I am hoping to exhibit in an exhibition in France next year, mainly to see how I can get on in Europe with a collection of Czech postal history." And of course, we'll be looking for Alec's exhibit at INTERPHIL '76, where with his U. S. regional show awards and international awards he is surely expected to qualify.

SOCIETY President Mirka Vondra, probably the first one to respond to the SOCIETY'S ad for discounted philatelic supplies (see ad elsewhere in this issue) writes . . . "I have just received the large acetate corners . . . I needed those badly and they aren't easy to find—particularly if you don't have time to shop around . . ." We hope that all our readers will buy their philatelic supplies through the SOCIETY and thus provide a "painless" boost to our treasury. And while we are on this subject, PLEASE PAY YOUR 1975 DUES NOW, IF YOU HAVE NOT AS YET DONE SO. If you have misplaced the DUES envelope which was included with our October issue, please make your check payable to the SOCIETY FOR CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELY, INC. and send it to our Secretary, Mr. Edward Lisy, 87 Carmita Ave., Rutherford, N. J. 07070. Regular and Associate Membership dues are \$7.50, Patron Membership \$15, Family Membership \$10, and Junior Membership \$3. Surcharge for Air Mail to foreign addresses is \$5—and don't forget a little "extra" for the SPECIALIST FUND.

Former and future literary contributors to the SPECIALIST, Mr. Jaroslav

Ježek and Mr. Jiří Nekvasil of Czechoslovakia have recently provided excellent and original material, which will appear in forthcoming issues. FILATELIE Editor, Ing. Houška and his associate, Mr. Rudolf Kvíz have most generously provided original illustrations to the lead story in this issue by Mr. Jan Kraus as well as to others.

Dr. Matejka of Chicago writes that at the request of Mr. Rudolf Fischer, representing the Czechoslovak Government, a photographic reproduction of his BRNO '74 Court of Honor Exhibition (Collection of Drawings and Paintings by Karel Seizinger) will be presented to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Czechoslovakia for their philatelic library in Prague.

Joe Stein of El Cajon, Calif., who is our "remotest" Director, writes that he is busy translating and generally helping West Coast collectors of Czecho. As self-appointed and much appreciated reviewer of philatelic literature for this column, he notes that Olech Wyslowsky of our SOCIETY recently ran an auction on behalf of "Sports Philatelists International," Dr. James J. Matejka will show his Newfoundland exhibit in the Court of Honor of the 26th annual ASDA show (New York City, Nov. 22-24), and that our Karel Lipa received a "third category" award at CINPEX '74 for his showing of "Nobel Prizewinner FDC's." Ing. Ladislav Dvořáček, Honorary Member of the SOCIETY has been appointed to the panel of judges at ESPANA '75 (Madrid, April 4-13, 1975), and the June August edition of the "War Cover Bulletin" features a study by Honorary Member and former SPECIALIST Editor Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch on "The Postal History of Czechoslovakia: Provisionals and Stampless Covers, MOs and CODs, 1918-20." And lastly, just to prove the virtually unlimited opportunities to show and thus promote our specialty, your Editor has received the Reserve Grand and Gold Award at SPACEPEX '74 in Houston, Texas for a showing of Czechoslovakia Air Mail and Flight Covers.

As we put this issue "to bed," our Virginia outdoor temperature stands at 86 degrees and Christmas seems a bit remote. Yet it is time for those of us who bring you the SPECIALIST to wish every one of you our sincerest wishes of the SEASON—much joy among your loved ones, peace throughout the world, good health, and enough time left from our busy schedules to enjoy our hobby and friendship.

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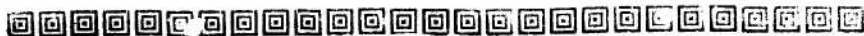


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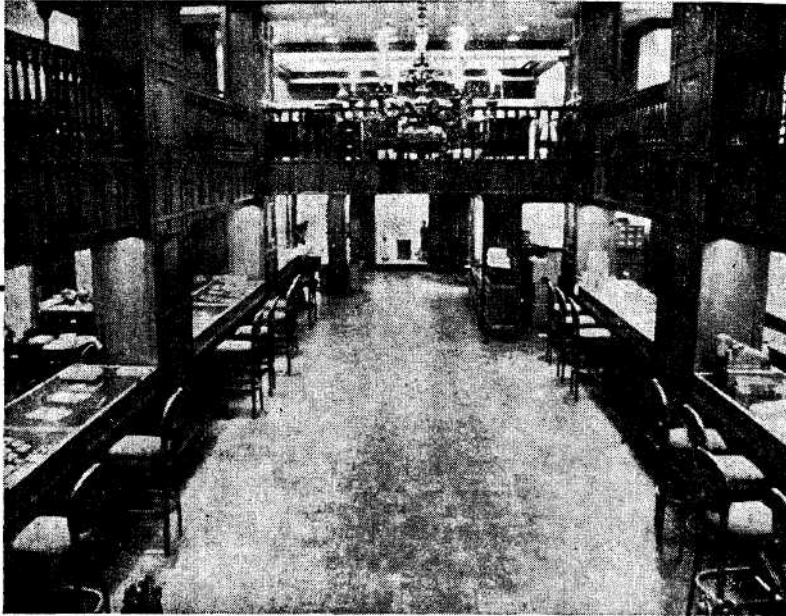
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75. Notebook; Translations from Hirsch "1924 Katalog Známek Československo," Sections A, B, D, E, (English)
- \*76. Notebook; Czechoslovak Essays and Proofs, Reproductions, (English)
77. Notebook; Typed Manuscript for Bohemia-Moravia-Slovakia Handbook (English)
78. Notebook; Czechoslovak Secret Marks upon the stamps of Bohemia and Moravia, Reproductions, (English)
79. Notebook; Czechoslovak Army Field Posts in Siberia 1917-1921 (English)
80. Notebook; Czechoslovak Army Field Post 1939-1940, in Britain 1940-1945 (English)
81. Notebook; Czechoslovak Field Post in France and Britain 1939--1945 (English)
82. Notebook; Translation of J. Lešetický "Stamps of the Urban Import Food Stuffs Tax" (English)
83. Kostelka, Dr. Jan; Bohemoslovenika (1966, 78pp, Czech)
84. Kvasnicka and Kubát; Monografie Československých Známek, Volume II, (1971, 443pp, Czech)
85. Nováček, Jiří; Filatelistický Maraton (1971, 235pp, Czech)
86. Novotný, Ladislav; Speciální Příručka pro sběratele Československých Známek (1970, 707pp, Czech)
87. Pofis; Katalog Známek (1973, 490pp, Czech)
88. ČS68; Příležitostná razítka a poštovní celiny; Cachets spéciaux et entiers postaux; Sonderstempel u. Postganzsachen (1969, 19pp, Czech, French, German)
89. ČS69; Příležitostná razítka a poštovní celiny; Occasional postmarks and postal stationery; Sonderstempel u. Postganzsachen (1970, 33pp, Czech, English, German)
90. Gilbert, Prof. Ing. Rudolf; Reprodukční techniky používané přitisku poštovních známek (1930, 30pp, Czech)
91. Heinz, Bernhard; Die Fehldrucke der tschechoslowakischen Briefmarken-Typen und Wasserzeichen der Masaryk-Marken (1927, 48pp, German)
92. Hirsch, E.; 1924 Katalog Známek Č.S.R. (1924, 156pp, Czech)
93. Horký, Palkoska and Všečeka; Provizorní Razítka Československa; Übergangsstempel der Tschechoslowakei 1918-1947 (1968, 95pp, Czech, German)
94. Kaufman, Hugo; Slovenský štát 1939 (1939, 38pp, English)
95. Konstant, Vaclav; O První Poště, Poštmistrech, a Razítkách v Písku; (1969, 7pp, Czech)
96. Nebeský, Václav; Československá Příležitostná a Propagační Razítka 1919-1969, 6 volume set (1971-72, 413pp, Czech, Table of Contents also in English, German, French and Russian)
97. Pofis; Ceník Československých Známek (1951, 125pp, Czech)
98. Exhibition Catalog (České Budějovice 1970); III. Krajská Výstava Poštovních Známek—Olympspor! (1970, 83pp, Czech)
99. Exhibition Bulletins (Písek 1972); Nos. 1-3 (1972, 8-12-12pp, Czech)
100. Maxa, Vojtech; Perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia, with 3 supplements (1972, 68pp, English)

101. Richet, Roger; Les Diverses Émissions de la Légion Tchèque en Sibérie (1918-1920) (15pp, French)
102. Richet, Roger; Les Diverses Émissions et Oblitérations de la Russie Subcarpathique et de la Slovaquie du Sud (1860-1965); (62p, French)
103. Richet, Roger; Les Émissions, Surcharges, Oblitérations et Vignettes des Sudètes (1880-1970); (182pp, French)
104. Kassay, Štefan and Pasztor Belo; Košické Znamky (1972, 358pp, Czech)
105. Kvasnička, Ivo; The Czech Scout Official Mail Delivery Service of 1918 (1970, 18pp, English)

CHANGE the following listing in the October 1974 "Specialist":

22. Möbs, Theodor; Theresienstadt: Eine philatelistische Studie (A Philatelic Study) (1966, 20pp, German, with English translation by Dr. Carl M. Praeger)

Item number 100 above is available from the Perfins Club. (See the review by J. J. Verner in the February 1973 "Specialist.") The price is \$3.50 to Perfins Club members or \$5.00 to non-members. However, they have graciously offered to provide the catalog to SCP members at the \$3.50 price. We note that the supply of extra copies is limited, so if you desire your own copy a quick order is advised. Make checks or money orders payable to The Perfins Club and don't forget to mention your SCP affiliation. Send orders to Floyd A. Walker, P. O. Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

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## Czechoslovak Commemorative Postmarks

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1938

- DOBŘIŠ - III. slet sokolské župy pražké Scheinerovy. 5.-6.VI.  
III. Sokol congress of the Scheiner district (blue)
- PRAHA - IV. středoškolské hry při X. všesokolském sletě. 9-12.VI.  
IV. high school games connected with the X. all Sokol congress  
(blue and red) a, b
- PRAHA 1 - Kongres mexinároodního sdružení pro ochranu živnostenského  
vlastnictví. 11.VI (also in French)  
Congress of international association for the protection of trade  
ownership (blue)
- PARDUBICE 2 - Memorial J. K. Lobkowicze. 11.-12.VI.  
Lobkowicz memorial (black and blue and green)
- PRAHA 2 - Staroměstská radnice v Praze 1338-1938. 15.VI.-9.VII.  
The old city Hall in Prague 1338-1938 (blue)
- ČESKÉ BUDEJOVICE 1, Jižní Čechy armádě. 19.VI.  
South Bohemia to the army (blue)
- BLATNICE pod SVATÝM ANTONÍNEM - Pout u Sv. Antonínka. 19.VI-6.VII  
Pilgrimage to St. Anton (violet)
- NÁCHOD 1 - Výstava 38. 19.VI.-15.VIII.  
1938 fair (blue)
- VELKÉ MEŽIRIČI - Výstava Horácka. 19.VI.-31.VIII  
Horacko exhibition (blue)
- PRAHA 2 - XVI. sjezd P.E.N. Klubů. 25.-30.VI.  
Congress of PEN clubs (blue)
- PRAHA 1 - Mezinárodní výstava poštovních známek "PRAGA 1938"  
26.VI.-4.VII. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h  
International Stamp Exhibition "PRAGA 1938" (blue)
- PRAHA 1 - Letecká pošta. 26.VI.-4.VII.  
Airmail cancel for "PRAGA" stamp exhibition (blue)
- PRAHA 14 - Sletová výstava X. Všesokolského sletu, 26.VI.-7.VII. a, b  
Exhibition of the X. all Sokol congress (green)
- TURČIANSKÝ SVATÝ MARTIN - Kladnie základného kameňa Národnej  
knižnice slovenskej. 20.VII  
Cornerstone laying of National Slovak library (blue)
- BEZDĚKOV - Bratřím Kodymům 31.VII.  
To the Kodym brothers (blue)
- DOMAŽLICE - IX. celostátní prázdn. kurs řiř. svazu katol. učitelstva řsl.  
2.-15.VIII. IX. Allstate summer session of the Czechosl.  
association of catholic teachers (black)
- BOHDANEČ u PARDUBIC - Auto-moto-závody. III. Bohdanecsky okruh  
ř.-7.VIII. Automobile-Motorcycle Races - III. Bohdanec circle  
(violet and blue green)
- KOMARNO - P. pl. 12. G. M. R. řtefánika - řenijní pluk ř - 20. výroři zalo-  
řenia. 13.-15.VIII. 20 years infantry regiment 12, GMR  
řtefanik and engineers regiment 3 (red and blue)
- LFVICE - I divadelné predstavenie v prírode - I. szabadtéri eloadás "Janos  
vitez" 13.-15.VIII.  
I. Outdoor theatre performance "Janos vitez" (green)
- RUŽOMBEROK 1 - 27.IX.1864 Andrej Hlinka 16.VIII.1938. 16.-21.VIII.  
Andrej Hlinka 1864-1938 (black)



### BRANCH NEWS

**NEW JERSEY:** At its October meeting, the N. J. Branch was treated to an extremely interesting film by Henry Samek. It covered portions of his trip through Czechoslovakia, including such places as Kutná Hora, St. Barbara's Cathedral, and one of the many "Bone Churches" (Kostnice) with its hundreds of ancient skulls of the victims of the black plague. In Prague, Henry took us on a tour of the new subway, with its clean platforms, free of billboards and graffiti. We also saw the Praga '68 Exhibition Palace, and some of the historic sites of the ancient Capital.

**CHICAGO:** The following were elected Branch Officers at its October meeting: Charles Chesloe, Presiding Officer; Louis Hanke, Vice President; James J. Matejka, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors: Melvin Klozar, Jane Sterba and William Holton. Chicagoland Branch meetings take place on the second Sunday each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association Building, 6655 Cermak Road, Berwyn, Ill.

**WASHINGTON:** The regular October meeting included a discussion of tentative plans for the SOCIETY'S participation at INTERPHIL '76. Following the usual swap session, the meeting was turned into a surprise wedding anniversary party for Marilyn and Henry Hahn, with home made pastries, Champagne and other non-philatelic goodies.

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1973

Income	Expenses
Dues -----\$1451.00	Specialist, Printing and Mailing --- \$1408.44
Advertisements --- 499.20	Permanent Membership Cards, Station'y 179.09
Books -----304.62	NAPEX expenses, incl. certificates --- 163.26
Interest -----46.06	Bookbinding (Specialist) ----- 134.75
Donations -----33.00	Postage and Editorial Expenses ----- 109.45
	NOJEX postage ----- 14.00
\$2333.83	Incorporation Fee ----- 12.00
	Checking Account ----- 8.66
	SPA dues ----- 5.00
	\$2034.65
Transfer from 1972 ----- \$1206.63	
Income 1973 ----- 2333.88	
	3540.51
Expenses 1973 ----- 2034.05	
	\$1506.46
In savings account ----- 1209.26	
In checking account ----- 297.20	
	\$1506.46

Note: The circuit commission income, for the period Feb. 1, 1973 to Feb. 1, 1974, will be reported in 1974.  
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