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## Czechoslovak First and Second Air Mail Issues

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(Conclusion)

### Commemorative Cancellations

- July 10, 1926 Hradec Králový (MLL) Letecká výstava (MLL=Masarykové Letecké Ligy—Masaryk Flying League)
- June 7-8, 1930 Karlovy Vary 1—Karlsbad 1—MLL—Letecká slavnost—Flugfest (Air Festival). Two types of cancellations.
- May 2-3, 1931 Plzeň letiště (during an air show a post office was established at the air port).
- June 14-20, 1931 Praha—Conférence aéropostale 1931 (Air mail conference).

### Publicity Machine Cancellations

- March 1926 Praha 25. Přístup za členy Masarykovy letecké ligy. (Join the Masaryk Flying League) (Fig. 20).
- May 1927 Praha 25. IV mezinárodní letecká výstava (IV International Flying Exhibition).
- August 1930 Praha 25, Brno 2, Bratislava 1 (Slovak Text). Každý československý občan stane se členem MLL. (Every Czechoslovak citizen become a member of MLL).
- June 1931 Používejte letecké pošty (Use air mail).

### First Flight Cachets and Commemorative Cancellations

Commemorative cancellations were used by the post office to identify air mail sent or received via first flights. When stamps were already canceled the commemorative cancels were applied next to the stamps. In Czechoslovakia, commemorative cancellations were first used in May 1931 for the inauguration of the air link, Karlovy Vary-Marianské Lázně-Praha (ČSA) and return. An official celebration was held in Karlovy Vary. The same text was used on four cancelers which were identical except for the name of the post office.

Cachets, non-postal markings used by air lines or other institutions, were applied next to the stamps. In Czechoslovakia they were first used during the first flight from Užhorod to Košice and return. The two hand stamps used were the same but for the direction indicated in the text.

The validity of the stamps of the second emission ended March 31, 1931, but those of the third were already on sale from March 1 of that year. It is therefore possible to find covers with mixed franking of the two issues.

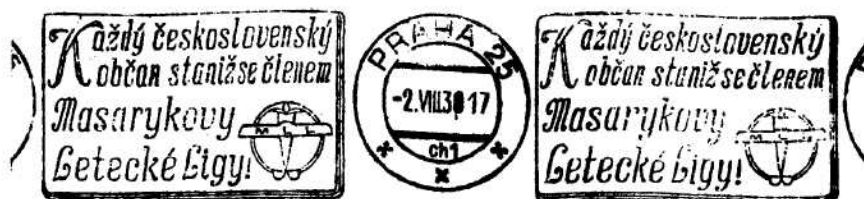


Fig. 19

**First Flights** (new routes are indicated with an \*)

1922

- March 1, 1922 Praha-Warszawa, C.F.R.N.A.  
 March 1, 1922 Praha-Strasbourg-Paris, C.F.R.N.A.  
 April 1, 1922 Praha-Wien (no mail carried), C.F.R.N.A.  
 August 14, 1922\* Praha-Wien (46 pieces of mail), C.F.R.N.A.  
 October 22, 1922 Praha-Wien-Bucuresti, C.F.R.N.A.  
 October 29, 1922\* Praha-Wien-Beograd-Bucuresti-Istamboul (27 pieces), C.F.R.N.A.

1923—Postal air mail routes of 1922 were reactivated on June 1, 1923 and expanded to Sofia and Athens. Beginning August 1, 1923 to London and Morocco (combined means of transport).

- June 1, 1923 Praha-Strasbourg-Paris, C.F.R.N.A.  
 June 1, 1923 Praha-Wien-Beograd-Bucuresti, C.F.R.N.A.  
 June 1, 1923 Praha-Warszawa, C.F.R.N.A.  
 September 1, 1923 Praha-Wien-Budapest-Beograd-Bucuresti, C.F.R.N.A.  
 October 28, 1923 Service was extended to Persia and Mesopotamia (mixed transport was used. Train to Trieste, ship to Alexandria, train to Cairo and onward by air).  
 October 29, 1923\* Praha-Bratislava return, Č.S.A. (23 pieces from Praha, 2 from Bratislava).

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## 1924

- March 1, 1924** Praha-Strasbourg-Paris, C.F.R.N.A.  
**March 1, 1924** Praha-Wien-Beograd-Bucuresi, C.F.R.N.A.  
**March 1, 1924** Praha-Warszawa, C.F.R.N.A.  
**March 15, 1924** Praha-Bratislava and return, Č.S.A.  
**May 12, 1924\*** Praha-Bratislava-Košice (50 pieces), Č.S.A.  
**June 15, 1924** Combined surface and air mail service was established to Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Soviet Union, China and Persia. For the northern countries mail went by train to Hamburg, by air to destination. Air mail fee was 2 Kč per 20 grams. For the USSR, China and Persia mail went by rail to Königsberg, Prussia and then by air to destination. Air mail fee was 3 Kčs per 20 grams. Mail was despatched from Praha 7 Podmokly 1.

## 1925

- March 1, 1925** Praha-Bratislava-Košice and return, Č.S.A.  
**March 16, 1925** Paris-Basel-Innsbruck-Praha and return, C.I.D.N.A.  
**June 1, 1925** Praha-Wien-Beograd-Bucuresti-Istanbul, C.I.D.N.A.  
**June 1, 1925** Praha-Kraków-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.  
**June 1, 1925\*** Praha-Marianské Lázně (there were 71 pieces, back 22), AERO  
**July 1, 1925\*** Praha-Wien-Budapest-Beograd-Bucuresti, C.I.D.N.A. (61 pieces from Praha to Budapest).

## 1926

- March 15, 1926** Praha-Bratislava-Košice and return, Č.S.A.  
**April 26, 1926** Praha-Wien-Budapest-Beograd-Bucuresti, C.I.D.N.A.  
**April 26, 1926** Praha-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.  
**May 24, 1926\*** Praha-Brno-Bratislava-Košice and return, Č.S.A.  
**June 1, 1926** Praha-Marianské Lázně and return, AERO  
**June 10, 1926\*** Praha-Paris (onward service to Toulouse, Casablanca, Oran, Dakar via surface/air).  
**August 10, 1926** Praha-Nürnberg-Strasbourg-Paris (103 pieces), C.I.D.N.A. (Earlier Praha-Paris routing was necessary because flights over Germany were not permitted until 1925).  
**August 10, 1926** Praha-Breslau-Warszawa (106 pieces), C.I.D.N.A.

## 1927

- March 16, 1927** Praha-Brno-Bratislava-Košice and return, Č.S.A.  
**March 21, 1927\*** Berlin-Dresden-Praha-Wien, D.L.H./OELAG/Č.L.S. (Praha-Wien 1532 pieces, Praha-Dresden 783, Praha-Berlin 1860)  
**April 1, 1927** Praha-Nürnberg-Strasbourg-Paris, C.I.D.N.A.  
**April 1, 1927** Praha-Wien-Budapest-Beograd-Bucuresti-Istanbul, C.I.D.N.A.  
**April 1, 1927** Praha-Breslau-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.  
**April 19, 1927\*** München-Praha-Breslau (360 pieces), D.L.H.  
**April 19, 1927\*** Praha-Berlin. Route connected into the D.L.H. air system to: Lübeck, Hamburg, Kiel, Flensburg, Stettin, Stolp, Königsberg, Tilsit, Gleiwitz, Görlitz, Hirschberg in Silesia, Köln, Halle/Leipzig, Cottbus, Bremen, Han-

- over, Plauen/Vogtl., Erfurt, Stuttgart, Frankfurt/Main, Essen/Mülheim, Regensburg, Baden-Baden, Braunschweig, Drotmund, Gdansk, Amsterdam, London, Zürich, Bruxelles, Kobenhaven, Malmö, Kolmar, Stockholm and Oslo.
- April 21, 1927\* Wien-Bрно-Gleiwitz-Breslau-Berlin and return, D.L.H.  
 May 9, 1927\* Brno-Gleiwitz-Breslau-Berlin (on the Wien-Berlin route) (350 pieces)  
 May 9, 1927\* Brno-Wien (on Berlin-Wien route).  
 May 2, 1927\* Praha-Chemnitz-Halle/Leipzig-Hannover-Bremen, D.L.H.  
 July 4, 1927 Praha-Marianské Lázně and return, Č.S.A.  
 July 12, 1927\* Mariánské Lázně-Chemnitz (106 pieces), D.L.H.  
 July 11, 1927\* Chemnitz-Mariánské Lázně (185 pieces), D.L.H.  
 August 8, 1927\* Praha-München-Zurich-Lausanne-Geneve-Marseille, D.L.H.  
 November 1, 1927\* Kraków-Brno-Wien (598 pieces), P.L.L.Lot
- 1928
- January 24, 1928 Praha-Chemnitz-Halle/Leipzig-Hannover-Bremen, D.L.H.  
 February 6, 1928 Berlin-Breslau-Gleiwitz-Brno-Wien and return, D.L.H.  
 March 7, 1928 Dresden-Praha-Wien and return, Č.L.S.  
 April 2, 1928 Praha-Brno-Bratislava-Košice and return, Č.S.A.  
 April 2, 1928 Praha-Breslau-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.  
 April 2, 1928 Praha-Nürnberg-Strasbourg-Paris, C.I.D.N.A.  
 April 2, 1928 Praha-Wien-Budapest-Beograd-/Sofia/-Bucuresti-Istanbul, C.I.D.N.A.  
 April 16, 1928 Warszawa-Kraków-Brno-Wien and return, P.L.L.Lot  
 April 23, 1928 Malmö-Kopenhagen-Lübeck-Berlin-Dresden-Praha-Wien, D.L.H.  
 April 30, 1928\* Praha-Mariánské Lázně-Kassel-Rotterdam and return (11 kilograms of mail carried), Č.L.S.  
 May 21, 1928\* Mariánské Lázně-Chemnitz/Berlin, D.L.H.  
 June 4, 1928 München-Praha-Breslau and return, D.L.H.  
 June 1, 1928 Praha, Mariánské Lázně and return, Č.S.A.

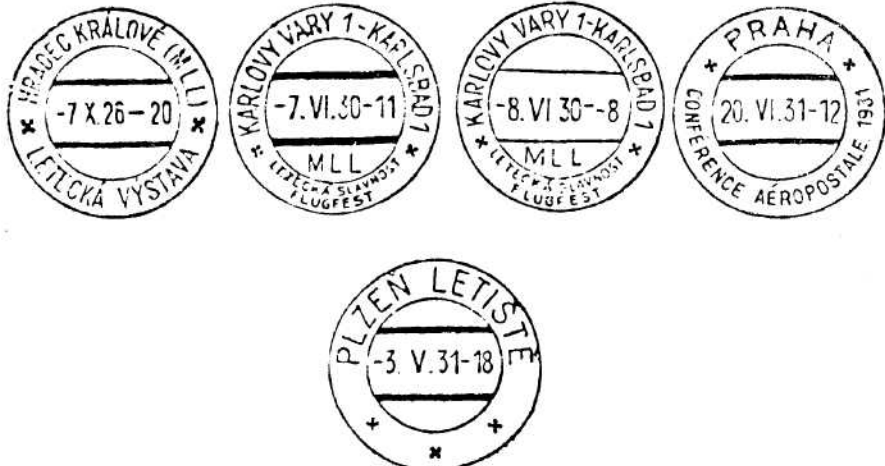


Fig 20

## 1929

- April 2-3, 1929\* Praha-Marianské Lázně-Kasse-Essen/Mülheim-Rotterdam  
Č.L.S. (Covers for this flight are dated April 2, but because of bad weather conditions the plane could not fly until the next day. 20 pieces were delivered to Essen.)
- April 2, 1929 Praha-Brno-Bratislava-Košice and return, Č.S.A.
- April 15, 1929 Praha-Breslau-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.
- May 1, 1929 Warszawa-Katowice-Brno-Wien and return, P.L.L.Lot
- May 1, 1929 Praha-Chemnitz-Halle/Leipzig-Hannover-Bremen, D.L.H.
- May 6, 1929\* Praha-Brno-Bratislava-Košice-Užhorod and return,  
Č.S.A. (440 pieces sent from Praha, 611 from Užhorod.)
- May 15, 1929 Marianské Lázně-Chemnitz-Berlin, D.L.H.
- May 21, 1929 Marianské Lázně-Nürnberg, Č.L.S.
- May 21, 1929 München-Praha-Breslau and return, D.L.H.
- June 1, 1929 Praha-Marianské Lázně and return, Č.S.A.

## 1930

- March 15, 1930 Praha-Brno-Bratislava-Košice-Užhorod and return,  
Č.S.A.
- March 21, 1930\* Marianské Lázně-Furth/Nürnberg
- April 17, 1930 Praha-Halle/Leipzig-Essen/Mülheim-Rotterdam, Č.L.S.
- May 1, 1930 München-Praha-Breslau and return, D.L.H.
- May 1, 1930 Praha-Chemnitz-Halle/Leipzig-Hannover-Bremen, D.L.H.
- May 1, 1930 Marianské Lázně-Chemnitz-Berlin, D.L.H.
- May 15, 1930 Marianské Lázně-Halle/Leipzig, Č.L.S.
- May 16, 1930 Praha-Marianské Lázně and return, Č.S.A.
- June 1, 1930 Warszawa-Kraków-Brno-Wien, P.L.L.Lot
- June 1, 1930 Praha-Strasbourg-Paris, C.I.D.N.A.
- June 1, 1930 Praha-Wien-Budapest-Beograd-Sofia-Bucuresti-Istanbul,  
C.I.D.N.A.
- June 1, 1930 Praha-Breslau-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.
- June 2, 1930\* Basel-Zurich-München-Praha and return, AD ASTRA  
(Praha-Zurich 42 pieces, Praha-Basel 148).
- July 1, 1930\* Praha-Bratislava-Zagreb (Sušak) and return, Č.S.A.-  
AEROPUT (Bratislava-Zagreb 82 pieces, Bratislava-  
Sušak 58, Praha-Zagreb 156, Sušak 23 pieces).

## 1931

- March 2, 1931 Praha-Chemnitz-Halle/Leipzig-Hannover-Bremen, D.L.H.
- March 16, 1931 Praha-Brno and return, Č.S.A.
- March 20, 1931 Bratislava-Košice-Užhorod and return, Č.S.A.
- April 15, 1931\* Praha-Halle/Leipzig-Essen-Rotterdam-Amsterdam, Č.L.S.  
With the extension of this route to Amsterdam it was possible to send mail to Antwerp (7 pieces).
- April 20, 1931 Praha-Breslau-Warszawa, C.I.D.N.A.
- May 1, 1931 Warszawa-Kraków-Katowice-Brno-Wien and return,  
P.L.L.Lot
- May 15, 1931 Karlovy Vary-Marianské Lázně-Praha and return, Č.S.A.  
(Karlovy Vary-Praha 932 pieces, Marianské Lázně-  
Praha 67, Praha-Karlovy Vary 164, Praha-Mar. Láz. 61).
- June 1, 1931\* Marianské Lázně-Chemnitz-Berlin, D.L.H.
- June 1, 1931\* Marianské Lázně-Halle/Leipzig, Č.L.S. (98 pieces).
- June 15, 1931 Praha-Bratislava-Zagreb/Sušak, and return June 16,  
Č.S.A.

### Nominations for Society Directors Due Now

Your attention is called to Bylaw V of the Bylaws published herein under which nominations for Members of the Board of Directors may be made between March 1st and April 30th. You are urged to read these bylaws carefully.

Please note that each member may nominate a maximum of two candidates and that each candidate must be nominated by at least two members other than himself.

We wish to point out that there is no "nominating committee" in the "old" sense and that the two individuals designated in Art. 1 of Bylaw V merely act as recipient of nominations. Hence, your candidate, if properly nominated and qualified in accordance with the Bylaws, is assured of appearing on the ballot provided he (or she) accepts the nomination.

Five members to the Board will be elected, serving for four years.

To assist members in voting, the SPECIALIST will publish each candidate's qualifications (25 words or less) as provided by the nominors and/or nominees themselves.

You may use the following form in submitting nominations:

To. SCP Secretary:		President
Edward Sabol		Jane Sterba
427 King Street		6624 Windsor Ave.
Woodbury, NJ 08096	or	Berwyn, Ill. 60402

Date:

The undersigned hereby nominate

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Candidate's name	Membership #
to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Czechoslovak Philately for a term of four (4) years.	

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Signed, Nominator	Membership #

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Signed, Nominator	Membership #

QUALIFICATIONS (for use by SPECIALIST, subject to revision by candidate and editing) (25 words max.) -----

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# BYLAWS of the SOCIETY FOR CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELY

## Bylaw I — Name

1. The name of this organization shall be the Society for Czechoslovak Philately.
2. This Society shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization under Public Law 87-569 of the District of Columbia.

## Bylaw — Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be to promote interest in and scientific knowledge of the postal issues relating to Czechoslovakia and to foster participation in the collecting, exhibiting and research of the country's philatelic material.

## Bylaw III — Membership

1. The Society shall consist of the following categories of members: Patron, Honorary, Regular and Youth.
2. Any stamp collector eighteen years of age or older of good character shall be eligible for nomination as a Patron Member or as a Regular Member. Any stamp collector who has attained his fourteenth birthday but has not yet reached his eighteenth birthday shall be eligible for nomination as a Youth Member. Any person who shall have been nominated by one member in good standing and endorsed by an officer of the Society shall be accepted to membership upon payment of his first year's dues.
3. Any prominent collector of Czechoslovak philatelic material who has contributed articles to the Czechoslovak Specialist or who has in any significant way aided the Society shall be eligible for election as an Honorary Member. Distinguished members of the Society who have been members in good standing for at least one year may also be elected as Honorary Members. Two members of the Board of Directors may propose a person for Honorary Membership and a majority vote of the entire Board shall admit him to such membership.

## Bylaw IV — Board of Directors

1. The Society shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of ten members other than youth members. Five Board members shall be elected every two years and each Board member shall serve a term of four years.
2. The Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for a term of two years. These officers must be elected from among the Board members. The President and Vice President must also be members of an existing Branch of the Society. The President shall preside as Chairman of the Board.



3. The President shall appoint an Editor, a Librarian and a Sales and Exchange Manager for a term of two years from among the members in good standing other than youth members. Such appointment will not entitle the appointee to a seat on the Board, unless he is already a director.

4. All terms of office shall commence on January 1. The Board shall fill the unexpired term of any officer or director who resigns or dies while in office with the exception that if the President dies or resigns while in office, the unexpired portion of his term as President and as Chairman of the Board will be filled by the current Vice-President.

5. The Board shall convene at least once a year to transact the business of the Society, the date and location of which shall be decided by the Board. Five Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **Bylaw V — Nominations and Elections**

1. In March and April of the election year, the President and Secretary, acting as an election committee, shall accept nominations of candidates to the Board.

2. A candidate to the Board must be a member in good standing of the Society but not a current member of the Board. He shall be nominated in writing by two members of the Society other than himself whose signatures shall be affixed to the nominating petition. He may be reelected to the Board, though not for consecutive terms of office.

3. The election committee shall contact the nominees for their acceptance. The nominors shall then be notified whether their nominees accepted or refused nomination. No person may nominate more than two candidates to the Board in any one election. Nominations shall close on April 30 and any nominating petitions received after that date may be invalidated at the opinion of the committee.

4. The names of all persons nominated for the Board shall be placed on a ballot to be sent to all members with the June issue of the Specialist. Members shall send their completed ballots to the Secretary postmarked not later than September 15. The election committee shall count the ballots and certify the names of the five persons having the highest number of votes. These names shall then be published in the November issue of the Specialist.

#### **Bylaw VI — Officers and Committees**

1. As chairman of the Board, the President shall preside over and execute the decisions of the Board, coordinate the efforts and functions of the Society and perform such other duties as are necessary and incidental thereto.

2. The Vice-President shall assist the President as the need may arise and shall be prepared to take over all his duties and functions in the event of death, illness, injury or resignation of the President.

3. The Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence and other communication between the Society and its members—past, present and prospective. He shall head up or comprise a recruitment committee and maintain a complete current membership list. He shall attend all important meetings and submit minutes thereof as required by the Board.

4. The Treasurer shall maintain a savings bank account and a checking account in the name of the Society and shall report on the financial status of the Society as the Board may direct. He shall head up or comprise a budget committee and shall submit a recommended budget for the coming year to the Board not later than November 30 of each year.



5. There shall be an auditing committee consisting of two members other than youth members appointed by the President. It shall examine the books and records of the Treasurer not later than January 15 and shall report its findings of the Board within ten days. The report shall be published in the March issue of the Specialist.

6. There shall be an expertization committee of not less than three and not more than four members other than youth members appointed by the President. It shall arrange for the expertizing of any Czechoslovak material submitted to it, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

7. There shall be a Youth Chairman appointed by the President who shall preside over the Youth Division of the Society. He shall submit periodic reports of its activities to the Board as the Board may direct.

8. Additional committees may be appointed by the President.

#### **Bylaw VII — Branches and Meetings**

1. Local Branches may be established in response to a request submitted in writing and signed by at least five members of the Society in good standing and residing within the territory to be benefitted. Such writing shall be submitted to the Secretary and approved by the Board.

2. Local branches may elect their own officers and committees, assess their own dues, manage their own funds and vote any rules and regulations to govern themselves which are not repugnant to or inconsistent with the By-laws of the Society. Branches shall meet regularly and shall submit a report of their activities and financial status to the President during December of each year.

3. At least once every two years there shall be a convention of the entire Society for the presentation of lectures, transaction of business and exhibition of philatelic material. The date and location of the convention shall be decided by the Board.

#### **Bylaw VIII — Publication**

1. The Society publication shall be named the "Czechoslovak Specialist." It shall be published periodically but not less than six times a year.

2. Each member in good standing shall receive one copy of every issue of the Specialist. In addition, patron members shall receive bound copies of the Specialist.

3. The Board of Directors shall set the advertising rates for the Specialist.

4. A complete up-to-date membership list shall be published annually in the September issue. The list shall specify the name, address and membership number of each member in good standing and shall be arranged according to categories of members. Each succeeding issue shall contain any revisions, corrections and additions to that list.

5. The Editor shall submit an annual financial statement concerning the Specialist to the President not later than January 31 of each year. He shall also submit an annual proposed budget for the publication to the Treasurer not later than October 31 of each year.

#### **Bylaw IX — Library**

1. The Society shall own and maintain a library for the benefit of its members and such non-members as are members in good standing of the

American Philatelic Society. The material in the library shall be available to them on a loan basis according to terms set by the Board.

2. The Board of Directors shall allot funds to the Librarian each year for the purchase of books and material necessary to keep the library current.

3. The Librarian shall submit an annual financial statement concerning the library to the President not later than January 31 of each year. He shall also submit an annual proposed budget for the library to the Treasurer not later than October 31 of each year.

#### Bylaw X — Sales and Exchange

1. The Society shall maintain a Sales and Exchange Division for the benefit of its members. It shall be operated according to rules and regulations approved by the Board of Directors.

2. The Sales and Exchange Manager shall submit an annual financial statement concerning his division to the President not later than January 31 of each year. He shall also submit an annual proposed budget for his Division to the Treasurer not later than October 31 of each year.

#### Bylaw XI — Dues and Suspensions

1. Membership dues shall be assessed as follows:

Patron members .....	\$15.00
Regular members .....	7.50
Youth members .....	3.00
Honorary members .....	(none)

2. The Board of Directors shall review these dues annually and may revise them upward or downward by majority vote of the entire Board. No revisions of dues shall take effect unless published in the Specialist at least three months prior to the start of the year for which they apply.

3. Upon payment of dues, each member shall be entitled to a membership card bearing the member's name and membership number. The card shall be signed by the Secretary and shall be valid as long as the bearer is a paid-up member in good standing.

4. The Board of Directors may suspend any member for non-payment of dues or take whatever disciplinary action it deems appropriate against any member for cause. Disciplinary action can only be taken by a majority vote of the entire Board.

5. Any member who resigns from the Society or who is suspended because of non-payment of dues or for any other reason may reapply for membership at any time by the same method as any person applying for membership for the first time, subject to whatever conditions or limitations the Board may impose.

#### Bylaw XII — Amendments and Terminations

1. Any proposed changes in the Bylaws shall be presented to the Board of Directors by any two Board members in writing and signed by them. Such proposed change shall be adopted by a majority vote of the entire Board and shall be published in the Specialist within four months of adoption.

2. The Society may be dissolved only by unanimous vote of the entire Board. The Board will satisfy all debts and liabilities out of corporate assets. Any assets then remaining will be distributed as the Board may direct by majority vote.

## Personality and Philately

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Praga Commissioner Clarifies Editorial Comments

Dear Mr. Editor:

Since my horrible illness I am somewhat behind in my philatelic reading, but I have read your EDITOR'S REVIEW on page 4 and 5 of the January 1979 SPECIALIST.

You state in there that, "The first concerns the control of material which can be exhibited, based on political and emotional issues rather than on philatelic criteria. There seems to be a clear communication that Bohemia and Moravia, Slovakia and Nazi material issued from 1939 to 1944 were an 'official' no-no. (further) A number of exhibitors expressed a great deal of disappointment and chagrin when confronted with this form of censorship and I feel that 'unofficial' rule making of this kind presently hurts and will detract from future Praga exhibitions."

You, Mr. Editor, must have forgotten the fact that when I sent out my original letter of invitation to exhibit in PRAGA 78, I SPECIFICALLY stated that this material was not allowed to be exhibited. I stated that there was a Federal Law (statute) against showing anything that pertains to Nazism and Facism. It was not the ruling of the committee at Praga 78, but a LAW of the land that this must not be shown. Thus, until this law is changed (and I do not think it will) no one is allowed to exhibit this material, any more than display a Nazi or fascist flag in their window. Do I make myself clear? I was told this in no uncertain terms at Prague when I was in the Praga office the summer of 1977. I was told that this was a law of the land and they could not change it. It was not "unofficial" as you claim, but official. Perhaps in 1988 the law may be changed, but I doubt it very much.

You then go into the bourse situation and that we foreigners could not buy all of the old stamps and covers that we wanted to due to custom regulations. This again, is a regulation of the government and not of PRAGA 78. You understand this. The federal government was and is still afraid that too many of the fine pieces of art, statuary, rare books, antiques, stamps and coins would leave Czechoslovakia and that the government itself would not have control over the money therefrom. All foreign checks and currency received by citizens of CSSR for any reason whatsoever must be cashed within a matter of days in the bank of CSSR. It cannot be kept at home as foreign currency as a hedge against inflation—it must be put into the federal bank and this hard currency is to be used by the government of the CSSR as they see fit—not as the citizens of CSSR wish to use it. This is part of their form of government which we cannot do anything about.

The government of CSSR frowns upon individual deals between a party of CSSR and a foreigner. It must be done through their agency ARTIA. There a collector goes to ARTIA with stamps or covers for a foreigner named TY. The ARTIA representative will make a deal with the CSSR national and pay him off. The deal is then made between Artia and foreigner TY and the profits therefrom go into ARTIA which is part of the government of CSSR. The burning desire to have the best collection of CSR by a national will never stop. It does not deter collections from being built there. They do get the material—and why not—after all, it originates there and we get it second-hand here in the States.

Your statement on the restriction on mailing mint stamps of CSSR is

just another condition and fact of their currency control. You know yourself that you can buy the stamps of CSSR—common mint ones, not the rare ones, for less than face if you buy them in quantity. By sending them to CSSR, you would only undermine their currency as these stamps that are not already demonetized could be used for postage.

Yes, Dom, there is a reason for all of this and we cannot do anything about it. So let us not grouse about it. We have no currency control in our country, but there are a lot of countries that have. Czechoslovakia is one of them. I don't think that all of it is a deterrent to international philately but a lot of it is. But in 1988, PRAGA '88 will be right up there once again proud and erect. And what's more those Czechoslovak nationals will still have one of the best collections of Czechoslovakia. Perhaps the Grand National will be returned to CSSR rather than going to West Germany. The F.I.P. is powerless to make any changes.

Sincerely,

James J. Matejka, Jr., U. S. Commissioner to Praga '78

#### Response To the Marshall Memorial Sale is Enthusiastic

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was very happy to see the Marshall Memorial sale in this month's Specialist. I am 25 years old and have been a member of the SCP since 1976 when I began collecting Czech stamps.

As a novice collector I have felt a bit intimidated by auction mail sales since I have no experience with them. I think this sale is wonderful as I can now participate with certainty of being treated fairly. Enclosed is my purchase list.

I really enjoyed your article in the February Specialist on Notes for the Novice. Too often many of the articles that appear in the magazine are for the "super-specialist." I must admit at being frustrated month after month at not being able to relate to the articles which appear. But I must be fair—there are many articles that I thoroughly enjoy and find most informative. I hope you will devote future space to "Notes for the Novice."

One thing you might discuss could be various books or catalogues on Czech stamps which are basic enough for novice collectors—books on history and collecting if there are any. They would have to be in English since both my parents who understand the Czech language and speak it a little, did not pass it on to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Maderik, 41 Straw Hat Rd., Owings Mills, Md. 21117

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## The Editor's Review

As I prepare to go to Sojex, I look back on the last three stamp shows which recently took place here in New York City including Interpex and Stamphilex. It strikes me that all three had the same characteristics in common—they were overpriced, overpublicized and inflated in every respect. The exhibits were generally meagre and of mediocre caliber. It is amazing to me that shows of this grand size in terms of cast, number of international dealers and variety of national postoffices, can be of such low philatelic caliber. They certainly don't match the quality of a show such as Ballpex, which was extremely well organized and philatelically excellent in all re-

spects. No wonder Ballpex has a dealer waiting list. The N. Y. C. shows on the other hand seemed to be more focused on the "investment" potential of stamps and new issues in particular. Granted, there was occasionally some outstanding material to be purchased, however, this was generally grossly overpriced. Covers with common First Republic stamps were selling for \$3-\$50. I saw one lot of twenty common covers with ordinary Hradcany stamps quoted for \$140 just because it was mounted. Mind you, these covers often sell for 25c to \$3 maximum! Caveat Emptor! By the way, I have noticed an active price rise on covers commercially used in Slovakia and Bohemia-Moravia. These are genuinely quite scarce and offer many possibilities for original research.

Let's hope Sojex will be better and we'll have a complete report in the next issue.  
—D.J.R.

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Please remember we are in the midst of an exciting contest to see which member or members can secure the most NEW members. Contest ends 31 Dec. 1979. Please send a S.A.S.E. to secretary Ed J. Sabol, 427 King St., Woodbury, N. J. 08096 for your supply of blank membership applications.

Please save your society a lot of expense which can easily be avoided by mailing your tardy dues payment TODAY to our treasurer, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Collins, listed in front of the publication.

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Mr. William Schoenig informs all patron members that there will be a delay in the arrival of bound Specialists due to a change in the bindery ownership.

**YVONNE KING WRITES FROM ENGLAND ABOUT THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN**

At STAMPEX in February, one of our National Exhibitions, two of our members gained awards:

**ERNST GORGE**—Bronze-Silver Medal with Felicitations. The Allegory Issue of 1920-1925. The Allegory Issue of 1920-1925 comprising Hussite, the Dove, the Economy and Science and the Liberated Republic in essays, proofs, varieties, perforations and on cover.

**REG HOUNSELL**—Bronze Medal. 1920 Allegory Issues. A selected display including proofs and trial printings of the Masaryk, Hussite, Liberated Republic and Agricultural stamps. The exhibit was completed by examples of the Red Cross issues showing several of the Allegory values used for trial overprints.

The Chairman of our Society, Kay Goodman was a judge at the exhibition.

**LONDON 1980.** Bulletin No. 1 for the International Exhibition to be held in London from 6 to 14 May 1980 is now available. It contains the preliminary details together with the provisional entry form. Copies can be obtained from the Secretariat, P. O. Box 300, Danes Inn House, 265 Strand, London, WC2R 1AF.

This Society is planning a meeting with your Society and the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Germany during the exhibition and a provisional booking for a room has been made for Saturday 10 May. As soon as further details are known I will send them to you.



SCP member Karel Lipa, Oak Park, Michigan, received this interesting cover cancelled on Sept. 8th, opening day of Praga '78, when a special helicopter flight took place. The flight originated in Pardubice to Julius Fucik Park in Prague.





This is the illustration of the CAPEX cover taken to Prague and cancelled there, reported by President Jane Sterba in her column last month.

Note from the Managing editor: Evidently it is necessary to put on your letters to Germany, either East or West, as we had one returned addressed to Munich requesting WHICH? Wouldn't you think the postal service would know?

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