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Pan American Inaugural

This past year, beginning with Praga '78, my life has been a round of pleasure. I have been living the life of luxury and enjoying every minute of the new pleasures that I have encountered.

As you all know, following Praga '78, Joe and I traveled about Czechoslovakia, Austria and Germany for about 5 weeks. In the spring of '79 I flew to New York City to man our Society's booth during Stamphilex and to attend the New York-New Jersey branch chapter meeting. In April I found myself in Atlantic City for the SCP annual meeting held during Sojex '79. The month of May found me again visiting Prague. This time it was in connection with accompanying Blanche Benesova Kobyłka, bride of "Mr. K. of K-Line," when she emigrated to her new home and husband here in Berwyn. I might add that we were also accompanied by Terry, Blanche's dog, making this trip an unusual flight home from the European continent. The end of May found me at home, feeling exhausted and somewhat dispirited. On Thursday afternoon, May 31st, a very good friend of mine, an employee of Pan American Airlines, phoned me to inquire about my trip to Prague. After conveying some of the high-lights of my recent Prague trip, she inquired if Joe and I would like to take another trip around the world. "How much will that little spas (trick) cost me?" was my reply. "The international airline tickets are FREE—all other expenses are your responsibility," was her reply. Spirits soared, exhaustion was forgotten and preparations for our flight around-the-world began!

It is a customary airline policy that when inaugurating a new flight connection, the airlines have the prerogative to issue a limited number of inaugural free flight tickets. This route includes the newly inaugural flight. Our tickets were for first class accommodations, with the stipulation that if a flight was fully booked with paying passengers, we naturally would be unable to embark and it would be necessary that we await the next scheduled Pan American flight, actually being on a stand-by basis. The newly inaugurated flight was on a confirmed reservation basis, June 13th, from Bangkok, Thailand (formerly Siam) to Bombay, India.

Time was of the utmost importance inasmuch as we wanted to spend as much time as possible, prior to the June 13th flight, in Hong Kong and Thailand. Since it was necessary that we assume the financial costs of connecting with the Pan American Clipper Jet flight in California, it was also necessary

for us to obtain our on domestic plane reservations. The only instructions we gave our local travel agent were "book any plane, other than a DC-10." Acquiring a Pan American flight time-table, routing our own trip, via the various international cities serviced by Pan American Airlines, as well as informing Pan American of our selection was some of the routine we engaged in. Monday found us rushing about on various errands that had to be completed; picking up tickets at Pan American, our tickets to California, and as a health precaution, we obtained vaccinations and booster cholera shots. Tuesday morning, June 5th, found us arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at 8:50 a.m. for our flight that was scheduled to leave at 9:00 a.m. Here is a personal suggestion and recommendation. When late, never wait in the queue. We received instructions to immediately go down to the boarding gate where we checked in. We made the flight, being the last passengers to board the plane, and it was necessary that our luggage be carried aboard by the flight attendants in order that it could be placed in the baggage compartment, rather than traveling the usual conveyor belt system. We were off to San Francisco on our domestic flight—on a 707 airplane.

Pan American Clipper Jet flight #5 flies non-stop to Hong Kong. The facilities that Pan American Airlines has provided for their passengers flying their Pan American Jet Service Premier 747-SP flight is stupendous. We covered the 6,288 mile flight, averaging about 500 miles per hour cruising speed while flying at an approximate altitude of 41,000 feet, in 13½ hours. The Pan American Jet Clipper's weight at take-off was 696,000 lbs., while the fuel at take-off was 320,000 lbs. The first class seating accommodations have a concealed foot rest which swings up and out. This allows you to recline at a 60 degree angle and permits you to sleep and relax, between the musical and

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movie entertainment provided. The international cuisine can only be classified as deluxe. Pan American service and flights themselves were part of the thrill of this Pan American inaugural trip, which in reality gives the impression of being in a small, exclusive, intimate deluxe hotel.

This was our second round-the-world trip, the first being in 1966. Those thirteen years have passed by quickly. Many changes have taken place in the Far East, and yet in some of the regions it seems as though time is standing still. This inaugural trip brought back many memories of our previous visit to Asia and also provided us with another opportunity to visit new cities and see new sights.

While in Hong Kong we revisited the new territories by traveling to the Chinese border. We took several independent ferry trips to the islands located in the South China Seas. This is a very leisurely and untiring mode of sight-seeing and it is especially beautiful at dusk and early evening. Hong Kong and the adjoining area is a fairylane of twinkling lights. It is also a lovely place to shop, which could ultimately become more costly than the cost of the plane transportation, but it is interesting just to browse about the small streets enjoying the ever-changing views. When you visit Hong Kong visit Ocean Terminal whereon is located a colony of very exclusive shops—including a stamp shop.

Our four days in Hong Kong ended too soon as we had to fly on to Bangkok, Thailand. Here we made arrangements for a 3-day tour to the city of Chiangmai, which is located in the mountains about 500 miles northwest of Bangkok. This area is near the Burmese and Laotian borders. Here we visited the jungle area where the teakwood lumber camps are located. In this area Indian elephants are trained to work in the jungle forests, and their skill was demonstrated to us under actual working conditions. We toured up into the mountains to visit a primitive Meo hill tribe village located in the valley of the Doi Setep Mountains. The tour folder described the village as semi-primitive but this was an understatement. The trip to this PRIMITIVE village, transported us through an exotic forest and jungle which was beautiful but the road which we traveled on (or should I say slipped, bounced and slid over) was very hazardous as our drive took place on a morning following a heavy rainfall, which fell during the night. The only safety feature provided in the open sided jeep was a steel ceiling bar on which the 8 passengers (4 seated on each side) held onto. I will admit I was plain scared while Joe Sterba was just as apprehensive about our safety but expressed his opinion of visiting this "unique village" with some unprintable wording. The red clay road had no guard rails and in many places we bounced within inches of the edge of this so-called road. One fellow passenger ended up with a bump on her head the size of an egg. I was happy when we arrived back safely in Chaingmai.

The city of Chaingmai has many small business enterprises which produce many lovely hand-crafted artifacts. We toured a sun umbrella shop, where a primitive native process of paper craft is utilized in making sun parasols. Many of the factories produce hand woven silk and cotton fabrics. There are teakwood shops where the teen-aged employees hand carve many lovely figures from teakwood and the visits to the silverware shops, lacquerware and Celadon pottery mills proved to be very interesting. The young people of the area are employed for a mere pittance per day, while providing the world with many lovely objects of art.

Bombay is the gateway to India. With its background of the East and daily contact with the West it provides many attractions. In the midst of this teeming metropolis of approximately 7 million inhabitants in a fashionable promenade, built on reclaimed land. It is considered one of the finest in the world. It is a city of lovely beaches and suburbs where we visited the Aarey Milk Colony, Asia's largest dairy and pasteurizing plant, which was enroute to Ambarnath, a 11th century temple. The Elephants Caves, dating from the 7th Century, were examples of exquisite Hindu architecture, but poverty seen along the way was unbelievable and sad. Our luxurious 5-star Hotel President (at a cost of \$55.00 per day) overlooked a lovely park in which hundreds of poor slept at night. In the morning hours the natives rolled up their bed rolls and went on their way—to live another day. I cannot comprehend how the masses, living in India, will ever be able to raise their standard of living, the task ahead is enormous.

We wanted to travel to New Delhi, to visit with friends residing there. I felt it would be "something different" to travel this distance by train. Joe did not agree with my view but ultimately the trip was made by train. Just between us—he was right, but I do not like to admit this too often. The view of the countryside, with the changing style of village homes was interesting, inasmuch as about 70% of the people of India live in the rural areas. We did not partake in any foods while on the train, only purchased bottled soft drinks. It is against the law for any alcoholic beverages to be sold or consumed on the train. Every car had this ruling posted on the wall, but many Hindus provided this type of refreshments for themselves, and the conductors overlooked any violation of this rule. The airconditioned chair car was comfortable and you did travel with the native people. It was enjoyable talking to them about various customs in India, it was an educational course while seeing the sights of India. Reflect on this trip which took about 23 hours and covered about 1,000 miles and compare it to the 6,288 miles the Pan American Clipper Jet traveled in 13½ hours.

Visiting our friends in New Delhi for 10 days, enabled us to tour old Delhi and again to take a 3 hour train trip to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal. It is a lovely mausoleum, built of polished white marble and precious stones, but the story of Mumtaz Mahal and the history of erecting the mausoleum is sad, and overshadows some of the beauty.

Our friends drove us to the lovely pink city of Jaipur, crossing a desert area where the soil is still plowed by either camels, oxen or donkey, as well as manpower. The days were very sunny and hot with the temperature in the early afternoon hovering around 125 degrees. The vendors did a brisk business of selling cold soda, while other vendors were selling leather goods and artifacts of all types. Bargaining is part of buying. The markets are busy from early morning until late at night. Many of the village markets still use torch light and the native huts in the villages have no electricity, only small bonfires. These fires are used for cooking and illumination, while the water is supplied from a well which is carried to the huts in containers balanced on the head. India is a country of many types and styles of beauty, the people are friendly and very accomodating but I cannot forget about the people living under such adverse conditions. After our visit in the New Delhi area, we again boarded a Pan American Clipper—destination Germany via Karachi, Pakistan.

Prior to leaving Chicago, I suggested to Joe that it would be nice to stop

off in Prague. Joe's comment was, "You would spend more time in Prague, than in Berwyn, so you better not plan on it. Furthermore, we do not have any visas." While we were in New Delhi we visited the Czechoslovak Embassy to obtain visas, "pust to be prepared"—and prepared we were. Within 2½ hours after landing in Frankfurt we were on the express train headed for Prague.

I am taking this opportunity of conveying personal best wishes and greetings from Ing. Ladislav Dvoracek and Josef Hoffman, President and Secretary respectively, of the Svaz (Federation of Czechoslovak Philatelists).

Their personal invitation is extended to you all to stop and visit with them whenever in Prague.

We spent another pleasant evening with philatelic friends and met others during a Sunday morning visit to the bourse, "U Novaku." Prices are steadily climbing and our hobby is becoming more expensive every day. Have you ever considered just what your collections are worth—they also are becoming more valuable. We had beautiful weather in Prague, days were comfortably warm and sunny. I can only sum up the 12 days we spent in Prague as an ideal holiday.

We traveled back to Frankfurt via the train and on the following morning flew to London. In London we spent sunny days, without the usual London rain or fog. I phoned Kay Goodman and Yvonne King and we enjoyed a lovely dinner and evenings visit with SCP member Lindy James, her husband and family residing in Sutton.

The trip home was what I call a via trip. We flew from London via Washington, D. C. to Detroit and then it was on to Chicago. The question that had to be decided was how to get back to Chicago from Detroit. The DC-10's were still grounded. Leaving Joe, my personal grumbling porter with the luggage, I began to check connecting flights. We ended up taking a Greyhound bus, leaving Detroit airport about thirty minutes after clearing customs. My porter was very unhappy, but after conversing with a fellow bus passenger, he again became very cheerful. I wonder if the fact that our fellow passenger's information about waiting for 2 days for a plane reservation—and then ending up on the same bus as we—had anything to do with it? The final results were that we were home after almost 6 weeks of traveling. "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

Some members may comment that this resume of our round-the-world trip certainly has nothing to do with philately. This is true. I hope that those of you that feel this way will forgive me if I have wandered away from our usual subject of philately. For those of you who have enjoyed this arm-chair travelog, why not consider taking a tour around-the-world yourself? Some may say this is a far fetched idea and this can also be true, but I always think we travel this road in our world only once so why not treat yourself to an actual round-the-world trip, before it's too late to enjoy it? Happy travels.

—Jane Sterba

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LAST CALL FOR PAYMENT OF DUES

A letter is being forwarded to all members who have overlooked paying their 1979 dues. If you do not remit your dues by the last week of October, your name will be removed from our membership list and you will cease receiving the Czechoslovak Specialist effective with the November Specialist. We are sorry to lose you as a member but our Society cannot function without the support of dues paying members. Patron membership \$15.00; Regular membership \$7.50; Youth membership \$3.00. Please forward your check (payable to Society for Czechoslovak Philately) to Charles R. Collins, Treasurer, 19 Empire Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

CHICAGOLAND PHILATELIC THEFT—REWARD OFFERED

Dr. James J. Matejka, a member of our Society, had his home broken into on the evening of August 24, 1979, by 4 masked gunmen who held members of Dr. Matejka's family at gun point during the period of the robbery. Approximately 170 volumes of Czechoslovak philatelic material were stolen, many with multiples of specialized material. Included in the above theft were 15 volumes of specialized Hradcany material and a volume of Czechoslovak Zeppelin covers, together with material from Eastern Silesia as well as a Siberian philatelic collection.

Not only was philatelic material taken but many valuable awards were also removed, awards which Doc was awarded throughout his many years of exhibiting.

Dr. Matejka is offering a reward of \$10,000.00 for information leading to the recovery of the collection. Contact him collect, via phone, at area call 312-848-2220 or by telegraph to 614 North Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. 60302. He would appreciate information of any heavy influx of Czechoslovak and related material being offered for sale, if per chance you would come across any unusual offers of the aforementioned material.

SPECIAL SALE OFFER

Your President-Editor received an offer from the librarian of the Collector's Club of Chicago, Mr. Les Winick. It appears that the Collector's Club has a large number of volumes of back issues of our Czechoslovak Specialist. They would like to sell them at a nominal fee. The cost is \$4.00 per volume for each back issue, including packing and mailing. I hope that this offer will not interfere with our Czechoslovak Society sales, but here is a chance for some collector to obtain back copies (bound) of our Specialists. Contact Les Winick, 2121 Maple Road, Homewood, Ill. 60430.

LONDON 1980—MAY 6th thru 14th, 1980

While in London this summer, I phoned Kay Goodman and Yvonne King, members of our Society as well as active members of our sister Society, The Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain. Both ladies informed me that plans are underway for our get-together meeting of our joint Societies during the London Exhibition. Final announcement plans will appear in a forthcoming Specialist.

If you are planning on being in attendance during London 1980 Exhibition, write to Mr. A. R. Butler, Vice-Chairman, Executive Council for an application to the London 1980 Club. This club will provide members a venue where they may relax and meet their friends in comfortable surroundings,

away from the public facilities, yet adjoining the Exhibition being held in Earl's Court. There will be a bar, as well as coffee, tea and light meals available in the Club facilities. Members will receive: A season ticket to the Exhibition; all 1980 London Bulletins, a Catalogue of the Exhibition, a memento of the Club membership and all official souvenirs of the Exhibition. Membership will cost 25 pounds and will be open to both amateurs and professionals, and since membership will be strictly limited, early application is advised. For further information write: London 1980, P. O. Box 300, Danes Inn House, 265 Strand, London WC2R 1AF, England.

NORWEX 80—JUNE 13th-22nd, 1980

A Souvenir sheet commemorating Norwex 80, which is to be held in Oslo, will be issued October 5th. This souvenir sheet, incorporates 4 stamps and cost is 15 kr per sheet. Approximately 1,500,000 sheets are to be issued. This announcement is being placed in the Specialist for our members who may be planning on attending Norwex and may wish to have this sheet in their Norwex collection. It could be possible that at the time of the show the sheet may be sold out, and only available from dealers at a much higher cost.

WIPA 1981—MAY 22nd to 31st, 1981

The Vienna International Postage Stamp Exhibition WIPA 1981 will be held in Vienna, Austria. An invitation has been extended our Society members to participate in this philatelic event. Organizers have decided to rent not only the Hofburg (former Imperial Palace) but also the Messepalast (Palace of the Fair) in order that all requests for frames may be filled, if at all possible. For further information, write to: Organizing Committee of WIPA 1981, Getreidemark 1 A1060 Vienna, Austria.

THE EDITORSHIP

As you noted in our September Specialist, Dominick Riccio resigned as Editor of our Specialist due to additional professional responsibilities which included the recent co-founding of a psychoanalytic school. I felt that it would be unfair to turn over the Specialist to a new Editor, upon such short notice and with NO PHILATELIC ARTICLES at hand. I therefore have not appointed a New Editor and will endeavor to assume the responsibility for forthcoming Specialists.

I would like to thank Dominick for his work as Editor since October of 1978. I am sorry that he cannot continue doing the fine job he did perform, but under the circumstances we cannot expect him to neglect personal financial matters. I am sure Dominick will contribute future articles for our Specialist, time permitting.

Your support, by contributing some article, would be appreciated not only by the Editor but also by your membership. Please forward your contribution to Jane Sterba, 6624 Windsor Ave., Berwyn, Illinois 60402.

DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS

During the years 1945-8 eight million people of many nationalities passed through DP camps in Germany, Austria and Italy. No proper check lists exist, though a few camps which issued adhesive stamps have been researched. Can you help in compiling lists of camp names—locality, dates, etc.? I have started the search in libraries with some success. Letters to Ministries, UNO, Red Cross, so-called exile groups but have drawn neither reply or regrets and non-cooperation. Please write to Peter C. Rickenback, 14 Rosslyn Hill, London NW3 1PF, England.

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SIXTEENTH MAIL AUCTION

Auction ends 15 November 1979

All stamps are unused, unless otherwise stated.

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| 2. | 1919. Mucha: I. contest, girl in carmine, VF | ----- | 15.00 |
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| 7. | Hradcany, Black essays, 1h-1000h, 15 val., art paper, VF | ----- | 75.00 |
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| 9. | — Study 1h, imp. and perf. (over 260), BEAUTIFUL, ready for exhibit, 11x9, 5cm, photos | ----- | 99.00 |
| 10. | — same, 25h blue, over 350 mint and used, Plate I and II, enlarged photo, ready for exhibit | ----- | 119.00 |
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| 13. | — 1-500, 9 val., ministerial perf. 11½, VF | ----- | 25.00 |
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| 15. | — VZOREC, imp. 1-1000 (21) and 2 perf., VF, R | ----- | 130.00 |
| 16-17. | 10h green IMP., LUXUS NH, then LH, VF | ----- | 26.00 & 21.00 |
| 18-19. | 20h carmine IMP., LUXUS NH, then LH, VF | ----- | 70.00 & 62.00 |
| 20-21. | 30h Lt viol, low. rand, LUXUS NH, then LH VF spec. 92 | & | 79.00 |
| 22-23. | 20h violet, LUXUS NH, then LH VF, special | ---- | 89.00 & 82.00 |
| 24-25. | 30h DARK VIOLET, LUXUS, NH, then LH VF | -- | 86.00 & 78.00 |
| 26-27. | 25 ULTRAMARINE, LUXUS NH, then LH VF | - | 16.00 & 13.00 |
| 28. | — same, NH low right corner, VF, rare | ----- | 22.00 |
| 29. | Legionaire. 25h LIGHT BROWN, VF | ----- | 5.00 |
| 30. | — COMPLETE SHEET of 25h, VF (100), scarce, special | ---- | 35.00 |
| 31. | — IMPERFORATE 75-100-120, VF | ----- | 9.00 |
| 32. | PC 1919. 10, 12h, OFFSET, VF | ----- | 13.00 |
| 33. | —Karl (4 val.), offset, VF | ----- | 20.00 |
| 34. | — 40, 50, 60, offset, VF | ----- | 12.00 |
| 35-36. | 2K, 3K, 4K, type I & II, in PAIRS, VF then in blocks of 4, VF, special | ----- | 18.00 & 32.00 |
| 37-38. | 3K red, VF, each type I and II | ----- | 20.00 |
| 39. | —Newspaper compl., 2-30 in ALL 3 types, scarce, VF | ----- | 15.00 |
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| 52-55, Porto 4, 6, 14, 25 VF | 11.00 & 4.50 & 23.00 & 20.00 |
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| 59. — 10K VF, R | 210.00 |
| 60-61, 1h Porto, LUXUS NH, then 1h VF, LH | 14.00 & 10.00 |
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| 64-65, 10/24, LUXUS NH, then LH VF | 60.00 & 53.00 |
| 66. — same 10/24 with OFFSET, R, VF | 80.00 |
| 67-68, 20/54, LUXUS NH, then VF LH | 60.00 & 53.00 |
| 69. — 10f WHITE num., perfin-Durchstich ST-G, VF, R | 77.00 |
| 70. — 15f WHITE num., VF, R | 63.00 |
| 71-72, — Parliament 3K, LUXUS NH, then LH, VF | 29.00 & 23.00 |
| 73-74 — 5K, LUXUS NH, then LH VF | 68.00 & 58.00 |
| 75. — Zita, 40f, INVERTED OVERPRINT, VF | 10.00 |
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| 78. —, Porto, 2f-30f (8 val.), VF, special | 39.00 |
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| 80. Husita. IMPERF, 80 and 90, VF | 9.00 |
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Lot #1—a block of 8 of J58 Austria cancelled in Brno brought \$28.00 against an estimate of \$30.00.

Lots #2 and 3—the die proofs, brought \$77.50 for the Tyrs proof and \$65.00 for the Bachmac die proof.

Lot #4—B45 "Posta 1919" realized \$135.00 from a catalog value of \$250.00.

Lot #5—the postage due, inverted overprint 100/80 realized \$105.00 against an estimated value of \$85.00.

Lots #6, 7 and 8—Eastern Silesia, the 1st 2 lots being overprint trials on cardboard paper and the last being a trial overprint on the 500h postage due brought \$63.00 against an estimated value of \$37.50.

Lot #9 brought the most bidding and brought \$21.00 against an estimate of \$12.50.

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The auction houses in New York are showing great strength in Czechoslovak stamps and estimated values are being exceeded, some well over 100%, while many scarce items are exceeding catalog value.

The same seems to be happening in Europe so collectors will have to become accustomed to bid briskly for good Czech items.

Many collectors of Czech philately, feel this upsurge has been anticipated for a long time.

I would like to thank the bidders who participated in our mini sale and hope to hear from you again at our next mini sale.

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