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SOCIETY DIRECTORS MEET

A regular meeting of the directors of the Society took place on July 25th at the home of the Leheckas in Westfield, New Jersey. The following officers and directors were present: Henry Hahn (Pres.) Dick Major (Vice-Pres.) Chuck Collins (Treas.), Ed Lehecka, Dom Riccio and Mirko Vondra. Four nominees for director were also present as guests and observers. These included Fred Hefer, Ed Lisy, Paul Sturman and Jerry Verner.

Several activity chairmen presented reports, all of which showed the Society to continue active and growing. Of particular note is a significant increase in the sale of books, handled by Dick Major. The Treasurer reported that while dues revenues have been up since 1980, severe increases in printing and mailing costs have resulted in a net loss to the Society. After thorough discussion of numerous options and rejection of any curtailment in the quantity or quality of our publications and services, the directors voted to increase dues, effective in 1982, to \$15 per year for regular members, and to \$25 for patron members. Realizing that some of our members, particularly seniors living on fixed incomes, may find this increase prohibitive, the Board established a fund under the name "Friends of the S.C.P." which will provide the dues differential in complete anonymity to those requesting it. Details will be published at the time dues are called for. Overseas mailing surcharges have been increased to \$4 by surface and to \$8 by air mail.

The next SPECIALIST index will cover a ten year period through 1980 and is scheduled for publication this winter.

Other action items include: making Society stationery to all members at nominal cost, additional funding for the library, easing collection of dues from overseas members, less expensive means of printing our membership list, and publication in the SPECIALIST of a proposed Bylaws amendment changing the term of office of the Treasurer to avoid transfer of office while dues are being received. The locations of the 1982 and 1983 Society conventions and show's were tentatively fixed at SEPAD (Philadelphia) and BALPEX (Baltimore).

Bravo to Evelyn and Ed Lehecka who hosted the meeting most hospitably and sumptuously.

FIVE NOMINEES FOR SOCIETY DIRECTORS DECLARED ELECTED

In response to the call for nominations for the Board of Directors of the Society, a total of five nominations were received prior to the July 15th deadline. Those nominated were:

- 509 Charles Chesloe of Willow Springs, Ill.
Author of "Charley's Corner", prominent exhibitor (Praga 78 Gold, etc.), former Director and Vice President. Profession: Resort operator
- 1230 Fred. W. Hefer of Houston, Texas
Formerly of Munich, Germany. Prominent collector and exhibitor (BALPEX '80 Grand, etc.) Profession: Industrialist
- 419 Edward Lisy of Rutherford, New Jersey
Long time former Secretary of the Society. Profession: Administrator (retired)
- 1157 Paul Sturman of Arlington, Virginia
Member of SPECIALIST editorial board, frequent translator. Founding member of the Society. Profession: Accountant (retired)
- 609 Jaroslav J. Verner of Bethesda, Maryland
Previous director, philatelic writer and translator, prominent exhibitor (Praga '68 and '78 Gold, etc.) Profession: Foreign Service Officer

Since only five persons have been nominated, the Board of Directors has declared the above individuals elected. They will take office in January 1982 and succeed outgoing Board members Charles Collins (Treasurer), Richard Major (Vice Pres.), Edward Sabol (Secretary), Joseph Stein and Jane Sterba.

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POLES IN THE PRISON AND LABOR CAMPS OF MOST

During the years of WW II there were numerous prison and forced labor camps in Czechoslovakia, especially in the annexed Sudeten territory. Perhaps the largest concentration of such camps was in the area of the city of Most in Northern Bohemia, known as Brůx in German. There were brown coal mines and numerous chemical factories in the area. Today the city practically does not exist because surface mining of brown coal destroyed most installations and also eliminated the prison and labor camps.

By pure accident I came into possession of a letter mailed from the then Government General town of Wielkie Chlebowice, Galicia. It was addressed to a prisoner in Camp No. 43, Quido 1/III, Block 7, Niedergeorghenthal bei Brůx (Dolní Jiřetin u Mostu). The letter was mailed by Józef Czaplinski, Wies pod Chlebownici Wielke, Bobrka, Lwow, Galicia. The addressee is Franek Czaplinski. On the back of the envelope is the arrival date "Niedergeorghenthal über Brůx, 18. aug. 1943 - 8." It is apparent that the addressee carried the letter on his person for a while.



Letter from Poland to PW Franek Czaplinski in Camp No. 43, Quido 1/III Block 7, Dolní Jiřetin.

In the area of Dolní Jiřetín near Most alone there were five such internment and labor camps. From the National Committee of the town I learned some time ago that in the area there were numerous camps for deported Russian and Polish citizens, and prisoners of war. In the area near Most were several brown coal mines (for example Quido I - III, Humbold, Alexander etc), and depending on the supply of brown coal several chemical plants such as Hydriawerke in the town of Záluží, Krušné hory range.

Camp No. 43 was a punishment and forced labor camp and averaged about 1,480 inmates, principally Russians. This information is from the year of 1943. In the same area was an internment camp No. I/14 for Frenchmen, No. 22 punishment camp for the British, No. 25 for Italian adherents of Badoglio, and finally No. 51 for British internees.

Another thing about the camps: Near Quido I - III housing was built for workers from the East, primarily Russians who worked in the mines. The barracks housed an average of 1,700 men. Camp No. 51 was on the northern outskirts of the town. It was for housing Russian, later British prisoners of war. And the list goes on and on until in May 1945 the camps were liberated and all forced labor was ended. Through these camps a total about 18,000 men were processed.

It was an unhappy period and as far as postal service is concerned little documentary proof was left.

Dr. M. Vostatek
Translated by Paul Sturman



BOARD PASSES FIRST AMENDMENT TO SOCIETY BYLAWS

At the Board meeting on July 25 the Board passed an amendment to the Bylaws presented by Charles Collins and Henry Hahn. The first sentence of Bylaw IV, par. 4 is amended to read:

“All terms of office shall commence on January 1 except that of Treasurer, which shall commence on July 1. The newly-elected Treasurer shall serve as assistant to the current Treasurer from the time of his election until July 1, when he will assume the duties of Treasurer.”

The Bylaws provide that they may be amended by the following procedure: The proposed change shall be presented in writing signed by any two Board members. Such proposed change shall be adopted by a majority of the entire Board and published in the Specialist within 4 months.

International Exchange Services

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Mail Order - Part One

CZECHOSLOVAKIA - MINT N.H.

Scott #	Cat. price	Your price	Scott #	Cat. price	Your price	Scott #	Cat. price	Your price
292a S/S	27.50	17.50	1779/83	4.00	2.60	2043/47	4.34	2.80
707/10	25.50	16.50	1813/16	2.80	1.80	2081/82	2.85	1.85
776/79	8.20	5.30	1817/18	4.00	2.60	2090/93	3.47	2.25
1507/11	6.60	4.30	1837/42	3.79	2.45	2147/51	6.53	4.25
1555	3.50	2.25	1847/51	5.25	3.40	2161/65	4.39	2.85
1620/24	3.87	2.50	1852/57	4.40	2.85	2168/70	2.16	1.40
1626/27	4.00	2.60	1884/85	3.25	2.10	2171/73	1.27	.85
1681/84	2.88	1.90	1931/35	2.92	1.90	2197/S/S	9.50	6.00
1689/90	3.50	2.25	1937/38	3.50	2.25	2270/71	2.97	1.90
1711/15	4.50	2.90	1956/61	4.56	2.95	2290/92	2.70	1.75
1722/25	3.40	2.20	1980/84	4.05	2.60	C 36/39	13.50	8.80
1752/53	2.80	1.80	1996/99	2.30	1.50	C 49/50	4.50	3.00
1760/65	3.38	2.20	2040/41	3.35	2.20	J 95/106	9.00	5.50

1920	Sheet of 16 stamps and 9 labels	N/A	20.00
1945/46	Sheet of 16 stamps and 14 labels (2 sheets)	N/A	35.00
2197	"DEN FIP" overprint	N/A	27.50

1980 - Flowers	2.20	1980 - Graphic Cutouts	3.65
1980 - Intercosmos	3.55	United Nations S/S	2.50
1980 - Ditto with S/S	6.50	1981 - Postal museum	5.00

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NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SPECIALIST

The Specialist has just received a new supply of philatelic books including some quite new ones. They may be ordered from Richard Major, P.O. Box 4074, Arlington, VA 22204. Please make your remittance payable to the Czechoslovak Specialist and include \$1.00 for postage for the first book and 60¢ for each additional book. If insurance is desired add 50¢ for coverage up to \$15, 85¢ up to \$50.

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MONOGRAFIE, Volume 3	\$17.50
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MONOGRAFIE, Volume 14	17.50
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Katalog Praga 1978 (without sheets)	12.50
POFIS 1980 (covers 1945-1979 in color)	9.95
POFIS 1980 Supplement (covers 1980)	1.95
POFIS 1918-1939	3.95

in Danish and English:

Evald Larsen - 100 Heller Hradčany - Plate Description of Plates I and II	7.95
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in English:

H. Kaufman - Slovensky Stat 1939	2.50
H. Hahn - Stamps with a portrait of T. G. Masaryk	2.00
Catalog of Postal Stationery and Subject Index of the Specialist 1963 - 1973	3.00
Translation of PADELKY (Forgeries)	4.50
Translation of Richet - Issues of the Sudetenland	6.50

A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE OF POSTAL SERVICES IN TELTSCH AND VICINITY

By Henry Hahn

The next four pages, (centerfold) contain a continuation of the above titled work, which is being published serially. Publication began in the May 1980 issue.

The altered postmarks of the former Protectorate remained in use for some time - well into 1946. At least four hand canceling devices were in use (marked a-d). This postmark together with the first regular postwar Czechoslovak postmark is shown in figure 48.

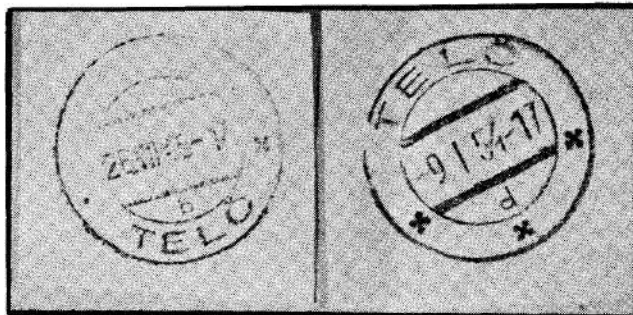


Figure 48. Altered Protectorate and the First Regular (Type) Czechoslovak Postmarks

The type of regular Czechoslovak postmark illustrated in figure 48 has remained essentially unaltered to the present except, of course, for letters of identification and minor details or defects which are beyond the scope of this study.

The only commemorative postmark of Tetsch is one commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Tetsch High School (Gymnasium). It was used in celebration of the event on July 6, 1952, and the marking was generally applied in red. Only one canceling device was used and the strike is illustrated in figure 49.



Figure 49. Marking Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Gymnasium in Tetsch

STAMPS SHOWING TETSCH

The lovely architecture of the Tetsch square (Náměstí) with its stately archways (Loubí) is partially shown in three Czechoslovak stamps.

The earliest, Scott 673 (Pofis 808) issued on December 10, 1954, is shown in figure 50a. It's color is gray-olive and it is part of a set depicting the architectural beauty of the Czechoslovak towns. The design is by C. Bouda and the engraving was performed by B. Roule. The total printing was 1,150,000 stamps.

On February 19, 1964, a set of stamps propagating tourism was issued, of which the 60 h value, Scott 1226 (Pofis 1360), depicts auto-camping in Teltsch and a small portion of the main square. The design by V. Šivko is shown in figure 50b. The engraver is J. Herčík. The total stamp issue, produced by rotary printing, is 5,620,000.

The third and most recent stamp depicting Teltsch was issued on October 24, 1966, as the 50h value of a set entitled "Towns". The stamp, Scott 1348 (Pofis 1564), shown in figure 50c, is in black and orange-brown. The design is by J. Chudomel and the engraving is by B. Housa. The printing, produced by rotary press, was 25,880,000. Due to the relatively large printing, the issue is rich in minor paper varieties, ink and gum shades and minor defects caused by wear of the printing plates.

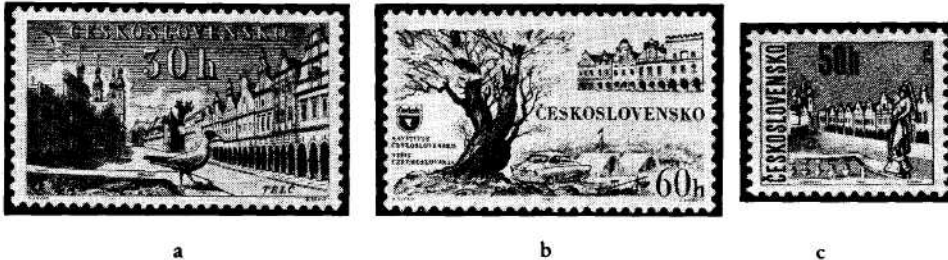


Figure 50. Postage Stamps Showing Teltsch

POSTAL STATIONERY

Scenes of Teltsch are depicted in only two pieces of postal stationery.

The first of these issued as a franked picture postcard showing the main square on one full side in greenish-brown with the imprinted 1.50 Kčs Klement Gottwald stamp in brown on the reverse (message) side. The entire set of 32 numbered cards, of which Teltsch is number 12, was issued on January 10, 1949. The original selling price was 3 Kčs (imprinted on the upper left of the message side). The card was recess printed on off-white stock.

The second postal stationery item is an illustrated correspondence card shown in figure 51. The entire set of 32 unnumbered cards entitled "The Beauty of Czechoslovakia I" was issued on June 12, 1965 on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of Liberation. The imprinted 30h stamp depicts Hradčany Castle. The illustration of Teltsch is that of a rotunda inside the castle grounds. The photographer was C. Morávek and the card sold for 35h. The issue was recess printed on white or gray-white stock in gray-black ink.

POSTAGE METER

A postage meter was introduced at the Teltsch Post Office in 1970 and its strike is illustrated in figure 52. The color, as usual, is red.

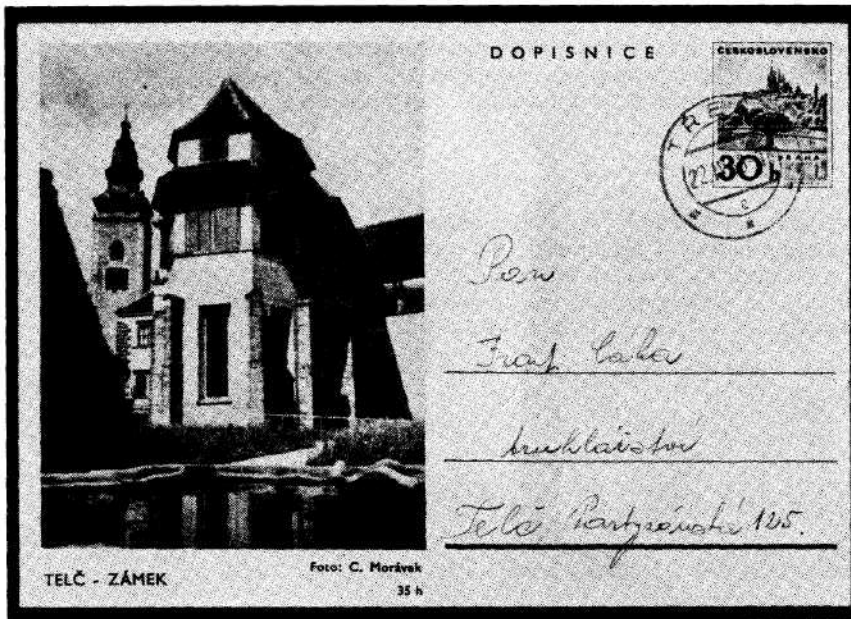


Figure 51. Postcard Issue of 1965

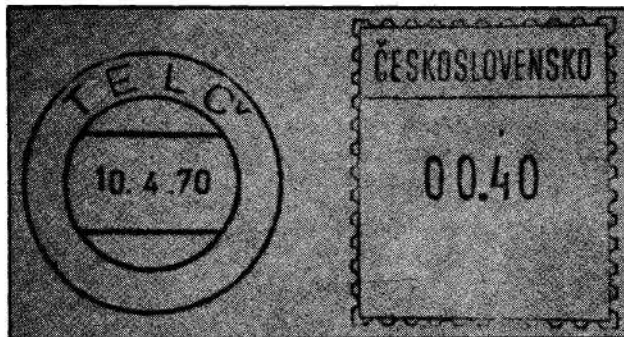


Figure 52. Postage Meter - Teltsch Post Office

POST OFFICES

The original and other early post offices located on both sides of the main square have been discussed and illustrated earlier.

Throughout the period of the First Republic and into the period of the Protectorate (1942), the post office was located next to the rectory at the far end of the square in building number 3. This building, shown in figure 53, dates from 1703. Originally belonging to the Jesuit Order, the building housed a Czech Jesuit high school which operated to 1774, the

year following which the Jesuit Order ceased to function. The school was then replaced by a German school. While serving as the post office, the upper floor of the building served in part as the grade school principal's residence and in part as classrooms. The building currently houses a school for apprentices.



Figure 53. Telsch Post Office during the Period of the First Republic

In September 1940, ground was broken for a new post office. This post office is located on Stalin Street (formerly Staněk Street) on a parcel of land formerly owned by Tomáš Smolín. The contractor was Karel Bartušek of Studein and the supervisory builder was František Filsák.

The roof was completed in the spring of 1941. However, due to wartime shortages of labor and material, completion of the new premises was delayed and the move only took place in 1942. The building continues to serve as the Telsch Post Office and is shown in figure 54.

Dr. Jan Kostelka (translated by Paul Sturman)

BOHEMOSLOVENICA *(continued)*

Catalog of stamps and postal stationery containing reference to Czechoslovakia, its land, peoples, their fields of endeavor and achievements.

For ease in identification the Michel Catalog is utilized, presumably most widely used in philately.

In some instances catalog numbers for the latest issues were not available at the time of compilation of this work. It is hoped, however, that the description of a particular issue will be sufficiently clear for finding the proper Michel number when available.

FRANCE *(continued)*

On the special cover for the 13th International Philatelic Exhibition during the World Fair in Paris during 1957 the flags of numerous countries, among them Czechoslovakia's, appear.

In the set of stamps with various views of the country the city of Cognac is included. The city was the center for the Czechoslovak Legion during WWI in France. Stamps were issued in 1961. Mi 1365 - 1371.

Among the famous musicians and composer honored in 1963 is Etienne Nicolas Mehul, born on 22 of 1763 in Giwet of the Ardennes region, and died on 18 October 1817 in Paris. He was an outstanding composer of hymns during the French Revolution. In 1804 he composed the opera "The Hussites". A FDC was also authorized. Mi 1439 - 1441.

On the 50th anniversary of the battle of Verdun a stamp was issued as of 31 May 1966 with an image of an angel of peace, castle and group of soldiers. At Verdun Czechoslovak Legionnaires participated in some of the heaviest fighting in WWI. Several FDC also were made. Mi 1546.

In 1940 a seal of the Czechoslovak Field Post for the units stationed at Agda, Department of Hérault, Southern France, was used. The seal contains a representation of the Mount Říp and a silhouette of the Bratislava castle. The seal is the work Jan Pátek a member of the Czechoslovak armed forces abroad and a native of Roudnice.

In 1967 at the International Fair in Brno the French firm "Somepost" of Orly near Paris used a machine cancellation with the legend "Foire de Brno". The same thing occurred in 1971.

On the 50th anniversary of the independence of Czechoslovakia a special post card was issued as painted by the well-known artist Jean Effel. In addition to a legend concerning French-Czechoslovak fraternalism, a flag of Czechoslovakia also appears on the card. (1968)

In 1968 to note the relationship between the sister cities of Nanterre and Žilina a special cancellation was used with the name of Žilina. A

similar cancellation was used during the Fifth Exhibition of postal issues in 1970 together with a special envelope with the arms of Žilina.

In 1968 a stamp was issued honoring the great French poet and dramatist Paul Claudel, who for two years was the French Consul General in Praha. He is the author of the famous play "Announcement" written while in Praha. Claudel was a great friend of Czechs and Slovaks. Mi 1629 - 1630.

The 50th anniversary of the memorable days at Vouziers, on the 10th and 11th of November 1918 when the Czechoslovak Legionnaires put up a heroic struggle for liberty of France, was observed with special cancellations and special postal cards in 1968.

At the rededication of the French-Czechoslovak memorial at Darney in April 1971 a special cancellation noting the historical significance of the day in WWI was used which included a representation of the arms of Czechoslovakia.

The French postal authorities in 1971 issued a commemorative stamp to note the 100th anniversary of balloon post from besieged Paris. The stamp bears the view of the Slavkov railroad station. Mi 1736.

In 1973 a special cancellation was used at the Fourth International Congress on Primary Elements in Clermont-Ferrand. The illustrated element is *Lambliia intestinalis* discovered in 1859 by Dušan Lambl, a Czech national.

In the French overseas possession of St. Pierre et Miquelon islands a stamp was issued in 1976 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the formation of the United States of America. The stamps bear the likeness of Gen. LaFayette who for three years was a prisoner in the Fortress of Olomouc.

In another set the portrait of Prof. Albert Einstein appears who at one time lectured at the German University in Praha. Mi 501.

In a set of stamps to honor anti-fascist fighters issued in 1975 is a portrait of Pierre Kanner who toward the end of the war died in České Budějovice. Mi 1932.

On the 60th anniversary of the famous battle of Verdun a commemorative stamp was issued. For details see earlier remarks. Mi 1967.

Camellia is illustrated on stamps of France issued in 1963 and 1977. Mi 1422, and Mi 2026.

A portrait of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart appears on a set of stamps honoring outstanding musicians and composers issued in 1957. Details on Mozart under "Austria". Mi 1167 - 1173.

At the philatelic exhibition in the city of Darney a special cancellation in honor of the 60th anniversary of the forming of the Czechoslovak Army in France was issued. Also a post card depicting a memorial to the Czechoslovak Army destroyed by the Nazis and rebuilt by France. The cancellation seal bears the legend: "60. Année Armée Tchécoslovaque - 88 Darney".

In 1979 a stamp was issued in honor of Marshal L. de Bercheny. Originally he was known as Ladislav Bercsényi. Was born in 1689 in Prešov where he attended schools, and later also studied in Užhorod and Košice. He was sent to the French King Louis XIV by F. Rákóczy II as his ambassador. Mi 2134.

FUJEIRA

In 1969 a set of stamps for ordinary postage and also air mail was issued with pictures of pre-historic animals drawn by Zd. Burian, a Czechoslovak national. Mi 252 - 261.

In July 1970 a set of sports stamps to honor the championship of the world in sports was issued. On the miniature sheet the flags of sixteen participating countries appear, among them Czechoslovakia's. The games were held in Mexico. Mi 550.

In June 1971 a set of stamps appeared with the portrait of W. A. Mozart, and also a miniature sheet. Simultaneously another set honors A. Dürer. One of the stamps is depicted a detail of the celebration of Holy Rosary. The original painting is in the National Art Gallery in Praha. Mi 770 779, and Mi 669 - 672.

In a set issued in 1971 is the portrait of astronomer Jan Kepler. He lived in Praha at the court of Emperor Joseph II. Mi 826 - 832.

In the sets of Olympic champions at München 1972 is the picture of the Czechoslovak Olympic champion Ludvík Daněk. His picture is also on miniature sheets. Mi 1407 - 1431. Miniature sheet Mi 167, Mi 1432 - 1456, Miniature sheet 192. In this series of stamps the flag of Czechoslovakia appears on Mi 550.

On a set of stamps dedicated to the Olympic Games at Munich in 1972 the hockey players of Czechoslovakia appear together with the flag of their country. Mi 1061 - 1090.

GHANA

In 1963 a three-stamp set to honor UNESCO contains the portrait of Albert Einstein formerly a professor at the German University in Praha. The same stamps also were issued on a miniature sheet. Mi 196.

Otte Walish a native of Znojem, the creator of several series of stamps for Israel, also designed several semi-postal stamps for the Ghana government.

GUINEA

A special FDC cover was issued in 1959 simultaneously with a set of stamps depicting various fruits. The cover, depicting a bunch of bananas, is the work of Jindra Schmidt and was printed by the Government Printery in Praha. Mi 16 - 20.

In March 1970 a sports set of stamps was issued in honor of the Olympic Games in Mexico in 1968 with an overprint "Marathon" listing the names of the winner in the 1896 - 1968 period. Among the winners

listed is Emil Zátopek of Czechoslovakia. Mi 1028 - 1047. In the airmail set his name is on one stamp and on the four miniature sheets.

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HAITI

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ICELAND

On the FDC of the "Europa" set of stamps for 1960 also contains the flag of Czechoslovakia.

At the tournament for world championship in chess, Reykjavik 1977, a cancellation seal with the initials "V.H." (Vlastimil Horta of Czechoslovakia) was used.

INDIA

The tractor factory in Bombay uses the picture of a tractor made in Czechoslovakia on its metered mail.

The metered mail stamp in Bombay bears a picture of a "Jawa" motorcycle which is being manufactured under Czechoslovak license in the city of Mysore.

The legend bears the word "Jawa" and its Indian name "Yezdi" which is derived from the Czech word "jezdí" (it rides).

On the 150th anniversary of death of Franz Schubert, composer, a stamp was issued in 1978 with his image. Mi 781. (more under Austria).

IRAN

Two of the stamps issued in Iran in 1943 illustrate structures built by Czechoslovak builders. One, the sugar refinery at Abkouh near the sacred city of Meshid was constructed by Škoda Company. The Palace of Justice in Tehran was built by former firm Konštruktíva together with several bridges. Sc 876 - 889.

IRAQ

In 1963 a series of stamps were issued engraved by Jindra Schmidt and Jirka of Czechoslovakia. The stamps were printed in the Government Printing Shop in Praha. Mi 351 - 366.

On the occasion of the 15th Taurus Railways Convention in Baghdad a set of stamps depicting locomotives was issued in 1975. On the 25-F value is a Diesel powered locomotive Series T 478.3 Bo Bo manufactured in the ČKD factory in Praha. Mi 832 - 835.

ISRAEL

Otte Walsh, an outstanding artist born in Znojmo, Czechoslovakia, put the creation of stamps for Israel on a very high level of artistic perfection. He began designing stamps for Israel in 1948, and continued to do so until his demise on May 15, 1977. Some of his designs very clearly reveal his national origin.

In 1950 a set of stamps was issued to note the 75th anniversary of founding of UPU. The FDC authorized for the occasion bears the flags of UPU members, among them Czechoslovakia's at a prominent spot. The set was designed by Otte Walsh. Mi 28 - 29.

For the national philatelic exhibition in Tel Aviv during 1960 a stamp was issued with the picture of the "Praha horseman". Simultaneously a souvenir sheet was issued with the picturesque march of Praha Jewry in 1741. The sheet also contains the stamp as issued. There was also a special cancellation seal featuring the "Praha horseman". The Jewish "Praha horseman" led the parade of Praha's Jewry in honoring the Austrian Prince Joseph on April 24, 1741. An old print of the march was taken for a model of the procession in which the flag of Praha Jews was carried. The flag is still in existence and is preserved in the "old" new synagog of Praha. Mi 221, souvenir sheet No. 3.

The postal authorities of Israel also issued a postal card with a picture of the old-new synagog in Praha.

A village was established in Israel named after the first President of Czechoslovakia, Thomas Garrigue Masaryk. The village has a post office and its seal carries the name "Masarykktar". At the opening of this postoffice in 1951 a special envelope was issued which on the upper left-hand corner bears the likeness of Masaryk.

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- 5) You'll learn of the characteristic fauna and flora of Central Europe
- 6) You'll keep up with the latest in Czechoslovakia's industrial and scientific development, including advanced research
- 7) You'll love their motion — like illustrations of the colorful world of sport
- 8) You'll see why Czechoslovakia has gained international recognition for its advanced techniques of stamp reproduction, harmony of color and outstanding artistry
- 9) They represent the work of their finest artists and engravers
- 10) Czechoslovakia's stamps are neither too large or small — just stamps as stamps should be!

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