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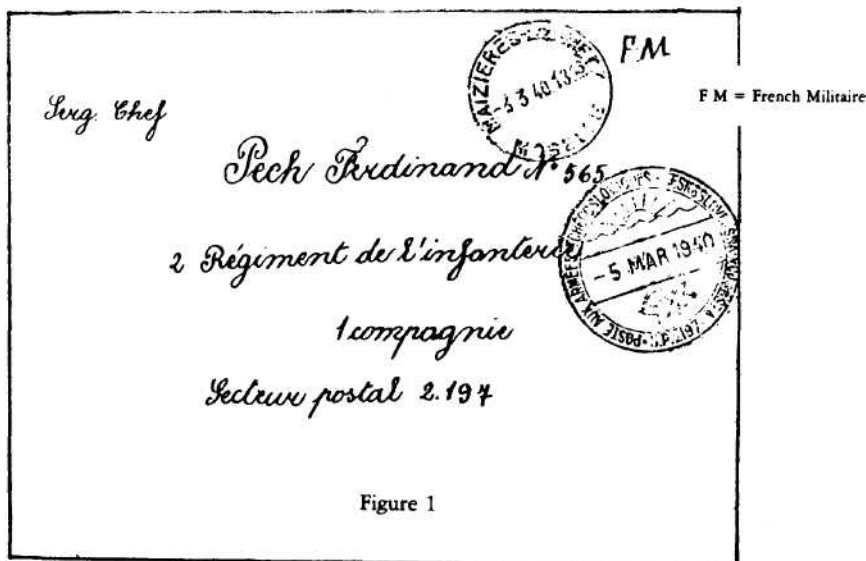
CHARLEY'S CORNER

The dismemberment of Czechoslovakia is well-documented both historically and philatelically, starting with the ceding of the Sudetenlands to Germany in the fall of 1938.

With the subsequent occupation of Bohemia and Moravia by Germany on March 15, 1939, many of Czechoslovakia's outer regions were also lost to other States. Poland seized part of the Silesia territories, Hungary parts of Slovakia and the Carpatho-Ukraine. And on January 18, 1939, the Slovak parliament connived in Bratislava to begin forming the independent state of Slovakia. All these events, through postal history, we will try to cover in future "Corners."

We will concern ourselves in these future "Corners" with events that transpired outside of Czechoslovakia during the World War II period:

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show two covers from the Czechoslovak Army units in France. Figure 2 shows a cover addressed to Morocco. These were the early months in 1940; during the spring and summer France fell to Germany and the Czech units then fled to England.





LE VIN
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BUVEZ DU VIN

Madame Blaise Kysel,
"Photo Kysel"



Avenue Maugin
Marskec - Medina
- Paris

Figure 2

Figure 3



Edvard Benes

DR. EDVARD BENES,

**President of Czechoslovakia, visiting his troops on
July 26, 1940.**

Figure 3 shows President-in-exile Dr. Edward Benes reviewing his troops at Cholmondeley, near London.

The original festival cancellation/cachet prepared for the camp post office at Cholmondeley includes that name. See Fig. 4. It is said that, for security reasons, the camp name was deleted from the cancellation handstamp (see Fig. 5) later that same day.



Figure 4

The Festival Stamp used by the Czechoslovak Army Post Office in its Camp on the day of the President's visit.

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Figure 5

Backtracking to 1939: the Czechoslovak government had agreed to be part of the New York World's Fair, this happening before the Sudetenland crisis. The Fair ran for two summers, the occasions being commemorated by the issuance of specially-overprinted souvenir sheets of Czechoslovakia; there was also participation in the Canadian National Philatelic Exhibition at Toronto during 1939, similarly commemorated by specially-overprinted souvenir sheets, which were sold at the Czechoslovak Pavilion, the proceeds being used to pay for the upkeep of the Pavilion.

The Canadian sheets appeared first, respectively Figure 6 (Bratislava 1937 sheet), Figure 7 (Detem 1938) and Figure 8 (Jubilee 1938).

Figure 6



CELOŠTÁTNA VÝSTAVA POŠTOVÝCH ZNÁMOK



BRATISLAVA
1937



**Czecho-Slovak Participation Canadian National
Exhibition, Toronto 1939**



J. g. Masaryk.
**Czecho-Slovak Participation
Canadian National
Exhibition, Toronto 1939**

Figure 7



1918 $\frac{28}{X}$ 1938
**Czecho-Slovak Participation
Canadian National
Exhibition, Toronto 1939**

Figure 8

These same types of sheets were then overprinted for the New York Fair for the 1939 and 1940 seasons (Figures 9, 10, 11 and 12). The latter two illustrated below are signed by Dr. Edward Benes and Prime Minister Jan Masaryk.

An interesting variety is that of the PRAGA 1938 sheet, which had been previously



Figure 9

J. g. Masaryk.
*Czecho-Slovak Participation
New York Worlds Fair 1939
Czecho-Slovak Pavilion*



Figure 10

1918 $\frac{28}{X}$ 1938
*Czecho-Slovak Participation
New York Worlds Fair 1939
Czecho-Slovak Pavilion*



CELOŠTÁTNÍ VÝSTAVA POŠTOVÝCH ZNÁMOK



BRATISLAVA
1937



Czecho-Slovak Participation New York World's Fair 1939
Czecho-Slovak Pavilion

Figure 11



Jau Masaryk.

CELOŠTÁTNÍ VÝSTAVA POŠTOVÝCH ZNÁMOK



Czecho-Slovak Participation New York World's Fair 1940
Czecho-Slovak Pavilion

Figure 12

overprinted for sale at the Canadian show at Toronto in 1939, now reprinted with "Czechoslovak Participation/New York World's Fair/1939"; the reference to the Canadian participation is blocked out with double horizontal lines (Figure 13).

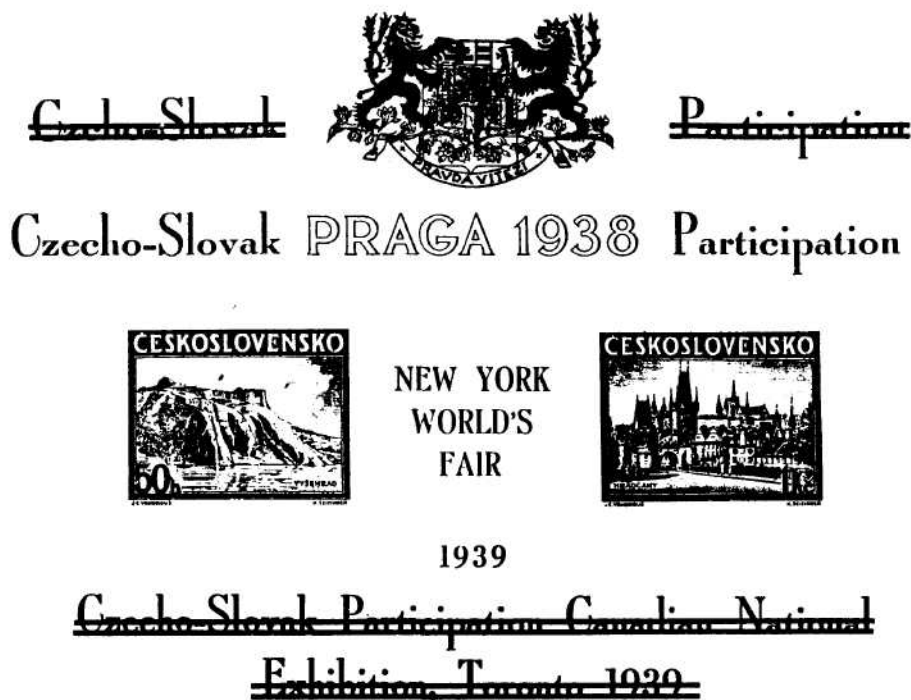


Figure 13

These sheets were printed for the Pavilion by Alfons Stach and his brother who had a stamp business on Nassau Street and by Mr. Voticky, who owned the United Stamp Company, both in New York City. Financial assistance was also supplied by Arthur J. Kessler, who at that time resided in Montreal, Canada, and by Felix Brunner, who was in Mexico City. All these dealers supplied most of the souvenir sheets used for this purpose.

On the following page Fig. 14 shows the Czechoslovak Consulate in San Francisco participating in the Golden Gate exposition on Czechoslovak Day — July 8, 1939.

Next we show a cover from the New York Fair on opening day — May 2, 1940 (Figure 15) and two souvenir leaflets from the Czechoslovak Bazaar, commemorating Czechoslovak independence day — October 28 (Figures 16 and 17), the proceeds being for the benefit of the Czechoslovak Refugee and Relief Fund.

To be continued

Member Eckart Dissen, who is Secretary of the Dutch Studiegroep Tsjechoslowakije, address: Bestevaerstraat 9, 2014 AL Haarlem, Holland — is interested in purchasing the special souvenir sheets issued in connection with Czech participation at the 1939 New York World's Fair.



Figure 14

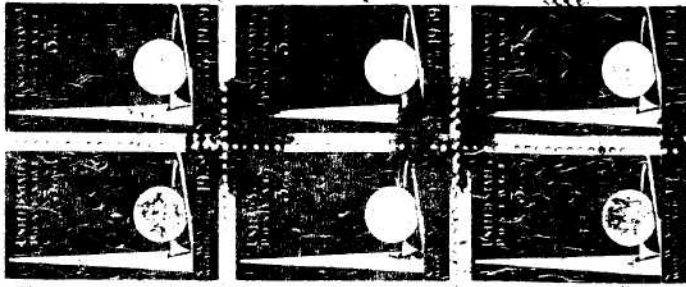
First Day Cover
Opening of the Czecho-Slovak Pavilion
New York World's Fair 1940



OPENING DAY
 PRAGA 1938



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Czecho-Slovak Pavilion



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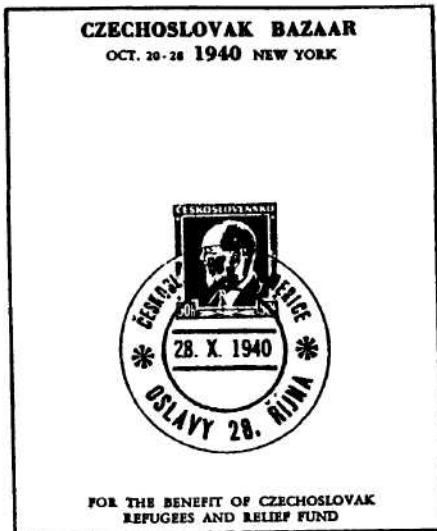


Figure 16

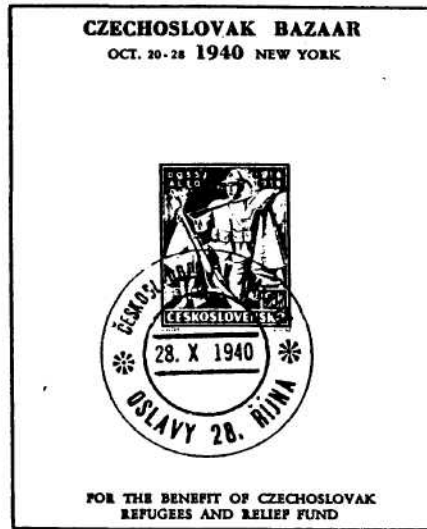


Figure 17

NEW ISSUES

By G. M. Van Zanten — Courtesy ARTIA of Prague



On the 28th March one stamp was issued to commemorate the "NATIONAL FRONT ELECTION PROGRAMME."

50h — Engraved by Bedřich Housa

Colours: brown, blue, light and red

The stamps were designed by Josef Hamsa and printed by rotary recess print combined with three colour photogravure, in sheets of 50 stamps with the picture measuring 40 × 23 mm.

These elections are for deputies of local, district and regional national committees, in large agglomerations of municipal national committees, the Czech and the Slovak National Councils, and the House of the People and the House of Nations, which together form the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly.

The stamp picture is a graphically pure, modernly conceived composition, with the map of Czechoslovakia in the background, also a five-pointed star as a symbol of Czechoslovakia being part of the socialist community is shown. One F.D.C. comes with this one stamp.

On the 3rd April 1986 a stamp was issued to commemorate the "25th International Film Festival Karlovy Vary 1986."

Face value of the stamp 1 Kčs, engraved by Miloš Ondráček after a design by the Academic Painter Zbyněk Kočvar. The colours of the stamp are: black, yellow, blue and red; stamp image measures 23×40 mm. Printing was by rotary recess print combined with three-colour photogravure and was executed by the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of 50 stamps.

This year's Karlovy Vary International Film Festival takes place from July 3 to 16, as the 25th of this event.

The stamp features a symbolical drawing in the form of a film strip depicting on the left the official emblem of the festival and on the right the coat of arms of Karlovy Vary the Czech lion and water waves symbolizing the spa's curative springs. The text in the stamp picture is the full name of the event, and the film strip depicted forms the letters MFF, standing for the Czech abbreviation of this event — Mezinárodní filmový festival.



On the 25th April 1986 a stamp was issued to commemorate "Fifty Years of the Prague — Moscow line operated by Czechoslovak airlines."

Face value of the stamp is 50h, designed by Academic Painter Rostislav Vaněk and engraved by Miloš Ondráček in colours: black, blue, yellow and red. Method of printing by rotary recess print combined with multicolour photogravure in sheets of fifty stamps. Dimensions of the actual image are 30×23 mm and printed by the Post Printing Office of Prague.

The long tradition of air transport in Czechoslovakia is linked with the emblem "ČSA," Czechoslovakia's state-owned airlines commenced operating in 1924, its Moscow operations dating back 50 years.

The stamp features the emblem "ČSA" and two aircraft taking off, together with the legend — 50 years link Prague-Moscow.



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By Edwin W. Lehecka, SCP

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Unfortunately, Czech stamps have been extensively forged. The Siberian Posts, early First Republic issues, the National Anthem sheets and especially the "POŠTA" overprints have all been forged and are oftentimes quite difficult to detect.

If you have any items in your collection that appear doubtful, consider using the Society's expertization to determine their authenticity. An expertized stamp can be sold more easily; and in the event of theft or loss, a basis for an insurance claim or tax deduction is established.

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