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SOCIETY PLANS MINI-CONVENTION AT CAPEX

As announced previously, the Society's 1987 Convention and Show will take place in conjunction with BALPEX '87 over Labor Day at the Hunt Valley Turn just outside Baltimore.

However, since many of our members plan to attend and/or exhibit at CAPEX, several activities are currently in the planning stage. CAPEX is Canada's International Show, organized under FIP auspices and will take place in Toronto June 13-21, 1987. It promises to be a superb philatelic event not unlike AMERIPEX '86 to which it will undoubtedly be compared. Thus far the Society has contracted for a booth at the show, to be shared with the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society. We will need volunteers to help man the booth. Other tentative plans include a mini-symposium, with a talk by Ludvik Pytlicek of Czechoslovakia, who will be an exhibitor and honored guest. A breakfast or dinner meeting is planned, though no arrangements have thus far been made. We are currently searching for a Chairman and expect to announce his name shortly. Those planning to attend are urged to make their reservations as soon as possible. The Metropolitan Toronto Convention and Visitors Association has provided a list of accommodations which may be contacted by phone. (Toronto Area Code is 416.) Below is a partial listing:

Accommodation Services:

Accommodation Toronto — 596-7117
Econo-Lodging Services — 494-0541

Bed & Breakfast:

All Seasons Bed & Breakfast The — 276-4572
Downtown Toronto Assoc. of B&B
Guesthouses — 977-6841
Metropolitan B&B Registry of Toronto — 964-2566
Toronto B&B — 233-3887

Hotels:

L'Hotel (next to Exhibit) — 597-1400
Bond Place Hotel — 362-6061
Carlton Inn Hotel* — 977-6655
Holiday Inn Downtown — 977-0707
Sheraton Center — 361-1000
The Western Hotel — 869-3412

*Society has received 6 rooms — contact the SPECIALIST if interested.

Further information and literature may be obtained by writing to CAPEX '87, Box 204, Postal Station Q, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4T 2M1 (Telephone 416-486-8401).

Members planning to attend and/or to exhibit are requested to let us know (c/o H. Hahn, SPECIALIST EDITORIAL OFFICE) so as to help the CAPEX Chairman with his plans.

ILLEGAL FOREIGN USAGE OF THE 5h RAPID DELIVERY OF 1919

By Henry Hahn

The 2h and 5h Rapid Delivery stamps were issued on February 10, 1919. The issue was intended only for rapid delivery of printed matter within the Czechoslovak Republic. This function became extinct on January 1, 1922, at which time the rapid delivery surcharge for printed matter was discontinued. The validity of the 5h ended on July 31, 1924.

Other usages than those for which the issue was intended are familiar. Most common is the usage of the 2h to upfrank the Austrian 8h post card, and later in 1919 the 5h was permitted for upfranking the Czechoslovak 10h post card to the newly established rate of 15h (May 15th).

However, there was some confusion and possibly some inconsistency between postal orders and postal acceptance.

Postal Order #10 of May 3, 1919* states that the surcharge for which the stamps were issued does not apply to foreign printed matter and that the *use of the Rapid Delivery issue for any other purpose is not permitted*. While it is likely that another Postal Order permitting the use of the 2h and 5h for upfranking post cards and/or for franking domestic mail was issued later, the stamps were never permitted to be used on foreign mail.

This is nicely illustrated in the cover shown below. The first class rate to England at the time (July 21, 1920) was 50h. The post office in Chropin caught the improper use of the 5h Rapid Delivery and marked the cover in thick blue crayon, framing the 5h stamp, not canceling it, and placing a T on the face. The cover bears 45h in acceptable franking, and is hence 5h short.

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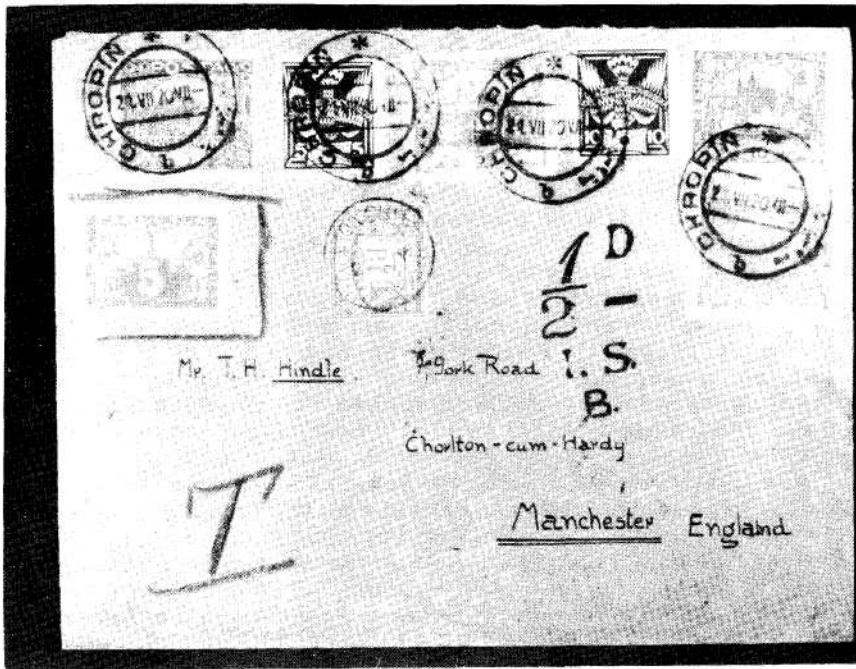
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The letter arrived at its destination on July 27th and the local post office, now properly alerted, decided on a halfpenny Postage Due (which was quite a bit more than double the shortage) and delivered the letter. The local postage due marking and stamp provide clear documentation to the very limited purpose of the "Printed Matter Rapid Delivery" issue.

Why do I *not* refer to this issue as "Special Delivery" as Scott does? Just to be a bit more descriptive and thus avoid some confusion which might arise from our general understanding of what "Special Delivery" refers to most of the time.

*Monografie IV., p. 431

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

A letter from Czechoslovakia, dated in mid-December, bears copies of the 1946 and 1954 postage due series; hence, use of obsolete Doplátne stamps continues to be recognized by the Czech postal administration. Will the practice continue in 1987? An apple to the first member who reports one!

F.W. Julsen

SALES DEPARTMENT

Purchasing Czechoslovakia stamps from our Sales Books is an economical and pleasant way to add to your collection. Sales Manager Wolfgang Fritzsche will be happy to send you a selection of circuit books. And, by the way, it is also a great way to dispose of your duplicates. Ask Wolfgang for some blank sales books and give other members a chance at your duplicates!

ZNOJMO

By Gerald M. van Zanten

The ancient town of ZNOJMO (Znaim) lies some 20 km East of Vranov, which itself is situated 64 km southwest of Brno, on the river Dyje (Thaya). The town is famous for its wine and wine-harvest festival, as well as its sweet-sour gherkins.

ZNOJMO has an excellent rail service to Prague, Brno and Bratislava and is on the highway from Prague to Vienna. First mentioned in ancient documents in 1084 A.D. as a strong citadel, the town is now under state protection as an ancient monument.

The outskirts of the town were settled very much earlier, as has been discovered from many archeological finds. The most valuable historic attractions are the 12th century fresco paintings in the Romanesque rotunda of Saint Catherine. They were discovered during restoration work between 1947 and 1949. After cleaning, they showed portraits of members of the Přemysl dynasty done by contemporary painters. After careful research, the year 1134 was fixed by experts as the time when the murals originated.

The rotunda, however, was not always recognized as a unique monument. In the 19th century it belonged to people who believed it to have been a pagan church at one time. It was put to many uses, such as a shed for storing wood, a pigsty, a beer tavern and even as a workshop for basket making. Some townspeople eventually called for the restoration of the rotunda. This project was finally begun at the end of the 19th century. Completion was unfortunately delayed until after World War II. Remains of fortification walls built between the 13th and 16th centuries have been preserved, as well as the town hall tower from the 15th century and some of the monastery and church buildings.

The present-day wine harvest festival, held in mid-September, is currently the main attraction and usually draws many visitors to the town. Town heralds sound a fanfare from the gallery of the town hall tower to announce the opening of the harvest festival which follows 14th century customs and all visitors arriving in the town are welcomed with music by the town aldermen. The whole morning is devoted to the ceremony of opening all the wine-rooms and cellars and of course there is much tasting of wine.

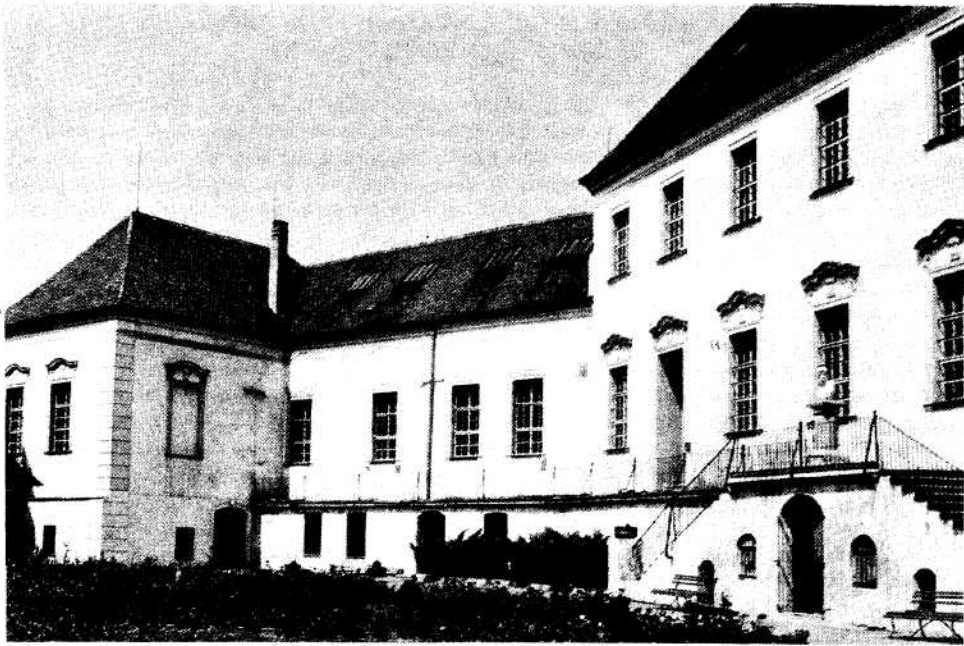
The entire ceremony of the wine festival is really a huge historical play in which all those who are present are both spectators and players. The streets and squares are filled with the fragrant smell of roast pig, venison roasted on the spit and baked sausages. All the participants eat well and drown their worries with a good swig of wine.

Among the town's major industries are bottling and canning, electrotechnical products, ceramics and glassware.

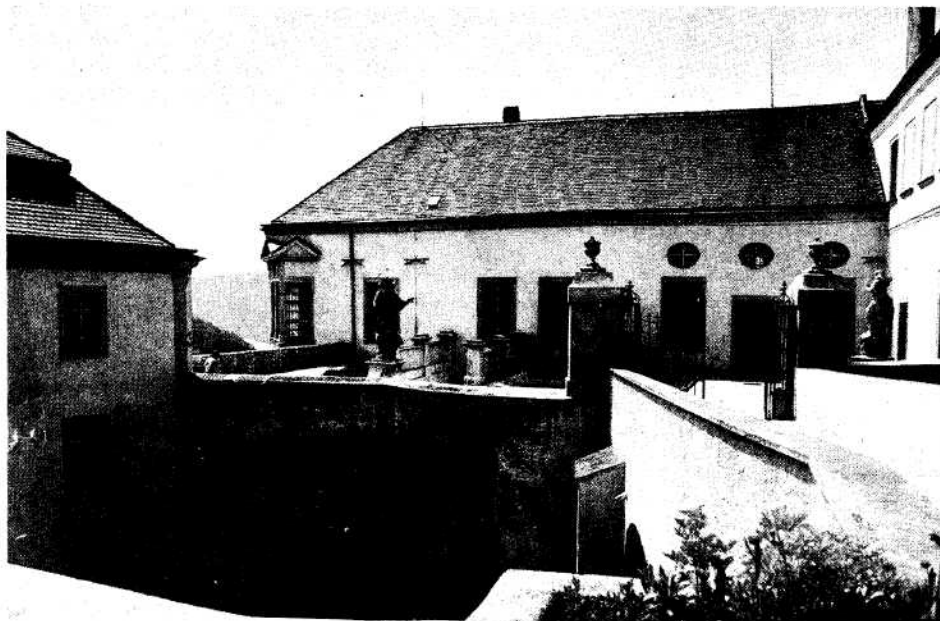
After the wine festival is over, it is time to have a look at some more buildings in the town. There once were several monasteries, among them the Dominican monastery, with the church of the Holy Cross dating from the early 13th century. The original Romanesque Saint Nicholas Church received its present Gothic appearance in the 14th century. Saint Michael's Church was originally Romanesque. Saint Václav's Church is interesting for the ingenious tracery of its vaulting. There is no lack of patrician houses of the Renaissance and Baroque periods in ZNOJMO. The original ground plan of a little Romanesque street twisting below the castle is preserved. The last Emperor of the House of Luxemburg, Sigismund, died at ZNOJMO in 1437 on the 9th of December after a serious illness while on his way to Hungary.

On the 17th of April 1975 a stamp was issued showing the coat of arms of ZNOJMO (Pofis catalogue No 2134).

In 1938 a set of cards with views at the left, advertising scenic parts of Czechoslovakia was issued. Of these, Scott number 262 shows a view of ZNOJMO.



Illustrations show: the courtyard of the chateau,



and the ramparts of the chateau.

CZECHOSLOVAK FIELDPOST IN GREAT BRITAIN

Part I

From an interview of Oldřich Večerek by Dr. M. Vostatek

Translated by Mirko L. Vondra

Much has been said on the subject both in the *SPECIALIST* and elsewhere and yet, not enough. This is particularly true if we consider the story from a somewhat different angle — perhaps from the viewpoint of the former founder and Commander of the Fieldpost, Oldřich Večerek. Currently he lives in Brno. On March 1, he celebrated his 78th birthday. Asked if he would respond to a series of questions, he obligingly consented. What follows is the interview:

Question: Just how did you get involved in the freedom struggle?

Answer: My revolutionary activities began with the events at Munich. I started in Opava and continued in Brno. I joined an underground organization — the National Defense. On Feb. 2, 1940, the Gestapo came to our Postal Authorities with orders for my arrest. I was lucky. They did not know me. I directed them down the hall to another office. In the meantime, a friend of mine helped me escape through an underground sewer Crossing into Slovakia, I travelled through Michalovce, Užhorod, Budapest, Belgrade, Solun, Cañhrad, Aleppo, Beirut and finally Alexandria. Through its port. I made my way to France.

Q: What did you do in France? Were you again involved with the Postal Services?

A: Through the Foreign Legion quarters in Marseilles, I got to Agde where I was inducted into the Czechoslovak Army. At Pézenas I served with the First Czechoslovak Infantry regiment. Before France fell, I was sent as a courier to Paris. It was too late. I departed on the last train from Paris. It was commanded by General Huntzinger. In Bordeaux, I experienced a bombing raid. While there, I found a Czechoslovak military group. I then transported military mail to Béziers and delivered a plan for the Commander of the First Czechoslovak Division for the evacuation of his troops from France.

Q: When did you sail for England?

A: On June 7, 1940, I went through Gibraltar and arrived at Liverpool. From there I marched to Cholmondeley, where I was attached to a battery of anti-tank artillery.

Q: Did your family stay behind at home?

A: My wife remained at Brno. Unfortunately, she paid for my activities in the Czech foreign armies by being imprisoned in a concentration camp at Svatobořice near Kiev till the war's end. Her health was ruined.

Q: How did you get involved in the Fieldpost?

A: The Ministry of National Defense in London appointed me Commander of the Czechoslovak Army's Fieldpost. According to the President of the Republic, the position had to be filled by an employee of the Postal Service. So on Dec. 6, 1940, after serving as an officer in the anti-tank artillery, I embarked on my new venture. It was at the Royal Leamington Spa that I tendered my list of requirements to Brig. Gen. Miroslav Neumann. Some of my demands were met; others were promised for a later date. Our military authorities found it hard to understand why I was not content with just the title and pay of a Postmaster with little work, but insisted on a full-fledged Postal Service with a captain's stature but the pay of an underling. Of course, there was no money available for pay of that rank.

Q: Were you with the Postal Authorities during the First Republic?

A: Yes, for seventeen years. That is, until I left to join the Allies. In Feb. 1938, I passed my last specialized examination at the Ministry of Posts in Praha. This was to have opened my way to management level as Director of Bookkeeping, though not until an opening would appear.

Q: What were the very beginnings of the Fieldpost like?

A: The beginning was indeed difficult. I ate and slept in the only cottage they could find for our Fieldpost. I built my own mail sorter out of wooden crates discarded by army cooks and kitchens. To cover the holes where plaster had fallen off the walls, I took some old French harnesses which lay unused in the storeroom and hung them as decorations. The British had supplied us with new ones. They were in khaki color. I made a prototype of a mail box out of square tin cans used for packing crackers or biscuits. After it was approved for use, soldiers from local workshops helped me solder them together. The rest of the work — applying varnish, affixing numbers and fastening gilded logos of an officer's cap on a white envelope — was simple. All that was left to purchase were two small keys which we tinted red. When finished, the mail box could stand on a table, be hung on a wall or hooked inside an auto.

All this was preliminary work. For more of this interview about the development of Večerek's activities, see next month's edition.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

On the 9th September 1984 a set of stamps commemorating the Los Angeles Olympic Games was to have been issued. However, Czechoslovakia decided to withdraw from the games at a late date.

The set of stamps was, however, designed and possibly printing had commenced prior to the decision to withdraw was made. The original design had the legend:

"HRY XXIII OLYMPIÁDY LOS ANGELES 1984"

inscribed on each of the four stamps, as shown in the photos issued by ARTIA, and supplied to the writer well in advance of the issuing date of the now modified stamps, which are now listed as commemorating Sports Events.

Note: L.A. reproductions are from Black & White photos; others are from the actual stamps issued, hence a difference in shading.

Gerald M. van Zanten



WANTED! — SLOVAKIA STUDY GROUP PARTICIPANTS

The SPECIALIST has received word from one of its former Editors, Jack Benchik, that he would like to organize a SLOVAKIA study group. One of the objectives of the group will be to prepare a series of articles for publication in the SPECIALIST.

Those interested in participating should contact Jack Benchik at P.O. Box 555, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

WANTED

A SPECIALIST reader in the ČSSR — who corresponds in English — is interested in making contact with a COLLECTOR OF POSTAGE METER MARKINGS. The only one we know is Stig Asklund, who we hope will contact this collector. The collector whose name appears below is willing to exchange stamps, meters and FDC's for US meters.

St. Peter Skuhrový
Stehlíkova 975
165 00 PRAGUE 6 - Suchbátarův - Czechoslovakia

Member Tony Mallin, 6351 N. Oakley Ave., Chicago, IL 60659 is interested in purchasing a complete bound set of the SPECIALIST.

Another ČSSR correspondent (in English) is eager to find a US exchange partner. His name is K. Klaban, Pošta 42 P.S.7, 140 02 PRAHA 4, ČSSR.

We would appreciate a brief note from respondents to the above to insure that these messages haven't fallen on dead ears.

Henry Hahn

PHILATELIC EXHIBIT TO BE HELD IN TEREZIN

The SPECIALIST has just learned that TEREZIN will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the TEREZIN MEMORIAL. The event is scheduled to take place May 8-24, 1987. A philatelic exhibit will take place in the IVth courtyard of the SMALL FORTRESS. Its major theme will be anti-fascism and documentation of imprisonment.

We do not at this point know whether U.S. exhibits will be accepted. More information is being sought from the local committee.

Henry Hahn

NEW MEMBERS

1482 KOVACS, Steven G., 67 Green Lane, Trenton, NJ 08638
1483 FUENTES, Marlene D., 12345 Califa St., No. Hollywood, CA 91607

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 II — 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 member who resigns or dies or forfeits his seat while in office with the exception that if the President dies or resigns or forfeits his seat 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. Any member who fails to attend two successive meetings without designating a proxy who must be an attending member will lose his seat on the Board for the balance of the term.

6. After election, every member of each new Board will receive a copy of the Bylaws, a copy of the latest membership list and a supply of letterhead stationary. The Board will assure the availability of this material on the last meeting before each election. Each elected officer will receive from his outgoing counterpart all documentary material and correspondence relating to the business of his office.

7. An officer and/or director who writes a philatelically-related article for publications other than the *Specialist* over his name as officer and/or director of the Society will first submit that article to the President or Vice-President (other than himself) for approval. Failure to comply with this requirement subjects the author to forfeiture of his Board membership for the unexpired term of office at the discretion of the Board.

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. 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 without limitation. However, he can only serve as President or Vice-President for two terms consecutively or four terms not consecutively.

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 option 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 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 to 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 benefited. 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 Bylaws 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.

6. The Bylaws shall be published at intervals of not more than 36 months.

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 annually as follows:

Patron members	\$25.00
Regular members	\$15.00
Youth members	\$ 3.00
Honorary members	(none)

Youth members are those who have not yet attained their eighteenth birthday. All members residing outside the continental limits of the United States will pay an annual postage surcharge as determined by the Board.

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 change 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.

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**PLAN OF CZECHOSLOVAK STAMPS TO BE
ISSUED IN 1987**

Day/ Month	Title of Set	Number of Stamps	Face Value in Kčs	Size of Stamp (mm)
20.1	World Cyclecross Championship (R)	1	6.00	40×23
22.1	50th Anniv. of Bowling Union in Czechoslovakia (R)	1	2.00	23×30
4.2	Czechoslovak State Orders (R)	5	0.50 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00	40×23
4.3	Protection of Nature (R) (Butterflies)	4	1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00	40×23
6.4	Nuclear Energy in Czecho. (R)	1	5.00	40×23
7.4	11th Natl. Trade Union Cong. (R)	1	1.00	23×30
12.4	Intercosmos (F)	1	2 × 10.00	40×26
9.5	Prague Castle (F)	2	2.00 3.00	26×40
12.5	Technical Treasure of Czechoslovakia (PRAGA 1988) (R)	5	3.00 3.00 4.00 4.00 5.00	40×23
	a) Historical automobile, value of Kčs 3.00, small printing sheet, imperforate, gutter with text (R)		4 × 3.00	
	b) Historical locomotive, value of Kčs 4.00, small printing sheet, imperforate, gutter with text (R)		4 × 4.00	
	c) Complete set, each value in small printing sheet with 8 stamps and 2 gutters of horizontal print with a left block of four and 2 vertical gutters amidst and a right block of four, both imperforate gutters showing the motive of PRAGA 88 (R)		8 × 19.00	
10.6	45th Anniv. of destruction of Lidice and Ležáky (R)	2	1.00 1.00	23×30
6.7	125th Anniv. of Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists and its Representatives (R)	3	0.50 0.50 0.50	49×19

3.9	a) 11th Biennial of Illustrations in Bratislava (R)	4	0.50 1.00 2.00 4.00	23×30
	b) Ditto value of Kčs 2.00 in small printing sheet of 2 stamps (R)		2 × 2.00	
23.9	Scientific and Technical Progress in Czechoslovakia (R)	1	4.00	40×23
	30th Anniv. of Foundation of Organization of Socialist Communications (R)	1	0.50	30×23
30.9	Bicentenary of birth of J.E. Purkyně (R)	1	7.00	30×23
1.10	Historical Motives of Bratislava (F)	2	3.00 4.00	40×26
	in sheets of four stamps			
6.11	70th Anniv. of Great October Socialist Revolution (R)	2	0.50	40×23
	65 Years of Y.S.S.R. (R)		0.50	
18.11	Works of Art on Stamps (F)		1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00	40×50
18.12	Day of Czechoslovak Postage stamp (R)		1.00	49×19

A TOTAL OF 43 COMMEMORATIVES.
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PRAGA 88

Our first reminder of promotional material to come is in the form of a "PRAGA 78" multicolor label—



— used on a recent letter by member Zdenek Kvasnicka. A timely reminder from someone we expect to visit come 1988 in Prague!

This attractive label (designed by Vlad Kovarik and engraved by Jay Hercik) became available we assume during 1977. If and when a similar label is produced for the 198⁹ show, we will advise our members of a supply source. Perhaps Zdenek will advise us when and if such a label appears.

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