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Editorial Hinges

HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN

On May 14, your editor kept a 10 a.m. appointment with our member, Lubor Kunc, at the Prague stamp bourse, a block down from the Strašnice Metro station. Soon Tom Morovics joined the group and somehow we hooked up with František Hutyra and Josef Chvalovsky.

The Sunday bourse is an interesting melange of dealer-collector relationships. Prices are high by Czech standards; reasonable in terms of American dollars. The bourse is open on Saturdays and Sundays.

At noon, the five of us departed for G. Hutyra's spacious apartment on Chodská Street in the Vinohrady section of Prague. There, member Miloslav Vlček joined us, having taken a train from his home in Hulin. A lovely and gracious Mrs. Hutyra greeted us with snacks and coffee as we discussed a multitude of philatelic matters ranging from translating Czech articles into English to providing a New Issue service for our American members. More will be said on these subjects in our next issue. (See illustration on Page 2.)

Your editor was fortunate in having two subsequent meetings with Tom Morovics at his modest apartment in the Řepa section of Prague. Tom dazzled with

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his extensive collection of First Republic issues. His assortment of covers was especially impressive. During one of those meetings, the offices of PROFIL were visited. Not only did your editor meet its president, František Beneš, but he also enjoyed the privilege of meeting with Vladimír Schödelbauer, chief editor of FILATELIE at its publication offices.

M.Vondra's third trip to Prague in the last 30 years was the most memorable one yet, thanks to the cordial welcome and hospitality of the above named members. Watch the next issue of our journal for some important announcements stemming from these meetings.



Meeting of Czech members of S.C.P. at F. Hutýra's home on Chodská Ulice, Vinohrady in Prague. Left to right: Mirko Vondra, Tomáš Morovics, Lubor Kunc, Miloslav Vítček, František Hutýra, Josef Chvalovský.

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A PHILATELIC TOUR OF LEGENDARY PRAGUE

by Michele M. Patrick

Part 1

(The SPECIALIST is proud to publish the original text of our author-member's most recent article, the edited version of which appeared in the April issue of GLOBAL STAMP NEWS.)

History is often perceived as the study of cold, concise, concrete facts. However, such a view ignores the vital role of legends. More than just colorful stories handed down through the generations, legends enrich history. Long after we forget the historic dates and important battles learned in school, it is the legends and myths of people and places that remain with us. For example, who can think of England without conjuring visions of King Arthur and Robin Hood? Legends have the power to entertain us, to fascinate us, to inspire us.

For sheer number of legends, no single place can rival Prague, the "legendary" capital of the Czech Republic. This is not surprising, because Prague seems the perfect incubator of such tales. This "golden city of a hundred spires", with its haunting medieval lanes, pastel baroque palaces and soaring castle on the hill seems more surreal than real. In fact, when the setting sun casts an amber glow in the riot of towers, domes and steeples, and Prague's Vltava River begins to turn the color of dull onyx, it is easy to believe that the entire city is a figment of the imagination.

By taking a "philatelic tour of Prague's legends", from Frankenstein to Faust to Good King Wenceslaus, we will visit the most memorable sites of the enchanting city. We will also learn about the beliefs and traditions of another culture, one long hidden from the eyes of the West by an iron curtain which has only recently risen. The "tour" will take you to another plain of existence, one which explores not only Prague's reality, but man's imagination as well.

There is hardly a site in Prague that is not enveloped in the mists of legends. But the logical place to begin our day's journey is the Hradčany (Prague) castle complex. This is the oldest settled area of Prague, having first been



Fig. 2

fortified nearly 1,100 years ago. Commanding a "bird's eye view" of the entire city from its hilltop perch, Hradčany is the largest inhabited castle in the world, with more than 1,000 rooms. (Fig. 1, Scott No. 1324) The castle complex encompasses numerous fascinating sites, including our first stop: St. Vitus Cathedral. (Fig. 2, Scott No. C-88) Founded by "Good King Wenceslaus" (much more about him later) in A.D. 929, St. Vitus was later transformed into one of the grandest gothic cathedrals in Europe. Not fully completed until 1929, its three soaring spires are the defining elements of Prague's skyline. One of the church's chief treasures is its stained



Fig. 1



Fig. 3

removed only for the coronation of Bohemia's rulers. This masterpiece of the jeweler's art is inlaid with 91 gems, including rubies, sapphires, amethysts and 20 pearls (Fig. 4, Scott No. 1390). Wenceslaus is the national saint of the Czechs and over the course of time his crown became a symbol of nationhood. Consequently, a frightening legend grew around it. A tale emerged that any "imposter" who even momentarily places the crown on his head would soon meet death. Interestingly, in 1942, Reinhard Heydrich, Nazi "Reich Protector" of Bohemia and Moravia, was killed by allied commandos shortly after he had paraded with the crown. According to the story, Heydrich's two sons also wore the cursed crown. They, too, died within a very short time, one on the Eastern front and the other under a horse's hooves. Today, (perhaps to protect the public?) the crown is only removed from its locked room on very special occasions.

Leaving the cathedral, if we continue to wander around the castle complex, we eventually come to the Daliborka Tower; it was built in 1496 as part of the castle's fortifications. (Fig. 5, Scott No. 1554) The Tower often served as a prison for the nobility, and it is named after its first victim, Dalibor of Kozojed. The young squire was brought to the Tower in shackles to await his execution. His crime? Dalibor

glass, designed in the early decades of this century by outstanding art nouveau artists. The richness and intensity of the windows' colors are unparalleled and add a warmth that is missing in most other European cathedrals. (Fig. 3, Scott No. 2385)

Contained within the grand cathedral is the chapel of St. Wenceslaus. The interior is a medieval mosaic of gilt, murals and semi-precious stones; the lower level of the walls contains more than 1,300 pieces of jasper and amethyst. A door in the southwest corner leads to a tiny room containing the Bohemian crown jewels, the most important item being the Crown of St. Wenceslaus. Commissioned by a Czech in the 14th century, the crown was

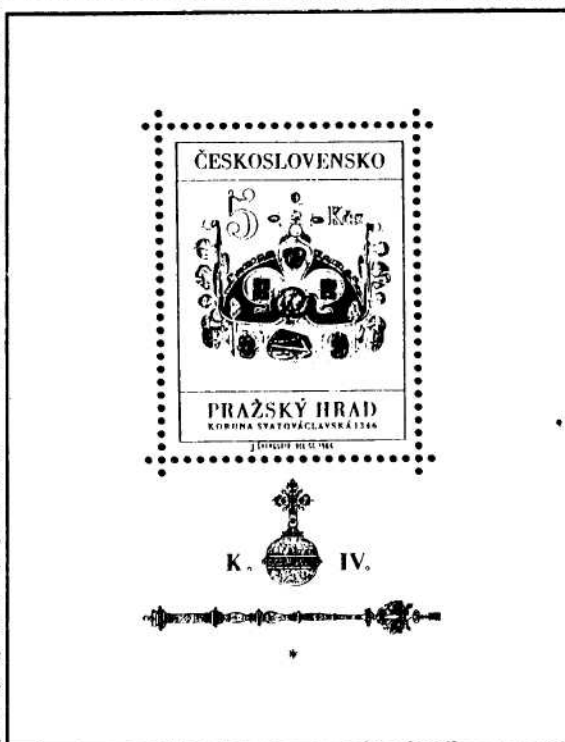
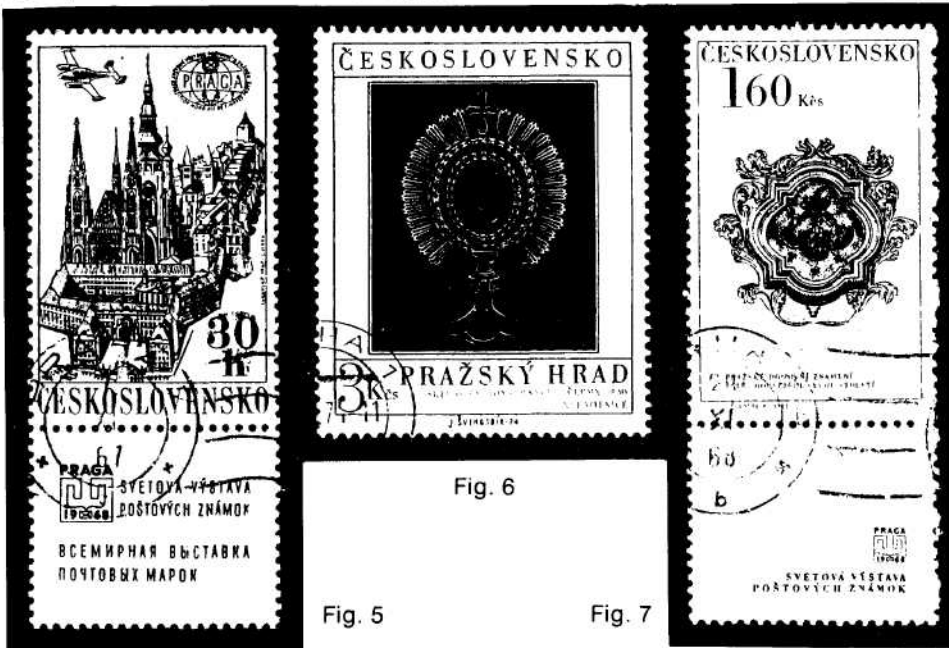


Fig. 4

had betrayed his class; in true “Robin Hood” fashion, he had allied himself with the impoverished peasants against the wicked landowners. While in prison, Dalibor became bored and began to play an old violin which someone had given him. His haunting music enchanted the other prisoners, and great crowds soon gathered beneath the prison’s window. The people of Prague were so enthralled by the sweet strains of his violin that the judges were afraid to announce the execution date. One day, the strings went silent. Had Dalibor secretly been executed, or had he poured all of his life’s blood into his music and, with nothing more to give, simply expired? No one would ever know. Although gone, Dalibor’s music continues to live. In the nineteenth century, the great Czech composer Bedrich Smetana based his famous opera, “Dalibor”, on the beloved legend.



There is much more to see in the castle area, but we must continue our day’s journey into legends, leaving the Hradčany complex, we descend the hill until we reach the Loretto Shrine. A pastel yellow baroque masterpiece, the charming building sports playful cherubs and plaster decorations. The Shrine’s cloisters encircle the House of the the Virgin Mary, or “Santa Casa”. This tiny building is an exact replica of the “Holy House” which stands in the Italian town of Loretto. According to the story, in the 13th century, angels carried the house where the angel Gabriel had appeared to the Virgin Mary from the Holy Land to Loretto. The Prague replica was built between 1626 and 1750. The building’s facade is virtually covered in rich baroque reliefs which depict religious scenes; inside, it is a simple brick room with a wooden statue of the Virgin. To the left of the entrance is a beam and two bricks from the Italian Loretto. Of course, there are those in Prague who claim that theirs is the true “Santa Casa”.

The Loretta is also justly famous for its fabulous treasury, which is probably not surpassed anywhere. It contains over 300 jewel-crusted monstrances (for displaying Holy Communion) and reliquaries, each a masterpiece of 17th and 18th century

Czech and Austrian goldsmiths. (Fig. 6, Scott 1938) Visitors cannot fail to be awed by the tens of thousands of diamonds, rubies, pearls, emeralds and sapphires which gleam from every corner of the treasury. The prize of the collection, in terms of monetary value, is the famous "diamond monstrance", which is studded with 6,222 diamonds of various sizes.

There is also a sorrowful legend connected with the Loretto's carillon bells. Many years ago, a poor widow lived near the Loretto. She had as many children as there were bells in the church's tower, and she called them her "Loretto Bells". The widow's entire fortune consisted of a small number of silver coins, one for each child. They had been given to her as christening gifts. When the great plague struck Prague, it claimed her eldest child. The woman took the largest coin and paid to have the largest Loretto Bell rung for him; she knew that its sweet sound would ascend to heaven as a prayer. Returning from the funeral, her second child sickened and died. She then used the second largest coin to pay for the ringing of the second largest bell. Each child soon died in turn, the widow repeated her sorrowful ritual and the Loretto Bells mournfully tolled their passing. When she had buried her youngest child, the mother herself fell ill. Although she was very happy that she would soon join her children, with her money spent, she wondered who would pay to ring the bells for her? A short time later, the poor woman quietly died; simultaneously, all of the bells started to toll of their own accord. For the first time, they did not just ring but played a lovely hymn which, to this very day, can be heard echoing through the streets of Prague.

With the Loretto's tune bidding us farewell, we leave the Hradčany area and descend into the Malá Strana, the "Lesser Quarter". The name seems completely inappropriate, for the Malá Strana is one of the wonders of Europe. It contains one of the most outstanding baroque preserves on the continent; few cities can match the block after block of ornamented palaces and fairytale homes (Fig. 7, Scott No. 1551). We do not linger in the Malá Strana but cross the winding Vltava River, which bisects Prague. Of course in Prague, even the river flows with legends both old and new.

Part II will appear in the next issue.



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

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STAMPS OF MEDICAL INTEREST

by Tom Wilson

In the July/August 1994 SPECIALIST, I contributed an article about "Physicians on Czechoslovak Stamps". But this did not exhaust the number of items of medical interest connected with this area, from time to time. For instance, the country has long been noted for its medicinal spas. Two fine sets were issued on March 17, 1956 with designs that depicted the watering places of Karlový Vary, Mariánské Lázně, Píestany and the High Tatra Mountains (Fig. 1A to D, Scott No. 740 to 743) and on June 25, 1958 Karlov Vary, Poděbrady, Mariánské Lázně,



Fig. 1A

Fig. 1B

Fig. 1C

Fig. 1D

Lahačovice, Strybské Pleso and Trenčíanské Teplice (Fig. 2A to F, Scott No. 862 to 867). The 1200th anniversary of the discovery of Klary's Spring at Teplice was honored by a 60h stamp in June, 1962 (Fig. 3, Scott No. 1120). Many other spas have featured special cancellations on their own.



Fig. 2A
Karloby Vary



Fig. 2B
Poděbrady



Fig. 2C
Mariánské Lázně



Fig. 2D
Luhacovice



Fig. 2E
Strbske Pleso



Fig. 2F
Trencianske Teplice

The cathedral of Saint Vitus in Prague is featured on a number of Czech stamps; 2k in May 1929 (Fig. 4, Scott No. 161); a bust of the saint on 3k in May 1970 (Fig. 5, Scott No. 1689). The cult of St. Vitus began during the Middle Ages when it was believed that to dance before his image guaranteed good health for a year - a custom remembered by the eponym "St. Vitus's Dance". Because he was tortured by being thrown into a boiling cauldron (but emerged unscathed!), he is the patron saint of pharmacists in France.

In 1937 Austria issued a very fine set of nine "Austrian Doctors" which is much prized by "medical" collectors (Fig. 6A to E). What has this to do with Czechoslovakia?



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

Taking them in alphabetical order, Carl Ferdinand Ritter von Arlt (1812-1887) was born in Teplitz, Bohemia, and studied at Charles University in Prague and graduated in medicine in 1839. He was Professor of Ophthalmology in Prague from 1849-1856.

Ferdinand Ritter von Hebra (1816—1880) was born at Brno, graduated at the University of Vienna and became the foremost dermatologist of his time. While he was a medical student, Hebra was caught robbing a grave of a corpse for dissection and sentenced to be hanged. His sentence was commuted, but he was forced to wear a cord around his neck for the rest of his days as punishment for his crime.

Although he was Hungarian, Joseph Hyrtl (1810-1894) became professor of anatomy at Prague University from 1837-1844. He was the greatest teacher of anatomy in the 19th century. Human dissection, which nearly became the downfall of Hebra, reached its pinnacle under Carl Freiherr von Rokitansky (1804-1878). He was born at Königgraz, Bohemia, and studied medicine at Charles University. He was well known for his humorous quips. He had four sons of whom two became physicians while the others became singers. "Two of my sons heal," he jested, "while the other two howl."



Fig. 6A
Karl von Rokitansky



Fig 6B
Joseph Skoda



Fig. 6C
Ferdinand von Hebra



Fig. 6D
Ferdinand von Artl



Fig. 6E
Joseph Hyrtl

Born in Pilsen, the son of a mechanic, Joseph Škoda graduated in medicine at Vienna in 1831, where he became Professor of Medicine in 1847. He pioneered the diagnosis of illnesses of the chest by percussing with the finger tips while listening to sounds that indicated consolidation or the presence of excess fluids. He was connected to the family who founded the Škoda steel works at Pilsen in 1859. So you see, five out of the nine did have strong connections with Prague or other parts of Bohemia.

The silver and copper mines at Joachimsthal in Bohemia have an important place in the history of medicine. Georgius Agricola (George Bauer, 1495 - 1555) was a German physician who became town doctor at Joachimsthal in 1524. He studied the condition that was common among the miners known as 'mountain disease' and identified this as an industrial disease, brought on by their working conditions. Curiously enough, the same diagnosis was made at about that time by the Swiss doctor, Paracelsus von Hohenheim (1493-1541). In our own time, the disease has been identified as bronchial carcinoma, caused by the presence of uranium ores. The 400th anniversary of the death of Agricola was celebrated by DDR in 1955 with his portrait on a 10pf stamp. He is also portrayed on a 6k stamp of the Czech Republic, as a 'Historic Personality', February 2, 1994. The 500th birth anniversary of Paracelsus was commemorated by stamps from Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

It was the presence of uranium in pitchblends from Joachimsthal that set Marie Sklodowska Curie (1867-1934) and her husband Pierre on the trail that led eventually to their discovery of the radioactive elements radium and polonium and to a joint Nobel Prize. The couple have been honored on stamps from Cuba, France, Monaco and a dozen other lands. Only their son-in-law, Frederic Joliot-Curie (1900-1958) has his portrait on a Czech stamp of 1959; (Fig. 7, Scott No. 912) he shared the Nobel Prize for Chemistry with his wife Irene Curie. (SG1088)

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The laws of genetic variations that were formulated by an Augustinian monk, Gregor Mendel (1822-1884) are of vital importance to medical science in the present day. Mendel was born in Heinzendorf, Moravia, to a peasant family. In a small garden at the monastery, he made classic experiments with growing peas, by which he discovered the laws of mutation that are taken for granted today. His portrait appears on a Czech stamp of 1965, to celebrate the centenary of the publication of his study in Brno (Fig. 8, Scott No. 1329).



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

A special 1k stamp was issued in connection with a Congress of Pharmacology held in Prague in 1963 and illustrates a mouse with a tail erect (Fig. 9, Scott No. 1194). Mice are considered very useful as experimental animals in pharmacology. The characteristic erection of the tail occurs when morphine is injected and is called 'Straub's phenomenon'. The International Pharmacy Congress held in Prague, September 20, 1971 was signalled by a set of six stamps, which depicted historic utensils from the Museum of Pharmacy in Kucš Castle. The pharmacy there was founded in 1749 (Fig. 10A to F, Scctt Nos. 1760 to 1765).



Fig. 10A



Fig. 10B



Fig. 10C



Fig. 10D



Fig. 10E

Fig. 10F



Fig. 11

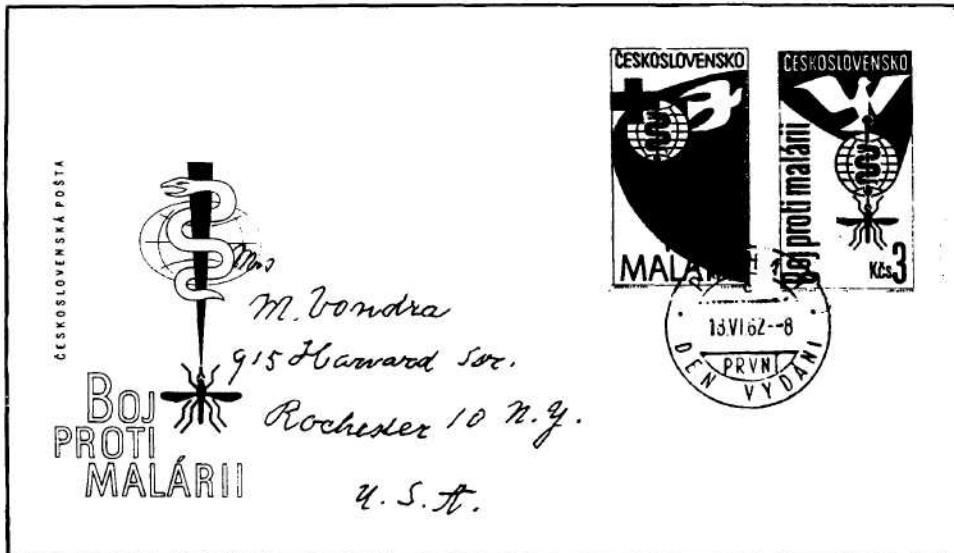


Fig. 12

Two stamps from Czechoslovakia depict hospitals; the earlier was a 30h of September 30, 1958 of the Children's Hospital, Brno (Fig. 11, Scott No. 878). In 1988 a 2k stamp (SG2942) showed the Motol Teaching Hospital. It seems curious that I haven't been able to find any others, since hospitals are favored subjects for stamp designs with postal authorities in most countries.

I conclude with some odds and ends; October 1955, 40h, portrait of Friedrich Schiller (Fig. 12, Scott No. 724). Besides being a great German poet and dramatist, he served as a surgeon in the Army. The WHO campaign for the eradication of malaria brought the issue of a pair of stamps with the campaign emblem (the Staff of Asklepios) (Fig. 13, Scott No. 1121 & 1122). Finally Slovakia on May 31, 1994 issued a 3sk stamp showing a cross formed from two cigarettes for the 'World Day Without Tobacco' campaign.

Fig. 13



20 KORUN AIR MAIL STAMP

by Miroslav Vostatek

Translated by J.J. Verner

The 20 Kč air mail stamp line perforated $12\frac{1}{4}$ was first written about in 1937 in TRIBUNA FILATELISTU, Vol. XVII, No. 7, page 118. The well known specialist, V. Eliaš, published an extensive study of air mail stamps, certainly unsurpassed until now, in ČESKY FILATELISTA, Vol. VI, No. 12, 1941, which also included this 20 Kč stamp. However, there is brief mention of missing perforations only in passing. Recently, however, this subject has been written of, primarily in FILATELIE (Ref. 1, 2, 3). This superficial treatment is the reason that the work of Jaroslav J. Verner deserves attention. (Ref. 4), which was also published in FILATELIE in translated form (Ref. 1).

In this article I would like to discuss the missing perforations that appear on the vertical side of this $12\frac{1}{4}$ line perforated stamp (See circled perfs in Fig. 1). The following table indicates where these missing perforations are to be found:

Source	Position of the missing perforation
Verner (Ref. 4)	3
Šrámek (Ref. 2)	6
Kerschbaum (Ref. 3), Vostatek	7
Kerschbaum (Ref. 3), Vostatek	8
Kerschbaum (Ref. 3), Vostatek	9
Vostatek	13
Vostatek	15

Note: The missing perforation positions mentioned above are on stamps I possess or have examined personally.

František Šrámek writes (Ref. 2) "for undetermined reasons a $12\frac{1}{4}$ perforator was used on stamps already in 1930, although the normal perforator was $13\frac{1}{4}$. Therefore the 20Kč air mail stamp with these perforations must be considered an error (as well as the other stamps of this series with this perforation)."

If we examine the perforations in more detail, we see that the perforation comb had a whole series of irregularities. These concerned both the distance of the pins from each other as well as placement of the pins on the perforation comb's axis. Simply put, this comb had its youth in the distant past. As a boy I often saw a perforator which my Grandfather had in his printery. In fact, I often ran the perforator. Therefore



this technology is neither foreign nor unfamiliar to me. Also, for this reason, I take the liberty of speculating on a theory regarding the placement of the missing perforation pin.

During the perforation process, a retaining buffer must be affixed to the far end of the perforator. Two to four sheets of stamps are placed under the comb so they rest on the buffer. The perforation comb moves so that the pins puncture the sheets in the intended places. There are no buffers on the sides of the perforator. This means that the sheets are held firmly as the comb moves toward the buffer at the rear, but when moving to the right and left, it could shift slightly. It is therefore logical that the missing pin can appear in different positions in relation to the stamp. While the table above identifies 7 positions out of the possible 15, it is possible to find additional positions created by the missing pin.

This conclusion is supported by yet another fact. I mentioned that perforation comb created certain identifiable imperfections. When I took blocks of four containing missing perforations in various positions and laid them on top of each other so that the missing perforations covered each other, each of the other perforations with their identifiable variations fit over or covered the like perforation in the other block. However, the vignettes of the two blocks did not coincide.

In conclusion, a true curiosity was created by using obsolete technology to produce the 20Kč air mail stamp.

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Circuit News

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

by H. Alan Hoover

Since the last column on Circuit News appeared in the Sept/Oct 1994 SPECIALIST, numerous questions have arisen about procedure and operation under particular circumstances. This article will therefore focus on some of these questions and seek to provide answers. For those who plan on attending BALPEX '95 this coming Labor Day weekend, I will be there with much of the material from the Sales Circuit. I am also contacting some of our sellers and will hopefully be able to offer previously unsold material at bargain prices. This will enable you to benefit from this one-time sale. So don't forget to stop by our Society's lounge table and examine the material from our Circuit. I will be the one wearing the Czech shirt, so see me and ask any further questions you may have. Here are a few answers to some questions asked:

The circuit manager contacted me about a circuit stating I did not insure it and I have the receipt showing I did. What's going on? This is a VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE! Yes; some members had removed the outer wrapper and forwarded it to the sales manager indicating that the prior member had not sent it insured. This has happened more than twice and the manager in turn wrote to the sending member clarifying the rules. The members felt insulted and withdrew from the membership. The manager publicly apologizes here. Yes; the members did send the parcels insured. But what is happening is that the insurance tags are self sticking. Members usually have the postal clerk apply it for them. THESE ARE IN TURN BEING RIPPED OFF DUE TO A FAILURE OF THE SELF ADHESIVE! This is why it appears to have no insurance. What the manager does is to get the insurance forms, apply the tag to the parcel and then APPLY 2-inch see-through tape over the insurance sticker to prevent it from being removed BEFORE he visits the postal clerk window! The insurance tickets are free. You can ask for a quantity at your local post office window for use on future mailings. Just make sure that you match up the proper receipt portion with the portion you stick on the box!

I recently decided to drop from the circuit. Why, after notifying the manager, am I still receiving circuits? The method of circuit routings is determined by a person being added to or deleted from a routing list. Most times, when you first ask to be added, it takes a few weeks or months before you start to receive any circuits. Your name is added to a routing list when the circuit is returned to the manager. Thus, your name is still on many lists. The manager usually responds to your request by sending a postcard to the current member that has that circuit requesting that you be dropped from that routing list. This sometimes does not happen. The member receives the card after he has already forwarded the circuit on, forgets to delete the member as requested, etc. Thus your name remains on that routing and the manager thinks you have been deleted. You then receive the circuit later on. Telephoning the current member to request deletion does not work either. Thus while I try my best to delete your name, it is not a perfect system and your indulgence and understanding will help.

If I have two or more circuits at one time, may I total all the Report Sheets and just write one check for them all? Yes.

I am just interested in certain items and time periods. Can I receive only those circuits? Current organization and management of the circuit does not permit this. Three different circuits do exist: A "Covers Only" circuit, a "Stamps Only" circuit and a "Stamps and Covers" circuit. If you wish to receive circuits within these guidelines, contact the circuit manager.

Why do circuits come in spurts to me? Sometimes I get none for 2 months then suddenly I get 4 in 2 weeks! Why? This issue seems confusing but is only partially controllable. You are placed on a Routing List. The order varies between circuits sent out. But if a member delays in forwarding a circuit, that delay just ripples down through the list. You may have been scheduled to receive that circuit 4 weeks ago. But because 2 members held the circuit for 20 days each, it got to you 6 weeks late. Meanwhile other circuits are on time and you receive them both at the same time. The circuit manager cannot control this flow. Some members move circuits within 1 or 2 days; others delay excessively long. Postal delivery time also delays some circuits, but not others.

Why doesn't the Circuit Manager refuse to accept material that is excessively high in pricing? No one buys it if it's that expensive anyway and we have to pay the postage to move it on. The manager has taken the following position. He will suggest that sellers price their material attractively, but will not dictate what prices should be. Prices are relative. What some feel is expensive is cheap to others. The reality is that the average amount of sales from the circuit is 50%. So someone is buying that "high priced" material and is happy to find it!

Why are there so many circuits in routing? How many are there now? I can't keep paying for all the volume as in the past. When the present sales manager revived the circuit 2 years ago, there was material for 26 circuits. That was sent out all at one time. Recall that circuits take about 12 to 18 months to go through all members. Presently there are 15 circuits circulating. The volume had decreased now that the older booklets are being closed out.

As a seller, how long does it take for me to get my money? Booklets are normally routed to every member. As a result, this takes from 12 to 18 months depending on the membership. Certain items, such as covers, do not get routed to all members and thus close out earlier. Current rules of operation indicate that funds are returned with the remaining unsold material when routing is complete.

Why do we pay to insure the parcel for \$100.00 and also send you \$1.50? The current APS policy covers us for insurance for amounts over \$100.00. We insure it with the postal service to insure a signature on delivery and to meet the needed coverage for the first \$100.00 of value that the APS policy does not cover. The \$1.50 you forward to the manager in turn is sent quarterly to the APS to pay for that insurance. The Society receives none of these funds.

If a Circuit is lost, why does it take so long for you to settle it and settle with the owners? Remember that we are covered by two insurance policies. The first \$100.00 in value is covered by the USPS. We must settle with them first and this

process usually takes 6 months on the average. At the same time, we file with the APS Insurance Plan that handles the additional value. They are prepared to pay after the conclusion of the investigation by USPS, but not before. The APS is very efficient and usually pays within 4 weeks once the USPS settles in full.

When I am reimbursed for a lost circuit, why do you subtract out the commission and not refund the full value of the original booklet? Current APS policy indicates that they will only reimburse for the net value that the seller would normally receive. Thus the Society makes no commission on that loss and you receive the amount as if the entire book was sold, but less the commission, postage, insurance, etc. fees.

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Letters to the Editor

1. Dear Mirko:

In reply to your wife's inquiry about what has happened to Bohemoslovenika, I have the following commentary:

The Czech Republic has a publication called BOHEMIKA. It is now in its 27th year of circulation. Consisting of 32 pages per issue, it contains stories of Czech personalities on foreign stamps and covers 46 countries of the world where Bohemoslovenika is involved. There is a very interesting serial, now in its 12th part, titled "Following the Steps of our Countrymen in the United States."

For anyone interested in contacting Bohemika, please write to: A. Černý, Rubešová 1176, Pelhřimov 39301, Czech Republic.

Your truly,
Savoy Horvath.

2. Dear M. Vondra:

Frank Garancovsky's fine article on "The Silent Service" reminds me of another similar incident.

Last January I ordered from a catalog a St. Valentine's Day gift for my wife. Thinking it would be shipped UPS, I gave the street address and floor of my place of employment. The gift was shipped by parcel post instead and the floor number was omitted by error. Since I am not listed on the building's directory, the package was marked to return to sender. Fortunately, a clerk recognized my name as the post office box holder and placed it in my box without notation or comment. He saved my St. Valentine's Day despite the fact that I am not well known in downtown Clearwater, Florida.

Yours truly,
John E. Evan.


3. Dear Mirko:

In the decades following the return of the Czechoslovak Legions, they opened their own bank. This may not be news to the experts, but I certainly was not aware of that fact. Perhaps others are not aware of it either.

Shown here is a deposit slip dated October 18, 1934 depositing 60kč to the credit of account no. 22907 by a Václav Stejskal. It was forwarded through the postoffice in Rynares to a bank located on the Náměstí (Square) of the Republic in Prague II.

While not primarily philatelic, this document is certainly part of the Legions' history. I am grateful to Dr. M. Vostatek who has a keen eye for such goodies, for his latest contribution.

Yours truly,
Henry Hahn.

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4. Dear Mirko:

Two letters in one issue may seem overbearing, but it is important to note that with the April 1 postal rate hike in the Czech Republic, a new set of definitives has

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been issued replacing the ones with the old rates. The following new definitives are now available at postoffices: 40h, 60h, 2.4kč, 3.6kč, 9.60kč and 14kč.

Originally, Czech postal authorities wanted an across-the-board rate hike of 20 percent. This would have made domestic postcard rates 2.54kč. But at the last minute, that postcard rate was changed to 3kč, thus making the 40h stamp somewhat useless.

By the way, are there any Society members living in or around the Boston, MA, area? I have information to the effect that Boston has either a military or a U.S. Army museum and that in one of its showcases is a complete set of May 1945 Pilsen Liberation picture postcards issued jointly by the U.S. Army and Czech civil authorities and that the address side pictures the 4th Army Indianhead insignia. Can anyone verify this for me?

Yours truly,
Savoy Horvath

AN UNUSUAL RECENT PRINTING STYLE

by Alan Knight

Set: "Personalities of the Liberated Theatre" (Czech Republic - March 15, 1995)

Noting the press release details showing this to be a set of 3 on a single sheet of 100 stamps, I was curious in regard to how one divides 100 by 3! "Obviously... (thought I) there must be a marginal of 10 blank fields somewhere on the sheet" - how wrong I was...! Here is a brief explanation:

I went to Czech Post for some sheets of this set for examination purposes. Within seven days, these were on my desk at home. Soon, I could see it all and realized that this issue must be a 'first' in printing technique for Czech Republic and even one not seen over the period of the Czechoslovak Republics from 1918 to 1992.

Here is how they did it: The complete printing sheet is 255x292mm, printed from continuous paper rolls of 255mm width. Sheet frames of 100 stamps were divided by 15mm gutters (before cutting). The arrangement of the complete set on one sheet was as illustrated above and in that order horizontally but printed vertically in sets



over columns "1" to "9". Column 10 contained a strip of 10 of the stamp having the image of Jiri Voskovec... making a sheet of 100 stamps overall. Therefore, we have in front of us, sheets containing 30 complete sets plus the strip of 10 of Mr. Voskovec, who has the honor of appearing 40 times on every sheet. By this method, therefore, it is possible to obtain either or both left and right marginal strips and/or blocks of complete sets or straight sets as illustrated here.

Technical details: Three values of 3Kč imaging Jiri Voskovec (1905-1981); Jan Werich (1905-1980) and Jaroslav Ježek (1906-1942) being actors, dramatists, musicians of the Liberated Theatre established 70 years ago.

Stamps printed in sheets of 100 stamps in colors of black (recess), green, blue, orange, yellow. Designs by the painter and graphic artist Clara Istlerova (after the originals of Adolf Hoffmeister). Engraving was by Václav Fajt. Design size is 19x33mm perforated 11¼x11¼. Printers: HUP Post Printing Works), Prague.

FDCs: Three printed in black by flat-plate recess process with commemorative cancels from Praha. Each cover bears engraver's transcriptions of caricatures.

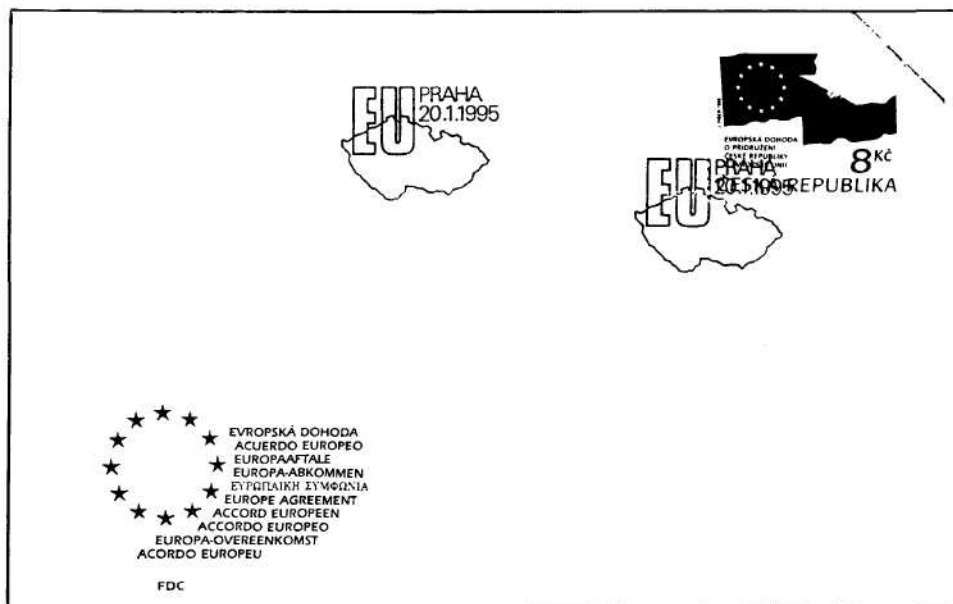
N.B. The stamps' field color of yellow extends up to 5mm over the perms. in four directions. There are extension perms x2 (horizontal) and x3 (vertical). Finally... Why make ten blank fields when you can make 30Kč's worth of stamps? After all, it is the Ministry of Economy that controls the Czech Post Office!

New Issues

CZECH REPUBLIC

1 & 2. In the March/April 1995 issue, we announced the details of the issuance of two stamps by the Ministry of Economy on Jan. 20. The first, an 8Kč stamp honoring the Association Agreement between the Czech Republic and the European Union; the other, commemorating the first stamp of the new Czech Republic on Jan. 20, 1993.

At this time, we are pleased to illustrate the first day covers of each of those two stamps. Note the first FDC shows a circle of ten stars and the text "European Agreement" in each of the ten languages whose nations joined in that Agreement. The second FDC has a cachet showing Mucha's design of the first Special Delivery stamp. Both covers have two special cancellations with the text "Praha -Jan. 20, 1995 (Fig. 1 & 2).



19 Fig. 1

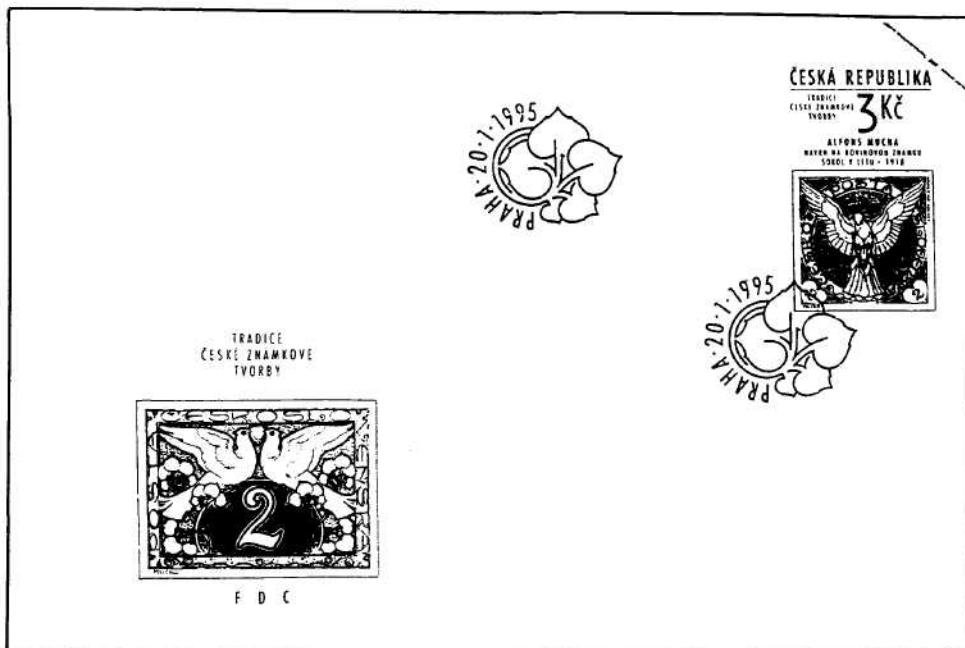


Fig. 2

3. In February 1, 1995, a set of three stamps was issued by the Ministry commemorating the Anniversaries of Great Personalities. Designed by Oldřich Kulhánek and engraved by Milos Ondráček, the stamps come in sizes of 40x23mm and were printed at the Post Printery in Prague by rotary recess print combined with multi-colored photogravure in sheets of 50. The 2kč stamp portrays Johannes Marcus Marci (1595-1667), a Czech physician, physicist and philosopher and rector of Charles University. Colors used are brown, black-grey and yellow-grey. The FDC has a cachet showing his name and dates in calligraphic inscription (Fig. 3a). The 5kč depicts Ferdinand Peroutka (1895-1978), a man of letters, journalist and dramatist. From 1951 to 1961, he was director of the broadcast station FREE EUROPE. Next to his portrait are a broken swastika and hammer & sickle. The FDC's cachet shows a pen superimposed on the symbols of Nazi and Communist oppression. The colors are red and four shades of grey (Fig. 4a). The 7kč stamp depicts Přemysl Pitter (1895-1976), a social pedagogue and philosopher, founder of a youth care center helping children ravaged by war. Next to his portrait are three caring hands. The colors are violet, dark violet and grey. The FDC's cachet shows two youthful faces marked by the Star of Israel (Fig. 5a).

4. On March 15, 1995, a set of three stamps was issued by the Ministry honoring Personalities of the Liberated Theater, all of 3kč denomination. The first, Jiří Voskovec (1905-1981) was printed in black, yellow and red. Voskovec was born in Sazava in June 1905. He made his first appearance as an actor on stage at the Umělecka Beseda in Prague in April 1927. Later, he turned producer, author and director. The second, Jan Werich (1905-1980) was printed in black, yellow and green.



Figs. 3, 4 & 5



Fig. 4a



Fig. 3a

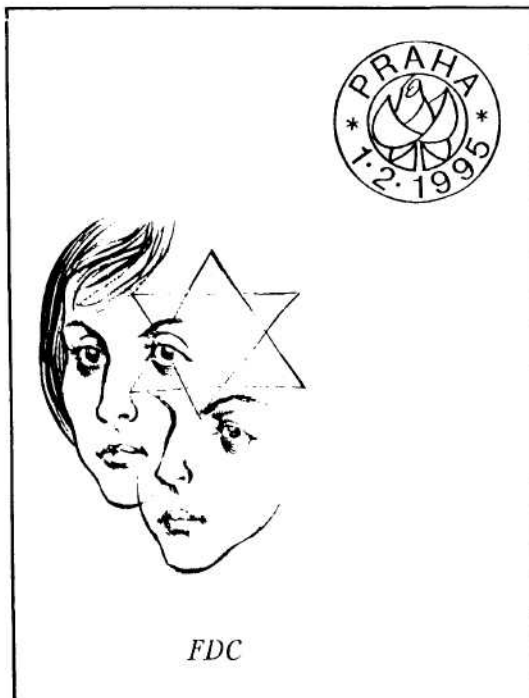


Fig. 5a

He was a well-known film actor and script writer. Until 1948, he worked in collaboration with Voskovec. After that, he took over management of the ABC Theater in Prague. The third, Jaroslav Ježek (1906-1942), was printed in black, yellow and blue. Half blind from his youth, Ježek grew up in poverty. Under the guidance of Josef Suk, he matured as a composer, outstanding pianist and conductor of jazz bands. He wrote many tunes in collaboration with Voskovec and Werich. Eventually all three emigrated to the United States where Ježek died. While working for the Liberated Theater, he composed music for 20 different plays. Each stamp has its own FDC. We refer to the previous article by Alan Knight for greater details on these three unique stamps (Fig. 6).



Fig. 6



Fig. 7

5. On March 22, 1995, the Ministry issued a definitive stamp with a face value of 3.60kč showing a portrait of President Vaclav Havel. Designed and engraved by Miloš Ondráček, the stamp comes in dimensions of 19x23mm and was printed by the Post Printery in Prague by rotary recess print (violet) combined with photogravure (rose and blue) in sheets of 50. There is no accompanying FDC (Fig. 7).

6. On March 15, 1995, the Ministry issued two definitive stamps depicting Country Motifs. Both were designed by Alfred Fuchs. The 40h was engraved by Bohumil Šneider; the 60h by Václav Fajt. Both are in size of 30x23mm and printed by the Post Printery in Prague by rotary recess in brown, rose and ochre and in sheets of 50. Again there are no accompanying FDC's (Fig. 8).



Fig. 8



7. On March 22, 1995, the Ministry issued a postcard with an imprinted 3kč stamp. Designed by Alfred Fuchs, the card was printed by offset in dark green and rose colors by the Post Printery and Victoria Security Printing. The design of the imprinted stamps is the same as that on a previous card of 2kč denomination.

8. On April 12, the Ministry issued a set of three stamps identifying the endangered insects of its country. This set was issued in support of the European

Nature Conservation Year as declared by the European Council. The three stamps are: the 3kč (*Bombus terrestris*), the 5kč (*Mantis religiosa*) and the 6kč (*Capolpteris splendens*) (Fig. 9). The 3kč and the 5kč are in yellow, green, red, violet and black colors. The 6kč comes in yellow, green, blue, violet and black. Designed by Josef Liesler and engraved by Josef Hercik, the stamps have dimensions of 23x30mm and were printed by the Post Printery in Prague by rotary recess print combined with four-color photogravure in sheets of 50. Three FDC's with special cancellations were printed by recess print from flat plates in black color. The cachet for the 3kč shows a *Scolia maculata*; the cachet for the 5kč shows an *Acalaphus macaronius*; and the cachet for the 6kč shows an *Osmylus fulvicephalus*.



Fig. 9

9. On May 3, the Ministry issued two stamps commemorating the Beauties of the Country. These stress rock formations and were designed by Adolf Absolon with engravings by Martin Srb. They come in two denominations: The 8kč is in blue, grey, green and grey-black colors and shows Pánská Skala at Kamenický Šenov. This rock is also called the "Stone Organ" and is situated in the protected region known as Česká Středohoří (Mountains in Central Bohemia). The 9kč is in ochre,



Fig. 10



Fig. 11

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green, dark-green and brown-black colors. It shows Pravčická Brána, the largest of these rocks, which is located in a preserve called Labské Pískovce (Fig. 10). The stamps are 40x26mm in size and were printed at the Prague Printery by recess print from flat plates in sheets of eight pieces each.

FDC's for each stamp include special cancellations. The cover for the 8kč stamp shows a picture of a branched beech stem in grey on its cachet. The cover for the 9kč stamp depicts a pine tree on a rock in light brown color on its cachet. The covers are printed by recess print from flat plates.

10. On May 3, the Ministry issued two stamps commemorating Peace and Freedom in Europe. This is part of the European program honoring the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the yearning for a peaceful free life. The stamps show a series of stylized drawings of male/female profiles symbolizing the passing of life with the logotype "EUROPA" on each. They were designed by Jiří Andrlé and engraved by Miloš Ondráček. The 9kc appears on ochre, red, rose and brown colors with an insert of a rose. The 14kč appears in ochre, blue, rose and brown colors with a butterfly insert. Each stamp is of 40x35mm size and was printed at the Prague Printery by rotary recess print combined with photogravure in sheets of 50 (Fig. 11).

Each stamp has its own FDC showing cachet drawings of a girl and clusters symbolizing youth, beauty and the fruits of life. The FDC's were printed by recess print from flat plates in dark green colors.

All of the above listed stamps are valid for postal use both domestically and for foreign mail from date of issue until officially withdrawn from circulation.

Charley's Chapter

TRIBUNA AUCTION: A HUGE SUCCESS

Tribuna's Sixth Auction held on April 2, 1995, resulted in some very high prices, thereby making a shambles of the British Gibbons' Catalog, which this year reduced prices on stamps of Czechoslovakia across the board.

Highlighted by this active bidding was a block of the 1920 Airmail issue of the line perforated 24kč/500 with overprint and having a joined type. The lower right stamp showed the open spiral Type I, while the others in the block were Type II closed spiral, plate position 32. The block realized \$11,250.00, which included the 12½ percent buyer's premium. Scott No. B134, a vertical pair with no perforation between stamps, realized \$517.50, while color proofs of Scott B136 in green, red and brown realized \$236.25, \$242.00 and \$236.25 respectively.

Scout items also went very well. Three 10h Scout stamps overprinted with the Prague Revolutionary overprint (small shield) brought \$157.50 (regular overprint), \$405.00 (inverted overprint), and \$157.50 with inverted overprint of the large shield, Type II. A set of the "Příjezd Presidenta Masaryka" yielded \$3,150.00.

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- Charles Chesloe

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1032	Bardoun FJ	278 Lowrie Blvd	Northfield	OH	44067
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1401P	Jana JL	1445 Mt Pleasant	Villanova	PA	19805
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1098	Jensen ES	Rosenlundvej 12	Eskilstrup	Denmark	DK4863
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1057	Jurick JT	23627 Welby Way	West Hills	CA	91307
1298	Kalabza S	2310 S 61st Ave	Cicero	IL	60650
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1727	Litochleb V	26741 Grandvia Dr	Mission Viejo	CA	92691
'969	Luckey W	N6292 Schraven Cir	Fond Du Lac	WI	54935
1675	Lyons MD Ms	11 Carver Circle	Simsbury	CT	06070
1588P	Malec J	17600Detroit Av 411	Lakewood	OH	44107
1542	Malkovsky CF	6758 Larchmont Dr	Mayfield Hgts	OH	44124
1007	Martin EH	5221 Nantucket Lane	Anaheim Hills	CA	92807
1689	Matysek AE	5487 Bucknell Rd	Baltimore	MD	21206
1683	Mazur CA	5764 Stahelin St	Detroit	MI	48228
1134	McDougall AB	73 Cedar Hill Road	Bedford	NY	10506
1659	McKeown JF	3312 SleepyHollow Rd	Falls Church	VA	22044
'906	Melamed PH	4065 Dixon Drive	Hoffman Estates	IL	60195
'804P	Meredith JE	517 Ave Campo	Newport Beach	CA	92660
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1417P	Miller RG	19741 Potomac Lane	Huntington Beach	CA	92646
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1171P	Norris M	401 Ruggles St	Prince George BC	Canada	V2M3P7
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1382P	Palaschak R	4050 Carbury Ct	Chantilly	VA	22021
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1009	Samuels H Mrs	310 N Country Rd	Miller Place	NY	11764
1170	Sazama RM	1203 Limit	Levenworth	KS	66048
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'693	Serchak GJ	28 Gainsboro Lane	Syosset	NY	11791
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'816	Sheppard K Mrs	13 Hall Lane	St Paul	MN	55107
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The following persons have joined the S.C.P. since we published the last list of new members in the March/April 1995 SPECIALIST. We are pleased to welcome the latest contingent of new members and wish them all the very best in their philatelic pursuits within our Society. From time to time, we publish a listing of benefits to which our members are entitled. We who are on the Board of Directors, the Editorial Staff and heads of the various committees stand ready to assist them in whatever way possible.

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The Society mourns the passing of its long-time member, Ed Sabol, no. 259, in April 1995.

We regret that to date we have received no particulars from his immediate family and therefore cannot impart any details to our members.

Ed Sabol was a tragic figure in the S.C.P., having sustained a permanently-disabling injury over a decade ago which confined him to a wheelchair. His love for philately grew ever more intense and during the last ten years, he concentrated his efforts on improving his collection of Czechoslovakia. He is survived by his wife and two children.

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