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CO-EDITORIAL

As announced in the last issue of this bulletin we hope to send with Czechout a copy of the first Monograph which has been prepared by Alec Page. We hope it will meet with the approval of the membership and enthuse others to take up their pens!

In reply to Mr W.F. Parker's query on the Masaryk issue we have received from our member Roy Dehn a comprehensive article covering these issues, which we hope to publish shortly.

Colin Spong Yvonne Wheatley
Co-Editors

MEMBERSHIP

The following were elected to membership of the society at the last meeting -
C.J.Collinson (Folkestone) and G.B.Perkins (Coalville,Leics.)

SOCIETY NEWS

Chairman Kay Goodman welcomed sixteen members and one visitor to the provincial meeting held in the Adult Education Centre, Union Place, Worthing. Apologies had been received from five members. Ms Yvonne Wheatley had written to thank members of the Society for their gift and greetings telegram sent on the occasion of her recent wedding.

Ernst Gorge regretted due to business commitments he could not host the meeting arranged for Saturday September 26. It was agreed to alter the date to Saturday September 19. It was reported that the next issue of CZECHOUT would cover the two meetings arranged for September 19, and November 14 when the Annual General Meeting would take place.

The Secretary reported that eleven subscriptions were still outstanding, a final notice would be sent immediately following the meeting together with the Postal Auction form. Their names would be removed if no payment was received after one month. It was hoped to include the rules for the Francis Pettit Salver Competition with the next posting following their approval at this meeting.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to two display's on Czechoslovak Field Post mail. John Whiteside gave a show of the Military Posts in Slovakia, this gave the bones of his recent article in Czechout some flesh, using John's words! Whilst Alec Page gave a foretaste of his Monograph with a display of Forces Mail in France and Great Britain.

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Under any other business Alan Knight proposed that a donation be given to the BPF Melville & Youth Committee. This was agreed and a sum of £20 was handed over to Kay Goodman in her capacity as Chairman of the appropriate BPF Committee.

The Chairman thanked the members, and said that Saturday June 20 would long remain in members memory, she thanked Colin Spong and Yvonne and Fred Gren for the excellent arrangements they had made for holding the meeting, and also for the Dinner that was to be held at a near-by restaurant.

Robert Kingsley
Hon. Secretary

SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Saturday September 19 in the home of Ernst Gorge, address as on the front cover. Trains leave either Charing Cross Station or London Bridge for Blackheath (for those travelling from Central London if they can arrive at Blackheath Station just after 2.0 pm and let the Secretary know beforehand, they can be met by car.) The meeting commences at 2.30 pm and the subject is "member's displays (maximum of 15 sheets) on any subject.

POSTAL AUCTION & SOCIETY AUCTION

A bid form is enclosed with this issue which please complete and send to Ernst Gorge by the date indicated for the Postal Auction which will take place during September. The next Society Auction will be held in the New Year, please send in any lots by November 1, and a Lot form is also enclosed for your use.

WANT LIST

Mr R. Gracie of 28 Viewforth, Buckhaven, Fife, Scotland wishes to purchase anything of the 1919 Independence & Legion Issues (SG: 61-66) including essays, perforations, plate numbers and blocks, including those with handstamps, and covers. Will anyone with this type of material please contact Mr Gracie direct.

GEORGE PEARSON FRPSL

The doyen of Czech philately in this country passed away on Tuesday July 21, and his funeral took place on Monday July 27. George had been in failing health for some time, but this did not prevent him from still taking an interest in this Society, of which he was the Honorary Life President. There was always a message from him and until recently he was able to type letters in answer to queries, in which he imparted some of the vast knowledge of Czech stamps he had stored in his memory.

My lasting memory is of George giving us a display at the meeting held in Worthing during May 1974 when we saw some of those marvellous hand written sheets of his on the Masaryk issue. He continued to take the chair at meetings until 1976, in which year he was honoured for his long and valuable services by the Life Presidency.

GEORGE PEARSON FRPSL

George wrote most of the early 'data sheets' which have appeared in the first issues of this bulletin. However, it is sad that we have not a monograph from his pen, some time ago he passed a number of his papers onto Ernst Gorge, from which maybe we shall be able to prepare something in his memory.

He was feted in Czechoslovakia in 1960 for his philatelic knowledge; had given the first showing of czech stamps as a full display to the Royal Philatelic Society of London in 1953, the Czech society recently put forward his name to the BPF Roll of Distinguished Philatelists Committee for consideration. Now alas we shall not have the opportunity of honouring him here, but I am sure that he has gone to that greater reward that is past man's understanding.

Well done good and faithful servant is surely something we can utter in his favour. May he rest in peace.

Colin Spong.

LETTER FROM VIENNA - "WIPA 1981"

Wednesday - 27th May 1981.

This report is being written in the grounds of the magnificent Hofburg, one of the two main exhibition centres. In brilliant sunshine surrounded by the grandeur of local architecture, undoubtedly some of the finest in Europe.

Apart from a token exhibit from the Prague Postal Museum, in the Hall of Rarities and a thematic display "Czech Opera" (this was exhibited also at Praga 78) there were ten competitive exhibits of Czechoslovakian material, several of which have been seen at previous European Internationals. In most exhibits the pattern follows the 1918 revolutionary period through to the 1930's, with emphasis on the Hradcany and 1919 overprints. Many fine items giving a good cross-section of the vast field of collecting possible for such a short period (if one can find or afford to get the gems!).

The exhibit from Jaroslav Jacubic (CSSR) included an excellent range of essays of the 1918 revolutionary period. Only one display included forerunner postal history, that of the well-known Swedish collector, Gosta Hedbom. This included, - pre-stamp cancellations, with the remainder of the exhibit devoted to issues of 1918 to 1928.

The airmails were represented by displays of pioneer flights to 1929 from Max Mahr (Germany) and Czechoslovak airposts to 1938 exhibited by Jaroslav Kracik (CSSR).

Slovakia provided one exhibit, also from Max Mahr, a practically complete coverage with essays, proofs, various covers and postal stationery.

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The exhibitors were:

Jaroslav Kracik (CSSR) (2)	A. Nachtnabel (W. Germany)
Jiri Kulda (CSSR)	Jaroslav Jacubic (CSSR)
Otto Grose (CSSR)	Max Mahr (W.Germany) (4)
Gosta Hedbom (Sweden)	Dr. L. Fischmeister (USA)



It was interesting to note also the other odd Czechoslovak material in the various thematic displays. For example, did you know that Jiri Svengsbir, that prolific designer and engraver, also designed a greetings telegram form? A beautiful work of art with a floral motif.

On a similar theme, a few personally autographed special WIPA 1981 souvenir covers were available from another Czech engraver, J. Hercik, together with a selection of his numbered engravings.

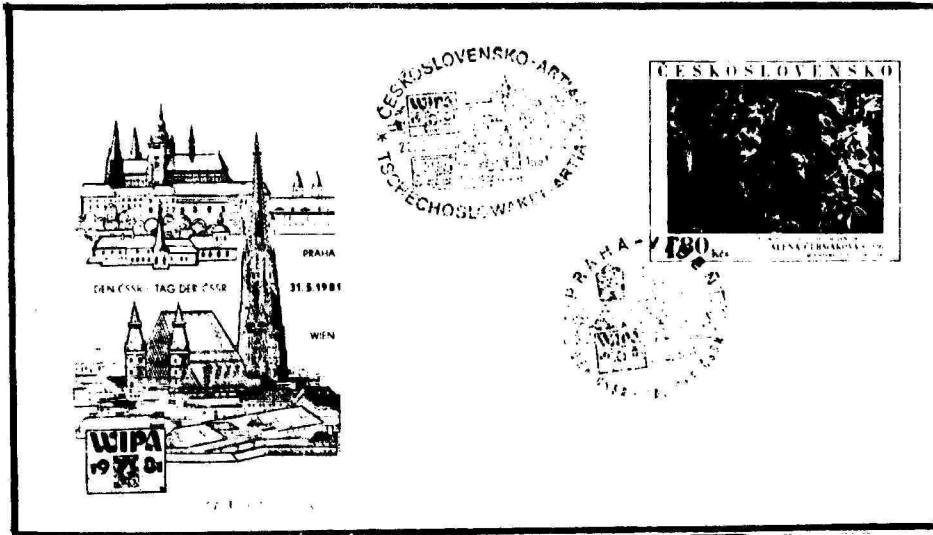
Finally, people that I have met to date: our own UK members Geoffrey Kalp, and John Whiteside; Jane Sterba and her husband Joe from USA; Gosta Hedbom from Sweden; and from Czechoslovakia, Ladislav Dvoracek (F.I.P. President), Adolf Hujer (Prague), F. Subart (Brno), J. Novacek, the latter three all A.I.J.P. members.

Sunday - 31st May 1981 - Czechoslovak Day

With the nearness of the Czech Nation to Austria it is not surprising that the Exhibition organisers allotted one day to their neighbours. The final day of WIPA 1981 was thus designated "TAG DER CSSR". Full Czechoslovak participation was the occasion for a special WIPA 1981 miniature sheet, incorporating the logos of the 50th F.I.P. Congress held in Vienna before the opening of the exhibition and past Prague Internationals, also significantly a new one for "PRAGA 1988"!

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The Czech designer and engraver, J. Hercik, was responsible for the special cover, a few of which were personally autographed and handstamped with both "Artia" and Postal cancellations (see illustrations).



Two Czechoslovak Postal Bands were in attendance during the day providing music both at the Hofburg and Messepalast venues in the morning and combining forces in the afternoon for a concert, part of which was recorded for DDR television.

W.A. Page



CONGRATULATIONS

To John Whiteside for winning the Bradford PS Highsted Cup with Czech material, and a Silver Bronze at LURABA 81 for Czechoslovak 1920-30 Airmails. To Lindy James in her new teaching post in the northern hemisphere.

THE FIRST STAMPS OF THE PROTECTORATE of BOHEMIA & MORAVIA by Alan J Knight

A Story of Philately and Patriotism.....following almost immediately upon their occupation of the Czech territories in early 1939, the German NAZIS started not only the bloody and horrific purges against the Czech patriots that have now become part of the History of Europe but many fundamental changes in the economy and everyday life of the peoples of that country: For example, the wording "Ceskoslovenska Republika" had to be substituted almost overnight by "Protektorate Bohmen und Mahren" and similar substitution of wording did not escape the eyes of the German Postal Authority.

Orders were given for the introduction of postage stamps bearing a title exclusive to the territories of the Czech Lands and Moravia in the German Language but it was also permitted that "Bohmen und Mahren" should appear on these stamps in Czech - "Cechy a Morava". The engraving of these first stamps of the "Protectorate" was entrusted to the well-known artist Bohumil Heinz and it was he along with a close and trusted friend, Mr. E.Hirsch, one of the best experts of Czechoslovak stamps, who jointly and very bravely decided to show - at least symbolically - their personal detestation and resistance to the invaders and their complete and utter faith in the ultimate victory that was to overtake the enemy. From these two men came the lasting memorial of this faith in the engravings of the first three stamps issued by the Germans for the "Protectorate."

If you look very closely, under a powerful enlarger or microscope, at the 1K. value issued on July 29, 1939 you will see the letter "D" hidden away in the lower right-hand corner of the base of the rotunda. On the stamp valued 1.20K there appears a minute small-letter "r" within the ornament below and to the left of the arcade and on the 50h stamp you will fairly easily find the clear letter "B" on the wooded slope in the lower left-hand corner. Thus we find the inscription - "Dr.B." which refers to Dr. Benes, the exiled President of Czechoslovakia of that time.

It was on May 27, 1945, closely following upon the defeat of the NAZIS that this information was published in an article in the Prague newspaper "Svobodne noviny" by Mr.Hirsch. It was part of a Tribute to President Edward Benes on the occasion of his 61st Birthday which ended with these words: "In our Albums there will be no place for the stamps of the Occupiers but these three stamps within which we interpreted the feelings of the Czechs and Slovaks will always remain the Stamps of Czechoslovakia. On this, your happiest of Birthdays, please accept, dear Mr. President, our repeated thanks expressed in the confidence that Good MUST ultimately prevail, as was foretold in three small stamps in 1939."

Unhappily, the engraver of these stamps, Bohumil Heinz did not survive the War and Mr. Hirsch also is no longer alive but, the first three stamps of the so-called

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"Protectorate" will forever prove their courage, their innermost feelings and their ultimate and unshakeable faith in final victory. The postage stamp is sometimes referred to as the Visiting Card of the State - an artistic and cultural document but, in this special case, it remains as the living proof of the timeless and unlimited faith of an enslaved people in ultimate and eventual justice and Freedom.

'NAZI' CAMPS IN THE SUDETENLAND DURING 1938-1945 by A.J. Stoyal

One aspect of the "Nazi" absorption of the Sudetenland Area into the GERMAN REICH that is often overlooked, is the establishment of CAMPS of various sorts (Training Camps, Labour Camps, Child Camps and P.O.W. Camps) in this area, from 1938 onwards although principally during the war years 1939-1945.

Evidence is hard to come by, but the following data may help in the search for a comprehensive list of camps; such a list does not appear to have ever been issued. Where I personally have no confirmation by evidence of postal material there is a gap or blank area. (?? date indicates date of postmark is indistinct).

Other comments one should make:

P.O.W. Camps in the Sudetenland area came under two zones of administration:

(wk) IV : Main Camp: DRESDEN

(wk)VIII: Main Camp: BRESLAU (Silesia)

Richet in his booklet dealing with "Sudetenland" mentions "interment camps in this area Liebenau (Hodkovice) as one of the most important", yet this would appear to be in error, the illustration of a frank of "Reservelazarett Ravensburg/

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Internierienlager Liebenau", being that of South Germany not Sudetenland.

I have picked out Sudetenland area as a special entity, but one has to remember that the whole of the GERMAN REICH including the occupied areas (and even the independent state of SLOVAKIA) was subject to Camps of various sorts. A large number of Camps existed in the SILESIAN (German, Polish and Czech) area, and perhaps one should consider this area as a subject of a future article.

The writer would be pleased to hear from any collector who can add to this list and who has further and valid information.

<u>Town/City:</u>	<u>German/Czech names</u>	<u>Camp/Evidence</u>	<u>Designation</u>
AUSSIG-SCHRECKENSTEIN		LAGER 119	Labour Camp
Usti nad Labem - Strekov		16.6.43 Parcel Card to Luxembourg 4.5.44 Parcel Card to Luxembourg	
BILIN	Bilina	Res. Lazaret	Reserve Hospital
BRUX	Most	LAGER: Kr.Gef.Bau u Arb.Batl.4. 14.4.43 P.O.W. Official card to Bult, France 10.4.?? P.O.W. Envelope with rubber stamps: (a) Service de l'Homme de Confiance des Prisonniers de Guerre (red) (b) Kriegsgefangenpost (in purple) to Foyer Social Francais, Geneve, Switzerland	P.O.W. Camp French P.O.W's
EULENBERG u. Mahrtsch Neustadt		LAGER: OFLAG VIII H/Z	P.O.W. Camp
Sovinec (Moravsky Novy Mesto)			Officers Hpl
JOHANNISBRUNN u TROPPEAU		LAGER: OFLAG VIII E	P.O.W. Camp
Janske Koupele (Opava)			Officers
KARLSBAD		KLV LAGER: Hotel Lauretta	Child Camp
Karlovy Vary		23.11.42 Card to Hamburg, Germany 27.11.42 Card to Hamburg, Germany	
KRATZAU		LAGER 81	Labour Camp
Kr.Reichenberg, Sudetenl. (Chrastava, Liberec.)		date? Parcel Card to Luxembourg	
KRUMMAU (Moldau)		STAMM Kp GREN I. Btl. 1/130	S.S. Trng
Cesky Krumov		26.1.43 Parcel Card to Luxembourg	Camp
MAHR TRUBAU		LAGER: OFLAG VIII F	P.O.W. Camp
Moravska Trebova		12.11.43 Feldpost: to Intern. Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland	Officers
		Oflag VIII F Briefstempel mark with German Marisch/Trubau p.mk.	
NESTOMITZ uber Aussig		LAGER 121	Labour Camp
		23.6.43 Parcel Card to Luxembourg 17.6.43 Parcel Card to Luxembourg	
PLAN (b.Marienbad)		KLV LAGER: St Anna	Child Camp
Plana u Marianskych Lazne		21.5.43 Card to Nurnberg, Germany	

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<u>Town/City:</u>	<u>German/Czech names</u>	<u>Camp/Evidence</u>	<u>Designation</u>
REICHENBERG	(Sudetengau) Liberec	LAGER: Stamm Kp. Ers Batl. 425 25.5.43. Parcel Card to Luxembourg	S.S.Trng Camp
WEIDENAU	(Ostsudetenland) Vidnava	OFLAG VIII G	P.O.W. Camp Officers
WISTRITZ B	Teplitz Schonau Bystrice u Teplice	LAGER: STALAG IV C 25.10.40) P.O.W. 8.12.40) Official 12.12.41) Cards 13. 3.43) all to addresses in France	P.O.W. Camp French, Belgian, enlisted men

Apart from the P.O.W. Camps, all others have normal German Postage stamps, with normal German type postmarks.

Oflag VIII F: Mährisch Trubau (Moravsk's Trebova) apparently transferred from WAHLSTATT u Liegnitz (Legnicke Pole in Poland) in mid 1943.

B.A.B.	Bau u Arbeitsbataillon - Construction Battalion Camp	
Feldpost	Fieldpost	
Gepruft	Censor	
Ilag	Interniertenlager	Camp for Civilian Internees
KLV	Kinderlandversickung	Child Camp
Kriegsgefangenen(post)		P.O.W. Post
Lager		Camp
Lazarett		Hospital
Oflag	Offizierlager	P.O.W Camp for Officers
Res.Laz		Reserve Hospital
Stalag	Stammlager	P.O.W Camp for enlisted men

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Vostatek Dr. Miroslav, of Pardubice, CSSR.	(Private Correspondence.)

"THOSE ELUSIVE ONES....." By Alan J Knight

With a few exceptions I think, most of us have known too often the utter frustration of being prevented from mounting a complete set into our albums because of our need to obtain 'just that one single stamp' which is required

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to complete the set! It is well-known that with few exceptions, Czechoslovak Stamp issues contain a single item which has been produced in very small numbers compared to the remaining stamps of any given set - those elusive ones as I call them. It is having these thoughts in mind that I list below those stamps, issued since the 1975 main catalogue was printed.

Generally, the majority of stamps are issued in numbers of anything between three and eleven millions but there is usually the one which has been printed in very low numbers by comparison with the others of the sets. The stamps that I list have been issued in quantities small enough to guarantee them a certain scarcity value - usually 500,000 or less:-

<u>POFIS CAT No:</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FACE VALUE:</u>
<u>1976</u>		
2184	Personalities	0.60h
2192	Montreal Olympics	3.60
2209	Old Sailing Ships	2.00
2210	Helsinki (Sheet)	6.00
2211	30 Years UNESCO	4.50
2219	Prague Castle	3.00
2226	Czechoslovak Safari	3.00
2228	Czech Paintings	1.40
<u>1977</u>		
2234	Warsaw Pact Forces	1.60
2244	Ancient Prague Windows	5.00
2248	Peace Cycle Race	1.00
2251-2	Prague Castle	SET
2256	Historical Postal Uniforms	3.60
2262	Czechoslovak Porcelain	3.00
2266	National Headresses	5.00
2271	Bienale Bratislava	3.00
2275	European Co-operation	2.40
2280	Cosmos	1.60
2285	Art on Stamps	2.40
2289	Bratislava Motifs	3.00
<u>1978</u>		
2297	Joint Space Flight	3.60
2300	Kremnice Mint	1.40
2305	Ice Hockey Championships	0.60
2310	Atheletics	3.60
2311-12	Bratislava Motifs	SET
2321	Bridges of Prague	5.40
2325	Old Prague Clock	3.00
2332	Modern Prague Buildings	6.00
2345	Horse Racing (Pardubice)	4.40
2354	Slovak Ceramics	1.60
<u>1979</u>		
2362	Intercosmos	2.00
2369	Mountain Rescue (Flowers)	3.00
2376	Prague Castle	3.00
2381	Fauna in Heraldry	1.80
2385	Man & Biosphere (UNESCO)	3.60