

### EDITORIAL

We have come once more to the end of another year, and with this last issue for 1981 you will find enclosed a copy of the Accounts, and Report of the AGM, as well as a few other pieces of paper which we sincerely ask members to reply to.

It is also the end of a partnership that began in 1978, and I would sincerely thank Yvonne Wheatley for all the help she has given to me during this period. We shall thankfully still have her assistance with the Index which Yvonne has kindly agreed to look after, and I hope that we may also have a monografie from her typewriter as and when she has settled down in her new life in West Yorkshire. My wife and I had a pleasant sample of this when we enjoyed a weekend some weeks ago with Yvonne and Richard whilst on a 'philatelic tour' of part of that beautiful county.

I should also like to pay tribute to Alec Page who very kindly arranges for Czechout' printing and despatching on my behalf.

With sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Colin Spong  
Editor

### MEMBERSHIP

The following were elected to membership of the society at the last meeting -  
R. Huber (Southampton) and D. Keith Jones (Cardiff)

### SOCIETY NEWS

We congratulate Mr Roy Dehn who was recently elected to the Council of the Royal, and John Whiteside on his election to the Fellowship of the Royal. We are sorry to report the sudden death within a few days of his wife, of a former member Dr Kenneth Harris. The Editor had been in recent communication with him, in assisting with the sale of his collections of Czechoslovakia and Poland. May he and his wife rest in peace.

Member George Connolly has been hitting the headlines in the philatelic press with his discourse with our good friend Otto Hornung. (STAMP COLLECTING 5.11.81). However, we also have to correct George in that bulletin No. 9 is out of print, and was only available to members of the CPS due to obtaining its translating rights. But I do hear on the grape vine that our American colleagues are considering translating the whole of the Czech Monografie's and no doubt they will be able to make this available generally to everyone in due course.

### SOCIETY MEETING

The Chairman welcomed 12 members and 1 visitor to the home of Ernst Gorge, apologies had been received from 10 members. The Chairman referred with deep regret to the death on 21 July of our Life President, George Pearson. She spoke of his unrivalled knowledge of Czechoslovak philately and his immense contribution to our Society of which he was a Founder member. She asked members to stand for a few moments in tribute

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to his memory. It was hoped to make a suitable memorial to him within the Society, and the matter would be discussed at the AGM.

The Francis Pettitt Competition was unable to be held as only two entries had been brought to the meeting. It was decided to postpone this competition until the meeting in January. The trophy was being held by Mr Wackett in the Zivnostenska Bank for safe-keeping.

There followed displays by Members -

Ernst Gorge - proof material 1920-25  
 Yvonne Gren - story of Praha  
 John Guy - Praha 78 a few items  
 Robert Bradford - recent acquisitions  
 Kay Goodman and - Czechoslovak Forces items of  
 Colin Smith World War II to supplement Alec's monografie

The meeting terminated at 5.30 with a vote of thanks to Ernst for his hospitality.

NEXT MEETING - Saturday January 30 1982.

The society will meet for the first time in Tetbury by the kindness of member Robert Bradford. Address 2 Berkeley Way, Tetbury, Glos. Tel. 53554. How to get there -

From London by car: M4 to Junction 17, then A429 and B4014.

From London by train: Paddington to Kemble change at Swindon. Dep. 1145 arr. 1310  
 " 1245 " 1410

Arrange with Robert by telephone beforehand to collect at the station (7 miles from Tetbury). A map is enclosed to guide those coming by road.

The meeting commences at 2.30 pm and the subject is a) Francis Pettitt Competition and b) Proofs and Colour trials. Members who are unable to attend meetings but would like to take part in the Competition may send their entries direct to the Hon. Sec: Robert Kingsley to arrive by Wednesday January 27, 1982. It is assumed that members will be responsible for insuring their own entries, and postage must be included for their return. Please support both this new venue and the first competition to be held by the society.

Robert Kingsley  
 Hon. Secretary

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Roy Döhn writes 'whilst preparing some notes for the files of the Expert Committee of the Royal, on the Pošta Československa' overprints, I noticed an error on pages 72 and 74. The illustration on p.72 above the words obr 108 should appear above obr 111 and vice versa. This is obvious if you read the text above the illustration which speaks on p 72 of the line running 'mezi číslicemi 1 a 9' in fact it touches the 1 so that the illustration on p 74 of the 1 type Group b should appear as the first type Group a, p 72 and the group a illustration should move to p 74.'

THE 63rd CONGRESS OF THE BPF at GUERNSEY by Colin Smith

As with Lindy last year, this was my first attendance at Congress being joint delegate with Alec Page. It was held at the Beau Sejour Centre on 1st<sup>4</sup>th October and was very pleasing for me to see many familiar faces including Kay, Yvonne & John Whiteside acting in other than our Society interests along with Alec.

I was accompanied by Michael Waters, although not a member of our Society he did support our visit to Praha 78, and being a Channel Island specialist he was the main encouragement for me to attend.

The programme was full and varied being both philatelic and social, our thanks are extended to all those who gave freely of their limited spare time even at Congress to enable the majority to enjoy themselves. Formal opening of Congress by the Bailiff of Guernsey, Sir John Loveridge CBE and the Vin d'Honneur reception given by the States of Guernsey at the Bailiff's Chambers, Royal Court House made us all feel very much at home with Guernsey.

Our first paper "A Philatelic Librarian and his Problems" by F.E. Kiddle, Hon. Librarian of the Royal, did I feel implant a degree of responsibility upon us all to ensure a copy of any relevant publication however specialist to be wherever possible to be donated to philatelic libraries, but perhaps as important a detailed index plea was made for the period 1925-50 for all magazines and journals, so as to relieve the endless task of the library to index such publications. No doubt our own Society may need to consider this plea.

An auction of members' material for the Melville Memorial Fund proved successful and Kay will hopefully let us know the final figures when passed lots are sold. The auction was followed by two short discussions upon philately and junior philately which I confess I did not attend but my excuse being I was able to view a display by the Guernsey Society upon Red Cross items whilst consuming the local brew.

The second paper "Have you been Certified" by C.N. Richardson, related to certification of stamps not people, another entertaining paper, having never owned material needing such certification I was surprised to learn that the BPA and Royal are snowed under with requests to certify and the delay and queue is becoming endless. A request by the speaker for all collectors to have more confidence with their own evaluation and not to rely so heavily upon the specialists to confirm the obvious.

Our visit to the Guernsey Philatelic Bureau was over supported and perhaps a combination of numbers and the upheaval due to building works made the conducted tour impossible but more of a go where you please visit. The Luncheon given by

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the Post Office Board at the Duke of Richmond Hotel including the limited speeches were very well received and appreciated.

The highlight of Congress was the presentation of the Congress Medal to Alfred J Branston and the signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, which I am certain those present could not help but be moved by the sincere and proud moment for the signatories who were Horst Aisslinger (Germany), Dr Giulio Bolaffi (Italy), and Harold W Fisher FRPSL (UK), the fourth D.P. being James T de Voss FRPSL (USA), who was unable to be present.

The Gala Dinner & Dance at the Old Government House Hotel was well supported, although having to finish at 11.45 was I consider unfortunate for those wishing more dancing and refreshment.

The AGM sailed through without a hiccup enabling a proposal by Mr Fisher upon in brief the adoption of an international agreement upon colours. For one who is partially colour blind I naturally will vote for anything which may help, but suffice to say the proposal was lost perhaps more because of unpracticalities of language translations.

The final discussion by W R Wellsted was upon the Presentation of Sheets for above society levels, I consider that the lack of time for the speaker and subsequent questions and viewing time of examples, should have merited a full paper, but none the less the discussion was useful for one or two tips, when eventually I get down to doing some mounting of my own.

A note for your diaries is that the 64th Congress is to be at Southampton from 19th-24th July 1982.

As an aside to stamps, I was privileged to meet Ken Tough being a Guernseyman but also Hon. Sec. of the Channel Islands Occupation Society (Guernsey Branch) which was set up some 20 years ago to study all aspects of German Occupation of the Islands and now has a membership worldwide about 500. A guided tour of fortifications, many disappearing with age and vandalism was extremely interesting and should members of our Society wish to receive further information and how to join kindly contact him direct at Gladclift, Les Ruettes Brayes, St Martins, Guernsey.

EDITORS NOTE:

This Society has already indexed its first volumes (copies still available 25p) and a small start is being made on compiling a bibliography of Czech articles. However, I should appreciate receiving from members details of any literature they may have.

THE BASIC STAMPS for the 1925-26 MASARYK ISSUES Roy A Dehn FRPSL

Members should be grateful to Mr Parker for his helpful table of some of these issues (Czechout 2/81 p 57). As Macbeth is said to be for actors these stamps for catalogers; something always goes wrong. Gibbons and Michel say that the 60h with watermark (SG 254) has the type I wavy moustache, although in fact it has the type II straight one. Mr Parker says that SG 244b has the type II moustache when it has the type I version. Par for the course is at least one mistake, so watch me very carefully!

The trouble with these stamps is that none of the easy groups work out one hundred per cent. The 1, 2, and 3Kč (SG 241-3) looks as if it were an identical group, but the 2 Kč is the odd man out. The 1 and 3Kč have both the collar and shoulder hatched (crossed lines), but the 2Kč has a straight line collar (it also, usually, shows hatching at the top of the right-hand laurel leaf panel whilst in the other values the top is only lined). Perforation measurements help and generally the higher type (IV-VI) are associated with Perf 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  and the lower with Perf 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ , but SG 245 3Kč is perforated 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  and nevertheless type IV. Measurements are helpful but there are discrepancies in the measurements quoted by the authorities. For instance Gibbons measure Type I A as 19 x 23mm whereas Michel implies that it measures 19 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  $\frac{3}{4}$  mm is a quite considerable distance, in the context, though it must be allowed that some variation is legitimate since the differing measurements result not from the printing plate, but from shrinking of the paper after it has been moistened for recess printing. Fibres shrink more in their width than in their length, so since the grain of the paper used ran vertically with the vertical watermark, stamps with the watermark in this position narrowed a little more on drying out. The slightly thicker paper used for the Stickney press (Perf 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) shrunk a little less than the earlier paper did.

I have prepared a family tree of these issues from which it will be seen that the following must be included among the progenitors of the different types.

- 1) The direction of the laurel leaves in the side panels
- 2) The perforation (13 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  sides only)
- 3) The inscription panel at the top
  - a. 23 lines and shaded letters
  - b. 20 lines and shaded letters
  - c. 20 lines and shaded letters ( V & A with hollows unlined)
  - d. Cross hatching and unshaded letters
- 4) Dimensions
- 5) Direction of the watermark
- 6) Collar (lined or hatched)
- 7) Shoulder (lined or hatched)

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- 8) Moustache at left(long & wavy or short & pointed)
- 9) Frame lines round value panels
- 10) Absence of watermark
- 11) Numerals of value (white out of colour or colour out of white)
- 12) Imperforate top and bottom.

This is a mighty list for a very few stamps. The engraving of the 50h value with the shorter pointed moustache differs in other detail as well. For instance the accent on the A of ČESKOSLOVENSKÁ is less heavily lined and the white vertical which divides the right-hand panel of laurel leaves from the vignette with the portrait is open at the top; in the earlier version there is a line across.

Stamps with unexpected watermarks can be valuable. The 40h-60h printed gravure (SG 234-6) normally have an upright watermark, but the 40h is known with horizontal watermarks types 5, 6, 7 & 8 and the 50h with type 5. The 50h has also been found without watermark. Collectors would be very lucky to find these unused, but might, perhaps, looking through postmarked copies. Unfortunately these stamps are damaged by benzine, water, and by rubbing, so the watermark must be uncovered without resort to force or chemicals! These stamps are also reported on transparent parchment paper and on thick paper. They were originally line perforated and later in 1925 comb perforated. In both instances two machines were used. One of the line perforators had larger pins than the other. It is said that some stamps can be found perforated line on two machines, that is with different size holes on different sides. The 2kc type II (SG 242) is very rarely found with a vertical watermark. Although the Czech printers normally seem to have taken care not to put the paper into the press 90° wrong they do not seem to have worried which side up or which end first was put into the press, with the result that the watermark is found in four positions.

The plates for the recess printed issues (the Kč values) were originally prepared from steel plated electros. This was a wearisome process and the results were not very durable. The type II versions were prepared with the help of Stickney machines though still printed in a flat-bed press. Finally a rotary machine was purchased from Stickney and the stamps were printed from cylinders.

The rotary Stickney machine was a web press-the paper entered from a continuous roll, so there could be no question of paper entering the press 90° wrong. The machine also contained a gumming unit. Some of the stamps from the rotary machine have a vertical line in the gum and the versions with the line are scarcer usually than those without (SG 243a, 244c, 254b & c). This line is a ridge in the gum and disappears, naturally, in used stamps without gum. I hope this helps. RAD.



CHART OF THE BASIC STAMPS  
for the 1925-26 MASARYK  
ISSUES.

The catalogue numbers quoted  
are for Gibbons (SG)  
Michel (M) and Novotny (Ny).

The Type Nos are from the  
Czech Monografie Vol. 3. The  
monograph simplifies the  
types. In brackets are the  
earlier types III(III & IV),  
IV (IV & V), V (VI), VI (VII).

The measurements are generally  
those of the monograph. Since  
the final measurement results  
from the shrinking of damp paper,  
they vary in practice.

Hatched = crossed lines  
forming checks or squares.

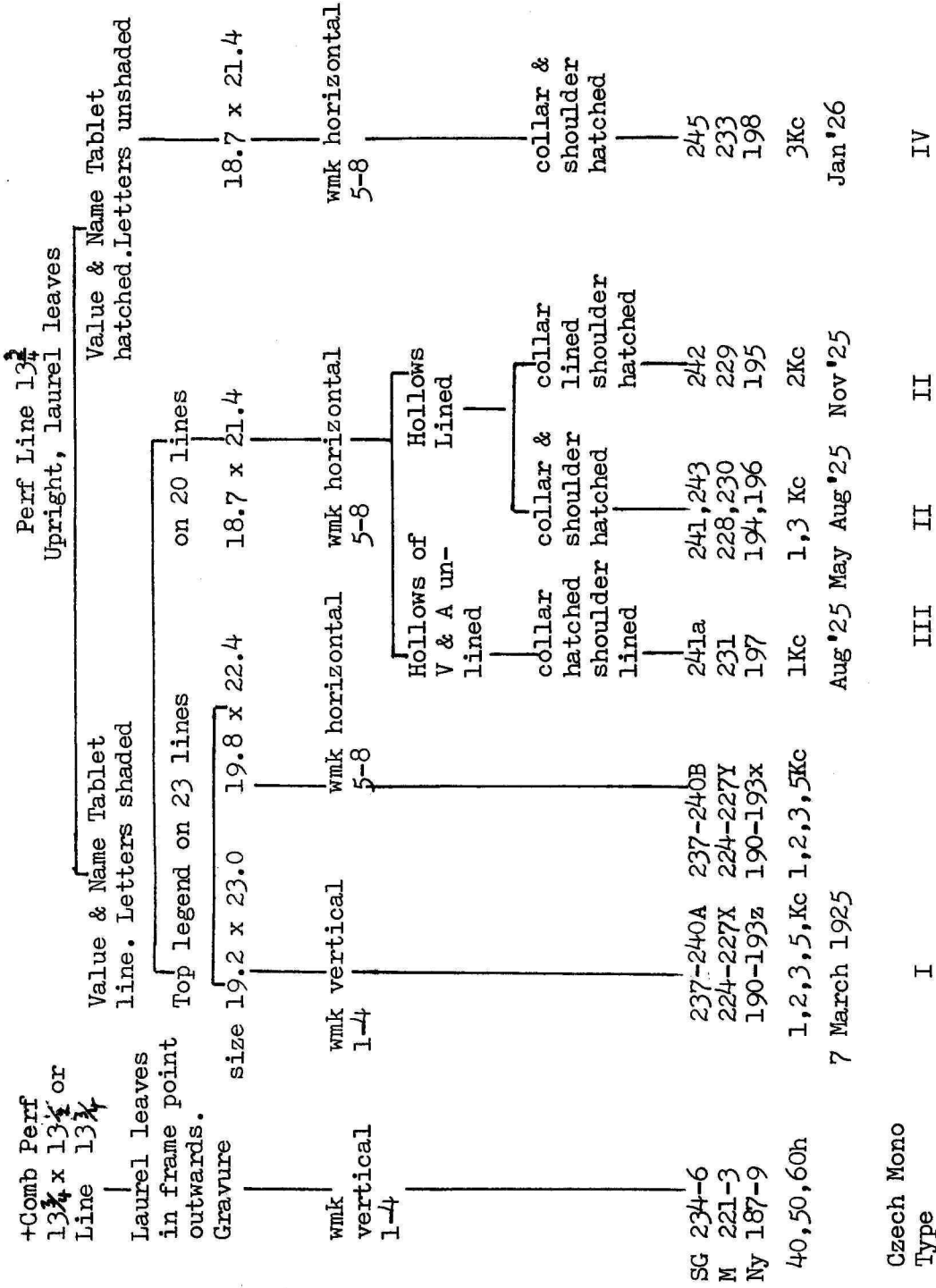
Shaded = letters with a dark  
shadow.

Unshaded = letters simply with  
outline.

There is some disagreement  
over the dates at which  
different types were put on  
sale.

Some of the stamps (Novotny Nos  
199, 203, 206, & 207) are both  
with and without a vertical  
stripe in the gum.

+ The original perforation was line. Later in 1925 a comb perforation was used.  
In each type two machines were used. One of the line perforators made holes  
larger than the other.







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Czech Monograph Vol. 3 p. 55:

Kc	Colour	Size (mm)	Print method	Type	Issue '000	Date of Issue	Watermark
1	Carmin	19.2 x 23.0 vertical wmk	recess steel plated electros	I	58,100 (inc 7)	7 March 1925	with wmk
2	Blue				34,000 "		
3	Brown	19.8 x 22.4 horizontal			17,880 "		
5	Bl.Grn.	wmk			7,000		
1	Carmin	18.7 x 21.4	recess flat- bed	II	7	Aug & Sept 1925	with wmk
2	Blue			II	7	Oct '25	
3	Brown			II IV	8	Jul-Dec 1925	
1	Carmin	19.2 x 22.0	rotary recess	III IV V	311,000	Aug '25 Sep '25 Jul '26	with wmk
1		19,2 x 22.3		VI	61,800	Jul-Aug 1927	without wmk

Czech Monograph Vol. 3 p. 71:

Type	Previous Type Des- cription	Letters & Figures	Background of Letters & figs;	Frame of Value panels	Left shoulder	
I	I	Shaded	horiz. lines	thin line	Lined	
II	II	Shaded	horiz. lines	thin line	Hatched	
III	III IV	Shaded	Horiz. lines	thin line	Lined	
IV	IV V	Unshaded	Hatched	thin line	Hatched	
V	VI	Unshaded	Hatched	thick line	Hatched	+
VI	VII	Unshaded	Hatched	thick line	Hatched	++

+ Moustache at left long & wavy. ++ Moustache at left shorter & straighter  
Hatched = crossed lines forming checks or squares.

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

World Scene by Otto Hornung in STAMP COLLECTING of 5.11.81 on Czechoslovak Perfins: A Mr Vojtech Maxa has started to write about perfins, and has now published a Catalogue (english language edition published in USA). A special club founded in Prague which publishes a bulletin "PERFINY" listing interesting information and updated parts of the Catalogue of Czechoslovak Perfins. It is understood that a catalogue on perfins from other countries of Eastern Europe is being compiled by Mr. Maxa.

George Connelly kindly sends us a translation from FILATELIE 4/81 of an article on p.366 of issue dated 12.6.81 where they review collectors of Czechoslovak stamps abroad; and mentions this Society, together with particulars of our bulletin.

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Table of Distinguishing Signs of the Different Types: Cz. Monograph Vol.3 p.74

Type	Value Kcs	Printing Method	Characteristic signs	Perforations
I	1	Recess from electros	Shaded letters in the upper panel on a background of 23 lines	13 $\frac{3}{4}$
	2 3 5		Format A 19.2 x 23.0 (upright wmk) B 19.8 x 22.4 (horizontal wmk)	
II	1 2 3	Flatbed Recess	Shaded letters on a background of 20 horizontal lines Shoulder at right hatched	13 $\frac{3}{4}$
III	1		Shoulder at right lined	
IV	3		Unshaded letters on a squared background	
III	1	Rotary Recess	Inscription on lined background Less clear impression. Slightly tinted paper	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
IV	1		Inscription on squared background Thin line round value panels	
V	1		Inscription on squared background Thick line round value panels	
VI	1		As Type V but shorter straight moustache and other changes in the design (without wmk)	

SUPPLEMENT to POFIS Catalogue of Czechoslovak Stamps: Translated by Alan J Knight  
Stamps issued to the last Quarter of 1980 - priced in Czech Crowns.

<u>Pofis No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Face</u>	<u>Mint</u>	<u>Used</u>
2455	Prague Castle	3.00	11.80	11.80
2456	"	4.00	4.00	4.00
2457	Bratislava Historical Motifs	3.00	11.80	11.80
2458	"	4.00	4.00	4.00
2459	10th Anniv. of Youth Organisation (SSM)	0.50	0.50	0.30
2460TL	3rd Internat. Fair of Postage Stamps in Essen			
	++ West Germany. Red overprint on TL 2274	3.20	30.00	30.00
2461	Art on Stamps	1.00	7.30	7.30
2462	"	2.00	14.50	14.50
2463	"	3.00	3.00	3.00
2464	"	4.00	4.00	4.00
2465	"	5.00	5.00	5.00
2466	Day of Czechoslovak Stamp	1.00	1.00	0.50

++ I would suggest great care in purchasing this Sheet, as already, inflated prices are being asked in the CSSR by sellers! At best, I feel it is a very questionable item until its status has been clearly published. Photocopy will appear in next issue of Czechout.

A Special Note to Members with Exchange Partners in the CSSR: New regulations have been issued controlling - the exchange of postage stamps between CSSR collectors and foreign collectors. These will appear in the next Czechout