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## EDITORIAL

This is a somewhat larger issue than usual in order to contain the excellent paper written by Hans Hoche, on the 1963 'Man and his Flight into Space' sheet. We hope this will encourage other members to make a contribution on some aspect of Czech philately or postal history; either on a modern topic, or one of the older issues.

Members will also find a notice regarding one of the two Monographs we hope to publish this year, and in the Supplement details of the revised early Bulletins.

One further item I would draw members attention to, in common with other society organisations we would ask when writing to Officers of the Society please do not mention their title or the name of the society for reasons of security.

Colin W Spong  
Chairman & Editor

## SOCIETY MEETING ON SATURDAY 12 January, 1985

The Vice Chairman, Mr R Hounsell welcomed 15 members and apologies were received from the President, the Chairman and 5 members. The Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 1 September, 1984 having been previously published in Czechout were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

## Membership

Application from Mr D.G Woodhouse (Scarborough) was approved.

## Books & Auction List

The Vice Chairman announced that a certain number of books which were available for purchase from Mrs Y. Wheatley, had been received by the Secretary, and he invited those interested to list their names.

Mr Hounsell, also mentioned that the Catalogue for the Dutch International Postal\* was now available, and copies would be sent out hopefully with Czechout, within a few days. (\* Auction.)

Mr C. Stirton said that he had a few copies of a Monograph which had been published by the Bratislava Philatelic Society which he thought might interest members and he would bring them along to the next meeting.

## Display

There being no further business members were invited to show their material, the subject being Postage Dues, Newspaper and Official Stamps. The following displays were seen:-

Ernst Gorge : Postage Dues & some excellent covers-non-philatelic; an extensive display from 1918-25;  
Brian Day : Provisional Postage Dues from 1918-20; Ron Hollis : Bohemia & Moravia Officials, Postage Dues & Newspaper Stamps; Bill Dawson : Bohemia & Moravia Officials & German Post; Reg Hounsell : Postage Dues.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

D Yvonne Gren  
Hon. Secretary

REQUEST for Exchange correspondents

Dipl. Ing. Marian Sulko, Szantova 21, 841 03 BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia. - exchange all CSSR & New Issues for GB New Issues in blocks of four.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

We have been shown a copy of the TIMES for June 26, 1984 which contains an Obituary for the late Professor Sir Cecil Parrott, KCMG, OBE, one-time Professor of Central & South-Eastern European Studies at the University of Lancaster, who died on June 23 aged 75. He was an authority on the culture and affairs of Czechoslovakia, and made the definitive translations into English of the works of the novelist Jaroslav Hasek.

We have received from the Library of the Philatelistische Bibliothek Munchen, one of the leading philatelic libraries which receives a copy of our bulletin; their bibliography covering books of the sections Germany, Europe and Overseas, amongst items noted are a listing of Czech philatelic works, including those donated by the Czech PS of GB and the USA. Another interesting section contains a list of Motives/Themes covering a wide thematic area. A most useful publication nicely produced, and this was originally featured in the philatelic journal "Deutsche Zeitung fur Briefmarkenkunde" (DBZ)! The Bibliography is dated May 1983 3rd edition, and is all the books that have been dataprocessed up to that date. Price DM 7,50 plus postage, from Stadtische Bibliotheken Philatelistische Bibliothek, Rosenheimer Str:5 8000 MUNCHEN 80, West Germany.

Member Cyril Wackett has kindly provided us with a photocopy from the original document submitted by A. Hasse to the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs dated Prague 17 April, 1923. This Memorandum covers the proposed issue of stamps to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Hussite Period, especially that of Jan Zizka. Details of this issue together with the illustrated proofs were published in the Bulletin for June 1976 (No. 6). We hope to eventually publish this interesting document.

CSSR New Issues : we illustrate stamps commemorating the 350th Anniversary of Trnava University(2Kcs); Centenary: Prague High School of Applied Arts(3Kcs) both issued 6.2.1985; des: M.Hegar. Eng: J.Hercik; also Czechtown Heraldry (Havirov-Trnava-Kamyk-on-Vltava) des: & Eng: Josef Hercik issued on 6.2.1985. Details kindly supplied by Alan Knight.



MAN AND HIS FLIGHTS INTO SPACE by H. HocheGeneral

Members who attended the Leeds Meeting in September 1983 will have seen my presentation of the 12 varieties of the above miniature sheets. The differences are quite easy to distinguish. The Green Specialist Catalogue of Czechoslovak Postage Stamps describes the various differences on page 198. Other members, and those who do not read Czech, may find it useful to have a detailed description, with illustrations, in English.

The miniature sheet was issued by the Central Office of Communications on the occasion of the Exhibition 'Man and his Flights into Space' in Prague. It was printed on two Waite printing machines with two pairs of printing plates (one for each colour). Each plate contained 6 stamps of the original 1 Kčs design, but with a new face value of 3Kčs. An ornamental border consisting of stars and dots together with the text was engraved around each separate stamp directly onto the plate. During this extremely exacting task certain differences in the engraving were missed during the complicated printing process. This resulted in that all individual sheets contain differences in the border and text, in both colours. Some of these variations were actually noticed during the printing, but could not be corrected because of the short time between printing and date of issue.

The deviations in each set can be divided into seven groups:-

- a) Missing orange dot
- b) Missing orange star
- c) Missing orange ray
- ci) Missing green ray
- d) Shorter or longer orange ray
- di) Shorter or longer green ray
- e) Location of the letter "V" in text

The prints from each plate (1 and 2) were divided into 6 sheets, thus making a total of 12 sheets, which all differ in the details of the engraved ornamental border. These easily discerned deviations are characteristic of the whole issue. Deviations on the sets printed from Plate 1 are marked I to VI, and those from Plate 2, are marked VII to XII.

There are said to be minor errors, not detailed, which are considered of no importance. The number of sheets printed from each plate is about the same. Distribution of the sheets to the various regions throughout Czechoslovakia was made in packs of 100, each pack containing the same error. It was suggested that to obtain complete sets of 12 varieties, exchanges between philatelists from these different regions should be arranged. It is believed, however, that complete sets did find their way to dealers and were sold as such.

Miniature Sheet VariationsPlate Details

A detailed description of the various deviations on all the 12 sheets are set out below:-

Plate 1

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| Type I  | a) Orange dot over second letter "o" in the word Ceskoslovensko is missing |
|         | a) Missing orange dot under green star                                     |
|         | c) Missing ray on orange star  |
|         | d) Ray of orange star is very much shorter                                 |
| Type II | b) Missing orange star   |
|         | d) Ray of orange star is shorter   |

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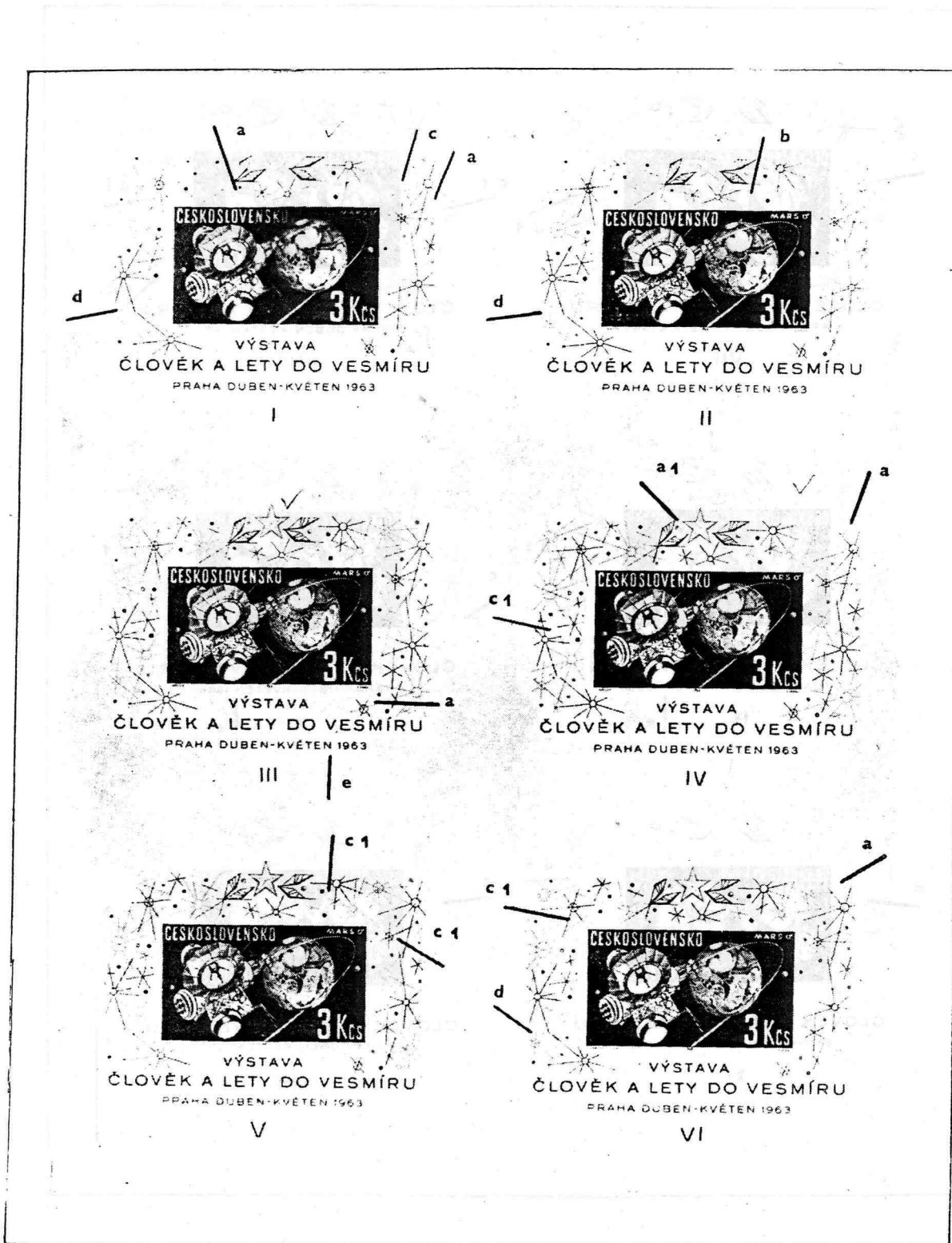
- Type III a) There is an orange dot in circle of green star, which was caused by corrosion of the plate  
 e) The letter "V" in the word Vesmíru is directly above the second vertical line in the letter "N" of the word Květen
- Type IV ci) Missing ray on green star  
 la) Additional orange dot caused by corrosion of plate  
 a) Missing orange dot
- Type V ci) Missing rays on green stars
- Type VI a) Missing orange dot  
 ci) Missing ray on green star  
 d) Ray on orange star is shorter

Plate 2

- Type VII c) Missing ray on orange star  
 di) Ray on green star is shorter
- Type VIII c) Missing ray on orange star  
 ci) Missing ray on green star  
 di) Ray on green star is shorter
- Type IX di) Ray on green star is shorter  
 e) The letter "V" in Vesmíru is directly above the second vertical line of the letter "N" in Květen
- Type X c) Missing ray on orange star  
 di) Ray on green star is shorter  
 e) The letter "V" in Vesmíru is directly above the second vertical line of the letter "N" in Květen
- Type XI c) Missing ray on orange star  
 di) Ray on green star is shorter
- Type XII c) Missing ray on orange star

Miniature SheetsTechnical Details

Date of Issue:	25 April 1963
Colours:	Dark green and reddish orange
Face Value:	3 Kcs
Perforation:	Imperforate
Designer, stamp:	František HUDEČEK
border and text:	Karel LÁZNA
Engraver, stamp:	Bedřich HOUSA
border and text:	Jaroslav GOLDSCHMIED
Numbers printed:	355,300



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Miniature Sheet Variations

Arrangement of types for each plate: Plate 2

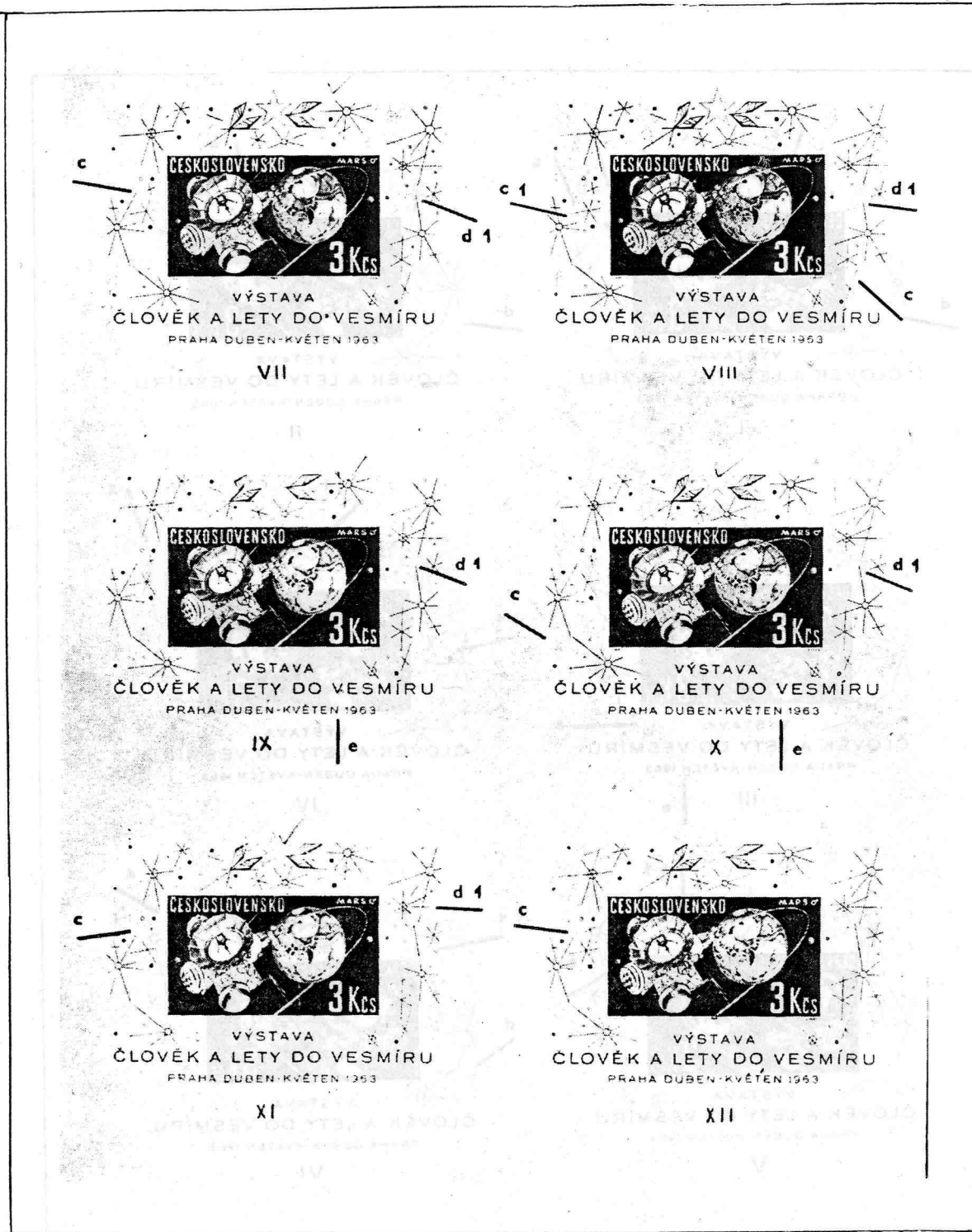


Plate 2



Type 1



Type II

Arrangement of types for each plate: Plate 1



Type III



Type IV



Arrangement of Types for each plate: Plate 1



Type V



Type VI

Arrangement of Types for each Plate: Plate 2

ČESKOSLOVENSKO MARS 3 Kcs

VÝSTAVA  
ČLOVĚK A LETY DO VESMÍRU  
PRAHA DUBEN-KVĚTEN 1963

Type VII

ČESKOSLOVENSKO MARS 3 Kcs

VÝSTAVA  
ČLOVĚK A LETY DO VESMÍRU  
PRAHA DUBEN-KVĚTEN 1963

Type VIII

Arrangement of Types for each plate: Plate 2



VÝSTAVA  
 ČLOVĚK A LETY DO VESMÍRU

PRAHA DUBEN-KVĚTEN 1963

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Type IX



VÝSTAVA  
 ČLOVĚK A LETY DO VESMÍRU

PRAHA DUBEN-KVĚTEN 1963

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Type X

Arrangement of Types for each plate: Plate 2



Type XI



Type XII