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GUEST EDITORIAL

As it will be seen from the AGM report included in the supplement to this issue, a new editor for "CZECHOUT" was elected at the meeting; Mr Alan Knight. We welcome him to the editorial seat which he occupies from the new year, but we do owe a sincere debt of gratitude to our 'temporary' editor, Mr Colin Spong FRPSL, who stepped into the breach at the eleventh hour, to ensure continuity of our magazine for the remaining two issues for 1986. Thank you Colin for all your hard work!

From next year it is the intention to have regular quarterly issue dates for 'Czechout', thus avoiding doubts from some members, particularly overseas, who are not sure if or not an issue has gone astray. This will of course put some pressures on those responsible for the production of Czechout, and with the first issue of 1987, deadline dates for material for publication will be given together with the publication months for the year.

To achieve our aim and to ensure continuity of a worthwhile magazine that has earned high respect, in philatelic publication circles, your full co-operation is needed, not only to meet the dead-lines, but by providing articles for publication. An editor must have material to edit and should not be put into a situation of having to write most if not all of the contents.

Judging by the depth and wealth of material seen at our BPE exhibit (Report included with this issue) there is a varied selection of very interesting subjects just crying out to be written about.

Please give Alan your support!

W.A. Page FRPSL
Hon. Publications Officer

SOCIETY MEETING ON SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1986

The Chairman Mr Reginald Hounsell welcomed 28 members to the meeting, and reported that the AGM held earlier had been most successful.

Membership The members present confirmed the acceptance of the following into the society - Mrs Francis (Buckingham), Mr B. Horne (Stafford), Mr G. McAuley (Dublin), Mr C.O. Vitez (Wembley), Mr D. Goodridge (London NW6), Mr S. Laaksonen (Helsinki), Mr I. Bicknell (London NW5), Mr D.L. Templer (La Jolla USA), and Miss G.D. Clark (London SW16).

Exchange The Chairman mentioned that addresses of exchange partners were available and invited members to look through the many letters received.

Auction The President, Mrs Kay Goodman assisted by Messrs R. Hounsell, R. Kingsley, B. Parker, C. Spong and Mrs Y. Gren conducted the Society Auction. Bidding was brisk at times and there were only 27 unsold lots. Mr Hounsell thanked Mrs Goodman, and the other members for their help during the afternoon, and the meeting closed at about 5 (17.00).

D. Yvonne Gren (Mrs)
Hon. Secretary

CURRENT JOURNAL ARTICLES

CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST Vol.47 (c/fwd from Czechout 4.85)

No 7 Sept 85: Picasso in Czechoslovak Stamps designs:G.van Zenten; Perforation of Czech Stamps 1918-39 c'td.

No 8 Oct 85: Charley's Corner (1920 Airmail issue); Perforation of Czech Stamps c'td.

Vol.48 No 7 Sept 86: Charley's Corner (Czech Forces WW2: Souvenir Sheets o/p NY World Fair);

Vol.48 No 8 Oct 86: Judenpost:J.Klein; The Vzorec o/p on Hradcany Stamps:J.Karasek; Review of Czech. Monografie No.4 (Airmails, Special Delivery & Postage Dues): J.Verner; The Czechoslovak Legion in Siberia:O.Hornung; Charley's Corner c'td.

AUSTRIA No 77 Autumn 1986

Austro-Hungarian Military Postal Service:R.Amann; The 1858 Postage Stamp Issue c'td; Stamps of the Second Republic Pt.16 1969(1); Postal Savings Bank: The People on Austrian Stamps Addendum Nos 132-37.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Revised listing of items mentioned in Czechout 3.86 purchased from the late Ernest G Taylor's Library

1. Specialni Prirucka Pro Sberatele Ceskoslovenskych Znamek by Ladislav Novotny, 1970.
2. Teach Yourself Czech by W.R. & Z.Lee (A basic course for beginners).
3. First Issue of Czechoslovakia 'The Hradcany' by John Velek; publ. Fritz Billig for Czech PS USA.
4. Perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia compiled by Vojtech Maxa; publ. Perfins Club 1972.
5. 'The Town that Changed its Name' (a listing of name changes which have taken place since WW1); compiled by Rigby Postal History Auctions Ltd.
6. Austro-Hungarian Infantry 1914-18 by J.S.Lucas, Almark Publications.
7. AUSTRIA journal of the Austrian Stamp Club of GB: Nos 20 Jan 1971 to 43 Oct 1977.
8. STAMPS OF HUNGARY journal of the Magyar PS of GB: Jan 1974 to Jan 1975.

PRESIDENT MASARYK by Cecil J.C.Street; Books for Libraries Press, Freeport NY USA 1930. Reprinted 1970 includes some personal reminiscences . Presented by member Michael Goodwin.

Other recent purchases include - Monografie Ceskoslovenskych Znamek Vol.4; Forgeries of Czech Postage Stamps: 2nd Illustrated & revised edition of Padelky by Fred Hefer 1985. Czech PS USA; Dei Not-und Befreiungsstempel in den Sudetendentschen Gebieten 1938-39: (Emergency & Liberation Cancellations of German Sudetenland); Kurt & Hilde Quaiser, Weisbaden 1986; Geschichteder Tschechoslowakischen Flugpost (History of Czech Airmails): Max Mehr & H.Peter Vuhsem 1986: Bundesarbeitsgem Einschaft Tsch e V.D 4236 Hamminkeln. The latter two volumes from suggestions by Ron Hollis & Alec Page.

EXCHANGE CORRESPONDENTS

Milan Tomko, Pavlova Ves 71, 032 21 Bobrovec, CSSR (CSR/E.Europe for Themes Olympics, Football, Flora, Space & Paintings.)

Jozef Somora, 958 43 Krasno 20, okres Topolcany, CSR (CSR/E.Europe themes for Commonwealth, Animals of Africa. Mint stamps for Mint stamps).

Kukan Lubox, ul Miru 458, 289 03 Mestec Kralave CSR (used GB for Themes Birds, Butterflies, Fish & Animals).

Jaroslav Marso, Sotina 1208/58 905 Senica nad Myj CSR (mint CSR for mint GB).

QUERY CORNER

Referring to John Guy's query in Czechout 2.86 it appears that this cancellation was made by a Group in Germany. Bob Black asks about 3 essays that appeared in Slovakia, prepared by A. Holleho dated 1944. The 1.40k in red shows a dove and axe; the 2.50k dark blue depicts a knife piercing a German Helmet, and the 2.50k light blue shows a Partisan in the mountains. Each essay bears the legend - 'Ceskoslovensko.' Information of this interesting item has been discovered in a publication "The Encyclopaedia of the Slovak National Uprising" This commemorates the event that took place on the 29 August 1944, following an appeal broadcast on the Radio in Banska Bystrica "We appeal to you, stand up and resist the German occupation forces. Fight hard and relentlessly against the intruders."

Referring to Slovakia - we shall be interested to see any replies in answer to James Negus' query on the differing dates of issue for Commemoratives mentioned in Czechout 2.86. Replies please to the new Editor, Alan Knight, address on the front page.

Referring to Bob Black's remarks on the Czech Patriotic Marks in Czechout 2.86, Alan Knight wrote an article on these stamps in Czechout 3.81.

OBITUARY

At the commencement of the 1986 season the Society lost two of its members and we would like to make amends and record both our sorrow, and our joy in the pleasure that they gave to the Society and Czech philately.

JOHN A.F. AUSTIN - Kay Goodman writes "It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of John Austin, although he will not be known to some of our recent members, his association goes back to the early days of the Society, and he regularly attended the meetings held in Mr Robert Trager's house. He has not been able to come to meetings during the past 15 years, but kept up a correspondence with our Treasurer, Mr Robert Kingsley. To many of us he will be remembered for his active participation and support when we were building up the Society, and sharing the knowledge which we had. John was the Society Publicity Officer from 1963 until 1969, and contributed much in getting the Society firmly established, and a very friendly gathering. Condolences were sent to his family."

ERNEST G. TAYLOR - Colin Spong writes "Ernest Taylor will be much missed in the Society, although as far as I know he never managed to attend a meeting, nevertheless, he made up for this by his many contributions to Czechout. In fact we have an informative article on Police Mail awaiting to be published, and whilst in the main Ernest's interests were centered around the period of 1939-1945; he had a wide knowledge of Czech philately, and was embarking upon a series of studies on the modern varieties., some of which can be found in the pages of recent 'Czechout' editions. At one time he was engaged in the business side of philately - the Shanlon Philatelic Auctions, but for some time now Ernest has worked in the Civil Service. Apart from his Czech interests he was a member of the Germany & Colonies PS, Austrian SCGB and the Magyar PSGB. Condolences were sent to his widow, and we are most grateful that members have had the opportunity to purchase some of Ernest's treasures via the Society Auction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

The Secretary hears quite often from Mr J.A.Dann, he has been housebound for a long time, and a member of the Society for some 30 years, taking a keen interest in his collection. He wonders if he is the oldest member at age 86? Life member Vincent Jordan must be a strong contender?

We were delighted to have the opportunity to speak with W Stuart Clark on the telephone recently, but sorry to hear that he had been very ill and now housebound. We hope that members of the Kingston & District PS visit him, they meet not very far away. Your 'temporary' editor hopes to call in the not too distant future.

Congratulations are the order of the day for two of our authors of Monographs - Juan Page & Roy Dehn. Copies of their publications were entered at the 10th Annual Philatelic Literature Fair, held in the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Weston, Massachusetts, USA during 19-20 April 1986. They were awarded a Silver Bronze for the Carpatho-Ukraine Postal Markings, and a Vermeil for Posta Ceskoslovenska Overprints.

Packet Secretary Robert Allard has sent out all the available material - if this service is to continue to assist the needs of members, Bob needs more books! ALL OF US must have some surplus material in our collections, SO PLEASE get it out and post it to Bob.

We have recently seen the itinerary that George Connolly set himself during his visit to the States & Ameripex Exhibition at Chicago. Well done George! We note that you grace several photographs in the Czechoslovak Specialist.

Alan Knight is offering the Society a double service - 'If you are one of our members who constantly bemoans the fact that you wish you had a reliable - or any - Czech Dictionary to assist you with your studies - then perhaps we can help.' Also that your requirements on obtaining modern Czech material is becoming difficult? SEE ATTACHED DETAILS IN THE SUPPLEMENT. Well done Alan.

Whilst taking note about obtaining Czech material see the following letter from Paper Heritage..... extract taken from a letter to Alec Page.

Finally please note that there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting before the next Society meeting to consider whether there should be a new competition for members to enter - a Thematic Competition. A sub-committee has prepared the regulations for consideration by members, copy included with the Supplement. At present our two Society Competitions limit the period of any theme by date, and the ideas behind this new competition is to extend the dates and any Czech material allowed. BUT first of all we need to know whether this will have support, and if not then should we amend our existing two competitions regulations. A number of Societies are finding it difficult to obtain the minimum number of entries to their competitions, so that we need to think about this before we come to the EGM. Will

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those members prevented from attending the Society meeting, please let Mrs Gren have their opinions on this subject as soon as possible please.

Members will receive copies of those pages that need to be revised in the Society Handbook in the New Year, probably with Czechout 1:87.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We have been offered a facility by PAPER HERITAGE, P.O.Box 438, Brighton, BN1 6LX (Tel: 0273-558066 (11am-11pm), for the benefit of members for purchase of material with advantageous discounts from which the Society also benefits. The letter to Mr Page as follows -

We have pleasure in enclose a 5 page list of current stock of Czechoslovakia, Slovakia and East Silesia. I have devised a discount scheme, which is available to all your members for a period of one month from despatch date of the list.

Purchases from £5.00 to £19.95 - 10% Discount. Purchases from £20.00 to £49.95 - 12.5% Discount
Purchases from £50.00 upwards - 15% Discount.

Postage Extra: Net purchases up to £10. : 25p. Net purchases up to £60. : 45p Recorded Delivery.
Net purchases over £60. : £1.50 Registered.

It would help me greatly in keeping my bank charges down if members could send Upper Limit Cheques with their orders; I shall, of course, advise the sum for which their cheque has been made out. All items, except those marked 'AS IS', are sent subject to the buyer's approval and may be returned for full refund, if any way unsatisfactory.

A Letter from Peter Collins, Editor of 'The Stamp Lover' journal of The National Philatelic Society, and 'The Philatelist' published by Robson Lowe; concerning a Czech document which was on offer at the RL Auction in Bournemouth during October.

The attached is a Czech document which we recently offered at auction. It is a receipt for tax (as you will readily recognise)! and it has been suggested that it may be the oldest known Czech printing? You may have some comment?

A rough translation:

We, Gregory Biri of Kriglstein, Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Vitus on the Hradcany in Prague, and of the Metropolitan Church of St Peter and Paul on the Visegrad, and in Stara Boleslav, Doctor of Sacred Scripture; Jaroslav Florian Svihovsky, Lord of Risinburg and Svihov, of Nalzovy, Cejkovy, Neprachovy, Krutenice and Tedrajci, Privy Councillor to His Roman Imperial Majesty and King of Hungary and Bohemia, etc.; Albrecht Vaclay Hlozek of Zampach, Judge of HIM's District Court and Captain of the Royal City of Prague, etc.; jiri Jan Reysman of Risenburg, HIM's Councillor, Primate of the Krakovsky Old Town of Prague and Principal Commander of the Watch, of the Municipal Company - the four gentlemen designated as Principal Tax Collectors for the City of Prague by the law of 24 April 1690 (?). We give receipt for:

Turkish Tax to date (?)	Summer 1688	9 gulden
To date St Wenceslas' Day (?)		9 gulden

Total		<u>18 gulden 41 .3</u>
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Received. To this we have given our seals. (approx).

Gregory Biri
Jaroslav Florian Svihovsky
Hlozek
Reysman

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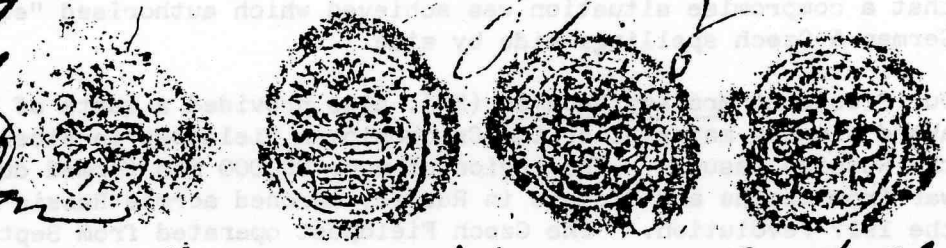
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Kufami se podepsali. Darum pti Brárowském Autade Berničnem na Hradě Pražském /

W. Ryngelsstein

J. J. J.

M. J. J.



Josef Bracslawa

N.B.: I don't know the exact currency, and the sum does not appear to add up - regards the smallest units. May be Gulden, Kronen and Heller.

THE SOCIETY DISPLAY AT BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION 14-19 October 1986

The Supplement to "Czechout 3:86" publicised the Society's forthcoming display at BPE with a promise of something not to be missed. The statement was indeed well justified!

The assembly of material received much acclaim by the steady flow of visitors, and later in the week we were honoured by a visit from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Overseas Radio Service, who wished to broadcast a feature on the exhibits in their Czech language programme. This, in fact went out on Saturday 18 October, and although only of a little over five minutes duration highlighted the Society itself and described in some detail the background to the material on show.

Our 900 sheets were very varied and covered a wide spectrum of Czechoslovak philately, with a mounting plan designed to give a chronological sequence to the display without any pretence that it was a complete coverage of the total time span.

Our Honorary Life President, Mrs Kay Goodman (KG), set the scene with a selection of forerunner material, with an introductory narrative - a mine of information in support of the material displayed.

During the Middle Ages, the Kingdom of Bohemia was a major power in Central Europe. Eventually with the passing of King Wenceslas, the area together with the lands of Moravia and Silesia came under the Hapsburgs. From 1790 the official language was German and Czech. Slovakia on the other hand still belonged to Hungary (the Crown of St. Stephen), but in 1867 the whole of Hungary also passed to the Hapsburgs.

The table of postal rates from 1526 to 1850 that prefaced the display helped the viewer to appreciate the displayed material, which illustrated the development of the postal system with stampless entires 1644, 1785/6, 1790, 1822 and through to 1850. From 1850 use of adhesives was obligatory, and this was illustrated by use of stamped forerunner material through to 1896.

Mr Alan Knight (AK), provided a brief insight into the military mails of the 1914-18 war, which clearly showed the part played by the Czechs in these troubled areas of conflict. Just how complex this was was clear from the various types and origins of the Field Cards, the cancellations of both Austrian (K u K Feldpostamt), and Hungarian (Tabori Post); cachets of Military units, Red Cross cards and Prisoner of War mail, all added to the understanding of the period.

The contribution from Mr Brian Parker (BP), was in many ways a continuation of the forerunner material, but confined to a study of the cancellations of Prague. The exhibit traced the development of the cancellations from 1850 to 1910 with the initial postmarks of unilingual style in the German language, and the change in 1871 to use of German and Czech, but with German "superiority" the Czech being confined to the lower half of the cancellation. It was not until 1898 that a compromise situation was achieved which authorised "equality" with the German & Czech spellings side by side.

Our President Mrs Kay Goodman (KG), also provided a taste of her International award winning material of the Czechoslovak Fieldpost in Siberia, starting with the Russian issues. The Legion of some 80,000 men formed during the 1914-18 war from Czechs and Slovaks in Russia, marched across Russia and Siberia after the 1917 revolution. The Czech Fieldpost operated from September 1918, linking up the units along the Trans-Siberian railway.

The display included essays for the proposed definitive issue of 1919-20 and also described the six types of the three designs of the issued stamps. A study of the 'Lion' issue and its surcharges, together, together with a selection of cancellations of the period gave a good cross-section of another very inter-

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-esting facit of the history and postal history of the area.

Mrs Yvonne Wheatley (YW), in what may be described as her first love (philatelic-ally that is!!) the Hradcany issues, presented a 72 sheet display covering all 14 values in their various types. Backed up with black prints, essays, proofs, colour trials, postal stationery, and the usage of the various values. Enough to whet the appetite of any specialist and an eye-opener to the uninitiated, without the inclusion of the dubious "printers waste" so frequently offered as 'Trial printings.'

Mr John Whiteside (JW), provided an insight to a further area of military history with a selection of the Field Post cancellations used in Slovakia from January 1919 to July 1920. Immediately after the Independence in 1918 there was considerable unrest in the eastern provinces of Slovakian Ruthenia, which had been previously Hungarian lands. Czech army units were moved to the area to deal with the situation. The mail items shown described the four different types of cancellations and showed cachets of the military units, together with examples of civilian mail, that received the attention of the censor.

The exhibit of the 1920 Masaryk issue from Mr Ernst Gorge (EG) really had to be seen to be appreciated to the full. The vast range of designs, both adopted and unadopted, with trial printings, proofs, essays, colour trials, culminating in the three values of the issued stamp, and their use, showed quite clearly the lengths to which the authorities were prepared to go to produce what was considered an acceptable design. Surely a unique display.

A selection of the issues of the First Republic was shown by our Chairman, Mr Reginald Hounsell (RH), with a study of the 'Dove' "Chainbreaker" and the 'Agriculture & Science' designs with the various printing errors, proofs, essays, colour trials etc., following through with the First Anniversary of the Republic; Red Cross-Surcharges; Hussites; National Anthem; The 1936/7 Views and Castles including some die proofs; ending with the 1939 Slovakian Parliament overprints.

An additional display by Mr Ernst Gorge (EG), covered the 1926 issues of Masaryk, with their various watermark varieties, and the changed dies of the 1Kr value. The overprinted issues for the Sokol movement and the Olympics were also included with the seldom seen trial overprint in black on the 300Kr. (actually issued with a red overprint.)

The postal history of the Sokol movement was the subject chosen by our Vice Chairman, Mr Brian Day (BD) which traced the commemorations through from the 5th Sokol in 1907 to the 11th in 1948, all illustrated by special cancellations, postal stationery and illustrated post-cards. The Sokol movement began in 1862, as a gymnastic movement during the Austro-Hungarian Empire and it spread throughout the Slav countries. The Sokol displays were large regimented gymnastic displays which finally became a Czechoslovak patriotic movement.

Postage Due labels and their associated instructional markings are generally a much neglected subject in philately, but not so by Mr John Whiteside (JW) whose display with a wealth of research and information covered many uses of the need to surcharge postal communications. Underpaid internal mails with the use of the provisional Postage Dues on Hradcany issues, Incoming underpaid foreign mail; redirected mail from Germany, together with the more unusual uses e.g. the collection of dues on Poste Restante mail, Official mail requiring the recipient to pay at a single rate, and a system of shared postage on similar mails.

Mr Ronald Hollis (RH²) gave us a taste of the postal history surrounding the occupation period of 1939-45 with an introduction showing a 'time-table' of the share-out of the Czechoslovak territories, then very well illustrated by mails

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from Sudetenland; the Polish occupation of Teschen; Hungarian occupation of Carpatho-Ukraine; Southern Czechoslovakia; Slovakia; Bohemia and Moravia.

Another second world war exhibit from Mr Alec Page (AP) traced the initial escape of the exiles from Czechoslovakia and their assembly into fighting units at Camp d'Agde in Southern France. Their involvement in the fight to save France before their final defeat in 1940, and the subsequent evacuation to England. Their postal activities in England until their eventual return into Europe and back to their homeland in 1945, all illustrated by postal items and supporting documentation.

The liberation of Czechoslovakia was covered by Mr Cyril Wackett (CW) with an array of material, mostly of local origin. During the war apart from the underground movement, the Czechoslovaks had a liberation movement. The idea being that as soon as the lands were liberated from the German occupation, the stamps which then existed would be overprinted with either a slogan or the coat of arms of individual towns. Many stamps were so treated including the Bohemia and Moravia protectorate issues, the German stamps in use in Sudetenland and both Hungarian stamps and the special Slovakian stamps printed for the occasion. The majority of the overprints were authorised by the local National Committees and were postally used for only a very short time in 1945. (Three to ten days.)

The progression of the liberated Czechoslovak nation towards normality also necessitated removing all traces from the postal system of the previous years of occupation. Apart from the six new postage stamp issues in the first year, the existing cancellers and supporting instructional labels/stamps were either withdrawn, expurged and replaced with temporary alternatives. A second display by Mr Alec Page (AP) illustrated the various methods used to remove the German language from the cancellations; registration labels and airmail etiquettes, and to eventually provide replacements of unilingual design.

The development of the conveyance of mail by air was covered in an extensive joint display by Messrs Reginald Hounsell and Brian Parker, which showed the first provisional airmail stamps including the trial overprints. The later airmail stamps were also well covered. Carried mail illustrated clearly the extension of the services through to 1950, both internally and externally. The incoming mail, acceptances and material marking the introduction of new routes showed how the modern handling of mail by air has been achieved - now taken for granted by most.

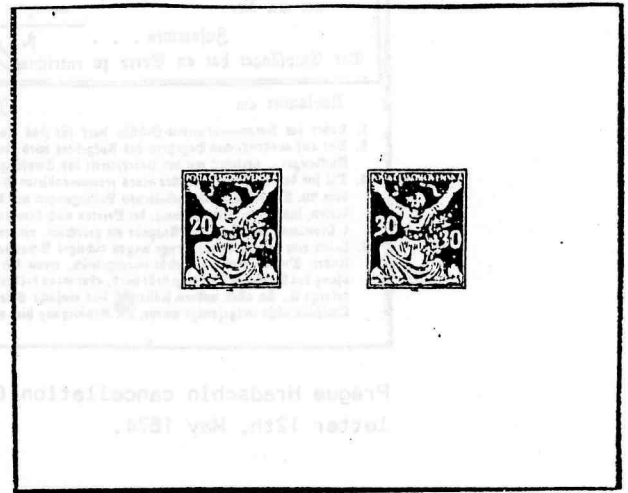
Modern Czechoslovak stamps are renowned for their artistic designs and for their production, and this came through well with the display of "Art on Czechoslovak Stamps" produced by Mrs Lindy Knight (LK). The stamps covered many art subjects such as Children's art; Folk art; the Art of the Baroque period; the 9th Century; Gothic and Renaissance periods, and such other subjects as ceramics and modern glassware. The display also showed that a fine team of artists, designers and engravers are called upon in the production of modern Czechoslovak stamps.

Lastly but by no means least, the family team of Mrs Yvonne Gren (YG) and Mr Frederick Gren (FG), our Honorary Secretary and Librarian respectively provided us with a display of the souvenirs, special stamp issues etc; in support of the various National and International Stamp Exhibitions held in Czechoslovakia from 1937 to 1978. And so on to 1988 the next International in Prague.

This report would not be complete without including a few words of thanks, firstly to our hard working Hon. Secretary, Mrs Yvonne Gren, who was responsible for the co-ordination of the displays; also to the small band of helpers who

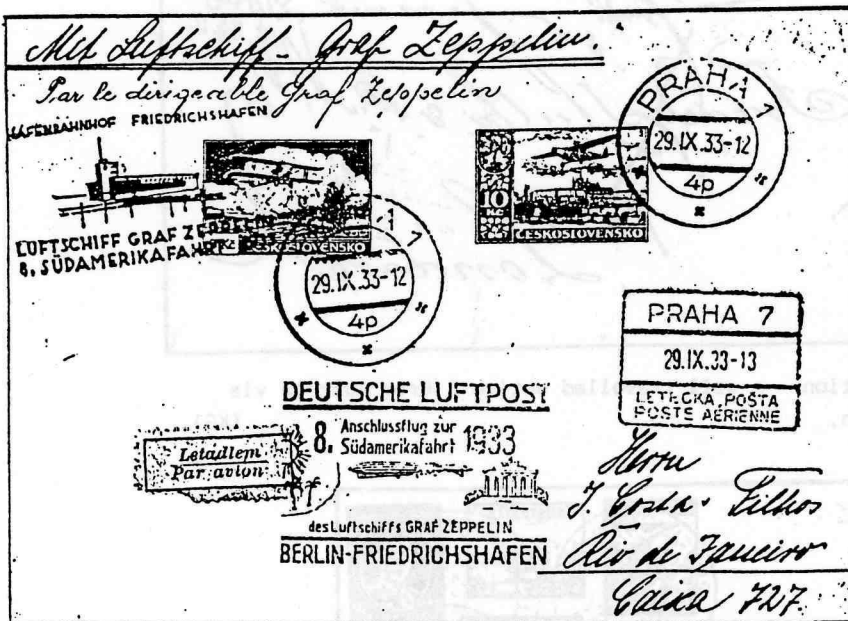
ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION DISPLAY.

The following illustrations are a selection from some of the material on show at the British Philatelic Exhibition from 14th. to 19th. October 1986. The initials at the end of each caption is a link to the text of the report and the exhibitor. Illustrations are reduced unless otherwise stated.

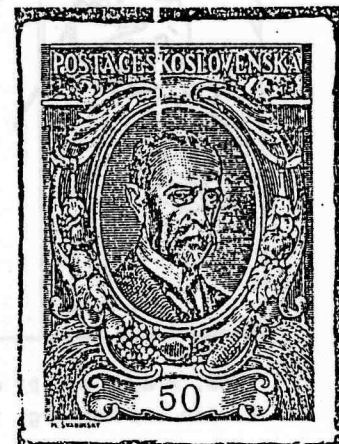


1919 Czech. Field Post in Siberia - two line cancellation with mixed franking. (KG)

1920. Essay of 20h. & 30h. in carmine. Gummed paper 11 x 9.5 cm (RH)



30th. Sept. to 5th. Oct. 1933: Graf Zeppelin flight from Prague to Berlin, Frierichshafen & Rio de Janeiro. (RH)



1920. Masaryk. Letter-press Die Proof. Enlarged size - 5 x 7 cm. (EG)

1919. 25h. Hradcany. Essay - twice stamp size.



(YW) (Illustration - actual size)

(Illustrations from BPE display Contin.)

Nr. *209* **Aufgabe-Recepisse**

Ueber ein-recommantirtes Schreiben unter der Adresse: *J. J. Sur Týžkal*

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An Franco *1* Kr.

Recommantations- *5* Kr.

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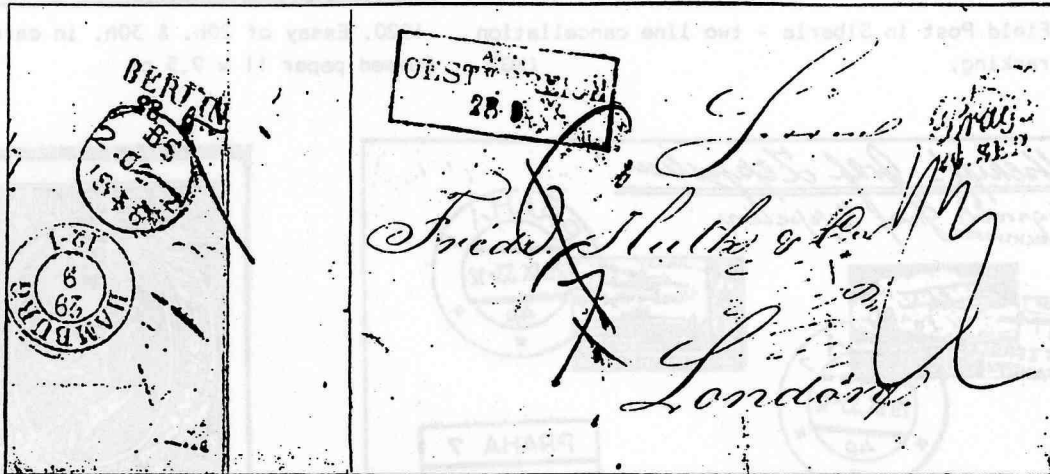
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1. Käufer der Recommantations-Gebühr darf für das Aufgabe-Recepisse keine Gebühr abgenommen werden.
2. Nur auf ausdrückliches Verlangen des Aufgebers wird ein Retour-Recepisse gegen Entrichtung der Gebühr von 10 Kr. ausgefertigt, welches nach der Rückkunft, vereinigt mit der Unterfahrt des Empfängers, gegen dieses Aufgabe-Recepisse ausgerechnet wird.
3. Sie für den Fall des Verlusts eines recommantirten Briefes festgesetzte Vergütung von 20 fl. S. W. findet unter den in der Briefpost-Ordnung vom 20. December 1856 enthaltenen Bedingungen nur dann statt, wenn die diesfällige Reclamation der Briefen, welche nach Orten des Inlandes laufen, innerhalb dreier Monate, bei Briefen nach dem Auslande aber innerhalb der vora. die begünstigten Schifferträge festgesetzten Frist von 3 oder 4 Monaten, vom Tage der Aufgabe an gerechnet, eingebracht wird.
4. Über eine mündliche Nachfrage wegen richtiger Beilegung des Briefes wird auf Verlangen des Aufgebers ein amtliches Quittungs-Schreiben abgegeben. Ein Ablehnen geschieht unentgeltlich, wenn sich der Aufgeber mit einer Karte von Seite des Adressaten ausweist, wornach der Empfang des Briefes in Frage gestellt wird, oder wenn bei der Aufgabe ein Retour-Recepisse ausgestellt wurde, und dieses in angemessener Frist nicht zurückgekehrt ist. In allen andern Fällen ist das einfache Briefporto zu entrichten. Ueber die gegebene Nachfrage wird immer, daher auch, wenn eine Quittung nicht ausgefertigt wurde, die Beigebung hier oben beigefügt, welche als Beweis für die Einzahlung der Reclamationsfrist zu gelten hat.

Prague Hradschin cancellation (1859) used on a receipt for a registered letter 12th. May 1874. (BP)

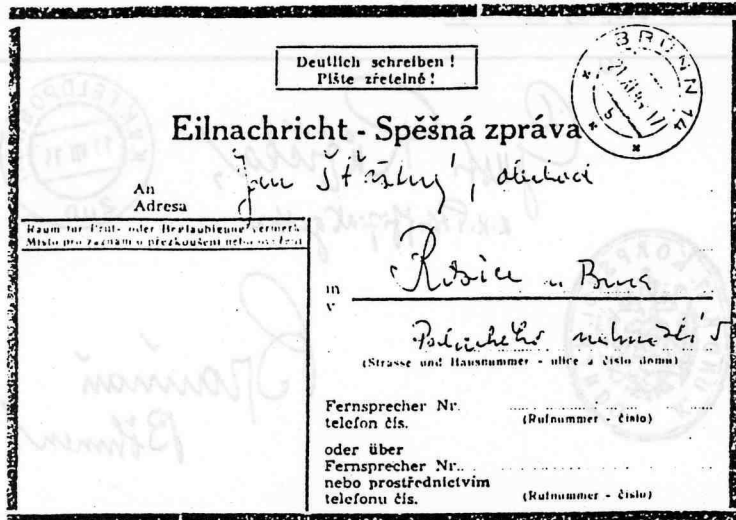


1848. Prague script cancellation - a well travelled entire ! From Austria via Berlin and Hamburg, to London. (KG)



1940. WW II. Czechoslovak Forces in France - ingoing mail. (AP)

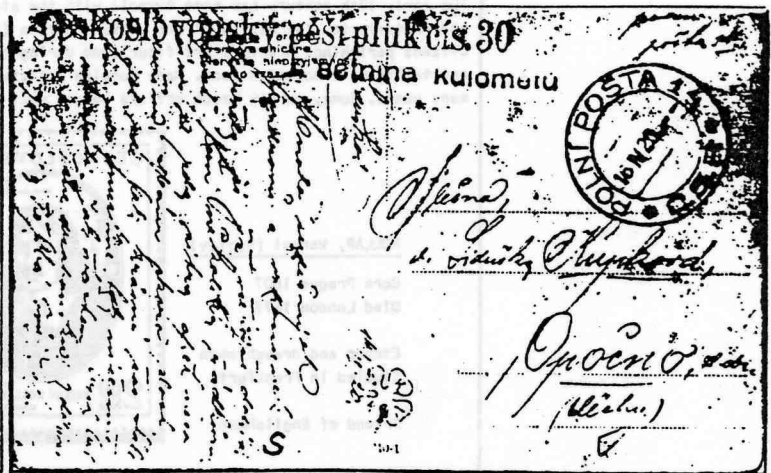
(Illustrations from BPE display Contin.)



1944. Post Free emergency card for Bohemia & Moravia - for rapid delivery. Field Post type. (R.Hollis)



25th.Oct 1919. Hungarian 10f. card invalid after 14th.Oct. Postage Due double 15h. correct fee levied. (JW)



16th.Apl.1920. "Polni Post" 14. - 1st.Machine Gun Co. - 30th.Czech Infantry Regt. (JW)

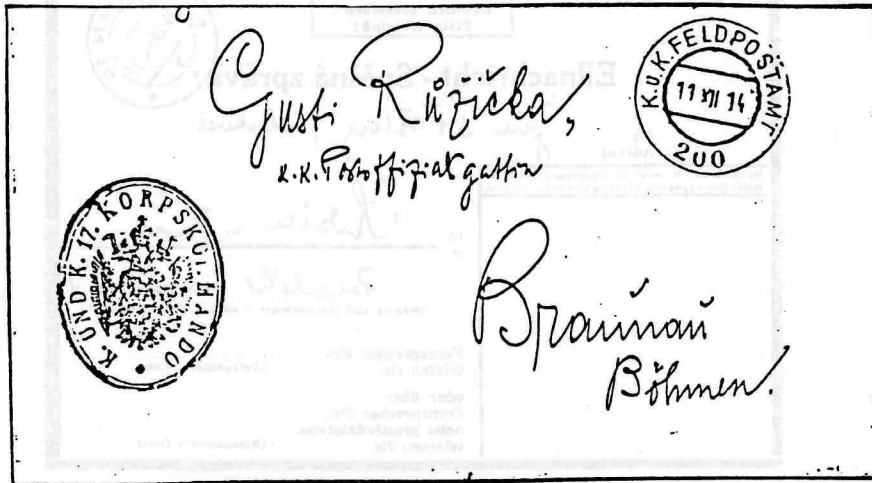


1038. - 10th.Sokol slet. Souvenir Postcard (BD)



(BD)

(Illustrations from BPE display Contin.)



1914. Austrian Field Post 200 (Galicia). Letter to Braunau (now Broumov, Czechoslovakia.) (AK)

The early 17th century saw more turmoil with the start of the 30 Years War in Europe between Catholics and Protestants. The Battle of the White Mountain (1620) witnessed Protestant defeat with nobility and citizens perishing. However, Art flourished during the 17th and 18th centuries with 'foreign' baroque art taking on a Bohemian face. Many foreign artists visited the Czech Lands - some dying there - for many years. Some, purely Czech artists became well-known abroad as they spread the fame of Czech Art.

HOLLAR, Wenzel (Václav)

Born Prague 1607
Died London 1677

Etcher and draughtsman
Studied in Frankfurt

Friend of Englishman



Lord Arundel. Became teacher of Drawing to Royal Household of Charles II.

In 1652 went to Tangiers to spy on and draw fortifications for King Charles II.

Returned to and died in London

"Self Portrait"



1975: Lion and Mouse



1976: Dutch Merchantman



1975: Still life with Hare

Czechoslovak Art.

(LK)

AND SO ON TO



"PRAGA 88"

Y & FG)

SOCIETY DISPLAY AT BPE c'td

mounted and dismantled the 900 sheets with speed and efficiency. And of course the exhibitors, without whom we would not have left our mark on the National philatelic scene. Truly a first class exhibition, that has done a great deal to further advance the reputation and standing of our Society.

W Alec Page.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE FIRST PAGE OF OUR PRESIDENT'S Exhibit

The Territories comprising the Czechoslovak Republic as it existed up to 1918 were all part of the Austrian Hungarian Empire.

In the middle ages the Kingdom of Bohemia was a major power in Central Europe. With the passing of the 'Jagello House' the "Lands and Crown of St Wenceslas" (the Kingdom of Bohemia), the Margravery of Moravia and the Duchies of Silesia came under the rule of the Hapsburg House. The official language was German and Czech was used officially from 1790.

Slovakia belonged to Hungary (the lands of the 'Crown of St Stephen'). In 1539 parts came under the Hapsburg rule; the rest gradually from Turkish rule until 1867 when all Hungary was ruled by the Hapsburgs. In the 1830's the official language was latin.

Postal Periods:

Before 1526	Pre Hapsburg period
1526 - 1622	Imperial Hapsburg system (some Postmasters from the Thurn and Taxis family.)
1622 - 1722	Courts of Paar Imperial Postmasters.
1722 - 1788	Imperial Postal monopoly re-established (Period 1) Special rates for mail, postage based on weight and three distances. During this period rate markings and marks of origin gradually became obligatory.
1788 - 1817	Postal Mail (Period 2) Hapsburg Crown Lands. Uniform rate introduced - basic rate $\frac{1}{2}$ loth (7.5 grammes). Half postage paid by each sender and addressee. Basic full rate: 8 kreuzer from 1788: 12 kr. from 1798. 16 kr. from 1803: 24 kr. from 1806. Use of postmarks faded out as unified rate eliminated need to show place of mailing. In 1810 two zone system introduced and postage rates increased due to inflation.
1817 - 1838	Postal Mail (Period 3) A system of seven zones introduced with basic rates for 12 kr. to 14 kr. paid either by sender or addressee. Cancel of Post Office of despatch again compulsory to establish and check proper postage paid. Official Mail was given franking rights for half postage. If not having franking rights, the other half to be paid by the addressee.
1838 - 1842	Postal Mail (Period 4) New Postal Act separated the Imperial Mails from Royal Hungarian Mails. Date of mailing included in the postmark. Seven zone system still in operation.
1842 - 1848	Postal Mail (Period 5) System altered to two zones - above and below ten miles. Local 2 kr. rate retained. In 1843 first zone increased to 20 miles and special $1\frac{1}{4}$ rate (9 kr.) introduced for letters in envelopes.
1848 - 1850	Postal Mail (Period 6) Postal mail below ten miles reduced to 3 kr.

On 1st June 1850 adhesive postage stamps were introduced and made compulsory for prepayment of ordinary letters in the Hapsburg Crown Lands.

NOTE FROM THE PRO: In my write-up for the philatelic press, I omitted all references to frame Numbers 71-80 at the Society BPE Exhibition. This affected the exhibits from members Alec Page and Cyril Wackett. I do not recall how this happened BUT I do most sincerely apologise for this omission on my part. To-date the only Report published has appeared in 'STAMP NEWS.' Alan Knight.

STOP PRESS: On the final page of this edition of CZECHOUT will be found a list-Czech collectors who wish to find exchange partners, and published and compiled by Mrs Lindy Knight (our new PRO) at the request of the Chairman at the AGM.

A final word from the Temporary Editor - my sincere thanks to Alec and other members who have supported me in the two editions I have compiled for 1986. All good wishes to our new editor, and every blessing - everyone for 1987.

No.	TOWNSHIP	COLLECTOR REQUIRES	COLLECTOR OFFERS	CORRESPONDENCE
1	Prievidza	WORLD (m) from 1920	Cs (m) and E.Europe	Czech
2	Pizen	GB mint	" " " "	German
3	Lochovice	Gb used	" (u)	English (poor)
4	Benátky n. Jizerou	"Exchnage stamps"	no details	English
5	Brno	GB used	used - your choice	English
6	Tynisti n. Orli	GB used (and colonies)	East Europe (u)	English
7	Martin	"piece-for-piece"(female)		English
8	Havírov-Sucha	GB used (female)	Your choice	English
9	Třebíšov	GB; EIRE; CI (m and u)	Your choice	English
10	Bratislava	GB used	Your choice	English
11	Dunajská Streda	GB used	Your choice	Czech
12	Trenčín	GB used (& var.thematic)	Thematic used	English
13	Ostrava	GB used	Cs used	English (little)
14	Praha	GB; Switzerland;Austria (u)	Cs used	English (poor)
15	Orlova	GB used and PS.	Cs used & PS.	English
16	Svit	GB used	Cs used	English (poor)
17	Horovice	GB used	Cs used	English "
18	Frydek-Místek	World used	Your choice	English
19	Chomutov	GB used	Your choice	English
20	Bratislava	GB Thematics	Your choice	English "
21	Pizen			Czech
22	Ostrava	GB used		Eng/Ger/Russian
23	Ostrava	No letter (opened by Cs customs)	Name and	and address known
24	Near Praha	GB mint (Thematics and PCs)	Cs. your choice	English
25	Bratislava	"Exchange"		English
26	Jaromír	GB used	Cs used	Czech
27	Jelemnice	World used	Cs used	English
28	Ceska Lipa	GB mint & used	Cs mint & used	Ger/English
29	Dvůr Králové	GB mint	Cs mint & used	English
30	Bratislava	GB used	Your choice	English
31	Brandýs	GB used	Your choice	German
32	N.Mesto-Vahom	GB used from 1982	Cs used from 1982	English
33	Chodov	GB used	Cs used	German
34	Brno	Thematics & PCs	Thematics & PCs	Czech/German
35	Brno	GB used	Cs used	English (poor)
36	Sezimovo Ústí	"Exchange"	"Exchange"	English (limited)
37	Praha	GB used	Cs used	English
38	Ričany	GB used	Cs used	English "
39	Bohumín	GB used	Cs used	English "
40	Všenory	Only sender's name and address enclosed/no instructions		Czech
41	Unhošť	GB used 1973/1980	Your choice	English
42	Pizen	GB mint and used	Cs mint and used	English
43	Praha	GB used sets	Cs used sets	English
44	Lanskroun	Thematics	Thematics or your choice	English
45	Turnov	GB FDCs	Cs FDCs	English "
46	Napajedla	GB used	Cs used	English
47	Vrané	GB used	Cs used /and your choice	English

Most quote 'used' because advertiser wanted Cs used but many would offer MINT if requested. You are recommended to use REGISTERED mail for security of your material. Where English is shown as 'poor' does not mean it is necessarily difficult to understand. Most letters contain quantities of used Cs stamps (inc. C.T.O). When applying for letters, please give at least three (3) numbers in order of preference in case of possible duplication of requests. Please send your requests to Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Lindy Knight, 25 Weymouth Crescent, Scunthorpe, South Humberside DN17 1TU. Please enclose LARGE S.A.E (8"x6" min. size). When replying to Cs collectors, it is important to use the diacritic accent marks shown over each word of address (e.g. ČS). They are not shown on this page because the typewriter does not carry them!