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KATHLEEN FLORENCE GOODMAN, F.R.P.S.,L.

It is with the utmost sadness and profound regret that we have to report the death of our esteemed HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT, Mrs. Kay F. Goodman who passed away on 31 July 1987 at the age of 73 years. This followed a prolonged but most bravely-borne painful illness. Philately in Great Britain and elsewhere has lost one of its best known and best loved figures.

Kay Goodman had been a member of this Society for well over thirty years and had been our 'natural' leader since she became Chairman in 1977 and then our Hon. Life-President in 1981. Kay was our great champion in the national philatelic world and, although a member of many distinguished bodies and fellow societies, it was our own Czechoslovak PS that was nearest to Kay's heart. A prominent and greatly respected figure in British Philately, she gained and held many deep friendships both here and overseas and she will be very sadly missed. From The Royal Society - of which Kay had been a Fellow for a number of years - through the 'National', BPF and 'Congress' right through to the most humble collector who knew her, Kay will be remembered with a fondness that is too hard to adequately describe here.

In the national field she may possibly be best remembered for her great love for the young collector which she exhibited with her work over a long period with the 'Melville' committee, which body she eventually chaired. There will be many who will remember Kay for her experience and wise counselling with that body.

In this Society, we will remember our Kay for a great many reasons, the best being possibly the manner in which she so ably and wisely chaired our meetings and conducted the society business - both as Chairman and President. We will remember, with much happiness, the many 'At Homes' that Kay and her husband Ted afforded the Society for its famous 'Summer' meetings at Highcliffe and the ensuing Evening Dinners - they were always amongst our happiest meetings. We will remember Kay's unfailing caring attitude to any of us approaching her with our Philatelic - or even private - problems when her warm and generous friendship was seen at its best. Kay cared for all of us whom she knew and for the Society in totality. Despite ill health and continuous pain over many years, Kay always gave of her best. Kay's 'best' just had to be THE VERY BEST. Yes, Kay cared for us all and we shall respect her memory for a long, long time.

*Finally, we extend to Ted, her husband our sincerest and warmest thoughts; many of us proud to be recognised as his friends, too. Although not a stamp enthusiast, Ted always supported Kay in her work for us and for all the philatelic societies she was attached to. We shall not forget Kay....
WHO COULD ?*

Alan Knight
Editor.

SOCIETY MEETING - 5 September, 1987.

Despite the great sadness prevailing through the loss to us of our President, every endeavour was made by all present to ensure as 'normal' an atmosphere as possible; this, it was felt, would be in keeping with Kay's own wishes.

The Chairman, Mr. R. Hounsell, opened the business of the meeting with his personal tribute to Kay, as appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Hounsell also reported the fact that several members had attended Kay's funeral and that personal donations and from the Society were to be sent to two of Kay's favourite charities.

Yvonne Gren showed members the beautiful rose-bowl that Kay had presented to the Society just prior to her passing for use in our competitions. It will henceforth be known as the KAY GOODMAN TROPHY and a new competition in Kay's memory will be discussed at the coming AGM.

Also shown was the most attractive Society Table Covering incorporating the Society motif to be used on the Officers' Table at each of our future Society meetings. Also on view were samples of the new Society Tie (for our male members) and attractive Headsquares for the ladies, details of which appear elsewhere in this issue.

Further details on the proposed joint society meeting with the Hungarian and Austrian PSs next year were presented to members and these will also be presented for confirmation to the AGM in November. Further, precise details will appear in CZECHOUT later on.

Three new members were formally welcomed to the Society - one, Mr. Roy Reader was present at this meeting and was warmly welcomed. Roy is the author of the newest Society Monograph No.5 (Czechoslovak Army In France 1939-1945).

Mrs. Y.Gren, Hon. Sec. reported a good response to the suggested Society Visit to next year's World Exhibition in Prague - PRAGA '88 but pointed out that other members were still most welcome but she would like to have some firm commitments by October in order to finalise a Programme.

Our expected visiting speaker - Mr.R.Johnson - had sent his profuse apologies for being unable to carry out this commitment to us and, at extremely short notice, Bill Dawson had bravely stepped into this breach to present his display on SLOVAKIA.

To call Bill's exhibit simply 'a display' would be a terrible understatement. It was agreed fully by members present that this was probably the finest exhibit on this little-researched facet of Czechoslovak Philately ever seen by the Society. It included many fine and, in some instances, completely unknown items progressing from the usual presentation of straightforward stamp sets through to beautiful covers dealing with Polni Pošta (fieldpost) from WW2, Autopost, German censor marks and material from the Hungarian Occupation of Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine.

John Whiteside paid Bill glowing tributes during his Vote of Thanks proposal, saying, among other nice things, that he had found Bill's exhibits "a joy to view". Bill was presented with the Society's Certificate of Thanks by the Chairman, who also paid his own tributes and the Society's thanks to Bill for giving such a fine display at such short notice.

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PLEASE NOTE: The AGENDA for the next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is enclosed with this issue.

MRS. KAY GOODMAN, FRPSL.

The following tributes to our late President have been received by the Editor and we are proud to publish them on behalf of the writers - and for posterity:

FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MR. REGINALD HOUNSELL

All who knew Kay could not fail to be inspired by her enthusiasm, personality and sincerity - nor by her courage over many years in fighting cancer and diabetes whilst suffering without complaint.

In the world of Philately Kay was a giant amongst collectors. Whilst many of us knew her because of her love of Czechoslovak philately, many other philatelists - and not only in Great Britain - knew and equally loved Kay through her other Stamp interests and her unselfish way in which she gave of her time and enthusiasm to many other societies, many of which Kay was a member. Kay rarely exhibited to other societies without being able to manage to show at best some of the pages from her Czechoslovakia collection.

To those of us able to attend our meetings, Kay was the true heart of our Society, giving us all guidance and encouragement in many ways towards improving and displaying our collections. Kay was very much part of the warm and friendly 'family' atmosphere felt at our meetings since we moved from the Liberal Club premises some years ago.

Kay often opened her home to the Society members both for our meetings and 'friendship' visits; her husband, Ted, supporting and always taking an interest in the Society although not himself a stamp collector.

Chairmen of many societies will probably be saying similar things at their meetings but I think that the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain will always consider Kay as having been 'our Kay'. She will continue to live on in our hearts and minds.

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FROM THE TREASURER, MR. ROBERT KINGSLEY

It was more than twenty years ago that I first met Kay Goodman at the West End (London) home of Robert Trager where the Society meetings were held in those days. It did not take me long to realise that in Kay I had met a very special lady. In those, my early days as a member of the Society, I was impressed how she, a philatelist of international repute, would take an interest and give time to guide and help comparative beginners like myself. Nothing was ever too much trouble for her and she displayed the same enthusiasm looking at a modest collection as she would when judging an exhibit in an international competition.

Later, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Society during her years as Chairman and as our President, I found it a joy to work with her. She was always full of ideas, suggestions and words of encouragement and it is undoubtedly in no small measure due to her efforts that during the last ten years the Society has gained in stature and become what it is today. Her influence upon the Society, its whole range of activities and its members has been so profound that her loss is irreplaceable and will inevitably create a void. However, it would have been her ardent wish that the Society should continue to thrive and prosper along the lines and principals which were established under her guidance.

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Apart from philately in which her activities were wide-ranging and her energy inexhaustible, as a human being Kay was warm, generous and caring, making friends wherever she went; always more concerned with the problems of others, no matter what her own may have been. The courage, fortitude and unselfishness which she displayed throughout her illness in recent years was absolutely typical of her unique character. There will never be anyone again quite like Kay, I feel privileged to have been her friend - I will never forget her.

FROM COLIN W. SPONG: Immediate Past-Chairman.

Philately has lost a most devoted and enthusiastic worker on behalf of our Hobby. I first met Kay around the early 1950s when a junior member of Kingston on Thames PS; she was then a visiting speaker from Middlesex, of which county she was Federation Secretary for many years.

Kay had first taken an interest in stamps whilst living in her home county of Huntingdon and I believe that the Cambridge PS was one of the first societies she joined. Her interest in Czechoslovakia and the postal history of Huntingdon dates from that period. However, Kay's interests were wide: Great Britain, Japan (commems) and Thematic 'Tuberculosis'. She greatly supported the Anti-TB and the Chest & Heart Associations through suffering a personal tragedy by the loss of one of her sons and it is a reflection of her own fight during many years against her own cancer.

Kay's courage and resolution to live a normal life was an example of the Christian Faith that enabled her to carry on where others would have given in; what this cost her we will never know. Until this year, Kay gave more displays than anyone I know, visiting many places where she used to live or where invited - no matter the distance involved. In all this busy life she was upheld by her husband, Ted - being a member of many societies, both large and small, Kay ensured that they were supported.

Kay was a Fellow of The Royal Philatelic Society, London, giving the second display of Czechoslovakia to that Society in 1967, most likely encouraged by George Pearson who gave the first display in 1953. Kay was an early member of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain and became its Chairman in 1976, later being honoured as our Life President.

On leaving Middlesex for Hampshire on Ted's retirement, she was made a Life President of the Middlesex federation. Her work for The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, later the British Philatelic Federation, Ltd. and the Melville Youth Committee are all well recorded; Congress this year will seem very strange without Kay. She was prominent in the post-war London National and International exhibitions, performing any task requested of her; Kay's administrative ability ensured the success of these events.

Since their move to Highcliffe, she and Ted made their home available to several summer meetings of our society, finishing with a Dinner in the evening; all this in addition to Kay joining the Bournemouth, Milford and Ringwood societies. Until this year she also came to our Worthing PS Dinner as often as she could. Her warmth and interest to those beginning to collect enabled many to progress. One can sincerely say 'There will never be another Kay' and it is a fact that Philately is now the poorer by her loss. I am glad that our paths crossed in this life. Our sincerest condolences go out to her husband, Ted and their family. > >

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FROM FRED and YVONNE GREN

Kay Goodman was a very special person; she was the pivot around which the Czechoslovak PS of GB revolved. She had many fine qualities - her strength of leadership, her wisdom, fairness and sincerity will be greatly missed. Kay was a true friend to everybody - always prepared to help and advise and, to us personally, she was a dear and great friend.

Kay was indeed, one of those rare persons one feels the richer for having met. We spent many happy times together with her and dear Ted. We shall treasure her memory always.

COLONEL OLDŘICH VEČEREK

It is with regret that we report the death in Brno, on 14th May, 1987 of Col. Oldřich Večerek, founder of the Czechoslovak Field Post Office in Great Britain. He was also responsible for the artwork of several of the commemorative cancellations (cachets) e.g. that of Petr Bezruč (see Monograph 1, fig.17).

Col. Večerek was born 1st March 1906 at Slavkov in Silesia. His father, who had been a patriotic teacher, had already been buried by the 15th October, 1914 and his widow left with seven children.

From 1924, Col. Večerek worked for the Opava Post Office while privately studying painting. After the occupation of Opava (by the NAZIs), he moved to Brno to work but the arrival of the Gestapo forced him to leave. After journeying through Slovakia, Ruthenia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Beyrouth, Col. Večerek eventually arrived in France (Marseille) from whence he embarked for England. The story of this man's efforts in setting up a Field Post Office is recounted in CZECHOUT: 3-1983. W.A.P.

[The writer is indebted to Dr. Miloslav Vostacek for supplying this information to him]

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SOCIETY SPRING AUCTION - 1988

If you have material to enter in this auction, please send it to Brian Parker at his home at your earliest because compilation of our auction lists is a long and complicated exercise - so that the earlier the joint Auction Secretaries can have material the easier it will be for them to produce another of their excellent lists. ONE IMPORTANT POINT: Please ensure that all submitted material is ADEQUATELY AND CORRECTLY DESCRIBED as failure to observe this request could result in the return to you of your material. We want your material to sell - who better to described it therefore - than yourselves? Our thanks in advance!

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SOCIETY TIES AND HEADSQUARES

These maroon coloured items are now available from Mr. Robert Kingsley, 6 Fenn Close, Bromley, Kent, BR1 4DX. The cost £3.50 (tie) and £4.50 (headsquare) plus 25 pence postage/packing. The items are emblazoned with a very neat yet unobstrusive Society motif and - we think - will make very acceptable and attractive Christmas presents.

Dr. TOMAŠ GARRIGUE MASARYK

* 7.3.1850 - 14.9.1937 +



The final row done, the white-haired ploughman
Surrenders his plough to younger hands:
No longer my arms have adequate power;
The body is weak - the spirit wanes.....

These words by a Czech poet symbolized T.G. Masaryk's withdrawal from public life in the December of 1935 as the first President of The Czechoslovak Republic. Less than two years later - on 14 September, 1937 - just fifty years ago, the founder-father of the Czechoslovak nation was dead.

It is fitting therefore that we remember this great man - as controversial as he was and remains in some quarters today - as the man who truly inspired and led his people out of foreign domination and into a new life under his leadership in the new Czechoslovakia of 1918. We felt that this stamp reproduction was the best to remember him by from all of the very large number issued with his portrait over many years - his memorial stamp.....

CAPEX 87. Some Reflections

Colin W. Spong

Our recent holiday in Canada to visit relatives and philatelic friends, enabled us to participate for a few days in the Toronto International Exhibition held on 13th to 21st June 1987. The exhibition was held in the magnificent Metropolitan Exhibition Centre that was opened by H.M. The Queen in 1984. Whilst a full story has appeared in the philatelic press on this great International, both Pat and I were impressed with the space and comfort which ensured comfortable viewing of the exhibits - and when visiting dealers' booths. We were delighted to see a number of British friends over there and also in meeting many new collectors and dealers, thus making a number of new friendships - for that is what philately is all about!

Of interest to philatelists collecting Czechoslovakia was that the American Society held a joint meeting with the Ukraine Society, at which we met Hans Klein and Henry Hahn amongst the others present. Amongst the material noted were the following:

Karl Fischer: Kosice Issue; Jaroslav Gloncak: Czech 1918-38; Henry Hahn: Selected Pages from a Specialised Collection; Walter Rauch: Czech Fieldpost; Gosta Hedbom: Czech Airmails 1920-39; Frank Kohn: The Mail in Prague 1527-1875; Paul Jensen: Czech Postal History 1499-1850; Vaclav Konstant: Postal History of Bohemian Lands from the 16th to 19th Centuries; J.L. Klein: Selected Pages from a Collection of Airmails to/from Czechoslovakia. In the HUNGARIAN section an interesting exhibit from Bela Simady: Carpatho-Ukraine, 1786-1985 which included some lovely items of postal history.

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CONGRATULATIONS! Gary Ryan, RDP., FRPS, L.

We warmly extend our sincere congratulations to member Gary Ryan. In CAPEX 87, Gary was awarded a Vermeil Medal (with felicitations) for his exhibit: "Law Stamps of the Supreme Court and of British Columbia, Canada".

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WELCOME!

We extend our heartiest welcome to the following new members and hope their stay with us will be long and happy:

Dr. Milan Vender: New South Wales, Australia.
Mr. Michael R. Elliott: Hove, East Sussex.
Mr. Ralph E. Reader: Sidcup, Kent.

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EXCHANGE PACKET

We are approaching a 'run-down' period and the Hon. Packet Secretary will welcome new material for inclusion in future circuits. If you can make up a book (or more) of good stamps and/or PS, please contact Bob Allard as soon as possible and if you have any queries as to exactly what material is suitable, do please contact Bob beforehand. Our sincere thanks in anticipation.

CURRENT PHILATELIC JOURNAL ARTICLESThe Czechoslovak Specialist (USA):

Vol. 49, No.5, May 1987: Czechoslovak Fieldpost in Great Britain (Pt.II) by Dr.M.Vostatek.
Mixed Perforations on Austrian Special delivery stamps 1917 by Zdenek Kvashicka.

Vol. 49, No.6, June 1987: Tax Forms - Austro-Hungarian Style by Henry Hahn (Postal Stationery).
Czechoslovak Fieldpost in GB (Pt.II) by Dr.M. Vostatek (Final).

GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY September 1987:

"Czechs Mourn Great Artist - Karel Svoboda" by Edgar Lewy.

STAMP WORLD: Vol.1, No.9; 3 September 1987:

Kathleen F. Goodman, FRPSL. An Obituary by Jack Simmonds.

STAMPS OF HUNGARY (Magyar PS of GB):

Austro-Hungarian Fieldpost by John Dixon-Nuttall being his views on a similar article
in STAMPS OF HUNGARY by Dr. Zoltan Palotas.

FILATELIE (Praha): No. 11/1987:

American Fieldpost in Bohemia During 1945 by Vladimir Dražan

Stamp Booklets in Austria and Czechoslovakia by Zdenek Kvasnička

No. 13/1987: Postal cancellations of Fiscal stamps by Vladimír Feldmann.

Antonín Černý: Propagator of Czechoslovak Philately in the United States.

***** The Editor will always welcome information for this column from members. If you
are able to supply photo-copies for our Library, we shall be happy to fully
acknowledge this fact in our Notes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We would very much like to receive your comments, suggestions and constructive criticisms
in regard to CZECHOUT. If YOU have anything to say, especially where it might engender further
interest amongst our members, please send them to the editor who will consider everything
received on its merits; every letter will be personally acknowledged by letter. We look
forward to hearing from you. This is YOUR journal - please help us to produce what YOU want
to read. If you would like to write an article for us - no matter how large/small - please do!
Whilst we cannot guarantee IMMEDIATE publication we will do our best to meet your needs.

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SPECIAL NOTE: The 'Whole No.' of the last issue should have read 47 and not 46 as printed.
We apologise for this error and ask you to re-number your last copy, please.

FROM MEMBERS' DISPLAYS

1. John Whiteside FRPS, L.

From time to time we hope to publish some pages from displays given to the society by its members in the hope that they will be appreciated by some of our membership who are not able to attend our meetings. We start this series with excerpts from John Whiteside's admirable display entitled FISCALS AND PARCEL POSTS given before the society on 14 March last. In it we show two of John's items dealing with some, perhaps, unusual application of fiscal charges to two separate SCHOOL REPORTS.

The first one deals with a Report by the Director of the Imperial (Austrian) High School in Prague on 20th April 1817. We show this report in three modes: a) German translation of the original Gothic script in which the report was written; b) its English translation and c) a copy (approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ size) of the original document.

The tax paid on this document was 6 kreuzer as confirmed by the application of the left-hand mark at the top of the sheet. This is the provincial stamp office impression which is lettered P (Prag) for use in Bohemia and is of the type used between 1803 and 1817. The mark by the side of this one is the circular Control stamp as required from 1810.

The second document we illustrate is a Term Report on one: Olive Akhurst, a pupil in Class 3b at the Modern School in Aussig (now known as Ústí nad Labem), an industrial town in the Bohemian Central Mountains; Olive was then approaching her 14th birthday. We are illustrating a copy of the original document (again, approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ size) together with the English translation. The tax paid was 1 koruna as proven by the applied fiscal stamp.

We are most grateful to John for allowing this material to be published and for his own no mean task in translating them into the forms we illustrate.

(a)

ZUM FREYSPRECHEN

Vorzeiger dieses Karl Merz, Tuchmacherprofession, ist bei den Sonntägigen Wiederholungsstunden sehr fleissig erscheinen, hat sich in der Sitten vorzüglich gut verhalten und in der ihm vorgenommen prüfung bewiesen, dass er erlernt hat:

Die Religionslehre	gut mit vorzug
Das Lesen	gut mit vorzug
Das Schönschreiben	vorzüglich
Das Recht und Diktandsschreiben	vorzüglich
Die Sprachlehre	gut mit Vorzug
Die Schriftlichen Aufsätze	gut mit vorzug
Die Rechnen	vorzüglich

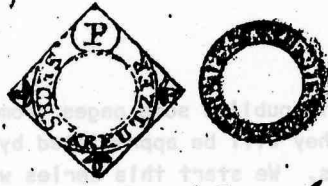
Derselbe verdienet daher hinsichtlich seinen erworbenen Kenntnisse die Erste Fortgangsklasse mit Vorzug. Welches ihm hiemit zum Freysprechen bezeuget wird.

Kruman. den 20th April 1817

Direktor an dem K.K. Hochschules

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Zum Jahresschluss

Herrn Lehrer Carl Max Kufner:
 Gernstlich ist bei den Schülern die
 Anwesenheit, Pünktlichkeit, Fleiß bei Hausarbeiten,
 gut sitze in den Diktat vorzüglich gut am
 Schluss und in den mit den Schülern
 häufig bewiesen, dass man erlaubt hat.

- Die Schönschreiber - gut mit Vorzug
- Die Lesenden - gut mit Vorzug
- Die Pünktlichen - vorzüglich
- Die Aufsätze und Diktat - vorzüglich
- Die Geübten gut mit Vorzug
- Die schriftlichen Aufsätze gut mit Vorzug
- Die Lesenden vorzüglich

Inselbe erwarnt diesen freudlich seinen
 Anwesenheit Pünktlichkeit der Erde hoch;
 vorzugliche mit Vorzug. Stahel aus
 kommt zum Jahresschluss begünstigt wird.
 Datum den 27. April 1877.

Stumpfheit Direktor
 von dem H. H. H. H.

Stavts- Realschule in Aussig.

Katalog-Nr. 24.

Schuljahr 19. 27. 28.

Semestralzeugnis

für

Oliva Schvost, Schülerin der *dritten*
 geboren am *21. Jänner 1914* zu *Aussig* in *Österr.*



Betragen	<i>sehr gut</i>
Religionslehre	<i>sehr gut</i>
Deutsche Sprache	<i>gut</i>
Čechoslovakische Sprache	<i>genügend</i>
Französische Sprache	<i>gut</i>
Englische Sprache	<i>—</i>
Geschichte	<i>gut</i>
Geographie	<i>genügend</i>
Mathematik	<i>genügend</i>
Naturgeschichte	<i>—</i>
Chemie	<i>—</i>
Physik	<i>sehr gut</i>
Darstellende Geometrie und geometrisches Zeichnen	<i>gut</i>
Philosophische Propädeutik	<i>—</i>
Freihandzeichnen	<i>sehr gut</i>
Schreiben	<i>—</i>
Turnen	<i>sehr gut</i>
Freie Lehrgegenstände:	
<i>Gesang</i>	<i>sehr gut</i>

Zahl der versäumten Lehrstunden: 12; davon ohne Rechtfertigung: 0

Aussig, *31. Jänner* 1928

Prof. František Káiser
gen. d. St.
 Direktor



Prof. František Brejček
 Klassenvorstand

NOTENSTUFEN.	Betragen:	sehr gut	gut	entsprechend	nicht entsprechend
	Fortgang:	sehr gut	gut	genügend	nicht genügend



D. VIII. d) 75/1927. Staatliche Vorlaganstalt in Prag. — 2909.

FROM MEMBERS' DISPLAYS (cont..)

(b)

This is to certify that the bearer of this, Karl Merz, cloth-maker by profession, has appeared most assiduously at the Sunday revision sessions, has behaved extremely well and has demonstrated in the tests he has undertaken, that he has learnt:

Religious instruction	:	good with credit
Reading	:	good with credit
Handwriting	:	excellent
Spelling and Dictation	:	excellent
Grammar	:	good with credit
Written Composition	:	good with credit
Arithmetic	:	excellent

He gains, therefore, in regard to his accumulated knowledge, the first stage class with credit. Which is certified to him by this.

Kruman 20th April 1817
 Director of The Imperial High School

STATE TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL IN AUSSIG

Roll No. 24

School Year 1927/28

TERM REPORT

for

1 Koruna Kolek (Fiscal)
 stamp (1919 series)
 Czechoslovak Republic

Olive Akhurst, pupil in Class 3b
 born 21 February 1914 in Vienna in Austria.

Conduct	:	very good
Religious Instruction	:	very good
German Language	:	good
Czech Language	:	satisfactory
French Language	:	good
English Language	:	----
History	:	good
Geography	:	satisfactory
Mathematics	:	satisfactory
Nature Study	:	----
Chemistry	:	----
Physics	:	very good
Geometric drawing	:	good
Philosophic interpretation:	:	----
Freehand Drawing	:	very good
Writing	:	----
Gymnastics	:	very good
Singing	:	very good

Number of Lessons missed:12; of which those without justification: 0

Between the signatures of school officials (Head on the right) the school seal reads in German and Czech languages as follows: STATE TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH GERMAN LANGUAGE TEACHING/ Circled Bohemian Lion/ IN AUSSIG/USTI n.L. Underneath (boxed) are guidance notes for assesments.

CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY IN LONDON EXHIBITION OF CZECHOSLOVAK STAMPS

PATRONS

H.E. DR. EDVARD BENEŠ, *President of the Czechoslovak Republic*

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 Mr. PROKOP MAXA, *President of the Czechoslovak State Council*
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K oslavě 25. výročí založení Československé Republiky pořádáme výstavu československých známek a razítek československé poštovní služby v zahraničí.
Výstavní výbor prosí o Vaši účast na

SLAVNOSTNÍM ZAHÁJENÍ

v pondělí dne 8. listopadu 1943 o 11.30 dop. v 18, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

Výstavu zahájí

PAN VELVYSLANEC DR. MAXMILIAN LOBKOWICZ.

Další proslovy :

PAN VYSLANEC PROKOP MAXA,

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. P. B. B. NICHOLS, C.M.G., M.C.,

SIR JOHN WILSON, Bart.

This Exhibition of Czechoslovak stamps and postmarks of the Cs. Field Post is being held to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic.

The Exhibition Committee request the pleasure of your company at the

OPENING CEREMONY

on Monday, November 8th, at 11.30 a.m., at 18 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. M. LOBKOWICZ will open the Exhibition.

MR. PROKOP MAXA,

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. P. B. B. NICHOLS, C.M.G., M.C.

SIR JOHN H. M. WILSON, Bart.

WILL ALSO SPEAK.

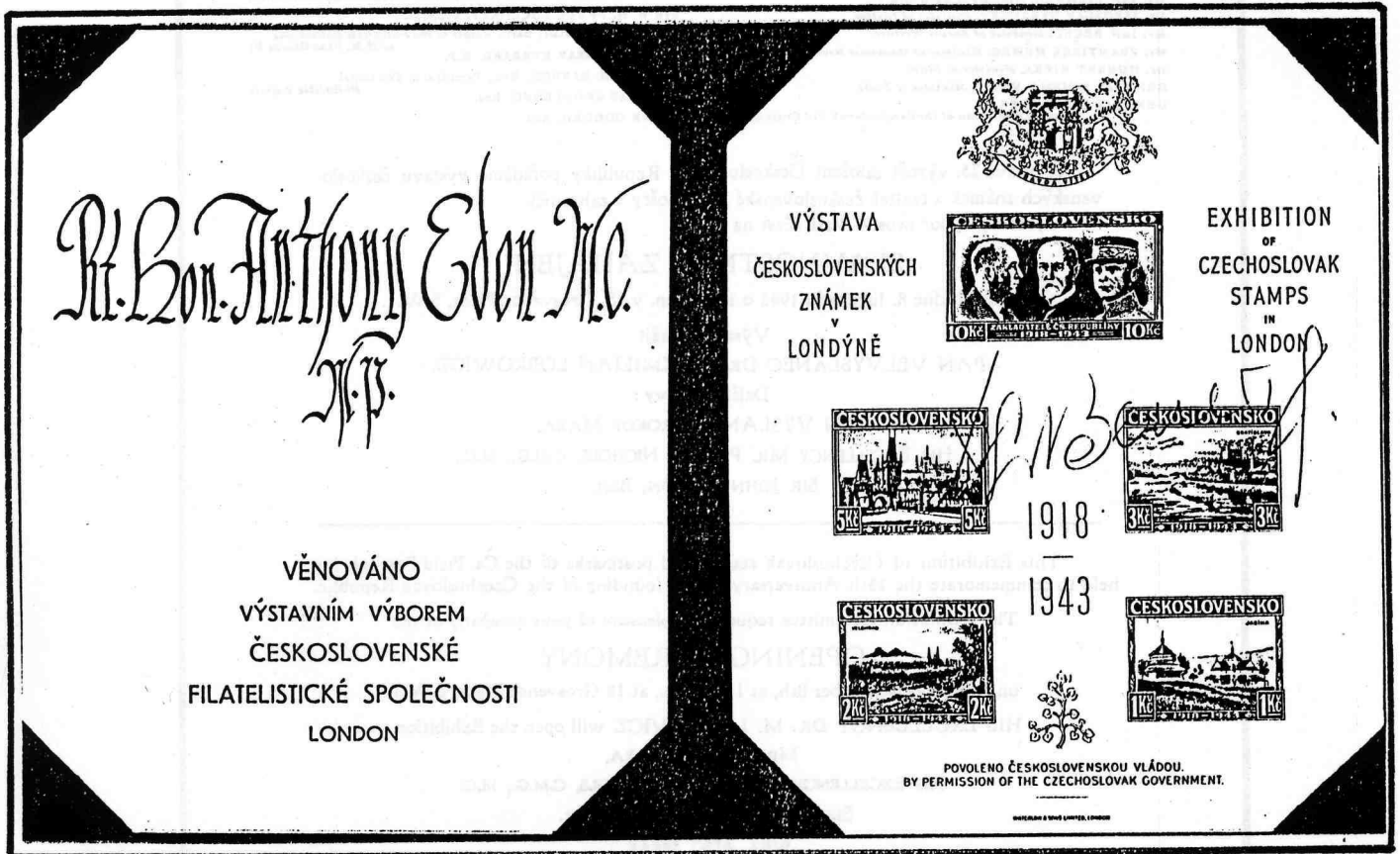
To mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1918, the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society in London held an exhibition at 18 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1 from the 8th to 20th November 1943. Most of the philatelic material from this exhibition is already well documented, e.g. see our society Monograph No.1 p.29 and figs. 38, 39 and 40.

Recently one of our New Zealand members, Mr. V.J. Kralíček, purchased one of the special souvenir envelopes and inside was one of the official invitations to the opening ceremony on 8 November. Measuring 25 x 19½cm, this invitation is reproduced here in reduced format. It is most interesting to read the formidable list of patrons of that exhibition, naturally headed by Dr. Edvard Beneš, the Czechoslovak Republic's exiled President. The list includes Sir John Wilton, Bart., who was at that time curator of the philatelic collections of H.M. King George VI.

Dr. Beneš is known to have autographed a number of the exhibition souvenirs, including the special souvenir sheet produced by Waterlow & Sons, by agreement with the Czechoslovak Government in exile. Although postally invalid, these sheets are often found affixed to various other souvenirs and cancelled with the commemorative slogan cancellation, as shown in fig.1 of the society monograph already referred to.

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CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC EXHIBITION (cont.)



A little while ago, the American "CZECHOSLOVAK SPECIALIST" mentioned this souvenir sheet by drawing attention to its existence in Imperforate style and also having been printed in green and light brown but stamped 'specimen', with the stamp 'values' punched out in the specimen printing.

The imperforated type was also affixed to a number of specially prepared stiff-covered folders which were signed by Dr. Beneš and presented to prominent persons. One such folder (now in the possession of the writer) was presented to the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, M.C. M.P., who was then the British Foreign Secretary in Mr. Winston Churchill's government.

The size of this folder when opened out as illustrated is 25 x 15½cm with a black cover embossed in gold ČESKOSLOVENSKA FILATELISTICKÁ SPOLEČNOST/ - LONDON 1943/ CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

W.A. Page FRPS,L.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY POST IN SLOVAKIA: 1919-1920

Dr. Miroslav Vostatek

(Translation and illustrations supplied by Leroy Brown)

After 28 October 1918 the situation in Slovakia became tense and quite complicated. It is very difficult to explain this state of affairs in a few lines but I place my trust in the indulgence of my readers:

For over 500 years the Slovak Region had been united to the Hungarian Kingdom. On 30 October 1918 the Turčianský svätý Martin Declaration was promulgated. In a few words the Slovaks declared that they preferred to stay with the Czechs but the Magyar government - at that time headed by Count Mihaly Karolyi - did not want to leave the territory. For this reason, several Czech military units advanced towards Slovakia and fighting is recorded 13th November. On 2 December, Marshall Foch, French plenipotentiary General, publicly declared that the Czech army was totally within its rights to occupy Slovakia.

Unfortunately, nobody had ever established the exact borders between Czechoslovakia and Hungary. At the peace conference in Paris however, Dr. Edvard Benes - the Czech representative - had asked for the border to be as follows: Bratislava-Danube-the river Ipel-Lučenec-Ožďany-the river UŽ-the Užok Hill. On the 10th November the General Headquarters of the Czech Army was established in the town of Uherské Hradiště in south-east Moravia. The Czech Army in Slovakia at that time was comprised of 11 officers and 120 other ranks of the 25 Infantry Regiment. Meanwhile, in Prague, 4 voluntary battalions were being organised; there were even battalions of 'Sokols' and workers.

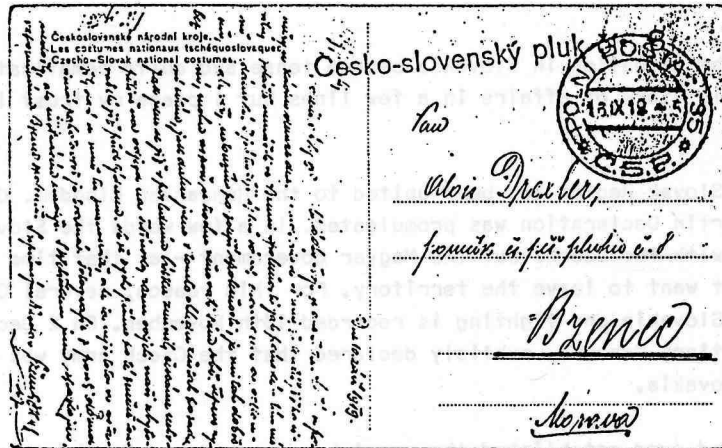
The town of Žilina was occupied on 12 November but lost on the 15th. It was again captured and reoccupied on 6 December and, in the south, the town of Hlohovec was occupied. The GHQ at U.Hradiště was transferred to Žilina on 16 December. On 23 December, the 30th Infantry Regiment reached Vysoké Mýto near Pardubice, commanded by Lt. Beran. He operated in East Slovakia and took the town of Prešov on 28 December and Kosice on the 29th. In the south, the Czech battalions reached Kremnica, Zvolen and Banská Bystrica.

At the end of 1918 the Army comprised 560 officers and 9500 other ranks, 91 machine-guns, 70 horses, 1 armoured train and 3 aeroplanes. At the time, several regiments of the Italian Legionaries were making their way back from Italy to their homeland. There were two divisions with 6 regiments, headed by General Piccione and they established their General Headquarters in Kroměříž, Moravia, from 26 December 1918. At the same time, the 7th Division occupied Kúty (Senica) while the 6th did likewise at Poprad near the High Tatras. Bratislava was reached on 2 June 1919 by the 33rd Regiment of the Italian Legionaries. The towns of Komárom, Nové Zámky and Parkán were occupied by the 39th Regiment between the 6th and 9th of January. The 32nd Regiment occupied Rimavská Sobota and other villages near the River Laborec (East Slovakia) and the 31st Regiment took Michalovce, Užhorod and Užok (in Ruthenia) and Perečín. By 20 January Czech troops had occupied the whole of Slovakia. At the beginning of February the French Military Mission arrived in Prague, followed at the end of May by the Italian Military Mission to lead peace negotiations.

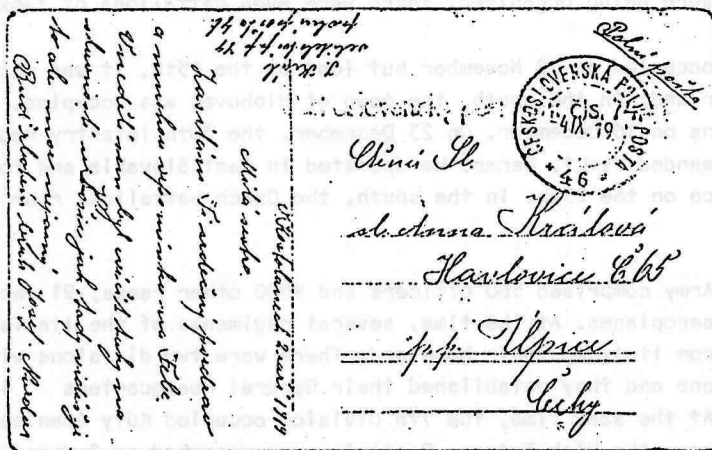
The Paris Peace Conference of 19 February 1919 established the border along the line Matra-Buhové, Hory-Miscoľcs (Hungary) - Gesztely-Parcín Cóp (now Ruthenia) - Baňavo-Perečín (Ruthenia), after which, the Czechoslovak Army Headquarters wanted to take these localities, possibly even with the aid of the Roumanian Army.

On 21st March 1919, the Hungarian government of Count Mihaly Karolyi was driven away by what had become the "Red Revolt" and the Hungarian Soviet Republic, headed by Bela Kun was established in the country. The new regime immediately organised a military attack against Slovakia. On 30 May there began the advance of the Army of Red Hungary. The towns of Parkan, Lučenec, Rimavská Sobota, Košice, Prešov, etc. were immediately occupied. The Czechoslovak Army Headquarters moved. >>

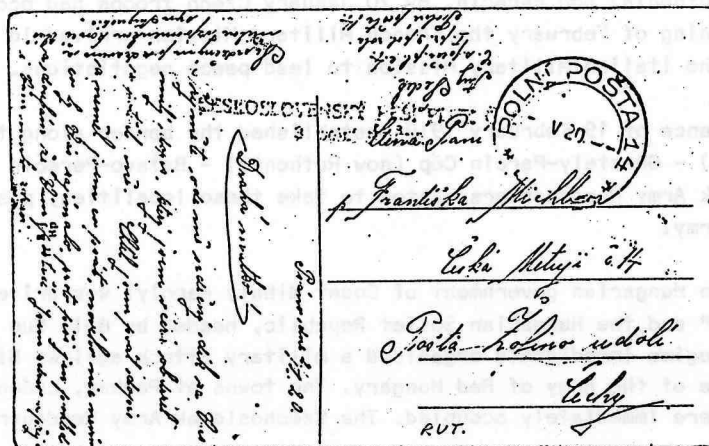
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Card to Moravia 16.9.1919 - via Polni Pošta No. 35



ČESKOSLOVENSKÁ POLNÍ POŠTA No. 46 on card to Bohemia



POLNÍ POŠTA No. 14 (2.5.1920) from Ruthenia to Bohemia

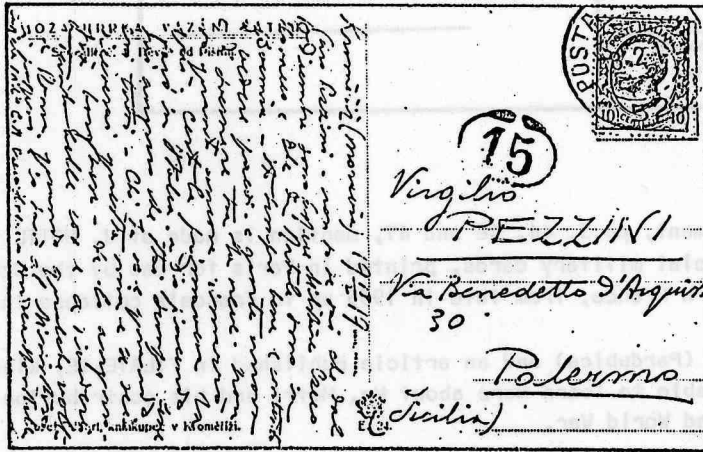
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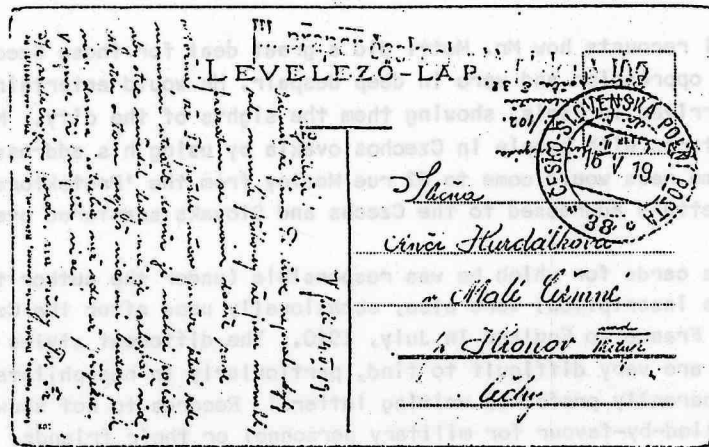
CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY POST IN SLOVAKIA continued:

On the spot were also several Italian troops with 127 officers; there were even 45 French officers. The Magyar forces attacked divided Slovakia into two parts: Because of the loss of Košice on 6 June and of Prešov, Slovakia was separated from Ruthenia. For example, correspondence through Military Post Office No. 46 had to be carried entirely by air. The Hungarian Red Army was 80,000 men strong in Slovakia with the Roumanian Army advancing in Ruthenia and in parts of East Slovakia. Fighting ended on 24th of June, 1919 but the situation was not normalised completely until 1920.

From 18 December 1918 soldiers and legionaries were able to send mail post-free. The organisation of the Military Post was seen to straight away and after 1st January 1919, Military Post Offices 22, 46 and 75 were set up. MPO No. 75 was established in Košice and served the Army Headquarters as well as the 6th and 7th Divisions. In this period in Slovakia we can find the famous Italian cancellation "Military Post Office 52" in outgoing mail towards Bohemia and Italy. Other Military Post Offices of the Czechoslovak forces in this campaign were numbers 5, 8, 12, 14, 25, 35, 38, 50 and 63. Several battalion cachets can also be found on the mail. Personally, I have a "39th Regiment ESPL., C.S. 3a Comp./COMPAGNIA TELEGRAFISTI ITALIA/CS TELEGRAFNI ROTA V ITALII" marking. There are also various Czechoslovak cachets. An interesting study of this military post has been published in Prague by B. Matějka. This then, is a brief 'history' of the Czechoslovak Military Post in Slovakia. The history of the almost contemporary fighting which took place in Silesia, near the town of Ostrava is another story which we can talk about at some other time.....



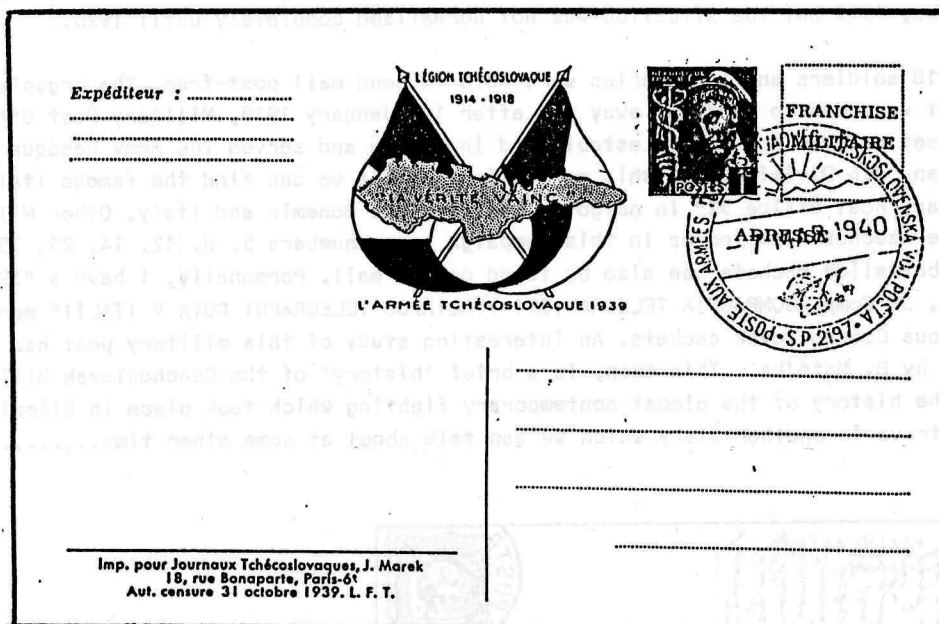
From KROMERIZ to PALERMO 18.2.1919 via the Italian Legion's Military Post Office No. 52.



ČESKO-SLOVENSKÁ POLNI POŠTA 38 to Bohemia - 16.5.1919

J. MOTTI - PUBLISHER OF MILITARY CARDS (1939-1940)

W.A.PAGE, FRPS, L



In the CPSGB Monograph No.1 and Supplement, pp.5, 44, 46 and 47, mention is made of J. MOTTI in conjunction with the production of special military cards, printed in Paris for use by the Czechoslovak forces at Camp d'Agde in southern France, from late in 1939 up to France's collapse in 1940.

With the help of Dr. Miroslav Vostatek (Pardubice) and an article published in FILATELIE, kindly translated by Robert Kingsley, we are able to learn more about Mr. Motti and his contribution to the Czechoslovak cause during the Second World War.

Mr. Motti, who ran a bookshop at 62 rue Mesley, Paris 3, has been described by a retired Czechoslovak airman, Col. Karel Knaifel (who fought and flew in France, Algeria and England) as an older man and 'great patriot'.

The Colonel recounts how Mr. Motti did a great deal for those Czechoslovaks who fled the Nazi occupation oppression and were in deep despair. He would entertain small groups of young men recently arrived in Paris, showing them the sights of the city. More importantly, he arranged postal contacts with people in Czechoslovakia by using his address as a forwarding medium; thus most welcome news would come to 62 rue Mesley from the 'Protectorat'. He also acted as forwarding agent of letters addressed to the Czechs and Slovaks scattered over France and North Africa.

The various cards for which he was responsible (under the authority of the French Censor and bearing his inscription) were also, occasionally used after the Czechoslovak forces were evacuated from France to England in July, 1940. The different styles of cards (described in the a/m monograph) are very difficult to find, particularly in non-philatelic used condition. The Czechoslovaks apparently preferred writing letters! Records do not show the numbers printed but some were cancelled-by-favour for military personnel or their friends.

There is no mention of what became of Mr. Motti but it is interesting to note that another card in identical style has come to light, published by J. MAREK, 18 rue Bonaparte, Paris 6e and under the same censor authority date of 31 October, 1939 (see above illustration).

SPOTLIGHT ON SOME NEW ISSUES



125th Anniversary of the Union of
Czechoslovak Mathematicians and
Physicists: Issued: 6.7.1987



Photos: Courtesy FILATELIE (Praha)

The following notes are taken from an article published in FILATELIE No.13/4.7.1987 and we are grateful to our member V. Kraliček for translating from Helena Hodkova's article:

"Mathematics - Mainly Seriously". So was named a successful and well patronised popular TV educational series in Czechoslovakia, which showed some aversions to and shyness of such high sciences as mathematics. With Physics it must surely be the same.

The Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists to whose mission the popularisation of both sciences belong had its share in the origin of the above-mentioned series. The Union celebrated its 125th anniversary this summer and, with its 6,000 plus membership, is the oldest scientific society in Cs today. To celebrate this event, Czechoslovakia has issued a set of three stamps (all nominally valued at 50 haleru) on 6 July 1987. They were designed by Josef Hamza and engraved by Jan Mráček, Bedřich Housa and Miloš Ondráček.

The first of these stamps carries a picture of the face of the clock on Prague's Old Town Hall and to the right a modern computer graphic—relief of a special function and some examples of an old theoretical function. Secondly we see the images of three famous scientists and pedagogues. It is completed with the symbols of mathematical analysis of the number theory. The images are of the following men: Josef M. Petzval (1807-1891), a Slovak mathematician and physicist and professor of mathematics at Budapest and Vienna. His main interest was differential numbers. He also was interested in optics and invented a special photo lense in 1890. The second portrait is that of Čeněk Strouhala (1850-1922), a Czech physicist and a professor at Charles University, Prague. He was dedicated to experimental physics and in particular to the problems of acoustics and hydrodynamics.

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<< Spotlight on some New Issues Cont.

The third scientist portrayed on this stamp is Vojtech Jarnik (1897-1970), another Czech mathematician and professor at Charles University, Prague. He was dedicated chiefly to mathematical analysis and to the number theory. He achieved scientific recognition and for his scientific and pedagogical work was often highly honoured.

Finally, the third stamp portrays a familiar engraving in A.M. Mallet's book in 1672, recording the measurements of a field using a stake and a piece of string (or like material). Again, on this stamp, we see a modern computer graphic - the line and trajectory of Brown's movement. It is believed that R. Brown was a botanist who, in 1827, discovered the movement of microscopic elements.

The pictorial decoration on the FDC is also richly composed, bearing both sides of the Union's 1983 medal which was struck at the State mint at Kremnica. Also shown is a graph of the Dirasov function of succession, a scheme from the algebraic field, application of maths. in sociological physics and another example of computer graphics. The cancel from Praha on 6.7.1987 carries the Union's initials.

It should be recalled that two other stamps were also issued on the occasion of the Union's Centenary celebrations in 1962 (Feb 26); POFIS nos. 1236 and 1239. Both were designed by the late National Artist and Stamp Designer, Professor Mx Švabinský.

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JOSEF HERČIK - GRAPHIC ARTIST AND STAMP ENGRAVER

We are very happy to note that the leading Czech stamp engraver, Josef Herčík celebrated his 65th Birthday anniversary on 23 March this year. This information arrived too late for inclusion in our last edition but we nevertheless, belatedly but none-the-less sincerely wish Josef Herčík happy celebrations and a long and happy life to come.

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SOCIETY NEW ISSUES SERVICE

The service run by the editor has unfortunately been experiencing some delays through no fault of the organiser or the British distributors of Czechoslovak philatelic materials. The extended industrial action by British Customs personnel has eased a little but the repercussions are still affecting supplies from Prague with many parcels still held up in the pipeline. Some issues are not arriving while others are arriving but out of sequence. We ask subscribers to be patient for just a little longer, please. Your supplies will be forwarded almost the same day as I receive them.

A.J.K.

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PRAGA '88

We can now confirm, as promised in the last issue that the exhibition will take place in Prague from Friday 26 August until Sunday 4 September 1988. The Hon. Secretary can now supply further details on our planned society visit and interested members should now apply to Yvonne Gren if they have not already done so. Final arrangements are expected to be made during this October - so hurry if you wish to be included! (SAE would be appreciated).

BPF 69th CONGRESS - 1987

Eastbourne: 10-13 September

SOME HIGHLIGHTS



By W. Alec Page, FRPSL.

BPF Council member and
CSPSGB Delegate

The formal opening of this year's Congress took place on Friday morning with a welcome to the members and delegates from The Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr. Mrs. Janet Grist, who also entertained them at a Civic Reception in the evening.

The theme of the Congress was "Forward Philately". Two (markedly different) Papers were read: by John Sussex who used 'Marketing Philately' as his chosen subject and 'The Post Office and Support of Philately' given by Colin Pawson, the British Post Office's Controller of Stamp Production and Marketing. These Papers engendered some lively discussion, brought out many ideas and plans (some controversial) for future promotion of The Hobby, its image and how to attract larger followings in the future.

On Friday also, Kenneth S. Sargeant, one of our members and a local historian had supplied a fine display of the Postal History of Eastbourne & District which was also well received.

The Annual General Meeting of BPF was on the Saturday morning when, among other things, new members of Council were elected. This meeting was also attended by our own delegates - the writer and Mrs. D. Yvonne Gren. The four day event was nicely rounded off on Sunday with the presentation of Congress medal and the Signing of The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

Our own society held a small 'fringe' meeting on Thursday, 10 September when Chairman Reg. Hounsell showed a comprehensive display of THE FIRST REPUBLIC 1918-1939 and selections from his admirable collection of CZECHOSLOVAK AIRMAILS HISTORY. The writer also contributed to the meeting's success by displaying a selection of POSTAL STATIONERY OF THE FIRST REPUBLIC

It was, perhaps, unfortunate that this meeting was held in a room adjacent to another which was housing members of Eastbourne & South Downs PS and some of their members' displays. This had the natural effect of probably reducing the numbers attending our meeting but several of the Eastbourne & SD PS members honoured us by visiting us afterwards and viewing our displays.

At the opening of Congress, the new 'logo' of The British Philatelic Federation was unveiled and we have pleasure in using a copy of it as a masthead to this BPF Congress article. It is somewhat remarkably similar to the Czech (or Bohemian) Lion with which CSPSGB members are so familiar, except that the BPF lion is facing the opposite direction.

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ENGLISH-CZECH/CZECH-ENGLISH DICTIONARIES

We would draw you attention to the fact that we still have TWO ONLY of the excellent dictionaries by Prof. Ivan Poldauf which were on sale some time ago to members. Each volume contains over 1200 pages and is a 'must' for the ardent student of Czechoslovakia and/or Czechoslovak Philately.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, your cheque or postal orders please for £7.60 (this includes £1.60 postage) to The Editor. Please make payments payable to "A.Knight". REMEMBER there are only TWO left - so hurry to be sure of one.

STOP PRESS: Congratulations to our two members who gained awards at the recent STAMPEX/BPE.

R.Bradford: "The Hadcany Issues" (Bronze-silver award)

M.P.Birks: "Nicaragua - The Asenjo Contract" (Silver award)

SUPPLEMENT TO POFIS POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE (Praha) Priced in Czechoslovak Crowns (Kčs)

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NOTES: (1) A = Sheet; TL = Printing Sheet; I = Larger format of 8 stamps, being different from the other two sheets (each of 4 stamps).

(2) According to the official ARTIA programme of 1987 issues, the Technical Treasures sheets were to have been imperforated. The only sheets seen by the compiler are all perforated - so far.

(3) It is regretted that photographs cannot be included in this supp. due to limited space available in this larger, special edition. All should be back to normal in the December edition. (Ed.).

(4) Any MEMBER wishing to receive NEW ISSUES from the January 1988 sets and who has not already enrolled as a subscriber to this service should contact the Editor as soon as possible. Details were included in CZECHOUT No. 4/1986.

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