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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS EVERYWHERE -- A HAPPY AND GOOD 1992!



..... and here are some Committee members and friends at our Worthing meeting during the warmer days of 1991. We introduce ourselves as follows:

Standing: Fred Gren, Michael Elliott, Colin Spong, John Whiteside, Bill Dawson, Robert Kingsley and Jennie Pulling.

Seated: Yvonne Gren, Brian Day, Lindy and Alan Knight, Bernice Kingsley, Gill Clarke and, looking a bit 'dated' - Alec Page!

FROM THE EDITOR

It was with the greatest regret that it became necessary to retard the date of issue of this 'December 1991' edition. I had the unfortunate luck to take a tumble near the bottom of the stairs at home in October which kept me off my work for three weeks. Notwithstanding that experience, I took a much more serious fall in town; tripping over uneven paving stones on November 16, just when I should have been concentrating on CZECHOUT! The result was a fracture to and total dislocation of my left shoulder, resulting in 26 days in hospital. I am now at home again and can just about manage the typewriter with two of my fingers instead of the usual three!

I trust members will accept my regrets with a measure of understanding. I am asking all those of you who so kindly sent flowers and kind messages to me during this time, to please accept my most grateful thanks - and those of Lindy, the best nurse in the world! I was particularly amused by the message of a certain committee member who added to his Christmas Card the words:- "New Year Resolution: Make every effort to remain upright!" Bally cheek! I have always been a respected and upright member of society, despite the remarks of a certain Bill D. : "... and we always thought you were teetotal!" What it is to have real, smashing friends!

To all members and readers, everywhere, please accept our very best wishes to you, too, for a kindly and generous 1992 - Happy Hunting!

Alan Knight

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SOCIETY NEWS AND NOTICES

Saturday September 14 1991

This was the long- and eagerly- awaited meeting when we were to be entertained by our Norwegian member PAUL H. JENSEN, RDP., FRPS,L. who presented his programme entitled "The Postal History of Czechoslovakia up to the Introduction of Postage Stamps on 1 June 1850." This was aided with much original material, some dating from the 15th.c. and, assisted by Lindy Kinight, with projector slides of much of Paul's collection back in Norway. This was a truly magnificent collection and we saw some material not likely to ever be shown to us again for some considerable time.

Mr. Bill Dawson (Vice-Chairman) offered a splendid Vote of Thanks to our friend Paul, which was seconded from the Chair by Alan Knight. It is hoped to bring readers of this journal some of these splendid items in a lengthy article offered by Mr. Jensen to the Editor before leaving.

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Saturday November 2 1991

Following, after lunch, a very successful Annual General Meeting (separately reported), over 30 members gathered in an upper room at our H.Q. for the annual auction. This was, as usual, briskly and efficiently conducted by our good friend, Mr. John Whiteside - and, as always, with his usual humourous flare and encouragements to bid! Some very high prices were realised and just a little under £2,000 changed hands for over 230 items. An excellent >

auction, very ably assisted by the Hon. Auction Secretary, Brian Parker and our Hon. Treasurer, Bob Kingsley. It was certainly noticeable this time how very hard these two members diligently work at these auctions to make them the events that they usually are. Our special thanks to John, Brian and Bob!

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Saturday January 18th - "Members' Sheets" (Max.24).

Saturday March 21st: Otto Hornung regrets he will be unable to entertain members following the Competitions. His place will be taken by Alec Page who will announce the chosen subject in our next edition.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS: If you have yet to 'pay up' will you kindly do so as soon as possible, please, to the Hon. Treasurer whose address is shown inside our front cover. Current rates are £7 p.a. per member (£10 'Family').

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SOCIETY HONOURS AT "STAMPEX" 1991

It is pleasing to be able to report that this journal (via its Editor) gained two awards at the 1991 Autumn "STAMPEX" exhibition in London. Individual awards were also gained by members as shown below, taken from "The Report of The Chairman of The Jury- 1991":

The Albert H. Harris Literature Award (Philatelic Literature) and Large Silver Gilt medal (with felicitations) . . . James Negus.

The Link House Thematic Trophy (Thematic Class) and Silver Gilt Medal:
. . . G. McAuley.

The Francis Webb Memorial Trophy for Philatelic Literature (Society Journals) and Silver Medal . . . A.J.Knight (for CZECHOUT).

Bronze Silver Medal for Philatelic Literature (Handbooks) . . . W.A.Page for "Fieldpost of the Czechoslovak and Allied Forces in Russia 1918-20. (This was the last (No.9) Society publication].

We are naturally pleased that our Society journal was awarded these two philatelic honours, official acknowledgment of the ongoing efforts to produce editions in the best possible traditions as a service to Czechoslovak Philately and our Society membership. We shall continue to do our modest best in these directions - with your help.

We also, at the same time, heartily congratulate OTTO HORNUNG on his winning a Large Gold Medal at the 1991 Tokyo International.

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DON'T FORGET our Annual Competition event on March 21st. This year it will be the turn of competitors for the KAY GOODMAN TROPHY. Take a look at the Regulations for this and start preparing your entries NOW!

NEW MEMBERS:

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members, wishing them a long and mutually beneficial sojourn with us:

Mr. John Eyes - Sheffield
 Mr. M. Benford - Banbury, Oxon.
 Mr. W. G. Reid - Cumbernauld

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Poznámka redakce: Redakce nemá možnost ověřovat spolehlivost jednotlivých osob, jejichž jména jsou uveřejňována v této rubrice. Proto je při případném navázání kontaktu na místě určitá opatrnost. Potvrzuje to i nedávný případ p. Hermana SETIAWATY ze South Perthu v Austrálii, který navázal poštovní styk s několika našimi sběrateli. Nechal si od nich poslat větší množství xx čs známek (resp. dalších věcí), načež se odmíchl. Protože toto zopakoval několikrát, jde zřejmě o podvodníka, který si na úkor důvěřivých čs. sběratelů takto „přilepšuje“ ke svým „skromným“ australským příjmům.

We are most grateful to Mr. V.J.Králiček for sending us this cutting from FILATELIE, the Czechoslovak philatelic national magazine, in its edition 18/1991-562. It refers to a certain HERMAN SETIAWATY of PERTH in Western Australia. It should be noted that this person persuaded us to publish an appeal for exchange partners in our last issue of CZECHOUT in September 1991.

It appears that this man has obtained a great deal of philatelic material by the trusting collectors within Czechoslovakia but has replied to none of the senders nor has any material been received by them from this person. FILATELIE looks upon Mr. Setiawaty as a 'swindler', hence this warning from its Editor's Office.

We can only repeat what we have said before. We have no way of ascertaining the veracity of anybody seeking correspondents through the medium of this journal. We always advise caution before parting with any stamps or other material. Better to obtain a firm, written agreement before parting with any of your material in the first place. This society cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of any such material or monies through readers and members replying to any such advertisement in this journal. Therefore - Be Careful!

AMENDMENT TO OUR MONOGRAPH No. 3 - 1985

We are advised by Roy A. Dehn, author of "The Pošta Československá Overprints" of the following necessary amendment to his treatise:

Page 38: The length of the word ČESKOSLOVENSKÁ Type A overprint should read 27.5mm and NOT 26.5mm. If members have observed any further errors in this work, will they please tell the Editor of "Czechout"-as soon as possible.

This applies, naturally to all our publications. AJK.

N.B. Our thanks to Alec Page for the following: "The Francis Webb Memorial Trophy" was presented in 1969 by the Hong Kong Study Circle in memory of the late Colonel Francis Wynne Webb, O.B.E. The trophy, a 7" plain silver bowl with decorated integral stand is for annual award in the Society Journals section of the Literature Class at STAMPEX/BPE." This refers to the recent award to CZECHOUT mentioned earlier in these notes. >

CALLING RAILWAYS AND TPO ENTHUSIASTS:

We are advised of the following quality maps of railways on Czechoslovakian territories:

Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia 1897: Scale c.15m. to the Inch. A 14pp atlas in black and white showing all double and single track lines, including those then under construction. Price £1.60 plus 20p postage (or large SAE).

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Kovpakova 26
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Subscription for 1992 is 120 Crowns (**currently** c.5 US \$) plus postage. There is free advertising for exchange partners and discounted charges for other forms of advertising. Full details will be sent in your language upon request to the above address. From January 1992, the publication will be monthly, 48pp.

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PLEASE HELP US WITH POSTAGE COSTS!

A glance at our recent AGM reports will show you, quite starkly, the very heavy burden undertaken by all Society departments on postage costs, most especially on those for despatches of this journal. If, when writing to any of our officers you require a reply, it is absolutely essential that you enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope if a reply is to be guaranteed. A single stamp is not a heavy burden to carry by a single person but, for our Society as a whole and over a year, it is extremely expensive - and this has to be taken very much into account when subscriptions are reviewed annually. So - please help yourselves in this direction by helping US to reduce our costs. Thanks! ::

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CROSS-BORDER TPOs (1850-1988)

(Second, enlarged edition)

Part 3

- Dr. Alois Těšitel -

[English translation: Vladimír Králíček]

4. Cross-Border TPOs in Czechoslovakia 1918-1938 (15,16,17)

With the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, the successor states were forced to rebuild their rail networks according to the new political and economic considerations; with ČSR, e.g. it was the transition from the orientation of north-south to west-east. That is why there was reconstruction of the original routes Břeclav-Kúty-Devínska N. Ves (1921), Česká Třebová-Přerov and the route Horní Lideč-Púchov. To the (then) single link of Slovakia with Sub-Russia there was added the route Bánovce n. Ond.-Vojany (1921) with continuation of the local route to Užhorod. In addition came the routes Zvolen-Krupina (1925), Veselí n. Mor.-Nové Město n. Váh. (1929), Handlová-Horná Štubňa (1931) and Červená Skála-Margecany (1936) (10). New C-B TPOs have not been routed through them.

At the same time however, there survived the railway lines of our neighbours, operating over the Czech Lands. Ulvr (11) mentions about thirty private and state lines of neighbouring railway administrations and in the ČSD railway timetable in early 1930s, it is possible to account for no less than 14 Austrian, 28 German and 9 Polish railway lines reaching into Czech territory. It was not an easy matter to organize control of these routes. The condition of the railways predetermined the possibilities of the travelling post offices, including the cross-border ones. It most likely manifested itself with the interior TPOs, whereas the C-B ones were affected by the then tense international political relations. With the exception of Roumania, the ČSR was surrounded by unfriendly states, a fact noticeable by the marked decline in cross-border TPO numbers.

4.1 Cross-Border TPOs ČSR-Germany

The Versailles Treaty (28.6.1919) with Germany gave Czechoslovakia - insofar as the Czech Lands were concerned - the borders of the Čz. Crown Lands and, in addition, it had annexed to it from the former German Upper Silesia, Hlučínska which was directly joined with Těšín District through a narrow strip of land. (In 1927 Cz. Silesia was administratively with Moravia in the Moravian-Silesian territory).

If we overlook the provisional postmarks of the 1919 TPOs, there were still in use some old Austrian postmarks: e.g.:-

Reichenberg-Zittau/127

Reichenberg- Seidenberg/408,409

Karlsbad-Johannegeorgenstadt/163/418

Budweis-Haidmühle/368

Olmütz-Ziegenhals /76,464

Jägerndorf-Ziegenhals/465

Tropo-Ziegenhals/475

Nezamyslitz-Ziegenhals/75 >

(a) During the period of consolidation the following TPOs are examples of those operating from the **CSR to Germany**:

Praha-Furth i.W. (or Brod n/Lesy)/81,83 (to 1934), 84,85
 Čičenice-Haidmühle/386 (illust. 9). Here the (SRT) was operated as at the beginning of 1938 Volary-Haidmühle.
 Karlovy Vary-Johanngeorgenstadt/301,302 (illust. 10).
 Liberec-Seidenberg/211 (illust.11),212,213
 Liberec-Žitava/216,217,218 (illust.12)
 Trutnov-Libava/203,204 (illust.13)
 Opava-Ratiboř/734 (1921-27) and 735. From SRT there were, e.g.:
 Rumburk-Ebersbach/- and also peáž.
 Georgswalde-Ebersbach-Rumburk/514 was numbered similarly as
 Olomouc-Hlucholazy-Krnov/662,663,733 (1921-22) and 767 (1919-20).

(b) **From Germany to CSR** during the transitional period, the following TPOs operated using the former postmarks. I mention only those which I have not already mentioned under **3.1 to 3.2**:

Berlin-Österr. Oderberg/41,630 (to 1924) and
 Breslau-Oderberg/204,210,211,213,214.

In the remaining postwar years the German TPOs were operating on ČSR territory in essentially two ways: Either in postal carriages attached to the majority of international expresses (D) or Express trains (E) or officially or under conductorship in passenger trains leading to Čz. territory. From both kinds I introduce the following examples:

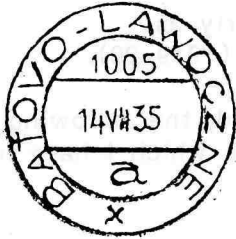
Nürnberg-Eger/147,148,1495,1498
 Hof-Eger/383
 Reichenbach-Eger/2072,2076,2078,2082,2086,2097
 Plauen (Vogtl.)-Eger/2072,2079,2082 (illust.14),2083,2090,2093
 Bodenbach-Sebnitz(Saxony)/3328
 Chemnitz-Weipert/1342,1346,1349,1423
 Dresden-Tetschen/61
 Dresden-Bodenbach/51,64,136,416,434,435,444,448,452,454,449
 Dresden-Bodenbach-Eger/06555
 Dresden-Bodenbach-Tetschen/52
 Breslau-Oderberg/33,210,216,340
 Hirschberg-Polau (Polubny)1399,1403,1413,1416
 Neisse-Weidenau (Vidnava-u-Fryvaldova)/6
 Kandrzin-Oderberg/330
 Heydebreck-Oderberg/200,330

4.2 Cross-Border TPOs ČSR-POLAND (12)

(a) **From ČSR to Poland.** In view of the fact that it took almost two years to settle the mutual borders of ČSR., Germany and Silesian Poland, including Orava and Spiši, the plebiscite (SO 1920) was internationally supervised (16,17) and this resulted in the **transitional period** lasting longer. It affected the following with respect to the former Austrian TPO postmarks:

Bohumin-Salgótarian/-
 Hullein-Bielitz/73
 Kojetein-Bielitz/74
 Lundeberg-Krakau/450, replaced 1918 by
 Breclav-Bohumin. Thereafter came the transversal route Krakau-Wien.
 The Czech postal administration introduced its own double-circle pmks of type 1. on the annexed territory mainly, as from 4.2.1920 but for TPOs
 Kralovany-Suchá Hora/951,952 (15); consignments to Poland were transferred here to Nowy Targ. There remained the formal operation of TPO
 Baťova-Lawoczne/1005 (illust.15) but in reality, it only operated to Volovce, about 20km across the state border from Lawoczne.>

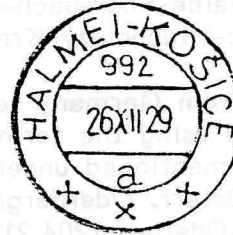
Praha-Bohumin/75 operated during 1935-37 to Polish Zebrzydowic (19). For the SRT can be considered the following as cross-border TPOs, e.g.:
 Caca (Čadca)-Zwardón/- which was operated during the post-First World War years; additionally Bohumin-Zebrydowice, C-B TPO from 1929 and from end of 1936 a single-line SRT Zebrzydowice-Breclav. >



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(b) **From Poland to ČSR (12)** The Polish TPOs travelled wef 15.2.1921 even though a legal basis was afforded them by pertinent documentation as far back as 15.11.1919. The reason was partly due to the referred to diplomatic action in the solving of the border question and, in part, by the 1919-20 war with the USSR of those days. The following were established TPOs:
 Kraków-Piotrowice (later Petrovice u Bohumina)/134,135
 Kraków-Bogumin (illust.16)
 Bohumin-Salgótarján/-
 Krakow-Cieszyn (Česky Těšín)/136
 Warszawa-Petrovice/6
 Katowice-Cieszyn/608
 Bielsko-Cieszyn/341 (1927-35)
 Bielsko-Czeski Cieszyn/340,341 (1935-39). To **Slovakia** went
 Zagórz-Medzilaborce/372.

The Polish service also used the peáž routes, which in Zebryzdowic travelled across Cz. territory, e.g:
 Warszawa-Petrovice (mentioned above) and for
 Lwov-Beuthen (Bytom)/32 and
 Żywiec-Petrovice/133 and 333.

4.3 Cross-Border TPOs ČSR-Roumania

Direct C-B TPOs between these two states were introduced by the Cz. postal administration in 1928. The route of the Košice-Kiráľ'haza TPO was extended and then redesignated Košice-Halmel/992 (illust.17). It operated up to the time of the Hungarian occupation of 1938. However, according to the testimony of an official of this TPO (19) in reality, it only went to Kráľova n. T. The Roumanian express 43/46 or 45/44 travelled here via the peáž route from Sighetul Marmarel; in Kráľova both trains' crews changed their accounts and the express then continued through Cz. territory to Halmeu in Roumania. In the magazine 'Pošta' is a note of a further TPO from Poland to Roumania. It is claimed that it travelled on the route Grigore-Šniatyn-Zalusze-Woronienka-Jasiňa-Valea Visaului. I should note here that the Roumanian and Polish territories separated ČSR from The Soviet Union, so that there were no common borders between them and hence, no common C-B TPOs were operated by them. (see also 6.1 and 6.2).

4.4 Cross-Border TPOs ČSR-Hungary

The transitional period, in this case, lasted until 1920. The tension between the two states had manifested itself in the break-up of postal conveyance (15). Later, the normal operation of TPOs was renewed but in view of the Horthy regime policies, the extent of the C-B TPOs was kept to a minimum.

(a) **From ČSR-Hungary** they were, for example:
 Bratislava-Szob/811,812
 Bohumin-Somosköujfalu/-

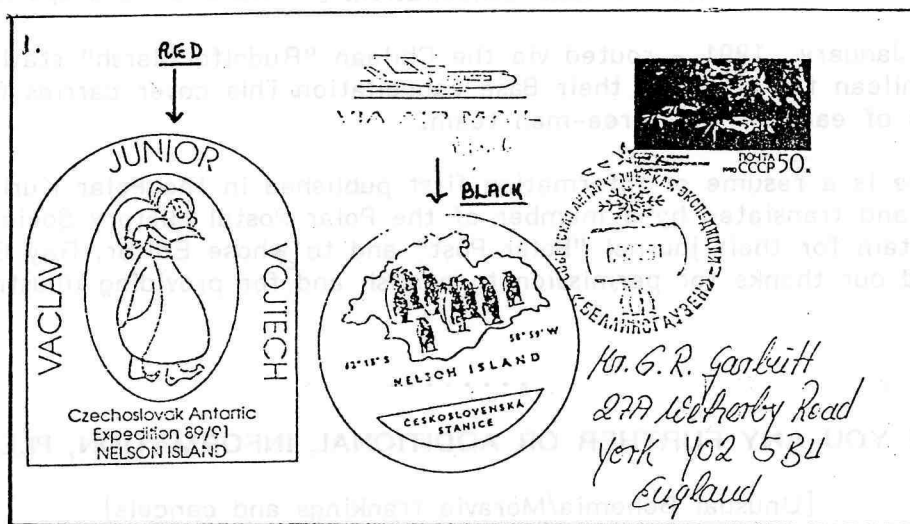
(b) **From Hungary to ČSR:**

Budapest-Parkan-Nana (Štúrovo)/2 (illust.18)
 Budapest-Debrecen-Čop/10,19
 Debrecen-Nyiregyhaza-Ungvár/63. Additionally, the Hungarian posts used the peáž route from friendlier Poland for TPOs
 Sianki-Nyiregyháza-Debrecen/59,60 > [To be continued . . .]

CZECHOSLOVAKS IN ANTARCTICA

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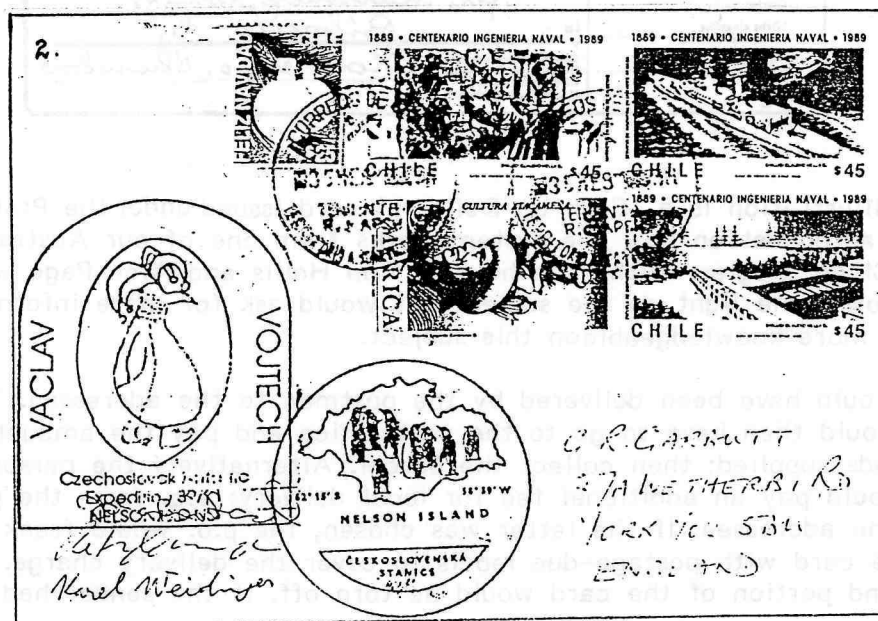
On 20th May this year, the 30th Anniversary of the Antarctica Agreement was marked by a special postage stamp from Czechoslovakia. It therefore seems to me appropriate to draw readers' attention to the following:



In past years Czechoslovak scientists have participated in Soviet expeditions to Antarctica but it was only as recently as 1988 that they set up their own Antarctic Station. This was established on 6 January by Jaroslav Pavliček and Jan Pávek on Nelson Island (South Shetlands) - 62.15S : 58.59W.

At the beginning of 1989 a second expedition comprising six members, also led by Jaroslav Pavliček, were forced to abandon their stay due to logistical and communications problems and they were back in Czechoslovakia by the Spring of 1989.

A three-man team was at the base for the 1990-1991 season; Dr. Karel Weindinger, Dr. Ing. Petr Lumpe plus a third, unnamed person. Information on who this third person was is still being sought.



The covers illustrated here, although obviously philatelic, show two different cachets of the Nelson Island station and both were routed via the Soviet and Chilean stations:

Fig.1: 9 February 1991 - routed via the Soviet "Bellinghauser Station", with Soviet franks and the Base cancellation. ["Antarctic" mis-spelt!]

Fig.2: 3 January 1991 - routed via the Chilean "Rudolfo Marsh" station with Chilean franking and their Base cancellation. This cover carries the signatures of each of the three-man team.

[The above is a resume of information first published in the Polar Kurier, Germany and translated by a member of the Polar Postal History Society of Great Britain for their journal "Polar Post" and to whose Editor, Ray Garbutt, we extend our thanks for permission to publish and for providing illustrations.]

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HAVE YOU ANY FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE?

[Unusual Bohemia/Moravia frankings and cancels]

<p>Absender <small>(Name, Wohnort, Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk):</small></p> <p>Odesílatel <small>(jméno, bydliště, ulice, číslo domu, část budovy, pochodí):</small></p> <p>PRUDENTIA - prof. (tscho-moravská asociace) poštovního úřadu v PRAZE</p> <p>Filialní ředitelství pro Moravu</p> <p>BRNO, Tržda H. Górlinga 25/27</p> <p>Úč. pošt. spor. 110.021</p>	<p>Innerer Protektoratsverkehr - Vnitřní protektorátní styk</p> <p>Nachnahme - Dobírka</p> <p>10 h</p> <p>poj. 217.369</p> <p>Besondere Vermerke des Absenders: Zvláštní záznamy odesílatele: Příspěvek k nemoc. pojistce za měsíc 4,5 1944.</p> <p>Nachnahme 367 K 20 h, wörtlich: Dobírka slovy:</p> <p><i>20/100</i> Kronen korun</p>	<p>Fr. durch d.</p> <p>sufzukleber, wenn nötig, den Vordruck nicht auf dem Briefe</p> <p>příloha</p> <p>od</p> <p>Je-li třeba, ř. vedle (tř. "D ne na ?</p> <p>60</p>
<p>Postvermerk Služební údaje</p> <p>Nicht angetroffen Nebyl zastizen</p> <p>Benachr. zugef. Oznamení zanechano</p> <p>Frist verlangt Odklad platby</p> <p>Nicht eingelöst Nezapltil dobírku</p> <p>Verweigert Odepřel přijetí</p> <p>1941</p>	<p>An <i>Jan</i></p> <p>Adresa <i>Jan Kostecký, rolník, Bilovice 14,</i></p> <p>in <i>y. Kostice, o. Blumlov.</i></p> <p>v</p> <p><small>Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk: Ulice, číslo domu, část budovy, pochodí:</small></p>	

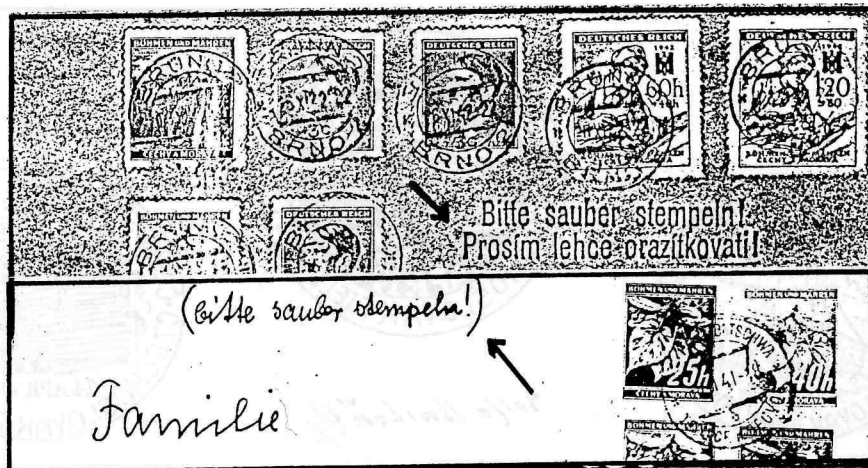
The above illustration is a 'Cash-on-Delivery' card issued under the Protectorate with a request on how the system works from one of our Australian members, Clyde Ziegler. With the help of Ron Hollis and Alec Page we are able to throw some light on the subject but would ask for more information from those more knowledgeable on this subject.

The card would have been delivered by the postman to the addressee. The recipient would then have to go to the post office and pay the amount claimed for the goods supplied; then collect the parcel. Alternatively the person or an agent could pay an additional fee for local delivery; e.g. from the post office to the addressee. If the latter was chosen, the p.o. would frank the back of the card with postage-due labels to cover the delivery charge. Normally the left-hand portion of the card would be torn off. If the sender had paid >

1k as a receipt charge, that portion of the card would then be returned to the sender.

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(Unterschrift des Empfängers — Podpis příjemců)		
<p>W: Ne</p> <p>BÖHMEN UND MÄHREN CZECHIA MORAVIA</p> <p>1K1</p> <p>werden kann, ersuche ich,*) barkheit verständigt werde, utitelnosti, den Empfänger nachgesendet werde, u. zw. nach příjemci do werde, sofort — nach Ablauf der lagerebührenfreien Frist — vor Ablauf der Beho- abhy bei sofort — nach Ablauf der lagerebührenfreien Frist — vor Ablauf der Beho- abhy bei sofort — nach Ablauf der lagerebührenfreien Frist — vor Ablauf der Beho- abhy bei</p> <p>BÖHMEN UND MÄHREN CZECHIA MORAVIA</p> <p>1K1</p> <p>ten verständigt werde, an welchen Empfänger das Paket ausgefolgt worden ist, may písemně oznámeno, kterému příjemci byl vydán, läuft werde, ... an der Frist verläuft (sich verzieht auf das Paket). aby s ním pošta volně nalozila (získám se balíku).</p> <p>*) Nichtzutreffendes ist zu streichen. Škrtněte, co se nehodí.</p> <p>(Unterschrift des Absenders) (Podpis odesílatele)</p>		

The second (above) item queried by Clyde is a parcel card with an unusual franking. The card originated in Olomouc and is addressed to Praha XVI - weight 5.80kg. and franked with 2x2.50k postal adhesives. However, the reverse of this card bears two FISCAL stamps instead of normal postage-due labels. It is suggested that these labels substituted postage-due labels then in short supply and that they were most likely affixed at p.o. Praha 55, a main parcel office at that time.



Finally, here we have two portions of two covers bearing a request to "Please cancel Neatly" - the top showing a two line handstamp in German and Czech whilst the lower portion show the same request in handwritten script.

[Edit. note: A similar mark in Czech reads "Orazitkujte Filatelistický"]

DOLFA BARTOŠÍK (1907-1989)

[Designer WW2 Czechoslovak Fieldpost Commemorative Cancellers]

- W.A. Page, FRPS,L. -

Dolfa Bartošík was born on 1 May 1907 at Boršice près Buchlovic, Moravia; he died in Prague on 3 February 1989. Bartošík was a teacher by profession, serving for a while in Yugoslavia and, following a short return to Czechoslovakia, he taught at the Czechoslovak School in Eindhoven (Netherlands). It was from this place that, with his family, he escaped to England, eventually to join the exiled Czechoslovak Army. There, as a planning officer, Bartošík planned and plotted the movements of the Cz. forces overseas, thereby using his graphical talents.



[c.1941]

His involvement with the designing of special cancellers arose from competitions for which a prize of £2 was awarded for each accepted design. Bartošík's 'first' was for the 91st anniversary of the birth of T.G.Masaryk (7.3.1941) the first President of Czechoslovakia. [See Society Monograph 1 page 21, fig. 23].

Not all his designs were used and one in particular became the subject of some controversy. Of the three submitted designs one had been accepted. However, it was in fact withdrawn before the planned usage date. This was the canceller made for commemorating the Sub-Carpathian writer and nationalist by the name of Alexander Duchnovič. The idea for this canceller was initiated by a group of Ukrainians then serving with the Czechoslovak Brigade. It was also intended to hold a celebration on 24 April 1941 in honour of Duchnovič. However, a few days prior to that date orders were issued by Brigade Headquarters prohibiting both the celebration and the use of the relevant canceller. Although no official reason for this prohibition and cancellation has ever since come to light, one can only speculate that they were, for some reason(s) political.



The three originally submitted designs. The accepted one (fig.1) being taken from a proof-print from the artist's original wood-block prepared for the manufacture of the handstamp. >

Despite the withdrawal of the canceller (to later be placed in archives) a number of souvenirs: field postcards and other memorabilia were cancelled by favour, sometimes in colours other than the intended blue. The cancel was not used for any postal items and, therefore, must only be considered as proposed design specimens.

In all, Dolfa Bartošik deigned some eight cancellers that were actually used, plus a number of supporting souvenirs. All the cancellations are illustrated in the Society Monograph No.1 and Supplement as figs. 23,27,29,31,20,35,36 and 25 listed in chronological order.

Several other designs were submitted that were neither accepted nor used:



Fig.4.



Fig.6.

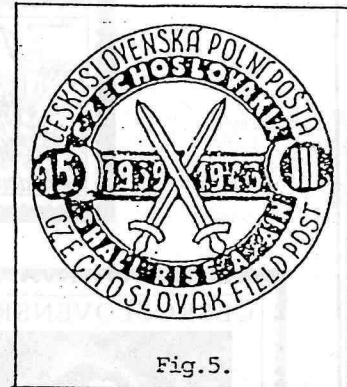


Fig.5.

The first, in an attempt to break with tradition, occurred in October 1941 when Bartosik prepared a design for the commemoration of 'National Day' on 28.10.1941. This design was for a hexagon shaped canceller (fig.4) but for some 'technical' reasons it was not accepted in that format. The accepted design reverted to the more conventional circular format.

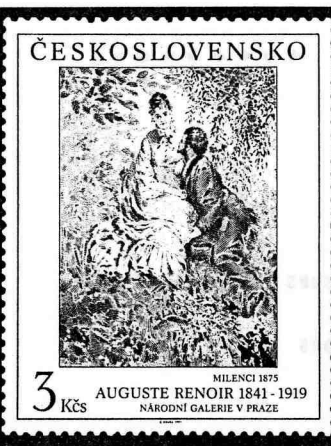
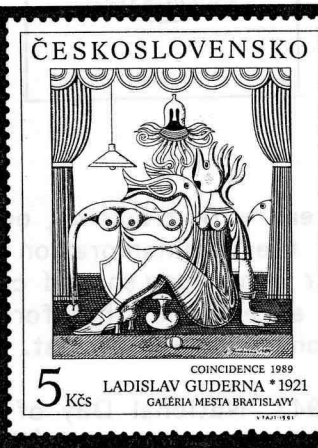
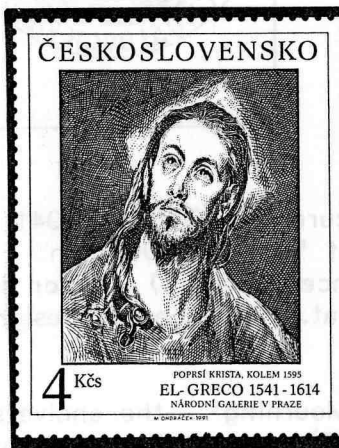
Another design to mark the 1943 'National Day of Mourning' - the anniversary of the Nazi occupation - was also not accepted (fig.5). A canceller was however prepared from a design by another soldier-artist, Jindrich Křeček (fig.6)::

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NEW ISSUES



NEW ISSUES - September to December 1991

[illustrated in chronological order]

- A.J.K. -

- September 27 ANDREJ HLINKA 10Kčs With name and dates 1864-1938
Des: Josef Balaz Eng: Martin Cinovsky 23x30mm 1 FDC
- 30 PRAGUE & BRATISLAVA MOTIFS (2v): 26x40mm 2x3Kčs
Prague: Prague Infant Jesus - Bratislava: The Blue Church.
Prague Des./Eng: Václav Fajt. Bratislava Des./Eng: Josef Herčík.
2 FDCs. Both stamps printed flat-plate in sheets x 8 stamps.
- November 3 PROTECTED FLORA (4v) 19x23mm 2 FDCs (1+11) (2+5)
1Kčs: Gagea bohemica (Z) R.S. 2Kčs: Aster alpinus L.
5Kčs: Fritillaria meleagris L. 11Kčs: Daphne cneorum L.
Des. and Eng: Bedrich Housa. Printed in sheets x 100 stamps.
- 3 ART ON STAMPS (Annual issue) (5v) FDC for each stamp.
2Kčs: "Life In The Home"- Max Ernst (1891-1976) c.1913-14.
Flat recess in 4s. each design measures 40x50mm.
3Kčs: "Lovers" - Auguste Renoir (1841-1919) painted 1875.
4Kčs: "Bust of Christ" - El Greco (1541-1614) executed 1595.
5Kčs: "Coincidence" - Ladislav Guderna (*1921) painted 1989.
7Kčs: "From The (Japanese) Daimondji Household" (two girls
in Japanese dress). (1802) - Utamaro (1753-1806).
Des./Eng: 2Kčs: Bohumil Šneider. 3Kčs: Bedrich Housa.
4Kčs: Miloš Ondráček. 5Kčs: Václav Fajt. 7Kčs: Josef Hercik.
- 11 CHRISTMAS: 50h "Three Carollers" by Antonin Strnadel.
Des: Vladimír Kovarik Eng: Josef Herčík. Design 19x23mm in
sheets x 100 stamps.
- December 18 "DAY OF CZ. POSTAGE STAMPS" - (Annual issue currently
showing stamp artists and engravers). Martin Benka 1888-1971.
Additional to this artist's portrait (he was a Slovak), the design
includes a detail from one of his early Slovakia stamps with
the title of 'The Wood-cutter' issued 6.10.1939.

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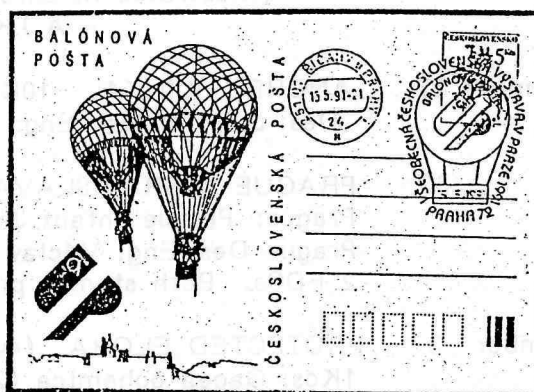
NEW ISSUES SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

The Editor takes this opportunity to remind members that he operates a New Issues service (on a limited scale) to paid-up members. Sendings are approximately two-three months apart, depending on the quantity of issues. This is limited to ONE of each mint stamp and in the case of sheetlets, "Motifs" and "Art on Stamps" e.g. members get the full sheets of each value. These are NOT cut up into singles. A percentage of payments made for these issues is annually donated by the organiser to Society funds. For full details of the service, terms and conditions, please contact Alan Knight direct. [N.B. This is a PRIVATE service for members only and not public trading. The limitation on quantity is in deference to our trading members].

SOME RECENT POSTAL STATIONERY ITEMS

COMMEMORATIVE POSTCARDS

May 15 1991: Five postcards issued to commemorate the huge General Exhibition held in Prague earlier this year. All the cards carry an imprint of the Jiří Švengsbir stamp of 1974, the 40h "Postal Emblems" mounted postilion. For this occasion, the face value of 5Kčs. was applied to four of these cards; 1Kčs being applied to the card showing the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and Industrial Palace. All stamps were printed in blue and the cards in 4-colour offset by the Silesian Printing Works in Opava in black, blue, red and silver.



The other four cards were:

Hradčany as seen from Charles Bridge, with the exhibition logo.

"Balloon Post" with a drawing of balloons over Prague, the exhibition logo and the words "Balloon Post". (see above).

Stage Coach Post with drawing of a coach, the exhibition emblem and the words "Stage Coach Post".

A card to mark the centenary of the Petřín Cable-Car, Prague shows a cable-car ascending towards the lookout tower, the exhibition logo and the words "100th Anniversary of the Tower and Petřín Cable-Car".

All these cards were designed by the academic painter František Vlach.

May 27 1991: A commemorative postcard to mark the re-opening of the railway line Železná Ruda-Bayerisch Eisenstein with a 3Kčs imprinted stamp with a design of a locomotive taken from a 'tab' in the 1987 "Praga 1988" series "Technical Souvenirs of the ČSSR" by Bedřich Housa. The pictorial section of the card uses a drawing by Jiří Neumann of the rail signal taken from the FDC of the issue "Int. Railway Union" of 1982, a drawing of the line Klatovy-Zwiesel and the abbreviations ČSD and DB with the words "Re-opening of the Railway Line Zelezna Ruda-Bayerisch Eistenstein. The card was printed in 3-colour recess in black, brown and blue by T.U.S. Prague.

PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPE

May 15 1991: Envelope with printed stamp valued 1Kčs bearing the image of President Václav Havel, same as the 50h issue of 9.1.1990. Printed by the Central Printing Works in Prague, this envelope is in green colour and priced at 1.10Kčs - with included notepaper, 1.20Kčs.

The Editor has also received information on a further postcard issue on 15 May with a postilion stamp as described above for the commemorative postcards but this one is printed in black by the Central Printing Works in Prague.

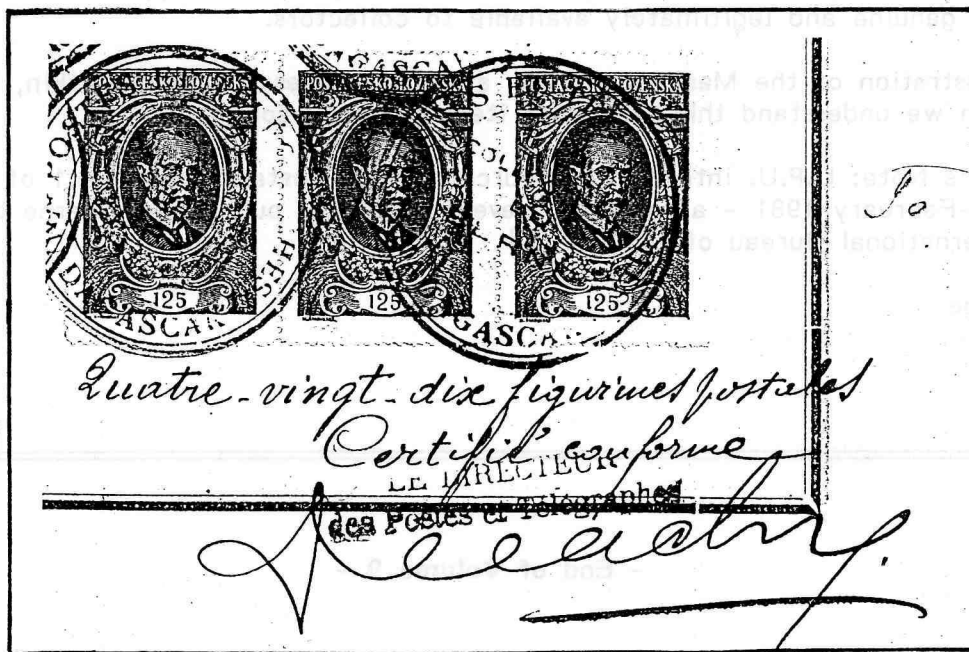
This postcard is particularly intended to carry advertising matter on its left side which is blank. This card is priced at 5Kčs. the same as the value of its imprinted stamp.

UNIQUE U.P.U. SPECIMENS



The 9th October 1874 saw the birth of the General Postal Union when a treaty was signed in Berne, Switzerland by twenty-two countries as the founding member states. Four years later - and still expanding - its name was changed to "Universal Postal Union" (U.P.U.). Today, more than a century later, it embraces virtually every country in the world and since 1948, has been a specialized Agency of the United Nations Organization.

Its first Article formed a single postal territory for reciprocal exchange of correspondence, with the treaty also guaranteeing freedom of postal transit throughout the territories of the Union. Over the years it has become a platform for many other spheres of international co-operation and development of postal services.



From the early days, one of the Union's activities was to receive specimens of the stamp issues of its member countries and distribute them to the other member countries. One such country - Madagascar - built up an important >

archive from this material which was usually distributed by the Union in multiples.

The Madagascar reference collection was affixed to large folio pages which also recorded the dates of receipt and the number of stamps noted. Each page was signed by the Director of Posts and Telegraphs.

In addition to the above, as a security measure, the specimens were 'tied' to the pages by a distinctive (42mm diameter) triple-ring cachet in red. This read "POSTES ET TELEGRAPHES * MADAGASCAR * COLLECTION DE BERNE". Very few of the member countries had used their own, protective markings although some do exist with 'Specimen' or 'Ultramar' overprints.

The archive arrangement was, initially, in country order (1852-1912) but from 1912 to 1928 the arrangement was chronological.

From 1918 Czechoslovakia, being a new member, followed the protocol procedures by providing its own stamps to the U.P.U. in Berne for onward transmission and distribution; thus the Madagascar archive included a variety of issues.

This archive recently came onto the philatelic market and the London dealers Argyll Etkin Ltd. have obtained a major proportion of the material which has been very carefully separated into either 'country' or individual units.

The "Czechoslovakia" section, broken down into issues, includes a spectacular array of the 1918-19 'Hradcany' issues, strips x three of the 1920 'Masaryk' issue (see the 125h value illustration) and the 1928 'Postage Due' labels, etc.

We are grateful and extend our thanks to Messrs. Argyll-Etkin, Limited for permission to use information from their publicity material to record the break-up and disposal of this unique archive which, with the applied cachet is 100% genuine and legitimately available to collectors.

The illustration of the Masaryk strip is also by courtesy of Argyll-Etkin, Ltd., although we understand this particular item has been sold.

[Author's Note: U.P.U. introduction source: "Union Postale" Issue No.1 of January-February 1981 - a review in seven languages, published in Berne by the International Bureau of the U.P.U.]

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