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Welcome to BALPEX '95. Greetings especially to members of the Society for Czechoslovak Philately, the Society of Israel Philatelists and the Scouts on Stamps Society International, all of whom are holding annual general meetings here this weekend.

We extend greetings in particular to young stamp collectors. This year we've set aside a meeting room for you, where Candy and Isaac Emrick will be hosting games and other activities, where there are stamps to sort through and share.

The U.S. Postal Service has scheduled first-day-of-issue ceremonies Sunday morning in Salon A adjacent to the stamp exhibition to introduce its new 20-cent postal card honoring Clipper ships. Our BALPEX '95 souvenir cover continues this theme using a cachet featuring the Baltimore-built clipper ship Ann McKim, the first of these speedsters to engage in the China trade. Ask about them at the Baltimore Philatelic Society table at the entrance.

Enjoy yourself.



Horace W. Harrison, general chairman

Many stamp collectors enjoy their hobby only in the quietness of their own homes, seldom even talking to another collector. But it's much more fun if you join a local stamp club or perhaps a larger group where all the members share an interest in your stamp specialty. Here's how you'd go about joining the club that sponsors BALPEX and the three big specialist groups meeting here this weekend.



The simplest way to become acquainted with the Baltimore Philatelic Society is to attend a meeting at its recently redecorated clubhouse, 1224 North Calvert street. BPS offers a monthly journal, the use of a great philatelic library, sales circuits, auctions and programs each Wednesday evening. Come pay us a visit.

Founded in Chicago in 1948, not long after the State of Israel was established, the Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc., has about 2,000 members in more than 40 countries, not to mention every state of the U.S. It has 48 local chapters, including one in the Baltimore area. For membership details, write to Dr. Emil S. Dickstein, 8358 Hitchcock road, Youngstown, Ohio, 44512.



The Society for Czechoslovak Philately, Inc., founded early in 1939, has published an award-winning, bi-monthly journal continuously for 50 years. Among other activities, the society runs its own expertization service. It has members in 18 countries. For membership details, write to R. T. Cossaboom, Jr., P.O. Box 25332, Scott AFB, Ill., 62225.

Although a majority of the members of Scouts on Stamps Society International belong to some Boy or Girl Scout association, or have at some time been related to Scouting, SOSSI is a philatelic society, completely independent of the World Scout Association. It has identified more than 2,000 stamps, issued by 135 countries, that fit into this topical specialty. For membership data, write to

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR BALPEX '95

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

9:00 - 10:30	Annual Meeting, SIP House of Delegates	Salon A
10:00 - 5:00	Viewing Bennett's BALPEX Auction Lots	Worthington Room
10:30	OPENING OF THE SHOW, BALPEX POSTAL STATION	Salon B
10:45 - 12:15	World Philatelic Congress of Israel, Holyland & Judaica Societies Meeting	Salon A
2:00 - 3:00	<i>Steps in Stamp Production (Israel & Others)</i> by Arthur Hochheiser (SIP Program)	Salon D
3:00 - 4:00	<i>Baltimore's Philatelic Libraries & How to Use Them</i> by Alice Robinson, BPS Librarian	Salon E
3:00 - 4:00	<i>Funny Philatelic Fables from 65 Years of Philately</i> by Horace W. Harrison	Salon D
4:00 - 5:00	<i>Stamp & Cover Insurance plus Tips on Theft Prevention</i> by W.D. Walker of APS Insurance	Salon E
6:00	Show Closes for the Day, Opens at 10:00 a.m. Tomorrow	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00	OPENING OF THE SHOW AND THE U.S. POSTAL STATION	Salon B
10:00 - 6:00	Viewing of Bennett's BALPEX Auction Lots	Worthington Room
10:00 - Noon	Scouts on Stamps Society International's Annual Meeting: the public is invited	Salon A
10:30 - Noon	Philatelic Music Circle Meeting	Salon D
11:00 - Noon	<i>Jerusalem on the Stamps of Israel</i> by Oscar & Bea Stadler (an S.I.P. Program)	Salon E
12:30 - 1:30	Meeting of the China Stamp Society	Salon D
12:30 - 1:30	Souvenir Card Collectors Society Meeting	Pimlico Room
1:00 - 3:00	<i>Czechoslovakia Boy Scout Mail</i> by Ivo Kvasnicka	Salon A
1:30 - 2:30	<i>Gems of Holyland Forerunners</i> by Albert Freidberg	Salon D
2:00 - 4:00	Meeting of Hoban Chapter, Eire Philatelic Association	Salon D
3:00 - 4:30	Society for Czechoslovak Philately's Annual Meeting	Salon A
3:00 - 4:00	American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Seminar	Salon E
4:30 - 6:00	Judges Critique	Salon A
6:00	BALPEX '95 closes for the day — opens at 10 a.m. tomorrow	
6:30 - 7:30	No Host Reception	Maryland Room Corridor
7:30	BALPEX '95 Awards Dinner	Maryland Room Four

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00	Society for Czechoslovak Philately Breakfast	Garden Room
9:00 - 2:00	Viewing of Bennett's BALPEX Auction Lots	Worthington Room
10:00	OPENING OF THE SHOW AND THE U.S. POSTAL STATION	Salon B
10:00 - 4:00	Youth Day and Merit Badge Clinic (a SOSSI Program)	Salon C
10:30	First-Day of Issue for the New 20¢ Postal Card with its <i>The Great Republic Clipper Ship Indicia</i>	Salon A
12:30 - 2:00	Baltimore Chapter, S.I.P.'s Annual Program	Salon A
1:00 - 3:00	International Phillipines Philatelic Society Study Group	Salon D
1:00 - 3:00	Meeting of the Space Topics Study Group	Salon E
3:00	Bennett's BALPEX Auction	Maryland Rooms 1 and 2



The 1918 Czechoslovak Scout Official Mail Delivery Service

by Frederick P. Lawrence, Ph.D.

Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI)



Following the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the end of World War I and the successful revolt on October 28, 1918 in Prague, the Czechoslovak National Committee of Liberation, or National Council, which was politically aligned with the Czech freedom fighter Thomas G. Masaryk, became the Provisional Government of the areas which are today the independent countries of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Other political factions vied with the National Council for power, and security of communications within National Council operations was a paramount concern. Following the suggestion of Joseph Roessler-Orovsky, the President of the Czech Scout Association, the National Council established the Czechoslovak Official Mail Delivery Service, or Scout Post, patterned after the Cadet Bicycle Corps of the siege of Mafeking, South Africa during the Second Anglo-Boer War, which became the model for the Boy Scout movement founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in 1907. The Scout Post operated from November 7 through November 25, 1918, during which Czech Scouts carried letters, printed matter, telegrams, and parcels in support of National Council operations.

Two stamps, a 10 heller blue and a 20h red, both in the same design with the Czech lion, were produced by the Kollman firm in Prague. It is estimated that 30,000 of the 10h and 50,000 of the 20h were produced, in two printings: the first on heavy paper with hand-applied, uneven yellow gum; the second on thinner paper with machine-applied white gum. The stamps were relief-printed on pre-gummed paper, and the edges were simultaneously die-cut out ("died out"), approximating a 12-1/2 perforation. Only one die was prepared for each value; the dies were defaced by filing after the second printing. The 10h was used to account for the delivery of printed matter, which was usually conveyed in unsealed envelopes with ungummed flaps; the 20h, for delivery of letters, telegrams, and parcels. This accounting was necessary because the Scout Association was paid a lump sum for the Scout Post services from a special National Council fund.

Scouts carried telegrams addressed to the National Council from the Wireless [Telegraph] Station to the National Council offices in the Hradcany Palace. Genuinely carried and marked telegrams are quite scarce. At the Wireless Station, incoming



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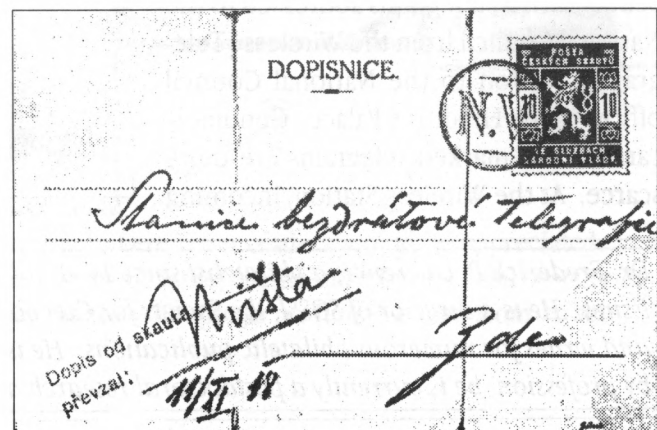


telegrams were first folded in half horizontally, then folded again into thirds in such a manner that the top center one-sixth of the original telegram was visible from the front of the folded telegram. Then the back flaps of the folded telegram were bound together by a square paper seal which was pasted over the overlapping back flaps. Folded and sealed telegrams were then collected in bundles for pick-up by Scouts; the bundles may have been held together by string or twine. Scouts delivered the bundles of telegrams to the Scout Post operations center collocated with the Na-

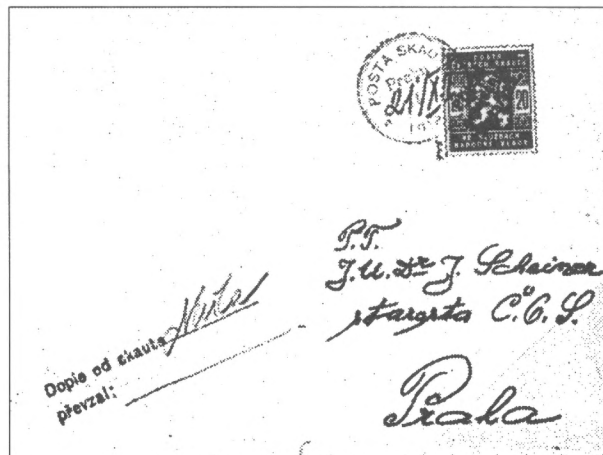
tional Council offices in the Hradcany Palace. There, before the bundle of telegrams was broken open, an adult Scout leader applied Scout Post stamp(s) to the telegram on the top of each bundle, tied the stamp(s) with a POSTA SKAUTU [Scout Post] or NV [National Council] handstamp, applied a two-line “Dopis od skauta... prevzal...” [Delivered by Scout...received by...] handstamp and wrote in the name of the Scout who had delivered the telegrams and the date of the delivery. Since only the top telegram of each bundle was franked with Scout Post stamp(s), genuinely carried and marked telegrams are quite scarce. The illustrated telegram was genuinely carried and marked. Both the NV and “Dopis od skauta... prevzal...” handstamps are incomplete; they were interrupted by the horizontal fold of the telegram, since they were applied while the telegram was still atop its original bundle, before it was unfolded.

For communications support of Scout Post operations, 1000 post cards were produced with an embossed indicium of the 10h stamp die, also in blue. Although the unused remainder were destroyed after the Scout Post ceased operations, genuinely used examples are much scarcer than mint cards. The illustrated card authorized the Scout who carried it (Scout Nusle) to pick up telegrams at the Wireless Station. When traveling around Prague on Scout Post business, Scouts often rode on the city trolley system. Used post cards are known with handwritten instructions on the front which told the Scouts which trolleys to ride to reach delivery addresses.

For one day on December 21, 1918 the Scout Post was reactivated by direction of the National Council to carry messages in support of the arrival in Prague of Thomas G. Masaryk, who had been elected first President of the new government of the Czech Republic. 600 10h Scout Post stamps were overprinted “Arrival of President Masaryk” in red, and 1000 20h stamps were overprinted in black, by the Knapp Printing company in Prague. The overprints were inverted on four 20h stamps; today, two of these are in the Czech Postal Museum, and two are in private hands. The overprints were primarily used on letter envelopes; a small number were added to post cards. Eight tele-



grams were carried from the Wireless Station and franked with overprints. The illustrated cover contained a communication from the National Council to J.U.Dr. J. Scheiner, the official in charge of state defense and the temporary head of state until the arrival of President Masaryk. The unused remainder of the overprints were destroyed after the Scout Post ceased operations.



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#	Exhibitor	Exhibit Title and Description
1	'SOSSI' (13 Frames)	Scouting and Philately NON-COMPETITIVE: Selected pages provided by members of SOSSI, showing a variety of collecting in this speciality area.
2	Henry Hahn (9 Frames)	Pneumatic Mails of Vienna and Prague COURT OF HONOR, non-competitive: Vienna and Prague pneumatic mail including mint and stationery from 1875 to the 1930s.
3	Rev. Edward J. Mullowney, (4 Frames)	Airmail from Vatican City This exhibit consists of two parts. Part I: Zeppelin Flights and PARTII: First Flights and Special Flights, Vatican postage and mixed franking.
4	Charles H. Ligon (7 Frames)	Ryukyu Islands Provisional Issues Under U.S. Military Government Provisional Stamps, Postal Stationery and Stampless covers used in Kume Jima and the Gunto of Yaeyama, Okinawa, Miyako and Amami.
5	Justin Gorden (6 Frames)	Judenpost: Jewish Mail of Nazi Occupied Germany and Poland Jewish mail from the Holocaust Era: mail from the ghettos and concentration camps that is from Jews.
6	Robert F. Koschalk (8 Frames)	German Occupation of Czechoslovakia: 1939-45 Selected pages from a specialized collection.
7	Paul S. Aufrichtig (8 Frames)	Palestine - 1948 Postmarks An exhaustive overview of the use of the cancel of the Mandate during the turbulent year 1948.
8	Phillips B. Freer (4 Frames)	The Stamps of Czechoslovakia Honoring Thomas G. Masaryk A thematic exhibit containing philatelic material pertaining to the life and activities of T.G. Masaryk, the first President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

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9	Sanford Solarz (6 Frames)	The Navy's Twin Giants of the Air: USS Akron and USS Macon A special study that traces the short but colorful and innovative histories of the Navy's last rigid airships.
10	Frank A. Garancovsky (2 Frames)	Hitler Issues of Bohemia and Moravia - A Philatelic Legacy Stamps and covers relative to the period. Printing formats, se-tenant/tabs, gutter pairs; and horseshoe gutter blocks.
11	Alexander Hall (8 Frames)	Independent State and Confederate Mails: December 1860 through June 1865 A study in ingenuity of the Southern postmasters and citizenry. To maintain a viable, working and profitable postal system in the face of great adversity.
12	'N. O. Goode' (3 Frames)	A Message to the Enemy Espionage and propaganda philately of World War II
13	Frederick P. Lawrence (6 Frames)	Scouting on Stamps "Classics": Three Specialized Studies A triptych of mini-exhibits, each in "special studies" form, of the three earliest issues of Scouting On Stamps.
14	Bruce Baryla (7 Frames)	U.S. Taxed Photographs: 1864-66 An in-depth survey of the use of revenue stamps on paper, metal and glass photographs.
15	Willaim H. Weitz (4 Frames)	Palestine Official Government Mail Covers sent by or to government agencies of Mandate Palestine (OHMS).
16	Dr. Robert B. Pildes (8 Frames)	Israel Doar Ivri Study of the chronological development of this issue from the early essays to final printing with plate blocks, tabs, perforation and paper varieties, first day covers, proofs, plate and printing varieties, postal usage.
17	Kenneth S. Torby (1 Frames)	First Day Covers of the First Issue of Israel Official and private covers containing tabs and singles with perf types, plate varieties and imperfs.
18	Fred Blau (8 Frames)	The Austro-Hungarian Field Post Offices in Palestine - World War I This practically unique collection shows cards and letters from the combined forces of Austria, Germany, and Ottoman military mail to and from Palestine (Middle East).
19	Sanford Solarz (5 Frames)	Louis Bleriot and His Type XI Monoplane A special study telling the story of the first person to fly the English Channel and the impact of his Type XI monoplane on early aviation.
20	R.S. Frank (6 Frames)	Scouting Postal History of the 1930s A study of postal items containing Boy Scout and Girl Guide (Scout) philatelic elements including Scout stamps, Scout postal cards, Scout cancellations, and Scout registration labels, issued during the 1930s.
21	Paul S. Aufrichtig (4 Frames)	The Classics of Liechtenstein through 1911 The prephilately and the forerunners of Liechtenstein philately.
22	Arnold Engel (8 Frames)	German Philately During the Third Reich: 1933-1944 A study of selected subjects: from the spectacular airship flights, the efficient airmail services, to World War II and into the Holocaust.

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37	David W. Mayo (6 Frames)	The Two Cent Columbian of 1893 A study of the printing, postal markings, and usage of the United States Two Cent Columbian of 1893.
38	Lewis J. Bernhardt (8 Frames)	Israel's Army Postal Service: 1948 - 1949 Soldier and Unit postal use during Israel's War of Independence. Includes examples of censorship, POW mail, telegrams, mobile APOs and fixed bases, registered mail, parcel stubs and cards, air force, navy, special and unit cancels.
39	Louis Kestenbaum (8 Frames)	Artist Sketches of Israeli Stamps Approved and rejected original artist sketches of Israeli stamps and first day covers.
40	Phillips B. Freer (4 Frames)	Czechoslovakia - The Back of the Book This exhibit is composed of examples of the stamps and some examples of their usage, which were issued for a special purpose other than for regular postage, such as special delivery, postage due, official, newspaper stamps, etc.
41	Howard S. Chapman (6 Frames)	The Various Post Offices in Palestine Examples of cancellations and other postal markings used by the various post offices in Palestine before 1918.
42	Horace W. Harrison (1 Frames)	Canada: Postal History NON-COMPETITIVE: Selected pages.
43	Joan B. Grady (6 Frames)	Philatelic Scouting - the First 50 Years: 1918-1968 Stamps, covers, etc. issued to commemorate Boy Scout activities world wide in the first 50 years of philatelic scouting.
44	Arnold Engel (6 Frames)	Forerunners of Latvia: 1768-1908 Imperial Russia postal system in the provinces of Livonia and Kurland.
45	David Lebson (6 Frames)	Israel Town Emblem Series I & II: 1965-1977 To show how the ranges of the various printing dates were determined by the study of the printing methods and constant flaws and a showing of a part of the series to demonstrate differences and pertinent characteristics that were used to make the determinations.
46	Fritz S. Nussbaum (6 Frames)	Turkey and Foreign Post Offices in Palestine Prior to 1918 Turkey as well as European nations had post offices in the Holyland for many years prior to 1918, as shown in this exhibit.
47	Michael Bass (6 Frames)	Post Offices in the Holyland prior to 1918 Survey of the various postal administrations (Turkish, French, Italian, German, Austrian and Russian) operating in the Holyland through World War I.
48	George Wendt (6 Frames)	U.S. Regular Issue - the 2 Cent Shield of 1903 A study of one regular issue postage stamp. Perforate, imperforate, booklet panes, shades, private perms, on and off cover.
49	Edward J.J. Grabowski (8 Frames)	Guadeloupe: The Development and Use of the French Colonies General Issues A study of the development and use of the general issues in Guadeloupe via stamps and covers.
50	Ephraim W. Day (8 Frames)	Danzig: 1921-23 Having begun 1921 using Provisional Issues, the Free City of Danzig soon issued its own stamps postal cards. This exhibit shows all issues, along with varieties and usages.