The Partitioning of Czechoslovakia

Collectors Club of Akron
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- **Sudetenland** was ceded to Germany on 1 October 1938
- **Silesia portion** was ceded to Poland on 3 October 1938
- Shaded portion of **Slovakia** was ceded to Hungary on 10 October 1938
- **Slovakia** parliament meets to initiate its separation on 18 January 1939
- **Slovakia** formerly declares its independence on 14 March 1939
- **Bohemia & Moravia Protectorate** was declared by Germany on 15 March 1939
- **Carpatho-Ukraine** declares its independence on 15 March 1939
- **Carpatho-Ukraine** was ceded to Hungary on 16 March 1939
Sudetenland Overprints / Surcharges

ASCH (5)  Aš

REICHENBERG (138)  Liberec
Sudetenland Overprints / Surcharges

- RUMBERG (52)
  Rumburk
Sudetenland Overprints / Surcharges
Sudetenland Overprints

- Overprinted following occupation (1 Oct 38)
- Overprinted for use in Reichenberg-Maffersdorf area
- “Wir sind frei!” – We are free!
Sudetenland Overprints

- Canceled 9 Oct 38
- Local use – Teplitz (Teplice)
- 50h Fugner stamp paid correct postage
Sudetenland Postmarks

- Canceled 15 Oct 38
- Aussig (Usti nad Ladem) to Podebrady
- Two 2Kc Fugner stamps plus 6 pf Hindenburg stamp paid 54Pf (4.50Kc) postage
Sudetenland Postmarks

- Canceled 10 Oct 38, “Heil Hitler” and “Freedom Day” slogans
- Leitmeritz (Litomerice) to Vienna
- Three 2Kč Fugner stamps paid 5Kč Express fee and 1Kč letter rate
- Unoverprinted stamps could be used until 25 Oct
Sudetenland Postmarks

- Canceled 10 Oct 38
- Steinschonau (Kamenicky Senov) to Reichenburg
- Two 50h Kosice Cathedral stamps paid 1Kc letter rate
- Printed image in gutter
Slovakia’s Path to Independence

- Slovakia saw Czechoslovakia weakened by German occupation
- 18 January 1939 Slovakian parliament declared independence

- 1936 10Kc stamp from Castles, Churches, Cities series
- Otvorenie Slovenskeho Snemu (Slovak Assembly Opening), Slovak coat of arms, 18.1.39 date and 300h surcharge
Slovakia’s Path to Independence

- Milan Stefanik (1880-1919)

- 1935 Issue
- 30 Mar 39 Re-issue
- New color
- Only valid in Slovak state
- Valid until 15 Jul 40
Slovakia’s Path to Independence

- Tomas Masaryk (1860 – 1937)

- 1935 Issue
- 13 Apr 39 Re-issue
- Hyphen between “CESKO” and “SLOVENSKO”
- Value changed from 1Kc to 1K
- Valid in Protectorate and Slovakia
- Valid until 15 Dec 39
Slovakia’s Path to Independence

- Mailed 31 Jan 39, Bratislava to Prague
- Arrived 1 Feb
- Cachet issued six weeks earlier to celebrate 20 years of Czech stamps
- Special Autoposta cancels applied 18 Jan 39
- Cancel and receipt marks on reverse
Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- Carpatho-Ukraine Diet inaugurated in Chust on 2 Mar 39
- Declared independence on 15 Mar 39
- Issued single 3K stamp on 15 Mar to commemorate the Diet
- Occupied by Hungary on 16 Mar 39
Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- Mailed 15 Mar 39, Chust to Prague
- Only day for 3K stamp
- Special “only day” cancels
- Cachet issued in October 1938 to celebrate 20 years of Czech stamps
- Sufficient postage to pay registration, airmail and express fee
Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- Mailed 15 Mar 39, Chust to Uzhhorod
- Only day for 3K stamp
- Special “only day” cancel
- Sufficient postage to pay registration and letter fee
Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- Mailed 15 Mar 39, Chust to Prague
- Only day for 3K stamp
- Special “only day” cancel
- Sufficient postage to pay registration and letter fee
Slovenský Štát Overprints

- On sale for six weeks
- Valid 21 Mar 39 to 10 Jul 39

- Five low values
- 1929 Coat of Arms issue
- 5h, 10h, 20h, 25h, 30h
- Sheets of 200 (20x10), perf. 9.75

- Six higher values (two more Stefanik stamps)
- 1935-1939 Portraits set
- Sheets of 200 (20x10), perf. 12.5
Slovenský Štát Overprints

- Valid 21 Mar 39 to 16 Apr 39
- Ten denominations with diagonal overprint

- All from 1936 Castles, Churches and Cities set
- Values from 1,20Kč to 3,50Kč
- 3,50Kč overprinted in red and blue
- Three highest values in sheets of 200 plus labels
- 5Kč overprint reads downward
Slovenský Štát Overprints

- Mailed 10 Apr 39, Oravsky Podzamok, Slovakia, to Presov
- Correct 1,60Kc franking
- Unusual franking, especially with plate number single
Slovenský Štát Overprints

- Plate numbers and quantities overprinted (000s)

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*4, 4A were also available (limited #)

- Sample plate blocks
Father Andrew Hlinka Overprints

- Valid 21 Mar 39 to 10 Jul 39 but issued 1 Apr 39
- Two denominations with diagonal overprint

- Plate block with date of intended release (6 Mar 39)
- Stamp paid postcard rate

- Plate block with intended release date (10 Mar 39)
- Stamp paid first level letter rate

- Lower right plate single
- 50h stamp had same mark
Father Andrew Hlinka Overprints

- Issuance delayed because stamps were intended for remaining area of independent Czechoslovakia
- Bohemia-Moravia German protectorate created 15 Mar 39
- Germany then required overprint to limit validity to Slovakia

- Printed in sheets of 200, two 10x10 panes with gutter between them
Hlinka Overprints

- Mailed 21 Mar 39, Brezova, Slovakia, to Prague
- Correct 50h postcard rate
- Red cachet recognizes Stefanik’s tomb, 6km from birthplace
- Reverse pictures Stefanik’s tomb
Hlinka Overprints

- Mailed 25 Apr 39, Zvolen, Slovakia, to Prague
- Correct 4.50Kč franking for registered letter
- Rate had increased 50% on 1 Apr, 18 days after Slovakia declared independence
- No censorship yet
Hlinka Regular Issue

- Same design but “SLOVENSKA POST” at top
- Eight values and two imperforate stamps
- Valid 17 Mar 39 to 30 Apr 45

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Hlinka Regular Issue

- Double-barred cross watermark
- Reprints in 1940, 1941 and 1942, respectively
- Note pearls around portrait on two high values
- “SLOVENSKO” at top
- New letter rate effective 1 Jan 42
General Milan Stefanik Issue

- Commemorates 20th anniversary of his death
- Four values, top value is larger design
- Valid 4 May 39 to 15 Jun 39
- Because portrait is WWI French uniform, Nazis ordered immediate demonetization

Position 93

- Position 93 has extra star in sky (2K only)
General Milan Stefanik Issue

- Mailed 3 Aug 39, Bratislava, Slovakia, to Berlin
- 2K Hlinka issue accepted as postage
- By now the Stefanik stamps were demonetized (and not canceled)
President Father Josef Tiso Issue

- President of Slovakia
- 50h issued 6 Oct 39, 70h issued 20 Mar 42
- Images also used for postcards
- 70h reprinted as perf 10.25 stamp, issued 2 Jan 44
- All valid until 30 Apr 45

- Semi-postal issued 2 Nov 39 (slightly larger format)
- Valid until 30 Apr 40
- Surcharge was for Child Welfare
President Father Josef Tiso Issue

- Mailed 16 Feb 40, Zilina, Slovakia, to Prerau, Protectorate
- 1,20K postage pays postcard rate in effect from 1 Apr 39 to 31 Dec 41
- German censor handstamp
Czech Regular Issues

- Sold for four months
- Valid from 15 Mar 39 through 15 Dec 39
- Special cancels designed to indicate German control
- This cancel applied just three days after Protectorate created
Czech Regular Issues

- Mailed 15 Dec 39, Moravska Ostrava, Protectorate, to Quito, Ecuador
- 11.50K postage
- Censored in Prague (purple DK marking)
- Airmail all the way to Quito via New York
Czech Regular Issues

- Reverse of cover
- Prague censor labels and cancel
- Quito foreign and domestic receipt markings (21 Jan 40)
Czech Regular Issues

- Mailed 8 Aug 39, Prague, Protectorate, to New York
- 2,50K postage paid surface mail rate
- Censored in Prague (purple DK marking)
Provisional Overprints

- Nineteen values overprinted
- Sold and valid from 15 Jul 39 through 15 Dec 39
- Bars at top covered “Ceskoslovensko”
- Protectorate name applied in German and Czech
- From Portraits Series

One of five low value stamps overprinted
Provisional Overprints

- Tenth stamp in overprinted series
- Size and shape altered to reflect horizontal stamp design
- 12 Aug 39 registered cover, Prague to Vienna
- Special philatelic cancel on front and reverse
Provisional Overprints

- Castles, Cities, Churches issue
- Size again adjusted
Provisional Overprints

- Seventeenth stamp in overprinted series
- Size and shape revised for larger stamp design
- 16 Jul 39, Prague
- Special envelope for non-cash payment from bank savings account
Provisional Overprints

- Final two stamps in overprinted series
- Printed in sheets with blank “coupons” at top or bottom of pane
Provisional Overprints

- Mailed 3 Aug 39, Mnichovo Hradiště, Bohemia, to Berwyn, Illinois
- 19K postage paid registered air mail rate
Provisional Overprints

- Reverse of cover on previous slide
- Censor labels and cancels applied in Prague on date of mailing
- Rectangular Prague airmail cancel
- New York registration transit markings
- Berwyn receipt marking
Provisional Overprints

- Mailed 14 Aug 39, Prague to Paris, France
- Airmail, Express and Registry labels on face
- 16,50Ks paid correct postage
- Prague censor marking
- Reverse – indistinct airmail transit marking
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- Missing period after “u”

- Normal

- Error

- Found on 5h (pictured), 10h, 25h, 1,20K, 2,50K and 3K
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- Missing “u.”

- Normal

- Error

- Found on 20h (pictured) and 25h
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- “8” instead of “B”

- Normal
- Error

- Found on 30h, 40h, 1K (pictured), 1,60K, 2K and 3K
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- “R” instead of “B”
- Error
- Normal
- Found on 20h (pictured)
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- “S” instead of “B”
- Error
- Found on 1Kc (pictured) and 3K
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- “K” instead of “R”

- Error

- Found on 1K (pictured)
Provisional Overprints – Errors

- “N” instead of “R” in MAHREN

- Error

- Found on 1,60K (pictured)
New Protectorate Stamps

- Featured Castles, Churches and Cities
- Valid 29 Jul 39 through 31 Mar 43
- First four values

- Sheet layout (300 stamps)
New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 15 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Second four values

- Sheet layout (200 stamps)
- Two different star markings in blank marginal coupons
New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 4 Nov 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Lowest of five high values

- Light purple
- Dark purple
New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 1 Dec 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Second of five high values

- Dark blue
- Dark blue-gray
- Light blue-gray
New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Three highest values
New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design
- Seven denominations

- Dark blue
- Light blue
New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design

- Dark brown
- Type I
- Light brown
- Type II
New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design
New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Only stamp in this design printed in two colors (plus shades)

- Plum
- Light plum
- Dark golden brown
- Light golden brown
New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design
The End for Tonight

Any questions?