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New Issue Update

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (CROATIAN POSTS)	20.11.03	MAXICARD	AS ABOVE	1+FDC+ MAXICARD	
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COSTA RICA	? 07 04	120c	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004	1+SE-TEN STRIP	50-6
COSTA RICA	? 07 04	SE-TEN STRIP	AS ABOVE - SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 DIFF. STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE	1+SE-TEN STRIP	50-6
FINLAND	?	POSTAL CARD	CHILDREN WITH BICYCLE - ISSUED BY TUBERCULOSIS FOUNDATION	1	47-10
FINLAND	?	POSTAL CARD	CITY SCENE BICYCLE UNDER TREES - ISSUED BY FINNISH RED CROSS	1	47-10
FINLAND	?	POSTAL CARD	WINTER STREET SCENE - WOMAN ON BICYCLE EXERCISING HER POODLE DOG - ISSUED BY UNICEF FINLAND	1	47-9
FINLAND	16.10.00	POSTCARD	POST WOMAN ON BICYCLE - BY THE FAMOUS ILLUSTRATOR AND GRAPHIC ARTIST MARJALIISA PITKARANTA - CARD # 152 ISSUED BY 'POSTIMUSEO' (FINNISH POST MUSEUM)	1	47-9
FINLAND	14.01.05	0.65 €	400 TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF OULU - WOMAN ON A BICYCLE	2+SE-TEN PAIR +SHT	50-8
FINLAND	14.01.05	SE-TEN PAIR	AS ABOVE - SE-TEN PAIR OF 2 DIFF. STAMPS INCLUDES THE ABOVE	2+SE-TEN PAIR +SHT	50-8
FINLAND	14.01.05	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 10 STAMPS - 5 SE-TEN PAIRS	2+SE-TEN PAIR +SHT	50-8
FINLAND	14.01.05	FDC	AS ABOVE -	2+SE-TEN PAIR +SHT	50-8
GAMBIA	01.03.03	MS D45	CENTENARY TOUR DE FRANCE - AWAITING DETAILS	AS ABOVE	
* GIBRALTER	06.06.04	38p	60 TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY LANDINGS - BRITISH ROYAL MARINE COMMANDOS LANDING ON BEACH EQUIPPED WITH BICYCLES AND SMALL MOTOR SCOOTERS - MARINE WITH BICYCLE ON LANDING RAMP	4+MS+S	49-23
GREECE	09.09.03	MAXI-CARD	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004: MIND & BODY - CYCLING	AS ABOVE	
ICELAND	19.05.04	BOOKLET PANE	EUROPA 2004: HOLIDAYS - TOURING CYCLISTS - PANE OF TEN STAMPS (NO DETAILS YET)	2+2X BOOKLETS	
IRELAND	28.02.03	BOOKLET PANE	ST PATRICK'S DAY - CLOWN ON A STRANGE CYCLE IN PARADE - BOOKLET PANE OF 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMP	3 + 3 S X 16 + 4 B/KLETS	
KIRIBATI	07.04.04	50c	KIRIBATI ROAD SAFETY - SHARE THE ROAD - CYCLIST	4 + SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 + MS + SHT	50-6

KIRIBATI	07.04.04	SE-TEN STRIP	AS ABOVE - SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 DIFF. INCLUDES THE ABOVE	4 + SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 + MS + SHT	50-6
KIRIBATI	07.04.04	M/S	AS ABOVE - MINIATURE SHEET - SHOWING THE ABOVE 4 STAMPS	4 + SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 + MS + SHT	50-6
KIRIBATI	07.04.04	SHEET	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 8 STAMPS (2 SE-TENANT SETS)	4 + SE-TEN STRIP OF 4 + MS + SHT	50-6
MALAYSIA	18.08.04	30 sen	TRADITIONAL TRANSPORT - TRISHAW	3 + MS	50-6
NETHERLANDS	10.11.04	0.28 €	LOCAL POST OF NOORD-OOST FRIESLAND - BICYCLE LEANING AGAINST WALL OF WAR RESISTANCE MONUMENT	10+S	50-9 
NETHERLANDS	10.11.04	0.28 €	AS ABOVE - SHEET OF 10 DIFF. INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP - (NOTE AVAILABLE PERFORATE AND IMPERFORATE)	10+S	50-9
NORWAY	26.03.04	NOK 6.00	EUROPA 2004: HOLIDAYS - TOURING CYCLIST ***** NOTE THIS STAMP ISSUE IS FOR BOOKLETS - NORWAY ISSUES BOOKLETS OF 8 SELF ADHESIVE STAMPS SO A BOOKLET PANE WILL EXIST - NO INFORMATION AS YET ON BOOKLET.	3 + PANE	47-8
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	23.08.03	0.60 KINA	CENTENARY TOUR DE FRANCE - WINNER 1923 - HENRI PELISSIER *** NO PICTURE'S - AWAITING DETAILS OF STAMPS *****	4 + SHT + MS	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	23.08.03	0.60 KINA	AS ABOVE - WINNER 1924 - OTTAVIO BOTTECCHIA	4 + SHT + MS	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	23.08.03	0.60 KINA	AS ABOVE - WINNER 1925 - OTTAVIO BOTTECCHIA	4 + SHT + MS	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	23.08.03	0.60 KINA	AS ABOVE - WINNER 1926 - LUCIEN BUYSSE	4 + SHT + MS	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	23.08.03	SHEETLET	SHEETLET OF THE 4 ABOVE STAMPS	4 + SHT + MS	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	23.08.03	MS 2.00 KINA	AS ABOVE - WINNER 1920 - PHILIPPE THIJS	4 + SHT + MS	
SIERRA LEONE	17.11.03	1500L	OLYMPIC HISTORY GOLD MEDAL WINNERS - MARCUS HURLEY - USA 1904	8	
SLOVAKIA	16.07.04	P/STAMPED ENVELOPE	GRAND PRIX OF DRADLO 2004 - PRE-STAMPED PRINTED ENVELOPE CELEBRATING THE EVENT	1	50-13
SLOVAKIA	28.07.04	P/STAMPED ENVELOPE	PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPE COMMEMORATING PARALYMPIAN CYCLIST RADOVAN KAUFMAN WHO WON GOLD AT THE SYDNEY 2000 PARALYMPIAN GAMES	1	50-15
SLOVAKIA	28.07.04	P/STAMPED ENVELOPE	PREPRINTED ENVELOPE ILLUSTRATING FOUR SUCCESSFUL SLOVAK PARAPLEGIC SPORTSMEN INCLUDES CYCLIST RADOVAN KAUFMAN	1	50-15

SLOVAKIA	18.12.04	SOUVENIR SHEET	HISTORY OF POSTAL TRANSPORT - STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - CYCLIST SHOWN WITH OTHER POSTAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS ON SHEET TOGETHER WITH STAMP AND SPECIAL CANCELLATION	1	50-12
SOUTH AFRICA	13.08.04	NVI	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004 - ROAD RACING CYCLIST	10	50-7
SOUTH AFRICA	13.08.04	FDC	AS ABOVE - ONE OF 2 FDC's EACH OF WHICH FEATURES 5 OF THE 10 DIFF. STAMPS - THIS FDC INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	10	50-7
SPAIN	03.01.05	NVI 'A'	CIRCUS - THE STAMPS FEATURE THE WORKS OF PAINTER MANOLO ELICES - STAMP THIRD FROM LEFT ON SHEET "BOTHERS TONY" SHOWS CARICATURES ON A MONOCYCLES	6+B	50-7
SPAIN	03.01.05	BOOKLET PANE	AS ABOVE - PANE OF 8 SELF ADHESIVE STAMPS - INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	6+B	50-7
SPAIN	03.01.05	BOOKLET COVER	AS ABOVE - CARICATURES ON SURREALISTIC CYCLES	6+B	50-COVER
SRI LANKA	?.?.04	4R.50	WORLD POST DAY 2004 - RURAL POSTMAN ON HIS BICYCLE	1	50-6
* SURINAM	03.01.00	2000f	TRAFFIC SIGNS -FIRST SERIES - "TURN RIGHT" BICYCLE PICTOGRAM - BIKE WHEEL ON RIGHT SIDE OF SIGN	<u>1</u>	32-10
* SURINAM	03.04.00	2000f	TRAFFIC SIGNS - SECOND SERIES - "DOUBLE CURVE" - BICYCLE PICTOGRAM - REAR OF BICYCLE ON LEFT SIDE OF SIGN	1	32-10
* SURINAM	25.10.00	2000f	TRAFFIC SIGNS - FIFTH SERIES - "NO PARKING" - PART OF BICYCLE WHEEL IN THE TRAFFIC SIGN RIGHT TOP CORNER	1	<u>50-27</u>
* SURINAM	25.04.01	4000f	TRAFFIC SIGNS - <u>SIXTH SERIES - MOVEABLE BRIDGE</u> - REAR OF BICYCLE - ON TOP LEFT OF SIGN	1	36-12
SWITZERLAND	03.01.05	1.00 CHF	"BIG THINGS BEGIN WITH A LETTER" - 'PASSIONATE LOVE' - BOY GIVING RIDE TO GIRL ON CROSS BAR OF BICYCLE	4+B	50-10
SWITZERLAND	03.01.05	BOOKLET PANE	AS ABOVE - BOOKLET COVER OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - PANE INCLUDES THE ABOVE STAMP	4+B	50-10
SWITZERLAND	03.01.05	FDC	AS ABOVE - FDC WITH SET OF THE 4 STAMPS	4+B	50-11
SWITZERLAND	03.01.05	FDC	AS ABOVE - FDC WITH THE ABOVE STAMP ONLY	4+B	50-11
YEMEN REPUBLIC	15.10.03	50 RIALS	CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY - 'ENVIRONMENT' - BICYCLE RIDER	6	50-6
UNITED STATES	03.04.03	MAXI CARD	AS ABOVE - MAXI CARD OF ABOVE STAMP	5+B+M/C	

1. Undated issues will remain on this list or the " Issue Information Update" list, until such time as a date of issue is established.
2. Issues marked * have been corrected or have additional information, the additional or corrected information is underlined.

3. Issues marked are deemed to be fake, ie not stamps only Cinderellas, therefore they will not have a date of issue.
4. Additions to the list are indicated by a heavy solid left-hand border to the country's name box.
5. Issues that appear on this list for over a year are moved to the "Issue Information Update" list.
6. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number.
7. POSTAL CARDS are those cards that include the stamp or prepaid indicia printed on it. POST CARDS need the addition of a stamp for mailing. Only those Post Cards issued by a country's post office are included in this list.



COSTA RICA - ?.07.04



KIRIBATI - 07.04.04 - MINIATURE SHEET



MALAYSIA - 18.08.04



YEMEN REPUBLIC - 15.10.03

World Post Day

World Post Day is celebrated on 9 October every year, which is the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874. The date was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1969. Since then, many countries around the world have participated annually in the celebrations.

Postal Authorities in general use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services. In addition, for the past 35 years, the UPU in co-operation with UNESCO has organised an International Letter-writing Competition for young people. Most participating Postal Authorities use World Post Day to award prizes to the winners of the competition.

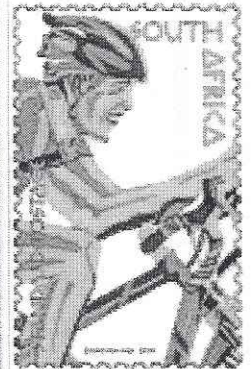
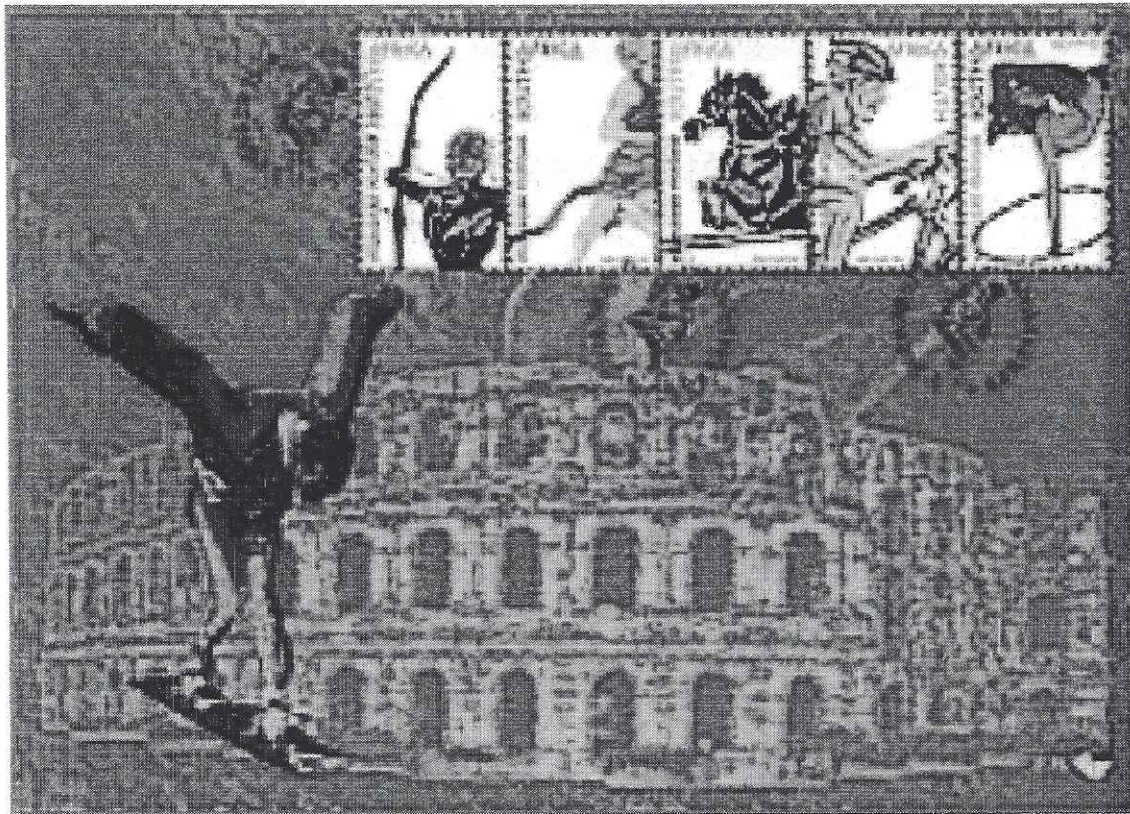
Amongst the many new issues celebrating World Post Day 2004 is a single 4r.50 stamp from Sri Lanka.

Designed by Sudath Jayawardena, the stamp shows a rural postman on his bicycle dropping off a sack of mail to a local delivery man.



SRI LANKA - 2004





SOUTH AFRICA
13.08.04

SOUTH AFRICA - 13.08.04 - FDC



SPAIN - 03.01.05

BOOKLET PANE



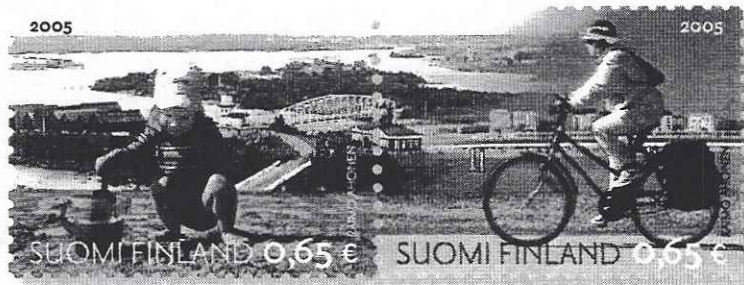
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Oulu 400 years

On 14 January stamps commemorating the birthday of two Finnish cities will be issued: one depicts 400-year-old Oulu, the other shows the 100-year-old city of Lahti.



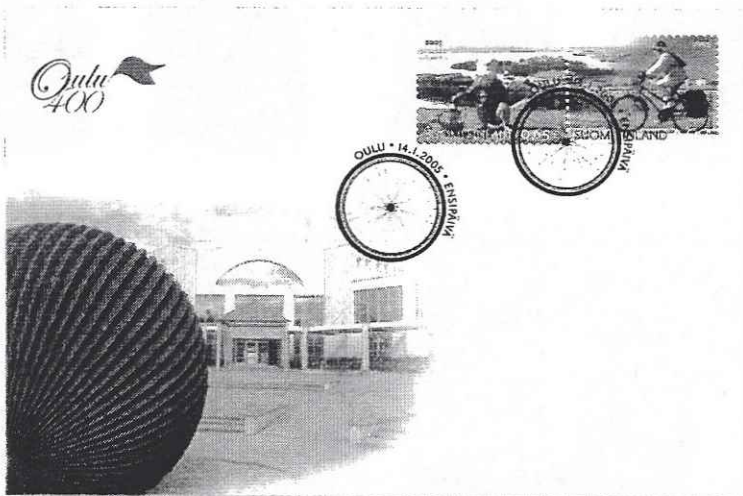
Made prosperous by tar and salmon, Oulu is today an attractive centre of excellence, noted for its high-tech industries.

The Oulu 400 Years stamps depict the old and new Oulu. The landscape-format stamps show a child playing on a beach and a familiar sight in Oulu: a woman on a bike. Composed of several pictures, the stamps are silvery in tone and they are linked together by a background of the sea.

Oulu is celebrating its jubilee year with a number of events in addition to the 400th anniversary stamp. For one thing, the 2005 Nationwide Housing Fair is to be held in Oulu. Further information: www oulu ouka.fi



Oulu is the biggest city in Northern Finland. It was founded by King Charles IX of Sweden in 1605 on the shore of the Gulf of Bothnia, at the site of an ancient trading post at the outlet of the River Oulu. The name of the city comes from a Sámi (Lapp) word meaning floodwater.

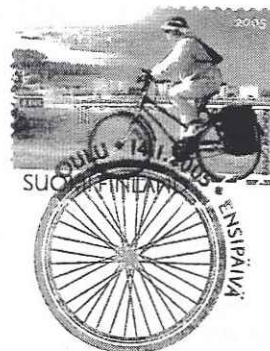


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Oulu 400 years 14.1.2005

Order code:	050025
Value:	2 x 0.€65 (total €1.30)
Issue:	2 x 400 000
Sheet size:	103.5 x 160 mm
Stamp size:	35.40 x 26 mm
Perforation:	13 x 13
Printing method:	5-colour offset CMYK + PMS 187c
Paper:	PVA gum 110 g/m ²
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing, France
Designer:	Raimo Ahonen
FDC order code:	05002F1
Price:	€1.75

FINLAND - 14.01.05



FDC

The tabs show either the Oulu 400 year logo or a short history of the city in 5 different languages. The text reads:

FINLAND - 14.01.05 FDC

King Charles IX of Sweden founded the city of Oulu in 1605. Formerly noted for tar and salmon, Oulu has become a centre of excellence in high-tech. Finland's sixth biggest city, Oulu has 127,200 inhabitants. Co-ordinates 65°01' N, 25°28' E, time zone GMT + 2:00.

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NETHERLANDS - 10.11.04 - LOCAL POST - NOORD OOST - FRIESLAND

Sheets may be obtained from Piet Hein Hilarides, Fioringras 64, 8935 Leeuwarden, the Netherlands. Members can order by send a letter enclosing cash EUR/USD 5.00 (perforate) or 10.00 (imperforate)

Definitive Stamps

Big things begin with a letter – and the right stamp

SWITZERLAND - 03.01.05

The new set of definitive stamps with motifs by Swiss star photographer René Burri has been on sale since 3 January. The designs trigger emotions and are aimed at encouraging people in Switzerland to send more letters.

It's rare for Swiss Post to use photographs as the subjects of definitive stamps, and we have selected works by the world-famous Magnum photographer René Burri, showing people in harmonious situations. Burri's pictures

arouse dreams and memories, telling stories about men and women, showing memorable moments you never want to forget. In this way, the four new stamps connect thematically to letters, which are in themselves personal and emotionally valuable, lasting longer than a brief moment.

A further novelty in connection with the new definitives is that PostMail, Swiss Post's letter service, is using them to advertise its own most important product – its letter-service package. This fits the four stamps seamlessly into PostMail's campaign to promote letter-writing which has been running since last November. The campaign was prompted by the fall in letter-mail volumes in Switzerland since 2002. While e-mails and SMS messages are increasing massively, the Post expects letters to drop by about 16 percent by 2010. But an

Symbols of human emotion

Born in Zurich in 1933, René Burri is probably the most famous contemporary Swiss photographer. He is President of the famed Magnum Photo Agency (www.magnumphotos.com), whose members included camera legends such as Henri Cartier-Bresson and Robert Capa. Burri studied art at the Zurich School for Arts and Crafts, concluding with

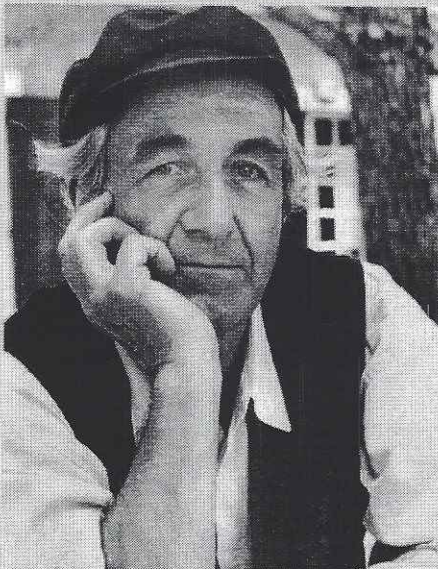
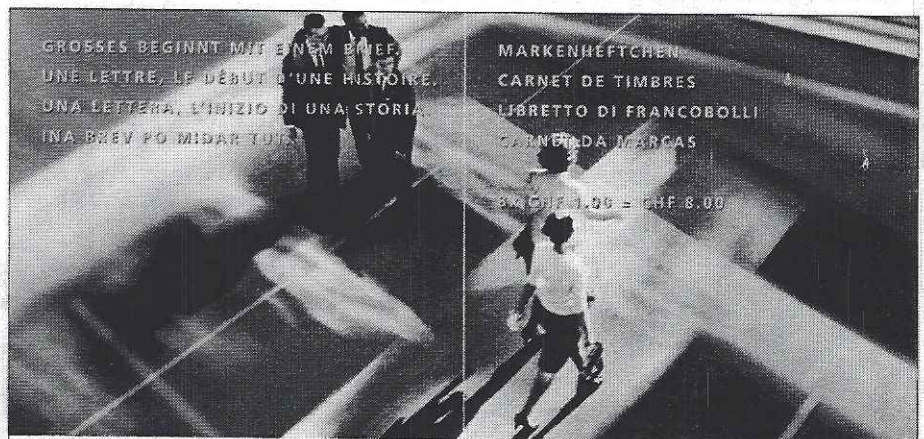


Photo: Magnum Photos

Hans Finsler's famous photography class. In this "School of Seeing", he got to know the rigorous graphic style of the "New Objectivity" which characterizes his photographs. From 1956, Burri travelled the world as a photo reporter. He became world famous in 1963 with his portrait of Che Guevara smoking a cigar, which appeared as a poster throughout the world. He reported on world events from every corner of the globe for thirty years, including stints as a war photographer in Vietnam, Cambodia and the Middle East. Human beings and the emotional response they elicit from us became more and more central to his work. Burri's artworks are metaphors for the basic conditions and moods of human existence.



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A First love
B Passionate love
C Great love
D Eternal love



annual 2.5 billion letters will still be processed in 2010, and letters will retain their traditional strengths for many years to come. According to latest market research findings, 80 to 90 percent of Swiss would rather receive important information such as account statements, bills or answers to job applications by post. The vast majority also prefer to send greetings, invitations, vacation and festive holiday messages or wedding announcements and changes of address in letter form.

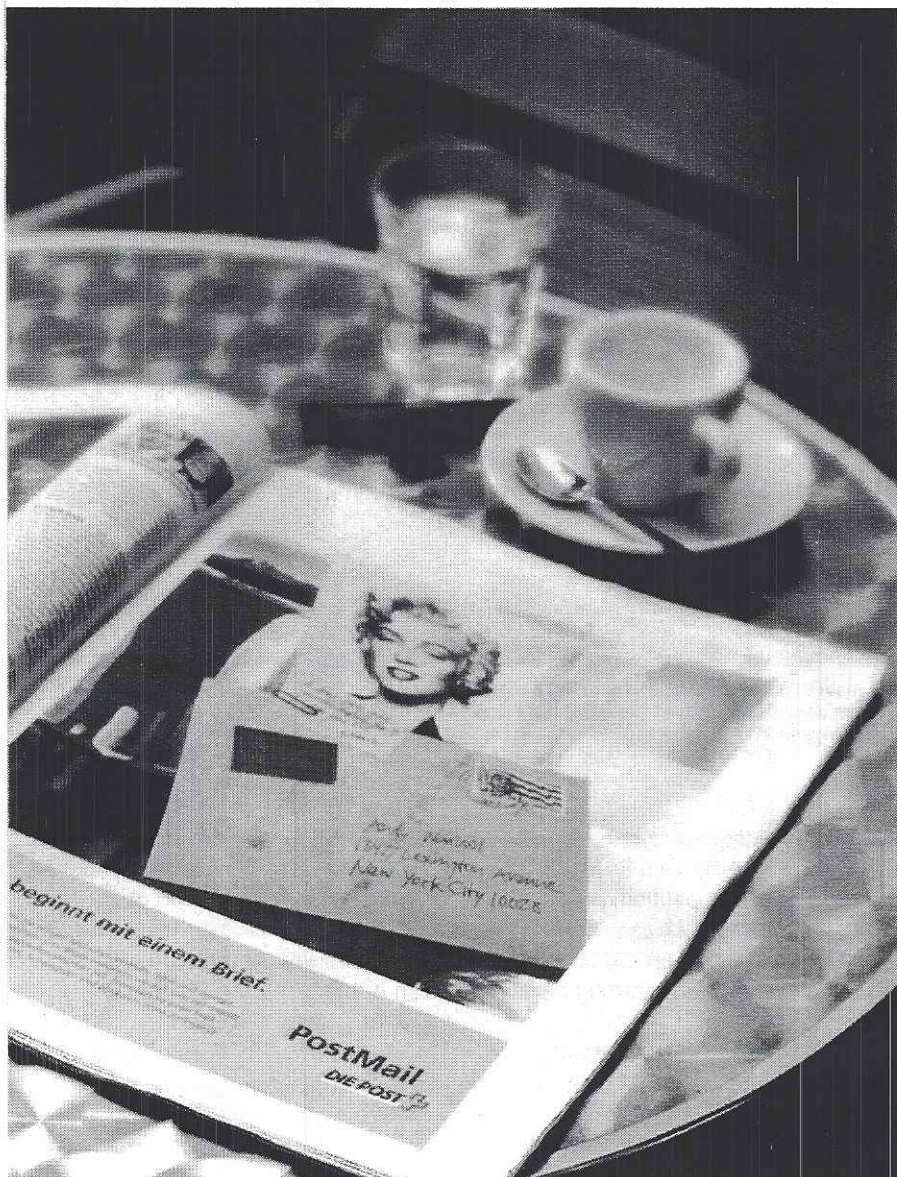
The message printed on the stamps in all four national languages "Big things begin with a letter" reminds people of these qualities of the letter. The stamps with a CHF 1.00 face value give the letter not only a material but also an intrinsic value, pointing to its special importance as a bearer of meaningful messages and emotion.

The advert shows how a big thing began with a letter. When Andy Warhol pulled the picture of Marilyn Monroe out of the envelope, the spark for the most famous Pop Art icon was kindled.

Photo: Fred Leiser



First-day cover motif



Sales: from 3.1.2005, until further notice
Post offices: until further notice
Philatelic salespoints: until further notice
Pre-release: since 22.12.2004
Validity: unlimited since 3.1.2005

Unstamped covers have been available for CHF 0.90 each at all philatelic salespoints and the Stamps and Philately Customer Service since 22.12.2004

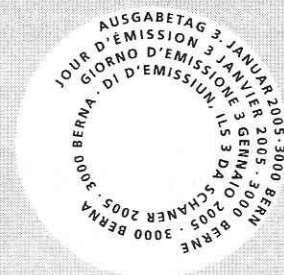
Printing: offset, 5-colour, Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

Sizes:
Stamp: 33x38 mm (incl. label)
Stamp booklet, open: 164x92 mm

Paper: white stamp paper, self-adhesive on backing paper, 220 g/m²

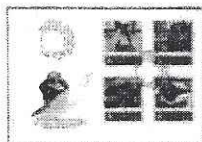
Perforation: serpentine cut (4 sides)

First-day cancellation:



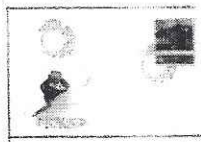
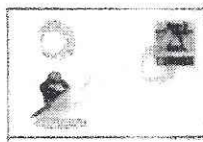
Designer: René Burti

Author: Ursula Luder, PostMail, Swiss Post, Berne



Single stamp on first-day cover (4 covers) 1002 600 ☉ only CHF 7.60

Set on first-day cover 1002 580 ☉ only CHF 4.90

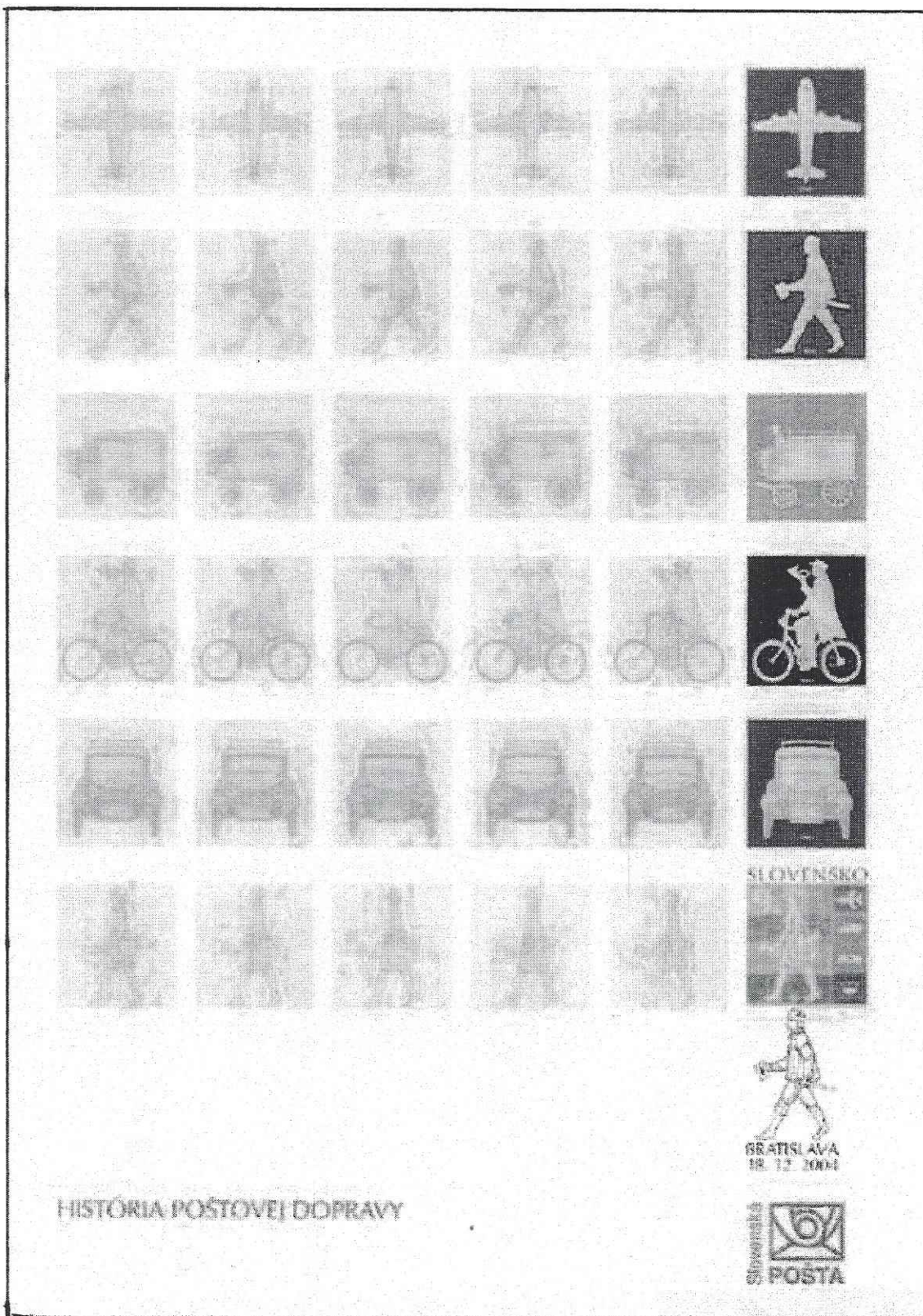




HISTORY OF POSTAL TRANSPORTATION

by Vojtech Jankovic

On December 18th, 2004, the Slovak Post issued a definitive stamp devoted to the history of postal transportation. Unfortunately, the 9 Sk stamp itself has no direct connection with bicycle: it depicts a postwoman, with bag and (newspaper?) package in one hand; and small pictures of airplane, motor van, railway wagon and coach – all artefacts reflecting various forms of postal transportation. Neither FDC depict any bicyclist. However, the Slovak Post issued also a special “souvenir sheet” (a typical product, but for the first time in a special form) with the stamp, a special first day cancellation and with different postal transportation pictures than those on the stamp. Among them also a postal messenger on bicycle with horn is depicted. In spite, more souvenir than a proper philatelic item (but officially issued), one could decide to put this nice item into his/her bicycle collection to enrich the bicycle in postal service section.



GRAND PRIX OF BRADLO 2004

By Vojtech Jankovič

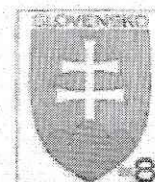


Grand Prix of Bradlo is the “classics” UCI 1.5 cycling event for Elite and U-23 categories organised in Slovakia. The route starts in Bratislava and through several villages and small towns finishes on the Bradlo hill, where the famous memorial of M. R. Stefanik is situated.

The fifth year of the race was celebrated also by the Slovak Post, which issued an official postal stationery cover on 16th, 2004. That is standard blank stationery with 8 Sk official multicoloured imprint. The imprint depicts a UCI logo, 5 coat-of-arms of villages the race passes through, a silhouette of the memorial of M. R. Stefanik on the Bradlo hill and texts: “VELKÁ CENA BRADLA - 2004” (= GRAND PRIX OF BRADLO – 2004); “MEDZINÁRODNÉ CYKLISTICKÉ PRETEKY – 5. ROČNÍK” (= INTERNATIONAL BICYCLE RACE – 5th YEAR). As far as I know, no special cancellation was used any for the event.

Official results of the Grand Prix of Bradlo 2004 (18.07.2004):

1. Raffaele Illiano (ITA) Colombia-Selle Italia	4.15.25
2. Sebastian Skiba (POL) Legia	+ 0.02
3. Martin Prazdnovsky (SVK)	+ 0.23



SLOVAKIA - 16.07.04 - PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPE

PARALYMPICS WINNER – R. KAUFMAN (SVK)

By Vojtech Jankovič

Many bicycle collectors collect not only materials related to bicycle sport of “healthy” sportsmen, but also those, which are related to paraplegic sportsmen. The same is valid for collecting Olympic and/or Paralympics Games. Sometimes we can celebrate great success of sportsmen; sometimes we have less happy reasons to remind great achievements. Both are valid for the young paraplegic cyclist Radovan Kaufman from Slovakia.

The young talented cyclist was fighting his life-fight with cancer since his sixteen when he lost his right leg. In spite the serious problems, he, as many others, tried to be stronger than the illness and continued to train and compete. The work was hard and results were great. The highest was the Paralympics victory – Radovan Kaufman gained a golden Paralympics medal in the 1 km time trial LC3 race (1:21.393 min) at the Paralympics Games in Sydney in 2000. In addition, he is still a holder of the official world record in 1 km time trial LC3 (1:21.241 min), which achieved in Colorado in 1998. After the Paralympics games in Sydney, Radovan Kaufman became an active promoter of paraplegic sport and belonged, yet in 2003, to the main promoters of the movement against cancer in Slovakia. That all in spite the fact, he knew already during the Sydney games, that his days are counted down. The cancer was stronger. He died in 2003.

The young brave Slovak cyclist could be documented by two particular items issued by the Slovak Post:

- Official postal card 8 Sk (28.07.2004): 113 CDV 107/04

The imprint depicts two pictures of R. Kaufman from the Olympic race in Sydney and texts: XII. PARALYPIJSKÉ HRÝ ATÉNY 2004 / 17.-28.9.2004 / RADOVAN KAUFMAN / 1978 – 2003 / PARALYPIJSKÝ VÍŤAZ SYDNEY 2000 (= XII. PARALYMPICS GAMES ATHENS 2004 / 17.-28.9.2004 / RADOVAN KAUFMAN / 1978 – 2003 / PARALYMPICS WINNER SYDNEY 2000).

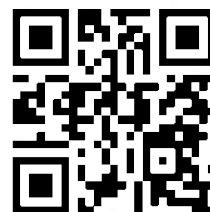
- Private imprint on the standard postal card 8 Sk: 107 CDV 107/04

The imprint depicts four pictures of successful Slovak paraplegics sportsmen, one of them is Radovan Kaufman, and texts: SLOVOLYMPFILA 2004 / Deň slovenských paralympionikov / Slovenský paralympijský výbor (= SLOVOLYMPFILA 2004 / Day of Slovak Paralympics Sportsmen / Slovak Paralympics Committee).

There surely exist other philatelic materials related to Radovan Kaufman and his achievements. We might mention for example a bicycle stamp issued by Australia for the Paralympics Games in Sydney or special cancellation commemorating Slovak Paralympics sportsmen (see pictures).

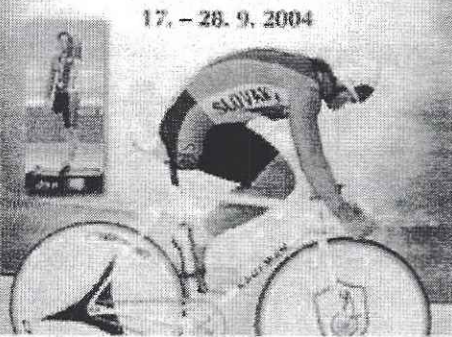


SLOVAKIA
SLOVOLYMPFILA
SPECIAL CANCEL




Odosielateľ:

XII. PARALYMPIJSKÉ HRY ATÉNY 2004
17. – 28. 9. 2004



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Tour de Slovaquie (Okolo slovenska) Part 1

by Vojtech Jankovic

Tour de Slovaquie, an amateur road cycling race, became an important cycling event organised under UCI patronage. The first Tour, which was organised in 1954 was practically the continuation of the unofficial stage cycling race around Slovakia, organised by the Slovak Army for fully equipped military cyclists, together with sport cyclists, during WWII in 1942. In years 1961-64, the race was temporarily cancelled. However, since 1965, the race has been organised annually.

Tour de Slovaquie became the second largest cycling race organised in Czechoslovakia (behind the Peace Race). In contrast to the Peace Race, which took part in several countries, ie: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Germany, Russia and Ukraine, the Tour de Slovaquie was only held in Slovak territory. The hilly country, high quality cycling teams and regular organisation in August, attracted a lot of excellent cyclists. Many of them participated also to prepare for the road World Cycling Championships, which usually took place in September. So it is not surprising that many Olympic and World Championship medallists in individual road races and team time trial races were successful also in the Tour de Slovaquie: Olympic champion S. Suchorucenkov (USSR) and Olympic and WC medallists A. Vedernikov (USSR), B. Drogan (GDR), P. Ugriumov (USSR), J. Skoda (CSR), M. Dvorscik (SVK), S. Blochwitz (GDR), P. Tonkov (RUS), L. Tesar (CZE) etc. In particular, Russian cyclist A. Vedernikov won both the Tour de Slovaquie and the Amateur World Championship race in 1981, or the whole Dutch National Team, which took part in the Tour de Slovaquie and one month later became World Champion in an amateur team trial race in 1986.

List of Tour de Slovaquie philatelic materials:

The Czechoslovak Post (1954-1992) used 47 special commemorative cancellations (Pp), 1 red meter postmark (OVS) and 1 machine slogan cancellation (Sp). The Slovak Post (since 1993) used 9 special commemorative cancellations (Pp). In addition, the Slovak Post issued a special stamp (3 Sk) devoted to the 40th Tour de Slovaquie, together with the booklet pane of ten of the above stamps in 1996.

Czechoslovakia (1954 – 1992)

- 1954 - Pp Bratislava 1
- 1954 - Pp Nitra
- 1954 - Pp Lucenec (see Fig.1)
- 1954 - Pp Kosice 1
- 1954 - Pp Presov 1
- 1954 - Pp Svit
- 1954 - Pp Zilina 1
- 1955 - Pp Kosice - mobile post
- 1955 - Pp Ruzomberok - mobile post (see Fig.3)
- 1955 - Pp Svit - mobile post
- 1955 - Pp Presov - mobile post
- 1955 - Pp Zilina - mobile post
- 1955 - Pp Rimavska Sobota - mobile post
- 1955 - Pp Nitra - mobile post
- 1955 - Pp Bratislava - mobile post
- 1955 - Sp Bratislava 1
- 1956 - Pp Zvolen - mobile post
- 1956 - Pp Stary Smokovec - mobile post
- 1956 - Pp Presov - mobile post
- 1956 - Pp Kosice - mobile post (missing "U" in word "AUTOPOSTA")(see Fig.6)
- 1956 - Pp Zilina - mobile post
- 1956 - Pp Sliac Kúpele - mobile post
- 1956 - Pp Bratislava - mobile post
- 1956 - Pp Nitra - mobile post
- 1957 - Pp Bratislava - mobile post
- 1957 - Pp Zilina - mobile post (see Fig.9)
- 1957 - Pp Vysoke Tatry-Tatranská Lomnica - mobile post
- 1957 - Pp Presov - mobile post
- 1957 - Pp Kosice - mobile post
- 1957 - Pp Sliac Kúpele - mobile post

- 1957 - Pp Nitra - mobile post
- 1958 - Pp Sliac - mobile post
- 1958 - Pp Bratislava - mobile post
- 1958 - Pp Zilina - mobile post
- 1958 - Pp Presov - mobile post
- 1958 - Pp Tatranska Lomnica - mobile post
- 1958 - Pp Kosice – mobile post
- 1959 - Pp Kosice – mobile post
- 1959 - Pp Zilina - mobile post (see Fig .12)
- 1959 - Pp Presov - mobile post
- 1959 - Pp Zvolen - mobile post
- 1959 - Pp Tatranska Lomnica - mobile post (see Fig.11)
- 1959 - Pp Svit - mobile post
- 1959 - Pp Bratislava - mobile post
- 1959 - Pp Banska Bystrica - mobile post
- 1960 - Pp Bratislava (see Fig.13)
- 1983 - Pp Roznava (see Fig.15)
- 1992 - Pp Trebisov 1 (see Fig.16)
- 1992 - OVS 974 01 Banská Bystrica 1 (see Fig.17)

Slovakia (1993 -)

- 1993 - Pp Stara Lubovna 1 (See Fig.18)
- 1993 - Pp Ziar nad Hronom 1
- 1995 - Pp Michalovce
- 1995 - Pp Nitra 1 (see Fig.19)
- 1995 - Pp Lucenec 1



- 1996 – stamp 3 Sk – sprinting cyclist with triathlon cycle bars and Slovak tricolour (see Fig.22)
- 1996 – booklet pane of ten above stamps (10 x 3 Sk) (see Fig.21)

- 1996 – Pp Zilina 1 (see Fig.20)
- 1996 – Pp Presov 1
- 1996 – Pp Poprad 1
- 2002 – Pp Humenne 1 (see Fig.23)

In addition to the official items, unauthorised subjects issued several unofficial booklets, imprints on postal cards (CDV) and stationeries (CO):

Czechoslovakia

- 1954 – colour booklet with stamps and all special cancels (2 variants of inside stamp/cancellation arrangement) (see Fig.2)
- 1955 – colour booklet with stamps and all special cancels (see Fig.4)
- 1956 – colour booklet with stamps and all special cancels (2 variants of inside stamp/cancellation arrangement) (see Fig.7)
- 1957 – colour booklet with stamps and all special cancels (see Fig.10)
- 1960 – single colour booklet with stamps and one special cancellation (see FIG.14)
- 1992 - 5-color imprint on CDV Bratislava (50 h) and CO Havel (1 Kcs) – race logo, state shield of SR and text: "COUPE DU MONDE 13.8-20.8.1992". (see Figs 16 & 17)

Slovakia

1993 - 5-color imprint on CDV Krivan (2 Sk) – shield of Stara Lubovna town, race logo, state shield of SR and text: "3.8.1993 12.8.1993 COUPE DU MONDE CYCLISME SVETOVY POHAR V CYKLISTIKE" and "ETAPOVE CENTRUM STARA LUBOVNA 3.8.1993-7.8.1993". (see Fig.18)

1993 - 5-color imprint on CDV Krivan (2 Sk) – shield of Ziar nad Hronom town, race logo, state shield of SR and text: "3.8.1993 12.8.1993 COUPE DU MONDE CYCLISME SVETOVY POHAR V CYKLISTIKE" and "ETAPOVE CENTRUM ZIAR NAD HRONOM 8.8.1993-12.8.1993".

1995 - 3-color imprint on CDV Devin (2 Sk) and CO Slovak state shield (8 Sk) – schematic map of race, race logo and text: "Svetovy pohar U.C.I prvej kategorie XXXIX. rocnik Medzinarodnych cyklistických pretekov OKOLO SLOVENSKA". (see Fig.19)

1996 – 3-color imprint on CDV Devin (2 Sk) and CO Slovak state shield (8 Sk) – map of Slovakia, race logo and text: „40 rocnik medzinarodnych cyklistických pretekov OKOLO SLOVENSKA“. (see Fig.20)

Many of those special and/or machine cancellations are scarce to be seen on regularly mailed non-philatelic materials especially from the first years of the races. In particular, I have never seen the Pp 1960 on a regularly mailed item; and the 1955 machine cancellation was probably not used at all, because no complete cancellation consisting of both slogan and daily postmark has ever been reported. Only several "proofs" of slogan as shown on picture are known.

I will appreciate any remarks and/or additions to the topic:

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Tour de Slovaquie – Palmares

- 1942 - 928 km (5 stages): 1. K. Mullner (SVK), 2. R. Krampf (SVK), 3. T. Plischnak (SVK)
1954 - 1188 km (7 stages): 1. K. Nesl (CSR), 2. J. Krivka (CSR), 3. J. Kubr (CSR)
1955 - 1114 km (7 stages): 1. J. Vesely (CSR), 2. B. Plank (CSR), 3. V. Ruzicka (CSR)
1956 - 1135 km (7 stages): 1. A. Cestari (ITA), 2. A. Emiliozzi (ITA), 3. K. M. Ammel (SWE)
1957 - 1358 km (8 stages): 1. P. Le Don (FRA), 2. G. Oldenburg (GDR), 3. H. Kappel (GDR)
1958 - 1267 km (7 stages): 1. W. Renner (CSR), 2. J. Krivka (CSR), 3. R. Revay (CSR)
1959 - 1465 km (8 stages): 1. L. Hohne (GDR), 2. J. Malten (CSR), 3. L. Wiezner (CSR)
1960 - 1320 km (8 stages): 1. A. Megyergi (HUN), 2. R. Revay (CSR), 3. F. Konecny (CSR)
1964 - 861 km (5 stages): 1. M. Laczó (SVK), 2. L. Heller (CSR), 3. J. Hava (CSR)
1965 - 1100 km (8 stages): 1. J. Hava (CSR), 2. P. Konecny (CSR), 3. W. Patzing (GDR)
1966 - 1100 km (7 stages): 1. P. Konecny (CSR), 2. P. Dolezel (CSR), 3. J. Hava (CSR)
1967 - 1298 km (8 stages): 1. M. Hrazdira (CSR), 2. J. Hava (CSR A), 3. P. Konecny (CSR B)
1968 - 1085 km (7 stages): 1. M. Hrazdira (CSR), 2. J. Svorada (CSR), 3. B. Soucek (CSR)
1969 - 963 km (6 stages): 1. B. Soucek (CSR), 2. L. Bilo (CSR), 3. M. Hrazdira (CSR)
1970 - 1009 km (7 stages): 1. V. Moravec (CSR), 2. J. Vlcek (CSR), 3. R. Labus (CSR)
1971 - 915 km (7 stages): 1. J. Hava (CSR), 2. A. Holik (CSR), 3. L. Bilo (CSR)
1972 - 968 km (7 stages): 1. A. Bartonicek (CSR), 2. V. Vondracek (CSR), 3. J. Havelka (CSR)
1973 - 1360 km (11 stages): 1. M. Hrazdira (CSR), 2. R. Labus (CSR), 3. L. Pavela (SVK)
1974 - 1571 km (11 stages): 1. P. Cambal (CSR), 2. A. Sel (CSR), 3. J. Bartolsic (CSR)
1975 - 1437 km (12 stages): 1. J. Dvorak (CSR), 2. R. Labus (CSR), 3. J. Stejskal (CSR)
1976 - 1345 km (11 stages): 1. J. Skoda (CSR), 2. J. Kruzic (CSR), 3. J. Willman (NOR)
1977 - 1231 km (10 stages): 1. M. Sykora (CSR), 2. B. Drohan (GDR), 3. S. Henke (CSR)
1978 - 1294 km (11 stages): 1. T. De Roy (NED), 2. R. Gilaletdinov (USSR), 3. A. Gusjatnikov (USSR)
1979 - 1259 km (10 stages): 1. J. Poslusny (CSR), 2. J. Brzezny (POL), 3. A. Vedemikov (USSR)
1980 - 1211 km (10 stages): 1. J. Skoda (CSR), 2. S. Suchorucenkov (USSR), 3. J. Stratilek (CSR)
1981 - 1300 km (10 stages): 1. A. Vedemikov (USSR), 2. J. Barinov (USSR), 3. S. Pribyl (USSR)
1982 - 1100 km (8 stages): 1. V. Volosin (USSR), 2. L. Ferebauer (CSR), 3. B. Drohan (GDR)
1983 - 1072 km (8 stages): 1. B. Drohan (GDR), 2. A. Toporiscev (USSR), 3. M. Sykora (CSR)
1984 - 1163 km (8 stages): 1. M. Sykora (CSR), 2. V. Dolek (CSR), 3. A. Mierzejewski (POL)
1985 - 917 km (7 stages): 1. J. Skoda (CSR), 2. K. Konrad (CSR), 3. B. Bulic (YU)
1986 - 1081 km (9 stages): 1. V. Toman (CSR), 2. G. Alexasin (USSR), 3. M. Vasicek (CSR)
1987 - 1124 km (10 stages): 1. I. Ivanov (USSR), 2. P. Ugriumov (USSR), 3. M. Vasicek (CSR)
1988 - 1130 km (9 stages): 1. T. Sedlacek (CSR), 2. V. Svehlik (CSR), 3. K. Konrad (SVK)
1989 - 1080 km (8 stages): 1. P. Tonkov (USSR), 2. V. Kozarek (CSR), 3. A. Vedemikov (USSR)
1990 - 1226 km (9 stages): 1. M. Liptak (CSFR), 2. M. Dvorscik (CSFR), 3. T. Sedlacek (CSFR)
1991 - 1000 km (9 stages): 1. H. Trumheller (GER), 2. P. Tonkov (USSR), 3. Polovnikov (USSR)
1992 - 1066 km (9 stages): 1. L. Tesar (CSFR), 2. P. Padmos (CSFR), 3. M. Weissmann (GER)
1993 - 1216 km (9 stages): 1. S. Goncar (UKR), 2. B. Moster (GER), 3. S. Blochwitz (GER)
1994 - 1315 km (10 stages): 1. V. Svehlik (CZE), 2. P. Zaduban (SVK), 3. H. Latocha (GER)
1995 - 1497 km (10 stages): 1. F. Trkal (CZE), 2. R. Pintaric (SLO), 3. V. Svehlik (CZE)
1996 - 1456 km (10 stages): 1. J. Valach (SVK), 2. R. Bronis (SVK 23), 3. Premuzic (SLO)
1997 - 1434 km (9 stages): 1. J. Purmensky (CZE), 2. I. Kranjec (SLO), 3. M. Jandt (GER)
1998 - 1000 km (8 stages): 1. A. Hauptman (SLO), 2. M. Strauss (SUI), 3. J. Friede (CZE)
1999 - 770 km (6 stages): 1. O. Sosenka (CZE), 2. C. Wegelius (GBR), 3. P. Chmielewski (POL)
2000 -: 1. R. Andrie (CZE), 2. K. Kirchen (LUX), 3. O. Fadmy (CZE)
2001 -: 1. F. Trkal (CZE), 2. M. Kotnik (SLO), 3. M. Prusa (CZE)
2002 -: 1. G. Larsson (SWE), 2. L. Roberts (AUS), 3. L. Zanotti (ITA)
2003 -: 1. O. Sosenka (CZE), 2. C. Zamana (POL), 3. D. Krupa (POL)
2004 -: 1. P. Chmielewski (POL), 2. D. Krupa (POL), 3. K. Vrana (CZE)

LEGEND:

CSR – abbreviation for Czechoslovakia (1954 – 1989)

CSFR - abbreviation for Czech and Slovak Federative Republic (1990– 1992)

CZE/SVK - abbreviation for regional Czech/Slovak teams since 1954 to 1992 and for national Czech/Slovak teams since 1993

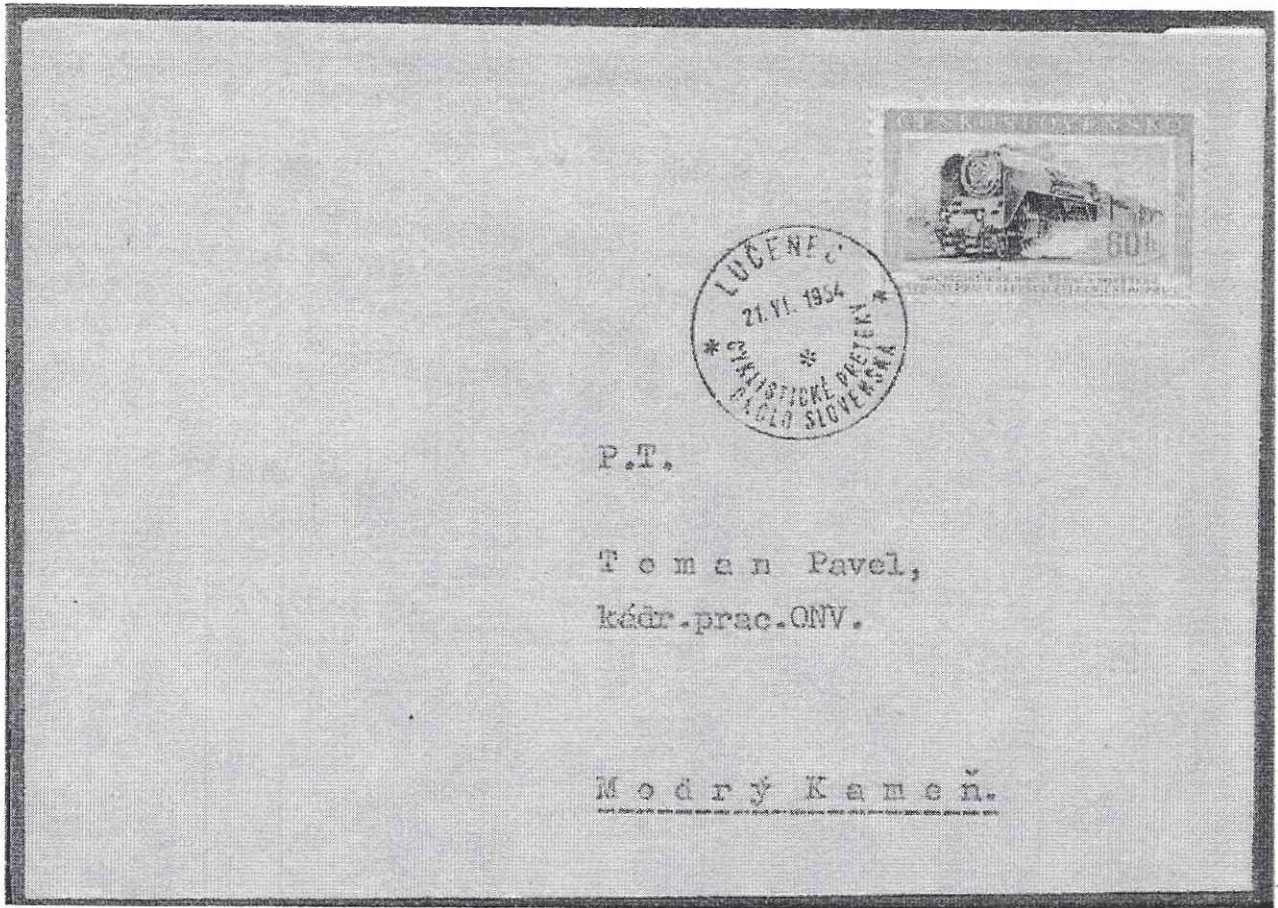


Fig 1: A non-philatelic letter with special cancellation of Tour de Slovaquie 1954

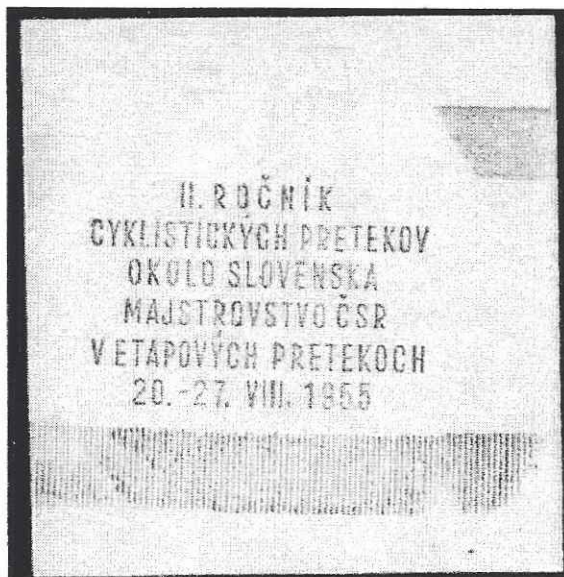


Fig 5: A proof of slogan machine cancellation of Tour de Slovaquie 1955



Fig 13: A stamp with special cancellation of Tour de Slovaquie 1960



Fig 2: A front page of commemorative booklet with stamps and all special cancellations of Tour de Slovaquie 1954



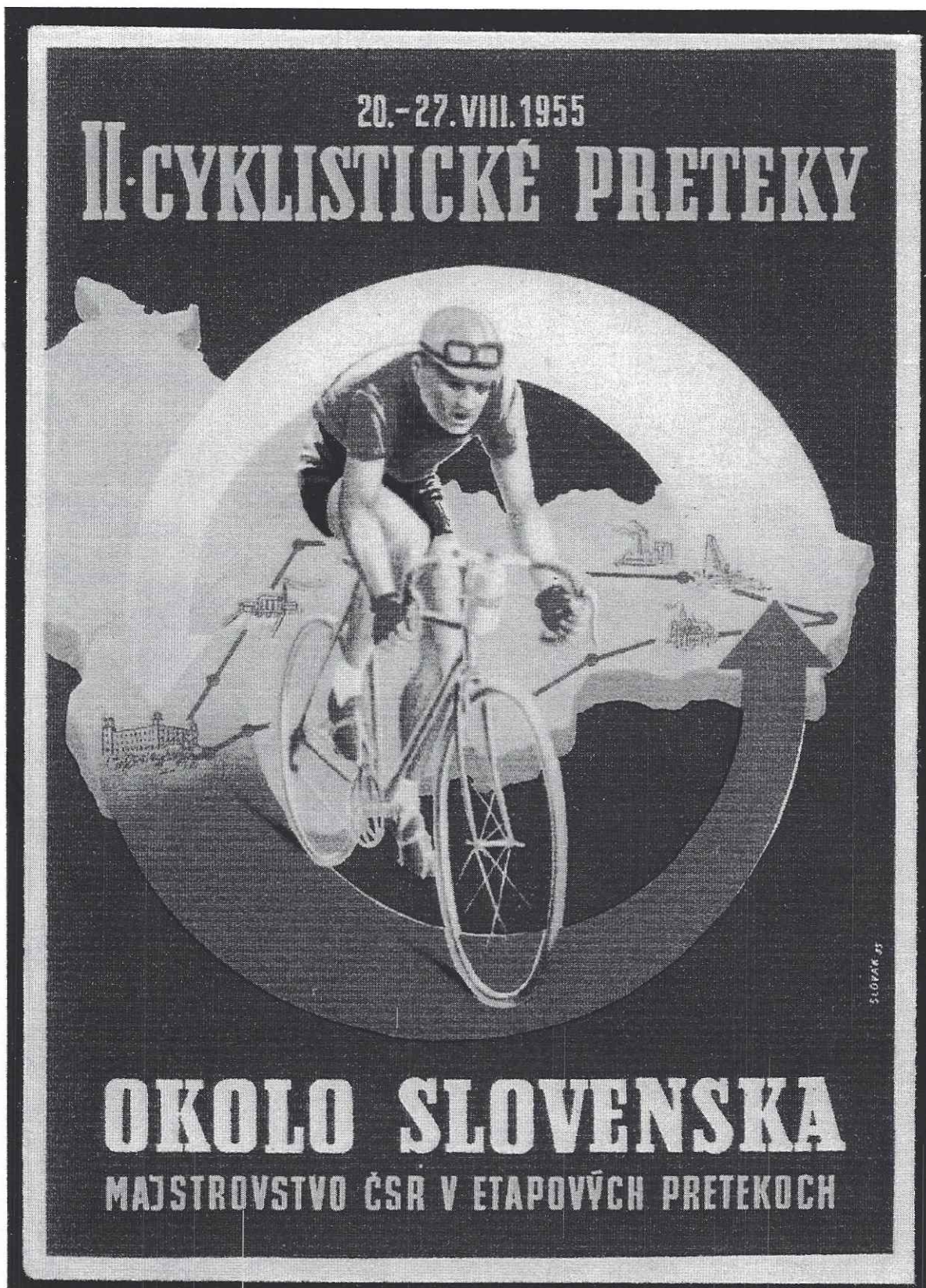


Fig 4: A front page of commemorative booklet with stamps and all special cancellations of Tour de Slovaquie 1955



Fig 3: A special cancellation of Tour de Slovaquie 1955





Fig 7: A front page of commemorative booklet with stamps and all special cancellations of Tour de Slovaquie 1956

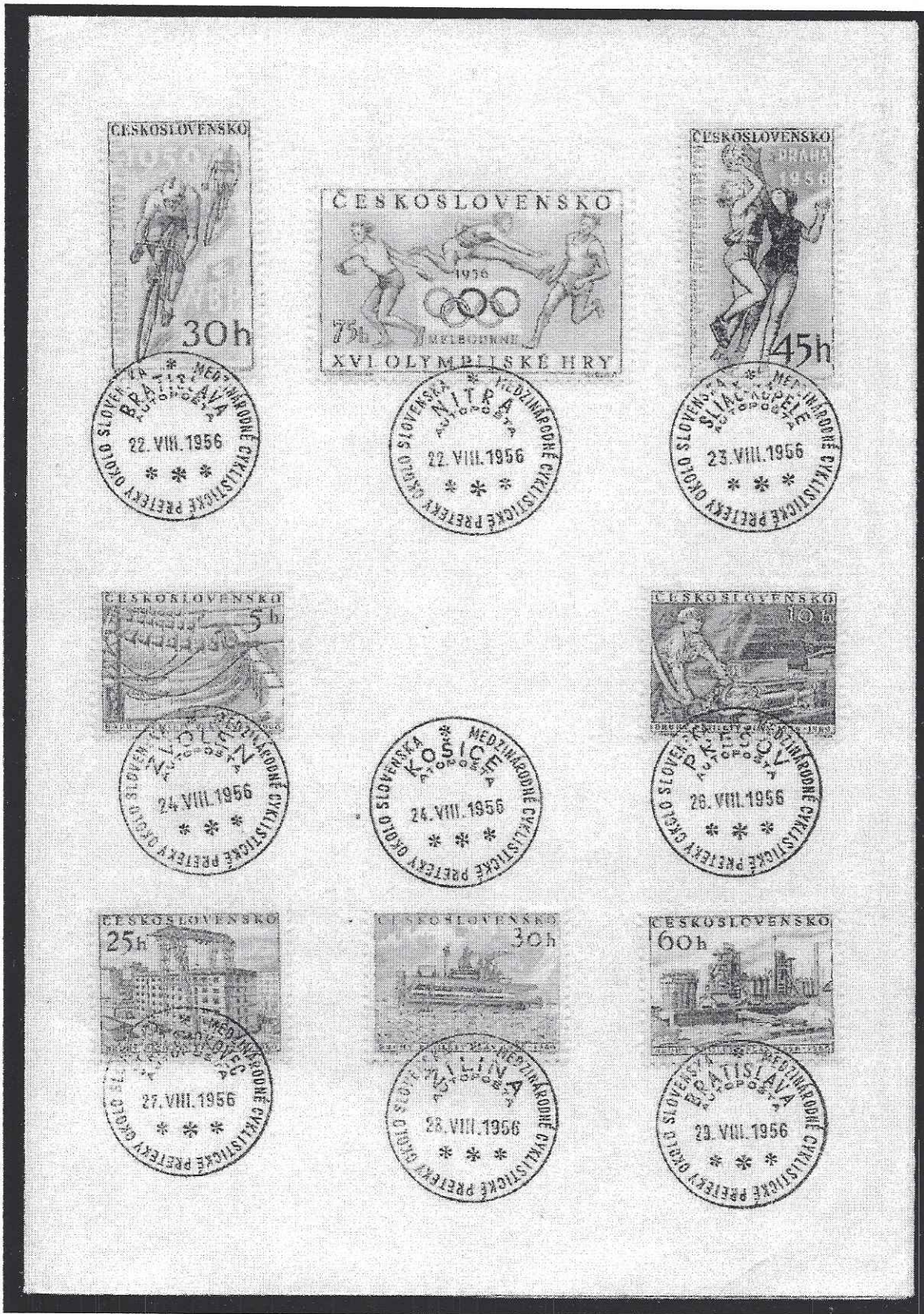


Fig 8: An inner page of commemorative booklet with stamps and all special cancellations of Tour de Slovaquie 1956 (central cancellation with missing „U“ in word "AUTOPOŠTA")

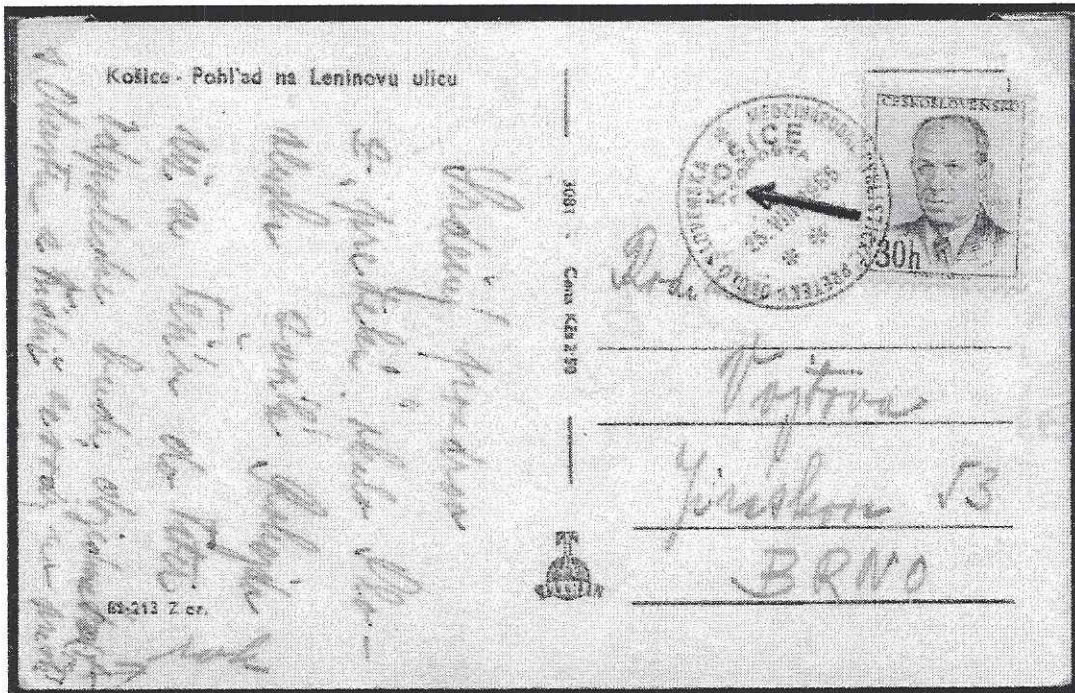


Fig 6: A non-philatelic postal card with special cancellation of Tour de Slovaquie 1956 (cancellation with missing "U" in word "AUTOPOŠTA")

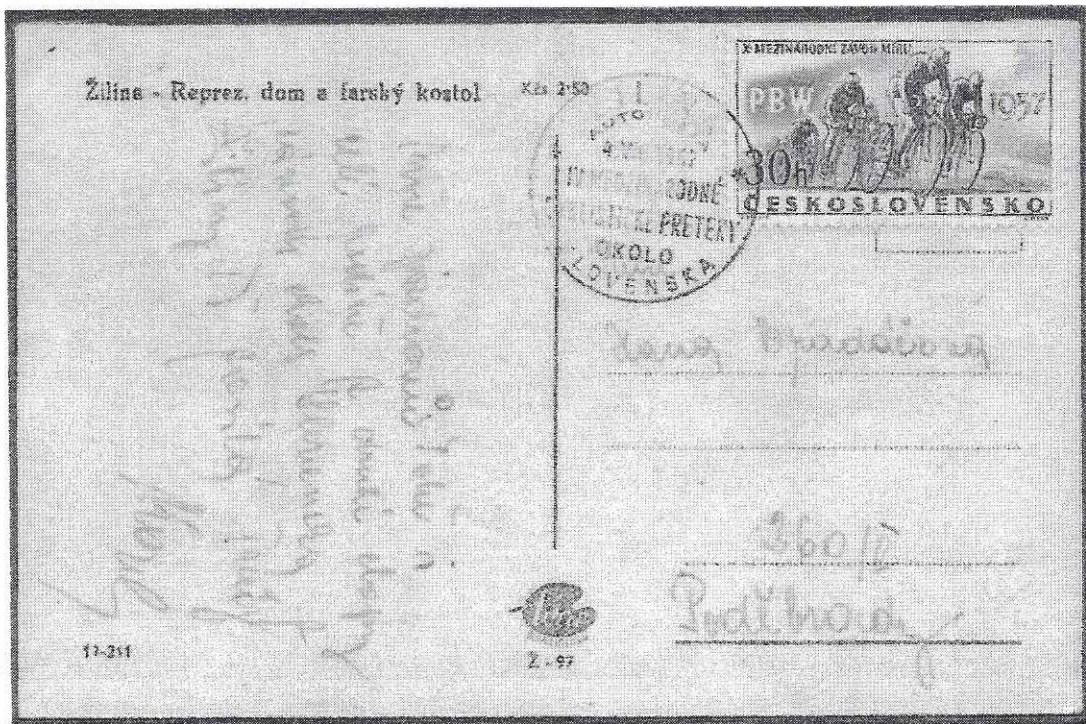


Fig 9: A non-philatelic postal card with special cancellation of Tour de Slovaquie 1957





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Camera Report



コレクション、自転車文化について語る八神史郎社長

●八神史郎——昭和5年生まれ。74歳。昭和24年に日帝工業に入社し、自転車の輸出を担当。同38年、ヤガミコーポレーション八神商会を設立、現在に至る。自転車に関するコレクションは日帝工業勤務時代からのもので、平成元年にサイクル・ギャラリー・ヤガミ自転車資料館を設立した

展示しており、まさに知る人ぞ知る存在。ミシヨウ、オーディナリーといった昔懐かしの逸品を含む自転車約200台をはじめ、各種パーツ・

サイクル・ギャラリー・ヤガミ自転車資料館をカメラで紹介することにした。

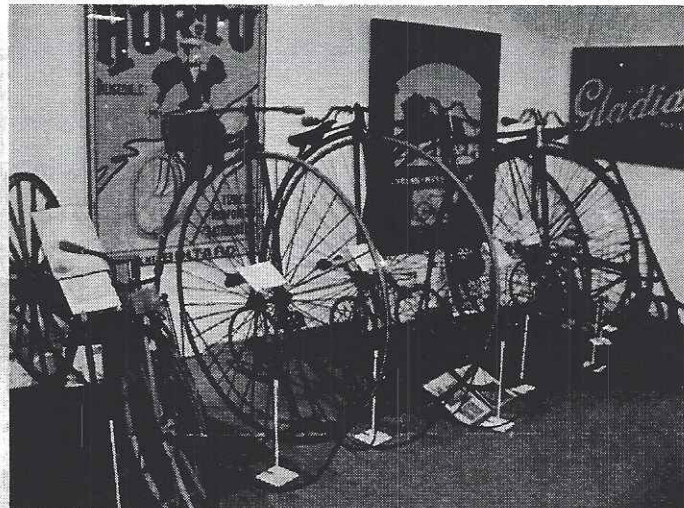
名古屋市昭和区桜山にあるサイクル・ギャラリー・ヤガミ自転車資料館を訪れた。同資料館は八神商会の八神史郎社長のコレクションを展示している。まさに知る人ぞ知る存在。ミシヨウ、オーディナリーといった昔懐かしの逸品を含む自転車約200台をはじめ、各種パーツ・用品、往時を偲ばせるポスター、絵画、古切手、カード、書籍、置物など自転車に関する貴重な資料が集められている。自転車マニアはもちろん、そうでない人も資料館の中に足を踏み入れればたちどころにヤガミワールドに引き込まれてしまうはずだ。自転車とはこんなにも楽しく、奥深く、魅力に富んだものなのか——。

魅惑のコレクション、ポスター、絵画、置物など逸品ズラリ

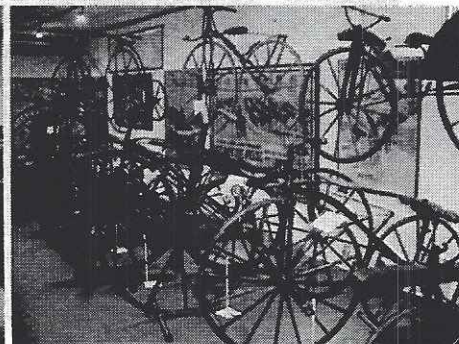
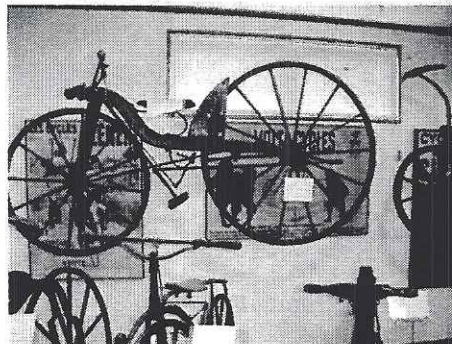
サイクル・ギャラリー・ヤガミ自転車資料館 自転車文化の魅力伝えるヤガミワールド ミシヨウ、オーディナリーなど 名車約200台を展示



1800年代後半のオリジナルポスターのコレクションだけでも必見の価値がある。自転車を通して、往時のファッション、生活様式をうかがうことができる



自転車ファンに馴染み深いオーディナリー。本物の逸品がズラリと展示されている



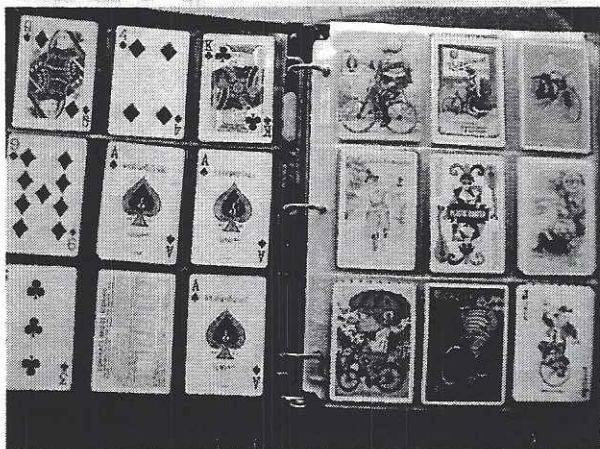
ミシヨウ、セーフティー、マクミラン、トライズネなどホビーモデル、古代車が所狭しと並んでいる様は圧巻だ



コレクションに対する八神社長の想いは尽きない

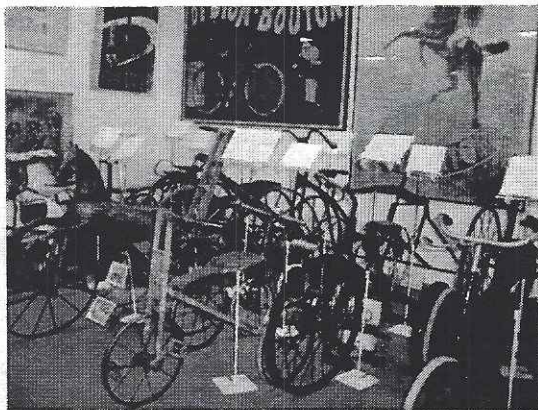


世界各国から集めた自転車の切手コレクションも素晴らしいのひとこと。八神さんは希望者がいれば、この切手コレクションを譲ることも考えている



自転車にちなんだカードコレクションも八神社長の自慢のひとつ

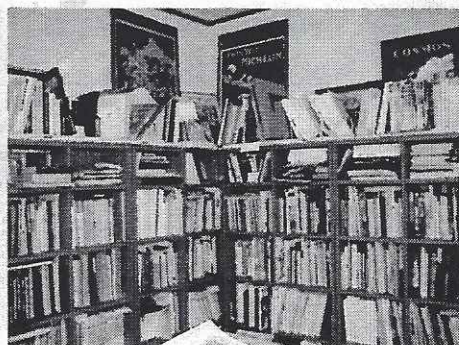
マニア垂涎！
切手、カード、書籍の膨大な資料類



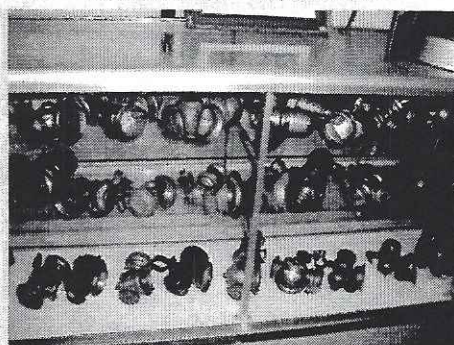
シュウイン、ロードマスター、ランブラーなどアメリカのオールドモデルのコーナーにはマリリン・モンローのポスターも飾られていた



パリ・ルーベの第1回大会ゴールシーンの貴重な写真も展示されている



自転車に関する膨大な蔵書も驚嘆に値する



欧米各国で使用されたランプも100点ほどある。保存状態はすこぶる良好だ。切手同様、「まとめて引き取って下さる方がいればお譲りしたい」(八神社長)とのことだ



Surinam Traffic Sign Issues

There has been confusion over the years as to which of these issues has a bicycle or portion of one on the sign depicted. The situation has now been resolved and in the New Issue Update (page 5) you will find details of the four issues that do show parts of bicycles.

The “first issue”(see BS32 p10 and BS48 p3) had a portion of a bicycle’s front wheel on the depicted sign’s upper right side. The “second issue” (BS48 p3) completes the bicycle sign. The “third” and “fourth” series (BS48 p3) have no cycling significance.

The “fifth series” (see picture below) is similar to the “first”, as it has the bicycle sign once again on its upper right side and the “sixth series” completes the sign and bicycle with the remainder of the bicycle sign on the upper left side. The “sixth series” stamp was incorrectly identified as the “third series” in 2001 and appeared in BS36 on page 12.

Stanley Gibbons, in the August 2003 and November 2004 issues of Gibbons Stamp Monthly, have printed details of “series 5 to 12”; these details show that, with the exception of “series one, two, five and six” the stamps are of no cycling interest.

These are the stamps: *(unfortunately I was unable to obtain enlarged pictures so these small ones will have to suffice).*



417 No Parking



426 Moveable Bridge



431 No Farm Vehicles



433 Pedestrian Crossing



436 Give Way



437 No U-Turn



440 Children Crossing

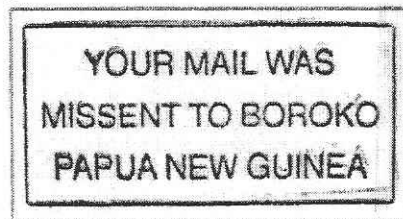


444 Trains Crossing

- * An interesting mini-article from Gibbons Stamp Monthly (Jan 2005):

Mis-sent mail

A reader in Nepal quite frequently sends me examples of mis-directed mail. His latest example is on a cover sent from Switzerland to his address in Nepal; it went via Papua New Guinea where it received a clear strike of a boxed handstamp worded 'YOUR MAIL WAS MISSENT TO BOROKO/PAPUA NEW GUINEA'. The cover was posted on 10 February 2004 and received in Kathmandu on 3 March - which was quite good going given the extra mileage covered. Such mis-sent markings are worth looking out for - and can form a nice side-line collection.



- * Personalised stamps - (GSM Dec 2004):

USPS halts Photostamps.

The United States Postal Service recently organised a private company, Stamps.com to produce "personalised stamps" for an experimental period. The stamps, which were authorised as official stamps, comprised a large denomination figure and a barcode, plus a blank space into which customers could insert photo's of their choice. These were scanned onto the stamps in panes of 20.



Stamps.com operated their own "censorship" system, rejecting any photo's that were objectionable, obscene or questionable. Photo's of political figures and celebrities were not to be accepted unless submitted by the person concerned. Unfortunately this system failed, possible because the response to the scheme was overwhelming, with over 2.5million stamps ordered in seven weeks.

The company could not keep up with its censorship programme. The American satirical on-line magazine "Smoking Gun" tested the system and, quite rightly, had stamps of Lee Harvey Oswald and gangster Salvatore 'Sammy the Bull' Gravano rejected, but some other notorious stamps slipped through, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (spies), Monica Lewinsky's blue dress, accused war criminal Slovođan Milošević (illustrated), Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu and the unbomber, Theodore Kaczynski. As a result of this, Stamps.com barred any pictures of teenagers and adults and subsequently the USPS asked the company not to process any more orders until it had time to consider the situation.!!!

- * **Drugs Test creates scarce Greek stamp:**

The Greek Post Office's issuing plan for its own Olympic medal winners was severely disrupted when, days after a stamp was issued honouring Leonidas Sampanis for winning a bronze medal in the 62kg weightlifting event, it was withdrawn from sale. It was forced to take this action after Sampanis failed a drugs test and his medal was forfeit. Apart from the disgrace, Sampanis also suffered financially as the Greek Post Office also withdrew the €25,000 awarded to him by the Government as a bronze medal winner. The stamp was on sale for about four working days before being withdrawn. Hellenic Post has not disclosed how many were issued but the Greek/English language daily paper Kathimerini quotes 136.000 as the issue number. This highlights the dangers involved with these 'quick' issues.



- * **"Going Postal" by Terry Pratchett.**

The book, which is the author's 33rd novel, is set on Discworld (a flat disc-shaped world carried on four elephants on the back of a giant turtle). The book pokes fun at the state of our postal system and, considering the million-odd letters that apparently go missing each day, why not? In true Pratchett-style, the myths, urban legends and vague rumours surrounding the postal service, are collected stereo-typed and blown out of all proportion, yet remain eerily familiar. Members may find this an interesting read. (From an article in GSM Oct 2004)

