

LIDICE REMEMBERED

Synopsis

General Class, Display Division

Philatelic Show 2010

Treatment & Importance

Treatment: Since this is the telling of an historical event, exhibit is presented in chronological order, starting with Lidice's fourth destruction anniversary in 1946 and concluding with recent material. The pre-1946 story of Lidice is told in the *The Murder of Lidice* exhibit, also being shown at Philatelic Show 2010.

Importance: Lidice's destruction is the World War II event of most significance to Czechoslovakia/the Czech Republic. **Lidice is to Czechoslovakia/the Czech Republic what Pearl Harbor is to the United States.** At the invitation of the Lidice Museum, an agency of the Czech government, an expanded version of these exhibits was shown in the Museum Art Gallery in Lidice as part of the 65th anniversary in 2007. A return invitation has been extended for the 70th anniversary in 2012.

Czechoslovakia **issued more postwar stamps for Lidice than for any other event from World War II.** Starting with the 5th anniversary in 1947, stamps were issued on all of the five-year anniversaries, except the 35th (1977), through the 50th in 1992.

Knowledge, Study, & Research

Specific research/study efforts include:

- a) In-person interviews with two Lidice survivors' daughters.
- b) In-person interviews with docents and two Directors from Lidice Museum.
- c) Lidice Museum and Archives.
- d) In-person interviews with noted Czech historical tour guide.
- e) Conversations with deputy curator of Czech Army Museum.
- f) Personal trips (9) to Lidice/Prague (since 2002).
- g) American Philatelic Research Library (APRL).
- h) U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum library/archives.
- i) American Sokol Headquarters, Chicago.
- j) National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- k) Extensive correspondence with Czech teacher/historian/philatelist.
- l) Czech National Library.

Much of the information presented represents the first merging of Lidice philatelic and historical research.

Condition & Rarity

Condition: Condition is excellent.

Challenge/Difficulty of Acquisition: The **challenge/difficulty of acquisition for the material represented is the extreme breadth of material** shown. Nothing shown was particularly expensive. But the effort to find exhibited material has been significant, coming from a wide variety of diversified sources: philatelic dealers (especially in Prague), online, used book and antique shops in Prague, Czech friends, etc.

Exhibitor has collected WWII related material for most of his 50+ years in philately. Material acquisition specifically related to Lidice and this exhibit started during the winter of 1996-97.

Exhibit History

Philatelic Show 2010 is the first showing of this exhibit. Vapex 2008 was the last show in which some of this material was included in *The Murder of Lidice* exhibit.

Notable Exhibit Content

- a) **All issued plate/printing flaws** from postwar Czechoslovakia Lidice issues.
- b) Complete **Czech Lidice postwar issue FDC's**, all but 2 to foreign destinations.
- c) **Color trials and/or proofs of 1947 and 1957 Czech Lidice issue.**
- d) Complete Czechoslovakia Post Office presentation pages for Lidice stamps.

References

Philatelic
Československo 1945-1992. 2006 Pofis specialized catalog. pp. 15, 23, 42, 66, 76, 85, 114, 123, 142, 204, 232, 257. Czech.* (Postwar Czech Lidice issues)

Historical
After the Battle, Number 24, 1979; magazine. Perhaps the best, relatively brief (38 pages) historical account of event. pp. 1-37. Many "then and now" illustrations.*
Reinhard Heydrich Assassination!, Cowdery & Vodenka, 1994. Extensively illustrated, 110 page soft cover book.*

*Exhibitor has donated these items to APRL.