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A TRIBUTE TO COURAGE

By Victor Gadoury.

The numismatic world joins the free world in a tribute to the staunch heroism that has become the bi-word of the Czechoslovakian people. This then, in my own way is a tribute to these people.

Some fifty years before the Russian tanks rumbled through the streets of Prague, the Republic came into being; but the Numismatic history of Czechoslovakia actually began on February 16, 1922. This was the date of the first coinage of Czechoslovakia that was struck to ultimately replace the Austro-Hungarian coinage and currency. The Austro-Hungarian bank notes remained in circulation until November 20, 1924, but were counterstamped to distinguish them from their former origin.

The 20 and 50 Haleru coins were the first denominations to be placed into circulation by the Czechoslovakian Government. These coins were made of a copper-nickel alloy, and not until seven years later did a silver coin appear.

The silver commemoratives, for which Czechoslovakia is world famous, closely follow the history of that Central European Republic. The first of which was released into circulation in 1928 and served to mark the tenth anniversary of the Czechoslovakian independence.

The 10 Korona (700 fine silver) bears the bust of T. G. Masaryk, the Republic's first president. It was Tomas Garrigue Masaryk along with Edward Benes, who gradually united the Czechs and the Slovaks in revolt, that brought independence. On June 30, 1918, T.G. Masaryk's signature on an agreement between the Czechs and the Slovaks officially founded the new state. Ironically, the signing took place in the United States (Pittsburgh, Pa.).

The minor coins of Czechoslovakia, from conception in 1922 to 1939 were typical of a striving young country. The copper-nickel one Korona strongly symbolizes this feeling with a woman wiping the perspiration off her brow. All minor coins of that time have the Bohemian

lion on the obverse. The famous Charles bridge in Prague (built in the 14th century) is depicted on the reverse of several minor coins.

The coinage of Czechoslovakia was discontinued on March 15, 1939, when the German troops marched into Prague. The German occupational coinage was divided into two groups. They were: Slovakia, an independent Republic set up by Hitler, and the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia, which includes the remaining area of Czechoslovakia not ceded to Hungary in the Vienna Award of November 2, 1938.

The coinage of Slovakia consisted of 12 different types of coins, including five commemorative issues. The first commemorative was a five Korona (nickel 27mm) of Father Andrej Hlinka, leader of the peoples party and a leading constituent of a separate Slovakia. Later that same year, another commemorative was issued on the occasion of the first election of the President of Slovakia. This was a 20 Korona (500 fine silver) portraying Father Joseph Tiso, a follower of Hitler. Two years later (1941), another 20 Korona was issued to commemorate St. Cyrill and Methodius. In 1944, two more commemoratives were issued, one honouring Pribina, Prince of Slovakia and the other to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Slovak Republic, from 1939 to 1945.

The Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate issued only four coins. All were made of Zinc. They were 10, 20 and 50 Haleru's as well as a one Korona. To this day no positive mintage figures are known as these coins were all struck by a private firm; it is believed that this firm kept no record of their occupational coins.

Although Czechoslovakia was liberated on May 9, 1945, its currency was not renewed until November 1, 1945, and put into circulation on April 25, 1946.

The following years saw several 50 and 100 Korona's in silver appear. These commemoratives ranged from controversial to historical in theme. Interesting also is the fact that all these coins have a uniform mintage of one million.

In 1953, a complete currency reform took place, changing not only the value, but also the design of the coins. The basic structure of 100 Haleru = One Korona remained the same. This coin managed to get caught in the change. This is the now scarce 5 Korona of Aluminum, dated 1952. These were presumably melted down. A few as usual escaped the melting pot.

The Czechs in their short history as a Nation have shown a keen sense of value for putting on their coinage its fervent history. This we strongly felt in 1955 with them releasing no less than four coins to commemorate the liberation from the Nazi's in 1945.

The year 1960 showed a definite sign of Soviet pressure with the removal of the Crown on the Bohemian lion, which is on the reverse of Czech coins. This crown was replaced by a five pointed star,

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typical of many Soviet controlled nations.

The inscription was also changed to read "Ceskoslovenska Socialistika Republika" as compared to Ceskoslovenska Republic. During the period of 1960 to 1967, the Czechoslovakian Government released several more commemoratives, this time mostly dwelling on historical points and personalities. The jubilee year of 1918-1968 was to be no exception regardless of political struggles, Czechoslovakia managed to issue three commemoratives. These coins unfortunately, only have a mintage of 60,000 each; I say unfortunately because of their beauty and that so few collectors will have the opportunity of owning them. With the division of Czechoslovakia on January 1, 1969, the future will no doubt as in the past, see many changes in the Czechoslovakian coinage. This is only but one reason why I chose to collect and write a book on this country's coinage.

(With special thanks to the London Numismatic Society).

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NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

At the last meeting Mr. Chappie Robinson who has recently returned from Nigeria was the guest speaker. Many articles of wearing apparel, native artifacts and coins were shown. The June meeting showed the second film from the International Nickel Co. of Canada entitled "Milling and Smelting", and was much enjoyed.

BELLEVILLE BAY OF QUINTE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

The spring Coin Show on April 12th was a great success. There were 33 displays of Canadian coins, tokens, medals, paper money, etc. Eight dealers had a profitable time and the success of the show goes to Archie Sinclair and his Committee. Best of Show for Juniors was won by Barry McGugan, Token category by Archie Sinclair, Canadian Decimals by Gwen Sager, Paper Money by Charlie Miller, world coins by Andy Anderson, medals by Ricky Morse, Miscellaneous by Sheila Baker. Best of Show Trophy was won by Sheila Baker of Toronto. A successful auction was conducted by Charlie Miller.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB-

Arthur Honour reported on the Spring Show at which there were 12 dealers. The exhibits were of a high quality and Best of Show Award went to Ethel Sentes with her Chinese Display. Alan MacNab was the speaker and his topic "Fighters For Canada". He reviewed the medallic history of Canada.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The main feature of the last meeting was a film "Money in your Pockets" about the production and handling of money, printed by the Bank of Canada. It gave a history of the life of printed money, from the time the plates are engraved until it is returned to the Bank for burning as worn out currency.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The topic of the last meeting was "Coinage of Elizabeth I" with a display of coins from President Clarke, H. Whitfield and J. Finch. Plans are going ahead for the Banquet and Coin Show to be held in September and it promises to be well worth attending. Bourse Chairman is P. Elgie, Thamesford and Display Chairman is L.M. Smith, 691 Strathmeyer St., London 25, Ont.

OAKVILLE COIN CLUB

Our 9th Annual Show was held May 25th with the following winners: Canadian Decimal-D. Becker, J. Ewles, Canadian Tokens-Don Flick, Junior-Tony Hine, Dan Sterne; Foreign-John Ewles, Jim Hayes Paper Money-Ken Hart; Miscellaneous-Jack McLean, Grace Watson; Best of Show-Ed Schroeder. Jack McLean won in the Commemorative Crowns. Judges were Don Flick and Glen Reid. The show was very successful.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The report of the Coin Show showed there was a slight loss but dealers and exhibitors hoped the club would make it an annual event. At the last meeting the door prize was a bronze medal of Norval Parker and was won by Graham Bryson, presented by Susan Parker.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The strawberry Festival was a huge success. The guest speaker was Major Sheldon Carroll, curator, Numismatic Collection, Bank of Canada, Ottawa. The Junior and adult displays were judged by Alex Munro.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

70 members and guests attended the last meeting before the summer recess and were happy to welcome the O.N.A. Past President, Bill English and his family, and the O.N.A. President, Don Flick and his family. A report was given on the recent O.N.A. Convention, Don Flick said a few words of congratulation to Bill English for a job well done. Mrs. English gave a very interesting talk on "Why I Should Join A Coin Club".

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Guest speaker was Mr. Harry Eisenhauer of London and his topic was Canadian Currency. Last meeting was Guest Night and any member bringing guests got an extra ticket on the draw for a 1964 dollar. On July 12th there will be a meeting in the form of a Bar-B-Q.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Highlight was a coloured film on Northern Ontario with parts of Sarnia-ice fishing on Sarnia Bay shown by Bill Crisp. The July meeting will enable all members to judge displays with the object to help members learn how to improve their displays.

TORONTO COIN CLUB-

Last meeting featured a story by R.C. Willey of Espanola on "Medallic Portraiture of Victoria" and was particularly appropriate as it was held on "Victoria Day". The club is all taken up with preparations for the forthcoming C.N.A. Convention in the Royal York on August 28,29,30, 1969.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

An O.N.A. slide entitled "The Large 5¢ piece" was shown at the June meeting. A warning was issued to watch out for the counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills during the summer. The Heritage Festival with the Distelfink token will be held the end of the month. The winners at the Waterloo Coin Show were:- Juniors-J. Bowen, D. Fairll, J. Bowen; Canadian Coins-W. Erb, Mrs. Bennet, A. Fuller; Tokens-Mrs. Hilborn, R. Morse, A. Fuller; Paper Money-V. Snell, A. Fuller, D. Laliberte; Topical-Mrs. Baker, A. Fuller, Mrs. Hilborn; World Coins-R. Bennett, T. Kostaluk, Mrs. Hilborn; Miscellaneous-A. Leff, A. Fuller; Grand Award-W. Erb, Kitchener.

The above arrived too late for the last Bulletin so rather than leave it out we have put it in a little late.

VISIT THE 1969 O.N.A COIN EXHIBIT AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION * DUFFERIN GATES

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DISPLAY CHAIRMAN

1. Arrange for display area, (tables and cloths. Good lighting necessary).
Arrange for Judges - Contact judges before show.
2. * Arrange for display cases - (use necessary application forms) Walter Holst,
4 Maple Court, Waterloo, Ontario.
3. Determine categories - List categories A., B., C., D., etc. Make them general
Do not be too specific.
4. Decide open judging point system. O. N. A. Sheets and display case cards through
W. Holst.
5. Order ribbons and trophies if required.
6. Distribute lists of categories and Judging point system before show.
7. Number display spaces numerically - start at one point. This enables judges to
* locate exhibits easily. (Make a master list of spaces and be sure exhibitors
use space(s) allocated).

List special requirements, if any. - SIZE OF CASES, no. of cases per exhibit?
outlets? members only? open to all collectors? own material?
8. * Judges and exhibitors must follow same rules for point systems.
9. Return judges sheets to each exhibitor.

Duties on Day of Show Set-up

1. Be sure tables - cases - lights, judging sheets - registration sheets - ribbons and
trophies are all available.
2. Register all displays and designate case or space number on a sheet numbered to
coincide with cases.
3. Security sheet if required to be signed by owner and display chairman - must be
signed by chairman or designated representative before displays can be removed.
4. Cases should be checked after they are set up to determine if category is correct.
5. If a change is necessary exhibitor should be notified if possible.
6. New locks will be keyed alike and the display chairman or designated assistant
should have the key or keys.
7. Arrange for displays to be moved to banquet table before presentation time.

Display case inside measurements $28\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, $16\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, $1\frac{7}{8}$ deep

* Important points to remember:

1. Apply early and correctly for cases.
2. Arrange display spaces numerically starting at one point.
3. Return cases promptly. (list any losses or breakage)

O. N. A. Display Chairman: W. Holst,
4 Maple Court,
Waterloo, Ontario.

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC VARIETY COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The winners at the Convention held in conjunction with the Ontario Numismatic Association were as follows-

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| Best Canadian Varieties - Paul Carl | Best Miscellaneous Display - |
| Best Canadian Errors - Ricky Morse | Wilfred Erb |
| Best U.S. Errors - Paul Carl | Best Minor Varieties- Peter Elliott |
| Best Educational Display - Maxwell McKinnon | |

The judges were Hans Zoell and Bill English. Some of the displays were sent in by mail so all variety collectors could participate.

The Election Results were- President-Ricky Morse, First Vice-President-Jack Wallace, Second Vice-President-Mrs. L. Zant, Secretary - Peter Elliott, Treasurer-Maxwell McKinnon.

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the June issue have now been accepted and the following new applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the August issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 732 Stanley F. Peaver, Box 412, Bancroft, Ontario
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- 734 Richard J. Nicholson, 12 Lloyd St., St. Catharines, Ont,
- 735 James J. Straus, 193 Cedar St. S., Kitchener, Ont.
- 736 John L. McNamara, 37 Meadowcrest Rd., Toronto 570, Ont.
- C64 NORFOLK COIN CLUB, c/o Mrs. Elsie Fick, Box 309, Simcoe, Ont.

MINT REPORT

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. F. Brown, the Acting Mint Master, we can give you the latest information on Coin issues:

<u>Value</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>April, 1969</u>	<u>To Date</u>
1.00	1969	520,000	3,669,000
	1968		136,387
.50	1969		3,678,000
	1968		2,100,000
.25	1969		60,884,000
	1968	3,904,000	325,049
.10	1969	820,000	3,490,000
	1968	2,360,000	52,351,049
.05	1969	1,692,000	9,438,000
	1968		2,677,049
.01	1969	15,810,000	53,514,000
	1968		15,061,049
Unc. Sets (P/L)	1969	54,248	194,495
	1968		1,672
Unc. \$1. (P/L)	1969	30,269	134,722
	1968		164,485

Thanks to the Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin

The following is a letter received from Ricky Morse, O.N.A. Director of Publicity:-

April 12th, 1969

William English,
P.O. Box 4,
Waterloo, Ontario.

Dear Bill:

The final reports and charts in regards to my physical examination has just come through yesterday, and my doctor's orders are "to drop everything" and do nothing except rest and sleep, which I know now I'll never be able to do as I have always led an active, participating style of life.

However, I will have to take it a lot easier than I have in the past, which means giving up most of the work I love more than life itself, namely numismatics.

Therefore, it is with sincere regret that I must tender my resignation from the positions that I now hold in the O.N.A., to become effective one month from to-day, which will be on May 12th, 1969.

The reason for waiting another month is so that I can finish my work for the O.N.A. and do everything I can to make the forthcoming combined Conventions the success that we all hope it will be.

The friendships I have made during the short period of time that I have served with the various members of the O.N.A., both on the Executive, and otherwise, will not be forgotten.

Yours in Goodfellowship,

Signed:-Ricky Morse,
Director of Publicity.

It is with regret that we publish the above letter of resignation realizing the great loss the O.N.A. has suffered in losing Ricky from its fold.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates.

Aug. 28 - 30 - Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Show and Banquet in the Royal York Hotel, hosted by The Toronto Coin Club with Mr. Fred Jewett as General Manager. Excellent displays and auction. Bourse dealers welcome.

Sept. 13 - London Numismatic Society 18th Annual Show and Banquet, Carousel Motel. Enquiries to William N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London, Ontario.

Sept. 28 - Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. General Chairman - Don McKelvie and Fred Hurley.

Oct. 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Auction and Coin Show. Chairman - Pat Collins, R. R. #2, Petersburg, Ont.

Oct. 18 - Kingston Coin Club Banquet and Show at the Hockey Hall of Fame from 1.00 p.m. to 11. p.m. Further

Aug 14 - Sept 1 - VISIT THE O.N.A. COIN EXHIBIT AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION TOR.

LIBRARY SLIDE SETS OF THE AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

A.V. #B1	Romance of World Coins	Lloyd T. Smith
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A.V. #B4	"Wampum to Decimal Coins in Canada" Part 3: The Bouquet Sous and a Few Upper Canada Tokens.	Lloyd T. Smith
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A.V. #B8	What's My Coin - Part 2 For Advanced Numismatists	Rod. Rekofski
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A.V.#B15	The Waitangi Crown & Ye Olde Famous Cartwheel	David Ashe
A.V.#B16	Canadian Voyageur Dollar	Mrs. C. Pelkey
A.V.#B17	What's My Coin - Part 3	Lloyd T. Smith
A.V.#B18	Odd and Curious Money	Lloyd T. Smith
A.V.#B19	"Seafaring" Development of a Ship	Alex L. Munro
A.V.#B20	Canadian Coin Quiz Part 1	David Ashe
A.V.#B21	Coins of the Bible	Lloyd D. Smith B.A., B.D.
A.V.#B22	Collecting Church Medallions	Allen Macnab
A.B.#B23	Canadian Large Cents	Kitchener Coin Club
A.V.#B24	Canadian Five Cents Silver	B.C. Num. Society
A.V.#B25	Large Canadian Five Cent Pieces	B.C. Num. Society
A.B.B26	Numismatic Items	B.C. Num. Society
A.V.#B27	Yukon Trading Tokens	B.C. Num. Society
A.V.#B28	Newfoundland Coinage	B.C. Num. Society

All Coin Club Secretaries - Please note:-

We suggest that you remove this page from the Bulletin and file away for future ready reference whenever your club wishes to send for slides for programs.

EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. - Mr Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway,
Tillsonburg, Ontario.

THIS 'N THAT

At a recent meeting of your Executive, two of our members, the Chairman of the Audio-Visual and the Chairman of the Display Case Service were bemoaning the fact that some, and I quote again, some of the clubs are abusing our services and making it tough on the rest of our club members - main cause of complaint from friend Audio-Visual, Charlie Laister and Display case friend, Walter Holst, was not sending cash with your order form (Audio and Display), tardiness in cases and slides returns, losing slides and in one case, a whole tape was missing, display cases are also becoming a real headache, breakages are phenominal, mainly by the railway folks, I'm afraid. We are, incidently, trying to figure out a far better case to eliminate this shipping headache--but here is where we ask the co-operation of the clubs-- Please order at least three weeks in advance of required date, and return at your earliest convenience so some other club will not be disappointed---enough beefing from Ye Ed---I hope by the time you good folks are reading this--providing you do read it, of course--(I don't know as I never get any comments, good, bad or awful), ---The weqther has turned out a lot warmer and at least giving us a wee bit o' sunshine---Next week Ye Ed is off on a week's vacation---then back and start on your August Bulletin so you know what is going on in the various clubs-- if any of our members are in the vicinity of St. Catharines on Sunday August 24th join the St. Catharines Coin Club in their annual picnic, we'd love to have you---meanwhile don't forget Canada's Numismatic Show of the year at Toronto's Royal York , August 28,29,30---See you there---in conclusion a cooling thought, as a friend of mine says, "Bona Snowshines"

Ye Ed

1969 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION * CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COIN EXHIBIT

AUGUST 14, - SEPTEMBER 1, 1969.

The 1969 coin exhibit will be on display in a new hobby building located at the Dufferin gate entrance. Mr Vince Doran has consented to act as chairman again this year. This type of exhibit exposes the hobby to the non collecting public, in greater numbers than any other type of show could possibly do.

We ask our members to help by providing displays and helping to man the floor for a while during their visit to the Ex. There is still a month and a half for you to get a display ready. This years Canadian Numismatic Association Convention is at the end of the Exhibition dates so we invited our collector freinds to drop down and say hello and possibly get some ideas on a similar exhibit at one of the local exhibitions or fairs in their own area. We will also have C.N.E. Medals and O.N.A. Medals available the sale of which will help defray some of the nominal expenses involved in the exhibit.

For information -- Mr. Vince Doran, 606 Pape Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

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DID YOU KNOW ** That Counterfiet Canadian \$20.00 gold pieces are on the market and that blocks of wood have been substituted in some of the 1967 Gold presentation sets for the gold piece and the shipping box has been resealed with the special Royal Canadian Mint tape.