

I owe Rich an apology.

If you remember Rich looked at a strip of stamps during the meeting and said he did not see the Position 52 flaw. He sent me a PDF of the stamps (see right). I took a quick look on Sunday and told him that it must be a printing error. I went back today and discovered I was completely wrong. I should have known better and taken the time to really look as befits anyone's questions. Sorry Rich, my bad!

The dead giveaway is the fact that there are no tally numbers. All the 100 cliché plates had tally numbers, so this is from a 90 cliché booklet pane which had no tally numbers. In my CPSGB Monograph 32, on page 98, is a picture of one of the two 90 cliché 10 haler booklet plates. The picture shows the same notches in the stress bar that your strip shows, in the 4th, 7th, and 10th rows. This led me to believe that your plate, like it, is Plate 1.

On page 8 in the same book is a diagram which identifies the flaws found on 10 haler booklet pane stamps. However, this diagram made me realize that the image on page 98 -- and your strip -- are both presented upside down. I will demonstrate that your stamps are actually from Block III --- which only appears on Plate 1 -- and represent the 8th and 9th columns.

Be that as it may, for convenience sake, I am listing the stamps as they appear in your image -- with the stress bar on the left, 04 and 05 at the top, 94 and 95 at the bottom:

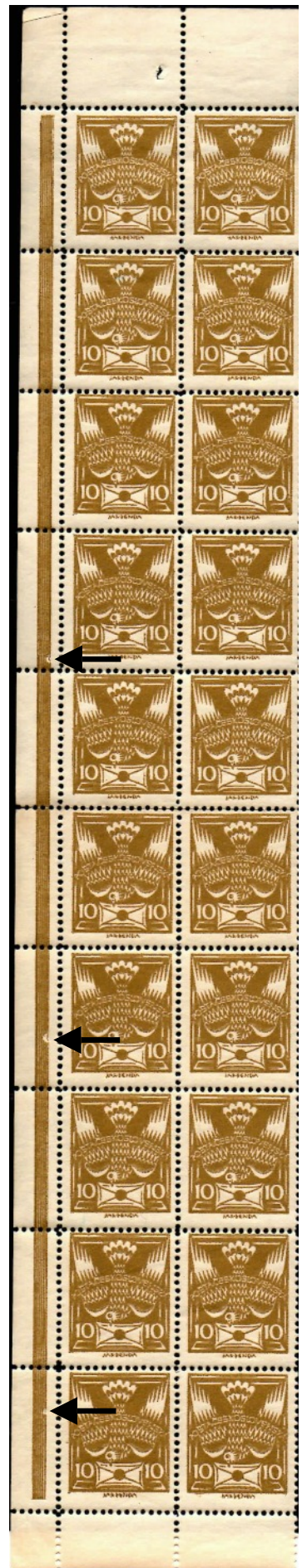
04 05
14 15
24 25
34 35
44 45
54 55
64 65
74 75
84 85
94 95

What you thought were 51 and 52 are actually 54 and 55. These stamps have no flaws.

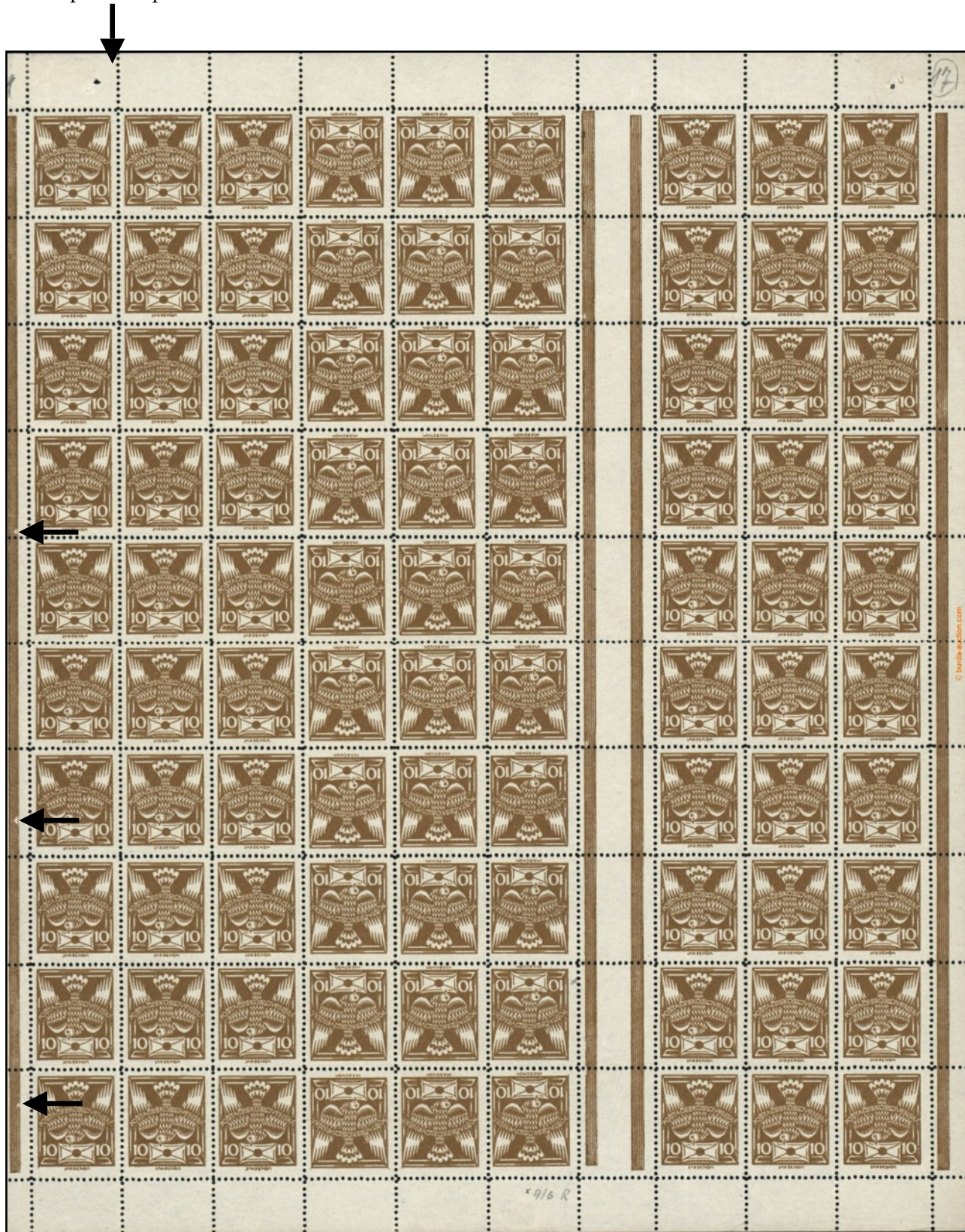
If I am correct that the strip is from the right side of Block III on Plate 1 and represents the 8th and 9th columns, then these flaws should be present:

05 -- Projection from the upper right corner.
24 -- Mark above the second colored arc in the tail.
34 -- Nick under the lower frame under the left end of the envelope.
35 -- Line from the right end of the envelope's lower line to the bottom of the envelope.
45 -- Short right leg on the A in BENDA.
64 -- Mark between the two rows of tail feathers above the O on KOS.
95 -- White mark on the top of the S in ČES.

With the exception of Position 05, I can confirm every flaw mentioned is present. 05's flaw tends to range in size from fairly large to quite small; it may be there, I am not sure. But with all of the other flaws present, I am 100% confident that your strip represents the 8th and 9th columns of Plate 1, but is presented inverted.



Rich's strip of stamps.



TD 1, 10 Haler Olive-Bistre Booklet Issue.
With second block switched from TD 2's first block (see opposite page).
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Rich's strip of stamps

I			Plate 1			III			IV			Plate 2			VI		
001	66	88	8	9	10	96	95	94	4	5	6	001	66	88	4	5	6
90	68	88	18	19	20	98	85	84	14	15	16	90	68	88	14	15	16
80	79	78	28	29	30	76	75	74	24	25	26	80	79	78	24	25	26
70	69	68	38	39	40	66	65	64	34	35	36	70	69	68	34	35	36
60	59	58	48	49	50	56	55	54	44	45	46	60	59	58	44	45	46
50	49	48	58	59	60	46	45	44	54	55	56	50	49	48	54	55	56
40	39	38	68	69	70	36	35	34	64	65	66	40	39	38	64	65	66
30	29	28	78	79	80	26	25	24	74	75	76	30	29	28	74	75	76
20	19	18	88	89	90	16	15	14	84	85	86	20	19	18	84	85	86
10	9	8	96	97	98	6	5	4	94	95	96	10	9	8	94	95	96

Figure 15: 10 haler booklet plates before the switch.