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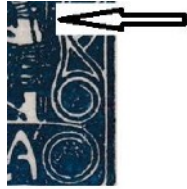
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Hradčany Abstract Design Arch and Right Bar Types

This paper is a loose continuation of the work on the subject by Mr. František Fryč, who published his findings in the magazine *Filatelie* in 1971 and 1972. Other researchers continued his work. I, too, have been working on the issue of the true partition for many years. To begin with – just a refresher on nomenclature: descending right (from above); lower right bar (from below). I compare both terms to the position relative to the binding of the right branch.



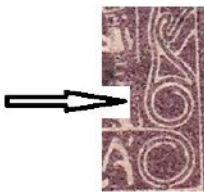
Normal location of the right bar relative to the binding



Right bar extended past the top of the binding

H	Plate 1	Plate 2
5	34	42 45 54 31
10	1 3 11 12 20 82 90	
15	4 11 12 44	12 51 61 72
20	52 61 64	18 63
25	1 4 29 43 54 63	5 6 8 15
75	24 83 88	
500	13	

The top of the lower bar is near the bottom of the 9th spiral.



Normal lower bar drawing



The top of the lower bar reached close to the top of the 9th

H	Plate 1	Plate 2
10	59 65 82	
15	2 7 10 27 29 50 67 68 70	39 51 56
20	96 99	
25	4 7 20 30 68 72	31 60 62
75	18 60	6
120	17 33 67	
500		29 82

Simultaneous occurrence of the lower right bar and part of the arch.



H	Plate 1	Plate 2
20	61	
25	30 72 78 81 88	3 6 8 9 11 21 22 46 76
50		90
120	46	

Lower bar extends into the caption panel.



Lower bar penetrates the caption panel

H	Plate 1	Plate 2
10	51	17
50		41
120	40	

There are other options showing repairs to the descending right bar, the lower right bar, and the arch. The authors of the guides tried to express them verbally. They indicate the variety of repairs made. Here I give their verbal description, which are given in the 5 to 500 haler guides. [I have not normalized the language in these descriptions – translator.]

- The right-hand partition in the middle has been reinforced.
- On the right crossbar, a short fork to the left against the 3rd wave.
- On the right crossbar, fork left against the 5th leaf.
- The right-hand rung is so narrowed that it breaks.
- The right transom opens into the stump.
- No stump.
- Interrupted stump above middle rung.
- Right crossbar reinforced at the top to form a rowboat.
- Right transom protrudes with hairpin fork to right.
- Stump separated from middle rung.
- Right transom forks left to 10th leaf.
- Right transom joined to the 10th leaf.
- Right transom tangent to 10th whorl.
- The right-hand crossbar is connected across its entire height.
- Right crossbar - small fork against bottom of bottom binding.
- Dot at upper end of stump.
- White spot on the lower rung of the stump at the left of the 9th spiral.
- Right rung - short fork protruding right towards 3rd hook.

This is an open work and it is up to each collector to decide how deeply to explore this issue of plate modifications. I think it is possible to stir up controversy over this and thereby deepen one's knowledge. I am open to individual opinions.

Jiří Krňák

10 Haler Olive Dove

Plate 3 Position 86

Etched stamps from the first period of Czechoslovak stamp printing show many imperfections not only in the production of the printing plate itself, but also in its repair. In the process of producing printing plates, there are several technological processes in which an error can occur. This also applies to the 3/86 of the 10 haler Dove.

In 2000, a specialised study of the 10 haler olive Dove for plates 3 and 4 was published in which the author, Josef Chvalovský, focused mainly on proving that the stamps from these two plates had horizontal comb perforations in addition to their usual comb perforations.

Both plates are without protective frames, nor do they have any markings in the counters. Plate 3's identification is facilitated by a characteristic shape of the signature – the letter J in JAR consists only of a perpendicular line, the letter A in BENDA has a shorter right leg.



Position 86 was described in the Study, but the attached image only documented a gap between the feathers. Due to the lack of stamp material, another difference would have gone unnoticed had I not received an email from Vasek Káňa in February this year (2024) asking:

While looking at the Olive Doves I was interested in the larger gap between the letters ES (ČESKO). I think that the surrounding drawing also shows signs of repair. Maybe you have already seen it. Could it be a retouch? Thanks for your time, Vasek

In subsequent correspondence, Jarda Moravec confirmed that he had not encountered it either, save on a horizontal comb block.



Examination found that the entire middle section had been repaired. The retouch was likely performed on the negative as it was a largish repair. The flaw appears on the entire printing, i.e. on horizontal and normal comb perforations. It does not appear on other plates.

Characteristic features are:

- The letter C is reinforced at the top.
- The letter E has shortened strokes on the right side. This creates a gap between the E and the S.
- The letter S has a deformed shape.
- The letter K has a deformed shape.
- The feather above the letter O is connected to it.
- The feathers of the body of the dove above and below the lettering are shortened on the left side.

Probably this defect manifested itself as very serious. Before the printer had time to prepare a new negative and make new plates, the decision was taken to replace the olive-coloured stamps with the original plates used to print the 10 h Dove stamp in green, even though they showed a considerable degree of wear.

There was initially no system in the way the printing plates were marked. The first six plates used to print the olive stamps were without protective frames (1). Of these six plates, two – originally used for printing in green – had a broken dash after the one (2).

This reduced the number of plates to four. Plates 3 and 4 were the first new plates produced for further printing of stamps in olive. The second and third new plates are listed as serial numbers 5 and 6 in the etched plate designation.

- The 5th has the numeral 31 between counters 1 and 2, a single broken dash in counter 10 - - (3).
- 6. has the numeral 41 between counters 1 and 2, two dashes in counter 10 - - - -.

Today it cannot be conclusively proven if this actually happened. This hypothesis would explain why the worn plates were reused after printing the stamps in green and what the numerals 31 and 41 in the 5th and 6th printing plates tell us. Even after almost a quarter of a century, there is still much to discover and clarify.

Literature:

- (1) Bulletin No. 97
- (2) . 1. TD once broken dash and 2. TD twice broken hyphen.
- (3) A three could refer to a plate produced as the third in the sequence, a four as the fourth.

Vlastimil Sobota

Liberated Republic Interesting Plate Mark

In October 2024, the Valenta Philately auction was held where the following items were sold as lot 115 with a very interesting plate mark. See picture. The interesting thing is that the left margin is much wider and there is a full width protective frame from the left sheet (the printing form was a four-plate) with a plate 4.

Unfortunately it is not possible to determine which plate the right pane was from. Theoretically, it would be possible to find out from the deviations of the perforation holes, where the 2nd, 4th and 8th perforation holes in the horizontal row are displaced upwards; similarly, on the left side, the 3rd from the top and the 3rd from the bottom are displaced to the left, the second from the bottom to the right. Can anyone help to identify the plate on the right side of the printing plate?

Pepa Chudoba



Falcon in Flight

Large Retouch Without Retouching?

Since the publication of the Monografie focusing (among other things) on newspaper stamps (and perhaps even longer), it has been in the consciousness of we collectors of newspaper stamps that the largest retouch on stamps during the entire period of the Czechoslovak Post's issuing activity is on the 2 haler, Plate 4, Position 92 as actually the entire stamp is retouched.

How inscrutable and mysterious the philatelic world is. When Mr. Stošek's auction began to sell off part of one of the largest collections of stamps of the First Republic, I picked up a few interesting items there to expand my collection. Among the many different impressions of stamps and makulatur I also found 2 haler stamps and just out of habit ran my eye over them and lo and behold! Was it a dream? One of the items showed classic changes in the drawing clearly defining 4/92, but it lacked the characteristic drawing changes around the head and beak. The item was not that expensive, so I outbid other bidders in the auction and bought the item without much expense. I have been amazed ever since and can't help asking more questions:

- What must have happened to the TD that it was so substantially retouched?
- What prompted the Zampach brothers to write that the entire stamp was retouched?
- Where are the impressions of the other fields from this attempted print?
- And many more...

Just by comparing the two images, it is clear that the retouching of the entire stamp is nonsense. The retouching was done only in the central area and most of the peripheral parts were left untouched. On the other hand - the above questions remain and are becoming more pressing! Unfortunately, we lack the comparative material to answer them.

We know (together with our colleagues) about 4 or 5 prints in purple; other material from Plate 4 in the form of trials is not known to us; therefore it is not possible to make further analysis of this plate. I would therefore like to invite all collectors who find in their collections pieces or makulatur prints from plate 4 to send scans of them to Mr. Chudoba, which will undoubtedly reach us.

Thank you very much for your time and I wish you all the best in your future collecting!

Michal Hauzr



Fig. no. 1: Trial print of 2 hal in purple on coated paper without glue, 4/92. The stamp bears most of the characteristic defects typical for this position and plate without changes in the drawing of the head, background around the head, upper part of the body and central area of the wings. T

The stamp bears most of the characteristic features: a protuberance on the right numeral 2, a mark on the 4th wing feather on the right, a transverse line on the 2nd wing feather on the left.

Fig. no. 2: Final impression of the stamp from 4/92 with the classic characters for this stamp with retouching. Due to the later overprints and the occasional overlapping of the characteristic features with the overprint colour, I draw attention to the subtle indentation next to the right wing of the falcon in the background lines. This defect is always visible!



Catalogue of Panes of the Sokol in Flight Issue Supplement

When my colleague Vladimír Malovík and I were publishing the catalogue of the Sokol in Flight stamps two years ago, we prepared it with the level of knowledge we had at the time. We did not purposely speculate and honestly stated where we had verified information and where we had not. A classic case was the occurrence of plate marks on the 1924 and 1925 TDs, where the DZ impressions of some TDs were not known at all and the matching of left horns to right markings was not verified. For completeness I quote:

In the case of the 1924 TDs, only some of the printing plates could be fully identified, i.e., both the right and left parts with plate numbers are known. For the other printing plates, we only know the left parts and cannot match the right parts to them. Some printing plates are not known at all, i.e. no stamps with the corresponding serial number have been submitted so far. At the end of this section we then list only the right (or left) parts with plate number "24", which we have not been able to match to the left (right) serial number of the printing plate.

Recently I spoke with my colleague Luboš Herčík, an important collector of DZs from the period of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic I, who boasted about new discoveries in his collection – these new findings, in my opinion, deserve to be published and made available to the general public.

TD 4-24 was not listed in our book at all, it was unknown. Judging by the nature of the protective frames, it cannot be a plate from 1931 (also unknown). As this is a trial print, it cannot be confirmed unequivocally that the TD was actually used for printing stamps.

Other completely unknown philatelic material is shown in Figures 2 and 3, which show entire ten-strips with the 1924 DZ. These plate marks are very rare, and entire ten-strips are indeed rare. There are previously unknown specimens in the picture that confirm the information in the plate mark catalog.

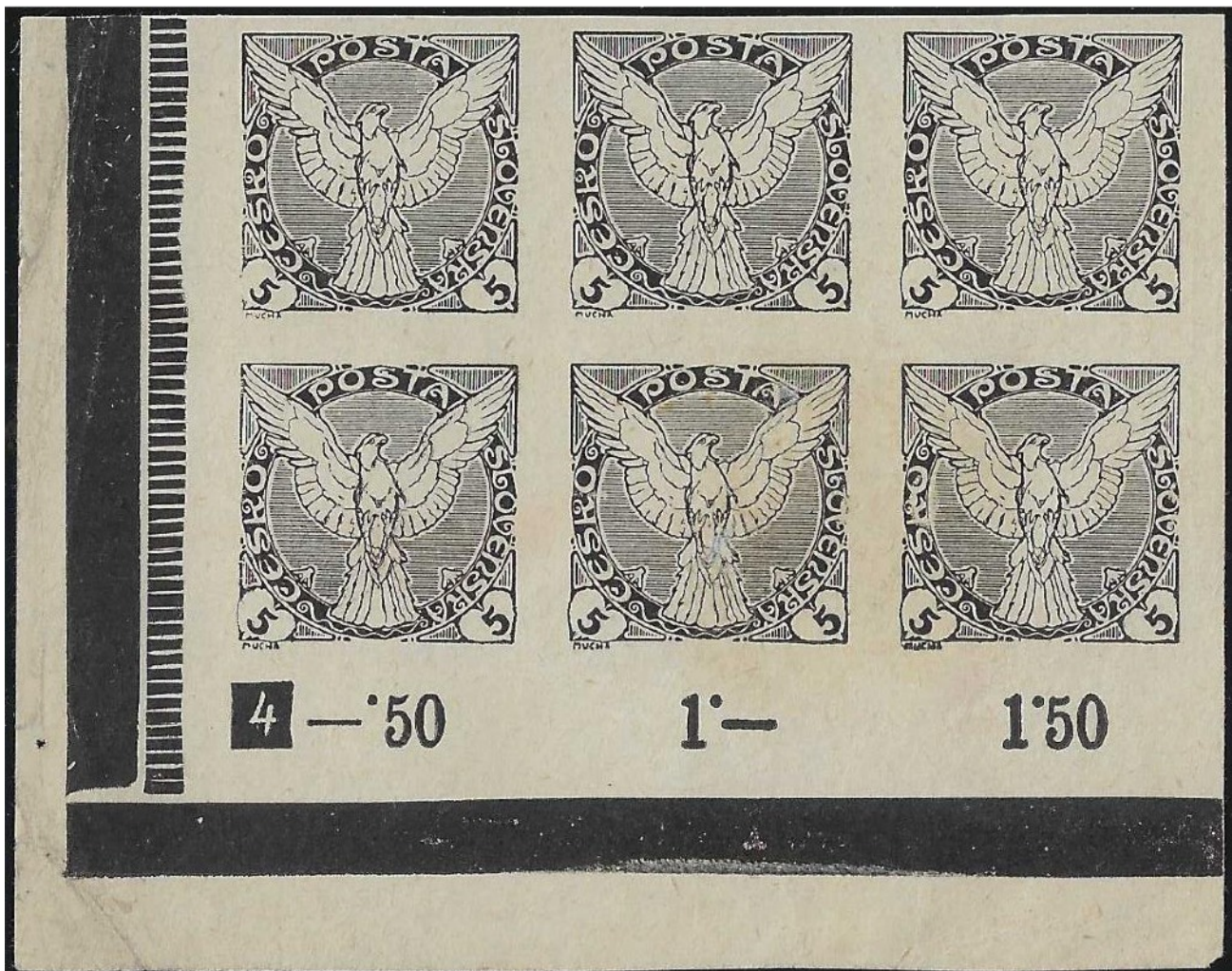


Fig. No. 1 - A black print of the LDR 6-block stamp of 5 haler from plate 4-24 gutter.



Fig. 2 - Lower 10-strip of the 5 hall value from plate 24-16.



Fig. 3 - Lower 10-strip of the 5 hall value from plate 18-24.

It is a nice feeling when we manage to fill in previously unknown information, which can then be used to fill in previously unknown fields of our joint research and pass it on to other collectors. Good luck in your quests for new acquisitions and good hunting!

Michal Hauzr

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Buy material or accept scenes of newspaper Falcon in flight value 5h - position 83 "stain on E (VEN)". On 1926 TDs 14 and 16 to 22 and the first half of 1927 TDs, the blemish was separately retouched directly on the printing plates. I am willing to cooperate in identifying the individual retouches. So far I have identified about 50% (some here several times). I hope you will help me in identification and thank you.

Jiří Krňák

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Newspaper stamps Sokol in Flight

Corrections to Monografie IV

In this article I would like to focus on the plate defects and their retouches which are shown in Monograph IV. This work is still in use today, but almost 40 years have passed since its publication. Research on this issue is not over and there are now very good guides on all values by Emil Kolesar. In this article I will deal with the corrections to the Monograph. Bold will be texts from the Monograph, not bolded its corrections.

2 haler – text on p. 120

ZP 1 - colour line across the upper left corner and P in POŠTA – The defect occurred on the negative from the 2nd TD. It was carried over to the 3rd and 4th TDs where it was retouched directly on the printing plates. Then the defect was retouched on the negative for the first time.

ZP 66 - white bordered spot in the filling above the P in POŠTA - the defect was retouched to 9. TD

ZP 55 - a small ring in the wing lower left - not on TD 1 and 10, on some TDs only a hint

ZP 84 - under P in POST near the end of the inner wing contour on the left a coloured dot - not on 10. TD

ZP 92 - inner contour of 2nd wing left wing ending with a hook (1st TD), on other plates there is a similar hook on the right wing - both hooks are on all TDs except TD 2 (here there is only a hook in the left wing)

ZP 72 - the tail outline on the right middle is broken - retouched also on TD 2.
ZP 85 - on the outline of the 3rd tail feather on the left ... - no defect on TD 3 and 10.
ZP 42 - left value card on the right open - not on TD 4
ZP 56 - inside the left 2-colour point - retouched on TD 7
ZP 62 - two coloured spots at top of right hand ticket above digit - not on TD 2, 4, 8 and 10.
ZP 43 - colour arc in upper right corner - present from TD 3, retouched on TDs 3, 4 and 7.
ZP 54 - coloured dot to the right of 2 in the right leaf - occurs from TD 2, not on TD 1 and 5.

2 haler - text on page 122

TD 4, ZP 46 - white dot to the left of the T in POST - occurs on all TDs except TDs 9 and 10.
TD 4, ZP 18 - colour spot in the wing right at S level - DV repair was made directly on the TD during printing.
TD 4, ZP 15 - distorted falcon beak - occurs on TD 5, ZP 15.
TD 5, ZP 96 - the right corner of the stamp is distorted - this is a retouching. Original defect found on the black print.
TD 6, ZP 8 - Y in ENSKÁ distorted - occurs on part of the cargo.
TD 6, ZP 25 - large colour spot in lined background - occurs on part of the cargo
TD 7, ZP 79 - Š in POŠTA at the bottom ended with an oblique line - this is a defect in the negative, occurring on all TDs.
TD 7, ZP 40 - N and S in ENSK joined by a white line - it occurs on part of the load as a result of a break in the TD.
TD 7, ZP 50 - N in ENSK joined internally by a white spot - occurs on part of the cargo as a result of a TD rupture.
TD 7, ZP 82 - white bulge in 1st squadron - occurs on part of the print run.

2 haler - text on page 124

TD 8, ZP 12 - white notch in the left panel - actually on TD 8, ZP 13
TD 8, ZP 78 - hook in C in CZ - also found on TD 7
TD 8, ZP 7 - K in ENSKÁ with white protrusion - occurs on all TDs except TD 4.
TD 10, ZP 20 - two vertical colour spots - this is a retouching of a defect in the negative occurring on TD 9 and 10.
TD 10, ZP 7 - P in POŠTA with a colour spot - occurs on part of the print run.
Retouch of TD 4, ZP 92 - retouch of almost all of the stamp artwork - there is a trial print in purple from this ZP and TD with no evidence of retouch.
Retouch of TD 3, ZP 1 - retouch of the colour line across the top of the wing - the retouch occurs not only on TD 3 but also on TD 4.

2 hal - text on page 125

Retouch TD 3, ZP 21 - retouch of the defect 'falcon with a stick' - the defect occurs on TD 2. On TD 3 and 4 it was retouched directly on the plate. On TD 5 and 10 the retouching was done on the negative.

5 haler - printing plates

Etched TDs without protective frames - marked TD 1 to TD 8

Etched TDs with protective frames (wide longitudinal lines, uninterrupted) - marked according to the designation in the OR. 18 printing plates in total.

1st matrix - galvanoplastic plates from 1923 (without markings in corners), 1924, 1925, TD 1 to 8 and 21 and 22 from 1926, 1 to 24 from 1928 and 1 and 2 from 1931.

2nd matrix - galvanoplastic plates 9 to 20 from 1926, 1927, 25 to 40 from 1928, 1929, 1930, 5 to 28 from 1931 and all from 1932 to 1936.

5 haler - text on page 131

- ZP 66 - open 1st wing squadron left** - not found on TD 4, 7 notches in left frame and number 6 in right frame. Probably retouched on these plates.
- ZP 26 - broken lower contour of 4th wingle right** - retouched on TD half circle from right frame.
- ZP 8 - colour spot in fill above A in POŠTA** - defect in 2nd die, retouched on some TDs.
- ZP 61 - central hatch in the filling above P in POŠTA connected with the lower contour** - occurs from TD 5 on some etched TDs and also on all plates of 1st and 2nd matrix.
- ZP 4 - contour of the 2nd wingle on the left at the level of P in POŠTA closed** - occurs on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 71 - coloured line in the extension of the lower contour of the 5th wingle left** - not present on TD without protective frames. (occurs from 9th TD)
- ZP 40 - outer outline of the filler at the level of the 4th squadron** - occurs on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 1 - coloured dot on the left below the eye of the falcon** - not present on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 7 - second line of the lined background under the O in the POŠTA** - occurs on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 19 - second line of lined background under O in POŠTA** - occurs on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 44 - colour spot and break in beak outline** - occurs on 2. Matrix
- ZP 67 - broken white oblique line on the left above the falcon's head** - defect occurs on the 2nd matrix. However, it was removed during 1933, probably by repairing the matrix. The defect is documented on TD 5-33, on TD 15-33 it is no longer present.
- ZP 2 - colour point behind MUCHA** - occurs on all TDs
- ZP 72 - right value digit in the middle part stretched** - not clear on some etched TDs and 1st die.
- ZP 30 - broken white border line at the end to the right of the A in POŠTA** - occurs on all TDs
- ZP 91 - broken contour of the filling to the left of the spiral above the O in ČESKO** - occurs on the 2nd die
- ZP 95 - white protrusion in E in ČESKO** - occurs on the 1st matrix
- ZP 89 - colour arc in the 6th wing squadron on the left** - occurs on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 44 - colour spot in the inner wing pattern on the left** - occurs on the 1st matrix
- ZP 21 - colour spot in the inner wing pattern at claw level on the right** - occurs from TD 5
- ZP 79 - 4 white spots in the lined background below TA in POŠTA** - occurs on the 2nd matrix
- ZP 83 - coloured spot in lined background to the left of the falcon's head** - occurs either as a defect or retouch on etched plates and 1st matrix. The defect occurs until 1925, then the 1st matrix retouching was made (until 1926), then the second matrix retouching (from 1926)
- ZP 83 - white spot in the upper part of the tail** - occurs on the 2nd matrix.
- ZP 84 - right value numeral with upraised flag** - occurs on the 2nd matrix

5 haler - text on page 132

- ZP 93 - white perpendicular line interrupting the upper outline of the wing** - occurs on TD 7
- ZP 93 - white spot in the lower part of S in POŠTA** - defect settles on TD 13/24
- ZP 19 - large white spot in the lined background in level K (ČESKO)** - defect is occurs on ZP 7, stamps of the 2nd matrix.
- ZP 93 - oblique white line in lined background** - defect occurs on TD 3/32.
- ZP 65 - white border line above E in ČESKO broken** - defect not found
- ZP 3 - white spot of distorted S in ENSKÁ and stalk of leaf** - defect is on the 2nd matrix.
- ZP 8 - white spot with distorted S in ENSKÁ and stalk** - no defect found.
- ZP 42 - colour spot on E in ENSKÁ** - no defect found.
- ZP 31 - colour spot to the right of the 6th leaflet** - no defect found
- ZP 57 - open colour ring on contour** - defect found on 1st matrix
- ZP 41 - cut upper right corner** - not found on ZP 41, similar defects are on:
 - one TD of the 2nd matrix of ZP 35, or
 - ZP 78 TD with an arch in the right frame, or
 - ZP 17 or 44 of a TD with 2 semicircular notches in the right frame.
- ZP 77 - 1st and 2nd wing squares right open** - defect is on 1st die. On some TD is deformed or retouched.
- ZP 81 - larger parts of the outlines of the 1st and 2nd wing squares on the right are missing** - no defect found.
- ZP 12 - colour spot in 2nd tail feather** - no defect found.

- ZP 20 - oblique white line across tail outline - no defect found.**
- ZP 55 - colour spot under 1st tail feather - defect found on 2nd matrix**
- ZP 91 - large white spot over the spiral - no defect found.**
- ZP 99 - colour spot on the contour of the 3rd tail feather - found on the TD with a semicircle in the right frame**

5 haler - text on page 133

- ZP 93 - coloured dot after the left-hand value digit - occurs on TD 18/26**
- ZP 2 - coloured thickened contour of right leaf - no defect found.**
- ZP 14 - coloured dot to the right of the right value digit - no defect found.**
- ZP 100 - large coloured dot to the left of the right value digit - found on TD 17/25**
- ZP 13 - right 5 coloured wedge above the flag - no defect found.**
- ZP 42 - E in SLOVEN broken by large colour spot - no defect found.**
- ZP 76 - right of A in POŠTA large white stain - no defect found.**
- ZP 39 - Š in POŠTA with a white spot inside at the bottom - no defect found.**
- ZP 98 - colour spots in 1st, 2nd and ČESKO and the spiral of the waves - no defect found**

Continued next time J CH

Stress Bars for NV2 Stamps

For the 5 haler Sokol in Flight, either continuous or interrupted protective frames between the stamps have been known so far. Now, a double-strip of ZP 51 and 61 printed in 1924 or 1925, depending on the nature of the protective frame and the colour of the stamp, has been discovered, which has an interrupted protective frame between fields 41 and 51, while between fields 51 and 61 it is uninterrupted. However, the plate is unknown.

