The last Czech perfin
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The last time the words last Czech perfin graced the pages of the Bulletin was in the February 1971 issue. The article was written by Vojtech Maxa (#933) and focused on what, at that time, was thought to be the only Czech perfin in use. That perfin was the P of the publishing house ORBIS. The author went on to discuss the history of ORBIS and spoke of the company PNS, who were located in the same building and using the perfin at that time.

The postal card shown here is

my bet for the last Czech perfin. It is a new pattern, not shown in my Czechoslovakian perfins catalog or any of its supplements. The pattern is KFB and its user is the Krajska Filatelisticka Vystava Benesov '88 show.

This pattern is punched through the 50th postal card with one copy of Scott #2707, the 3Kcs value of the 1988 Praga '88 set, added to pay the registration fee (but not perfinned).

Of note is the registration label, which also commemorates the Benesov '88 show. There can't be many examples of postal cards that have been registered by their senders even considering it is of philatelic origin.

Has anyone else a later date or another candidate for the last Czech perfin?

The Secretary’s Report

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