This issue marks the 30th anniversary of the Society for Hungarian Philately. The fact that we reached this anniversary underscores the vitality of our organization and highlights the enjoyment derived from the pursuit of Hungarian philately by our members. I don't feel the need to revisit the beginnings in Vic Berecz's living room back in 1969 since the 25th anniversary issue five years ago had accomplished that. Still, I would like to thank and congratulate the four continuous members, who not only founded this Society, but also contributed a wealth of philatelic knowledge that we share. These members deserve the title of Honorary Life Members as well as our applause!

Thanks to the efforts of Alan Hoover, the original incorporation papers were unearthed from the archives of the State of Connecticut. The document was signed by Geza Bodnar, William Domonkos and Dennis Rich. It also listed Victor Berecz and Aloysius Bauer as agents or officers of the Society. We're honoring four of these gentlemen as Life Members. According to Vic Berecz, Dennis Rich still resides in Fairfield, but had dropped out of participating in SHP more than a decade ago.

I read about the commemorative postal card issued by the Czech Republic honoring the 60th anniversary of the Society for Czechoslovak Philately in the August issue of the American Philatelist. The card pictured US and Czech flags along with a reproduction of the front page of The Czechoslovak Specialist, the journal of the APS affiliate. I think that this is a wonderful tribute to our sister organization. Maybe we can rate such an issue from the Hungarian Post for our 35th anniversary.

Re: my article Slovak Stamp on a Hungarian Cover from the Apr-Jun 1999 issue of The News. A recent Profila auction included a similar cover addressed to Rotterdam, Holland. This cover was franked with the 20-haleru Slovak State overprint (Scott #4) along with 40f in Hungarian postage. The stamps were canceled with the steel temporary canceler #301 used in Szobránc on April 18, 1939. Szobránc was one of the largest towns in the strip of land annexed from Slovakia to Hungary on April 3, 1939. The person who 'created' these covers obviously was traveling from one settlement to another, most likely in an official capacity, posting a steady stream of philatelic mementos to record the postal history of the era in which he lived.
István Gazda's article, *Polish Military Internment Camps in Hungary*, appeared in the September 1999 issue of the *American Philatelist*. Mr. Gazda has published several articles on this subject over the past decade and this latest writing represents the results of his on-going research. I was somewhat dismayed at the barbed wire illustration used in conjunction with the title of the article in the magazine. My mental image of a Polish interment camp in Hungary is hardly that of a concentration camp ringed with barbed wire fences. The camps were a motley mix of active military reservations, surplus barracks, and even vacation resorts closed for the season.

Dr. Dezső Soóky's review (reproduced on page 20) of our Apr-Jun 1999 publication appeared in the September issue of *Bélyegvilág*.

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