1971 PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

At the end of August, the Hungarian Postal authorities announced Hungary's 1971 postage stamp program. It was emphasized that Hungary was again reducing the number of stamps to be issued, and in 1971 "only" 69 will be issued. The principle announced aim was to improve the technical quality of the emissions, and thereby keep up the interest, both domestically and outside the country, in Hungarian stamps. This all according to the October 1970 issue of the Filatelia Szemle. The following is the list of issues as presented in the above-mentioned philatelic journal. (*) indicates a semi-postal issue.

First Quarter:
Hunting and Fishing World Exhibit 8 values (*)
"Budapest '71" Set 4 values (*)
"Budapest '71" Souvenir Sheet 1 value (*)

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Third Quarter
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THE ROMANIAN OCCUPATION OVERPRINT ON HUNGARY

by Kalman V. Illyefalvi

At the end of the first World War the Austro-Hungarian empire was divided into a number of countries; a portion of Hungary was ceded to Romania in July of 1919. Various local overprints were issued by the occupying Romanian forces as there were no Romanian stamps available at this time. This article deals with the overprints made in KOLOZSVÁR (KLAUSENBURG) and in NAGYVÁRAD (GROSZWARDEIN).

The Kolozsvár overprints were issued in July of 1919 and the Nagyvárad ones in October of 1919. Both were in continuous use and were postally valid until January 1, 1922. The definitive work on the forgeries of these overprints was done by Serrane. Photographic copies of his original drawings accompany this article.

Most of what we see these days is suspect. The forgeries were issued in larger quantities than the originals by stamp dealers in Vienna and Budapest in the early 1930's for packets. Short of a highly specialized Hungarian listing, the most complete catalog listing of these overprints can be found in Michel.

The Kolozsvár issue can be differentiated from Nagyvárad by the fact that the unit of Romanian currency, BANI (100 Bani = 1 Leu), is in Roman type faces, Nagyvárad is in Italianized type. The BANI and LEU markings were typoset and short of having the complete sheet to work with, cannot be used to differentiate the genuine from the false overprint.

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The regular monthly meeting of SHP will be
held on Tuesday evening, December 15 at 7:30 PM.
It will be held as usual in the Fellowship Hall
of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 160 Hill Farm
Road in Fairfield. A map is below. In keeping
with the holiday spirit, no business meeting will
be held. The program will be presented by Leslie
Etter, and will be on the history and philately
of Western Hungary, the area that was autonomous
for a few months in 1921 under the name Lajta-
banság. As usual, an auction of Hungarian
philatelic material will be held, and "door prizes"
will be drawn. Refreshments will be served.
Spouses are especially encouraged to attend this
holiday event.

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