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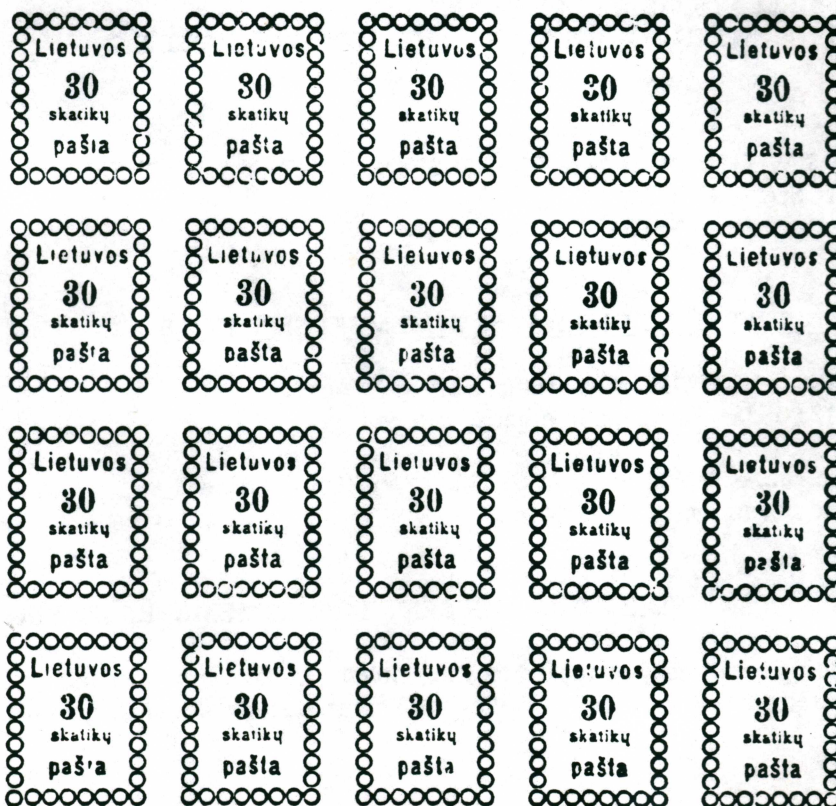
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LPSNY CLUBNOTES, LETTERS, BALTIC PHILATELIC ACTIVITY

The LPSNY Bulletin continues to improve. Let me suggest we reprint some of the articles from the older issues of the Bulletin.

(ED. Note: Your Editors policy since taking over in 1989 has been not to reprint articles from prior Bulletins because members who want the information in any article may buy the back issue (see page 9284). Obviously, if enough members feel we should reprint a particular article, we will. If members have suggestions, please write.

Will the LPS correlate the stamps issued by Lithuania and Scotts numbering system ?

(ED. Note: If members check Bulletin #166, pages 9210-9213, you will find a concordance of LPSNY #'s 30-54 with Scott #'s 400-436. We plan an updated concordance for either the March or June 1995 issue.

Thank you for your constant and excellent work for a better understanding of Lithuanian Philately.

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The Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York has released a 30 minute video cassette "Postage Stamps of Lithuania," its early issues. This is a transfer from a 16 mm. film made a good many years ago and shown to some clubs and lately on a TV program. Excerpts are added from a documentary that was shown in 1943 to the Congress and Senate, when the Lithuanian American Council lobbied the the U.S. not recognize the occupation and incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union. The video is narrated by Andrew Kapochunas and the musical score of Ciurlionis piano sonatas is rendered by Vytautas Landsbergis. The price of the video is \$27.00 postpaid. To order write: Charles Matuzas, 107-33 117th St., Richmond Hill, NY 11419.

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

40th Anniversary Commemorative Envelopes

The LPSNY has had printed an LPS cachet in honor of our 40th Anniversary on white, tan, lilac, light blue and green envelopes. Three different issues of Lithuanian stamps were used to frank the covers. Each cancelled cover is available for \$1.00 each plus postage. The cachet is also available on mint envelopes (except green) at \$.25 each plus postage.

Commemorative Envelopes

The LPSNY has also had printed an LPSNY cachet on a number 11 envelope in commemoration of the restoration of Lithuania's independence. The LPSNY had about 500 of these covers cancelled with the special U.S. Postal Service cancellation produced for Lithpex XXIII; 1/3 dated October 26, 1990, 1/3 dated October 27, 1990, and 1/3 dated October 28, 1990. Set of 3 dates \$3.00 postpaid. Individual covers \$1.25 each postpaid (your choice of date(s)).

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For local issues, souvenir stamps and occupation stamps; heavy stock, over 50 pages. Contains Lithuanian stamps overprinted by other countries; displaced persons camp issues with souvenir sheets, cinderellas. There are no Scott numbered stamps in this album. \$18.00 postpaid.

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NEW POSTAGE STAMPS OF LITHUANIA - PART XI

by Andrew Kapochunas



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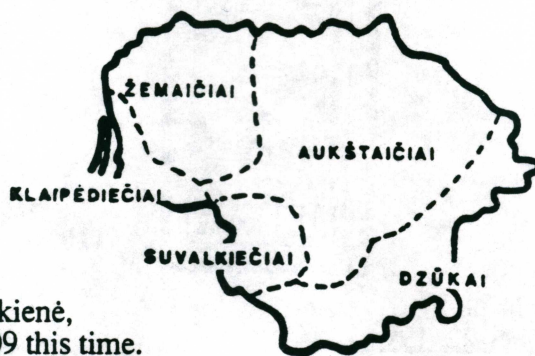


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46th Issue
September 10, 1994

Town Coats of Arms: Dzūkija

This set of three stamps continues a series begun October 11, 1992 (#'s 49, 50, 51) which depicted the coats of arms of Kedainiai, Vilnius and Lithuania. On July 3, 1993, #'s 70, 71 and 72 showed the coats of arms of Žemaitija: Skuodas, Telšiai and Klaipėda. Now the Dzūkija region takes center stage, featuring the towns of Punia, Alytus and Perloja. Violeta Skabeikienė, who designed all six earlier stamps, created 108 and 109 this time. A new designer was responsible for 107: Ag. Tarabilda. The offset printing was done in Budapest, as was the previous coats-of-arms issue, on white paper with dull gum in sheets of 50, perforated 12.



107 10 ct Punia multicolored
Printing: 500,000

Giving credit, as usual, to Vince Alones' copy of the "Encyclopedia Lituanica," 1978, Boston, Mass., Punia is a Nemunas river town of about 1,000 in southern Lithuania, 13 km north of Alytus. It is first mentioned in the Chronicles of the Teutonic Order, 1382. Within a loop of the Nemunas near the town is one of Lithuania's oldest stretches of virgin forest: firs 40m high and 75cm wide, along with pines, birches and a row of ancient oaks along the shore. Once a royal hunting ground, the area now is a protected natural preserve. Here's how a Russian author, Sergei Minstlov, described the view after a visit in 1930: "We were surrounded by an impenetrable forest, over one thousand years old...Around us there rose giant oaks, whose girth three men could not enfold, in an endless avenue along the shore...A magnificent view, unsurpassed anywhere in Europe."

108 60 ct Alytus multicolored
Printing: 500,000

Alytus is Dzūkija's largest town, on the banks of the Nemunas 52km south of Kaunas. Its population had grown to nearly 18,000 in 1966, largely the result of Soviet industrialization. Inhabited since

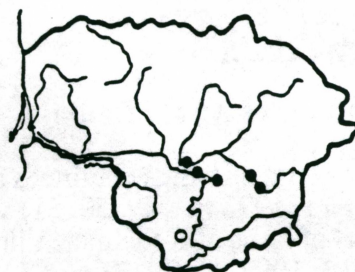
Neolithic times, Alytus built its first church, St. Louis, in 1524, and was granted a coat of arms, a lily bloom, in 1581.

109 80 ct Perloja multicolored
 Printing: 500,000

A town the size of Punia on the Merkys river, between Varėna and Merkinė, Perloja is mentioned by King Jogaila in 1387. A nearby royal estate was used as a stopover for travelers journeying between Vilnius and Gardinas. The town never really had a chance to expand: Most inhabitants perished during the Great Plague of 1708-1711; heavy damage was sustained in fighting between the Germans and Russians during World War I; Polish troops fought in 1920-1923 to include Perloja on its side of the compromise boundary -- Lithuanian partisans (including the Šaulių Sąjunga) successfully resisted, but the nearness of the Polish border stifled growth. Perloja's wooden church, built in the time of Vytautas the Great (15th century) is now in the Kaunas outdoor museum.



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47th Issue
 October 22, 1994

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 ○ buvusi radimvietė / location in the past

The Red Book of Endangered Species: Mammals

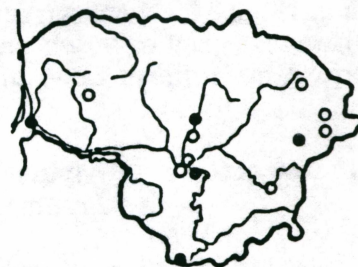
The series last seen represented by a turtle and a frog (#'s 89, 90, issued December 30, 1993) continues with a mouse and a bat, designed, as was the previous issue, by Violeta Skabeikienė. This issue, again like the last, was printed offset on white paper with shiny gum, perforated 12, in Moscow, by Gosznak printers. (The maps and descriptions for these two issues are taken from first day covers copyrighted by Arvydas Karaška, P.O. Box 1541, 2040 Vilnius, Lithuania.)

110 20 ct Didžioji miegapelė - Glis glis (Dormouse) multicolored
 Printing: 500,000

This dormouse is one of four species found in Lithuania, and is known in the areas of Kaunas, Lazdijai, Kaišiadorys, Vilnius and Trakai, as shown in the map above.



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● dabartinė radimvietė / recent location
 ○ buvusi radimvietė / location in the past

111 20 ct

Rudasis nakviša - Nyctalus noctula (Bat) multicolored
Printing: 500,000

This bat, whose current and former ranges are shown in the map on the previous page, is one of 14 species found in Lithuania. Seen in groups only during Autumn migration on Ventės Cape, single specimens of this bat have been seen in Ignalina, Kaunas, Kėdainiai, Kelmė, Lazdijai, Prienai, Švenčionys, Vilnius and Zarasai.



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48th Issue
November 12, 1994

Architectural Monuments: Town Halls

This issue, designed by E. Gūzas, is a continuation of a series he began on January 15, 1993 with Churches and their floor plans, #'s 55 - 57. Both issues were printed offset on white paper with dull gum, perforated 12, in Budapest. Each issue was printed in a single color, with a black and white line drawing of the town hall, a white architectural floor plan, white type and a white frame.

112 10 ct **Kaunas Town Hall , 16th century purple**
Printing: 500,000

Kaunas' town hall, called *Baltoji Gulbė* (white swan), has its roots in the 15th century. Rebuilt in 1562 in a Gothic style, it took on its present form, considered late baroque with classic details, in 1771-75. The six-story tower, rectangular at the base and finishing as an octagon, was completed later. In 1836 an architect was commissioned to transform the first floor of the hall into a residence suitable for a visiting tsar. Redwood furniture, mirrors, chandeliers, rugs and silver dishes transformed the hall into a royal retreat. In 1863 all the furnishings were moved to the governor's mansion.

113 60 ct **Kėdainiai Town Hall, 17th century dark blue**
Printing: 500,000

Kėdainiai was widely known as an economic and cultural center beginning in the 15th century. In 1614 it became the property of the protestant side of the Radvilas family, and the presence of noble residences helped attract traders and craftsmen, many of whom came from Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Scotland. A Merchant's House was built and still stands. Guilds were formed which organized tanners, tailors, shoemakers, weavers, potters, butchers and others. A Town Hall was built with stores on the street floor, including the first pharmacy in Lithuania, established 1650. Municipal offices occupied the second floor.

114 80 ct **Vilnius Town Hall, 18th century dark green**
Printing: 500,000

The Old City Hall is now the Vilnius State Museum of Fine Arts (*Vilniaus Valstybinis Dailės Muziejus*), rebuilt by the architect Laurynas Stuoka-Gucevičius in a classical form at the end of the 18th century. Prior to World War I a Russian theater operated out of the building. In 1933 a City Museum was established, and during the first Soviet occupation (1940-41) it received artworks from confiscated estates, from societies and from private donors. The collections survived German occupation to form the basis of the Museum of Fine Arts.



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49th Issue
November 19, 1994

Vytis

This issue continues a Vytis design begun April 9, 1994 with 5 ct and 10 ct values (#'s 97 and 98), and is of interest chiefly because, as in the first two issues, the designer's name, A. Kazdailis, has been left off the stamp. Both issues were offset printed on white paper with shiny gum, perforated 12, by Moscow's Gosznak Printers.

115 20 ct Vytis (Mounted knight) dark green
Printing: 6,000,000



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50th Issue
December 3, 1994

Madonna and Child

This stamp was designed by Ieva Načiulyte, and offset printed on white, dull-gummed paper, perforated 12, by Budapest Security Printers. It is only the second Lithuanian stamp to depict the Madonna -- the first was # 19, issued March 15, 1991, but with an imprinted year of 1990.

116 20 ct Madonna multicolored
Printing: 500,000

A Lithuanian Rocket Scientist in the 17th century? An Explanation of the 1994 "Europa" Stamp, #99, described in the last Bulletin

Lithuanian Heritage magazine (Baltech Publishing, P.O. Box 225, Lemont IL 60439), November/December 1994: "The Lithuanian scientist and military engineer Kazimieras Semenavičius (1600-1651) was not only the best artillery specialist in Europe, but also the first rocket scientist in the world. He wrote the first book on rockets (*ARTIS MAGNÆ ARTILLERIÆ*, 1650, Amsterdam)... His work on the use of rocketry in artillery is illustrated with ... drawings which bear almost uncanny likeness to present-day space vehicles."

COMMEMORATIVE, SPECIAL AND FIRST DAY CANCELLATIONS OF THE RE-ESTABLISHED REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA - PART VIII

by Andrew Kapochunas

SC96. July 23, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR.** Oversized circular date stamp with small post horn, a generic type designed by K. Katkus, used on the issue date of Vytis stamps #'s 105 and 106. No special Pašto-Zenklas envelopes were issued.

(Beginning August 25, 1994, some Lithuanian post offices began using a new style of canceler, an example of which may be seen on the cover used to illustrate SC112. Any reader having information on why changes are being made is asked to contact this editor.)

SC97. September 10, 1994: **ALYTUS-C, PREMIER JOUR.** First day cancel, designed by Violeta Skabeikienė, who also designed two of the three Coats of Arms of Dzukijos stamps issued the same day, #'s 107-109. An unstamped envelope depicting the coats of arms of Druskininkai as designed by Ag. Tarabilda (who also designed stamp # 107, Punia), was issued by P-Ž in an edition of 60,000, printed by WALKI Paberisto, Finland.

SC98. September 20, 1994: **KAUNAS, LIETUVOS ŠAULIAI SAJUNGAI - 75 1994** (75th anniversary of the founding of Lithuania's Riflemen's Association). Shield-shaped cancel with warrior's cross, designed by A. Jankauskas. No special P-Ž envelope. The Šaulių Sąjunga was a volunteer paramilitary organization, a "National Guard," reporting to the Ministry of Defense, which approved its constitution September 15, 1919.

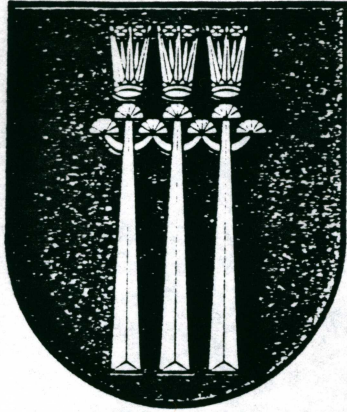
SC99. October 3, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, TARPTAUTINĖ LAIŠKO SAVAITĖ** (National Letter-Writing Week). Oversize circular cancel with small post horn, used the week beginning Monday, October 3. No special P-Ž envelope.

SC100. October 8, 1994: **MARIAMPOLĖ-C LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS PREZIDENTUI KAZIUI GRINIUI ATMINTI 1994** (In memory of Kazys Grinius, President of the Republic of Lithuania). Double-circle date stamp, Vytis within, in memory of the third president of Lithuania. The cancel was used in conjunction with a P-Ž unstamped cacheted envelope. Neither the cancel nor the envelope are noted in P-Ž press information to philatelic editors. Grinius was born in Salema, in the county of Mariampolė on December 17, 1866. A strong supporter of Lithuanian freedom since his youth, he was eventually elected President June 7, 1926. Six months later, on his 60th birthday, he was forced to resign by military officers supported by Nationalists and Christian Democrats, losers in the previous election, who were convinced he was soft on leftists. The ringleaders offered Antanas Smetona the presidency, and he was confirmed president by 40 of 85 members of Parliament -- a Parliament he dissolved in a huff six months later. Grinius went back to being instrumental in furthering social programs: preventive medicine, care of children and mothers, and improving housing, nutrition and job conditions for workers. He died in Chicago June 4, 1950.

SC101. October 22, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR.** Cancel in the shape of what appears to be an otter, used with stamp #'s 110, 111, the dormouse and bat stamps issued the same day. No P-Ž envelope.

SC102. October 27, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, VILNIAUS KRAŠTO GRĮŽIMO LIETUVAI 55-OSIOS METINĖS** (55th Anniversary of the return of the Vilnius area to Lithuania). Trakai tower
(Continued on page 9291)

DRUSKININKAI



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SC97



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS
PREZIDENTUI
KAZIUI GRINIUI
(1866 - 1950) ATMINTI



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cancel. After Hitler's invasion of Poland in 1939, the Vilnius area, occupied by Soviets, was returned to Lithuania, according to the understanding in the secret Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. Of course, the Soviets also kept Lithuanian land for themselves, land now occupied by Belarus.

SC103. November 12, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR**. Shield-shaped cancel with gothic "R" within, designed by E. Gūzas. It was used with his "Town Hall" stamps #'s 112-114, and his P-Ž unstamped envelope commemorating Vilnius town hall. 100,000 of the envelopes were printed in the WALKI Paberisto plant in Estonia.

SC104. November 19, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR**. A generic first day cancel: small post horn within an oversize circle, used with the 20ct Vytis stamp, #115, issued the same day.

SC105. December 3, 1994: **VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR**. Violeta Skabeikienė designed this special Christmas bell and snowflake cancel. It was used with the Madonna and Child stamp, #116, and two Christmas P-Ž envelopes designed by Ieva Načiulytė.

SC106. December 4, 1994: **DRUSKININKAI, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS** (Christmas mail). From December 4, 1994 to January 6, 1995, seven Lithuanian post offices used a special "Christmas Mail" cancel designed by Ieva Načiulytė -- Lithuania's first bi-colored cancel: Red ink is used for the date line, and green ink for the rest of the inscription.

SC107. December 4, 1994: **KAUNAS, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**

SC108. December 4, 1994: **KLAIPĖDA, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**

SC109. December 4, 1994: **PALANGA, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**

SC110. December 4, 1994: **PANEVĖŽYS, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**

SC111. December 4, 1994: **ŠIAULIAI, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**

SC112. December 4, 1994: **VILNIUS, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**

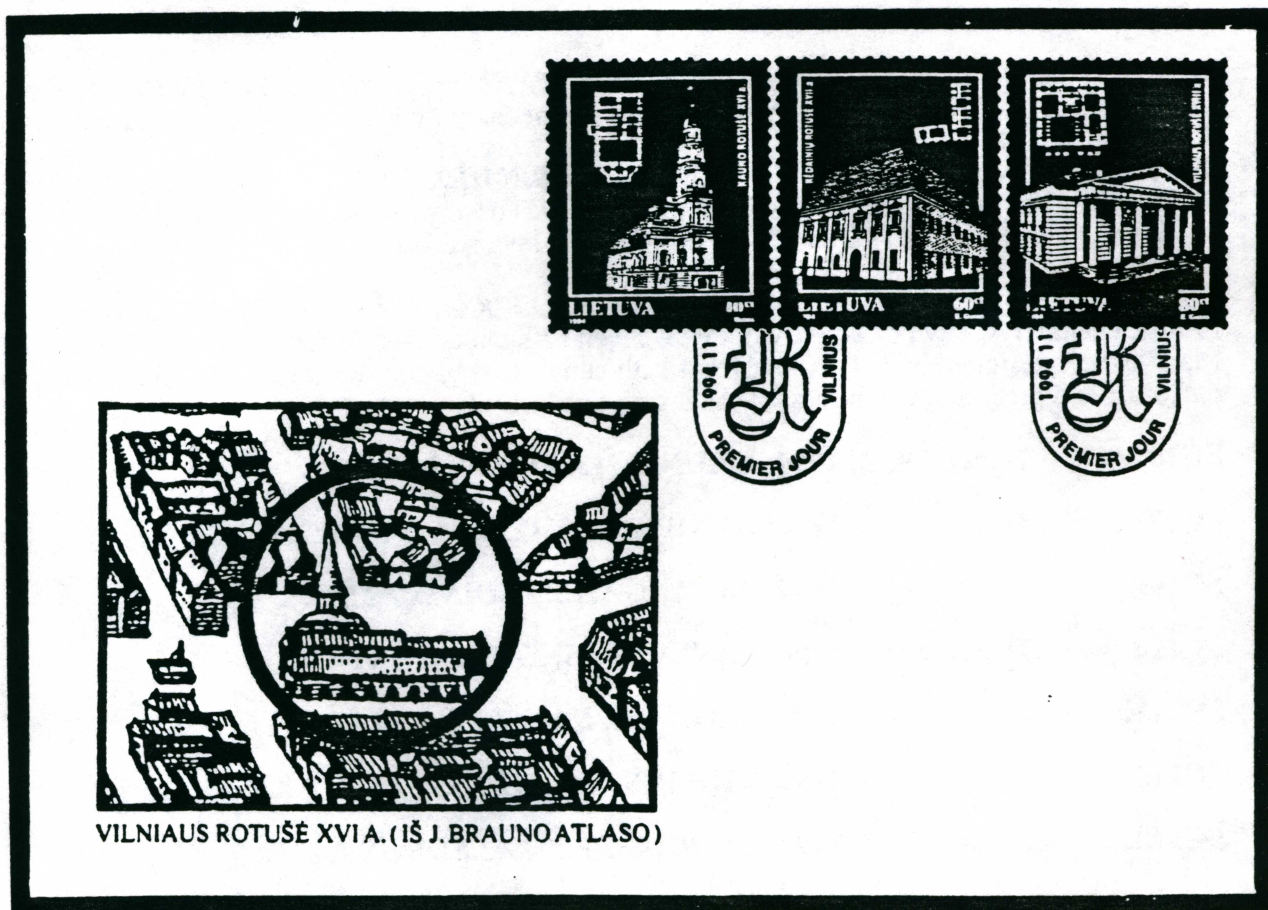
SC113. December 4, 1994: **VILNIUS-PPC, KALĖDINIS PAŠTAS**



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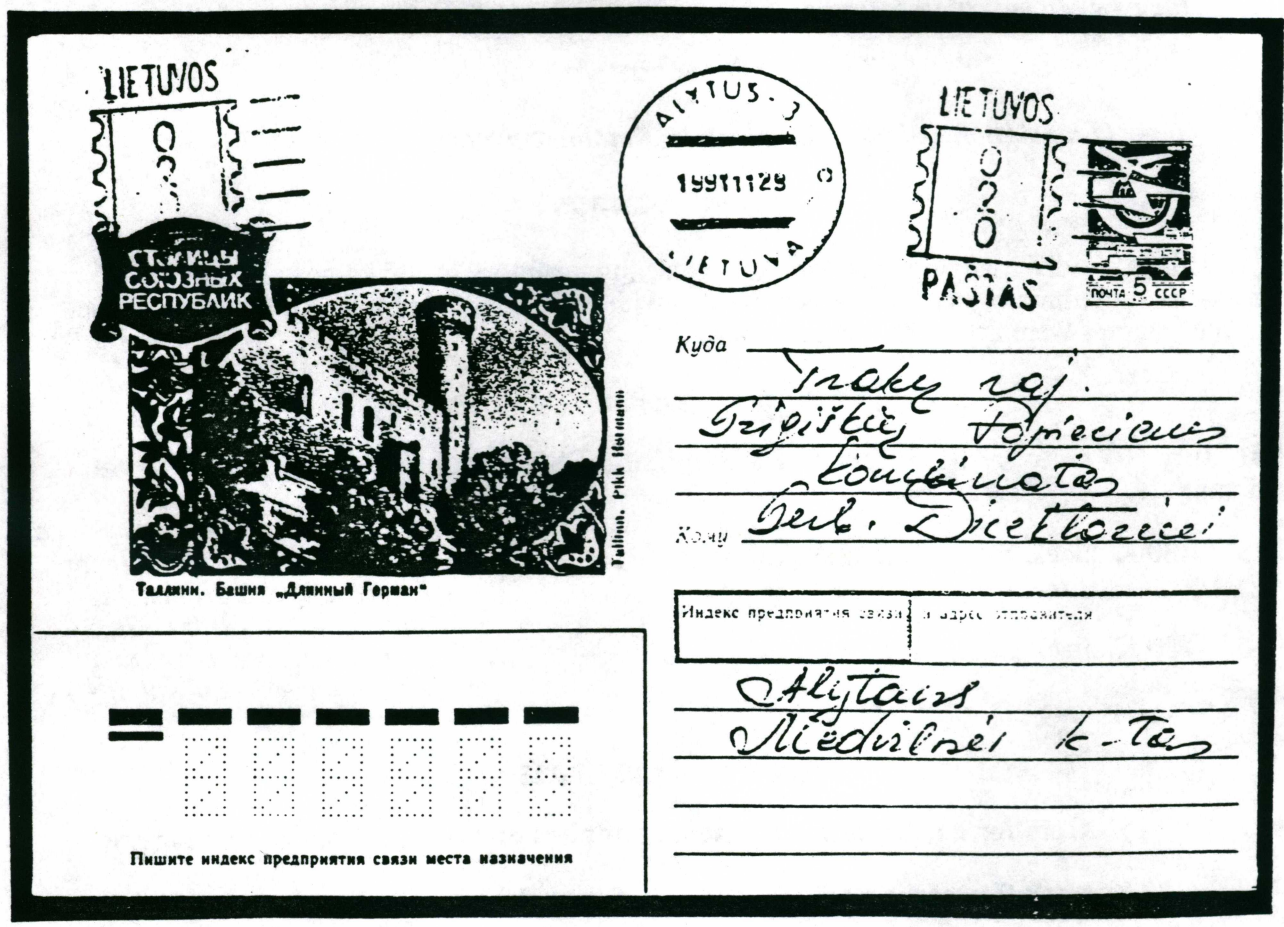
SOVIET POSTAL STATIONERY OVERPRINTED BY PAŠTO ŽENKLAS, 1991-1992 PART 1

by Andrew Kapochunas

Never have I anticipated a work of philatelic reference as I did the Michel "Ganzachen-Katalog Europa Ost" of 1994/95 (Eastern European Postal Stationery), finally published, after numerous delays, in August 1994. I had heard that part of the reason for the delay was the desire of the editors to improve their coverage of the stationery of the former Soviet republics. The final price of \$125 (for a mere 566) pages only made me more firmly believe that I had purchased the definitive bible that would let me make sense of the 1991-92 Pašto Ženklas overprints of Soviet stationery.

Unfortunately, the new catalog presents an abbreviated overview of the overprints, and there is no effort at a comprehensive cataloging of the overprint types, or of the Soviet envelopes used as a base. Clarification of these "issues" is still sorely needed.

Michel calls them *Freistemple*, or meter stamps, and dates their first printing July 16-31, 1991. Michel's descriptive data is limited to the fact that these meter stamps were printed on various Soviet cacheted envelopes, and it prices both unused and postally-used examples at DM 5 and up.



Mi: U18 var.; AK: Type L on # 36

The overprints, born of a 1991 shortage of stamped Lithuanian postal envelopes, and perhaps of a desire to profit from the Soviet-era envelope stocks gathering dust in many Lithuanian post offices, have been troubling. There appear to have been numerous varieties of cancelers, and endless, seemingly pointless, denominations hastily printed not only on Lithuanian-theme and neutral-theme envelopes, but on clearly Soviet-theme envelopes as well. Dr. Rutkauskas, former head of Pašto Ženklas, wrote me early in 1993 that overprinting took place in "various" cities, in amounts and denominations sufficient to satisfy that office's needs. No central records were kept of the number of envelopes overprinted, the kind of envelopes overprinted, or denominations used.

As rumors began circulating -- that certain canceler types used in a certain city were rare and valuable (vouched by sellers of the "rare" material) -- that certain overprint types on certain thematic envelopes were bogus, etc., most collectors yawned. Audras Stamps in Australia, however, was an early proponent of the collectibility and authenticity of such overprints, and suggested, in early 1993 mail auctions, that certain overprints had an estimated value of over \$20!

Covering this topic will take multiple Bulletin issues. This first part includes my translation of the relevant sections in the new Michel catalog, and an attempt to justify the existence of certain denominations. The next Bulletin will have a checklist of envelopes, denominations and overprint types, as well as details on the overprint types, and the cities in which they were used. Additional information and corrections from members are welcome! *(As many of you are aware, unstamped envelopes of the reestablished Republic of Lithuania have also been overprinted with some of the same cancelers which are the subject of these articles. While some of those "issues" have been listed in the new Michel catalog, they are properly the focus of a later article.)*

(Translation, Michel "Ganzachen-Katalog Europa Ost, 1994-95":)

Meter Stamps

As a result of rapidly changing postal rates, the existing inventory of Soviet postal stationery, bearing non-inflammatory cachets, was imprinted with new meter stamps. The rates on the Soviet imprinted stamps were not taken into account.

Envelopes

1991, July 16 - October 31. Imprint of a stamp on USSR postal stationery of various values and cachets.

U 15.	30 K. black	5,--	5,--	<i>(AK: Domestic letter rate for letters up to 20 grams, in effect 7/16/91 - 10/31/91.</i>
U 16.	80 K. black	5,--	5,--	<i>Airpost rate for letters up to 20g., same dates of validity.)</i>
U 17 is being kept open				

Registered Envelopes

1991, July 16 - October 31. Designed to use up supplies on hand, as was previous issue.

EU 3.	130 K. black (Domestic rate).....	5,--	10,--	<i>(Registration fee: 100 K. + 30 K. for surface letters to 20g. Valid 7/16 - 10/31/91.)</i>
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EU 4. 200 K. black (Airpost rate)..... 7,-- 12,-- *(Reg. fee: 120 K. [fee from 2/26/91 - 11/30/91] + 80 K for letters up to 20g. Combination is valid usage 7/16 - 10/31/91 only.)*

Envelopes

1991, November 1 - 30. November, on cacheted Postal Stationery of the USSR.

U 18. 40 K. black (Domestic)..... 5,-- 5,-- *(For letters to 20g.*
 U 18I 43 K. (erroneously issued on paper slip)..... 8,-- 8,--
 U 19. 60 K. black (Foreign)..... 6,-- 6,-- *Foreign surface rate to 20g.*
 U 20. 100 K. black (Airpost)..... 7,-- 7,-- *To 20g. All three rates valid only November, 1991.)*

Registered Envelope

1991, November, on cacheted USSR Postal Stationery.

EU 6. 180 K. black (Foreign)..... 8,-- 10,-- *(Reg. fee 120 K. + 60 K. for airpost to 20g. Valid only November, 1991.)*

Envelopes

1991, December 1 - 31, on cacheted USSR Postal Stationery.

U 21. 50 K. black (Domestic)..... 5,-- 5,-- *(Rate valid for letters to 20g., 12/1/91 - 1/31/92.*
 U 22. 80 K. black (Foreign)..... 5,-- 5,-- *Valid rate for foreign surface mail letters to 20g., December 1991, only.*
 U 23. 130 K. black (Airpost)..... 6,-- 8,-- *Valid for air letters to 20g., December 1991, only.)*

Registered Envelope

1991, December 1, on cacheted USSR Postal Stationery.

EU 8. 230 K. black (Foreign)..... 8,-- 10,-- *(Reg. fee 150 K. + 80 K. for foreign surface mail to 20g., December, 1991.)*

(Until December 31, 1991, mail to all former USSR republics incurred the domestic rate.)

Envelopes

1992, January 1 - 31, on cacheted USSR Postal Stationery.

U 25. 150 K. black (Airpost)..... 7,-- 7,-- *(Valid for foreign letters to 20g., only January, 1992.)*

U 26 - U 27 are unassigned, kept in reserve.

1992, February 1 - March 31, on cacheted USSR Postal Stationery.

U 28.	70 K. black (Domestic).....	5,--	5,--	(Valid for letters to 20g., 2/1 - 3/31/92.)
U 29.	150 K. black (Foreign).....	7,--	6,--	Valid for foreign surface letters to 20g.
U 30.	230 K. black (Airpost)..... (Michel error! Should be 250.)	8,--	7,--	<u>250</u> rate valid for letters to 20 g. All three rates valid only 2/1 - 3/31/92.)

1992, April 1, on cacheted USSR Postal Stationery.

U 31.	150 K. black (Domestic).....	5,--	5,--	(Valid for surface letters to 20 g.)
U 32.	300 K. black (Foreign).....	8,--	8,--	Valid for foreign surface letters to 20g.
U 33.	700 K. black (Airpost).....	12,--	12,--	Valid for air letters to 20 g.)

That's it. If the only denominations in existence were the ones listed in Michel, case closed (and shame on Michel for not bothering to list and illustrate the individual cacheted envelopes on which the "meter stamps" appeared). Additional denominations do exist (I have all but a "180" -- could a member send me a photocopy?), listed below, along with my surmise for what valid rate they were created. Under "Postally-Used examples," I have included only examples in my possession in which the overprint comprises 100% of the postage paid, with date and city of origin.

<u>Michel Listing</u>	<u>Known</u>	<u>Valid Usage of Rate for Letters, with Dates</u>	<u>Postally-Used Examples</u>	
30		Domestic to 20g., 7/16 - 10/31/91		
40		Domestic to 20g., 11/91 only	11/15/91 11/??/91	Grigiškės Kaunas
	20+20	20 K. was domestic postcard rate 7/16 - 11/30/91. (Was meter set for postcards?)	11/29, 30/92	Alytus
43		(No such rate existed, but listed by Reikfil.)		
50		Domestic up to 20g., 12/19/91 - 1/31/92	8/8, 12/2/91 12/13/91	Elektrėnai Kaunas
60		Foreign up to 20g., 11/91	1/3/92	Elektrėnai (Domestic usage!)
70		Domestic up to 20g., 2/1 - 3/31/92		

Michel Listing	Known	Valid Usage of Rate for Letters, with Dates	Postally Used Examples
80		Foreign up to 20g., 12/91	10/16/91 Vilnius -Air! 2/1/92 Elektrėnai (Domestic usage!) 8/23, 12/3/93 Vilnius -Air! 1/16, 31/94 Vilnius -Air! 3/31/94 (!) Vilnius -Air!
100		1) Foreign air up to 20g., 11/91 2) Foreign surface up to 20g., 1/92	11/29/91 Vilnius 3/11/92 Grigiškės (Domestic usage)
	80+20	(20 K. applied to extend life of 80 K. envelope an additional month?)	
130		1) Foreign air up to 20g., 12/91 2) Foreign surface up to 100g., 7/16 - 10/31/91	12/20/91 Panevėžys-Air 12/21/91 Klaipėda -Air
150		1) Registered domestic up to 20g., 7/16 - 10/31/91 2) Foreign air up to 20g., 1/92 3) Domestic up to 20g., 4/1 - 9/30/92	4/3/92 Grigiškės (Domestic)
	160	1) Registered domestic up to 20g., 11/91 2) Foreign surface up to 100g., 11/91	
	170	1) Registered foreign surface up to 20g., 7/16 - 10/31/91	
180		Registered foreign surface up to 20g., 11/91	
200		1) Registered foreign air up to 20g., 7/16 - 10/31/91 2) Foreign surface letter up to 100g., 11/91 3) Registered domestic up to 20g., 12/1/91 - 1/31/92	
230		(Michel error: no such rate or overprint; should be 250, which they skip.)	
	250	1) Registered foreign surface, up to 100g., 7/16 - 10/31/91 2) Registered domestic up to 20g., 1/92 3) Foreign airpost up to 20g., 2/1 - 3/31/92	3/30/92 Vilnius (Unregistered foreign air)
300		1) Registered foreign surface up to 20g., 1/92 2) Registered domestic up to 20g., 2/1 - 3/31/92	

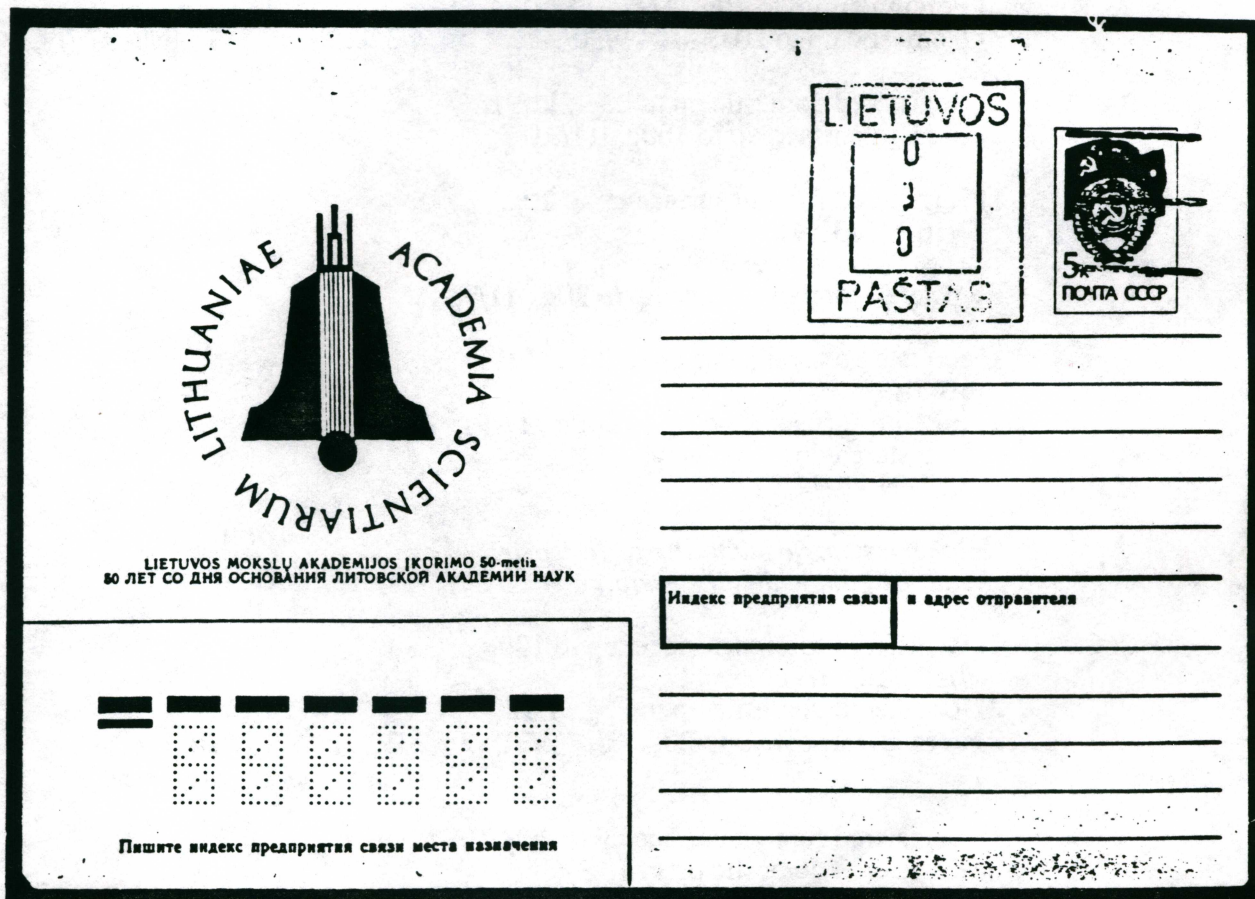
Michel Listing Known

Valid Usage of Rate for Letters, with Dates

Postally Used Examples

300	3) Foreign surface to 20g., 4/1 - 9/30/92 4) Domestic surface to 20g., 10/1/92 - 4/30/93	12/29/92 4/20/93	Klaipėda Elektrėnai
550	1) Registered foreign air letter up to 20g., 2/1 - 3/31/92 2) Foreign surface special delivery up to 20g., 2/1 - 3/31/92		
200+350	Special delivery fee 350 K. + foreign surface letter to 20 g., 2/1 - 3/31/92		
700	1) Foreign airpost up to 20 g., beg. 4/1/92 2) Registered foreign surface up to 20g., 4/1 - 9/30/92	5/5, 5/31/92	Vilnius (Foreign air)

Reproduced covers have been identified with my own numbers from 1 to 121 (Reikfil lists only 38 different envelopes), covering overprinted envelopes originally issued from 1984 to June 13, 1991. My checklist, to appear in the next issue of the Bulletin, will also list "meter stamp" types A - M. Special thanks to John Variakojis for help in locating examples.



Mi: U15; AK: Type E on # 102