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THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE SOVIETIZATION
OF CZECHOSLOVAK AMATEUR RADIO

The leading editorial in this issue summed up the results of last years work in Czechoslovak Amateur Radio. In a typically Communist presentation the editorial stated that the transition from individualist ham work to activities in so called collective radio stations continued "throughout last year (52) more extensively than ever before", and added the usual propaganda-wise percentages of this progress. It declared that during 1952 the number of "basic amateur local groups" and "sws sympathizer s circles," increased "approximately" by 110 per cent. At the same time the "membership basis" was considerably extended, and the roster of new members recruited from the labor and the student groups increased by 120 per cent in comparison with 1951.

The editorial complained however about the faults of the administrative and organizational work. It said: "One of our greatest faults was our inability to arouse interest in collective amateur work among those who are either active hams or interested in Amateur Radio. There still are among us hams too many, who do not comprehend the political aims of collective ham work, and who do not lend aid in the fulfilment of these aims. The absence of our advanced hams and professionals in the collective work have caused, for example, the failure of our publication plans. Even now there are many capable hams standing aloof of our collective work, excusing themselves by the lack of available spare time for this activity. These individuals isolate themselves and form a class of "advanced hams." Discussing the results of collective stations work, the editorial stated that these results were usually the work of a "few activists." There were no fixed or even preliminary plans, no equal distribution of tasks and duties among the operators and members of these collective ham stations.

As far as this years plans are concerned, the editorial noted, the parent organization of Czech Amateurs, the SVAZARM will organize several special courses in various fields of electronics. There will be courses for radio repairmen, sw. specialists, broadcast and television technicians, etc. Radio clubs will be established for hams locally, and to each supporting organization of the SVAZARM, a special communications group of 3 to 10 radioamateurs -hams preferably- will be assigned for duty. The main purpose of all radio training, concluded the editorial, will be the creation of politically and technically reliable cadres, which will aid our army, our industries and other branches of our activities, through which we are building up our Socialist system and the defense of world peace".

SOVIET AMATEUR CODES

This issue of the RA carried two pages of the Czech-Russian translations of some of the most important code abbreviations used by the Soviet hams in their communications in addition to the usual Q code.

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The majority of these are abbreviated Russian words and expressions:

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WSEM	--	sq. CQ	WCHI	--	yours
TCV	--	comrade	SIG(Y)	--	signals
DOR(DR)	--	dear	OCK	--	too much
DSW	--	cuagn	DPZ	--	wave band
ZDR	--	cherrio	PZDR	--	I congratulate
MSK	--	Moscow Local Time	SRW	--	competition
BLQ	--	Thanks	KWK	--	shortwave ham
NET	--	No	ANT	--	serial
WSE	--	All	KO	--	telegraph key
UKW	--	UHF's	PRK	--	receiver
ABZ	--	Paragraph	PCHU	--	please
IZ	--	from	OST	--	frequency
DENX	--	good day	SGD	--	today
DWR	--	good evening	ZHR	--	tomorrow
TOK	--	period	WRA	--	yesterday
UCP	--	Soviet radio operator	MIR	--	peace
URP	--	Soviet SWL	HOT	--	work
SPB	--	Thanks	PIH	--	interference (qrm)
WZV	--	call	PST	--	excuse
SCIE	--	report	FAL	--	received (confirm)
ZA	--	for	RAD	--	glad
TPHX	--	now	MGCC	--	Mo/s
ZPT	--	comma	NUS	--	I hope
DWTO	--	callon	KSC	--	xtal
KVO	--	quotes " "	A	--	I
OF	--	from (station)	WY	--	You
QRNN	--	industrial qrm	ON	--	He
TIRE	--	dash-	MY	--	We
SKOBA	--	parenthesis ()	IMA	--	Christian name

Note : Frequent use of German words with Umlaut in code

According to the article, Soviet hams also use Z-codes with the following s-combinations noted:

ZAN -- Reception absolutely impossible
 ZAP -- Confirm
 ZFA -- Automatic Xmitter damaged, repair it
 ZFB -- Strong fading
 ZFS -- Small fading
 ZHD -- Reception conditions
 ZHA -- What are the conditions for automatic reception?
 ZLD -- Your key is closed
 ZHO -- Wait a while
 ZHP -- Your perforation faulty
 ZHN -- Nothing here for you
 ZOH -- What is your load
 ZOK -- We receive you (understand you)
 ZOR -- Send dots
 ZRA -- The tape is reversed
 ZRO -- Confirm whether you receive
 ZSF -- Send faster
 ZST -- Send the tape twice
 ZSU -- Your signal are unreadable
 ZTA -- Send on automatic equipment
 ZVP -- Send out your call sign
 ZTH -- Send manually
 ZUA -- Registration reception impossible

TECHNICAL ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE: Simple tube tester, Audio HF bridges
 S-meter, Tone oscillator, TV receiver circuits, Principles of
 radio location.