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NEW PLYMOUTH

EDITOR'S NOTES

One thing that has amazed me since starting the New Zealand Stamp Monthly has been the number of new dealers and stamp shops that have started or increased the size of their business.

Over the last few months at least five new stamp shops have opened — Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington, Lower Hutt and Dunedin.

For this to be happening, there must be an increasing interest in stamps by the general public. Today we find many magazines and newspapers which carry a special article, either on some new issue or investment prospect. Local interest throughout schools is on the increase and I feel sure this must be general throughout the country. Stamps in the eyes of teachers more and more are no longer a fine hobby for a youngster, but a definite educational aid.

This month the fourth Philatelic Youth Camp will be held and enrolments threaten to fill the camp to overflowing proportions. During April the last of the Tarapex provisional entries were coming in and at this stage entries are up 25 per cent on Whakatane or very near as many as at Stampex in London this year.

The general public is beginning to become evermore stamp conscious.

Where does all this lead to? What is going to happen? Will there be bad effects such as in the 1930's or in the post-war period of over-speculation and many burnt fingers.

These I do not wish to spend time writing on — casting my opinion for or against, but NOW is the time when the leaders of our philatelic societies must show an increasing awareness of their responsibilities, to show our hobby in its very true light — to show how best the joy and pleasure of collecting stamps can be attained.

LEN JURY.

OVERSEAS AIRMAIL

From 1st April 1969 air mails from New Zealand to Great Britain and Europe will be flown by BOAC or Air New Zealand through the Pacific and North America, instead of through Sydney and the Middle East, reducing transit times as much as 24 hours.

—Mail Coach

RESEARCH

By A. R. BURGE

In the article on the Samoan Express stamps appearing in the April issue of the N.Z.S.M. attention was drawn to the difficulty of correcting previously published statements on some aspect of philately that later research had proved to be fallacious.

There is a duty on all philatelic authors to make sure that, if their paper is dealing with past research, they are not perpetuating mistakes that have long since been corrected; or if it is something new their hypothesis is not based on a wrong premise. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and one finds that philatelic students tend to jump to conclusions and offer theories not based on fact, or advance the most complicated of reasons for the existence or otherwise of flaws only to find eventually that the solution was a simple matter after all. As most varieties that occur in stamps arise during their production a sound knowledge of plate-making and printing in all their aspects is an essential pre-requisite for any student wishing to undertake research.

In talking about research one is reminded of the remarks of the late Herbert P. Woodward, former President of the Collectors Club of New York which were published in the Collectors Club Philatelist in 1967 (Vol. 46) and repeated in the November 1968 issue (Vol. 47, No. 6). The salient points made by the late Mr. Woodward were as follows:—

"1. **Informational integrity.** This means that, whatever information is used, must be acknowledged as to the author and source, if it is abstracted from an existing study; or it must be supported by observation, experimentation, and analysis, if original. Scientific priority is a valued possession. If "Joe Doakes" said it first and you wish to say it again, he must be given prior credit for his observation. It is hardly necessary to emphasise this factor.

"2. **Procedural correctness.** This means that the accepted methods of research must be followed. These commonly run from observation to the development of a hypothesis. Then experimentation to verify the hypothesis under new and different circumstances must follow. Finally, it leads to the statement of a rule or law or an explanation, which

is documented by suitable references to the literature, to a listing of the methods of study, and by the addition of a bibliography.

"3. **Repeatability.** The true research project or article should be capable of repetition, so that the reader or a second student can pursue the same topic or subject along the same lines as the original student, either as a check on the observed data or methods used, or to verify the conclusions made. This means, of course, that the ideal research will avoid dogmatic statements or hypothesized guesses that may not be subject to verification. In short, the careful student will commonly intersperse such phrases as "I think" or "it seems to me" where the less careful person will make categorical statements."

One question that arises from all this is—how is an entry in a philatelic exhibition to be judged if it is not in accordance with present day research. As an example, let us stick to Samoa and take two specialised collections of the Express stamps one written up in accordance with the theories of R. B. Yardley, and the other in accordance with those of Jack R. Hughes as published in Volume V. The latter's conclusions from his research over many years are undoubtedly correct, but it may take time for them to become as widely known as Yardley's have been up until now. Even judges may not be up to date in their reading and collecting. Unless both collections are treated the same one is going to be penalised and it could be the wrong one.

THE PALM TREES OF SAMOA

Mr. A. R. Burge (P.O. Box 1568, Wellington), is carrying out some research into the printings of the Palm Trees stamps (perf 12½ by 11½, and 11), on the various New Zealand star papers used for these issues and also for some of the early stamps of Tonga and the Cook Islands, and of course the New Zealand side-faces. If any member has copies of the Palm Trees stamps perf 12½ or 12 by 11½ that they would be prepared to send to Mr. Burge for examination, would they please contact him direct.

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This was a milestone in the history of education in New Zealand as it was the first university to be established in the young country.

Date of Issue, 3rd June, 1969.

Designed by, Mr. R. M. Conly, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Printed by, Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., England, by Lithography.

Stamp Size, 25mm x 41mm.

Colours 3c, grey stone building on blue and green background. 10c, red and light brown background at left, blue panel at right.

Sheet Value, Printed top right-hand corner of sheet.

Sheet Sizes, 100 stamps per sheet.

Period of Sale, Unless stocks are exhausted earlier the stamps will be withdrawn from sale at all post offices on 31st August, 1969, but will remain on sale at the Philatelic Bureau, Wellington and the Philatelic Sales Sections, Chief Post Offices, Auckland and Christchurch, until 31st March, 1970.



SOUTHLAND EXHIBITION

We learn that the Southland Philatelic Society, having decided that it is again time to "show the philatelic flag," are to stage an exhibition at the Museum Building in Invercargill, possibly between November 9th and 23rd this year.

(Pacific Stamp Journal).



CHRISTMAS STAMP CORRECT

"The Post Office states that because it was known that there are two similar paintings by the same artist, inquiries were made of the Gallery authorities early in 1968 to verify the name of the painting selected for that year's Christmas stamp.

The Gallery authorities confirmed that Gerard van Honthorst, also known as Gherardo or Gherardo deela Notte painted the two works now held respectively in the Uffizi and Pitti Galleries in Florence. The painting photographed for the stamp was the one in the Pitti Gallery known as "L'Adorazione dei Pastori" (Adoration of the Shepherds)."

STAMPS FOR TONGA POSTAL EMERGENCY

Technical and shipping delays in the delivery of the new Banana Design Definitives caused a Postal Emergency during November-December, 1968. This necessitated the surcharging in Nuku'alofa of a quantity of older withdrawn Commemoratives all in 1 seniti denominations; further supplements by an airifted supply from England surcharged on the 1953 Definitives in four denominations, 1s, 2s, 3s, and 4s. A total of NINE different Emergency Provisionals were placed on sale in all Post Offices. The arrival of the Banana Design Definitives now make possible the philatelic distribution of the remaining stocks. At the same time the Stamp Section will make available to those interested mint copies of the FOUR Special Official Airmail stamps overblocked on the 2s Coronation Coin Series in the same manner as the Birthday Commemoratives of July 1968. These Official Airmails were used exclusively by the Numismatic Section of the sively during the last nine months Treasury to frank shipment of Birthday Palladium Coins Proofs, etc.

Emergency Provisionals: 1 seniti on 1/2 Tupou College Postage Commemoratives; 1 seniti on 2/- Tupou College Postage Commemoratives; 1 seniti on 2/9 Tupou College Airmail Commemoratives; 1 seniti on 3/6 Tupou College Airmail Commemoratives; 1 seniti on 4/6 Tupou College Airmail Commemoratives; 1 seniti on 6d 1953 Definitives; 2 seniti on 3d 1953 definitives; 3 seniti on 1d 1953 Definitives; 4 seniti on 8d 1953 Definitives. 15 Seniti Face value complete NINE values Emergency Provisionals.

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First, no one will laugh at your effort, however unimportant it may seem to you. So, if you think of showing, go ahead and enter. You cannot find out how you will get on until you have done so!

As it is far easier to lose marks than gain them, most of the suggestions are how to avoid pitfalls rather than how to gain points. But whatever suggestions are made your collection is for you to enjoy and mount and write up in the way you like best. However fine the material on display, a competitive exhibition would be very dull if it was all mounted and written up in an identical manner.

Don't try to show every possible variety of your subject in your 24 page exhibit. Select only those items which are most representative and eye-catching. So often an exhibit, particularly of cancellations, has been spoilt by the exhibitor trying to show every different type and office within the limited space available.

Never over-crowd a page. One cover; a nice block plus a few examples of different shades of a particular stamp, a short set. This is quite enough for exhibition. It may even be necessary to split a long set over two pages.

Not too much writing up, but enough to show that you know your subject. When in doubt no illustrations. The stamp, or cover, must be the focal point.

Use a stencil or typewriter if your writing looks untidy from 18 inches away. Never underline or use coloured inks, these tend to distract from the stamps unless done very well, and the judges may have to look through fifty or so other exhibits on the same day.

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FIJI POSTAGE STAMP ISSUES

The Fiji Postal Administration has given information about new postage stamp issues planned for the next two years. The first special issue is provisionally due to be placed on sale on 23rd June, 1969 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Fiji Military Forces' Solomons Campaign; the issue will comprise three stamps, 3 cents showing the 1st Battalion F.M.F. soldiers against a background of British Solomon Islands

map; 10 cents showing the F.M.F. Colours with soldiers in battle dress and full dress; 25 cents reproduction of the mural in the Suva Civil Centre depicting Sefanaia Sukanaivalu V.C. The Third South Pacific Games will be marked by an issue planned for 11th August, 1969, two days before the Games open at Port Moresby; this issue will also have three stamps, 4 cents javelin thrower 8 cents yachting and 20 cents winners on the rostrum silhouetted against a Games gold medal forming the main feature of the design. The last issue in 1969 is scheduled for November to mark the inauguration of the University of the South Pacific; the three stamps of the issue will be, 2 cents map of South Pacific area showing territories taking part in the work of the University with a superimposed line silhouette of a motor-board, 8 cents aerial view of the University with a Sunderland flying-boat and Royal New Zealand Air Force badge (the University was a former base of the RNZAF which donated the site and buildings for use as a University), and 25 cents two students at work in a science laboratory.

Three special stamp issues are being planned for 1970, one to mark the centenary of the postal service in Fiji, another to commemorate the closing of the Leprosy Hospital at Makogai and the third, a thematic issue featuring discoverers and explorers of Fiji.

TONGA BANANAS



On the 21st April 1969, the Tonga Post Office will place on sale the First Definitive Postage Stamp Series in 16 years. They are the result of more than four years of technical research and are unique in the Pacific area. Most importantly their particular format and method of distribution from specially designed boxes represent a break through in Patron convenience without precedence in the History of Postal Administration.

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STAMP SHOP

P.O. BOX 174, NEW PLYMOUTH

POSTMARK CORNER

By A. F. Watters.

Correction. In last month's N.Z. S.M. a few lines were left out after the heading **Selwyn Village**. This should have read as follows: **Selwyn Village** (Auckland.) This post office at the village opened on the 10th February. The community is for the senior citizens.

Glenavon (Auckland). This office opened on the 24th February in Blockhouse Bay Road about 1 mile from Avondale and is halfway between Avondale and Blockhouse Bay.

Ourahia (Christchurch). Opened 6th September, 1905 and closed on the 31st March. This office was 10 miles north of the City.

Coutts Island (Christchurch). Opened as Kaiapoi Island, 1st March, 1874 changing to Coutts Island 5th January 1876. This office is to close during March so I have been advised. The office is 2 miles N.W. from Belfast and was still using the original datestamp of coin type when the office closed.

Timaru Hospital. This office opened on the 17th February to serve the patients and Staff of this hospital.

Nelson. Between the 21st and 24th March a new slogan was brought in use at Nelson on the letter cancelling machine. "Enjoy" New Zealand Apples and Pears in three lines with a drawing of pear and apples at the left of the wording.

Reefton. An unexpected leap year was celebrated in Reefton but few inhabitants realised it. Across the mail was February 29th, 1969. The postmaster, Mr. K. Holland said that only about 50 letters were involved however they had gone before he found the error. When the mail reached Greymouth the error was spotted and the date was altered according to Post Office regulations.

New Plymouth East. This post office moved into new premises in the Dominion Life Assurance building across the street, on the 14th April. This office has been upgraded with Miss M. Dunstan as the Postmistress. Increased business has made larger premises necessary. Private boxes have been added to the new office.

Westown. This is now a 2 staff office and will get a second P.O.S.B. rubber stamp in due course. It is also open 9 a.m.-to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Mangawai Heads. This office closes till mid-December 1969.

Gisborne Post Office Exhibition. 25th-29th March. Covers posted at this Exhibition were postmarked at Gisborne and had a boxed marking 1 3-8 by 1 3-4 inches in red impressed on each letter "Posted at GIS-PEP PHILATELIC Post Office Engineering Pottery Exhibition 25th-29th March" in five lines. This was arranged by the Post Office for the Cook Bi-centenary. This Gisborne Philatelic Society had covers printed and also serviced at this exhibition.

Te Rapa (Hamilton.) A Post Office opened to service a new housing and industrial area at this northern end of the city, February 17th.

Kelston North (Auckland). This office opened on the 17th March (details later).

Stage Covers. These came to hand with no marking other than a backstamp from Blenheim. However the Public Relations Officer for Marlborough has said all covers sent to his office will be impressed with a special cachet. As yet I haven't seen a copy of it. If you send your cover/s there I would say that a stamp or better an S.A.E. larger than your cover for the return of it/them would be helpful.

Belgrove was using a relief datestamp late in March. Remember that a lot of datestamps need altering for the "7" wanted for the next 10 years. The 1937 type or sometimes called the Blackball type is one that will be away. There are a number around, Rocky Bay, to mention one.

Puysegur Point (Invercargill). This is the most isolated of all N.Z. post offices especially in the winter for it is situated on the S.W. coast of the South Island. It is of course a lighthouse and while the office is in a house it is known as a lighthouse post office. An illustration of the lighthouse is on the 24c Government Life stamps issued 27th March. I am informed that winds well in excess of 100 miles per hour are recorded here and waves up to 50 feet are quite common.

QUERIES

Mrs. D. K. Invercargill. Wrote asking about "The Mail Coach". This is the official organ of the New Zealand Postal History Society and is published monthly. It caters for postmark collectors, or postal historians (whichever name you wish to use) of New Zealand and Pacific Islands. Particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Box 1605, Auckland.

"Collector" New Plymouth. Asked why a post office uses purple ink sometimes. The reason is that the officer in charge has inked the datestamp on the wrong pad. This does happen from time to time and is more common on registered letters because the rubber pad is quite handy, on the counter. You will also find the stamp cancelled with money order markings on the odd cover and here again the wrong canceller was picked up and used. These make interesting extras to a collection.



FIRST TYPE "CHRISTMAS GREETINGS" TELEGRAM

(See Postmark Corner, April issue.)

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ATOMS FOR PEACE

The atomic era though only in its infancy, has a particularly promising future. Today, we have advanced to the stage of atom-fueled submarines and ships, and it is quite probable that before this century is ended large aeroplanes and spacecraft may be similarly powered. Meanwhile in the scientific world, low-power reactors and giant cyclotrons are producing various types of radioactive isotopes which have provided hundreds of uses in industry and agriculture. Then there is the radio-active treatment of diseases such as cancer, thyroid tumor, leukemia and many other curative applications in medicine.

In 1960 Denmark gave philately a stamp depicting one of her famous sons, Neils Bohr, the outstanding physicist, and commemorates the 50th anniversary of the publication of his basic theory on atomic structure (SG 455). Professor Bohr, among other awards, received the coveted Nobel Prize for his valuable contributions in the field of nuclear research.

The United States of America who of necessity created and exploded the dreadful atom bomb on July 16, 1945 in the Almagordo Desert of New Mexico, issued a lovely 3c commemorative in an effort to promote peace. This stamp was first used postally in 1955 and shows the eastern and western hemispheres of the Earth encircled by the power of orbiting atoms (SG 1223). Framed about the perimeter of the stamp is the message "To find the way by which the inventiveness of man shall be consecrated to his life," through which only peaceful use of atomic energy can be achieved.

One of a set of three stamps released in December 1964 by the African country of Ghana, portrays a likeable picture of the celebrated scientist, Albert Einstein, toether with his world-famous formulae of the interchangeability of matter and energy.

It commemorates U.N.E.S.C.O. week and makes a most fitting addition to this theme (SG 355).



Icebreaker Lenin

Russia, the stronghold of Communism and whose experiments in atomic research have resulted in the progressive planning of something different in maritime development. She issued a lithographed stamp in 1958 to honour the construction of a newly designed atomic icebreaker, which was aptly named "Lenin" (SG 2298).

One of the principal peacetime benefits of atomic energy is undoubtedly its utilisation for the generation of electric power. Already several countries have built nuclear fueled power stations which are supplementing existing coal-fired generators and hydro-electric systems. The United Kingdom is probably one of the world's leading nations in the experimental application of atomic energy for the pursuance of peaceful uses. As early as 1956 Queen Elizabeth threw the switch that put into operation the first atomic power station in the world at Calder Hall, Cumberland. Since then others of more modern design have sprung up about Britain. A fine set of stamps illustrating national development was issued by the mother country in 1964, one of which shows Great Britain's nuclear reactor located at Dounreay (SG 654). Another of her more advanced atomic stations appears on the 1/6 denomination of her British Technology set of 1966, and pictures the recently constructed gas-cooled type of reactor at Windscale (SG 704).



Windscale Reactor

North America is not lagging with respect to the development and peaceful application of nuclear energy. To commemorate the erection of her first full-scale nuclear power plant Canada produced a nicely designed 5c stamp in 1966 (SG 574). Of deep ultramarine colour, this commemorative shows a stylised version of the Douglas Point Reactor, that is situated on the shores of Lake Huron in Ontario. Related subjects of interest are represented also on this stamp, by a microscope for research, a white dove for peaceful

uses, and the chemical symbol for a heavy water atom. Astounding as it may seem, an atomic generating station like Douglas Point or Windscale is capable of producing sufficient electricity to supply the requirements of a city as large as Ottawa. In our own country of New Zealand, plans are at present being drawn up for the construction of a modern nuclear powerhouse, that is scheduled to be fully operational by the mid-seventies.



Douglas Point Reactor.

The installation of an electrical generating source of this type in countries where oil and coal are either non-existent or have become progressively scarce, such as is the case in some of the poorer Asiatic countries, offers them the possibility of accelerated industrial development. Both India and Pakistan who fall into this category, have issued striking commemoratives figuring their national nuclear reactors indicative of the important contribution their introduction will make to industrial progress in these countries (SG 535 and 230).

Atoms for peace is a very interesting theme which provides a challenge to the scientifically minded philatelist. It is a recognised fact these days, that Man's creativeness is without bounds, whilst the potential of his achievements is unending. There is little doubt, that science, the organised use of knowledge, can only flourish best in an atmosphere of peace, and with the unhampered exchange of ideas among scientists. Let us hope, with the ultimate erection of a nuclear generating plant in New Zealand, that the Post Office in its wisdom, will see fit to follow the example of other countries, by producing a commemorative not lacking in national originality, when the time arrives.

G. LAWSON.

MANY VISITORS

In the first four weeks after the Queen opened the new National Postal Museum on February 19, over 10,000 people visited the Museum. Among these there were 16 organised parties from schools and philatelic societies.



The latest from
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

**NEW COMMEMORATIVE
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Stamps of land and aquatic venues for the Third South Pacific Games to be held at Port Moresby in August are featured in this Commemorative Issue.

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COOK ISLANDS NEWS

ADDITIONAL DECIMAL DEFINITIVE STAMP

On Monday, 21st April, 1969, the Post Office of the Cook Islands will place on sale an \$8 definitive postage stamp denomination.

The stamp follows the style of the other high denominations, and includes a full colour portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II plus a montage of the colourful flowers of the Cook Islands. It has been produced in six colour photogravure in sheets of fifteen stamps, and is of exceptional beauty.

The original specifications of the decimal definitive series omitted this denomination, even though it is included in the New Zealand Post Office series which is the basis of the Cook Islands postal rates. However, with supplies exhausted of the four dollar stamp, and rapidly depleting quantities of the two dollar and six dollar stamps, it has been decided to also add this eight dollar denomination to the definitive series.

Since 1932, postal needs have required stamps to the £5 denomination, because of the isolation of the Cook Islands. Presently the postal requirements for higher denomination stamps has been increased by the indefiniteness of mail service to the Cook Islands, with much of the mail carried by Royal New Zealand Air Force aircraft to New Zealand from whence it is forwarded on.

As this is a high denomination stamp, the quantity produced has been limited.

This emergency supply of the eight dollar denomination is being run on the old paper stock in a quantity adequate for postal requirements for the balance of this year.

Additional supplies of the definitive issue have been ordered on the new fluorescent security paper but will not be available until late this year or early next year.

DETAILS ON THIRD SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES ISSUE

The designs of this colourful series will show various sports of the Third South Pacific Games, particularly those which are popular in the Cook Islands, and will be in the following five denominations: ½c, 1c, 4c, 10c and 15c. Further information on this commemorative series will be sent in June.

NUKUNONU OR NUKU- NONO

Mr. A. R. Burge writing in the Royal Philatelic Society Newsletter reports that the District Officer of the Tokelau Group at Apia has advised that the apparent error in the spelling in the name NUKUNONU is no error at all, the datestamp being made to correct wrong spelling of NUKUNONO. (Is the name NUKUNONO Is. on the 1d Tokelau issue also incorrect?—Ed.)

ULTRAVIOLET MARKINGS

If you hold Cook Islands' stamps with the new "ultraviolet-sensitive security-markings" at certain angles to the light, it is possible to see these markings. They consist of the New Zealand coat-of-arms, about half an inch square, repeated many times.

The Souvenir Sheet of the 1968 Christmas issue has the Security Marking inverted in all cases. All stocks of the ordinary stamps have the marking the right way up, so it is therefore possible to tell with certainty all stamps from the Souvenir Sheets, even if they have been detached from the sheet.

It is possible that errors could occur in the future, with the Marking inverted, so collectors would be well advised to check the Markings on these stamps every now and again.

B. R. HENDERSON.

1928-1968 KINGSFORD SMITH TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT

Samoa—20 Sene Overprint.

It would appear that the overprinting was done locally at Apia and an examination of complete sheets reveals that the original setting for the forme consisted of fifty units arranged in ten rows of five. A zinc was made from this and the two forms joined together to enable complete sheets of 100 stamps to be surcharged at one operation.

As far as can be ascertained little or no variation occurred in the main inscription, all fifty units of which probably comprised linotype slugs. The figures and word of the new value "20 SENE" were also linotype slugs while the three bars obliterating the original value were individually cut from lengths of suitable lead rules. The ends of the latter are far from square and variations occur in their length and spacing, both vertically and horizontally. The position of the figure "20" in relation to the word "SENE" also varies. In most cases

the "2" is over "SE" but is also found over the "S" or the "EN".

All these variations and a number of flaws in the letters figures, and bars are repeated in each half of the sheet in the same relative position, thus confirming the setting. Another point of interest is that the horizontal distance between the surcharge units on vertical rows 5 and 6 is not constant. The distance between the "T" of "FLIGHT" and the "T" of "TRANS-PACIFIC" in top pair is 13mm and this gets progressively wider down the sheet to the bottom pair where the distance is nearly 15 mm.

The main flaws are as follows:—

R 1/1 and 1/6: First and second bars joined. "2" over "EN." R 2/4 and 2/9: Top bar short with ragged end at left. R 4/2 and 4/7: Nick at right end of middle bar. R 4/3 and 4/8: Nick at top left of middle bar. R 5/3 and 5/8: "2" over "S". R 5/5 and 5/10: "9" of "1928" broken at bottom. R 6/2 and 6/7: Short middle bar. R 9/5 and 9/10: Thick or broken stem to "T" of "FLIGHT". R 10/5 and 10/10: Piece out of top of "8" of "1928". MR. A. R. BURGE,

Royal P.S. Newsletter

NIUE-TOKELAU ISLANDS — NEW PRINTINGS

New printings of the following values of the Arms type stamps were released in Wellington at the Philatelic Bureau on 18th September 1968:

Niue: \$1, \$2. Tokelau Islands 5c.

All are perforated 14 by 13½ by the comb machine and have the normal watermark, (sideways with the star pointing to the left). The shades of the two Niue stamps are much the same, but the 5c Tokelau is in a much paler shade of blue—almost a pale grey-blue — when compared with the first printing.

New formes were set up for all three values, the various flaws appearing in the previous printings being corrected. The main ones were, of course, the close setting of the words "Tokelau Islands" found on R7/1 of all values, and the broken "N" of "NIUE" on R 8/10. However, a number of damaged letters and figures occur in the new settings. Although apparently from the same type font the general appearance of the overprints is that the letters are much thinner, very similar in fact to the overprints of the first f.s.d. issues. As additional printings are made and the same formes used no doubt, through pressure and wear the letters of the overprint will tend to become thicker.

MR. A. R. BURGE,

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CYPRUS

Situated at the eastern end of the Mediterranean is the large island of Cyprus. Geographically near Asia but politically part of Europe — this sums up the situation of Cyprus over the past 5,000 years. It is located some 44 miles south of Cape Anamur in Asia Minor and 70 miles west of the Syrian coast. Cyprus was one of the legendary homes of the king of the Gods, Zeus, who, disguised as a bull, abducted the Assyrian princess Europa, who gave her name to the continent. This myth of Europa and the bull is regarded as symbolic of the meeting of the cultures of east and west and is reflected to this day in the population of the island, over 80 per cent of whom are Greeks, 18 per cent Turks and nearly 2 per cent others (mainly Maronites and Armenians).

The south-western coast of the island is the legendary birthplace of Venus ("Aphrodite") and this accounts for Cyprus being referred to as "Cypris" and for Cyprus being referred to from Euripides's tragedies down to books published last year as the "Island of Venus."

The island has an area of 3 572 square miles, or roughly the area of East Anglia, and ranks as the third largest island in the Mediterranean. Much of the island is occupied by two great mountain ranges. The southern range is dominated by Mount Troodos (6,406 feet high). In the north a narrow range of mountains extends from beyond Kyrenia in the west to the tip of Cape St. Andrea 100 miles to the east. Between the mountain ranges is the vast plain of the Mesaoria (literally "the region between the mountains"). The mean annual rainfall is about 20 inches. The island has a population of more than half a million, engaged largely in agriculture, the principal crops being grain, citrus fruits, carobs, olives, cotton, vegetables and oil-seeds. Livestock rearing and forestry are gaining an importance. In classical times Cyprus was famous for its copper (indeed the very name of the island is according to the prevailing view derived from the word "copper"), but for almost 2000 years the mineral wealth of the island was neglected. During the British occupation towards the end of the nineteenth century, mining was revived and the extraction of cupreous pyrites is now an important industry. Asbestos, chrome iron ore and even some gold are mined in Cyprus at the present day.

Not surprisingly the history of Cyprus goes back to the Bronze Age (6,800 B.C. to 1,050 B.C.) when the island had a large population of distinct art and culture. It was colonised about the middle of this period by people from the Aegean area, but about 1,500 B.C. it was conquered by Pharaoh Thotmes III of Egypt under whose rule it was known as Asi. Cyprus next appears in recorded history in the 8th century B.C. when it was described, by Hebrew historians as having a predominantly Greek population, though, by this time, under Assyrian occupation. By the middle of the 7th century B.C. there were at least ten city-states in existence on the island, some under Greek rule and others under Phoenician control. Cyprus was conquered in 560 B.C. by Pharaoh Amasis II but 35 years later it joined Cambyses and was absorbed into the Persian Empire. At the end of the fifth century the famous Evagoras of Salamis, pursuing a hellenising policy established his supremacy over the whole island and raised it for a brief period to a position of practical independence, but after his death it again



COIN OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

came under control of Persia. After the battle of Issus, Cyprus hastened to join Alexander the Great and set ships to assist him in the siege of Tyre. At the division of Alexander's empire, the possession of Cyprus was disputed by Syria and Egypt, but it passed to the latter in 294 B.C. It became a Roman province in 58 B.C.

For a short time in the 7th century A.D. Cyprus was seized by the Arabs but reverted to the Byzantine Empire in A.D. 648. For the next six centuries Cyprus changed hands several times till, in 1191, it was captured by Richard Coeur de Lion, King of England, who promptly sold it to the Knights Templar. They in turn sold it to Guy de Lusignan, King of Jerusalem. The Lusignan kings ruled Cyprus till 1489 when Queen Catrina Cornaro abdicated her powers to the Venetian Republic in a bid to stave off the encroachments of the Turks.

For 82 years the Venetians ruled the island but in 1570 the Turks invaded Cyprus and captured the island. 308 years of Turkish rule ensued punctuated by numerous uprisings and followed by the inevitable reprisals. Nevertheless, the Orthodox archbishopric and Greek culture managed to survive. At the Congress of Berlin in 1878, at which the chief European powers operated on Turkey "the sick man of Europe" Britain took over the administration of Cyprus by treaty with the Sultan who remained nominal suzerain. In October 1914, following the alignment of Turkey with the Central Powers, Britain annexed Cyprus as a crown colony. In 1915 Britain offered to cede Cyprus to Greece, on condition that the latter should support Serbia in her struggle against Bulgaria. Greece refused, so the offer lapsed. Britain's annexation of Cyprus was confirmed by Turkey in the Treaty of Lausanne, 1924.

At the beginning of the Second World War the first colonial troops to fight in France with the British Expeditionary Force were a Cypriot transport company. The Cyprus Regiment, raised in 1940, fought in the Middle East and North Africa campaigns. In 1943 municipal suffrage was granted and after the war internal self-government was initiated. The progress of Cyprus towards full independence was bedevilled by the deep divisions between the Greek and Turkish communities, complicated (especially after the withdrawal of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone in 1954) by Britain's desire to retain the island as a base for strategic purposes. The struggle for Enosis (union with Greece) culminated in a revolt against the British but in 1959 a tripartite agreement signed in London by Greece, Turkey and the United Kingdom guaranteed the sovereignty of Cyprus as an independent republic within the Commonwealth.



Famous for copper, the name Cyprus is thought to be derived from the word copper.

Cyprus can boast of having the oldest postal history of any Commonwealth country. In the late 15th century, while England was still reeling under the impact of the Wars of the Roses, the Venetians organised and maintained regular mail communications to and from Cyprus and letters written by merchants and members of the Knights Templars are by no means uncommon from 1487 onwards. By comparison the relays of riders established to carry the King's despatches throughout England had only been in operation for five years, while the extension of the English postal service to include the general public did not materialise till the middle of the 17th century.

After the Turkish seizure of Cyprus, however, the postal service appears to have been discontinued. Little is known of the postal arrangements during the ensuing three centuries. A postal seal has recently been discovered which was in use in Nicosia in 1812 but no authenticated covers bearing that seal have been discovered right down to the end of the Turkish regime. Cable communication was established with Turkey in 1871 and it has been recorded that during the period 1873-78 the average sales of stamps in the three existing post offices (Nicosia, Larnaca and Kyrenia) only amounted to £14 annually.

As was generally the case throughout the Levant, however, a number of European powers maintained post offices or agencies in Cyprus in default of a satisfactory Turkish system. The Austrian Lloyd Company opened an office in Larnaca as early as 1845 and Austrian adhesives were employed there from 1864 till 1878. The British, French, Neapolitans and Spaniards also operated postal agencies.

Cyprus came under British administration on the 12th July, 1878 and a post office, using contemporary British Stamps, was opened at Larnaca a fortnight later. In 1880 a postal service was established with offices at Larnaca, Nicosia, Limassol, Famagusta, Kyrenia and Paphos. On the 1st April of that year British stamps in denomination of ½d 1d, 2½d 4d, 6d and 1/-, overprinted CYPRUS, were put on sale.

ETHIOPIAN POSTAL MUSEUM

Ethiopia has set up a postal museum, through the generosity of a Swedish philatelist, Mr. Ivan Adler, who has presented his priceless collection of 2,000 set of Ethiopian stamps to the Haile Selassie University in Addis Ababa.

—The Citizen (Gloucester).

Another New Country? NAGALAND

Nagaland is an independent territory between the territories of Assam in the west and Burma in the east; a little further north is China. The age-old independence of Nagaland is a fact and only extermination of the Naga nation by India would destroy its independence.

The Federal Government of Nagaland has decided to issue its own stamps as not only a necessity from the postal point of view, so that the people of Nagaland can be sure that their mail is delivered and is safe in the hands of its own nation, but also to let the outside world know that Nagaland is an independent government fighting for the survival of the Naga people.

The historical background of this small but proud nation will be of interest to all philatelists:

Nagaland has always been an independent territory adjoining the territories of Assam and Burma.

Between 1833 and 1879 Great Britain sent "punitive expeditions" into Nagaland territory. In 1880 Nagaland agreed to Great Britain having a military base in a limited area which areas was given the name of "Naga Hills". Nagas refused to enter into any written agreement or treaty giving up their sovereignty over "Naga Hills" and there has never been any written agreement between Nagaland and Great Britain or Nagaland and British India to surrender their sovereignty over "Naga Hills."

After the coming into force of the British Government of India Act 1935 the "Naga Hills" territory was named "Naga Hills Exclude Area" in 1937 to make it perfectly clear that "Naga Hills" had to be excluded as demanded by the Nagas.

In May, 1947 the Constituent Assembly of India sent a delegation to the Naga National Council and made an offer for Nagaland to join the Union of India. The offer was refused. A modified form was repeated in June 1947 in the form of a "Ten-Year Agreement." Negotiations continued: India broke off the negotiations.

On August 14th, 1947, the Nagas declared independence of Nagaland which was confirmed by a referendum in May 1951. On March 22nd, 1956, Naga National Council and Free Nagaland united as Federal Republic of Nagaland.

From March 1956 till 1964 there was continuous fighting between the armed forces of Federal Republic of Nagaland and the Union of India. On September 6th, 1964 cease-fire was arranged between the two forces by Nagaland Peace Mission. According to the Federal Government, Nagaland will never yield its sovereign independence to any other state.

WILL ANGUILLA'S STAMP BECOME LOCALS?

The following news item appeared in the February 22nd edition of The Beacon, Anguilla's local newspaper:

ANGUILLA STAMPS. We understand from a reliable source that a request from the Government in St. Kitts that the Anguillan stamps be declared invalid for postal use has been forwarded to the Universal Postal Union on February 13th by the British Government for action. If the U.P.U. should take action the Anguillan stamps may not be able to be used for postage outside of Anguilla, though they could still be on sale for internal use and for collectors' benefit. The Postmaster may have to revert to other means for sending Anguilla's mail out of the island, which we had to use in the months of July-September, 1967.

This action which could be a serious blow to Anguilla is not unexpected, it has been surprising that such action was not taken earlier in the year. Member of the Government were aware of this danger, and perhaps a number of the voters in the last referendum realised this too, but realised that this was one of the prices to be paid, until our independence received recognition from the outside world?

(Philatelic Trader).

"BRITISH OCCUPATION" ISSUE FOR ANGUILLA?

The temporary direct British rule in Anguilla may affect the island's stamps. Although the two issues of Independence overprints and the definitives and other special issues have undoubtedly enjoyed postal recognition it is thought likely that the British Administrator may declare all these issues irregular and arrange for British stamps to be issued with an appropriate overprint.

The possibility of an F.P.O. which would use unoverprinted British stamps on mail from troops stationed in Anguilla will depend on how long British forces remain on the island.

Pacific Is. Coming Issues

Pitcairn Islands, 17th September, 1969. **Western Samoa**. New definitive values \$2, \$4, 1969.

British Solomon Islands, 100th Anniversary of British Red Cross, 1970. **3rd South Pacific Games**, 10th August, 1969. **Fiji**. The Inauguration of the South Pacific University at Lucala Bay Cova, November 1969; **Military Forces**, 23rd June, 1969. **South Pacific Games**, 11th August, 1969. **Gilbert and Ellice Islands**. University of South Pacific, June 1969. 100th Anniversary of British Red Cross, 1970. **New Hebrides** 3rd South Pacific Games, 13th August, 1969. **Pentecost Land Livers**, 15th October 1969. **Timber**, 1969. **Papua and New Guinea**. South Pacific Games, 1, 5, 10 and 20 cents, 25th June, 1969.

SALES FIGURES

Pitcairn

150th Anniversary of the death of Admiral Bligh 1 cent, 231,100; 8 cents, 109,077; 20 cents, 105 522. **Human Rights Year**: 1 cent, 136,797; 2 cents, 94,785; 25 cents, 77,271. **Handicrafts**: 5 cents, 68,965; 10 cents 67,981; 15 cents, 67,836; 20 cents, 67,820.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA PARROT ISSUE DESIGNER

Mr. Walcot is a man of many facets—zoologist, wild life conservationist, author, lecturer and broadcaster. Moreover, whilst painting remains essentially his hobby, it has also won him international acclaim.

Exhibiting in London, Canada and the United States, New York critics hailed him as '... one of the finest leading wild life artists of today'. Her Majesty the Queen commissioned two of his works depicting Peale's Falcons, whilst others have been exhibited in the National Gallery and hung in Government House.

As one of the founders of the now internationally recognised **Fauna Conservation of New Guinea**, his love of bird life is depicted in his handsome 'Parrot' issue released in November, 1967.

Furthermore, this Scottish artist has been commissioned to do another set of birds in the not too distant future.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 3rd South Pacific Games

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE

The Territory of Papua and New Guinea will play host country for the first time at the South Pacific Games to be held at Port Moresby between 13th-23rd August, 1969.

To commemorate this important forthcoming event, three stamps in denominations of 5c, 10c and 20c will be issued on 25th June, 1969.

The 5c stamp will depict a new sporting event to the Games — Yachting — and illustrates a "Fireball" class sailing boats on Port Moresby Harbour. The 10c and 20c stamps portray the artist's impression of the new Games swimming pool and the Main Games Area now being built in two main suburbs of Port Moresby: the former at Boroko and the latter at Konedobu.

Background scenes on all three stamps are purely the artist's interpretation of Port Moresby venues.

This set of stamps was designed by Mr. J. Fallas, of Port Moresby, and printed in a one colour recess engraving process at the Note Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

It is interesting to note that this will be the first time in the history of the Territory that a multi-racial sporting event of such magnitude will be held on these shores. In all, some 1,250 men and women athletes and officials from various nations of the South Pacific will participate in 15 sporting fixtures.

In the past, Territory contingents to the Games have acquitted themselves well at both Fiji in 1963 and Noumea, New Caledonia in 1966 and are expecting to more than hold their own on home ground this coming August.

The attractive design on the cover is the new Games emblem. It was the winning entry selected from 450 designs in a world-wide competition held in 1967 and is a second win for Mr. Andre Henry of New Caledonia, who also designed the 1966 Games emblem.

His new design represents a torch flame at the base, like the flame on the South Pacific Games Flag, from which two curls of smoke rise up to a stylised figure of a Bird of Paradise—a symbol frequently used in Papua and New Guinea. The

bird holds in its mouth a three-leaved branch of laurel signifying both the third games and the laurels of the victorious. In this three colour motif, the green and white represent Papua and New Guinea.

Besides being the major event in the Territory's 1969 Sporting Calendar, perhaps the spirit of the forthcoming Third South Pacific Games can best be summed up in the thoughts of Mr. Henry himself "that the Bird of Paradise in some ways has replaced the dove of peace, because the ultimate aim of the Games is to bring the people of the South Pacific together in closer understanding."

The Artist—Mr. J. Fallas

Although this is first set of stamps designed by British architect, Jack Fallas, his work has already been featured on the attractive First Day Cover designs for our recent "Parrots," "Shell" de-stamp issues.

finitives and "Folklore No. 2" Born in Yorkshire, Mr. Fallas, upon receiving his A.R.I.B.A. in London first worked as a Local Government Schools architect for West Riding County and later was employed by the Ministry of Education in Northern Ireland.

In 1960, he came to Australia under contract with the Commonwealth Department of Works, but for the past four and a half years has been seconded to the Territory's Department of Public Works.

A man of considerable creative talent, Mr. Fallas regards his skills as a water colour artist, wood carver and furniture designer as all part and parcel of his professional work.

Besides these attributes, our artist is not only an avid stamp collector, but is also a member of our Stamp Advisory Committee.

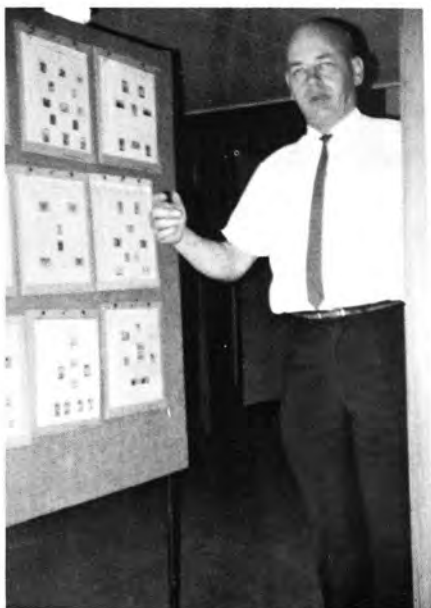
BOUQUET FOR NEW ZEALAND AT STAMPEX.

Stands at STAMPEX (London) this year were judged by Mr. T. Grubb from the Council of Industrial design. The New Zealand Government stand he thought was extremely attractive and proved that even a small space could have a great deal of appeal.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

A new printing of the 4c and 1c released March 18th resulted in a nice shade variety of the 4c. The colours are of a duller and rather deeper brown, whilst the background is also rather paler. The gum is PVA for the first time.

AROUND AUCKLAND



Mr. P. Gilchrist displaying his collection of Ceylon at a recent Wellesley Society meeting.



Looking through an album are Mrs. D. Ashby and Mr. A. Dexter (see Auckland and Whakatane Society Reports) at Auckland Society Meeting.



Collector looking through duplicates at a Society Sales Table.



Mr. G. Breigan serving a customer at the Auckland Philatelic Sales Division.

TRINIDAD /

NEW DEFINITIVE SET



ANTIGUA

FIRST ANNIVERSARY CARIFTA
14th APRIL, 1969



TOBAGO

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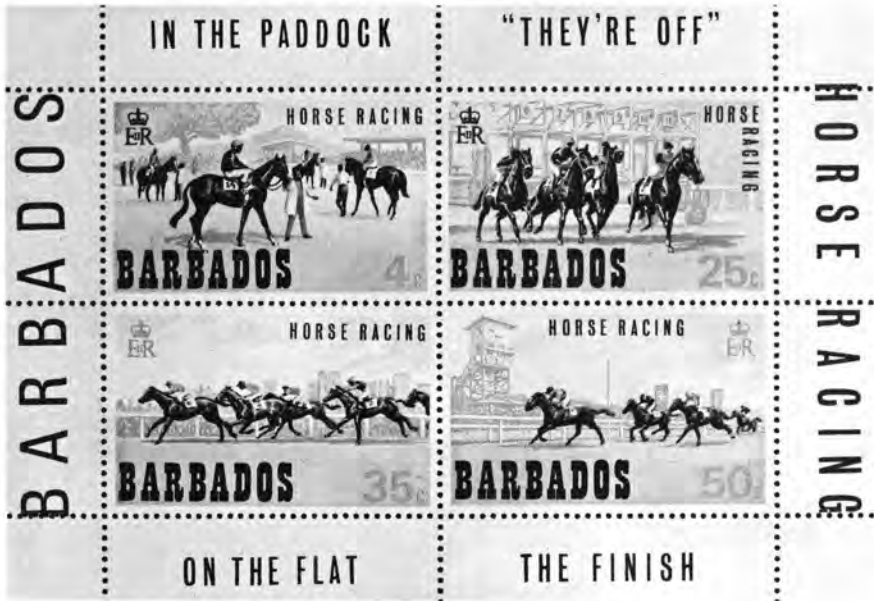


GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS



BARBADOS – HORSE RACING

ISSUED 15th MARCH TO CO-INCIDE WITH THE SPRING MEETING OF THE BARBADOS TURF CLUB.



FALKLAND ISLANDS

21st ANNIVERSARY OF AIR SERVICES
8th APRIL — ARTICLE THIS ISSUE



BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

THE REPLACEMENT £1 VALUE.
DATE OF ISSUE TO BE ANNOUNCED.



BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NEWS

April Releases

1st April, 1969.

British Honduras. Orchids. 5 10, 22 and 25 cents.

7th April, 1969.

Cyprus. 1st International Congress of Cyprus Studies. 35 and 50 mils.

8th April, 1969.

Falkland Islands, 21st Anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service. 2d 6d 1/- and 2/-.

9th April, 1969.

Papua and New Guinea. National Heritage Folklore. 2 x 5 cents and 2 x 10 cents.

11th April, 1969.

Nigeria. Opening of the Philatelic Service 4d and 1/6.

14th April, 1969.

Antigua. 1st Anniversary of CARIFTA. 4, 15, 25, and 35 cents. East Africa. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O. 30 and 50 cents, shs 1/30 and 2/50.

15th April, 1969.

Singapore. 25th Plenary Session of E.C.A.F.E. 15 30 and 75 cents.

19th April, 1969

St. Helena. Mail Communications. 4d 8d, 1/9 and 2/3.

21st April, 1969.

Western Samoa. 75th Anniversary of Robert Louis Stevenson's Death. 3, 7, 20 and 22 Sene.

28th April, 1969.

Cyprus. Europa 1969. 20, 30 and 150 mils.

30th April, 1969.

Ceylon. A. E. Goonasinghe. 15 cents.

Guyana. I.L.O. and CARIFTA Anniversaries. 5, 25 30 and 40 cents.

CORRECTIONS

British Virgin Islands

The release date of the 75th Anniversary of Robert Louis Stevenson's death issue was the 18th March and not the 1st March as stated in last month's list.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Barbados 1969. Bermuda. Decimal Currency 1970 British Antarctic Territory. Replacement of existing £1 value October, 1969. British Virgin Islands 1969. Brunel, 1969. 70. Cayman Islands 1969. Ceylon. 5 and 10 Rupee 1969. Guernsey 1st October, 1969. Jamaica. Decimal

Overprint 1969. Jersey 1st October 1969. Montserrat 1970. St. Kitts 1969. St. Lucia 1969. St. Vincent 1969. Swaziland Mid 1969. Turks and Calcos Islands. Decimal Overprint 1969. Uganda 9th October 1969.

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

Antigua. Centenary of the Redonda Phosphate Industry, 1st September, 1969. Ascension Island. Royal Naval Crests, 1969. Barbados. 1st Anniversary of CARIFTA 1st May, 1969. Christmas 1969, November, 1969. Botswana. Import Crops, Late 1969. 22nd World Scout Conference, 21st August, 1969. British Honduras. Hardwoods 1st June, 1969. Christmas 1969. British Indian Ocean Territory. Coral Atolls 1969. Ships of the Islands October 1969. British Virgin Islands. Tourism; September, 1969. Brunei. Opening of Dewan Majlis and Lapau Di-Raja, 1969. Installation of Pengiran Shah Bander as "Y.T.M. Seri Paduka Duli Pengiran Di-Gadong Sahibol Mal"; 12, 40 and 50 cents. Ceylon. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O. 5 and 25 cents. Buddhist Temple Paintings cents, 3rd May, 1969. Buddhist Temple Paintings, August, 1969. Centenary of the Archaeological Department. 50 cents, R.I. July, 1969. East Africa. East African Musical Instruments July, 1969. 30 50 cents, shs 1/30, 2/50. Falkland Islands. Centenary of the Diocese of the Falkland Islands, Late 1969. The Gambia. Pioneer Air services 15th December, 1969. Gibraltar. Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, 4d, 9d, and 2/-, 12th May, 1969. New Constitution, June/July 1969. Military Uniforms 2nd September, 1969. Christmas, 1st November, 1969. Guernsey. Bi-centenary of the Brith of General Brock, 1st December, 1969. Guyana. 3rd Caribbean Jamboree and Diamond Jubilee of Scouting in Guyana, 13th August, 1969. Christmas, November, 1969. Arts and Culture week, 1969. Centenary of Gandhi's Birth October, 1969. Hong Kong. Satellite Earth Station, 1969. Chinese University, July, 1969. Jamaica. 50th Anniversary of the I.L.O. 6d and 3/-, 23rd May, 1969. Christmas, October, 1969. Jersey. Inauguration of Independent Postal Services, 1st October, 1969. Lesotho. Prehistoric Reptiles, December, 1969. Roof of Africa Car Rally September, 1969. Malawi. Orchids 4d, 9d, 1/6, 3/- and Souvenir sheet, early June, 1969. Insects, 1969. Christmas 1969. 5th Anniversary of African

Development Bank 2/-, September 1969. Malta. 50th Anniversary I.L.O. 2d and 6d, May 1969. Mauritius. Centenary of the Birth of Gandhi 1st July, 1969. 150th Anniversary of Telfair's Improvements 1st December, 1969. Montserrat. Development Projects 1969. Fish, 1969. CARIFTA 15 20, 35 and 50 cents, May, 1969. Christmas 1969. Nigeria. Timber, 1969. Martin Luther King, 1969. St. Helena. Dress Uniforms August/September, 1969. St. Kitts. Christmas, November, 1969. Sir Thomas Warner 1969. St. Lucia. CARIFTA. 5, 10, 25 and 35 cents, May, 1969. St. Vincent. Statehood, 1969. Singapore. 150th Anniversary of the founding of Singapore. Completion of the 100,000th Housing Unit, July, 1969. Tristan da Cunha. Gospel, 1969.

ANTIGUA

1st ANNIVERSARY OF CARIFTA

The Caribbean Free Trade Area was set up in May 1968 and currently has eleven members (Antigua, Barbados Guyana, Trinidad, Dominica, Granada, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Montserrat, and Jamaica). Trade barriers have been removed by the member countries but they keep their own levels of tariffs against outside countries.

The dream of West Indian Unity goes back to the progressive leaders of the 1920's and 1930's, who fought for the dignity of West Indian Labour and self-government. It seemed that hopes would be achieved with the West Indies Federation in 1958 but these hopes were dashed in 1962 when the federation broke up. However, with this collapse the ideal of Caribbean Unity was still kept alive but this time it was seen that the basis of West Indian Unity would have to rest on economic foundations. This initiated Antigua, Barbados and Guyana to draw up a Carifta Agreement (the original one) in 1965. Whilst this agreement was not implemented it did lead the way to further studies which ultimately led to a meeting of the Heads of Governments of Commonwealth Caribbean countries in Barbados in October 1967 and from here Carifta began.

Release date, 14th April, 1969; designer, Miss J. Toombs; printer, Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd.; process, Delacryl; watermark, C.A. Block.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DEFINITIVE SET

Designer: G. L. Vasarhelyi of Great Britain. Printer: Harrison & Sons Ltd. Printing process: Multi-colour Photogravure.

1c COCOA INDUSTRY

The stamp shows a Cocoa Tree bearing the "golden pods" from which the cocoa beans are won. "Theobroma Cacao"—its technical name — grows on trees ranging from 15 to 60 feet in height. Cocoa was introduced to Trinidad by the Spanish settlers in 1525, and became the main agricultural crop at the beginning of this century. Each "pod" contains some 25-50 oval beans embedded in white pulp. A long process of extracting, fermenting, drying and polishing is required before the finished product is ready. The 1967-68 crop of Trinidad amounted to some 6000 tons. The Trinidad cocoa is valued for flavouring purposes and realises a premium price in the world market.

2c SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY

The cultivated sugar cane (*saccharum* spp.) was introduced to Trinidad in 1895. About 120,000 acres are now under sugar cultivation. About 11,000 "cane farmers" are employed in this industry, apart from large manufacturers. Over 2½ million tons of cane are harvested annually in Trinidad yielding in 1968 over 240,000 tons of sugar. Trinidad's exports of sugar and molasses amount to almost US\$25 million, or about 7 per cent of the country's exports. The Sugar Factory of Caroni Ltd. shown on the stamp is the largest can sugar factory in the British Commonwealth, and is situated in the South of Trinidad.

5c COCRICO (NATIONAL BIRD)

The colourful Cocrico or Red-Tailed Guan (*Ortatis R. Ruficanada*) is found on the island of Tobago and shares with the Scarlet Ibis, shown on the 25c stamp of the 1960 definitive issue, being the national bird of the country. Measuring about 18-20 inches, the body plumage is brownish olive, and the head dark slate grey. The tail is long and greenish black. The Guans are mainly found in forests. Chachalaca is the native Caribbean name for the *Ortatis* birds, and the name echoes the sound made by the bird.

6c OIL INDUSTRY

The petroleum industry is Trinidad's largest. In fact, Trinidad is the second largest oil producer in

the British Commonwealth. The stamp shows the Texaco "topping unit" at Pointe-a-Pierre.

8c FERTILISER INDUSTRY

The stamp shows the fertiliser plant of Federation Chemicals Ltd. a subsidiary of W. R. Grace & Co. of the U.S.A., which has investments of about \$100 million in Trinidad. The fertiliser complex produces Urea, Ammonium Sulphate, Sulphuric Acid and Utilities (Steam and Air). Less than 3 per cent of its output is consumed in Trinidad, with the rest being exported. A world-wide distribution network is assuring wide international marketing. The company also supports the development of improved agricultural in Trinidad through constant research in fertilisers for local use.

10c HUMMING BIRDS

This design is based on an original painting by Mr. Don Eckelberry of Babylon, N.Y., U.S.A. The family Trochilidae to which the hummingbird belongs is one of the largest of the bird world. Some 16 species have been recorded in Trinidad and their abundance there has earned this island the title "The Isle of Humming Birds." Obtaining their tremendous energy from the quick sugars they get from flowers, they also consume small insects and spiders. They are the only birds which consume nectar while in flight. Their fantastic colouring is found in their crests, fans, chin whiskers, long tails and rackets. Their "humming" sound is produced by the rapid beating of their wings. The smaller the Humming Bird the faster the beats. Their tiny feet are not used for walking, but for clinging to the perch.

12c CITRUS INDUSTRY

Citrus belong to the family Rutaceae containing some 30 species, all originating in the Old World. The main commercial varieties in Trinidad and Tobago are: sweet oranges, grapefruits and limes. Most citrus varieties are propagated by budding. Commercial crops are cultivated on large and small plantations, covering some 10,000 acres. Total citrus exports from Trinidad are about NS\$3 million per annum.

15c COAT OF ARMS

The colours of the Coat of Arms are the same as found in Trinidad's flag. Three ships of gold represent the Trinity, the discovery of the Islands, the three ships of Col-

umbus, the sea that brought the people of the islands together, the commerce and the wealth of the country. The Humming Birds have been included for sentimental reasons.

The Helm is the Queen's — a gold helmet facing front, and having five gold bars across the visor, the interior lined red. The Wreath which crowns the helmet carries, by tradition, all the colours of achievement. For the Crest there is a ship's wheel of gold in front of a fruited coconut palm.

The supporters are Scarlet Ibis for Trinidad and Cocrico for Tobago.

Motto: "Together we aspire: together we achieve."

20c and 25c NATIONAL FLAG

The Black stands for the dedication of people together; it is the colour of strength, unity, purposes and of the wealth of the land. Red represents the vitality of the land and its people; it is the warmth and energy of the sun, the courage and friendliness of the people. White is the sea surrounding the islands, the cradle of Trinidad's heritage; and purity of the people's aspirations and the equality of all men under the sun.

30c CHACONIA

The Chaconia, the national flower of Trinidad and Tobago, is also known as "Wild Poinsettia" or "Pride of Trinidad and Tobago." It is a wild forest flower belonging to the family *Robiaceae* and owes its botanical name, *Warszewicia Coccinea* (Vahl) K.I. to the Polish-Lithuanian botanist, Joseph Warszewicz. The title Chaconia was bestowed on the flower by Trinidad's last Spanish Governor, 1779). The flaming red flower is in Don Jose Maria Chaco (1784-bloom on every Independence Day of Trinidad, August 31st.

40c SCARLET IBIS

The national bird of Trinidad, the Scarlet Ibis measures some 22 inches of which the bill accounts for 6½ inches. It is the most spectacular member of the family *Threskior Nithiclae* which hold some 28 species. The bird is found in tropical South America, including Venezuela, Columbia, the Guianas and Brazil. In Trinidad, several thousands each year where they breed and congregate in the Caroni unmolested in a Game Sanctuary.

50c MARACAS BAY

The Bay is a well known tourist attraction in Trinidad. It is situated approximately 7 miles from the capital, Port of Spain.

\$1 POUÏ IN BLOOM

The yellow pouï (Tabe Buia Serati Folia) is a native, slow-growing forest plant found on dry hill-sides in Trinidad. It is one of the largest tropical trees, reaching almost 100 feet and a trunk of up to 5 feet in diameter. Its resilience and resistance to wear, insects and decay make it ideal for use in the making of railroad ties, bridges, posts and all kinds of outdoor use.

\$2.50 FISH INDUSTRY

The design of this stamp is based on drawing by Trinidad's well known Postmaster General, Mr. G. K. Lee who also contributed to the designs of the 1968 Carnival issue. The fishing industry of Trinidad is developing rapidly. Some 1370 fishing vessels of the pirogue type ranging in length from 20-30 feet are in use, but modern fishing vessels and fishing methods are being introduced. Over 11 million pounds of fish were caught in 1967, mainly carite, cavalli and red snapper. There are also in shore fisheries. The introduction of modern fishing trawlers will help making fishing an important export item for Trinidad.

\$5 RED HOUSE, PORT-OF-SPAIN

The Red House is situated on Woodford Square in the Capital. Originally built in 1884, it was the former headquarters of the Legislative Council, the principal Court of Justice and the Colonial Secretariat, it was destroyed by fire during the riot of March 23rd, 1903, but was rebuilt in 1906. It now houses the Trinidad Parliament, the High Courts and several Government Offices. The dome of the building ranges 110 feet over street level.

Trinidad will issue 4 commemorative issues in average, per year. The 1969 commemorative stamps will be the following:

1. Carifta—First Anniversary.
2. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O.
3. 24th World Congress of Junior Chamber International ("JC").
4. 15th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

CUBAN SPACE ISSUES

These stamps have a very interesting background, in particular the earlier issues.

In 1939 a set was issued showing an aeroplane in flight over a Cuban landscape, the 10c stamp in this airmail issue was a black stamp; this particular stamp was again issued in 1949 but this time in emerald green with a black mento del Cohete/Postal/Ano De overprint, which reads "Experi-1939." Only 200,000 of these were issued and it was the first official stamp to be issued for rocket post. After some unsuccessful trials a rocket was launched on October 15th, 1939, covers carried have the Havana cancellation. A total of 2581 covers were posted and as this was far greater than the capacity of the rocket, only 50 were loaded for the actual flight, but it is not possible to identify these 50 covers from the others. This flight was however not a success, as the rocket nose-dived and landed nearby. The overprinted stamp is now at a great premium and is priced at \$28 mint and \$4 used.

The 25th anniversary of this experiment was commemorated on October 15th 1964 by the issue of a set of 25 stamps, all arranged in 5 sheets of twenty stamps with the centre space reading:

1939
COHETE POSTAL CUBANO
25th Aniversario
1964

Values in this set are 5 at 1c; 5 at 2c; 5 at 3c; 5 at 9c; 5 at 13c; in addition a 50c was issued here again the 1939 stamp was used but now in reduced size and on a black background with a segment of the globe in green. This 50c stamp was also issued as a miniature sheet in a grey colour.

Later the 50c had a changed background of brown and was overprinted with a large silver rocket, this time commemorating the first Russian trio in space.

Another interesting item from Cuba is the souvenir sheet issued in 1965 for the year of the quiet sun, this shows the influence of the solar rays on various satellites and space ships.

To commemorate the 5th anniversary of the first man in space a set of six was issued, tracing the history of space travel up to that time; Tsiolkovski is the subject on the 1c stamp who was a Russian space pioneer. Other subjects are:

training for space travel 2c; the first manned space flight 3c; the first team in space 7c; the first woman in space 9c; the first trio 10c; the first space walk 13c.

The First Day Cover for this set shows a very large pictorial cancellation.

The 1965 I.T.U. set of space themes has a very good reproduction of Telstar I and Lunik I are stamps, this issue was limited to the more obvious space theme 270,000 sets.

The first National Telecommunications Forum was once again the subject for space stamps. A set of three was issued on 12th December, 1966, showing various stylised space designs, these 3 stamps were printed also on one large miniature sheet which sold at 30c and measures 160 by 115 mm with an issue of 15,000 sheets.

The Canadian Expo 67 set also had among its design a space stamp with the theme; el hombre como explorador"; man as explorer. This fine set was issued on 28th April 1967.

The latest set of 8 space stamps shows various Russian space vehicles all these stamps are once again joined in a miniature sheet inscribed: "10th anniversary of the first Sputnik, in honour of the Soviet people, pioneers of space travel!" This sheet is imperforate.

Other sets of space issues include the two stamps commemorating the first walk by Leonov and a two part set on cosmic flights was issued in 1963 showing early manned space flights, these are quite common.

Besides all the above stamps Cuba has a vast array of space cancellations, some quite spectacular, not only in design but also in size.

Gerald M. Van Zanten.

5th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST MAN IN SPACE



CYPRUS Gandhi INDIAN LEADER

Born, 2nd October 1869; died 30th January, 1948. Educated in India and London. Called to the English bar in 1889.

In 1893 he gave up a successful and lucrative Bombay legal practice to live on £1 per week in South Africa where he spent 21 years opposing discriminatory legislation against Indian Settlers. In 1914 he returned to India and, while supporting the British in World War I, took an increasing interest in the Home Rule Movement (Swaraj) of which very soon he was the leader and master of the Congress organisation.

The years following were spent in ceaseless agitation and civil disobedience resulting in periods of detention until in 1937, he assisted in the constitutional compromise under which Congress members accepted office in the new provincial legislatures.

During the Second World War, after failing to obtain complete independence as a condition of support for Britain, he was arrested for concurring in civil disobedience to obstruct the war effort. In 1946 he negotiated with the British Cabinet Mission a new constitutional structure and in May 1947 hailed Britain's decision to grant India independence as "the noblest act of the British Nation." His last months were darkened by communal strife between Hindu and Moslem. He was assassinated in Delhi by a Hindu fanatic.

In his lifetime Mahatma ("great soul") Gandhi was venerated as a moral teacher, a reformer who sought an India as free from caste as from materialism, a dedicated patriot who gave the Swaraj movement a new quality. In Asia, particularly, he has been regarded as a great influence for peace whose teaching had a message not only for India—of whose nationhood he became the almost mystical incarnation—but for the whole World.

Release date, 24th March, 1969; designer, Chev. E. V. Cremona; printer, Joh. Enschede en Zonen; process, photogravure.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE I.L.O.

Release date: 3rd March, 1969. Designer: Aspioti Elka staff artists. Printer: Aspioti Elka. Set: 100. Values and designs: 50 and 90 mills in common design.

Falkland Islands

21st ANNIVERSARY OF GOVERNMENT AIR SERVICES

On 8th April the Falkland Islands are to issue a special set of four stamps to commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service. The designs of the stamps will incorporate the three types of aircraft used by the Air Service since its inception in 1948 by the Governor, Sir Miles Clifford. Introduced as an internal air service the first aircraft were two Austers with wheeled undercarriages but, with the abundance of waterways all round the islands, it was decided to switch to a seaplane service. In 1949 the land planes were replaced by two float aircraft, a Norseman and an Auster. In 1953 the Norseman was replaced by a Beaver and in 1955, to cope with the increasing air traffic, a second Beaver was acquired. The high value stamp shows the Colony Badge.

The Government Air Service originally operated for medical and mail facilities only, has now expanded to include passengers, freight and private charter. The service has now broken down the isolation in which those living in outlying corners of the islands have been compelled to endure since the first days of the colony.

Release date, 8th April 1969; designer, V. Whiteley; printer, Format International; process, Block. Format Litho; Watermark, C.A.

Sales Figures

Bermuda

Olympic Games 3d, 937,982; 1/- 338,702; 1/6 188,679; 2/6 80,727; First Day Covers 5,110.

East Africa

20th Anniversary of World Health Organisation: 30 cents, 3,861,286; 50 cents, 1,214,643; shs 1/30, 338,406; shs 2/50 114,526. Olympic Games: 30 cents, 2,020,466; 50 cents, 1,263,974; shs 1/30, 361,680; shs 2/50, 116,808.

ST. VINCENT

In Memoriam Martin Luther King: 5 cents, 129,580; 25 cents, 82,270; 35 cents, 77,125. First Day Covers, 2,623.

AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCE STAMP FOR ROTARY

A postage stamp will be issued in 1971 to mark the 50th anniversary of Rotary in Australia.

The issue date of the stamp will probably be in May, 1971, to coincide with a proposed World Rotary Convention to be held in Sydney.

Rotary is well known for its role in the community in furthering understanding between business and professional men engaged in different activities and for the many service projects undertaken by its Clubs.

The first Australian Rotary Club was formed in April, 1921, in Melbourne. There are now about 600 clubs in Australia with a membership of about 26,000.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INDUSTRIES

The Postmaster-General, Mr. Alan Hulme, has announced that the wool, wheat, sugar and timber industries will be featured on four new Australian stamps to be issued this year.

The Australian Post Office is planning several series of stamps depicting Australian primary and secondary industries, and other aspects of national development. Each group will be on sale for several months.

The first group will feature merino sheep, ripening wheat heads, sugar cane and one of the eucalypt hardwoods.

NEW PHILATELIC ENCYCLOPAEDIA COMING

The International Publishing Corporation, Britain's largest publishing group, has set up International Philatelic Developments Ltd., in Kingsway, London, and is to publish a 104-part full colour philatelic encyclopaedia covering all aspects of the hobby.

Publication begins in the autumn under the general editorship of James H. Mackay, the British Museum's Philatelic Curator, and contributions will come from a wide range of internationally-known philatelic writers.

Subscription details will be made known during the summer. Purchase will be through newsagents, stamp shops and by post.

THE POST OFFICE TROPHY

(Centrepiece April N.Z.S.M.)

Mr. B. L. Barker is the first winner of the Post Office Trophy. His winning entry of QEII Castle issues was displayed at Stampex.

STAMPS OF JAMAICA

1962 ISSUES ONWARDS

Three days after the commemorative independence set.

A set of four printed by Harrison and Sons was released in honour of the Ninth Central American and Caribbean Games held in the National Stadium in Kingston. The 1d, 6d and 8d stamps featured various sporting events, while the 2/- showed the statue of an athlete erected in front of the new Stadium and coat-of-arms of Kingston.

A farmer and crops were depicted on the 1d and 8d stamps lithographed by De La Rue to mark the Freedom from Hunger campaign in June, 1963. Later that year Miss Carole Joan Crawford brought the "Miss World" title to Jamaica and a set of three stamps was issued in her honour in February, 1964. The set was also released in an imperforate miniature sheet.

Jamaica's current definitive series made its debut on the 4th May 1964 and was photogravure printed by Harrisons from designs by Victor Whiteley. The sixteen designs of this series provide the philatelist with a good cross-section of Jamaican scenery, fauna and flora, industry, leisure activities, history and heraldry. The eight lowest values were in a small horizontal format and depict the National flower, *Iignum vitae* (1d), the national fruit, ackee (1½d) and the national tree, blue mahoe (2d) Conchology, a relatively new theme, is represented on the 2½d with a group of land shells, and on the 4d which depicts *Murex antillarum*; the butterfly *Papilio homerus* and the exotic Doctor Bird—the national bird—were featured on the 6d and 8d stamps respectively.



FAST DEVELOPING

Jamaica's fast developing mineral industries are represented by gypsum (9d) and bauxite (2/-). A contrast between the old and new Jamaica is provided by the view of the magnificent Palisades International Airport (1/6) and, nearby, the sunken city of Port Royal which had been explored shortly before by the American, Edwin

Link in a specially constructed research ship. The ship and some of the relics rescued from the sea bed are featured on the 5/- stamp. Sport is represented by a view of the National Stadium with a statue of a sprinter in the foreground (1/-), and Blue Marlin fishing (3/-). The flag of Jamaica is featured on the map depicted on the 3d and, on its own, appears on the £1 denomination. The coat-of-arms of Jamaica is shown on the 10/- stamp. This series was printed on paper having a multiple "J" and pineapple motif.



SCOUT CONFERENCE AT KINGSTON

During the past four years Jamaica has issued a number of interesting and colourful commemorative stamps. In August, 1964 a set of three stamps marked the Sixth Inter-American Scout Conference held at Kingston. Scout emblems were featured on the stamps which also included a large triangular design. The Tenth Parliamentary Conference was held in Kingston in November, 1964 and the occasion was honoured by three stamps depicting the three buildings in which the Jamaican assemblies and parliaments have met during the past three centuries. The 3d stamp showed Gordon House, named after William Gordon who was unjustly hanged by Governor Eyre following the Morant Bay rebellion of 1865. The centenary of the rising was itself commemorated by a set of three stamps in December, 1965.

Jamaica has participated in many of the United Nations special issues, but has contrived to give them a specially Jamaican flavour. Thus the 1/- stamp marking the I.T.U. centenary in December, 1965 showed an "Abeng blower" as well as "Telstar" and a morse key. Jamaica has paid tribute to famous statesmen connected with the island. The tenth anniversary of Human Rights was marked in December 1964 by a 1/- portraying Eleanor Roosevelt, while four stamps were released in 1966 in memory of Sir Winston Churchill, Simon Bolivar,

the Liberator of Latin America from Spanish rule, was commemorated on an 8d stamp of December, 1966. This was released to mark the 150th anniversary of his famous "Jamaica letter" addressed to the peoples suffering under Spanish oppression. In grateful memory of the sanctuary given to her national hero, Venezuela presented a statue of Bolivar to Jamaica and this, flanked by the Venezuelan and Jamaican flags, appears on the stamp. Sir Donald Sangster, who held office as Prime Minister for only a few months before his death last year, was honoured by two memorial stamps in August, 1967. His predecessor, Sir Alexander Bustamante, and Lady Bustamante have been portrayed on two stamps issued in May, 1968, to mark the 30th anniversary of Jamaica's Labour Day.

Two great movements, the Girl Guides and the Salvation Army, were each honoured by two stamps released in 1965. Jamaica was the host to the Eighth British Empire and Commonwealth games in 1966 and four stamps were released on the 4th August for the occasion. These depicted the statue of a sprinter (3d) racing cyclists (6d), an aerial view of the stadium (1/-) and the Games emblem (3/-). An imperforate miniature sheet containing a set of the stamps was also issued. In February, 1968 Jamaica participated with Guyana in the issue of a small sheet containing three sets of three stamps in honour of the M.C.C.'s tour of the West Indies. The stamps, designed by Victor Whiteley, showed a game of cricket in progress.

For the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in March, 1966 the 3d, 6d, 1/- and 1/6 definitive stamps were overprinted ROYAL VISIT MARCH, 1966. Jamaica was represented at the Montreal World's Fair, Expo 67 and issued two stamps on the 28th April, 1967 featuring the Jamaican Pavilion. The centenary of the Jamaican Constabulary Force was celebrated on the 21st November, 1967 by three stamps, designed by Victor Whiteley and photogravure printed by Enschede. The stamps showed a traffic policeman (3d), personnel of the Force (1/-) and constables of 1867 and 1967 (1/6).

Forthcoming issues of Jamaica will be devoted to Tourism and the golden jubilee of the International Labour Organisation.

Jamaica's most recent issue, for International Human Rights Year, was released on 3rd December, 1968 and comprised three values 3d, 1/- and 3/-.

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NORTH AMERICA NOTES

Grandma Moses



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GRANDMA MOSES

THE GRAND OLD LADY OF AMERICAN PAINTING

The 6 cent stamp in the American Folklore series, will be issued May 1 at Washington D.C. It reproduces a detail of "July Fourth" which Grandma Moses painted in 1951 at the age of 91. The painting hangs in the White House.

Issuance of the stamp will come during Senior Citizens Month, which President Nixon has proclaimed to focus attention on the problems of the aging and programmes of the Administration on Aging of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. One purpose of this special month is to honour older Americans for achievements that came late in life. Grandma Moses took up painting at the age of 76 and continued until her death at 101.

Her primitive art, which portrayed bygone aspects of farm life, has enchanted millions who have seen it in museums and on Christmas cards.

"July Fourth" is an outdoor scene at about the turn of the Century. In the foreground of the vertical stamp is a team of horses, towing an automobile that has malfunctioned. Beyond, on a meadow, boys are playing baseball. Several American flags are flying. In the background are mountains.

UNITED NATIONS

PEACE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL LAW."

The United Nations will issue on 21st April 1969 a new commemorative stamp on the theme "Peace Through International Law."

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly established the International Law Commission which held its first annual session in 1949. The new stamp will commemorate the Commission's twentieth anniversary session to be held in 1969.

Article 1 of the Statute of the International Law Commission provides that the "Commission shall have for its object the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification." It also states that the Commission "shall concern itself primarily with public international law, but is not precluded from entering the field of private international law."

As in the case of the judges of the International Court of Justice (for which the United States issued a commemorative stamp in 1961), the members of the International Law Commission sit in their individual capacity as experts and not as representatives of governments.



The new stamp will be printed in denominations of 6-cents (green, blue and gold) and 13 cents (red, purple and gold) in quantities of 2,700,000 and 2,200,000 respectively. It was designed by Robert Perrot (France) and will be printed by photogravure by Courvoisier S.A., Switzerland.

200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF CALIFORNIA

The 6 cent stamp will be issued July 16 with first day ceremonies in San Diego. It was here in



1769 that a Spanish expedition under Governor Gaspar de Portola, accompanied by Father Junipero Serra, began colonisation.

The stamp reproduces the belfry of the mission at Carmel, where Father Serra is buried. It was established in 1770 and reconstructed in the 1870's.

Lower California had been discovered in 1533 by Ximenes, but it was not until 1769 that the first permanent settlement was made, at San Deigo by Governor Gaspar de Portola and Father Junipero Serra. Here was built a mission the initial of 21 to be constructed in the next half century. These were spaced one day's journey apart northward to San Francisco. Spain also established garrisons to protect the land from the threat of Russian encroachment.

England, France and the United States had interest in acquiring California too.

California became a territory of the Republic of Mexico in 1825 after that nation had revolted with Spain. California, in turn, revolted and declared itself a sovereign state in 1846. This status was short-lived, because less than one month later the American Flag was raised.

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SOCIETY NEWS

FURTHER "INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR" DISPLAYS FOR POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

MARCH. The second visit in 3 years of Mr. Kendrick Manning of Bristol when he gave a very large display of superb and unique material of the British West Indies—chiefly covers with a maritime flavour—both pre-stamp and early stamp covers! We now look forward to a possible 3rd visit in the not too distant future, of this versatile and loveable postal historian of truly international repute.

JUNE 1969. For the coming meeting in June—surely a postal history display from member Marcel Stanley can be termed "international" for he is the winner of such important awards both in New Zealand and overseas. This is eagerly anticipated.

SEPTEMBER 1969. When the P.H.S. of N.Z. was being formed 5 years ago—we had much help and encouragement from Mr. Frederick Walker—for so many years Secretary of the Postal History Society (Great Britain) and keeper of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists when he was then in Auckland, and gave a talk and display on the Congress Covers and postal markings. Now Mr. Walker is to be back in New Zealand in September and is to be guest speaker at our meeting—and he is also to be the speaker at the meeting to be organised by the Postal History Society of New Zealand at TARAPEX.

Such "International flavour" meetings provide a meeting place for all types of collecting—but especially we welcome from time to time men of such well known Postal History-wise interests—such as our Vice President, K. J. McNaugh who at our May meeting will be displaying New Zealand Railway Travelling Post Offices, and this we know will be something really unique!

A. H. VOYCE.

PHILATELIC MONTH FOR WHAKATANE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Philatelically the month of March has been a busy one. We started off on the 4th with a welcome to Mr. K. Manning, a noted English philatelist, who was spend-

ing a brief holiday in this country. An authority on early British West Indies issues, Mr. Manning gave us an outstanding talk and display on selections of his West Indian collection, with particular emphasis on Antigua. It contained mostly pre-adhesive letters from around 1730 onwards with many unique items from Sir William Codrington archives. This was a most interesting talk and Mr. Manning went into some detail to give us an idea of the postal services prevailing at that time, explaining also the meanings of the various postal markings and how the charges were made up. We were indeed fortunate to have a visit from this eminent and noted postal historian.

This was followed on the 13th by "Ladies Night" in which the ladies took command and arranged the evening's programme. A quiz compiled by Miss Brown and based on the Maori and English names of native birds on New Zealand Health stamps was won by Mr. Lindsay Moore. A guest speaker Mrs. N. Turner of Whakataane, gave a most interesting talk on incidents in particular that highlighted her recent Australian trip—this was enjoyed by all. Silent displays were provided by Mesdames Ramson, Hjorth, Dennis and Craddock. Supper prepared and served by the male species brought the evening to a satisfactory conclusion.

Our "Annual Weekend" took place on March 22nd-23rd. For this we had several members of the Auckland Society and some of the Tauranga Society members present. From Auckland, Mr. A. Dexter gave us his usual interesting and enlightening talk on displays on the varieties and printings etc of the current decimal issue, Mr. G. Lineham on the issues of Australia and Mr. V. McFarlane on his recently arranged and comprehensive collection of the 1935 Pictorial issue. We were sorry not to see the usual Gisborne representatives but their Exhibition of the following week prevented their coming.

R. S. CRADDOCK.

THAMES VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The main item of the March meeting was the coming Pim's Cup Competition. After some discussion it was decided that four sheets of the 1960-7 Pictorials be used, as most members are fairly conversant with this issue.

Mr. M. Thopson presented a quiz which was so well enjoyed by all present, that he was requested to present the April meeting's also.

The rest of the evening was taken up with a discussion on forthcoming issues, etc.

F. J. JANS.

MR. MANNING AT WAIKATO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The main item of the Waikato Society's second March meeting was a display by Mr. Bruce Grimwood of stamps of the British Commonwealth. Mr. Grimwood should be congratulated as, being one of the younger members of the Society, he has amassed a good collection in a relatively short time. He displayed many definitive sets of countries such as Malta, Cyprus, Cook Islands, etc., where he was complete up to and including the £1 values, which some of we older members are still struggling to obtain with the bugbear of knowing that the longer we struggle the more difficult they are going to become to obtain. He also displayed amongst his material a complete set of the Tongan Gold Coins, used, which although considered by many collectors as gaudy, are nevertheless on the increase in value.

On March 10th our Society had the privilege of hearing Mr. Ken Manning talking about his fine display of British West Indies Postal History and Stamps. Many other Societies in the country have had this same privilege and surely must agree that here was some material that you don't see every day, indeed every year. Members are soon made envious when they learn that some items can be bought for a few pence (as some of Mr. Manning's were) about fifty years ago and now realise up to £600. Particularly interesting were "entires" displayed by Mr. Manning in the late 1870's, which recorded an inventory of Negro slaves and livestock held at a plantation in Grenada.

On April 2nd, the Society held their first April Meeting and were entertained by Mr. Doug Edsall, the "father" of the Society, with a humorous talk entitled "Bits and Pieces." Many aspects of Philately were covered and many early issues of a variety of countries were shown such as Great Britain, France, Brazil, as well as New Zealand.

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18th March, 1969, Mr. L. Levene displayed his complete collection of his U.P.U. stamps and told us the story of our mail transported and safely delivered because of a little-known document that binds countries in every part of the world together into "a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence." For three quarters of a century, this document, the Universal Postal Convention, has provided for the orderly and economical movement of international mail. Its regulations, carried out of the Universal Postal Union apply to more than 2,000,000,000 people. Virtually all dependent nations, non-self governing territories, and the United Nations trust territories are member of U.P.U. The work of U.P.U. dates back to the 19th century, when the adoption of the postage stamp as a convenient method of payment for correspondence brought about a heavy increase in international mail. Postal agreements between pairs of countries led to a great number of different rates and procedures and officials sought an international code. In 1863 at the suggestion of the Postmaster General of the United States, representatives of 15 nations met at Paris and drew up a set of general principles a guide for international correspondence. There were still, however, no binding regulations. Representatives of 22 countries met at Berne, Switzerland, in the hope of founding a general postal union that would end the uncertainty, confusion, and excessive cost of international correspondence. On October 9 1874, the Postal Congress signed an International Postal Convention which, after ratification by the Countries concerned, came into force on July 1, 1875 and formally established the General Post Union and in 1878 the organisation changed its name to the Universal Postal Union.

11st April, 1969, Mr. Arthur Dexter displayed his specialised 1946 Peace issue showing identification of, and combinations of, the two entire and frame plates of each Waterlow printed value. Blocks showing the various stages of the 4d plate, method of laying down of 5d and 6d plates and the unrecorded plate crack and repair of the 9d value. All re-entries, retouches and flaws are illustrated by drawings and the collection is full of interesting items, including the 4d centre offset, 2 sheets of the 5d en-

tre (ships) offset 4d double perf. 3d and 5d blurred print. In one competition the 9d Peace stamp was selected as the best stamp of the year.

N. A. WILLIAMS.

CHANGES FOR CHRIST- CHURCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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New Secretary—Mr. B. E. R. Alexandre.

ELECTED AT THE WELLINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (INC.)

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society was held on 24th March, 1969.

Office bearers as follows were elected for the ensuing year:—

Patron: Mr. R. J. Searle.

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The President paid tribute to the sterling efforts on the part of Mr. B. K. Lawton and Mr. B. de Vries the retiring treasurer and exchange superintendent respectively, who did not offer themselves for re-election.

The Society continues to grow and flourish. The average attendance during 1968 rose from 40 to 44. There are now some 250 members in the Society compared with 200 in 1966. Some 40 odd exchange books are on circuit compared with 26 a few years ago.

A most delightful supper was served by the ladies after the completion of formal business and this was followed by a sale of stamps.

M. G. WING, Hon. Secretary.

Great Britain News

The 2d "Machin" is now on sale in a new die, (Cyl 6) which differs considerably from stamps on Cyl 1. Briefly the portrait on the latest is slightly larger than before, and

the slight curve along the base of the portrait is absent in Die 1. The value (2D) is now 1mm nearer the left margin than was originally the case. Actually the colour of the stamps on Cyl 6 (Die II) is paler, but there is also a coil (T) with stamps Die II, which has the stamps slightly darker than even stamps from Cyl 1. Things appear to be hotting up with the new type of booklets. The 6s. "Barn Owl" Jan. with the 4d blk-sepia stamps, only exists thus for that month as the Feb. booklets now have the 4d red stamps. (Commonwealth Courier).

"GREY'S" ELEGY: NEW STYLE

The following story may be apocryphal, but the teller swears it is true. A collector noticed that on the G.P.O.'s Philatelic Stock List and Order Form (Phil. 65 3/69) the old Machin 4d stamps were offered described as grey. Being of an inquisitive nature he telephoned his nearest Philatelic Counter and asked about these stamps. "Oh, yes, they are the ordinary sepia-browns," he was told, "but 'sepia-brown' would not fit on the form."

Stamp Collecting (Eng.)

STAMPS FOR PHILYMPIA

The Postmaster-General has announced the issue of special stamps for Phillympia 1970. He has promised that they will be an attractive issue and they are expected to reflect various aspects of philately.

1970 ISSUES COMMONWEALTH GAMES WILL HAVE STAMP ISSUE

A stamp issue is planned for July of next year to mark the staging of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

This issue is among the programme of special stamps for 1970 announced by the Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. John Stonehouse, M.P.

The programme is:

February—a pictorial issue on British architecture; April—General anniversaries; June—Literary anniversaries; July—Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh; September—Philypic International Philatelic Exhibition, London; November—Christmas stamps.

Details of values and precise dates of issues will be announced later.

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1½d Brown		02
2d Yellow		02
3d Red-Brown		03

(In the above set the background consists of dotted crossing white lines. The neck shading is horizontal except for the larger design on which it is diagonal).

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(Engraved Printing).

1½d Grey		04
2d Violet		40
2d Yellow		40
2½d Blue		12
3d Brown		03
4d Yellow	1.80	
4d Violet		03
4½d Green		45
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½d Green		05
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A new stamp and coin shop has opened in Courtenary Place (opposite Hope Gibbons Building). Business seems to have been brisk during the first few weeks. The shop is in an advantageous position as far as overseas ships are concerned as it is not far away from the passenger terminal.

An ever growing number of local stationers and the like appear to be engaging in stamp dealing and or selling.

The weekly stamp auctions each Thursday evening in Petone continue to draw packed rooms. The auctioneer is still as entertaining as ever and is not averse to giving each of the ladies present a "quick knock."

Pacific Islands specialist dealers, Tiki Stamp Service keep their show case in Manner Street (opposite the Post Office) constantly up to date with last minute new issues and F.D. covers.

The display of material (mostly thematic) at the Wellington Stamp Centre near the Cable Car entrance is well worth a visit. This material too is always being added to as new issues come to hand from overseas.

Colin McNaught is operating just around from Perretts corner but as yet his display is mainly in a large showcase-cum-counter.

John Mowbray continues to produce an excellent monthly illustrated list. He also maintains a showcase in the Dominion Life Arcade.

There are also many other stamp outlets in the city which all go to show that the hobby in these parts is thriving.

Interesting items sold at recent local auctions include CR (Clearing Room) and CPO (Accounts Branch) Alicetown postmark with wrong cancels, 28c Fox Glacier with date amended and initialled in ink; N.Z. Coil stamps with red perforated end paper attached; World War I Troopship No. 12 cover; scarce Macau UPU mint, etc.

Red and Blue Boys (1931 Healths) continue to command good prices. The two in mint blocks of four sell for about \$150. Even slightly rust stained used copies have fetched \$5. Miniature sheets of the more recent health issues (mint) are also in demand largely to meet overseas requirements where collectors are seeking birds as topical (thematic) items. This ought to be an object lesson to our stamp issuing authorities.

Some values of the New Zealand decimal definitives are now appearing with the new gum. An excited collector broke the news to me the other day but I don't think he had been licking enough of these stamps for the poly-vinyl-alcohol to have had any effect.

I was present when a local dealer was trying to negotiate a disposal of a large collection which appears to have been well locked away, but alas without sufficient airing. It is imperative that a stamp collection be stored in a dry place and aired at least every two months or even more frequently, if possible, otherwise rust will certainly appear. There is always a time when from the owners point of view it is desirable to sell. For some people I suggest the time is NOW. The above discussion touched on transparent envelopes and it is amazing how many collectors are unaware of the damage which can be caused in keeping stamps in cellophane and similar envelopes which do not permit the stamps to breathe. If in doubt collectors should consult their dealer.

The Wellington Philatelic Society has already agreed in principle to hold a national stamp exhibition in Wellington in 1972 to mark its Golden Jubilee. Positive steps will be taken shortly, I understand, to set up an organising committee in association with other local societies and collectors in order to get the proposed exhibition (WELPEX) under way.

M. G. WING.

NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE PENFRIENDS WANTED

The Concorde Correspondence Club has recently had a tremendous influx of new members from Czechoslovakia many of whom are seeking philatelic contacts with New Zealanders. The majority of the Czechoslovak members are familiar with at least three languages.

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ANPEX 1970 NEWS

The Exhibition will now be held in the Wentworth Hotel Grand Ballroom, 61 Phillip Street, Sydney from Monday 27th April to Friday, 1st May, 1970.

Bulletin No. 3 has just arrived containing a miscellany of notes and little news. The President has penned a rally call for concentrated effort and further funds.

Comment was made on the necessity to find another venue and criticism of "Stamp News" for not ascertaining all the facts. (See March N.Z.S.M. Anpex Bombshell). The writer goes on to say the facts could have been obtained quite readily from the Exhibition Council or the A.S.D.A. both of which the Stamp News Editor is a member. From this statement it seems that members of the Exhibition Council were not informed of all the facts. I would imagine that a number of words are being said about not being able to obtain a hall somewhere in Sydney which was also available for the Saturday.

After a hefty list of donations another call for funds by the Finance Chairman is made who writes as if ANPEX is the only philatelic commemoration of Cook's Bicentenary and Kiwis are also asked to dip into their pockets to help ANPEX along.

The following are the three New Zealand representatives for ANPEX. Prospectus and entry forms and further information are available from any of these people: Wellington: Mr. C. McNaught, P.O. Box 166, Wellington, C.I. Auckland: Mr. John Bishop, P.O. Box 2782, Auckland 1. Christchurch: Mr. J. Richards, P.O. Box 693, Christchurch.

The arrival of the ANPEX prospectus was something of a shock after the high standards set by past New Zealand and Australian exhibitions. It consists of a leaflet folded in half listing only the salient facts of the exhibition, the classes and the rules.

With interest in New Zealand already growing and a possibility of three planeloads of New Zealand visitors going to ANPEX and a number of exhibitors using TA-RAPEX as a trial for ANPEX we look forward to bulletins and a Catalogue with much more interesting news of what should be one of the greatest philatelic exhibitions ever held in Australia or New Zealand.

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JUNIOR PAGE – THREE GREAT MEN

By SIMON SAM

The pictorial designs of Postage stamps are usually of people places and events connected with the particular country.

This applies to New Zealand generally but there are several stamps which have their design origin in other countries—usually in England.

The first of these are the 3d and 1/- of the 1920 victory issue. New Zealand was one of the few countries which did issue Victory stamps at this time. The designs were produced by De La Rue which firm also did the printing. They were placed on sale in the Dominion on 27th January 1920 but could be bought in London two months earlier—on 9th November. This action by the post office created a feeling of intense dissatisfaction throughout the Dominion.

The lions on the 1/- value are symbolic of Britain—the British Empire as it was then. In 1920 New Zealand was still strictly a "Colony" although it was self-governing and had the high sounding title of Dominion. It became an independent nation in 1931 along with Australia, Canada and South Africa and today a kiwi would be more suitable for a symbolic figure of the country than a lion.

The lion on this magnificent 3d stamp of 1920 was copied from one of the four lions which flank the foot of the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square in the Royal City of Westminster. The man whom this giant column and statue honour, Horatio, Viscount Nelson, was born in Norfolk in 1758 and died of wounds received in battle on the "Victory" off Cape Trafalgar October 1805. He was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral City of London—a picture of which was used for the PEACE 1½d of 1946. A portrait of Nelson may be seen on Barbadoes 4 cents 1950 and of his famous ship "Victory" on Great Britain 2/6, 1951. The great Nelson column, designed by William Railton and built of solid blocks of Devon granite, rises 184 feet and is firmly planted on a base of 48 feet square of brickwork resting on 6 feet of concrete, 12 feet down. The bronze capital at the top of the column is made of "George." The 17 foot figure of from the guns of the "Royal Nelson, is in three parts the big-

gest weighing 30 tons. The figure is the work of E. H. Bly. On four sides of the base there are reliefs of four battles in which Nelson and his men distinguished themselves—the Nile St. Vincent, Copenhagen and Trafalgar. Some idea of the size of the column may be gauged from an incident which took place before the scaffolding was taken down from the platform on which the statue rests—14 men sat down one day to their dinner.

The column was completed in 1849, but the lions, the work of Sir Edwin Henry Landseer, a distinguished English animal painter for which he was paid £5000, remained in his studio for 20 years. They became almost a by-word and it was said that the lion on a nearby building refused to acknowledge them as relations!!!

Trafalgar Square the heart of the Commonwealth—in the Square and within a minute any way are a score of sights for us to see. The statue of James Cook — as used on our 1d centennial stamp — stands at Admiralty Arch at one side of the Square. A noble statue of America's first President, George Washington, has an inter-

est to collectors of U.S.A. stamps. Jean Antoine Houdon, a French sculptor visited America with Benjamin Franklin and while there was the guest for a time of Washington in his home in Philadelphia. Here he made a bust of the President which forms the basis of several American stamps—the 1908 series and the 1 cent of 1938. Houdon later used this bust for Richmond, Virginia and of which the magnificent statue now in the Trafalgar Square is a copy.

Nearby—I am not sure whether they were replaced after the war—are four lampstands made from captured cannon, the lamps being from Nelson's own ship "Victory"—the lamps which lit the deck on the night before the battle when the great Naval hero was killed in the hour of his greatest triumph. So here in Trafalgar Square—Nelson Cook and Washington—meet together as they do so often in our stamp collections.

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