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UNION NOTES

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Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegrams, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 5th November 1959 to 5th February 1960. For the previous list see our June Notes.

The Animal Series Postage Stamps.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.—Job No. 63137. On an order for 10,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 5,000 sheets was made on the 10th December, 1959, the total delivery to the 15th December, 1959, being 13,630 sheets. Same Single Die Cylinder No. 67.

1d.—Job No. 53942 continued. On an order for 1,000,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, the total delivery of 395,396 sheets was made by the 18th June, 1959, Same Single Die Cylinder No. 97.

On the same Job No., but from Double Die Cylinder No. 3, an initial delivery of 31,500 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet was made on the 11th August, 1959, the total delivery to the 19th November, 1959, being 698,800 sheets.

Job No. 66546. On an order for 1,000,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 16,500 sheets was made on the 7th January, 1960, the total delivery to date being 267,000 sheets. Same Double Die Cylinder No. 3.

3d.—Job No. 54762 continued. On an order for 956,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 9,000 sheets was made on the 29th October, 1959, the total delivery to date being 133,904

sheets. Same Cylinders No. 82 Interior, No. 84 Exterior.

6d.—Job No. 49597 continued. On an order for 150,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 12,595 sheets was made on the 28th April, 1959, the total delivery to the 26th January, 1960, being 101,584 sheets. Same Cylinders, No. 1 Interior, No. 121 Exterior.

SANAE Stamps.

3d.—Job No. 68885 continued. On an order for 408,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 32,500 sheets was made on the 27th October, 1959, the total delivery to the 14th January, 1960, being 391,052 sheets. Same Cylinders, No. 119 Interior, No. 60 Exterior.

Air Letter Cards.

6d.—Job No. 69556. On an order for 2,000,000 cards, an initial delivery of 43,250 cards was made on the 16th November, 1959, the total delivery to date being 1,320,400 cards. Chambon Printing Machine and same cylinder.

Pictorial Post Cards.

2d.—Job No. 60409 continued. On an order for 1,533,600 cards, an initial delivery of 83,592 cards was made on the 27th August, 1959, the total delivery to the 14th January, 1960 being 1,554,552 cards. Same cylinder No. 54, and Picture Cylinders Nos. 45 and 66.

Roll Stamps.

1d.—Job No. 63136 continued. On an order for 15,000 Rolls of 506 stamps, and 6,000 Rolls of 1012 stamps per roll, an initial delivery of 400 rolls of 506 stamps, and 480 rolls of 1,012 stamps each, was made on the 1st and 10th October, 1959, respectively. The total delivery to date being 9,163 rolls of 506, and 2,345 rolls of 1,012 stamps each. Same Cylinder No. 27.

Douane.

½d.—Job No. 71722. On an order for 6,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, 6,000 sheets were overprinted DOUANE on the 21st January, 1960. Same process blocks.

South West Africa Stamps.

- 1d.—Job No. 70021. On an order for 25,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 27,269 sheets was made on the 8th December, 1959. Same Cylinder No. 46.
- 2d.—Job No. 70022. On an order for 15,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 13,252 sheets was made on the 8th May, 1959. Same Cylinder No. 30.
- 3d.—Job No. 70023. On an order for 32,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 3,500 sheets was made on the 8th December, 1959, the total delivery on the 15th December, 1959, being 31,500 sheets. Same Cylinder No. 68.
- 4d.—Job No. 70024. On an order for 15,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 16,285 sheets was made on the 15th December, 1959. Same Cylinder No. 4.
- 1/6.—Job No. 70025. On an order for 1,800 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 2,040 sheets was made on the 10th December, 1959. Same Cylinder No. 90.

The 3d. "Union Day" Commemorative Stamp.

To commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Union of South Africa, a special 3d. stamp, the design of which had not previously been announced, was issued on Union Day, the 31st May, 1960.

In order to accommodate collectors of First Day Covers, the larger post offices opened for the sale of this stamp, and for relevant postal business, for one hour during the morning, the day being a public holiday, while the special post office at Unipex Exhibition remained open until 10 p.m., by kind permission of the Postmaster General.

The design of the 3d. Commemorative Stamp, in light and dark brown, depicts, in profile, the Union's six Prime Ministers, who have held office since the inauguration of Union on the 31st May, 1910.



Printed bilingually in sheets of 120 (20 x 6) stamps in horizontal format on thickish white paper bearing the Arms Watermark (?), perforated 15 by 14 by multiple comb perforator, from screened cylinders, Interior No. 94 and Exterior No. 11, the numbers being recorded in their respective colours on the bottom margin of the sheet, below stamp 6 of Row 20.

Brown single-line broken bars are imprinted on the sheets top and bottom margins which are perforated through, while four-figure red sheet serial numbers appear twice on its right margin, opposite rows 5 and 16, and also a printer's guide line, 0.75 mm. in length, opposite the gutter between horizontal rows 2 and 3. The four brown marginal arrows are of the solid pre-manufactured type.

The printing is moderately free of flaws, some of the more prominent of which are recorded hereunder:

Row:—

- 4-6. Dot above 9 of 1960, on Mr. Strydom's neck (Th. E9).
- 6-1. Dot on Dr. Verwoerd's left cheek (Th. D10).
- 7-2. Tiny oval smudge on Gen. Smut's forehead (Th. B3/4).
- 8-1. Dot on Gen. Smut's left cheek (Th. D4).
- 8-1. Dot near Dr. Verwoerd's left eye (Th. C10), and also dot on his left cheek (Th. D10).
- 10-5. Tiny dot on Dr. Verwoerd's left cheek (Th. D10).
- 14-1. Dot on Mr. Strydom's chin (Th. E8).
- 15-2. Inclined scratch mark through protea and extending through upper margin of stamp (Th. A7).
- 15-4. Dot below 9 of 1910 (Th. G3).
- 17-5. Dot on Dr. Malan's head (Th. B7).
- 19-3. Scratch mark at back of Dr. Verwoerd's head (Th. B11 to C12).

NOTE.—The above details have been read with the sheet of stamps placed so that the image on the stamp occupies an upright position.

Union Items in the Queen's Exhibit at Unipex.

As a report on Unipex will appear elsewhere in this number, and also details of the various exhibits are contained in the Exhibition Catalogue, may it suffice if Union Notes confined its attention to only the Union Items which comprised some twenty pages and were included in the Queen's Exhibit.

The Exhibit opened appropriately with a Proof Impression on a white card of the Seal of King George V, given at the inauguration of the Union of South Africa, and went on to portray proofs in black and white, plate proofs in blue, overprinted specimens, and examples on various shades of paper of the Union's First Stamp—the 2½d. Commemorative Issue made on the 4th November, 1910.

A magnificent and unique assembly of imperforate Colour Trials, in pairs, of the King's Head Series followed, and included seventeen examples, in various shades of green, orange, brown, blue and violet, of the frame only of the 2½d. denomination, and a further forty-two items of the complete 1d. and 2½d. values in various shades and colour combinations of the centres and frames.

Complete panes of the 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1 denominations, the first two of which were of the co-extensive Jubilee Line variety, concluded a truly outstanding and seldom seen exhibit, the envy of all Union collectors.

Joined Paper, 1d. Animal Series.

Mr. C. E. Kachelhoffer, of Bloemfontein, has brought to our notice a very fine marginal Joined Paper variety of the 1d., Wildebeest printing from Cyl. No. 12.

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AIR MAIL NOTES

(I. H. C. Godfrey)

Antarctic Islands Posts—March/May 1960.

Royal Research Ship "Shackleton." This ship, under charter to the South African Government by the British Admiralty, was used to relieve the meteorological staffs manning the Union stations on Marion and Gough Islands. She sailed from Cape Town in February and returned from Marion Island on March 14th, leaving the next day for the South Atlantic islands of Tristan da Cunha and Gough.

Mails Carried by R.S.S. "Shackleton."

The following information has kindly been supplied by Mr. J. M. Weinstein, of Pretoria, and through the courtesy of Mr. van Huyssteen, late Officer-in-Charge Marion Island.

Marion Island. The Post Office, which was officially opened on March 24th, 1958, no longer operates, and so covers despatched from the Island with Union franking received no postmarks. Items which have been inspected bear a single-line handstruck impression "R.S.S. SHACKLETON" and the autograph of the ship's Master — Capt. Turnbull and of Mr. van Huyssteen. There are no date stamps to identify this mail.

Tristan Da Cunha and Gough Islands Despatches.

Descriptions of certain items of mail received in Pretoria on May 16th (posted from Tristan eight days earlier) are as follows:

(a) South African aerogramme bearing the (unofficial) SANAE penguin imprint, franked with two penny stamps of Tristan da Cunha's new fish series, cancelled "Tristan da Cunha/MY 8/60." This bears the R.S.S. Shackleton handstamp over the signature of Capt. Turnbull, and is also autographed by the Officers-in-Charge Marion Is. (Mr. van Huyssteen) and Gough Is. (Mr. F. C. Potgieter).

(b) Same as above but with combination franking (3d. Union SANAE stamp + 1d. Tristan da Cunha) — autographed by the Officers-in-Charge Gough Is. (Mr. F. C. Potgieter) and Tristan da Cunha (Mr. Olszewski).

(c) Three-penny Rhino Inland aerogramme with additional 1d. Tristan adhesive, autographed as above.

Note: The last two items do not bear the ship's imprint.

In connection with these mails it is interesting to note that, although South African stamps are no longer valid for use in the British Islands of Tristan da Cunha and Gough and local adhesives were affixed in each case, no postage due was imposed on item (a) despite it being underfranked.

One peculiarity of all three items described is that the figure "8" in the Tristan da Cunha postmark is inverted—thus:—8

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POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNS FOURTH DEFINITIVE ISSUE

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The Postmaster-General is prepared to receive designs for the above-mentioned stamps. The actual sizes of the stamps will be the same as those of the current animal series i.e. some small, some large but the size of submitted drawings should be either 5" x 4" or 6½" x 5". The drawings should preferably be in colour two or three but not more than four colours. They must be in finished art without lettering; the words "South Africa" and "Suid-Afrika" and the values are required, but these must be drawn on a transparent overlay. The themes are not restricted but should be South African in character. They should not, however, include wild animals.

If any design is accepted by the Department the owner will be remunerated at an agreed price and the copyright of the design concerned will pass to the State. The decision of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs will be final and no correspondence concerning the matter will be entertained.

The closing date for the receipt of the designs is the 30th July, 1960, and they must be addressed, postage paid, to: The Assistant Postmaster-General, Postal Division, G.P.O., Pretoria.

CATALOGUE OF EARLY U.S. ISSUES.

Mr. Raynor Hubbell, P.O. Box 573, Griffin Georgia, U.S.A. has published a catalogue and price list of early United States stamps, covers and confederate material. Copies are available free to anyone interested.

UNIPEX



NOTES

*The tumult and the shouting dies,
The Captains and the Kings depart.*

UNIPEX is past and is now but a memory. But what a glorious memory it is! Only one cloud somewhat dims the brightness of it—the fact that our Chairman, Ernie Hunt, had an accident a few days before the opening, severely hurt his back and was only able to pay one short visit to the exhibition at the opening ceremony, and that with such pain that he was unable to come again, much as he wanted to.

It was simply tragic that the man who was the driving force behind all the preparatory work of the past four years, and without whom there might never have been an exhibition, could not take the active part in the climax of his work which he would so loved to have done.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. J. M. Botes, the Postmaster-General. For the benefit mainly of overseas visitors he outlined the postal history of South Africa onwards from 1550 when Joao de Nova ("our first postman") collected from under the milkwood tree at Mossel Bay the account left there by Pedro d'Ataide of the loss of his fleet.

As P.M.G. he was naturally interested in stamps. Waxing poetical he said he regarded them as something which transformed a letter into a magic carpet, one of the millions which dart here, there everywhere over the world of to-day. They were at one and the same time ambassadors, passports, receipts for fees paid, a medium of propaganda, and, sometimes works of art.

After being presented with a Unipex medal by Mr. Hunt, he declared the exhibition open, fully confident that it would be a great success, then made a tour of the frames in the Hall.

Was the Postmaster-General justified in his prophecy that UNIPEX would be a great success? Well, we cannot speak for every visitor, but the Executive Committee considers that the answer is an emphatic "Yes"

in every way. Qualitatively, they asked every member of the Jury to say, quite frankly, from his experience of other International exhibitions whether he considered **UNIPEX** came up to International standards. In every case the answer was "Unquestionably Yes". In corroboration thereof we are publishing the Report of the Jury and the full list of awards. These were drawn up by the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Holmes, and agreed to by every member. Various dealers of international repute, who were present, also confirmed this opinion. Only eight frames of the original allotment were not filled. Three exhibitors from behind the iron curtain sent an excited statement to the effect that their government had prevented them at the last moment from sending. Some exhibits from Norway, Brazil and New Zealand arrived too late to be shown. Only two entries promised for the Court of Honour did not materialise.

Quantitatively, things considerably exceeded our expectations. There were fully 8,000 visitors on the six days of the show and almost 90,000 commemorative covers were sold, of which only some 35,000 were booked orders beforehand.

We have not yet been told why the 3d. stamp with the heads of the six Union Prime Ministers, was made a "Mystery stamp", but if, perchance, it was done to stimulate the sale of stamps and commemorative covers at Unipex, then it can be said that the plan succeeded very well! Some 3,220 people literally forced their way into the Unipex P.O. on May 31st, they bought £1,250 worth of the 3d. stamps and £550 worth of covers from the Unipex stall.

We have read in the philatelic press of mass hysteria associated with first-day issues in Japan, Egypt and U.S.A. We were not very far off it here on that 31st of May. No one who saw it will forget the seething mob which for hours filled the City Hall foyer and the P.O. The climax was reached

when four postal clerks collapsed from sheer overwork; the situation was saved by some of the staff at the Unipex counter grabbing a supply of stamps and a couple of cancellers and so carried on as if they were a full P.O., for long enough to let the postal clerks recover and resume duty.

One evening three members of the Jury gave talks on certain aspects of philately which particularly concerned them. Mr. H. R. Holmes dealt with the work of the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society, London; Mr. W. F. Deakin (of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.) spoke on the work entailed in the production of their catalogues; whilst Mr. H. Cyril Harmer (of H. R. Harmer, Ltd.) described the daily work of a stamp auctioneer. It was altogether an interesting and enlightening evening.

Our visitors, both South African and from overseas, all seemed to enjoy themselves. In fact they radiated such an aura of joy and happiness that if any local resident was feeling in any way depressed or in the dumps, all he had to do was to get next a visitor for five minutes and Hey, Presto, all was well. And they were such good mixers, this applies not only to the pleasurable parts of the week but equally so when there was a job of work to be done. You should have seen the way they took their coats off and assisted with getting the stamps into the frames on the 26th May, and out again on the 5th June. They amply confirmed in every way the old belief—at least as old as the collecting of stamps—Meet a philatelist and you meet a friend.

We do not forget, and we owe them a lot, another band of helpers who were not philatelists. They were 26 mechanics from the Hunt organisation, all volunteers who sacrificed their holidays on the dates just mentioned for the sake of, as they said, "their old man's hobby" which he was unable to be seeing to himself. They fixed up, and later dismantled, the hundreds of rods and thousands of bolts and nuts which went into the construction of the frames, in a fraction of the time poor philatelists alone would have taken.

ZANZIBAR INVALIDATION.

The set of five stamps issued on August 26, 1954, to commemorate the 75th birthday of Sultan Kalif bin Harub, will be invalidated as from July 1.—Australian Stamp Monthly.

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AIRMAIL GROUP—UNIPEX

Although only eleven exhibits were received in this section, the standard was very high. The Pioneer Airmails of Mr. H. Dermody of the U.S.A. included rare items among which was one of "Matin" pigeon cards complete with flimsy, as well as others such as pelicules of the 1870 Paris Balloon flights. The exhibit of Mr. H. E. Scott of England showed the pioneer cards and covers flown internally within the British Isles, including such items as the Crystal Palace card of 1870 and balloon cards of 1902 and 1905, and specialised flights of 1912. It is seldom that such collections can be seen in South Africa. In regard to local exhibits, Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey's two exhibits of Aerogrammes and airposts of Rhodesia and Nyasaland were well up to standard. However it would be as well if collectors of airmails would include the flights of other countries in addition to those flown by British Companies. This would give more completeness to collections. An interesting exhibit was that of Canada-Semi-Official Airmails sent by Mr. J. Wannerton of Cape Town. This showed a big improvement on the exhibit displayed during last year. The

Jury commented favourably on the well annotated sheets of the exhibitors. Rather unusual was the exhibit of Aerial Propoganda Leaflets sent by Mr. R. G. Auckland of England. Although not postal matter, this section is a popular one among some aerophilatelists and could be considered as aerophilatelic history. —M.F.S.

THEMATICS—UNIPEX

This was one of the biggest sections at the Exhibition, there being 43 exhibits. Several entries in this section had to be transferred as they were straight country collections and had not been treated thematically. Unfortunately a number of excellent collections from overseas were not sent. The best exhibit was that of J. Moleenaar, of the Netherlands dealing with Women on Stamps, and richly deserved the American Topical Association Award. This showed thematics at its best, both in setting out, selection of material, coverage by stamps, condition of the stamps, writing up and study of the subject. Close to this large collection came that of Mr. R. A. Harris of England "A Trip to Paris," a smaller subject, but most beautifully set out, and showed how related material can be added to the main subject. Here again selection and condition of the stamps were first class. The other outstanding exhibits were "Ons Land—Suid-Afrika" of Mr. J. H. Bruwer, "Railways and Philately" by J. P. L. Fernandes of Beira, "Autographs on Stamps" by M. MacGregor of the U.S.A. (an interesting exhibit), "Sport on Stamps" by Dr. J. Sherel. Generally however in regard to the balance of the exhibits, a closer study of the international scale of judging would show that more attention must be given to the various points in that scale namely General Impression and Interest 20%, Condition of Stamps 10%, Rarity and Completeness 20%, Philatelic Interest and Knowledge 15%, Knowledge of Subject and Thematic Treatment 25% and Research, Originality and study of the subject 10%. Some local collections are still overburdened with large illustrations which detract from the stamps shown, in some cases too much writing up is done, stamps were cancelled so that the subject illustrated was cancelled out, others again

failed on completeness. (This does not mean every stamp issued but at least a full coverage of the subject), quite a number had not studied catalogues or philatelic literature to find items which would have made their collections even more interesting, e.g. special cancellations etc., others again included stickers of no philatelic value, and omitted stamps which were related and quite common. It would be well to realise that writing must be readable, and although too much writing up is unnecessary, too little is also not advised. The stamps must be the main thing and not submerged by fancy treatment. It would be as well if in future the Thematic Section be divided into the two groups (a) Pure Thematic Exhibits and (b) Special Study subjects treated thematically. In (b) more latitude could be allowed for more extensive writing up, especially where such collections serve for example for educational purposes. There was however all round a large improvement on previous years and most certainly thematic collections are becoming more philatelic every year. Local exhibitors are to be congratulated on the advance made since 1959. —M.F.S.

P.O.W. MAIL—CEYLON

Mr. J. H. Rathbone published in this magazine, April, 1957, and October, 1959, two articles on mail from P.O.W.'s in Ceylon. He has now some addition details to add regarding the marks on such mail. These are taken from the current March issue of the "Anglo-Boer War Philatelist."

(1) The small single circle date stamp used at Ragama Camp with "The Camp" over date in centre occurs in two forms: the date may be in two lines, such as MY 6/01, or in one line, such as 1-4-01. The censor's seal on a cover with the one line mark, with "Opened under Martial Law," normally has a full stop after Law, but on this specimen the stop is missing.

(2) Cover to Ragama Camp from Colombo has been re-sealed by the censor with a torn off portion of the ordinary pink seal, but it has "Boer Camp 7" printed in the corner. A somewhat similar occurrence was reported by Cdr. E. C. Brown in this magazine of July, 1956 on a cover addressed to Diyatalawa Camp.

PORTRAIT GALLERY

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There are no new Commonwealth portraits this time. The others, in catalogue order, are as follows.

1.—Edwin Howard Armstrong, 1890-1954, American electrical engineer, student and later professor in Columbia University, who by his development of the regenerative circuit 1912, the superheterodyne circuit 1920 and the frequency modulation system vastly improved the quality of radio. He appears in a set of six radio inventors issued by Czechoslovakia, but the other five have all appeared before.

2.—The Abbé Charles Michel de l'Épée, 1712-89, on a pair issued by France in aid of Red Cross Funds. He is remembered chiefly for his fine work for the deaf and dumb, for it was he who perfected the one-hand sign alphabet, and in 1770 established the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Paris.

3.—His companion Valentin Haüy, 1745-1822, is likewise honoured for his service of the blind, anticipating the work of Louis Braille by some 60 years in his use of characters embossed on paper to be read by touch. He founded the Institute for the Teaching of the Blind, Paris, in 1884.

4.—Johannes Becher, 1891-1958, writer of the East German National Anthem. His portrait is in slate on a red background. Below each stamp is a label with a verse of the anthem in slate on a mustard-yellow background, the whole effect being decidedly unpleasant.

5.—Imre Nagy, 1896-1958 (illustrated), on a Greek pair issued on December 10 and withdrawn a week later, looks much more like a kindly, capable family physician than a politician with one of the stormiest careers of recent days. He was born near Kaposvar, Hungary, son of a Magyar Calvinist peasant. His story reads like a Phillips Oppenheim novel. Joined the Austro-Hungarian Army 1914, captured by Russians 1915, joined the Red Army 1917, in the short-lived Béla Kun Government 1919, Communist underground organizer, fled to Russia 1929, back in Hungary with the Soviet Army and became Minister of Agriculture, President of the National Assembly 1947, Prime Minister 1953, forced to resign by Matthias Rakosi (SG 1216) 1955,

expelled from the Party, re-admitted and once more Prime Minister 1956, but on November 4 when the Soviet Army returned to Budapest in strength took refuge in the Yugoslav Embassy, which he left after 18 days under a promise that he would be allowed to go home, arrested at once by Soviet Security Officers and deported to Rumania, brought back 1957, tried in secret June 1958, sentenced to death for "conspiracy against the people's republic," executed on the 16th. It is rumoured that this pair was issued as a reprisal for the Russian stamp showing Manolis Glezos the Greek Communist Editor, and that it was withdrawn owing to a misspelling of the name.

6.—Mahtunkuli, a Russian writer born in 1734.

7.—Svante August Arrhenius, 1859-1927 (illustrated), the Swedish scientist, on one of those "triple pairs" we have grown so used to. A very attractive character, an outstanding mathematician, physicist and astronomer, but, far from being the dry-as-dust professor, had qualities that endeared him to a growing circle of friends in the world of science and beyond. Born at the Castle of Wijk near Uppsala, he entered his native university and became one of its brightest alumni. He is chiefly famed for his researches into the behaviours of solutions through which an electric current is passed. His theories of electrolysis, free ions and so on, at first strangely neglected, at length won growing favour, and led the way to remarkable development that has taken place in the field of physical chemistry. He was awarded the Nobel Chemistry Prize in 1903.



8.—Karl Milty, 1833—99, on the lowest value of the five Swiss "Pro Juventute" stamps for 1959, was a lawyer and philosopher, Member of the National Council from 1890. The other four stamps of the set are delightful studies of common flowers.

9.—Father Flanagan (however many more Roman Catholic clergymen are we going to have?) who seems to be the head of a kind of "Boy's Town" at Los Ninos, Costa Rica.

10-14.—Five ex-Presidents of Cuba, whose terms of office ranged from 1873 to 1897—Salvador Cisneros Betancourt, Frederico Javier de Cespedes, Vicente Garcia, Juan Spotorno and Manuel de Jesus Calvar.

15.—A Roman Catholic prelate who is also a distinguished philatelist, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York on a Nicaraguan set of 12. Of these the 25 centavos furnishes the most pleasing portrait, and this does not say much.

One might mention also two quaint mouldings, one on a Church bell, the other on a Church tower, on the Liechtenstein Christmas set of three, and a number of Royalties on coins of Portuguese India, but it may well be argued that these hardly qualify for portrait collection.

—W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS.

SWAZILAND POSTAL HISTORY

STAGE I: 7.7.87 TO 18.10.89

This stage is described in my pamphlet on the stamps and postal history of Swaziland and New Republic thus: A bag was made up weekly at the Government offices in Embekelweni and sent by runner to Steynsdorp (just across the Transvaal border) where the letters were stamped with Z.A.R. stamps, these being paid for out of a deposit kept there. Private individuals were allowed to use the bag, paying cash at Embekelweni for the postage due on their packets.

Up to now only one cover has been reported as carried by this service but it is an unquestionable Swaziland item, which is described and illustrated in the pamphlet. It is an official envelope marked "On the Swazie King's Service"; is addressed to Pietermaritzburg and is franked by a 2d. Z.A.R. stamp, cancelled by the single-circle Steynsdorp postmark of date SP-11-88.

This cover is no longer unique. In his Postal History auction No. 248 Mr. Robson Lowe records a very similar specimen, although of larger size. It was addressed to Kimberley, bearing a Z.A.R. 2d. stamp cancelled at Steynsdorp in 1888.

It was valued at £7 in the auction catalogue, but actually fetched ??

J. H. HARVEY PIRIE.

SWAZILAND.

Postal Stationery pre-1900.

In Stage 2 of Swaziland's postal history (Oct., 1889-7 Nov., 1894) when the country was a joint British-Z.A.R. Protectorate the Z.A.R. had the postal rights and the stamps used were those of the Z.A.R. overprinted "Swazieland". It is understood that no postal stationery was so overprinted, although a postcard appeared in 1893 with an overprint, but it was later declared to be bogus and not authorised.

STAMPS STOLEN.

Dr. H. J. Raubenheimer, of Koedoe Bldgs., Pretorius Street, Pretoria, informs us that his collection of Union stamps has been stolen. It was in 5 albums and 4 stock books.

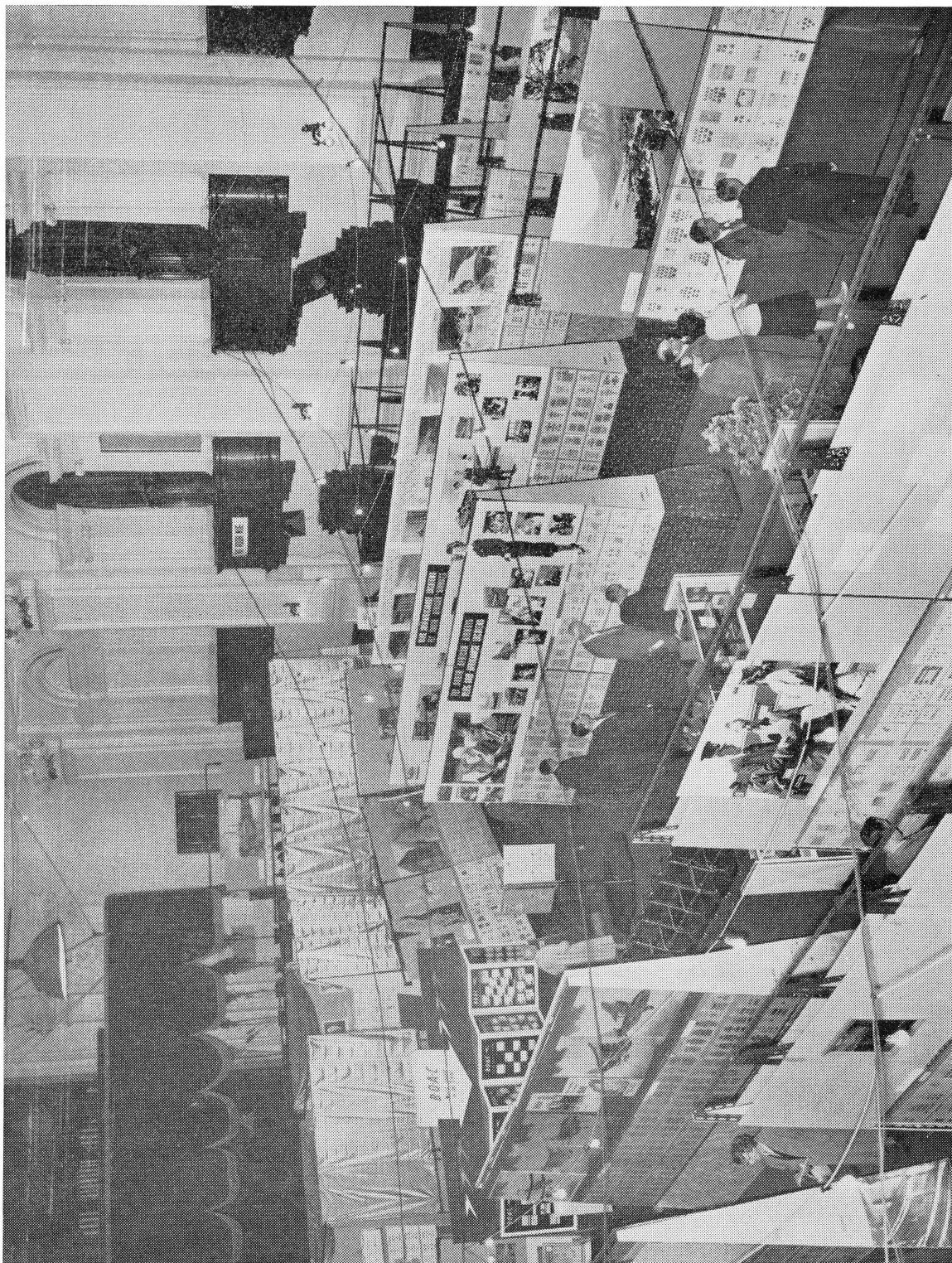
It covered practically every issue of Unions, except the 2nd pictorials which somehow the thieves missed.

In the stock books were also some miscellaneous Southern Africans, all good.

If anyone gets on the track of material which might have come from this collection would they please get in touch with Dr. Raubenheimer (Tel. 31990).

CANADA.

We are indebted to the Canadian Postmaster-General for a Post Office Official First Day cover bearing a specimen of the first commemorative of 1960, this being a 5c. stamp honouring the Golden Jubilee of the Girl Guide movement in Canada. Their association is the third largest in the world, and they claim to have the most northerly company in the world, viz. at Aklavik, N.W. Terr. (lat 68°N), of which many members are Eskimos. The stamp is an attractive one featuring the Association's badge in blue and brown on white, with no border.



UNIPEX—VIEW OF EXHIBITION

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Golden Jubilee
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REPORT OF THE JURY

The exhibits in the competitive classes were of a very high standard and this is reflected in the number of gold and silver-gilt awards. Every award was the result of a unanimous decision of the Jury.

The Jury would like to put on record its appreciation of the services of its Secretary, Mr. Boris Glassman, and of the assistance given by Miss Wendy Harmer. It should be noted that Mr. Glassman had no part in assessing the merits of any collections considered by the Jury and was not present when his own collections in the competitive classes were discussed.

Certain collections which had been wrongly entered were transferred to their correct class, notably Mr. W. C. White's Air Posts of the Union, which should have been entered in Group K.

Every assistance was rendered by the members of the Executive Committee, and the thanks of the Jury are hereby extended to them.

One of the more regrettable features of modern international Exhibitions is the repeated entry in the competitive classes of certain collections which have already received numerous gold medals. The Jury wishes to record its opinion that it would be more in the interest of philately if these collections were in future exhibited *hors concours*.

Messrs. G. Bolaffi (Italy) M. Diena (Italy) and H. L. Lindquist (U.S.A.) were invited to serve on the Jury, but their inability to visit South Africa prevented them from being effective members.

H. R. HOLMES, Chairman.

AWARDS

The Grand Prix

R. S. WILKINS, Great Hallinbury, England:
Cape of Good Hope Triangulares.

Best Collection of Union of South Africa:
S. LEGATOR, Benoni, South Africa.

Best Collection of Israel:
S. LEGATOR, Benoni, South Africa.

**Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town
Medallion for Best British Commonwealth
Collection:**

G. E. BURGHARD, New York, U.S.A.

**Silver Plaque, Presented by Die Voortrekkers,
Beperk for the Best Entry in the
Junior Section.**

F. E. CARTER, New Westminster, Canada:
Ceylon.

American Philatelic Society's Diploma:

L. FEINSTEIN, Johannesburg, S.A.: South Africa.

American Topical Association's Diploma

J. MOLENAAR, Breda, Netherlands: "Eve".

Gold Medals

Dr. T. B. Berry, Bryanston, S.A.: *Union of South Africa*.

S. Legator, Benoni, S.A.: *Union of South Africa*.

C. Donne, Cowes, England: *St. Helena*.

L. Abrams, Johannesburg, S.A.: *South West Africa*.

W. M. Holbeach, East Malvern, Australia: *France up to 1900*.

R. A. G. Lee, London, England: *Great Britain*.

E. Gerrish, London, England: *Netherlands—First Issue*.

J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *First Issue of Netherlands*.

Baron B. Lagercrantz, Cirsbo, Sweden (with congratulations of the Jury): *Sweden, 1852-1872*.

Major A. E. Hopkins, Bath, England: *Afghanistan Stamps, Mint and on Cover*.

J. H. G. Galbraith, Cape Town, S.A.: *Ceylon—Pence Issues*.

G. E. Burghard, New York, U.S.A.: *Hong Kong and Treaty Ports*.

L. E. Dawson, Dublin, Eire: *India, 1852-55*.

C. M. C. Symes, Middleton-on-Sea, England: *Siam*.

C. W. Mackie, St. Helier, England: *Provinces of British North America*.

H. Goody, Bramhall, England: *Newfoundland—Pence Issues*.

S. J. Harris, London, England: *Newfoundland*.

E. K. Lickfold, Painswick, England: *Barbados*.

J. B. Harriott, Goldaming, England: *Trinidad*.

Dr. H. Koefman, London, England: *Falkland Islands and Dependencies*.

W. M. Holbeach, East Malvern, Australia: *Australia*.

J. A. Kilfoyle: *Commonwealth of Australia*.

E. G. Creed, Malvern, Australia: *New Guinea*.

- R. E. Darnton, Cranbrook, England: *20th Century G.B. & G.B. Overprints.*
 J. E. Frankland, Johannesburg, S.A.: *King Edward VII Portraits.*

Silver-Gilt Medals

- C. R. Reynolds, Grahamstown, S.A.: *Cape of Good Hope 1652-1910.*
 R. A. G. Lee, London, England: *Gambia.*
 R. A. Agabeg, New Malden, England: *Gold Coast 1788-1902.*
 J. F. Hurter, Cape Town, S.A.: *Gold Coast.*
 M. E. Legnazzi, Berne, Switzerland: *Natal.*
 G. M. Brown, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Nyasaland.*
 A. C. Fenn, Sutton Coldfield, England: *Orange Free State.*
 A. R. Kleiner, London, England: *Orange Free State and Orange River Colony.*
 R. A. Agabeg, New Malden, England: *St. Helena 1856-1902.*
 H. V. Farmer, Farnham, England (with felicitations): *Seychelles.*
 G. H. van Rooyen, Bloemfontein, S.A.: *South West Africa.*
 A. Meierhans, Zürich, Switzerland: *Togo—Anglo-French Occupation.*
 J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *German States.*
 Dr. R. Seichter, Soltau, Germany: *Ukraine 1918-20.*
 V. A. Rowe, Wallington, England: *India used in Burma.*
 S. Hirschmann, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Israel.*
 S. Legator, Benoni, S.A.: *Israel.*
 Mrs. G. Barratt, Aidattin, Eire: *Newfoundland.*
 D. C. Meyerson, New York, U.S.A.: *Newfoundland—Pre-Stamp Covers.*
 H. S. Plougmann, Cape Town, S.A.: *Danish West Indies.*
 Mrs. G. W. Higgs, Bahamas: *Grenada.*
 J. D. Todd, Sunderland, England: *Chile.*
 A. R. Burge, Wellington, New Zealand: *Cook Islands Crown Overprints and New Zealand Dependencies.*
 Dr. J. W. Avery, Darfield, New Zealand: *New Zealand.*
 H. L. Bartrop, Highworth, England: *New Zealand.*
 L. C. Viney, Launceston, Australia: *Tasmanian Postal Markings.*
 J. Gartner, Melbourne, Australia: *Victoria.*
 Dr. F. Drusinsky, East London, S.A.: *Anglo-Boer War.*
 L. Feinstein, Johannesburg, S.A.: *South Africa.*
 A. L. Meyburgh, Bloemfontein, S.A.: *Anglo-Boer War Philately.*
 J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *Dutch Colonies.*

Silver Medals

- G. Feros, East London, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—De La Rue Issues.*
 C. E. Kachelhoffer, Bloemfontein, S.A.: *Union of South Africa.*
 E. S. C. Lauder, Glasgow, Scotland: *Union of South Africa.*
 A. L. Leon, Durban, S.A.: *"South Africa Learns to Make Stamps."*
 M. J. Rall, Heidelberg, Cape, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—Booklet Stamps.*
 L. Simenhoff, Cape Town, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—"Used Abroad" in South West Africa.*
 G. N. Gilbert, Westminster, S.A.: *Basutoland.*
 G. M. Brown, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Bechuanaland.*
 S. Legator, Benoni, S.A.: *Cape of Good Hope Triangulars.*
 Dr. H. Stock, Bensheim-Auerbach, Germany: *German East Africa.*
 Mrs. G. H. Hunt, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Griqualand West.*
 B. Glassman, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Mozambique and Mozambique Company.*
 A. Richardson, Grimsby, England: *British Somaliland.*
 D. Lamont Smith, Johannesburg, S.A.: *South West Africa.*
 J. G. Walker, Durban, S.A.: *South West Africa.*
 C. Hardeman Smith, Birmingham, England: *Sudan.*
 J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *Albania.*
 W. Oppenheim, Johannesburg, S.A. (with felicitations): *Austria, Lombardy and Levant.*
 B. L. Barker, Grantham, England: *Belgium.*
 J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *Bulgaria.*
 E. A. Hellman, Iittala, Finland: *Revenue Stamps of Finland.*
 D. G. Mortlock, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: *France—1849-1876.*
 L. J. Picton, Cape Town, S.A.: *Great Britain 1d. Line Engraved 1840-1879.*
 A. G. Versino, Cape Town, S.A.: *Great Britain.*
 J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *Latvia.*

- R. Tocila, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *Netherlands—Field Postmarks.*
 J. A. Birch, Liverpool, England: *Norway.*
 C. W. Roberts, Ilminster, England: *Ukraine (Podolia).*
 A. W. Bunn, Footscray, Australia: *Aden 1839-1960.*
 S. Harris, Ilford, England: *Malaya.*
 W. Adgey-Edgar, Guildford, England: *Manchuria.*
 Prof. J. M. Watt, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Postal History of the Netherlands Indies and Indonesia.*
 W. J. Willis, Shirley, Croyden, England: *Dutch East Indies 1790-1870.*
 J. M. Weinstein, Pretoria, S.A. (with felicitations): *Palestine - Forerunners.*
 W. Adgey-Edgar, Guildford, England: *Tibet.*
 L. Hellman, East London, S.A.: *U.S.A.*
 D. A. Dromberg, Helsinki, Finland: *Empire of Brazil 1881-89.*
 V. McFarlane, Mt. Albert, New Zealand: *Fiji.*
 Sir. J. D. Ward, Bt., Christchurch, New Zealand: *New Zealand.*
 E. R. Gibbs, Taihape, New Zealand: *Antarctic Postal History.*
 B. Glassman, Johannesburg, S.A.: *King George VI.*
 Major A. E. Hopkins, Bath, England: *Salvaged Mail from Sea and Land.*
 G. Sattin, Elstree, England: *British Commonwealth Bisects.*
 D. C. Styles, Potters Bar, England (with felicitations): *Antarctic Expeditions.*
 C. R. Reynolds, Grahamstown, S.A.: *Stamp Designs of Britain and British Empire.*

Bronze Medals

- R. D. Allen, Snr., London, England: *Union of South Africa—Shipping Postmaster Marks.*
 J. A. Bruwer, Krugersdorp, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—Animal Series.*
 G. Feros, East London, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—Interprovincials, "Used Abroad."*
 P. D. Haigh, Harold Wood, England (with felicitations): *Union of Africa—2d. Union Buildings—Plates V - VIII.*
 W. Oppenheim, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Belgian Congo, 1894-1923.*
 Mrs. G. H. Hunt, Johannesburg, S.A.: *New Republic.*
 H. Schwartz, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Rhodesia 1890—1925.*
 G. D. B. Williams, Johannesburg, S.A. (with felicitations): *Rhodesian Postmarks and Postal History.*
 G. M. Brown, Johannesburg, S.A.: *St. Helena.*
 Mrs. F. Redford, Johannesburg, S.A.: *British Somaliland.*
 Mrs. G. H. Hunt, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Stellaland.*
 Mrs. G. H. Hunt, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Transvaal—"Pietersburg."*
 C. S. Rosenberg, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Transvaal.*
 J. W. Syddal, Stockport, England: *Austria—Pre-Stamp Markings.*
 Dr. W. Reiner-Deutsch, New York, U.S.A.: *Czechoslovakia.*
 H. V. Farmer, Farnham, England: *France 1849—1875.*
 N. Hill, Rotherham, England: *Pioneer British Railway T.P.O.'s.*
 J. S. Lewis, Johannesburg, S.A.: *British Victorian Issues.*
 C. W. Meredith, Broughty Ferry, Scotland (with felicitations): *Scots Local Cancellations.*
 B. Rogers-Tillstone, Capt. R. N. Ditching, England: *20th Century Great Britain.*
 J. Michelson, Johannesburg, S.A. (with felicitations): *Latvia.*
 M. Marcussen, Tromsø, Norway: *Malta.*
 J. G. G. Kupferman, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Netherlands.*
 R. Ward, Sheffield, England: *Netherlands Postal History.*
 H. V. Farmer, Farnham, England: *Norway—Posthorn Issues.*
 A. R. Kleiner, London, England: *Poland and Polish Locals.*
 H. J. Eisemann, Bristol, U.S.A.: *Roumania (Moldavia-Wallachia).*
 B. Seelig, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Switzerland.*
 J. G. G. Kupferman, Johannesburg, S.A. (with felicitations): *Yugoslavia.*
 D. W. Schaefer, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: *Hejaz Nejd and Saudi Arabia.*
 S. M. Boss, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Indo-China.*
 B. Glassman, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Israel.*
 Lt.-Col. S. E. Hands, High Wycombe, England: *Israel-Interim Provisional Issues.*
 C. Waner, Brakpan, S.A.: *Israel.*
 The late G. A. Shoyer, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Canadian Re-entries and Re-touches.*
 J. Wannerton, Cape Town, S.A.: *Canada and Canada—O.H.M.S.*

- G. Economides, Johannesburg, S.A.: *U.S.A.*
 A. P. Francis, Atlanta, U.S.A.: *U.S. Official Stamps overprinted "Specimen"*.
 C. A. Cilliers, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Bahamas*.
 H. M. Tozer, Peterborough, England: *Early Argentina*.
 D. E. G. Naish, Wellington, New Zealand: *New Zealand "Healths"*.
 N. C. Combrink, Paarl, S.A.: *Anglo-Boer War*.
 I. E. Hall, Cape Town, S.A.: *British Commonwealth Booklets*.
 E. M. McNaughton, Invercargill, N. Zealand: *Antarctica*.
 Miss M. Suklje, Benoni, S.A.: *King George VI Stamps*.
 F. von Broembsen, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Stamp Centenary Issues*.
 C. Waner, Brakpan, S.A.: *King George VI*.
 W. S. Yelland, West Rand, S.A.: *South African Postal Services in World War II*.

Diplomas

- J. Joseph, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—Rotogravure Issues*.
 D. I. Macphail, Hunters Hill, Australia: *Union of South Africa 1910 to date*.
 J. P. Roux, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—Rotogravures and Officials*.
 E. Walker, Pretoria, S.A.: *Union of South Africa—Officials*.
 N. C. Combrink, Paarl, S.A.: *Cape of Good Hope Rectangulars & Postmarks*.
 B. Seelig, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Madagascar*.
 R. B. Anderson, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: *Mozambique*.
 J. S. Lewis, Johannesburg, S.A.: *B.S.A. Co., Rhodesia*.
 J. E. Creewel, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia: *Local Postage Stamps of Denmark*.
 T. Schlee, Neu-Isenburg, Germany: *Finland—Field Post*.
 B. Seelig, Johannesburg, S.A.: *France*.
 Miss A. E. Archer, Diep Rivier, S.A.: *Greece*.
 C. R. Linde, Helsingborg, Sweden: *Helsingborg Local Post*.
 J. Poulie, Amsterdam, Netherlands: *U.S.S.R.*
 F. H. Carter, New Westminster, Canada: *China*.
 I. A. Miller, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Israel-Gaza and Sinai Campaign*.
 A. Brasch, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Errors in Design*.
 S. L. Crozet, Germiston, S.A.: *Antarctic Expeditions*.
 H. G. Kershaw, Sheffield, England: *I.G.Y. in Antarctica*.
 W. Kriste, Pretoria, S.A.: *Stamp Centenary Issues*.

AIR MAILS

Silver-gilt Medal.

- H. Dermody, Cicero, U.S.A.: *Pioneer Air Mails*.

Silver Medals

- I. H. C. Godfrey, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Aerogrammes of Britain and Colonies and of the Union of South Africa. Air Posts of Rhodesia and Nyasaland*.
 J. S. Langabeer, Auckland, New Zealand: *Newfoundland Air Mails*.
 H. E. Scott, Weybridge, England (with felicitations): *British Internal Pioneer Air Mails*.

Bronze Medals

- W. C. White, Bishop Auckland, England (with felicitations): *Union of South Africa, Air Posts*.
 R. G. Auckland, St. Albans, England (with felicitations): *Aerial Propaganda Leaflets*.
 R. N. Castignani, Pretoria, S.A.: *Italian Air Services*.
 C. J. Goodpastor, Auburn, U.S.A. (with felicitations): *Aerogrammes*.
 Major A. E. Hopkins, Bath, England: *Salvaged Air Mail*.
 W. Lambert, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Air Mail Stamps*.
 J. Wannerton, Cape Town, S.A.: *Canada—Semi-Official Air Mails*.

Diploma

- I. Greenbaum, Pretoria, S.A.: *South African Air-mail 1911-1940*.

THEMATIC COLLECTIONS

Silver-gilt Medals

- J. Molenaar, Breda, Netherlands: *"Eve."*

Silver Medals

- J. H. Bruwer, Krugersdorp, S.A.: *Ons Land—Suid-Afrika*.
 J. L. P. Fernandes, Beira, P.E.A.: *Railways and Philately*.
 R. A. Harris, Peterborough, England: *A Trip to Paris*.
 M. MacGregor, New York, U.S.A.: *Autographs on Stamps*.

Bronze Medals

- Dr. T. Sheree, Pretoria, S.A.: *Sport on Stamps*.
 F. L. Archer, Diep Rivier, S.A.: *Masters and Masterpieces*.
 J. H. Bruwer, Krugersdorp, S.A.: *The Old Testament*.
 R. N. Castignani, Pretoria, S.A.: *Nudes on Stamps*.
 N. C. Combrink, Paarl, S.A. (with felicitations): *Religion on Stamps*.
 N. C. Combrink, Paarl, S.A.: *Die Perd op Posseëls*.
 F. C. Ferguson, Johannesburg, S.A.: *World Catholicism*.
 R. A. Gilzean, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Famous People*.
 L. Hellman, East London, S.A. (with felicitations): *Philatelic Terms Illustrated*.
 H. Hocke, Coulsdon, England: *Stamps and the Iron and Steel Industries*.
 J. M. Keet, Roodepoort, S.A.: *The Olympic Games*.
 R. W. Frau, Mülheim, a.d. Ruhr, W. Germany (with felicitations): *The Youth of the World*.
 Miss R. Polchet, Sea Point, S.A.: *Queen Elizabeth II*.
 C. R. Reynolds, Grahamstown, S.R.: *The Story of Man*.
 L. Simenhoff, Cape Town, S.A.: *Flora*.
 F. Stieglbauer, Pötschach, Austria: *From Icarus to Jet-Hunters*.
 O. Wollrab, Goch, Western Germany: *Europa—Union*.
 W. G. Wright, Bradford, England: *The World of the Ship*.
 A. Zimmermann, Stuttgart, W. Germany: *Scouts*.

Diplomas

- Miss A. E. Archer, Diep Rivier, S.A.: *Saints and Madonnas*.
 Miss A. E. Archer, Diep Rivier, S.A.: *History of Greece*.
 F. L. Archer, Diep Rivier, S.A.: *Men at War*.
 F. L. Archer, Diep Rivier, S.A.: *Sport and its Beginnings*.
 Miss T. H. Blyth, Ladismith, S.A.: *Story of the British Empire and Commonwealth*.
 F. C. Ferguson, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Boy Scouts and Girl Guides*.
 I. H. C. Godfrey, Johannesburg, S.A.: *The Conquest of Antarctica*.
 Dr. P. Hack, Pretoria, S.A.: *Medicine and Nursing*.
 J. W. Hodgson, Bloemfontein, S.A.: *Nobel-Prize Winners*.
 J. K. B. Ingham, Redcar, England: *Stamps as an Aid to Human Geography*.
 J. M. Keet, Roodepoort, S.A.: *Sports on Stamps*.
 Mrs. G. R. Koralek, Johannesburg, S.A.: *Madonnas*.
 K. Michlik, St. Pölten, Austria: *War Diary 1942-45*.
 Miss M. E. Parsons, New York, U.S.A.: *Sports*.
 R. Q. Tarr, Grahamstown, S.A.: *Fish*.
 R. Ward, Sheffield, England: *Waterfalls*.
 J. M. Wilson, Glasgow, Scotland: *World Sports*.

JUNIOR SECTION

Silver Medals

- F. E. Carter, New Westminster, Canada: *Ceylon*.
 J. N. Langabeer, Auckland, New Zealand (with felicitations): *Greenland*.

Bronze Medals

- R. A. Aldred, London, England: *General Collection*.
 R. W. Legator, Benoni, S.A. (with felicitations): *A Zoo*.
 R. J. Stauber, Toledo, U.S.A.: *Ships on Stamps*.
 B. van der Vijver, East London, S.A.: *Great Britain*.

Diplomas

- R. C. Jones, Bloemfontein, S.A.: *Israel—Maximum Cards*.
 D. Zuckerelli, Ahrweiler, W. Germany: *First-day covers—East Germany*.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE

Silver-gilt Diplomas

- Stanley Gibbons Ltd., London, England: *Magazine and Catalogues*.

Zumstein & Cie., Berne, Switzerland: *Magazine and Catalogue*.

Silver Diplomas

Francis J. Field Ltd., Sutton Coldfield, England: *Magazine and Handbooks*.

Dr. H. W. Gewande, Berlin, Germany: *Book*.

Stanley Gibbons Ltd., London, England: *Monographs and Handbooks*.

Minkus Publications Inc., New York, U.S.A.: *Catalogues*.

Mosden Stamp Company, New York, U.S.A.: *Magazine and Catalogue*.

Ernst Müller, Basle, Switzerland: *Book and Catalogues*.

J. K. Rietdijk, The Hague, Netherlands: *Book*.

Dr. G. B. Salisbury, Philadelphia, U.S.A.: *Journal*.

L. N. & M. Williams, London, England: *Books*.

H. V. Farmer, London, England: *Book*.

Bronze Diplomas

Fritz Billig, New York, U.S.A.: *Handbook and Catalogue*.

A. C. Feen, Sutton Coldfield, England: *Monograph*.

Great Britain Philatelic Society, London, England: *Journals*.

N. Hill, Rotherham, England: *Magazine*.

C. E. Sherwood, Sale, England: *Magazine*.

D. Patrick, Canada: *Book*.

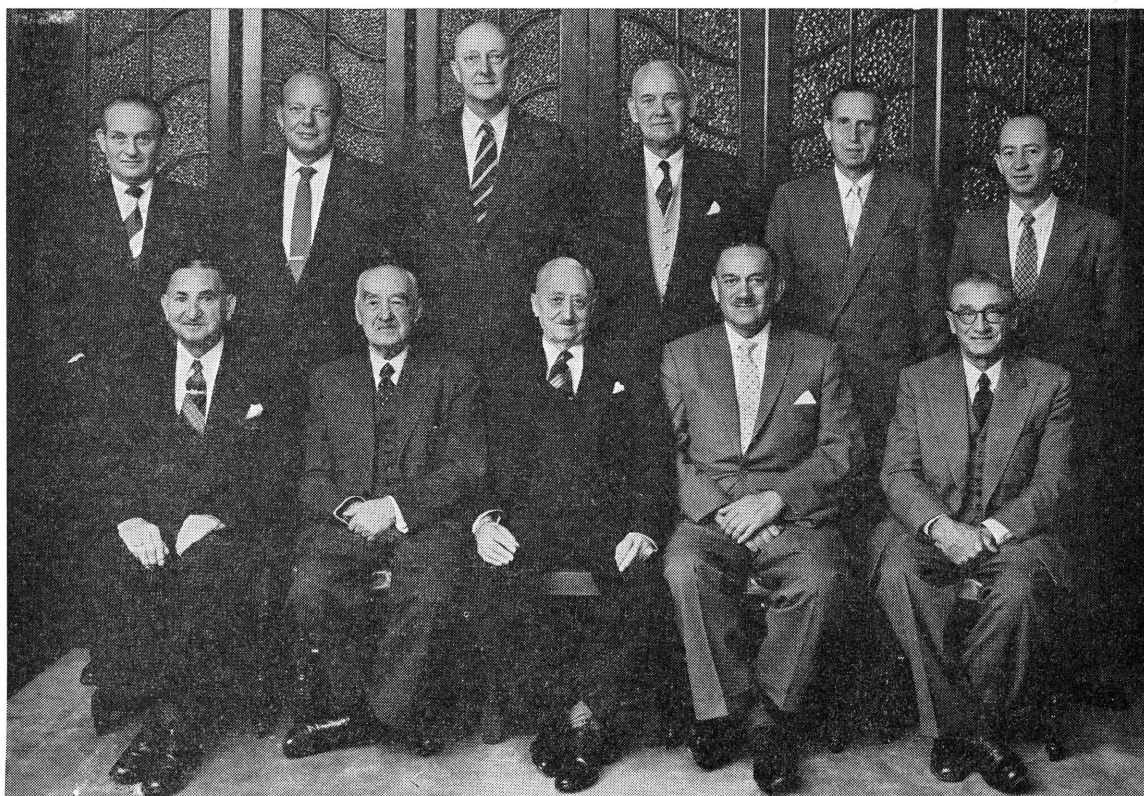
MEMORIES OF UNIPEX

By A Visitor

Unipex 1960 has come and gone, but it has left behind a wonderful memory of philatelic friendships made and renewed and of the finest array of Postage Stamps ever displayed at an Exhibition in South Africa.

How anybody can possibly do justice in a short article to the philatelic feast that was offered is truly an insoluble problem, but, with full knowledge of the proverb concerning fools and angels, I offer this very inadequate tribute to the show!

First of all let me make is quite clear—"no names no pack-drills!" In so vast an



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Back Row: W. G. Hesse, R. B. Ingle, D. Lamont Smith, G. M. Brown, K. E. W. Lydall, S. J. Vermaak.

Front Row: F. C. Ferguson, Dr. J. H. Harvey Pirie, Ernest Hunt, Sam Legator, W. N. Sheffield.

assembly of rarities and magnificence it would be invidious to name a few exhibitors and manifestly impossible to name them all. I must therefore confine myself to generalisation and only mention a few of the many outstanding plums which caught the philatelic eye!

I must start by stressing the very high general level of the exhibits, which was fully up to the most exigent overseas standards and only extraneous matters caused the absence of an invited exhibit of early Mauritius, which although greatly missed were amply compensated for by other treasures.

The Court of Honour was dominated by a magnificent display selected from the collection of Her Majesty the Queen which was very much admired by all those who were lucky enough to visit the Exhibition and included a number of G.B. Imprimistures and Die proofs of the De La Rue Issues, a number of early Transvaal tête-bêche pairs and some remarkable Union Kings Head proofs and colour trials.

Among a vast array of other rarities shown here I noticed a magnificent strip of the 2 reales Honduras 1866 on cover, Hungary 25kr. litho on cover, the "Missing Virgin," an original study of the "Beaded Oval" types of Victoria, plated copies of G.B. Archer trial perforations, early German States, Sicilian covers etc., etc.

Pride of place among the competitive entries must, naturally, go to the collection of Cape of Good Hope which was awarded the Grand Prix and included among many other items no less than eight woodblock errors of colour and six retouched 4d. as well as a 4d. S.G. 2 used on cover and written by David Livingstone. Incidentally this was the first time this collection had been shown—a remarkable achievement.

Among the European classics I particularly noticed two 1849 French tête-bêche pairs on cover and a fine 1 Fr. orange-vermilion on cover closely followed by no less than three 1d. blacks used on covers on May 6, 1840. The first issue of Netherlands provided several particularly fine displays and there was an absolute glut of the 1855 3 sk green of Sweden with no less than four on one piece with one 8 sk!

All the modern G.B. rarities such as K.G. V $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Cyprus-green, and K.G. VI tête-bêche and Q.E. II imperf. varieties were on display and I was particularly impressed with a number of displays of Local Stamps

from Sweden, and Denmark etc., a most unusual display in South Africa.

Among Asiatic displays mention must be made of a truly fantastic collection of Afghanistan and a wonderful collection of Hong Kong including several copies of S.G. 49b used in different treaty ports and a magnificent cover from Macao with no less than 31 copies of the 96 cents. India was represented by a copy of her 4 annas with inverted Head of Siam by a number of Essays, 1st issue on covers and many errors of surcharges and rare items of postal stationery.

The Americas included one of the finest displays of British North America that can ever have been assembled under one roof. Among the outstanding items included in these displays may be mentioned British Columbia 5 cents imperf., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia 1/- values in profusion (!) 2 Prince Edward Island 4d. bisects on covers and one of only 3 known 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on cover besides every rarity of Newfoundland including the modern Airmails! Other American items of note included two copies of the Lady MacLeod of Trinidad and a fine selection of proofs from Barbados. Also on view was a fine study of the 1881-89 issue of Brazil, a collection of Chile including a magnificent mint block of 4 of 1853 with Ivory Head and a used copy of the 10c error of wmk. "20". Later issues included S.G. 173 with centre inverted and also with frame doubly printed. Last but not least in this section was a remarkable collection of Falkland Islands including a number of covers with both the small black and large red Frank.

Among the Australasians I noticed a part cover of Fiji with 3d. and 6d. Express stamps, a very fine collection of New Guinea and a magnificent study of early Tasmanian Postal markings.

In conclusion I must state that there were many other outstanding items displayed, such as Togo, Netherlands East Indies etc., which space alone prevent mention and the omission of any country, display or group is due solely to consideration of space and not to lack of appreciation.

I should add that I visited the Exhibition on every day it was open but could easily have spent a further fortnight enjoying the fare and even then would not have exhausted the pleasures to be obtained from viewing these outstanding collections, which constant examination only resulted in yet further discoveries of philatelic delight.

Finally may I couple my thanks to those collectors from all over the world whose displays gave me so much pleasure with my sympathy to those many Southern African and other collectors who were unable to visit Unipex and share in this unforgettable philatelic experience.

REVIEWS

Two Reigns Postage Stamp Catalogue, a priced catalogue of the postage stamps of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Seventh Edition, published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd. Price 8/6 plus postage.

In the introduction the publishers explain the late appearance of this 1960 International Exhibition edition of this catalogue as being due to the printers' dispute of last year. It should have appeared in Autumn 1959. The late publication has how-

ever, given the publishers the opportunity of linking up this edition with the London International Stamp Exhibition and of including new issues up to February 1960.

There has been an up-to-date minute revision of all prices. The catalogue of 323+ pages and contains 2,661 illustrations and refers to 10,107 stamps all issued during the two reigns referred to by countries included in the British Commonwealth.

A few catalogue numbers have been altered in this new edition. These alterations are given in detail after the index.

Specialised Catalogue of first day covers of Italy, The Vatican and San Marino.

This catalogue is written in Italian but the illustrations of each issue render it easy to follow. Prices are given in Italian Lira and at the beginning of the book is the International coinage of most countries and the exchange rate with Italian Lira is shown.



The Germiston Philatelic Society

This Society is indeed proud to announce that the City Council of Germiston has most graciously permitted it to use the coat-of-arms of the City. The heraldic description of these arms is as follows:

A hawk, mounting on its wings, at the top of the design represents the Rand Airport. The shield is supported on either side by an eland, each of which has a hind hoof resting on a heraldic fountain. This is symbolic of the name of the farm after which the city was originally named; this however, was altered to Germiston when the town was surveyed. In the arms are two ox-wagons which depict early transport to the Witwatersrand goldfields, while the transverse lines on the shield represent the important railway junction—the largest in Africa. The three roundels or bezants located between the diagonal lines are symbolic of the gold mining industry. The motto of the city is SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX—"The welfare of the People is the Supreme Law."

Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the third Thursday of every month and visitors are welcome.

President: Dr. J. J. van Niekerk.

Vice President: Mr. N. E. Parkin.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Messrs. C. E. Adams, F. E. Drake, S. J. Hagger, S. Hesselbarth, Mrs. A. G. Libetreau, Mr. L. G. V. Mayne, Mr. H. van der Ham.

Hon. Auctioneers: Mr. A. C. Rix.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. S. L. Crozet, Assoc. Society of Postal Historians.

Further particulars may be had from the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 30, Germiston.

The catalogue contains 122 pages +. It is published by Eisizioni Culturali Internazionali—Piazza E. Fermi, 43-Roma-Italia. The Price is 11/-.

The Maritime Postal History of London, by Alan W. Robertson, Published by Robson Lowe Ltd. Price 35/- plus 2/- postage.

The main portion of this work, which is published on the occasion of the London International Stamp Exhibition, is a catalogue of all the known hand-stamps connected with London Maritime Mail for the period 1766-1960. It includes handstamps of paid and unpaid ship letters, packet letters, paquebots, India ship and paquet letters, India soldiers letters, special purpose handstamps, and naval mail. Each hand-stamp is given a catalogue number and is fully described.

The work includes a history of the London Ship Letters office 1799-1847. A section deals with "Rates and Charges."

There are four appendices comprising sketch maps of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland and a map of the Southampton mailcoach road. The work is fully illustrated and is printed on beautiful paper and is well bound.

The context of the book is based upon the London section of the standard reference encyclopaedia "The Maritime Postal History of the British Isles 1760 to date" by the same author.

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R.D.P.

Three Distinguished Philatelists are due to sign the Roll at a meeting of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain to be held in the Royal Festival Hall on 14th July. They are

(1) **James Alfred Birch** (Great Britain), for his many years of research work on the stamps of Scandinavian countries.

(2) **John Easton** (Great Britain) for his painstaking work into the printing methods used for British and Foreign stamps.

(3) **Jan Poulie** (Holland), a collector with world-wide interests, although perhaps mainly European. His studies of the early issues of the Netherlands and of the Dutch Colonies are internationally known.

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CONGRESS NOTES

The following notes do not purport to be a full account of the doings of Congress, merely references to the more important items. Full minutes will be sent to all delegates and constituent societies in due course.

The XXII Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa was held in the Duncan Hall, Johannesburg on 1, 2 and 3 June, 1960 under the chairmanship of Mr. Sam Legator, President of the Federation. It was the largest Congress ever, no doubt due to the contemporaneous attraction of UNIPEX.

In introducing Councillor Alec Gorshel M.P.C., Mayor of Johannesburg, and asking him to officially open Congress, the Chairman referred to his many civic and other activities and mentioned particularly how indebted UNIPEX and Congress were to him and the City Council. Mr. Gorshel in his official opening speech, which was given partly in English and partly in Afrikaans, welcomed both Congress representatives from all over Southern Africa and various overseas visitors. He could think of no fitter continent than Africa at the moment for the holding of a Philatelic Congress—with its many emergent new states which would provide stamp collectors with a wealth of new stamps. He hoped, however, that they would not be like some countries established since World War II and regard philatelists as an unfailing source of revenue by frequent changes in stamp designs and denominations! In the Union the introduction of decimalisation next year would also create heaven, or havoc, for philatelists. Which will it be?.

Early on, an interesting event took place when Mr. H. R. Holmes, acting on behalf of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, presented two South Africans with tangible recognition of their having been elected to the International Roll of Distinguished Philatelists kept by that body. Neither of them had yet been able to sign the actual Roll itself.

Dr. Alec Kaplan was elected to the R.D.P. in 1958. He received a parchment certificate, similar in design to the actual Roll and is the last to receive recognition in that form. Apparently the stone was broken when printing off the last batch of certificates.

Mr. E. H. Hunt, who was elected in 1959, is the first to receive the new form of recog-

nition which takes the shape of a bronze plaque. He was unable to be present to receive it in person, but Mr. Holmes was going to give it to him at home.

Presidential Address. In this Mr. Legator thanked many helpers who had worked unstintedly to make both Congress and UNIPEX a success. There were so many that it is impossible here to mention them all by name and it would be invidious to pick out just a few. A Presidential address is traditionally not open for discussion, but one audible criticism of it got by—the President forgot to mention himself as one of the hardest workers for UNIPEX. He obtained the great majority of the advertisements for the two Prospectuses and the Catalogue; this turned what might have been a severe drain on the finances into considerable revenue producers.

Papers. For papers published in the "South African Philatelist" between the preceeding and the present Congresses the sub-Committee charged with recommending Congress awards put forward the following:

1. G. N. Gilbert—Union Rotogravure Coil Stamps.
2. M. F. Stern—Air Mails of South West Africa.
3. R. J. Lawrence—Large 1½d. Union Gold Mine Stamp.

Congress decided that all three should receive Congress Awards.

Four papers were submitted for reading at Congress:—

1. J. W. Harris—Terminological Inexactitudes in History as depicted on stamps. This paper, although very interesting, was decided by Congress to be too political to be published in the S.A. Philatelist or to be given an award.
2. M. F. Stern—Dutch Air Mails in Africa. Given a Congress Award.
3. S. L. Crozet—The Post Office Stones of the Cape of Good Hope. This paper was received too late for copies to be made for circulation amongst delegates, so decision was held over for the next Congress.
4. J. E. Frankland—The Edwardian stamps of Southern Nigeria. A paper showing evidence of much research, but it was submitted by the author hors concours, so naturally was not considered for an Award.

Committee Reports.

(a) Expert Committee. The volume of work dealt with continues to expand, especially

in the amount of non-African material submitted for opinion. The thanks of the Committee are due to a number of outside consultants whose services have been drawn upon. It is also grateful for several donations of "wrong" material to its reference collection—such material is much more suitably housed there than in private hands and it is thus removed from possible circulation.

(b) Publications Committee. For the first time for many years it can be reported that the finances of the South African Philatelist are no longer in the red. The adverse balance of £136 last year has moved over to a surplus of £80 for the first five months of this year. This result is practically entirely due to the action of our Business Manager, Mr. Jonas Michelson, who advised the Executive some time ago that as from the beginning of 1960 he wished to carry on his work for the Federation solely in an honorary capacity. In addition to the excellent work he is doing, this amounts to a magnificent donation towards philately in Southern Africa and we must express our thanks and appreciation (Loud and prolonged applause). But if we are to achieve our aim of a 24-page magazine we still need more advertisements. Plans were suggested whereby every constituent society could help and many of the delegates present thought they would be able to get their societies to co-operate.

The Chairman of the Editorial Board, Dr. Harvey Pirie, was off duty through illness for almost six months and during this period Mr. I. Isaacs took over the work, in which he had previous experience. We are all very grateful to him for his action. (Dr. Pirie expressed his wish to be personally associated with this vote of thanks to Mr. Isaacs).

It was hoped that the new Golden Jubilee edition of the Union Handbook would be out in time for this Congress and Exhibition but despite an all-out non-stop effort the amount of work to be done made it just impossible, and the date of publication has been extended by about three months. The response to the offer of the volume at a pre-publication price of 22/6 has been most gratifying from collectors and dealers all over the world, just on a thousand copies having been sold at this price. Now it is only obtainable at 27/6 retail price but the Editor-in-Chief, Mr. W. N. Sheffield, thinks it will be well worth twice that amount.

(c) Philatelic Estates Committee. This Committee is now in action and it is hoped that in time they will be able to render a valuable service to more dependants of deceased philatelists. They have gently but firmly turned down requests from the public to value and advise on the disposal of collections other than those of deceased estates. In discussion there were a number of questions raised by delegates from societies away from Johannesburg as to how best they could co-operate in this service. They were advised to write in about any case coming their way and the Committee feels that with a little more experience they should be also able to get a service working satisfactorily all over the country.

(d) Presidential Chain of Office. The sub-Committee dealing with this reported, and final approval was given to a ribbon with a badge inscribed bilingually. The next President will therefore be suitably adorned at Congress.

Society Motion.

The O.F.S. & Basutoland Philatelic Society was apparently not very happy about the mode of issue of the recent commemorative stamps and submitted a motion thereon. After considerable discussion by delegates and a statement by Mr. O'Connor, P.O. Publicity Officer, the motion was withdrawn.

Roll of Honour.

- (a) Cdr. C. E. D. Enoch, who was elected to the Roll of Distinguished South African Philatelists at the 1959 Congress but was not present then, signed the Roll.
- (b) Then a citation was read from Cape Town, proposing Capt. M. F. Stern for election for his extensive work on Aerophilately and on Thematics. He was unanimously elected and thereafter signed the Roll.

Skinner Cup. This cup, awarded annually for the best work done during the preceding twelve months, went this year to Mr. S. J. Hagger for outstanding work on Union stamps.

Study Circles.

- (a) The Union study circle is going strong and meeting regularly.
- (b) A circle for the study of British Line-Engraved stamps has just been formed. Anyone interested should communicate with either Cdr. C. E. D. Enoch,

101 Dundalk Ave., Parkview, Johannesburg or Mr. A. G. Versino, A.A. House, Queen Victoria St., Cape Town.

- (c) A small coterie of active collectors of "Antarctica" feels that a Circle might be started if a few more interested parties could be found. If interested please communicate with the Editor, S.A. Philatelist.

"Bill Lea" Trophy.

Mr. W. E. Lea, of Manchester, a member of the UNIPEX Jury, looked in on Congress one day and announced his wish to present Congress with a cup to be a floating trophy given annually, the conditions of award to be left to Congress to decide.

This magnificent gesture was accepted with great pleasure and many thanks. Among those who got to know him well on the Jury the cup will be remembered as the "Bill Lea" trophy, even if it be not termed so officially.

Visits and Entertainments.

Most of these were mixed Congress and UNIPEX affairs. Amongst them may be mentioned visits to Diamond cutting works, Gold Mines, "Get-together" Cocktail party at Williams, Hunt & Co's. motor showroom, "War Dance" at City Deep Mine, Visit to Pretoria and the Civic Banquet at the Wanderers Club, Stamp Auctions, Bourses and the talks one evening by distinguished overseas visitors (Messrs. H. R. Holmes, W. F. Deakin and Cyril Harmer). Arrangements were made for a small party (mainly of overseas visitors) to visit the Kruger National Park after UNIPEX week.

For Congress personnel only there was an "At Home" one afternoon in the City Library to see their stamp collections, especially the "Curle" Transvaals, and their extensive philatelic literature. Copies of two recent publications—the huge catalogue of their philatelic literature and "The language of Stamp Collecting" (a very full bilingual philatelic glossary) were made available to all delegates.

The day happened to be the last day on duty of Mr. R. F. Kennedy, the City Librarian and Director of the Africana Museum. Opportunity was taken by Dr. Pirie, acting on behalf of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg to make him a small presentation in token of the many services he had rendered the Society.

He is being succeeded in both capacities mentioned by Miss Anna H. Smith. Our

heartiest congratulations to her on being the first woman to be appointed head of a Johannesburg Municipal Department. She is well known to us already as an excellent philatelist and the Society is confident that the happy relations between it and Mr. Kennedy will continue with Miss Smith.

Election of Office Bearers for 1960-61.

President: A. G. Versino, Cape Town.

Vice-Presidents: Cape Province, I. Hall.

Natal, G. Milner Palmer.

Rhodesia, S. Kelly.

O.F.S., J. Eksteen.

Transvaal, F. C. Ferguson

Hon. Sec.-Treas., S.A. Philatelist and Business Manager, J. Michelson.

Arrangements for Future Congresses.

1. Cape Town was definitely decided upon as the locale for the next Congress, to be held in October, 1961.
2. Port Elizabeth staked an option for the holding of Congress in 1962.

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But the most recent and perhaps the most astonishing Sale of the season took place on May 9, 10 when the "W. S. Davy" Commonwealth "Cover" Collection amassed no less than £17,200, against a cost of about £3,300.

Mr. W. S. Davy of Wilmslow, Cheshire, who made this unusual collection some thirty years ago, had estimated his total outlay at around £3,300 and many lots made ten times their original cost.

Six Antigua covers totalled £118, against an expenditure of about £12. In Barbados, an Officer's letter costing £2-5-0 made £40. A "combination" British Columbia cover with a strip of three of the 1860 perf. 2½d. and a U.S. 24¢ (cost £21), went for £130. The seven items in this group totalled £657, against a cost of under £63. The 1853 4¢ British Guiana was purchased for £21 and sold for £260!

All the Canadians showed big increases, such as £170 for a 10d. bright blue on thin wove paper which cost only £15. An 1868 3¢ brown-red used with Nova Scotia 10¢ made nearly twenty times cost at £155 and a bisected 1¢ bright yellow used on "The Railway News" in 1897 sold for £145 compared with the cost of £10.

One Cape cover, bought for 5/- made £27, and a lovely Woodblock 4d. pale milky blue sold for £330—exactly one thousand per cent profit. The Mafeking Siege covers which originally cost £7-15-0 realised a total of £168.

Falklands included two black "Franks" (£210 and £155) which, with seven other envelopes cost £38, against a realisation of £472-10-0. Gambia included the remarkable cover—illustrated on the front of the Cata-

logue—a unique pair of the imperf. no wmk. 6d. which sold for £675 (cost £70). Three Gold Coast covers costing £6-8-6 sold for £106.

In Great Britain where some individual lots had been purchased in groups prices ranged from two to thirty-eight times cost. An Ionian letter sheet (with an unstamped cover) which Mr. Davy had purchased for £14-5-0 ran to £90. A Jamaica 1868 quartered 2d. on part local wrapper sold for £95, against a cost of £13-10-0.

The second session opened with £500 paid for an early Mauritius 2d. Post Paid. In New Brunswick £170 secured a 6d. and bisected 3d. (cost £13) and £220 a split 6d. (cost £40). Newfoundland opened sensationally with £600 (cost £72-10-0) for a beautiful 4d. scarlet-vermilion which goes into an English collection; a bisected 8d. made £250 (cost £48). The 1866 10¢ bisected which cost £36 brought a new record of £400. In Nova Scotia a split 6d. which cost £12-10-0 made £145 and £280 was paid for a cover costing £6-6-0 bearing six "cents" values whilst four 12½¢ on wrapper made £270. A Registered cover with a pair of the 12½¢ brought perhaps the maximum increase at £195 on a cost of £3-5-0.

A St. Vincent cover bearing two 6d. (S.G. 16) unusually cancelled made another probable record at £140 having been purchased for £3-10-0. Transvaal sold well, two Soldiers' letters acquired for £1-10-0 reaching £45.

British North Americans proved their sound investment value whilst generally the middle Queen's issues all sold well. Many of the numerous "bisects" have obviously acquired great popularity over the years.

The Editor,
S.A. Philatelist.

Dear Sir,—The following Postal Slogan has appeared from Pretoria:

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. Robertson of the Robertson Stamp Co. (Pty.) Ltd. writes:—

Dear Sir,—A valuable collection of mint Unions, issued since 1949, also interprovincials and Protectorates, has been stolen from Dr. Raubenheimer of Pretoria (Telephone 31990). It was contained in five albums and four stock books and the value is between £1,500 and £2,000. The collection contained Union in miniature sheets, arrow blocks, cyclometer numbers, and varieties, plus the other countries mentioned above.

Should the collection be offered in whole or part suitable action should be taken.

Re note on p. 46 April issue: The S.A. ½d. postage due stamp has been used for the collection of customs duty on advertising matter received from abroad for many years past—in fact, this appears to be the only use for this value. Overseas firms can pre-pay customs duty by affixing customs duty stamps on mail matter—they are obtainable from officers of the S.A. Government in Britain, U.S.A., Germany, etc. Sometimes when large quantities of identical advertising matter are received in the Union from overseas firms without the customs duty being prepaid the S.A. agents pay the total amount due to the post office (acting on behalf of the Customs Dept.) and the wrappers are rubber stamped "Customs Duty Paid" or are passed through a cancelling machine which imprints these words.

It looks as if the 4d. Animals stamps with Arms watermark is going to be a scarce stamp. I recently visited or telephoned (before the Jubilee stamps were issued) practically every post office in Johannesburg and on the road from Johannesburg to Durban. The few that had 4d. stamps had mostly a couple of sheets with the Springbok watermark. A tour of post offices in the O.F.S. produced about half a dozen sheets of the Arms watermark, while Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London and Pretoria had no 4d. stamps at any P.O. As we were warned in advance on the wireless that 4d. stamps were running short I suppose that we can blame ourselves if we were caught short! As I was leaving Maritzburg, after drawing a blank, I decided that I needed petrol and while the tank was being filled I looked in at a small P.O. nearby and found that it had more sheets of the Arms watermarked than all the other places that I visited put together!

SOCIETY NEWS

WESTERN RAND

At our March meeting we were pleased to hear that Mr. J. H. Bruwer—who now collects trophies and awards, with stamps as a side-line,—has been awarded the Rembrandt Trophy for the fourth successive time. Veels geluk, Mnr. Bruwer!

We are sorry to report that our Chairman Mr. Bill Yelland, has been seriously ill in hospital. He is making good progress, and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Exhibit for the meeting was Mr. Keet's "Sports on Stamps". This collection can not fail to impress with its colours and action. The sports stamps of Hungary, Japan and other countries are really masterpieces of design and colour with true-to-life action of the participants. It is a pity that some other countries do not ask their designers to be just a little more realistic in their impressions of sportsmen, and women, in action. The grotesque form of the pole-vaulter in the Nicaraguan 1949 baseball championships set is a point in question.

As one admired this collection, one came to the conclusion that at the rate sports stamps are being issued to-day the day cannot be far off when the sports enthusiast will have such vast numbers of stamps and covers to collect that he will be forced to specialize in one or only a few sports.

Good luck, Mr. Keet; we trust that this collection will once again be successful at UNIPEX. —R.W.B.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

April Meeting. This was held on Friday, 22nd April and the attendance was indeed gratifying—maybe because members brought their exhibits along with them. It would appear that "Members' Night" is to remain a popular feature of the Society's activities, for we were entertained to some 16 exhibits—all of a very high standard. The cross-section of philately seen was worthy of our members—something new and something interesting..... and so often from unexpected sources! Well done—keep it up!

Ghana: Mr. H. E. Roux.

Netherlands: Mr. C. A. van Ee.

Anglo-Boer War; Examples of Stamp paper; 1958-9 Harmer Realisations (illustrated): Mr. A. L. Meyburgh.

Union 1½d. Mineheads: Mr. M. Sacks.

Union postcards: Mr. A. H. de Villiers.

Jipex sheets; New Zealand: Mr. D. H. Macdonald.

Orange Free State: Mr. J. Price.

S.W.A. Postmarks in Native language:

Mr. G. H. van Rooyen.

1937 Coronations: Dr. van Zyl-Smit.

France: Mr. A. H. Scott.

Political Development of Africa: Mr. J. W. Hodgson.

Our special thanks to Dr. W. P. van der Merwe of Viljoenskroon for submitting an interesting exhibit of the German post-war Building series; and to Junior member N. Mountford for a mixed-bag of stamps and covers.

PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting 19th April, 1960. The evening produced a very pleasant surprise in the form of a fine exhibit of Union Stamps by young master Leslie Bergman. He presented on well and neatly arranged sheets an excellent cross section of the Union stamps in both mint and fine used condition. Although many varieties were included in the collection this aspect was not over-emphasised and thus helped the Non-Union Collectors to also enjoy the fare provided. Blocks as well as special covers and similar items connected with Union Philately rounded off the display. Master Bergman was warmly thanked on behalf of those present by Mr. G. Bulbring.

Meeting, 3rd May, 1960. Following a practice now well established this evening was devoted to a talk, discussions and a quiz. Mr. G. K. Forbes was responsible for the first. The subject chosen was on "Papers used in the production of stamps" and was well illustrated and supported by examples mounted seperately so that members could closely examine the various items. This no doubt induced a useful discussion on various types of paper which followed Mr. Forbes' interesting discourse. A quiz set by Mr. G. Bulbring on "Currencies used on stamps" gained the winning team $7\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 20; but helped, so it was hoped, to increase the knowledge of those participating in the competition. An Auction concluded the meeting.

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN

May 12. A very large number of the Society turned out to welcome the University of Cape Town Philatelic Society members who were visiting and showing. The exhibits were as follows: "Mozambique" by Prof. A. W. Sloan (the President); "King George VI" by Dr. M. Hotz; "Postmarks, Denmark and Australia" by Mr. D. Allison; "Bulgaria" by Mr. D. Shaw; "Germany under Occupation" by Mr. W. Holleman; "Australia Queen Elizabeth" by Mr. R. Newdigate. The fare was indeed varied and enjoyed. Prof. Sloan gave an interesting talk, but the star of the evening was Mr. Allison, who gave a really fine elucidation (shown on covers on the boards) of the international marking of underpaid letters and the translation of this code by various countries. Even old collectors learnt something new. It was a most enjoyable evening —M.F.S.

GERMISTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

May 19, 1960. A well attended monthly meeting was held on May 19, despite the fact that the venue, through unforeseen circumstances had again been changed.

Members were most interested in scrutinising the various philatelic publications to which the Society is now subscribing.

The meeting was a real Festival of Union gathering at which the following members displayed various items of Union interest:

Dr. J. J. van Niekerk, President; Covers since the inception of Union. Mr. S. J. Hagger, Union Booklets and Mr. N. S. Hesselbarth, Union Stamps of 50 years. Mr. N. E. Parkin's display of Union issues with affinity to Shakespearian quotations was found most interesting, while Mr. S. J. Stolk tabled several sheets of the SANAE 3d. issue showing flaws and errors. —S.L.C.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

May 9. Capt. M. F. Stern showed his well known collection "The History and Development of the Airmails of Portuguese East Africa". This covered all flights from 1926 (first flight France to Madagascar via P.E.A.) to the French Comet Flight 1953 (cover flown to Lourenco Marques) and included such rare items as the Childs' internal first flight in 1929, the "Feeder Service" of 1934, first airmail P.E.A. to South Africa 1934, with subsequent developments, and the airmail stamps and aerogrammes. This was followed by a talk explaining the above.

May 23. Although a small number of members were present, Mr. W. G. Combrink was able to really interest those present with a showing and explanation of the full production of the SATISSE "stickers" and the two commemorative covers. He always is able to make an able illuminating talk and illustrated this with all stages of the work entailed. This was a pleasant change from the usual showing of stamps etc. —M.F.S.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

April, 1960 On the 4th April the Society held it's annual competition for the Certificate of Merit for the Thematic Collections. As there was only one entry, the judges had a very easy task in nominating the winner of this award. Mr. R. N. Castignani tabled a Collection of "Madonna's on Stamps", and a worthy winner indeed, as this collection was of a very high standard, and very well presented.

Mr. J. H. Selze rounded off the evening by reading a paper on "Human rights on Stamps", and tabled a small but very fine collection. The talk on this subject was most interesting and imformative. Mr. Selze was a Union delegate to the 13th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The 10th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Universal declaration of Human

Rights, on 10th December, 1948, fell within the period of this Session.

May, 1960. On the 2nd May we had as our visitors the Pretoria Afrikaans Society. Five excellent exhibits were brought along for this evenings fare. In the absence of the Chairlady, Mrs. Pienaar, the contingent was led by Professor Gonin.

Professor Gonin tabled "Charity Stamps of Switzerland, Pro Juventute."

Mr. H. Loots the S. African Animal Series from the 2d. to the 10/-.

Mr. Darrison "Heraldics".

Last but not least Mr. J. H. Erasmus showed the Health stamps of New Zealand and Canadian Officials. Special mention must be made of the excellence of the Canadian Officials, where many of the items had pronounced errors, such as in a block of four, one stamp had the "Y" missing.

On the 6th June we had our annual Allen Cup competition for beginners who have not won award anywhere before.

Three entries were received, Mr. J. H. Selve being the winner for 1960 by popular vote, the others were very close seconds. Mr. Selve tabled a collection of German-German controlled stamps during the war period September, 1939, to April, 1945.

Mr. W. Wainstein then tabled a collection on behalf of Mr. Bunn of Australia. This collection has just received a Silver Medal award at Unipex which is of a high philatelic, and has had much research work to bring it up to the standard that Mr. Bunn has achieved.

The collection shewn was of Aden and Protectorate covers dating back to 1840, and first postal cancellation Indian stamps used with Aden post marks, and the various issues.

A very pleasant and a full evenings entertainment was held this evening.

The Society takes great pleasure in congratulating the following members who have won awards at Unipex Exhibition: Dr. T. B. Berry, Mr. W. Wainstein, Mr. B. Glasman, Mr. H. Oppenheim, Mr. G. N. Gilbert, Mr. R. N. Castignani, Mr. F. C. Ferguson, Mrs. T. S. Lewis, Dr. P. Stack, Mr. W. Kriste and Mr. T. Greenbaum. —D.R.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL

1st June saw our regular monthly meeting off to a good start with our usual lively auction. Following this we had three displays down for showing, but had only time to see two. The first was The Occupational Stamps of S.W.A. by Mr. D. McK. Malcolm, an old hand at the stamps of this territory. The display was unusually interesting in that it showed the stamps arranged by towns thereby giving the viewer an opportunity of studying the variety of post marks used. In addition were many blocks and pieces of the higher denomination stamps and it was evident that a lot of searching and researching had been expended before finally selecting each and every piece in the collection. Place names and dates were easily legible, for Mr. Malcolm has always been a stickler for condition.

The second display was a straightforward collection of Great Britain by Mr. Fairbrother. Here was a different type of collection but one which was well received by those present. Both exhibitors were suitably thanked for the pleasure enjoyed from their displays.

With celebrations going on left, right and centre we of the Natal Society thought it up to us to produce something to commemorate the opening of the first railway in Africa. After all this is very much a Natal affair for as you know the first railway in Africa ran between Durban and Point Natal and was opened on 26th June, 1860.

We have printed a limited number of covers showing a reproduction of a picture in the Durban Museum. This picture is a water colour sketch by R. B. Tatham, Manager, Natal Railway Company, showing the Acting Lieut. Governor of Natal, Major W. Williamson, officers of the 85th Regiment, and other celebrities on the platform during the opening ceremony at Durban Station on 26th June 1860. St. Paul's Church is in the background and the picture also shows the first locomotive and carriage. The picture is reproduced by the kind permission of Mrs. Graham MacKeurtan and we have to thank the P.M., Durban, and the P.M.G., Pretoria, for their ready advice and co-operation in this matter.

These covers will be franked with the 1/3 Railways stamp cancelled with the Railways "A Century of Service" cancellation, expressed to a box address at Point where it will be back-stamped on the appropriate date.

We welcomed our delegates on their return from Unipex where we gathered, the whole show was terrific.

Our members unfortunately are somewhat reluctant to show their treasures but it may be of interest to record that two out of the three members who exhibited received silver awards. There must be a Grand Prix collection somewhere in the Natal Society if we only knew how to unearth it.

Forrest House, Albany Grove, is our new address and it is most gratifying to record that since moving there our attendances have been consistently better.

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