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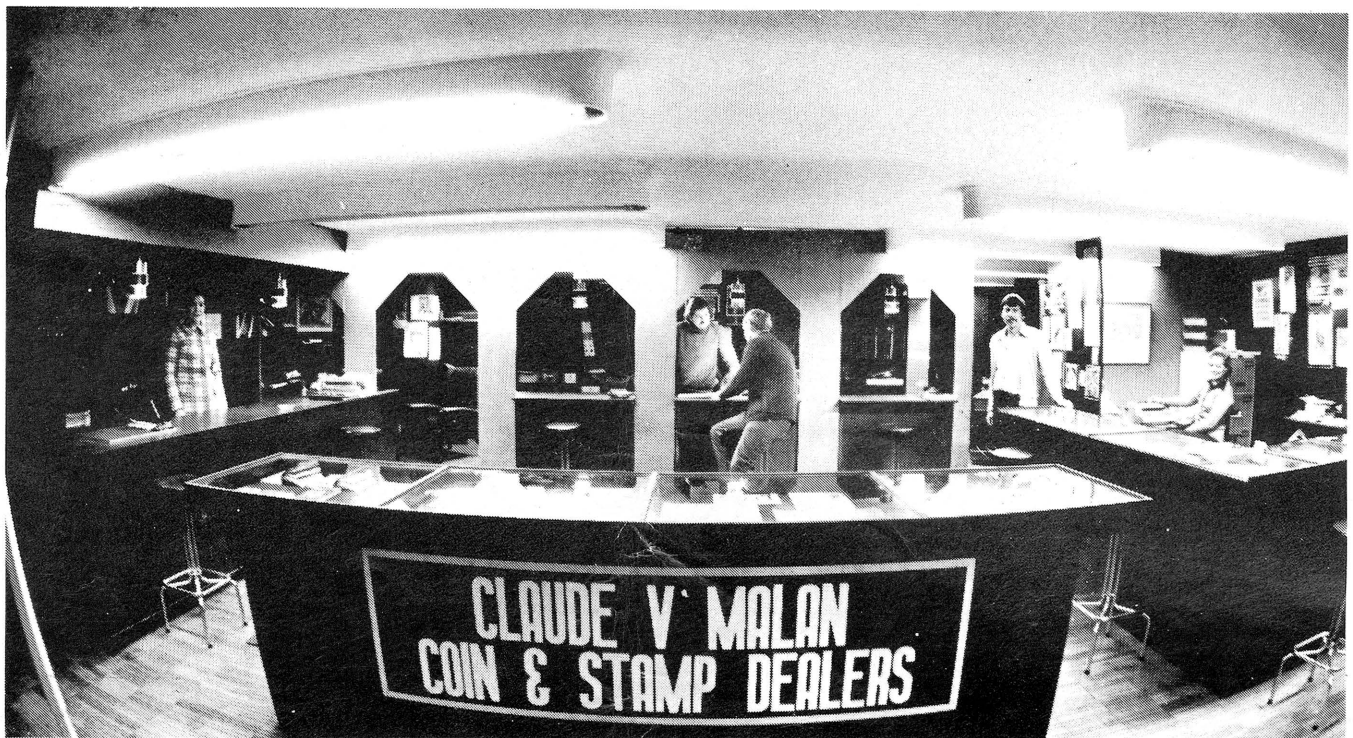
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Ten special stamps for RSA in '80

TEN SPECIAL RSA stamps for 1980 were announced by Mr Louis F Rive, the Postmaster General, when he addressed the grand DISA prize-giving banquet in Cape Town last month.

In announcing next year's issues, Mr Rive challenged all civilised stamp-issuing countries, as well as collectors and philatelists, to evidence a more conservative and balanced stamp-issuing policy than that of South Africa.

"We as a postal administration have the interests and the pocket of the stamp collector at heart", he said.

Mr Rive said the ten stamps for 1980 would be —

- Two values for the world congress of the diamond industry, to be held in Johannesburg in May 1980
- One value for the birth centenary of the poet and author C Louis Leipoldt
- One value for the 50th anniversary of the University of Pretoria (the largest in the country, with 17 000 students)
- Four values and a miniature sheet for the 50th anniversary of South Africa's only state-controlled museum of art, the Cape Town Art Museum
- Two values for the centenary of the Paardekraal Monument and the staging of national festivities at the monument (which is in Krugersdorp)

Mr Rive announced the imminent amalgamation of Philatelic Services and Intersapa (Inter-Southern African Philatelic Agency). This meant that collectors would require only one standing deposit account order for the stamps and postal items of RSA, SWA, Transkei, Bophuthatswana and Venda.

Kallie to be licked?

LATE NEWS — Pretoria policeman Kallie Knoetze, South Africa's popular heavyweight boxer, is to appear on a Bophuthatswana stamp to be issued on Saturday, 2 June 1979.

A qualifying contest for the world heavyweight boxing crown will take place at Mmabatho that evening. Kallie will be fighting the American heavyweight John Tate.

No details of the issue are to hand yet, but we understand that two stamps will be issued (possibly 10c and 15c, with a FDC at 55c or 60c from Intersapa)

CAREERS ON STAMPS — The University of Stellenbosch Student Guidance Bureau has appealed through the Philatelic Federation for a collector to display a thematic collection showing "Careers on stamps" at a careers exhibition to mark the 300th anniversary of Stellenbosch in the latter half of the year.

RHODESIA OFFICES — The Msengezi postal agency has been closed permanently following temporary closure on 5 February, and the Umzumba postal agency has been temporarily closed on 21 February 1979 — **Darrel Dale**

ZEAPLEX 80 — An international philatelic exhibition, Zeapex 80, will be held at Auckland, New Zealand, from 23 to 31 August 1980. Information may be obtained from Zeapex 80, PO Box 27339, Auckland 4, New Zealand.

Dazzling DISA 79 ... and the future

THE MOST SUPERLATIVE philatelic event yet staged in Southern Africa, the dazzling DISA exhibition and the record congress of the Philatelic Federation, is over.

The culmination of three years of hard and hectic work by a band of enthusiasts who spared no effort in planning, working, organising — DISA itself reflects the sheer strength of their physical input. We salute them.

Yet DISA 79 creates a feeling of disquiet in the ranks of organised philately. What of the future? The 115 delegates to the philatelic congress, especially those from other regions, have been left with a feeling that it will be well-nigh impossible to emulate DISA. Where does Southern African philately go from here? Exhibitions and congresses are scheduled for the coming years, and plans are made, yet no one has a "DISA committee".

The problems and difficulties encountered — and surmounted — by the DISA committee are almost beyond imagining. Faced with phenomenal and escalating financial outlay, this group of dedicated amateurs performed feats that would put professional promoters to shame.

The venue was a hall which is normally let at R1 650 per day. Selling at R1, the exhibition catalogue cost four times that to print. One could go on. The Philatelic Foundation played its part in promoting philately with magnificent support to DISA, yet the committee itself had to bear the brunt.

We know the national exhibitions of the next few years will not be intended to emulate DISA 79. Still, DISA has shown the magnitude of the work - and cost - involved in arranging an exhibition and a congress. It is getting beyond the means of a society or even a circle of societies consisting of keen collectors working in honorary and part-time capacities.

Because its very magnitude and success compels organised philately to reflect on these matters, DISA 79 takes on another dimension as a milestone in the development of Southern African philately.

— The Editor/Die Redakteur

Rhodesia disappears

DATESTAMPS in use at all post offices and postal agencies in Rhodesia are being modified to remove the country's name, thus showing only the office of origin and the date.

This is being done in view of the impending change in the country's name. A new name for the the country recently announced is "Rhodesia Zimbabwe".

The Rhodesian post office has pointed out that international regulations governing the cancellation of postage stamps do not require that the country of origin be shown on datestamp impressions.

BOTSWANA REPRINT — The 4 thebe stamp of the current Birds definitives has been reprinted and the reprint was brought into use on 28 March 1979. Other values reprinted but not yet issued are 1t, 2t and 3t.

Posdiens word oor wye front bedreig

DIE POSDIENS staan vandag voor die grootste uitdaging in sy geskiedenis, het mnr F W de Klerk, Minister van Pos- en Telekommunikasiewese, in sy begrotingsrede in die Volksraad gesê (20 Maart 1979).

"Vir lank in die geskiedenis was die brief die tradisionele medium vir kommunikasie. Dit is later aangevul deur die telegram, die telefoon en die teledrukker," het min De Klerk gesê.

"Vandag word die voortbestaan van die posdiens oor 'n wye front bedreig. Die metodes vir die oordra van inligting neem steeds toe, raak al meer verfynd en tree al sterker na vore as konkurrente vir die posdiens. Elektroniese pos en ander tegnieke sal ook ons posdiens vorentoe wesentlik raak.

Min De Klerk het gesê die verlies op die posdiens word vanjaar op R38,3 miljoen geraam. Die diens gaan vorentoe steeds 'n opdraende stryd voer, maar ons kan dit nie in die vooruitsig stel dat ons ooit sonder 'n posdiens sal kan klaarkom nie.

"My eie benadering is dat ons die posdiens so doeltreffend moontlik moet maak en dat ons nie postariewe dermate moet verhoog dat sy posisie as konkurrent vir die dra van inligting uitermate bemoelik word nie.

"Dit kom daarop neer dat ons in nasionale belang die beginsel moet aanvaar dat die posdiens altyd in 'n mate deur die telekommunikasiediens gesubsidieer sal moet word," het hy gesê.

Meganisasie en die instel van bykomende fasiliteite soos die voorkeurposdiens, die aslugdiens ens is daarop gemik om die posdiens as mededingende fasiliteit so aantreklik moontlik te maak en dus sy lewensvatbaarheid te verhoog.

Die voorkeurposdiens neem in gewildheid toe en omtrent 'n halfmiljoen posstukke word reeds jaarliks hanteer. Die diens is in Januarie vanjaar ook tussen Suid-Afrika en Groot-Brittanje ingestel.

Min De Klerk het aangekondig dat postariewe (wat laas in 1971 verhoog is) vanaf 1 Oktober 1979 soos volg word:

Item	Bestaande Tarief	Nuwe Tarief
Briewe	4c	5c
Nuusblaaie: (Uitgewerstarief)		
Tot 250 g	2c	3c
Tot 500 g	3c	6c
Drukkerwerk, ens		
Eerste gewigstrap):		
Gestandaardiseer	3c	5c met 20% korting vir grootmaatinlewering
Nie-gestandaardiseer	4c	10c met 20% korting vir grootmaatinlewering
Pakkette	Tussen 15c en 120c	Tussen 35c en 170c
Registrasie van posstukke	15c	20c
Spoedaflewering	20c	30c



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'World's finest' score a hat trick



The international grand prix awards were large gold medals with diamond insets. (Photo: Bob Goldblatt RDPSA)

A REMARKABLE FEAT was achieved by Mr Silvano Sorani of Italy at the DISA 79 international philatelic exhibition in Cape Town last month. He was awarded three large gold medals for three different collections of early Holy Land and Palestine philately.

These collections, containing outstanding examples of material usually only "heard of", are regarded as the world's finest collections in their field extant today.

Mr Sorani was awarded the international grand prix (Palestine-Israel groups), for his collection entitled Holy Land: Turkish and foreign post offices.

He personally received his grand prix - a large gold medal with a diamond inset - from the Postmaster General, Mr Louis Rive, at the Palmares.

The international grand prix (Southern Africa groups) was awarded to Mr Joh Groenewald of Pretoria (Hon Editor of *The SA Philatelist*) for his collection "Vryheidsoorlog: Boerepos". He also received the FAK floating trophy for the best collection written up in Afrikaans.

Other large gold medals for Southern Africa were awarded to Mrs Nihal Kuyas of Turkey, for The Cape Triangulars (also awarded the Postmaster General's Shield)

Mr Martin Eichele of Switzerland, for SWA De la Rue Georgians

Mr Harry Birkhead of Bedfordview, for Rhodesia: BSA Company

The DISA exhibition also firmly established the Jeidels of Cape Town - Rudi Jeidel RDPSA and Hilda Jeidel RDPSA - as the world's top stamp-collecting couple.

Hilda was awarded the Prix d'Honneur in the national class of honour. In the international section she won a gold medal. In the national section she won another, and Rudi won two.

Mr Hans Shlamm of Johannesburg, who last year at the Potch 78 national exhibition made a grand slam with three gold medals, this year had another collection winning the national grand prix, the State President's Trophy.

Full results are on page 123 and 124.

AIRMAIL BOOK — It was announced at the philatelic congress in Cape Town that *The Airposts of South Africa* by Wyndham, published in 1936, would be reprinted by the Aerophilatelic Society and the Philatelic Federation's Publications Committee. The reprint was expected in a few months and the price would be R10,50 inclusive.

Minister lauds visitors from abroad

STAMP COLLECTING has taken a firm hold on the people of South Africa, Mr Frans de Klerk, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, said when he opened the DISA 79 International stamp exhibition in Cape Town on 30 March 1979.

"The interest shown in philately is truly amazing," the Minister said, "and the number of collectors is increasing all the time."

Referring to the international interest in the exhibition, Mr de Klerk extended a warm welcome to visitors from abroad and said it was particularly pleasing that people from all parts of the world could gather in a friendly atmosphere, bound by a common bond, to pursue a hobby that offered rewards in the way of friendship, mutual understanding, tolerance and above all, the opportunity of service to others without any idea of recompense or gain.

Mr de Klerk, who upon the boom of the noonday gun from Signal Hill released thousands of homing pigeons to mark the opening of DISA 79, was warmly applauded by the capacity crowd.

At the opening ceremony the welcome was extended by Dr Max Peisach RDPSA, the DISA chairman, while a message of goodwill was expressed by Mr I Unna, the Israeli Ambassador to the Republic.

After the opening Dr Peisach took the Minister on a short tour of the exhibition, which was opened shortly afterwards to queues of waiting visitors.

SURPRISE ISSUE



A SURPRISE was sprung on South African stamp collectors when an unscheduled stamp issue was made on Monday 2 April 1979 without any prior announcement whatsoever.

The issue comprised two similar 4c stamps with a message "save fuel" and "bespaar brandstof" alternately in English and Afrikaans.

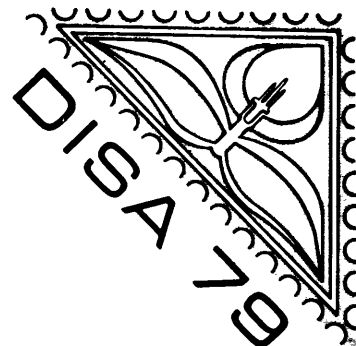
A Philatelic Services press release later received by *The SA Philatelist* was originally dated for the same day, 2 April, and a pre-recorded radio interview announcing the issue was broadcast that morning.

The announcement said a commemorative cover would be issued only by 25 April.

A commemorative postmark for Secunda, the new Highveld town where Sasol II is rising, was on hand at the special post office in the DISA 79 exhibition hall in Cape Town and many collectors took the opportunity of having this Secunda postmark applied to DISA covers on 2 and 3 April 1979.

It is understood that the Fuel Saving stamps will be on sale well into the second half of the year, serving as interim definitives.

RSA'S STAMPS POLICY IS PRAISED



A PROPOSAL expressing appreciation to the Post Office for South Africa's conservative stamp-issuing policy and for the improvement in South African stamps, and urging the Post Office not to deviate from this policy in future, was accepted by the congress of the Philatelic Federation in Cape Town last month.

In accepting the proposal, the congress defeated by 43 votes to 30 a motion by the South African Stamp Study Circle calling for a review of the present "costly" policy.

The Stamp Study Circle's motion asked that the Post Office be requested to give serious consideration to the present stamp-issuing policy with a view to alleviating the financial burden on philatelists which could only increase if the present policy was pursued. This would go a long way towards ensuring continued interest in the stamps of the Republic of South Africa.

Introducing the motion, Mr Stan Naylor said the SA Stamp Study Circle was concerned about the apparent loss of interest in later issues, especially those of the RSA. This loss of interest was such that the Federation's Publications Committee was discontinuing the supplementary pages to the Republic Handbook/Catalogue.

Mr Naylor said the Stamp Study Circle would ask the Post Office to abandon the system of stamp pane identification. Some years ago it was asked that pane letters be indicated on the margins, but the cost of collecting pane identification control blocks had become prohibitive today.

"The superspecialist will study the stamps in any case. Moreover we believe all the relevant marginal information can be accommodated next to one stamp only on the corner block," Mr Naylor said.

Discouraged by costs

"We must consider the younger people who are collecting current stamps today. Many of those who are interested, are being discouraged because of the costs — and we should not force them to lay out more money that they can afford."

Another point was that adequate supplies of the current Protea definitives were said to have been printed to obviate frequent reprints. Yet reprints were appearing frequently.

Mr Naylor said the number of perforators used on each issue should be lessened, while the values of commemoratives should be kept low.

Mr Thys Rall (Post Office Tree Philatelic Society) said for as long as collectors would buy, the Post Office would provide saleable items. "We have the remedy in our own hands."

Mr J L du Plessis (SA Stamp Study Circle) said a study of the current stamps would follow in two generations from now. If there were no marginal notations research would be very difficult fifty years from now.

But while the Post Office was offering a service, no one was forced to buy the items put on sale, he said.

Mr Herman Steyn, head of Philatelic Services, said the motion came from the SA Stamp Study Circle, a specialist group involved in studying stamps — yet they made an appeal on behalf of youthful collectors.

He has prepared a summary of stamps issued by the RSA since 1961. The highest face value total was R5,86 in 1977, and this included a full definitive set. Taking this 1977 high, he had prepared a comparison with other popular countries. (Tables published on next page.)

CONGRESS REPORT

From these tables it was abundantly clear that the South African policy was extremely conservative. "We fear the remotest idea of exploitation, and will not be near this category," he said.

Decide for yourself

Mr Steyn said it was sometimes still necessary to have A and B panes for an issue — "But we don't tell you to collect cylinder blocks, half sheets, etc. We from our side consider the junior collector, and the total face value of new stamps issued may not exceed R4 per annum.

"You, the collector, will decide for yourself how far your specialisation must go, if you want to specialise."

Regarding colours, traffic lights were printed on sheet margins so that these may be accurately identified against a stamp colour chart, obviating uncertainty about stamp colours.

Mr Steyn said he differed from Mr Naylor about the popularity of South African stamps. There may be fewer specialists, but there are decidedly more collectors. Deposit account holders for RSA issues number almost 20 000 and the figure is growing by 200 - 250 every month.

The Post Office was spoonfeeding specialist information to the Stamp Study Circle, and "we have taken the pleasure out of hunting," Mr Steyn said. The Stamp Study Circle had indicated which marginal information was relevant and the Post Office would maintain these marginal notations.

The Stamp Study Circle could talk about the interests of young collectors, but the Post Office itself was actually doing more for youth philately than the Philatelic Federation, he said.

It had been hoped that the initial Protea printings would be long enough to lessen the necessity for reprints, but that had not been possible. Reprints often become necessary, yet the RSA's number of reprints is very low compared with the USA, UK and Germany.

Problems were experienced with the roto-perforator, and the Government Printer had switched to new equipment for better perforation. The Post Office had no control over unperforated margins of stamp sheets since the automatic feed-in side of a sheet could not be perforated through.

Mr Steyn said stamps were primarily printed for postage and real postal usage. RSA postal rates are so low that they are found laughable abroad: a local letter in Germany costs as much as an airmail letter from here to there. The postal section of the Post Office was losing R38 million per year.

Intended for overseas

The tourism stamps were intended for overseas use and the values were determined accordingly. A surface letter to Europe cost 10c, an airmail letter 15c, an airmail letter to the USA 20c and to the Far East 25c. Stamps depicting mainly domestic subjects had the relevant denominations, Mr Steyn said.

Replying to Mr Steyn, Mr Naylor said if the corner block marginal information could be reduced, it would benefit people's pockets. If the notations were left out altogether, people would be made to study our modern issues.

JAAR/YEAR	Spesiale seëls Special stamps	R c	Miniatuurvelle Miniature sheets	Vaste reeks Definitive series	R c	Total sigwaarde Total face value
1961	1	3c	-	14	R2,18	R2,21
1962	3	17 ¹ / ₂ c	-	-	-	17 ¹ / ₂ c
1963	4	20c	-	-	-	20c
1964	5	32 ¹ / ₂ c	-	-	-	32 ¹ / ₂ c
1965	4	30c	-	-	-	30c
1966	11	61c	-	-	-	61c
1967	2	15c	-	-	-	15c
1968	5	33c	-	-	1 ¹ / ₂ c	33c
1969	6	45c	-	2	-	41 ¹ / ₂ c
1970	4	20 ¹ / ₂ c	-	-	19c	20 ¹ / ₂ c
1971	4	23 ¹ / ₂ c	-	3	19c	42 ¹ / ₂ c
1972	4	24c	-	2	-	43c
1973	13	R1,11	-	-	R2,94	R1,11
1974	9	65c	-	20	-	R3,59
1975	17	R1,89	1 (59c)	-	-	R2,48
1976	16	R1,90	2 (R1,09)	-	R5,13	R2,99
1977	7	73c	-	21	-	R5,86
1978	13	R2,04	1 (70c)	-	-	R2,04
1979	15	R1,73	2 (R1,05)	-	-	R2,78

Mr John Morris (East London Philatelic Society) asked what the cost of specialist items of the 1977 issues was, what demand Philatelic Services had for strips or blocks, and what the dealers said about the situation.

Mr Ken Lydall RDPSA (Vice-president, Transvaal) asked why commemorative issues were put on sale for only two months.

He added that the DISA tabs in the margins of the Government Printer 15c stamp sheet was a departure from the promise made by the Post Office in 1972. The various tab positions resulted in offers of five exhibition covers, and he wondered whether we had entered the era of collecting stamp paper, and not stamps. Would this happen again?

In reply to Mr Morris, Mr Naylor said the Protea series cost R76 for a set of control blocks, in addition to the other issues and items.

Mr Bob Goldblatt (Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town) said motions on the same subject had been discussed for ten years. He would like to ask collectors if they were serious in asking these questions. It was clear that the stamp issuing policy was very conservative. The number of stamps and their value were limited.

Arguing about cents

"I am amazed that where thousands of rands were spent at an auction last night, we are now arguing about cents. We are not compelled to buy or collect anything — we must determine our own collecting habits, to our own desires.

"We are creating the demand for these items ourselves. Philatelic Services offer a service, and is this motion fair to the Post Office? They are constantly improving the stature of RSA stamps, which now enjoy worldwide interest, Mr Goldblatt said.

The 1972 issue with marginal emblems had been to promote wool. We now had the DISA emblem on the selvage, which was in the interests of philately and which had not readily been acceded to by the authorities. This should in any case not be general policy.

Mr Goldblatt made a counterproposal to the motion, thanking the Post Office for the conservative policy and urging it to maintain the standard.

Mr Glen Carpendale (SA Philatelic Dealers' Association) said dealers were happy with the Post Office policy. Very few specialists (in reply to Mr Morris) came to dealers for modern research, and most dealers did not carry large stocks of modern issues.

BEKENDE VERSAMELLANDE — 1977 — POPULAR COLLECTED COUNTRIES

Land/Country	Seëls/Stamps	Miniature sheets miniatuur- velle	Totale sigwaarde Total face value
1. België	44 (S + Def)	1	R34,19
2. Great Britain	29	-	R16,59
3. France	60	-	R15,63
4. Australia	17	-	R13,92
5. Swede	50	-	R11,85
6. B.R. Deutschland	45	2	R11,34
7. Portugal	40	3	R 8,38
8. Nederlande	26	2	R 8,06
9. Japan	37	2	R 7,74
10. Israel	40	1	R 7,66
11. West Berlin	34	1	R 7,34
12. Österreich	26	-	R 6,86
13. Formosa	53	-	R 6,78
14. Schweiz	29	-	R 6,67
15. Liechtenstein	25	-	R 6,43
16. RSA	28	Def + Spes	R 5,86
17. Finland	25	-	R 5,57
18. Bophuthatswana	21	Def + Spes	R 5,50
19. Jersey	16	-	R 5,34
20. Norway	22	-	R 5,33
21. Italia	39	-	R 5,28
22. Luxembourg	20	-	R 4,80
23. Dänemark	20	-	R 4,40
24. Canada	37	-	R 4,33
25. Ireland	23	-	R 3,64
26. USA	35	-	R 3,48
27. New Zealand	30	-	R 3,27
28. SWA	13	-	R 2,18
29. Rhodesia	16	-	R 2,17
30. Transkei	11	-	R 1,26
OTHER/ANDER			
Barbuda	86	9	R56,12
Burundi	210	16	R50,20
Comoro Island	72	61	R94,26
USSR	116	8	R29,38

In reply to Mr Lydall he said dealers were not in favour of having commemoratives on sale for long periods.

Mrs Naomi Beinart (CASPIP) asked if a 25c stamp was really warranted as commemorative and whether a 7c value could not be considered for mail to neighbouring countries.

Mr Ralph F Putzel (Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town) said that for DISA a 15c Government Printer stamp had been issued. Local events should be commemorated with stamps for local postage. As four stamps would be issued for the Rose Convention, the issue of only one stamp for DISA was inadequate.

Mr James Hayman (Bellville Philatelic Society) questioned the necessity of R1 and R2 stamps. The junior collectors of Bellville were eager, but could not afford a block of R2 stamps. By the same token most post offices used cash register meter franking for high postage, and not stamps.

Mr Franco Frescura (SA Stamp Study Circle) said in the past similar motions had been accepted by philatelic congresses. The real issue at stake was the interests of the philatelists of tomorrow.

Turning away from stamps

Union stamps were now beyond the pocket of newcomers, he said. There was restraint in collecting modern RSA. People were turning away from stamps and going to postal history: the actual use of stamps.

In quoting his tables, Mr Frescura said, Mr Steyn had shown contempt for South African philatelists. His totals shown were not what any collector would collect — for instance, the 1961 definitives came out with at least seven major differences, redesigning etc, in 13 years.

If people collected only one of each, the 1977 Philatelic Services revenue would have been R41 000, yet it was over R2 million.

Mr Steyn said the Post Office was not printing stamps for philatelists, but as were needed. Reprints were made as needed, and paper was bought as needed.

“The fact that this was the only motion on the congress agenda shows that most problems in this field had been ironed out,” he said.

As a youth he had not been able to buy what our youngsters were buying today. Young people have access to much more pocket money than in the olden days.

Mr Steyn said anyone collected what he wanted. About 86 per cent of the deposit account holders collected singles, FDCs and cylinder blocks. Less than 0,1 per cent were specialists.

One could thank the Post Office for being so mild with a R2 stamp as highest value, for which there was a real need. Or would one rather collect Great Britain, with a £5 value?

Even for datestamps, South Africa had a firm policy allowing a maximum of six permanent and six temporary special datestamps. The pockets of philatelists were taken into consideration. He had not been successful in getting a “day of philately” stamp, Mr Steyn said, but the Post Office had juggled the date of issue of the 15c Government Printer commemorative to suit DISA, which was an international stamp exhibition.

Four stamps were to be issued for the World Rose Convention as it was an international event and to make a miniature sheet possible.

The value of 15c for the commemorative coinciding with DISA was selected for the international interest. There was far more use of 25c stamps going abroad than for a 7c value used to neighbouring states.

Between 56 and 150 applications for new stamp issues were received every year. Decisions on stamps to be issued rested with the Postmaster General, the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications and the Cabinet.

Mr Steyn said three yardsticks were used in deciding on stamp issues: the commemoration of major events in units of 25 years, subjects of national or international interest, and projecting the image of South Africa.

The two-month sales period for commemoratives was determined by the stocks of stamps that staff could handle,

storage problems and the volume of paper required. Dealers were satisfied with the system, which also protected their interests, Mr Steyn said. Eight years ago there had been only seven or ten fulltime stamp dealers; now there were 42.

Mr Steyn said the Post Office had departed from the policy of not having advertising on stamp margins because DISA was the first international stamp exhibition in ten years. This would not happen again soon and in any case collectors who did not want the five exhibitions covers with the various DISA tab positions, did not need to buy them.

During voting on the issue, the motion was defeated and the proposal put forward by Mr Goldblatt was adopted by the congress.

Special postmark from Israel

HISTORY was made when the Israel Post Office introduced a special commemorative postmark to mark the DISA 79 international philatelic exhibition in Cape Town.



The special postmark was used at the Jerusalem main post office on 28th March 1979, two days before the opening of the DISA exhibition, to convey greetings from Jerusalem on the occasion of the exhibition.

Dr Max Peisach RDPSA, chairman of the DISA exhibition, said this was the first

time a foreign postal administration had commemorated a South African exhibition by way of a special postmark. “We are extremely proud of this recognition given to South African Philately,” he said.

‘EDUCATIONAL GIANT’ MET WITH ACCLAIM

THE NUMBER of slide shows now available from the Audiovisual Committee has increased by 17 in the nine months since the philatelic congress at Potchefstroom and now totals 61, Mr Arie Bakker, chairman of the committee, told the congress in Cape Town last month.

Mr Bakker’s report was accompanied by a presentation of excerpts from the new slide shows, which were met with acclaim. Federation President Len van de Kar called the Audiovisual Committee an educational giant, and Mr Bob Goldblatt RDPSA hailed its work as a tremendous contribution to philately.

Mr Bakker said three slide lectures had been exchanged with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Afrikaans tapes were produced for nine shows and Mr Lou Abrams had donated a film “Papua and New Guinea”.

Forty societies were already members of the audiovisual library and they borrowed 113 slide shows during the nine months, against 83 in 1977/78 and 52 during 1976/77.

Mr Bakker appealed for contributors of suitable scripts, particularly on subjects of interest to Southern African collectors.



New constitution enters its final phase

CONGRESS REPORT

THE PROPOSED new constitution of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa (third draft) has been commended to all philatelic societies for scrutiny and comment in the next two months, with a view to its early adoption.

At the 41st congress of the Federation, held in Cape Town on 3 and 4 April 1979, Federation President Len van de Kar appealed to all societies to assist in finalising the constitution, which was revised to keep pace with changing demands.

Mr Ken Lydall RDPSA, convenor of the Constitution Revision Committee, outlined the various proposed changes and modifications to the congress so that delegates could report back fully to their society committees.

The congress adopted a vote of congratulations to Mr Lydall, proposed by Mr John Morris (East London Philatelic Society), for the tremendous effort he had put in the preparatory work.

It was a record congress, attended by 115 delegates from nearly all affiliated philatelic societies.

Held in the conference hall of the Good Hope Centre, it was opened by Alderman Ted Mauerberger, Mayor of Cape Town. Mayor Mauerberger said philately requires tenacity, logic, precision and analytical thinking, yet he had never before met such a warm and nice crowd of people as the philatelic delegates!

President van de Kar paid tribute to the City Council for the wonderful things done for DISA 79: the provision of the hall, the floral displays, the loan of the Statue of Hope and the Post Office Stone, and many more.

As part of the opening ceremony the Audiovisual Committee presented "The Disa dater", a slide show on the preparation of the special DISA postmark. This was received with applause.

Good wishes

A letter of good wishes to the congress was sent by Dr Tom Berry RDPSA, Honorary Life President of the Federation, and a telegram was read from Mrs Hylde Weinstein, widow of the late editor of *The SA Philatelist*.

In his presidential address Mr van de Kar said it had been a year of change, a sad year and a good year. The sadness was the passing of Manfred Weinstein RDPSA, to whose memory the congress paid silent tribute.

The good and exciting changes started with the magnificent effort by Gawie van der Walt and his band of helpers in staging Potch 78. The Post Office produced stamps which were indeed a credit to the country. The Philatelic Foundation has provided outstanding assistance and support with DISA 79.

A superb job was being done by *The SA Philatelist* Management Committee, and selfless contributions were made by the evergreen Jonas Michelson RDPSA, particularly in reorganising the dispatch of the magazine.

Mr van de Kar said sterling efforts by the Audiovisual Committee were also evident. "From an embryo this committee has produced an educational giant," he said.

Two congress papers were read: "The Venetian posts of the period 1416-1849" by Mr Leo Hellmann (East London Philatelic Society) and "An association of philatelists as against a philatelic federation" by Mr Fanie Vermaak RDPSA (immediate past president of the Federation). (Both papers to be published in *The SA Philatelist*.)

Coming at the juncture of rethinking on the function and future of the federation, the latter paper aroused much interest. Mr Vermaak said the Federation after 50 years was still not fulfilling two of its seven constitutional objectives, the reason being that the Federation was very poor while some of its major affiliated societies were very rich: organised philately was not organised financially.

Mr L Picton (Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town) said it was a paper to be received with acclamation, and proposed that the paper be remitted to all societies for study, in-depth discussions and report-back to the Federation.

In seconding the proposal, which was accepted, Cmdr Cyril Enoch RDPSA (Pretoria Philatelic Society) said he believed it to be the most important paper read to a philatelic congress since 1948, and one which required careful thought and consideration.

More societies join

Mr Ron Mephius, Honorary Secretary of the Federation, reported that the number of affiliated societies stood at 61, six having joined the Federation since the previous congress: Barclays Group Philatelic Society, Edenvale Philatelic Society, Great Britain Philatelic Society of South Africa, Pinelands Stamp Circle, Thematic Stamps South Africa and Windhoek-Filatelielklub.

Presenting his 28th annual report for the Expert Committee, Cmdr Enoch said a record number of 622 certificates were issued during 1978, against 346 in 1976 and 210 in 1977. The committee had added to its reference library and acquired a new improved UV lamp.

Mr Don Mitchell (Royal Philatelic Society of Rhodesia) reported the demise of the New Issues Liaison Committee for Rhodesia, which had consisted of the chairmen of the Royal, the Mashonaland Philatelic Society and the Midlands Stamp

COLONIAL SOCIETY GETS NEW LIFE

THE COLONIAL SOUTH AFRICA SOCIETY was revived at a meeting of eight keen collectors during the DISA week last month after a lapse of two years of inactivity.

This society is concerned with the study of the philately of pre-Union "colonial" South Africa: the Cape of Good Hope, Griqualand West, Basutoland, Natal, Zululand, Stellaland, British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Cmdr F W Collins of England was elected chairman, with Mr Ken Baker of PO Box 88, Wilderness 6560, secretary and bulletin collator. The annual membership dues would be R10, which would include group subscription to *The SA Philatelist*.

Following a suggestion made by Mr Franco Frescura (SA Stamp Study Circle) at the philatelic congress, Mr Bob Goldblatt RDPSA pointed to the need for a central archive of proving documents or pieces pertaining to the identification of barred Cape numeral postmarks. It was decided that Mr Baker would keep such an archive of photostats and documentation on the identification of Cape numerals.

Club. Despite all attempts of recent years, it was clear that the Rhodesia Post Office was not interested in co-operating with philatelists.

The Rhodesia Post Office philatelic section handled mail order only, and would accept orders only for certain set items. After various representations the Director of Postal Operations had invited Mr Mitchell to a meeting, and he was joined by Mr Mike Amos, chairman of the Mashonaland Philatelic Society.

"The meeting was a disaster. The director objected to the sale of items from sheets, and to the establishment of philatelic counters. The liaison committee was brushed aside. The Rhodesian stamp committee consists of officials and has not a single representative from philately."

Mr Mitchell said the Director of Postal Operations agreed to some change, but nothing had been heard from him for the past year.

From Victoria age

"I could only suggest that our Post Office people are from a Victorian age and have not the slightest interest in improving philatelic sales. We have tried everything," Mr Mitchell said.

Miss Mary Bromfield (West Rand Philatelic Society) tabled draft rules for regional mini-exhibitions, which were accepted by the congress. She said the objectives of mini-exhibitions were:

To bridge the gap between a club display and a national exhibition; and

To enable and encourage smaller societies to organise and arrange small exhibitions.

Three such mini-shows had been held in the Transvaal in the past few years and the ideal would be to see a mini-exhibition in every region every year or two.

Mr Tommie Bothma (Philatelic Services) said for the first time the achievement of a financial milestone by the Philatelic Foundation could be anticipated this year.

"No stone has been left unturned in our efforts to improve the financial position of the Foundation," he said.

The Bophuthatswana Government had donated over 600 pigeongrams which were flown on that country's independence day to the Foundation, and these were on sale at R10 each. By 22 March 1979 the Foundation had R11 000 but was faced with an expenditure of R20 000 - yet it was already clear that the difference would be made up from sales of the DISA souvenir sheet. The Foundation wished to congratulate the DISA committee on their outstanding work.

Youth philately

Questioned by Mr Morris, Mr Bothma said the Foundation had appointed a subcommittee to investigate how best to use the R1 000 donated by the East London Philatelic Society to the Foundation for the promotion of youth philately.

Mr John Hodgson (Fish Hoek Philatelic Society) asked about noticeboards advertising society meetings at philatelic counters. Mr Herman Steyn, head of Philatelic Services, said the request had been approved in principle and societies could write to the postmasters concerned to arrange it.

Mr Lionel Lewis (Witbank Philatelic Society) said after judging at exhibitions had been completed, exhibitors often asked the judges for advice on improving their collections. It did happen that a collection which had been improved was then downgraded to a lower award at a next exhibition. Why?

Dr Max Peisach RDPSA, chairman of DISA and vice-chairman of the DISA international jury, said juries for one exhibition did not necessarily accept decisions from other



South Africa's large gold medal winners at the DISA 79 international stamp exhibition were two Transvalers: Harry Birkhead (left) and Joh Groenewald, with their exhibits of Rhodesia: BSA Company and Vryheidsoorlog: Boerepos respectively. Birkhead was elected president of the Philatelic Federation for the new year, and Groenewald is the honorary editor of this journal. (Photo: Die Burger)

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SG 51/65 1891/1901 set	R375	SG 75 Wedding (um)	R15	SG 168/80 Centenary	R800
SG 84/93 1904/7 set	R375	LEEWARD ISLANDS		SINGAPORE	
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SG 39 1911 \$ 25	R240	SG 157/72 1926/7 set (17)	R135	Between 90% and 110% catalogue paid for any king's head set or top values.	
CAYMAN ISLANDS		SG 174/92 1928 set (19)	R135	SG 74/87 Pictorials	R200
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SG 84/95 centenary	R475	MONTSERRAT		SG 1/14 1924 set	R90
SG 100/11 1935 set	R170	SG 48 1914 5/-	R90	SG 15/27 1931 set	R75
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SG 123/32 1928 Anniv. set	R200	NATAL		SG 93/107 1927 set	R90
SG 133/43 1934 set	R45	SG 142 1902 £1	R110	TASMANIA	
SG 167 £1 wedding (um)	R30	SG 171 1908 £1	R240	SG 216/225 1892 set	R220
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SG 71/91 1923/33 set	R250	All Seahorses wanted. At least 110% catalogue paid. Examples 2/6d Seahorse SG 25		SG 34/46 1915 set	R38
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SG 116/26 1929/36 set	R300	SG 116/21 (um) contact	R5	VICTORIA	
SG 127/38 centenary set	R2 900	NEW GUINEA		SG 376 1901 £1	R150
FIJI		SG 137/49 1931 set (13)	R190	SG 377 1902 £2	R225
SG 104/14 1903 set	R360	SG 177/89 1932 set (15)	R175	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
SG 118/24 1906/12 set	R280	NEW HEBRIDES		SG 126 1902 £1	R140
SG 125/37a 1912/23 set	R260	SG 1/9 1908 set (9)	R150	ZULULAND	
GIBRALTAR		NEW ZEALAND		SG 11 1888 5/-	R300
SG 46/55 1903 set	R800	SG 424/7 1906 set (4)	R300		
SG 56/64 1904/7 set	R750	SG 470/3 1913 set (4)	R400		
SG 66/74 1907/11 set	R370	SG 067 5/- official	R150		
SG 76/85 1912/24 set	R195	SG F181 35/- Arms	R1 100		
SG 89/101 1921/27 set	R205				
SG 102/7 1925/32 set	R270				
SG 108 1925 £5	R2 300				
SG 135 £1 wedding (um)	R40				

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juries. In both the DISA international and national groups the highest standards of judging were maintained, and the national standards were possibly higher than in the past.

Any collection would be judged by up to five or six jurymen, while the whole jury was involved where it came to decisions on higher awards. Major countries would qualify for gold medals at international level, while a collection of a new country such as Bophuthatswana would not.

Mr Robert Goldblatt FRPSL was elected to the Roll of Honour of Distinguished Philatelists of Southern Africa, and was given a standing ovation by the congress when he was invited to sign the Roll.

The Skinner Cup was awarded to Mr Natie Becker, recorder of RSA and SWA new issues for *The SA Philatelist* and the SA Stamp Study Circle, and chairman of the Federation's Finance Committee.

The J H Harvey Pirie Memorial award for literature was made for *The Postal Markings of Natal*, by B A Kantey, W R Hart and A Leslie Leon RDPSA.

Mr Jonas Michelson RDPSA was awarded the W E Lea Cup for his outstanding services as honorary administrator and business manager of *The SA Philatelist*, particularly regarding the computerising of subscribers' addresses.

Merit awards

Congress Awards for meritorious articles published in *The SA Philatelist* were made to:

K A Baker - Various articles on Cape maritime postal history
A J Bakker - 'n Eeu van emansipasie
A G M Batten - Newly reported OFS postal markings
Dr H Gottschalk - RDM official franks
B A Kantey - Relative rarity of Natal's circular postmarks
A Leslie Leon RDPSA - The Empire to the rescue
Cmdt G C Opperman - The history of 11 Field Postal Unit
C Roché - Index to *The South African Philatelist* 1977
I J Shapiro - The Empire Parliamentary Tour 1924
D Swart - The Victoria Falls bridge
Capt D Uys - South African airmails 1961-1977
G J van den Hurk - Stempelspreuke vertel die geskiedenis.

The Mashonaland Philatelic Society Award for the best Rhodesia article by a non-Rhodesian was made to Mr D Swart for "The Victoria Falls bridge .

Slide shows praised

The Audiovisual Cup was awarded to Mr Jack Hagger RDPSA for his slide show on "The first Unions" and a Congress Award was made to Mr Rudi Jeidel RDPSA for his slide show on "South African airmails, regular services".

The East London Philatelic Society donated R500 to *The SA Philatelist*, R250 to the Federation and R250 to the Audiovisual Committee. The Mooirivierse Posseëlklub donated R250 to *The SA Philatelist* and R250 to the Audiovisual Committee, and the Bellville Philatelic Society donated R50 to the latter.

The following office-bearers of the Federation were elected:

President - Mr Harry Birkhead

Vice-president for

Cape - Mr John Morris

Natal - Dr Mark Chutter

OFS - Mr André Bezuidenhout MPC

Transvaal - Mr Joh Groenewald

Other - Mr Danny Swart

Hon Secretary - Mr Ken Lydall RDPSA

Hon Asst Secretary - Mr Franco Frescura

Hon Treasurer - Mr Jonas Michelson RDPSA.

Mr Birkhead said the 1980 congress was scheduled to be held on the shores of Germiston Lake, on 8 and 9 October. Plans were being prepared for the national exhibition GEBEKS, from 7 to 14 October 1980.

The name of the exhibition is an acronym from the first letters of the six East Rand societies who have joined forces in arranging the congress and exhibition: Germiston, East Rand, Boksburg, Edenvale, Kempton Park and Springs.

Mr André Bezuidenhout said the 1981 exhibition would be known as Vrijstaat 81 and was due to be held in the first week of July in that year, at the University of the Orange Free State in Bloemfontein.

There would be emphasis on the OFS Republic and Anglo-Boer War as exhibition themes, and overseas members of the specialist societies concerned have been invited to exhibit and attend.

Mr Bezuidenhout said a bus tour of OFS battlefields and other places of interest was planned, and the first postal route into the OFS would be marked with a special horseback mail from Colesberg to Bloemfontein.

Mr D Archer said the Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society would host the 1982 congress, and Mr N Hartley said the Philatelic Society of Natal would stage the 1983 congress in Durban.



Mr and Miss DISA 79: Dr Max Peisach RDPSA, chairman of the DISA exhibition, and the Statue of Hope, the allegorical figure which graced the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope. The design of the "Hope standing" stamps was based on this statue.
(Photo: The Argus)

TRIBUTE TO ORGANISERS

SPECIAL TRIBUTE was paid to the organisers of the DISA 79 international philatelic exhibition when the philatelic congress met in Cape Town last month.

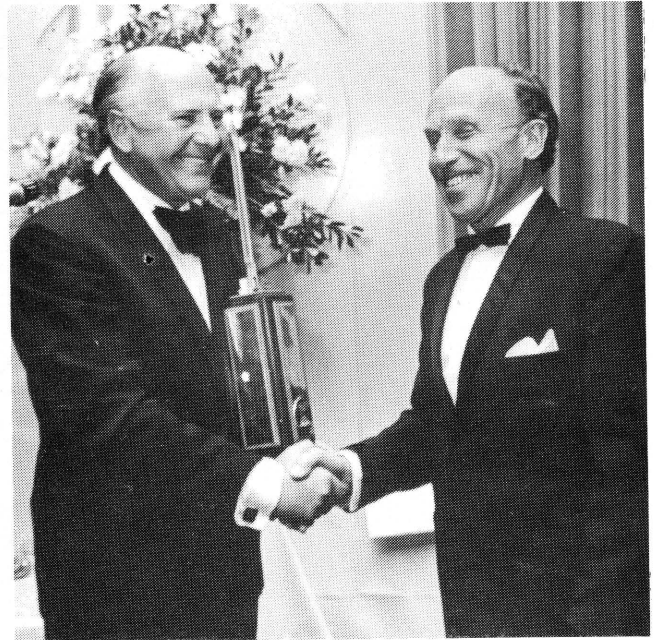
When Federation President Len van de Kar mentioned their work, the congress warmly applauded the key DISA workers amongst the delegates: Dr Max Peisach RDPSA, Mr Sam Kaganson, Mrs Naomi Beinart, Mr Bob Goldblatt RDPSA.

The Congress also expressed its appreciation to all the other DISA committee members and their helpers and assistants.

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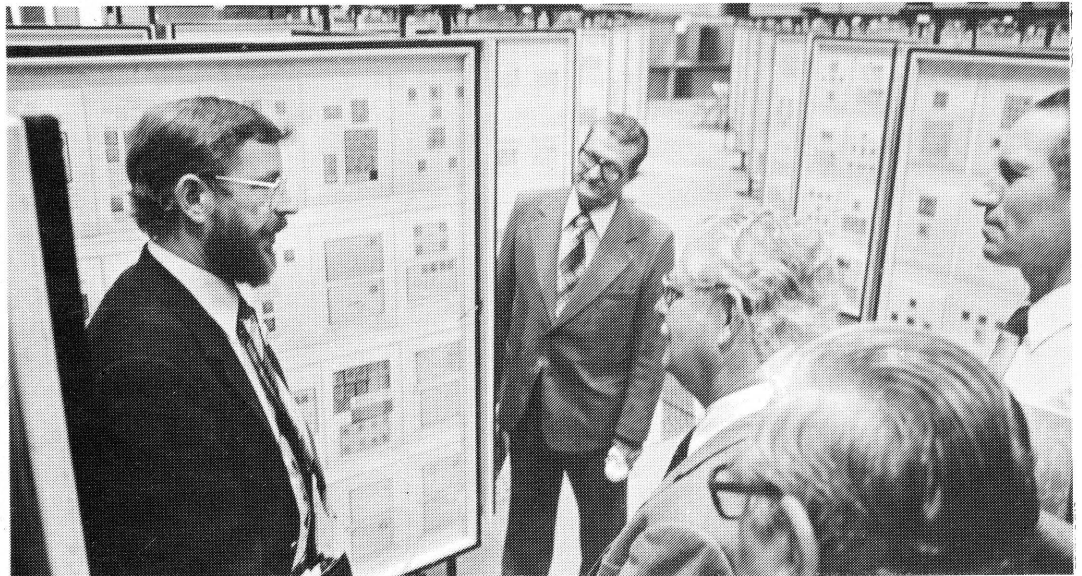


The highest price for a single stamp – R5 200 – at the Sotheby Parke Bernet auction during the DISA week was realised by this £1 Double Head. The auction attracted keen bidding and sales totalled R141 000. (Photo: The Cape Times)

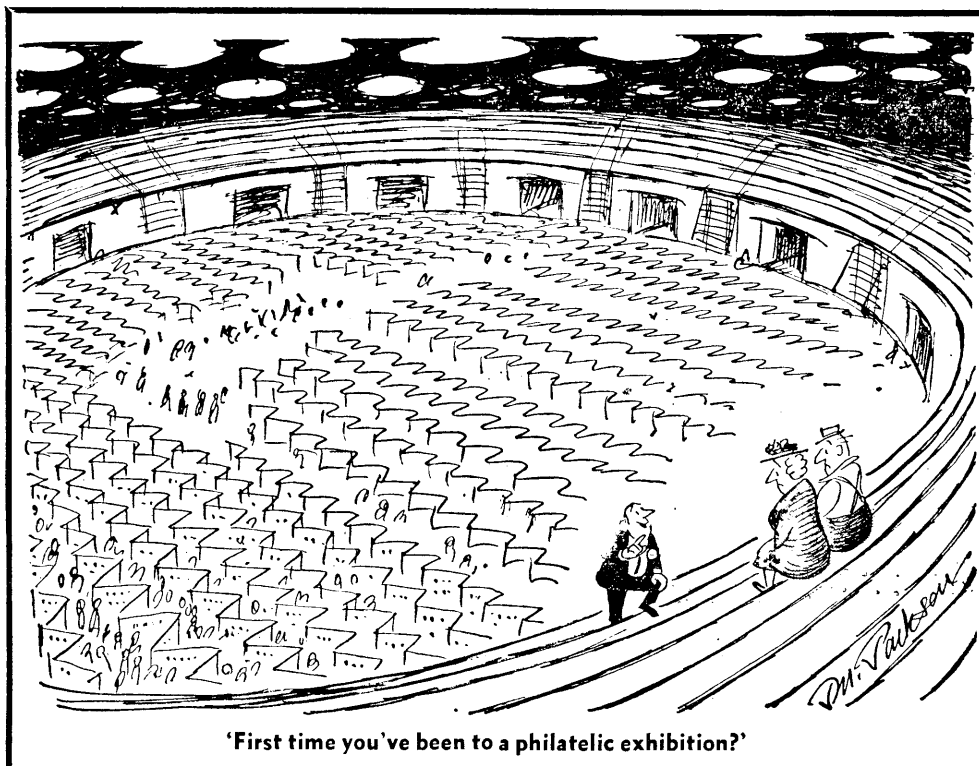


Applause: Postmaster General Louis Rive (left) presenting the State President's Trophy, the national grand prix, to Mr Hans Shlamm. (Photo: Die Burger)

RIGHT: A collector (left) told the MPs visiting DISA that stamp collecting also involved postmarks and postal history! Looking on in the centre is Mr Jan van Zyl (MP, Sunnyside), leader of the Parliamentary group for Post and Telecommunications. (Photo: Die Burger)



LEFT: Dr Max Peisach RDPSA, chairman of the DISA exhibition (centre), and Mr Herman Steyn, head of Philatelic Services (on his right) explain features of the exhibition to a visiting group of Parliamentarians. (Photo: Die Burger)



RIGHT: Jackson of *The Argus* was in his usual splendid form with this cartoon, published with full acknowledgement.

NEW ANTARCTIC SOCIETY 'TO BRING ORDER'

A NEW DISPENSATION in covers emanating from South African Antarctic and sub-Antarctic bases and voyages of the *MV Agulhas* has been brought about by the newly-formed RSA Antarctic Philatelic Society.

Henceforth the society will arrange official and officially cacheted covers from these sources.

At an inaugural meeting in Cape Town during the DISA week, the society was formally constituted after Federation President Len van de Kar opened the proceedings with a message of good wishes and Mr Herman Steyn, head of Philatelic Services, promised the support of the Post Office.

Dr Boetie Davidson said the aim of the society was to bring about a responsible order to the stormy realms of collecting Sanae, Marion, Bouvet, Gough, Tristan and similar. The master of South Africa's Antarctic relief and research vessel was receiving from 5000 to 10000 covers for servicing on every voyage, and various home-made cachets and even forgeries were appearing.

"We want the truth to prevail, and we will collaborate closely with the authorities," he said.

The 24 collectors attending the inaugural meeting agreed that the society should seek to arrange covers of official standing for interested collectors, and applauded the society's first newsletter (edited and produced by Mr Ronnie Jones of Bloemfontein).

The following office-bearers were elected:

President - Mr Patrick McManus of Cape Town (also cover manager)

Vice-president, Cape - Mr G G Naudé

Vice-president, Natal - Mr Gerry de Goede

Vice-president, OFS - Mr Ronnie Jones (also secretary and editor)

Vice-president, Transvaal - Dr Boetie Davidson

Hon treasurer - Mr Teddy Whitlock of Graaff-Reinet.

It was decided that membership of the society would cost R5 (or US \$11) per annum, or R3 for juniors. Members would have to submit 30 name address stickers (or envelopes with the name and address in the bottom right corner, unsealed and unfranked). This material would be used for special events, and covers to overseas addresses would be forwarded by second-class airmail.

Mr MacManus said since the inception of the society some months ago he had already arranged for four covers to be prepared: *MV Agulhas* voyage 3 (Marion), voyage 4 (Gough), voyage 5 (Sanae) and for the Norwegian ship *Polarsirkel's* call at Bouvet Island. The intention would be that the society provided members with two covers from every SA base every year.

It was decided that the society would affiliate with the American Society of Polar Philatelists, the British Polar Society and the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa. The Society's address is PO Box 1893, Cape Town, 8000.

Record publicity

ONE OF THE unusual records set by DISA 79 was the volume of publicity it generated for stamp collecting in Southern Africa.

It was the first stamp exhibition to feature on SATV, and it also made regional, national and international radio newscasts. Radio interviews with Dr Max Peisach RDPSA were broadcast on national actuality programmes in both English and Afrikaans.

Press and magazine interest was extraordinary, and major newspapers made headlines of the DISA exhibition.

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This will be a new edition, and an English translation, of the German South West Africa section of the Friedemann Handbook, together with the general Introduction for all Colonies. Prices have been completely revised and certain new information has been included, and we have added extra photopages of historical, as well as philatelic, interest, and the total edition will comprise approximately 250 pages. We hope this book will be published in May/June this year.

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Silvano Sorani, *Holy Land - Military post offices, World War I*

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Kobus Esterhuysen, *Cape of Good Hope postal history 1652-1910*

Dr H Gottschalk, *Orange Free State*

S J Hagger RDPSA, *Union of South Africa, unused stamps*

Mrs Hilda Jeidel RDPSA, *Holy Land*

Richard C Knight, *Rhodesia: Some postal history 1892-1924*

Raphael Livnat, *Israel: Doar Ivri*

Leo Schuessler, *Holy Land*

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Silver-gilt medals (* = with felicitations)

Louis Abrams, *SWA airmails*

A G M Batten, *OFS and ORC die proofs*

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Basil A Kantey, *Postage stamps and postal history of Natal*

* Claude V Malan, *Historical South Africa*

H P Mervis, *St Helena: Pictorials of KE VII and KG V*

I Aubrey Miller, *Basutoland*

A T Spangenthal, *The Cape Triangulars*

Ari Stempler, *Jewish postal services in Diaspora countries*

Silver medals

Frank Bachenheimer, *Jewish prisoners in Ruhleben POW Camp 1914-18*

E C F Beck, *St Helena*

Brian E Fenemore, *Postmarks and postal stationery of the Bechuanalands*

A H Fitt, *Transvaal 1869-1910*

* Norman Gladstone, *Postal censorship in Palestine 1939-45, and censorship of*

civilian mail to and from Israel 1948-1978

Dr H Gottschalk, *Palestine Mandate*

H Horn, *Basutoland/Lesotho*

B Joffe, *Palestine to 1948*

G Koefman, *BSA Company, Rhodesia, postal history*

Mrs Janet S Kohn, *Censor marks on Concentration Camp mail*

Milton B Kohn, *Concentration Camp mail*

* D E Monks, *Union of SA, delivered by aeroplane 1911-1936*

* Jakob Niesen, *Israel: Local post Nahariya*

"Pearl Rose", *Rhodesia 1937-1970*

Terrence D Radue, *South Africa in World War II (postal history)*

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J L Visser, *The Bechuanalands*

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Silver-bronze medals

A G M Batten, *The OFS and the South African War*

* Eitan Berkovitz, *Israel: Landscapes*

Jan Corstjanje, *The Bechuanalands 1884-1966*

Hartwig Danesch, *Israel Taxi Post*

B A Hennig, *German South West Africa*

Mrs Jeanne Hutchinson, *Rhodesia 1892-1964*

Bernard J Mabbett, *Mail connected with St Helena during the Anglo-Boer War*

J B Rosen, *Rhodesian plateproofs*

R Shiers, *Jerusalem - The interim period 1948*

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Heinz Ph Badt, *Postal history of Jerusalem*

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Leslie Glassman, *Postal history of Jerusalem*

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G Koefman, *SA postal history*

Prof Shaul Ladany, *Postal history of Beer Sheva*

Ken Lydall RDPSA, *Highways and byways of the South African postal*

services

M Madesker, *Israel booklets*

Jony Markman, *Israel definitives 1949-1959*

I Aubrey Miller, *Israel*

B A Remington, *Holy Land: military mail 1917-1973*

B A Remington, *Israel 1948-1949*

Andrew Steiner, *Great Jews on stamps*

Lorenz Tanner, *Holy Land & Israel in exile*

Charles A Tuteur, *Israel 1948 interim period: The 80 Minhelet Ha'am*

postmarks

W J E van Deijl, *Oranje-Vrystaat*

Mrs Alicia Wannerton, *SA postal markings*

Herbert Wermelskirchen, *Israel*

Certificates of merit

A S Baum, *Israel: Birth pangs and first stamps*

Julius Fletcher, *Israel: the 1948 interim period*

Maj C F Hegardt, *Anglo-Boer War*

F S Kochman, *Rhodesia: Post-UDI definitives*

Prof Shaul Ladany, *Israel's participation in the Munich Olympic Games*

Oliver R Sanford Jr, *Union of South Africa 1910-1954*

Klaas van Ingen, *Union of South Africa: the 1d Ship*

Mrs Louise van Ingen, *Union of South Africa: postal stationery*

DISA 79 national classes

The following competitors in the Class of Honour each received a National Gold

Medal:

Morris Cohen, *Greece: Large Hermes Heads*

Dr J R Frank, *Canada: The first 40 years*

Dr H Gottschalk, *Sudan airmails*

A G Hitchcock, *Great Britain embossed postal stationery*

H T Shlamm, *German airmails*

H T Shlamm, *German Empire Eagles*

A van der Mey, *Nederland*

Gold medals

Mrs Hilda Jeidel RDPSA, *Congo Belge*

Rudi Jeidel RDPSA, *Egypt: Consular mail*

Rudi Jeidel RDPSA, *Middle East Airmails*

S Kelly, *Russian postal stationery*

J W P Meintjies, *Unie van Suid-Afrika 1910-1929*

H M Nathanson, *Trinidad: The British classics*

Silver-gilt medals

S K Berndt, *Danzig*

André Bezuidenhout, *Krygsgevangenekamp van die Anglo-Boere- oorlog*

1899-1902

W R du Sautoy, *Rhodesia*

Leo Hellmann, *Postal history of Venice*

E J Howie, *Mosi-oa-tun-ya (Victoria Falls)*

R E Hunt, *New Zealand Chalon Heads*

Mrs J Hutchinson, *Rhodesia 1965-1978*

- H E Japha, *Official stamps of the Union of SA*
 * S Kelly, *Northern Rhodesia*
 S Kelly, *Airmails to and from Latvia*
 A Leslie Leon RDPSA, *Morocco agencies and forerunners*
 * Jack P Lipworth, *Channel Islands until the end of World War II*
 Hymie Mervis, *Malta*
 Rex Osborne, *Mauritius 1778-1878*
 * H T Shlamm, *German post offices in China, Turkey & Morocco 1870-1914*
 H T Shlamm, *Saar territory 1920-1935*
 A van der Mey, *England 1883-1958*
 A van der Mey, *Nederlands-Indië 1864-1948*
- Silver medals**
 Arie Bakker, *Java internal letters 1830-1864*
 * Harry Birkhead, *Zululand*
 H G Carpendale, *Southern Rhodesia*
 Mrs V R Coe, *The Horse Show*
 Cmdr F W Collins, *Indo-China postal history 1862-1938*
 V J Faris, *Olympic Games*
 J E Franklin, *Great Britain line-engraved stamps*
 * Jack Galloon, *The Doar Ivri low values*
 Boris Glassman, *British Commonwealth - specimen issues of KGV I*
 Leo Hellmann, *Philatelic terms*
 E J Howie, *The ABC of philately*
 H W Lang, *Berlin, the divided city*
 H W H Lee, *Conquest of the air*
 A Leslie Leon RDPSA, *Bosnia and Herzegovina*
 Lionel Lewis, *Great Britain 1840*
 Steven Lipchin, *German SWA and SWA*
 William Mann, *Airmail stamps of Italy*
 Jony Markman, *Australia definitives 1937-1973*
 * John Morris, *Gambia: Victoria and Edward*
 Adv Naren Pandya, *Hinduism at a glance*
 G E Ponsford, *New Zealand 1844-1871*
 Prof W Silber, *History of the Red Cross*
 A T Spangenthal, *Bechuanaland*
 J T L Stinson, *History of the postal services*
 * M J H Tonking, *Roll stamps of the Union of SA 1923-1960*
 * D J Uys, *South African airmails, the first quarter century*
 Mrs D J van Niekerk, *Forgeries and propaganda issues of World War II*
 Colman Waner, *Israel tab and plate blocks, mint*
 * Mrs Barbara Zarnack, *Oriental dance*
- Silver-bronze medals**
 Roy D Bloom, *Athletics and athletes*
 Mrs G E Colquhoun, *Kingdom of the shell*
 Prof D E de Villiers, *Die Nieuwe Republiek*
 S Endrödy-Younga, *Postal history of Budapest*
 Brian Fenemore, *British POs in the Turkish Empire*
 Boris Glassman, *United Nations: A study of the first issue*
 Michael Glassman, *The first independence issues of Guyana*
 Solly Gutman, *Basutoland and Lesotho, QE II*
 N R Hartley, *Northern Rhodesia*
 Maj C F Hegardt, *Swedish Military Mail*
 Ronnie Jones, *Voyages of the MV RSA*
 * Percy M Kagan, *Union of South Africa*
 S W le Roux, *Olympic Games*
 P B Levine, *Gold Coast*
 S Marus, *Errors on stamps*
 A P J McDonogh, *Farewell Africa*
 Mrs G Oelbüttel, *German SWA*
 F J Olivier, *Gems and minerals*
 Paresh Pandya, *Architects of India*
 Lewis J Picton, *Israel Boy and Girl Scout Federation*
 Lewis J Picton, *Scouts in war and post-war exile*
 Dr Marek Rozwadowski, *History of Poland*
 Dr Marek Rozwadowski, *Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland*
 Gerald Rubin, *Die Nieuwe Republiek*
 Prof C J H Schutte, *A reference collection of SWA*
 Ian J Shapiro, *Parliamentary post of the Cape and SWA*
 David Stern, *Israel - Modern definitives printing dates*
 David Stern, *Israel - Folders, memorial day covers, artists' proofs and sketches*
 J R Stroud, *Transvaal and OFS during the Anglo-Boer War*
 J M Wasserfall, *South African aerogrammes*
 J H A Westraadt, *Sailing ships and the men who sailed them*
 Miss Cathrine Whitehead, *History and arts of mankind*
 J V Woolford, *Southern Rhodesia to 1953*
 W S Yelland, *Pre-Independence Transkei*
- Bronze medals**
 Eric L Baleta, *SWA 1923-1931*
 Mrs H Bebington, *South African aerogrammes*
 R S Benton, *Waterfalls in Southern Africa*
 Eddie J Beunderman, *SA postage dues*
 Mrs R L Bonthron, *Australia*
 J A Cheminais, *OFS: British occupation*
 N C Combrink, *Religion on stamps*
 M Daniels, *Israel: The Arbor Day issue*
 Prof D W de Villiers, *Die Halve Penny van die OVS*
 Jacky Glassman, *Jersey and Guernsey*
 * Glenn Goldblatt, *Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland up to independence*
 J David Hanson, *Postal history of Guernsey and Jersey*
 R E Harden, *Basutoland and forerunners*
 J W Hodgson, *My Lady Nicotine*
 C E Holmberg, *Creation and development of Swedish stamps 1920-1939*
 Ronnie Jones, *The Boys on the Border*
 Arrie Joubert, *Rugby*
 Aubrey J Katzeff, *Exhibition of Israel*
 E S Leibowitz, *Gambia, West Africa*
 P J McManus, *SA National Antarctic Expeditions*
 Jonas Michelson RDPSA, *Southern African Philatelic Exhibitions*
 Mrs S A Nicholas, *West Germany 1949-1959*
 W R Nurse, *The postcard in SWA 1915-1961*
 A M Raw, *Cancellations on KGV heads of SA, SWA, and forerunners of adjacent territories*
 Klaus Rosenberg, *POW Mail, World Wars I and II*
 Harry Schiff, *Maccabiah Games*
 A Singels, *Windmills*
- Prof A J E Sorgdrager, *Rhodesië 1966-1970*
 R J A Sparks, *South African slogan cancellations*
 Robert Tubby, *Border Mail*
 J C Tucker, *The stamp of the artist*
 D M Tunley, *New Zealand Victorian era*
 R T Turton, *Per aspera ad astra: The SAAF on stamps*
 * Selwyn Uriah, *Israel: New Year issues*
 P van Zeyl, *Postal stationery of the ZAR and OVS*
 Colman Waner, *Olympic Games*
 Derek W Watts, *Wreck and crash mail*
 Rabbi SA Zaiden.
- Certificates of merit**
 D S Berndt, *SWA 1931-1960*
 Eddie J Beunderman, *The Bible on stamps*
 C Corke, *RSA first definitives*
 Mrs V I Darby, *The story of Christmas*
 W E Drake, *Interflora*
 D A Futerman, *Lesotho since independence*
 Leslie Glassman, *Modern Jerusalem*
 R Mohidin Hakim, *Republic of South Africa*
 R M Hilligan, *Swaziland*
 De V M Horak, *Winterspele*
 Miss A E Johnstone, *Rhodesia, post-Federation*
 Mrs G R Koralek, *The Story of the Madonna*
 Mrs Marjorie Lee, *Queen Elizabeth II*
 G G Naudé, *Modern varieties of RSA*
 R S Oliver, *A Royal Milestone*
 A M Raw, *Swaziland*
 John C R Reed, *Postmarks and postal history of the world, 1840-1900*
 Mrs H W Rozwadowska, *Royal weddings*
 H Schiff, *Palestine Mandate - the pictorials*
 Prof W Silber, *History of medicine*
 David Stern, *Pres Sadat & Prime Minister Begin exchange visits*
 L J Tempelhoff, *Munich Olympics*
 Mrs M Tucker, *Salute the happy morn*
 M P Vorster, *Nederland, laaste 25 jaar*
 S P Westraadt, *Flowers of the world*
- Junior awards**
Silver medals
 Gary Morris, (15), *Great Britain, line engraved*
 * D Nathan-Maister (16), *Postal history of SWA, 1915-1923*
 * Jonathan Peisach (18), *France: The Fifth Republic*
- Silver-bronze medals**
 Miss Esté Bekker (16), *Interprovinciale seëls 1910-1913*
 Miss Angela Carpendale (15), *Jersey*
 Miss Dawn Carpendale (13), *Guernsey*
 Miss Hilary Finkelstein (17), *Costumes*
 Bradley Fried (13), *Transkei*
 Harold Katz (12), *The horse on stamps*
 Miss Gabrielle Morris (11), *Cats and dogs*
 Terrence Rowe (17), *Postmarks of Greater London*
 Mark Rubin (14), *Nyasa-Rhodesian Force*
 Miss Corinne van Vuuren (16), *Horses on stamps*
- Bronze medals**
 G J Boyd (14), *Basutoland*
 Darryl Finkelstein (14), *Great Britain, Elizabethan era*
 Albert Cotkin (16), *RSA second definitives*
 Marc Margolis (14), *South African commemoratives*
 Andrew W Maxwell (15), *Tristan da Cunha*
 Simon Morris (13), *Wheeled vehicles*
 Paul Rabie (15), *Union of South Africa*
 Charles Schelpe (18), *SA Protea definitives*
 B C Schutte (9), *West Germany*
 Miss M M Schutte (16), *Russia*
 Jaap Jan Sterkenburg (17), *Godsdiens op posseëls*
 Miss Paula Sterkenburg (11), *Trekperd Ysterperd*
- Certificates of merit**
 Miss Elizabeth Sterkenburg (13), *Huisdiere*
 Howard E Sundry (15), *The Olympic Games*
- Literature classes** (all international, except those marked ** are national)
- Silver-gilt awards**
 World Philatelic Congress of Israel, Holy Land and Judaica Societies, *Two Handbooks of Holy Land Philately*
 ** Robemark Philatelists (Pty) Ltd, *Catalogue/Handbook of South Africa and Catalogue/Handbook of Swaziland* (one award)
- Silver awards**
 A Ben David, *Judaica Post*
 Norman Gladstone, *Postal Censorship in Palestine during World War II and Postal Censorship in Israel 1948-1978* (one award)
 Raphael Livnat, *Doar Ivri, plate and tab types*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *Minkus new worldwide stamp catalogue*
 D A Mitchell and H T Tring, *The Surcharging of Rhodesia's Mail 1965-1971*
 B A Remington, *The Bapip Bulletin*
 ** S J Vermaak RDPSA, *A Chronology of South African postal slogans*
 E Glassman, *Postal history of Jerusalem from 1948*
- Silver-bronze awards**
 A G M Batten, *The Orange Free State: Its postal offices 1868-1910, supplements 1978*
 Colin M Hoffman, *Rhodesia: British South Africa Company - A guide to the literature on the stamps and postal history*
 Minkus Publications, Inc *New American stamp catalog*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *British Africa Stamp album*
 Dr Oscar Stadler, *The Israel Philatelist*
 ** R D Allen, *Supplement to the maritime marks of South Africa*
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 R Bronke, *Nederland-Israel Philatelie*
 Hartwig Danesch, *Taxipost in Palestine/Israel*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *Netherlands stamp album*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *Complete guide to stamp collecting*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *British Europe stamp album*
 ** The Royal Philatelic Society of Rhodesia, *Magnify*
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 Minkus Publications, Inc, *American bi-centennial stamp album*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *Minkus stamp journal*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *American Revolution stamp album*
 Minkus Publications, Inc, *Medicine on stamps*

50 Years of stamp printing

by Natie Becker

ALTHOUGH the Union of South Africa came into being on 31 May 1910 the first postage stamp for the Union was only issued on 4 November 1910 to coincide with the opening of the first Parliament. This stamp was printed in England.

The first definitive postage stamps for the Union were issued on 1 September 1913. These stamps depicted the head of King George V and were printed in London by Thomas de la Rue and Co. From January 1926 the Union pictorial gradually replaced the King's Heads. The first issues were the 1/2d and 1d stamps which appeared on 1 January and the 6d which first appeared on 1 May 1926. All three values were printed by Waterlow and Sons Ltd. The 4d triangular stamp was printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co Ltd, and although stated to have been issued on 1 January 1926, it is generally accepted to have been obtainable in most post offices from April 1926. Seven further values, namely 2d, 3d, 4d, 1/-, 2/6d, 5/- and 10/- were recess printed by Bradbury Wilkinson and issued on 1 March 1927.

As early as 1923 Harrison and Sons Ltd of London submitted essays of four different designs in various colour combinations to the Union Government.

In 1929, the Government Printer made the lithographic plates for the four-penny and one-shilling airmail stamps which he then printed. The stamps were issued on 16 August 1929. The occasion of the first completely local production of postage stamps in Pretoria is commemorated on the 15c stamp depicting the 1929 four-penny stamps, issued on 30 March 1979.

From 1929 onwards the production of the different Union stamps was gradually taken over by the Government Printer. All stamps were printed by gravure until 1974 when, for the first time since 1929, the lithographic process was again used for the 9d Burgers pound stamp. (The Jentsch issues for South-West Africa, however, were printed by lithography in 1973.)

Despite the many problems encountered during the last fifty years - notably the period 1939-1945 during the Second World War - the standard of printing never lagged but kept abreast of all modern developments. In fact, stamps produced in the Republic gained world awards on two recent occasions.

In commemorating the all-South African issue fifty years ago, the Post Office pays tribute to the Government Printing Works for the efforts that were made and are still being made to produce stamps of high quality and beauty that consistently evoke the admiration and praise of philatelists both in the Republic and overseas.

The 15 cent stamp commemorating 50 years of stamp printing in South Africa was printed by the Government Printer in Pretoria and will be on sale for two months.

Design - The stamp has a grey-green background and depicts the 1929 4d airmail stamp in green, centrally situated on the stamp. The inscriptions are: Top left - RSA; top right - 15c; bottom left - 1929; bottom right - 1979. All these inscriptions are in white against the solid grey-green background. In the bottom gutter margin on the left below 1929 is the designer's name, G Mynhardt, and to the right of this is "Eerste posseël in sy geheel geproduseer deur die Staatsdrukker" and below is the English translation "First postage stamp produced in its entirety by the Government Printer". The printing in the gutter margin is in green.

Paper - Harrison phosphorescent coated paper was used. It is unwatermarked and the gum is PVA. The paper has a matt surface.

Sheet format - Horizontal sheets measuring 286mm across and 181mm down. There are 25 stamps to a sheet in 5 rows of 5 stamps each and there were four unidentified panes on the printing plate, 2 panes in horizontal position above the other two in similar position. 76 000 sheets (1 900 000 stamps) were ordered and it was expected that that number would be delivered. The original size of the paper used was 406 mm down and 610 mm across.

Stamp format - Horizontal, measuring 47,8166 mm across and 30,225 mm down.

Printing technique - Lithography with six numbered plates on the left margin in a vertical row. The numbers are printed in white on the horizontal coloured plates, number 1184 on grey opposite the upper half of row 2, number 1185 on light rose opposite the upper half of row 3, number 1186 on green opposite the upper half and number 1187 on brown opposite the lower half of row 4, number 1188 on bright red opposite the upper half and number 1189 opposite the bottom half of row 5.

A new master negative was prepared and as the lithography printing process was used, a new multi negative was also prepared. The printing was done on press number 759. The expected date of printing was 15-01-1979.

Marginal decorations - In the left margin opposite row 1 in black is the post office emblem above the date of issue 1979-03-30.

For the first time since the "sheep" stamps issued on 15 May 1972 the margins have slogans all the way round. It depicts the DISA 79 emblem. The emblem is in the shape of a triangular stamp in reddish orange with an impression of the rare DISA uniflora orchid which grows on the slopes of Table Mountain and has become the symbol of the Western Cape Province, in brown on white. Below the emblem is the lettering "DISA 79" in black capitals. Each vertical row of stamps has an emblem centrally situated in the top and the bottom marginal blanks, and on the right margin there is one centrally situated opposite each horizontal row. In all there are 15 emblems on the margins.

Perforations - The information is that the two-row Grover appliance was used and on the sheets examined this was found to be true. The gauge is 14 by 14.

A new perforation technique has been introduced namely, all margins on all sheets will be perforated through. There will not be the customary imperforate margin on the left or right as has been the case up to now.

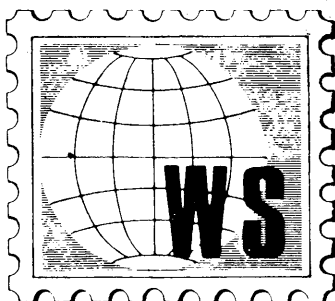
Job sheet information - The date of the job sheet information is 19-01-1979. The job number is 00415211 and the requisition number is 9195/1251.

Varieties - On sheets with a brown dot in the bottom of the '8' in 1187 in brown colour plate.

Row 5/1 Break in inside vertical line at left edge of airmail stamp 7 mm below top gutter and 11,5 mm to right of left frame line of overall stamp.

DISA Emblems

Above stamp 1 in row 1 - Small brown line in the white near the left extremity of the left petal.



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Above stamp 4 in row 1 - tiny dot in white flower to the left of the stamen.

On sheet with a small red spot at 2 o'clock in the second perforation from the left, in the bottom horizontal row of perforations in the DISA emblem above stamp 1 in row 1. DISA emblem

Above stamp 2 in row 1 - small red dot inside 4th perforation from the left in the bottom row of horizontal perforations.

Colour variations - Lighter and darker shades of the grey-green background to the stamps were noticed on the sheets which were examined. It was also noticed that the white background on the airmail stamp was a creamy green on some sheets.

Note: As the lithography process was used for the printing, marks which might appear to be constant varieties could disappear during the printing process or when the printing plate was wiped.

Commemorative envelope 3 - 13-

The designer of the commemorative envelope issued on 30 March, 1979 was Gerhard Mynhardt who also designed the datestamp which would be applied at Pretoria. The envelope measures 178 mm across and 102 mm down. 125 000 envelopes were printed.

Souvenir sheet No 4

In conjunction with DISA 79 the Philatelic Foundation issued its souvenir sheet number 4. The sheet was printed by the Government Printer and depicts numbers 88 and 89 of the union essays in colour.

The sheet measures 97 mm across and 120 mm down. It has a grey decorative frame round the outside edge with CAPE TOWN at the top of the frame and KAAPSTAD at the bottom. A small 4 in a circle is just above 'PS' in Kaapstad. Below Cape Town against a white background is the triangular emblem of DISA 79 in reddish orange with an impression of the *Disa uniflora* orchid in brown and white. DISA 79 in large black letters appears below this. Immediately below between two horizontal lines is the wording "National Philatelic Exhibition" in one line with "Nasionale Filateliese Uitstalling" below and with "1979-03-30 to/tot 04-07" on a third line.

Below this is Essay number 88 on the left and Essay number 89 on the right. Below, on the left, is the wording in tiny black letters - Printed by the Government Printer with the approval of the Postmaster General and issued by the Philatelic Foundation of Southern Africa. On the right is the Afrikaans equivalent.

AN APPEAL

PHILATELIC SERVICES has made an urgent and sincere request to us. Whilst they are appreciative of the technical reports prepared on the various issues which are sold through their offices as well as Intersapa, they are being harassed by the requests they are receiving from many ardent philatelists who read *The SA Philatelist*. For example it has been reported in the past that as many as three perforating appliances have been used in perforating a printing of a single denomination. These reports are made according to material made available for study. Regrettably neither Philatelic Services nor Intersapa are able to supply these specific highly specialised items.

The beauty of our hobby surely includes the hunting one must do in order to find that elusive item. If it only requires a phone call or a short note to get that item, a lot of the fun must be lost. We would suggest that contact be made with collectors in other parts of the country, with similar interests to yours. You could then organise an exchange program between yourselves.

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Gevra oor die vertolking van die skenkingsvoorwaarde, naamlik of dit is vir 'n versameling met "die beste Afrikaans", of vir "die beste versameling" met Afrikaans, het dr A M van den Berg, hoofsekretaris van die FAK, gesê die laasgenoemde word bedoel.

"Dit gaan in die eerste plek om die filateliese betekenis van die versameling, na die diskresie van die jurie," het hy gesê. "Daarna moet dit ook in goeie Afrikaans bygeskryf wees, alleen of saam met enige ander taal."

Die trofee is van inheemse hout en is in die vorm van die FAK se vlam-embleem op 'n voetstuk.

Special datestamps



TWO temporary special datestamps previously announced are illustrated: for the 300th anniversary of the completion of the Castle, Cape Town, on 28 April; and for "The seas must live" environmental and conservation project of the SA Nature Foundation, Cape Town, 5 June 1979.

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No child's play for Sweden



WHEREAS many countries selected pleasant, joyful, romantic and even idyllic designs for their International Year of the Child stamps, Sweden did not. The Swedish 1,70 kr stamp issued on 13 March 1979 shows a child with toy, wearing a gruesome gas mask in the midst of heavy traffic.

Sorghum beer

by Cedric Roché

FOUR STAMPS to depict sorghum beer (Bojalwa), the national drink of the Tswana people, were issued on 28 February 1979. The stamps, datestamp and commemorative cover were designed by A H Barrett and the stamps were placed on sale for 3 months.

Data common to all values

Paper — The stamps were printed on unwatermarked, nonphosphorised Harrison paper with PVA gum.

Sheet format — Vertical, measuring 250 mm across and 630 mm down. A pane of stamps has 25 stamps in five rows each. There were four panes on the printing plate in a format of 1 x 4.

Stamp format — Horizontal, measuring 40,5 mm across by 23,9 mm down.

Stamp design — The inscriptions are common to all values and are: BOPHUTHATSWANA in black on the upper right hand margin, BOJALWA vertically in khaki in the right margin and the figure of value in red in the top left-hand corner.

Perforation — This was done on the Walter Kroll single-row perforator with a gauge of 14. The sheets were fed into the perforator with the top margin going in first. As a result of using paper which is 20 mm per sheet longer than that previously used, an extra strike of the perforator occurs on the margin. This extra strike is then guillotined off and the result is that the top and bottom margins of all the panes are perforated through.

HELP SOUGHT WITH ELUSIVE POSTMARKS

IN HIS SEARCHES and researches for the forthcoming encyclopaedia on South African postmarks, Mr Ralph F Putzel of Cape Town has appealed to collectors to assist with illustrations of postmarks, particularly those elusive postmarks of small offices or agencies.

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The Post Office is now supplying Mr Putzel with lists of modern relief cancellers as issued. But often, by the time Mr Putzel receives the information and writes for the postmark, it has gone again.



Sometimes strikes of these very short-lived relief cancellers are found, and three are illustrated: Kuilsrivier, Medunsa, and Buffeljagsrivier.

Collectors able to assist Mr Putzel with information on relief cancellers may write to him at P O Box 20, Bergvliet 7864.

This is the first time that this method has been used for the stamps of Bophuthatswana, and it should ensure that imperforate margins are a thing of the past. The left and right margins are perforated through.

Data for each denomination

4 Cent

Design — A Tswana woman spreading germinated grain on a hide to dry out prior to grinding.

Printing technique — Lithographed by the Government Printer with six plates numbered 167 in blue, 168 in yellow, 169 in magenta, 170 in black, 171 in red and 156 in khaki. The plate numbers are shown together with the printing date on the left margin: BPT and 1979-02-28 are opposite the first row, 167 opposite the second row, 168 opposite the third row, 169 & 170 opposite the fourth row and 171 & 156 opposite the fifth row.

Varieties —

Row 4/5 - Green dot on pot.

15 Cent

Design — This shows the ground grain being soaked and cooked to a fine paste and ladled into a clay jar.

Printing technique — Lithography with six plates numbered 162 in blue, 163 in yellow, 164 in magenta, 165 in black, 166 in red and 156 in khaki. The other details are as for the 4 cent.

Varieties - Nil

20 Cent

Design — This shows the fermented mixture being sieved to separate the beer.

Printing technique — Lithography with six plates numbered 157 in blue, 158 in yellow, 159 in magenta, 160 in black, 161 in red and 156 in khaki. The other details are as for the 4 cent.

Varieties — Nil

25 Cent

Design — Tswana men enjoying home-brewed beer.

Printing technique — Lithography with six plates numbered 151 in blue, 152 in yellow, 153 in magenta, 154 in black, 155 in red and 156 in khaki. The other details are as for the 4 cent.

Varieties — Nil

Datestamp — Circular datestamp (27mm) with DINOKANA in capitals around the top half and the date 1979-02-28 around the bottom half. In the centre is a clay pot with a tiny 9 above it (this is an error as No 9 was used for the first anniversary of independence). Beneath the clay pot are two ears of wheat sorghum.

Commemorative envelope — No 1.7, 22 000 printed.

Collected sheet — No 1.7a designed by Hantie de Klerk, 15 000 printed.

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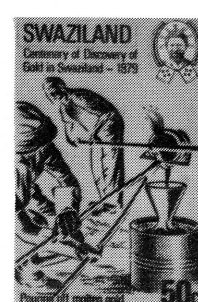
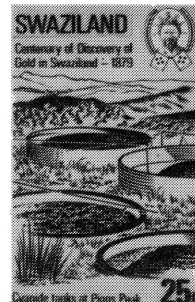
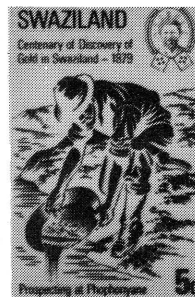
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- 15c - Early three-stamp battery mill
- 25c - Cyanide tanks at Piggs Peak
- 50c - Pouring off molten gold.



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Swaziland's two most productive mines were discovered a few years later: Piggs Peak, discovered in 1884 and named after a local resident, and finally closed in 1951; and Forbes Reef, discovered in 1885 and named after the concessionaire, where operations ceased in 1913.



Four values and a miniature sheet (at 95c) were due for release on 8 May 1979 to mark the International Year of the Child. The stamps portray classical paintings of children and the values are 5c, 15c, 25c and 50c.

Waterbirds for South West

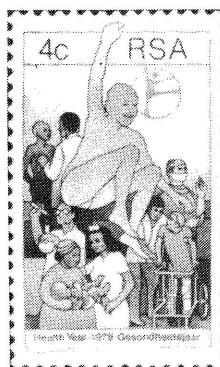
SOUTH WEST AFRICA'S first commemoratives for the year were issued on 5 April 1979: a set of four values depicting waterbirds of the Namib Desert coast. Designed by Dick Findlay, the values are

4c - *Phoenicopterus ruber*, greater flamingo, groot flamink
15c - *Phalacrocorax carbo*, white-breasted cormorant, witbors-duiker
20c - *Charadrius pallidus*, chestnut-banded plover, rooibandstrandloper

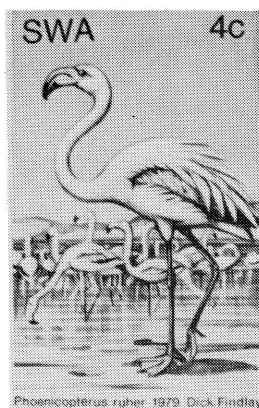
25c - *Pelecanus onocrotalus*, white pelican, wit pelikaan.

The commemorative day of issue postmark was for Swakopmund.

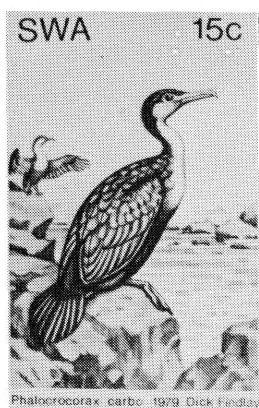
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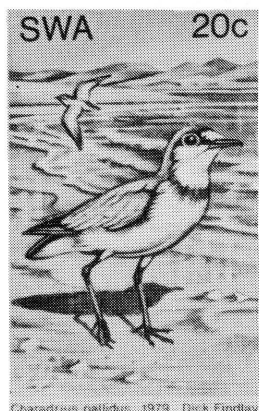
THIS IS the Health Year stamp due for issue on 19 June 1979. The stamp shows a leaping youth against a backdrop of medical activities (preventative, curative, rehabilitative etc) and includes the Health Year emblem, a stylised figure of joy" in a circle. The special postmark simulates the sun and is for Pretoria.



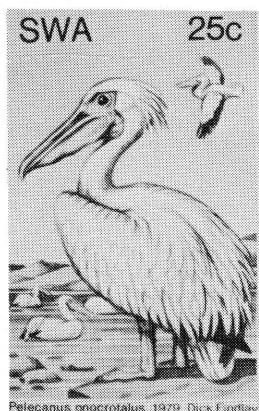
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PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

21 November — The president, Mr R E Harden, welcomed 37 members and 5 visitors to the meeting.

As Mrs Calquhoun was unable to display, Mrs Darby stepped into the breach with a display of "Jersey". This was preceded by an informative talk on the general history of the island.

A vote of thanks was passed by Mr T J Strachan who had, as it so happens, lived there for many years.

5 December — The meeting was opened by the president, Mr Harden, with a welcome to 39 members and 6 visitors.

The meeting was asked to stand as a mark of respect to two members who had passed away. These were Mr C A Els of Graaff-Reinet and Mrs K N Macintosh of Port Elizabeth.

Mr Harden put up three displays. These were Northern and Southern Rhodesia 1924 -1963, New Zealand 1946 - 1976, and a remounted collection of Basutoland which will be displayed at DISA 79.

A rather witty and humorous vote of thanks was passed by Mr D Archer. — **R H Gambrell.**

February — Mr R E Harden, the retiring president, opened the 67th annual general meeting which was held on 20th February 1979. There was a large attendance for this occasion. The President in his report commented that the attendance for the meeting had increased and the average attendance had risen from 26,77 in 1976 and 30,64 in 1977 to 36,54 for 1978. It seems that the TV is no longer keeping people away.

The following trophies were presented to the members in respect of the various competitions held during the year.

Gustav Bülbring Trophy - the best exhibit of the year - Mrs G E Colquhoun for "Shells on stamps".

President Cup - the best one-country exhibit - Mr E Nagel for "France".

Dave Berg Cup - the best adult thematic exhibit - Mrs G E Colquhoun for "Shells on stamps".

T J Strachan Bowl - the best exhibit by a lady member - Mrs G E Colquhoun for "Cape of Good Hope".

G Monaghan Cup - for a member who has not previously won an award - Mrs S Jankelowitz for "Authors and books".

The George Forbes Memorial Cup and the Bülbring Lydall Trophy - both for juniors, were not awarded this year as there was no contest.

Mr Harden put forward the names of Mr Gustav Bülbring, Mr Tom Strachan Snr, and Mr Godfrey Monaghan to be granted honorary life membership of the PEPS, and it was accepted unanimously.

The president then presented our back room girl, Mrs Eileen Berrington, with a small gift. It was then a small break for tea and on with the second half, with the voting for the new committee.

The new committee members elected for 1979/80 are —

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The meeting concluded with the usual auction.

March 6 — This was Mr Deryck Archer's first meeting as President. He opened the meeting announcing that the PEPS now has a motto: "The more you put in, the more you get out".

It was a nice attendance for his first meeting and it was asked if country members would send in questions to be answered as some of the country members must have some queries.

Open Forum, cuttings of philatelic knowledge, were read out by Mr T J Strachan. It was 10 pages mainly for new members up to five years on this evening, and only three new members exhibited.

Mr Boldo - Paper aviaries (birds)

Mr B Fanarof - Bophuthatswana

Mr S Fanarof - Denmark - Sweden - Norway

After being judged it was decided to award a certificate of merit to Mr J Boldo and Mr B Fanarof. Not to be outdone, five of the older members brought along exhibits, which were non-competitive. On show was —

Mrs E Strachan - St Helena proofs

Mr T J Strachan - Nevis proofs

Mr M J Sullivan - G B used

Mr G Bülbring - Austrian revenue stamps

Mr M Katz - British Commonwealth

It was a treat to see some different material for a change and all the exhibits were enjoyed by all the members. — **M J Sullivan**

WELKOM PHILATELIC SOCIETY

December — The meeting on 6 December was attended by 14 members. Mr Rose took the chair and asked members to stand for a minute in honour of the late Mr J Wessels, who passed away on 23 November.

The chairman advised that a very successful Christmas party had been held at the Moth Club in the form of a braaivleis, and a vote of thanks was passed to the committee for the hard work put in to achieve this result. The secretary had thanked Mrs Freeman for all she had done in the organisation of the party.

A new member, Mr D L Inkin, PO Box 155, Welkom (interested in G Britain and Rhodesia) was welcomed to the society. Mr J A Kuhr, who joined at the last meeting (35 Morgan St, Odendaalsrus) is interested in classics, G Britain and France.

Mr Rose pointed out that due to the death of Mr Wessels, it was now necessary to appoint a new chairman. After some discussion, owing to Mr Rose's reluctance to take the chair in view of being away at times, it was proposed by Mr Duncan and seconded by Mr Harris, that he should be appointed

chairman, and that Mr Els would act as vice-chairman should he be absent at any meeting.

Mr Haupt was a very welcome visitor - he is now in Jhb - and gave some valuable information and interesting news. He pointed out that the 4c Vorster stamps now appear in two different perforations, and that there were many interesting auctions of stamps being held in Johanneburg.

Mr Els wished it to be recorded that a donation of R10 had been made in lieu of a wreath to the late Mr J Wessels.

WELKOM PHILATELIC SOCIETY

February — 23 Members and a visitor attended a very lively meeting. In the absence of Mr Rose, Mr Els took the chair.

Mr Els said that he would be getting in touch with Mrs Bonthron, a well-known collector in Virginia, to judge the entries for the Star Grading System at our next meeting.

Mr Paul very kindly offered to assist Mr Els with the organisation and distribution of the boxes of approval books.

A very successful auction took place, and Mr Speck displayed an exceptionally interesting and well written-up collection of Lesotho.

March — This was attended by 11 members and Mrs Bonthron and Mr Nurse, who had kindly come over from Virginia to judge the exhibits for the Star Grading System, and who were welcomed by the Chairman, Mr Rose.

Mr Paul suggested that we should try and interest junior stamp collectors in Welkom. He was advised that efforts had been made in this direction in the past, but had met with little response. However Mr Dawson would contact the headmasters once again in an effort to interest the children in liaising with the society.

The judges congratulated the exhibitors - Mr Duncan on his Antigua, Papua & New Guinea and Cook Islands, Mr Speck on his Basutoland and Lesotho and Mr Rose on a portion of his Union of S Africa collection. They said that there had been a great improvement in the standard since the last that Mrs Bonthron had judged.

She invited the members of the society to visit the Sand River Society meetings on the third Monday of each month, and Mr Rose said that the Bloemfontein society had invited us to their meeting on the 23rd of this month, and suggested that as many of us as possible should attend. — **H D Fell**

KIMBERLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

January — Mr A Waddington took the chair and welcomed everyone present including two new members, Mr N Rossouw and Mr G Duvenhage.

As this was our AGM, Chairman Waddington thanked everyone for making last year such a resounding success and hoped that we would go from strength to strength this year. We then went on to choose our new committee for the year. Voting was unanimous and the committee was chosen virtually unaltered.

They were: Chairman — A Waddington, vice-chairman — Mrs J Bester, sec treasurer — R Oliver, members — Mrs A Burger, F Hughes, A Howes, exchange supervisor — Mrs A Burger.

Projects for the new year were then discussed, including a suitable date for our second exhibition at the McGregor Museum. Last year's exhibition was a great success for the Museum and us.

We were then treated to a display of Anguilla by Mr Oliver and ended the evening off with tea and eats supplied by Dr A Barmania. - **R S Oliver.**

SA contact for SYDPEX 80

THE PHILATELIC Exhibition Council of New South Wales, Australia, is organizing a national exhibition of international standard called SYDPEX 80, to be staged at the City Hall, Sydney, from 29 September to 6 October 1980.

Mr Leo Buchen, RDPSA FRPSL has been appointed Commissioner for South Africa and may be contacted for further information at PO Box 87022, Houghton 2041, South Africa, or tel (011) 838 5141.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

Januarie — 'n Beroep is op lede gedoen om na vore te kom met hul uitstallings. In besonder is daar 'n behoefte aan meer inskrywings vir die Rembrandt-en Arie Bakker-wisselrofeë.

Die rondsend in die Kaap moes weens die toenemende aantal lede in twee areas opverdeel word. Roetheoof G van Millegen maak bekend dat die belange van lede in die poskode gebiede 4900-6499 en 8300-8799 voortaan deur die nuwe roetheoof, mnr E S Whitlock, behartig sal word.

Op die uitstalrame was drie interessante versamelings, nl D van Tol se Frankryk tot 1940, E Thamm se Transkei: van voorlopers tot en met onafhanklikheid, en J N Rossouw se Bolivië 1942-1955 (gebruik).

Februarie — Hierdie vergadering was in besonder toegespits op 'n tweestryd om die Veka-wisselrofeë. Mnr Mike Nethersole en Dave Morrison het ons uitnodiging aanvaar om die beoordeling te onderneem.

Die twee finaliste was mnr A van der Mey (Pretoria) met Curucaco en mnr D Scheepers (AFV) met Unie van SA. Die Unieseëls het klaarblyklik net met 'n kortkop die paal gehaal.

Beneuens die Veka-kompetisie was 'n mooi versameling van lid Wim Hartman se Finland uitgestal.

Sake voortvloeiend uit vorige Federasievergadering is deur die voorsitter behandel en mnr Nethersole het 'n opsomming gelewer van die doelstelling en wat reeds vermag is deur die komitee deur die Federasie benoem om die beoordeling van uitstallings op 'n gesonde grondslag te plaas.

Maart — Dit was die jaarvergadering waartydens alle ampsdraers hul verslae moes indien. Voorsitter E Thamm het in sy verslag 'n algemene en breedvoerige oorsig van die bedrywighede van die afgelope jaar gegee.

Die penningmeester, G van den Hurk, berig dat dit goed gaan, eweso dat 'n assistent benodig word om die las te verlig.

Met die rondsenddiens verloop sake vlot, berig beheerbeampte Tom Kuipers.

Verslae van die sekretaris en argivaris was hoofsaaklik statisties aan aard en die bibliotekaris is van mening dat 'n oplewing te bespeur is in die aanvraag na boeke.

Lid Wim de Jongh, ons jeugleier, rapporteer dat vandag se vergadering die 100e was sedert totstandkoming. Sy verslag was insiggewend en bemoedigend.

Soos gebruiklik moes die voorsitter by die jaarvergadering uitstal en lid E Thamm het sy versameling van SWA vertoon.

Trofeë en toekennings is vervolgens deur die voorsitter aan die weners oorhandig, nl:

Anna H Smith-wisselrofeë aan G van den Hurk vir Moderne RSA

Arie Bakker-wisselrofeë (Geen)

Rembrandt-wisselrofeë aan H W Hardijzer vir Europa-seëls

Thys Rall-wisselrofeë aan G van den Hurk vir Slagspreuk-stempels

Veka-wisselrofeë aan D Scheepers vir Unie van SA Fanie Vermaak-medalje aan H Muller vir Isle of Man

AFV-medalje & knopie aan D Scheepers vir SA Oorlogseëls

Toekennings: Ere-lidmaatskap aan lid A H Kuipers

J W Schubart-toekenning aan lede L J van Riet, S J Vermaak en E Thamm

AFV-Ere-toekennings aan Mev L J M Cornelissen en Lid J N Rossouw

Sertifikaat van Verdienstelikheid aan lede F J Nash en M Steyn

Sertifikaat van Waardering aan Unified Pers en drie studente vir behulpsaamheid tydens Potch 78,

Ricus Fick, Hermanus Grobler en Mej Desiree Mathee.

Spesiale Toekenning aan mnr B Glassman vir ouditering van state.

Die verrigtinge is afgesluit met die verkiesing van 'n nuwe Bestuur wat soos volg daaruit sien:

Voorsitter — E Thamm

Sekretaris/ondervoorsitter — J J Meintjes

Penningmeester — G J van den Hurk

Tweede sekretaris — J S Zayman

Tweede penningmeester — J N Rossouw

Rondsendbeheerbeampte — A H Kuipers

Rondsend: Nuwe boekies — D Scheepers

Jeugleier — W N de Jongh

Assistent-jeugleier — Vakant

Bibliotekaris — De V M Horak

Reklamebeampte — M Steyn

Nuusbrief-afsender — H Muller

Veilingmeesters — L J van Riet en H Duys

Argivaris — J J Meintjes. — **Hannes Meintjes**

FISH HOEK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

March — The meeting took the form of the 24th annual general meeting, at which the following office-bearers were elected:

President - J W Hodgson

Vice-president - A Singels

Secretary - J W T Wannerton

Treasurer - C B Rowe

Sale Supt - D Lang

Additional Members - P Collins, Mrs A Wannerton

Exhibits were tabled by those members who had won Society competitions during 1978. — **John E Hodgson**

ANGLO-BOER WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3 April 1979 — The South African meeting of the society in Cape Town was attended by 20 people, including chairman Bill Hart.

Mr Hart said the society was flourishing, with regular meetings of members in London and occasionally in New York, while membership in Australia was also increasing.

He appealed for suitable articles for the society's quarterly magazine. A booklet on St Helena was almost complete, and another was being prepared on Mafeking.

Mr John Wannerton requested information on Canadian contingent covers for a handbook he was preparing.

It was noted that local subscriptions would now be handled by Mr David Crocker, PO Box 482, Florida, 1710. The subscription was R6 per annum. Mr André Bezuidenhout was appointed custodian of the Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society Trophy, awarded annually at South African national exhibitions.

Items of interest were shown and discussed, and Mr Bezuidenhout reported on plans for the Vrijstaat 81 exhibition. — **JG**

OFS STUDY CIRCLE

The first South African meeting of the Study Circle was held on 5 April 1979, during the DISA week in Cape Town. Dr H Gottschalk chaired the meeting, which was attended by eight people.

Dr Gottschalk showed a newly discovered pane of the fifth VRI setting on the OVS 2d, and Mr André Bezuidenhout showed a variety of panes with VRI printings.

Mr Bezuidenhout also showed

- A pane of the TF 1/- endorsed Hoofdlager Modderrivier and cancelled with a large violet cachet reading Telegraaf Boodschap Tak Bloemfontein.

- An RDM frank cancelled PAK Kafferrivier on 28 November 1898, on a large piece of envelope

- Copies of the Rijdende Dienst Macht annual reports

- Copies of archive correspondence on the planning of the issue of the first OVS stamps in the 1860's. — **JG**

WINDHOEK-FILATELIEKLUB

Februarie — Ons eerste vergadering van die jaar was junioraand. Twee van ons drie juniorlede het opgedaag. Frank Snyman (Jun) het Transkei en André Snyman het SWA gewys. Albei het reeds ver gevorder en die vergadering moes hulle komplimenteer met hulle versamelings.

Ons eerste konstitusie is ook ter tafel gelê en goedgekeur. Die bestuur vir 1979 is as volg:

Voorsitter - mnr Frank Snyman

Ondervoorsitter - mnr Jan Dreyer

Sekretaris - mnr Ben Goosen

Sentmeester - mnr Lappies Labuschagne

Adisionele lede - mnr Gunther von Schumann en mev J Felligibel

Twee projekte is ook op hierdie vergadering geloods, nl die aantekening van alle SWA- en RSA-koeverte en die aantekening van afwykings op seëls van RSA en SWA.

Daar heers 'n besondere goeie gees en ons sien uit na 'n vrugbare jaar.

Maart — Besonder min lede het vir hierdie vergadering opgedaag, maar ons het nogtans 'n paar interessante besprekings gehad oor DISA 79 en die tandingafwyking op die Pres Vorster 4c-seël. Lid Taute het vir ons 'n interessante publikasie oor Energie/olie gewys. Dit het ook oorbeelde van Energie op seëls bevat en is 'n goeie idee vir 'n tematiese versameling.

Hierna het ons 'n kort seëlverkoop gehou en daarmee die vergadering afgesluit. — **Ben Goosen**

THE WANDERERS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

February — This was the second competitive evening for the Lou Abrams Cup. Our ladies dominated the evening, showing three exhibits of an exceptionally high standard.

Mrs West showed us her South West Africa collection, from the German occupation to the latest issue. Her collection was well supported with cancellations and FDCs.

We were then treated to Mrs Rita Tsas's collection of the Protectorates Basutoland, Bechuanaland, and Swaziland. Rita gave a very informative briefing, and showed a comprehensive and well written-up collection.

Next we saw a thematic collection showed by Julia Johnson and titled Minerals of the Earth's Fiery Origin. This collection combined Julia's vast knowledge of minerals and her love for stamps. — **Ralph Phillips**

AFRIKAANSE FILATELIEVERENIGING VAN PRETORIA

Februarie — Vanaand was dit jaarvergadering. Die jaarverslag van die voorsitter en die finansiële verslae was besonder optimisties en 'n weerspieëling van baie werk wat verrig is. Ook die bibliotek argiefverslag was gunstig.

'n Nuwe bestuur is gekies:

Voorsitter - Prof W C van Wyk

Ondervoorsitter - mev H Rhoodie

Sekretaris - E Nilant

Penningmeester - mnr J Briel, J Veenstra (mnr L Bernhardt ouditeur)

Nuwe uitgewes - mnr J Conradie

Rondsenddiens - mnr W Hardijzer (hulp van mev Hardijzer)

Nuusbrief - mev H Rhoodie, mnr W Raats

Veilings - mnr H Hermanides

Vert Federasie - prof H Gonin

Bibliotek argief - ds W Söhne

Oudio-visuele sake - mnr E Coetzee

Tee - dames Brits, Van Niekerk, Scholtz, Rhoodie.

Jaarvergaderings sal voortaan in Maart plaasvind.

'n Uitstalprogram is saamgestel vir die komende twaalf maande.

Mnr Hardijzer het sy versameling Europa-seëls uitgestal, as deel vir die Veka-kompetisie. Die voorsitter, prof van Wyk, het 'n versameling nie-amptelike koeverte vertoon. Dit was 'n hoogs merkwaardige versameling van koeverte, party met amptelike stempels, ander net as herdenkingsvoorbeelde beskikbaar gestel: Jamborees, vliegbyeenkomste, volkspele, uitstallings, ens.

Mnr Schoeman het in sy bedankwoord gewys op die netjiese voorkoms van die versameling en die sorg waarmee dit saamgestel is. Dit was opvallend dat vrywel elke lid hier 'n koevert gesien het van wie se bestaan hy nie vooraf bewus was nie. — **N**

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF JOHANNESBURG

Tuesday 9 January — A bourse was held.

These events are becoming increasingly popular and this occasion was no exception. At least 13 active sellers, some dealers but not all, did their best to persuade about 50 member to spend more money than they had intended, with varying degrees of success.

Monday 22 January — Our second meeting of January was our first meeting devoted entirely to "Postal stationery". Our committee aims to make this increasingly popular facet of philately a regular feature and this first one was very successful.

The following six people showed an exhibition:
Mr J Michelson - Latvia
Mr du Plessis - Pre-Union of SA
Mr J Cornish - Islands of British Africa
Mr M Nethersole - British West Indies
Mr D Swart - Nyasaland and British Central Africa
Dr O Frank - Canada

These exhibits were all of great interest and varied from one frame entries by Messrs Nethersole and Cornish to a virtually complete collection of Canada postal history from their first issue in 1874. This was the highlight of the evening and forms part of Dr Frank's gold medal collection of Canada.

13 February — This was our "One-frame exhibit" meeting. On its inception last year, this event proved its popularity and this was sustained on this occasion. The president welcomed 48 members and 12 guests who were treated to the following exhibits:-

Mr Worley - GB : Wilding issues
Mr Alton - Rhodesia : postwar flaws and varieties
Mr Minnaar - Maori's on New Zealand
Mr Cohen - GB : Castles issues
Mr D Morrison - Falkland Islands : Errors on War Stamps
Mr H Schwab - South Africa : Xmas seals
Mr McKenzie - GB : 1d postage
Mr H Nathanson - French Congo : Colour proofs of 1900 issue
Mr Tozer - Gambia : Cameo's
Mr O'Connell - Australia : Famous Australians

Amongst the above were several subjects ideally suited for limiting to 9 pages. This event is gaining in stature as the general idea is more fully understood.

26 February — Our fourth Monday meeting, and about 55 members were present to welcome the annual visit of the Pretoria Society. As has come to be expected from our sister society in the capital, their president Dr M Chutter was able to introduce an excellent show comprising the four exhibits listed below:-

Mrs M Nel - Postal stationery of OFS/ORC
Mr A Reynard - GB : Plating of line engraved issue of 1841
Mrs M Moore - GB : QEII predecimal booklets
Mr W Scott - Music on stamps.

Thank you Pretoria, for a very fine evening and we look forward to returning the honour later in the year. — **J B Cornish**

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

March — The meeting saw a good gathering of members and visitors. It was the Bill Bradley "by popular vote" competition, always a popular event, and this year was no exception.

Due to indisposition our president was unable to take the chair and vice-president John Morris ably filled the breach.

Eight collections were tabled for the competition, all rather different and thus adding more interest: Papua and New Guinea, Owen Knibbs Canadian FDCs, Veronica Neuper Israel, Leo Hellmann Birds of the world, Gerry Daines SA varieties, Bill Brummer British Royals, John Hodgson General collection, Mrs Chalmers Mountains, John Shingler.

Bill Brummer was awarded the cup — a well merited win.

Two new members, Mr Corlett and Miss Wylie, were welcomed and Mrs Adeline Gilmour, a former member and secretary, was warmly welcomed back in East London and to the society.

The new acquisition slot arranged by Leo Hellmann brought many items of good philatelic material to hand. The talk on the new items given by Leo was most instructive, especially to newer members. — **Jeanne Hutchinson**

WITBANK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Feb 7 — 4 members; 14 — 4 members, 1 visitor.
Mar 7 — 4 members, 2 visitors.

These meetings were all informal, the main topic being the exhibits of members for DISA 79. Rex

Hilligan is doing a fantastic job, and we look forward to a pleasant surprise.

Mar 21 — 6 members and 1 visitor attended this meeting, and we welcome Mr J de Rooy, a new member, who was present. A hobbies fair is to be held in Witbank early in April, and Malcolm Suttill is working on something to promote interest in philately, and to publicise our society. He showed various pages that he has prepared, which show the various aspects of philately. The meeting approved of his suggestions, and we hope that he will consider exhibiting next year in Germiston. — **L Lewis**

NATAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY

7 March — Nearly 90 members attended the AGM which began at 19h30. The president in his report said that the society had gone from strength to strength in the year past. We had nearly 500 members.

Reports by the secretary, treasurer and sales packet superintendent were heard.

The following were elected as office bearers:
President — Mr H A Wooster
Vice-president — Mr N Hartley
Treasurer — Mrs B Leak
Secretary — Mrs D Reinecke
Auctioneer — Messrs Osborne, Ponsford & Hartley
Sales Pkt Supt — Mr G Ponsford
Editors — Mr & Mrs R Osborne
Trustees — Messrs Milner-Palmer & Tomlin
Committee members — Mesdames Zarnack & Vera, Messrs Hitchcock, Zarnack, Howie.

Awards for the past year were presented to cup winners by Mr Milner-Palmer.

21 March — Three members brought along 10 pages of thematics for our enjoyment and the editor disposed of a number of items at auction. — **Rex Osborne**

PRETORIA RAILWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

January — The New Year got off with a good start as 24 members and two guests were present at our first meeting, which was the vice-president's evening. We began the evening with a special meeting to raise the subscriptions. Due to increased costs, the inevitable had to happen and the subs had to be increased.

Mr John van Eijk presented two of his collections; one a very colourful collection of 60 pages of his 600-page Netherlands collection, beautifully written up with early definitives and commemoratives of mint and used, hinged and framed on the same page from 1929 followed by the coin issues, charity issues with used stamps on the first day covers, ending with several colourful miniature sheets.

The second collection was cylinder blocks showing the early marginal markings of the Union with various examples to the more recent issues, ending with the Cape Town Harbour and Strelitzia with their marginal markings, different printings and papers.

February — Once again the February meeting was well attended by 25 members and three guests. A big welcome to our country member, Mr W Drake, all the way from Bellville, and to our guests Mrs Gail Kelly, Miss Bunce and Mr Herman Steyn from Philatelic Services.

He chose the right evening to visit our society, as this was a very successful quizz evening arranged by Messrs John Kaupe and Klaus Berndt.

During tea break Klaus exhibited his "Danzig Postal History" starting with the stampless stationery, continuing with the postal history of two philatelic countries, and ending with different cancellations. Another of Klaus's very interesting collections.

The winning team of the quizz was Andy Reynard, Val Brown and Marge Viljoen, and Andy being the individual winner beating Cyril Enoch by one point. — **Marge Viljoen**

GRAHAMSTOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

15 February — Annual General Meeting. The chairman reviewed the society's programme for 1978. Most monthly meetings were of the 'bring and talk shop' variety and it was encouraging to note the active and general participation, including that of the

society's Rhodes University student members, in these sessions.

More definitive meetings included the chairman's display of his continuing theme of royalty in philately (February 1978) and Professor van Wyk Smith's demonstration of how to approach philatelic displays, dealing with the optical point of a page and its intelligent use and the importance of colour and balance as essential features of any composition (March 1978).

Other highlights included Mr Peter Jackson's July display of a century of British stamp designs, 1840-1940, and the display at the December meeting by courtesy of the Tarr family of the late Mr Wrex Tarr's silver and bronze winning exhibit of fish on stamps.

In addition to its normal programme, the society also arranged for the servicing of an informal commemorative cover to mark the bi-centenary of the city's founder Colonel John Graham (24 April 1878).

An open afternoon of displays, slide shows, the distribution of philatelic brochures and lecturettes, was held at the Settlers National Monument on Sunday 6 August 1978 under the joint auspices of the society and Rhodes University's division of extramural studies and as part of the university's annual festival of arts and sciences. Visitor-in-chief was Mr Tom Strachan of the Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society who as convener of the youth section of that society and in his inimitable way took young visitors to the displays through the rudimentary stages of stamp collecting.

On the previous afternoon it was the privilege of members of the society to be treated to, but more importantly to be instructed by, an absorbing workshop session conducted by Tom, who showed us how best to handle, care for and display stamps, ending with a display of pages from some of his own quite outstanding collections.

A resumé of this demonstration was produced by one of our members, for guidance to members, present, absent and future.

Membership of the society continues to grow, so much so that we might have to look for larger premises than members' homes to hold our meetings. So on an experimental basis, the March 1979 meeting of the society was held in the Common Room of the School of Pharmacy, Rhodes University.

The committee for 1979 consists of Dr Chris Hummel (who continues as chairman but in a caretaker capacity), Mr John Pugh, vice-chairman, Mr Wouter Holleman (secretary treasurer) and Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith (librarian additional member). — **H C Hummel**

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN

January — The first meeting of the month was addressed by Rudi Jeidel and Len van de Kar on how to set about obtaining knowledge and background information on stamps and postal history and once obtained, how to put such knowledge to good use in the acquisition of worthwhile philatelic property.

Len brought along some choice items from his Geo V Unions and explained to his audience wherein their attraction lay and the degree of specialisation required to assess and appreciate their relative scarcity. The second part of the evening was devoted to Naomi Beinart's "United National Post Office in New York" and her "Malaria" issues of the world.

The annual Jacob Cup Competition was decided at the second January meeting. The Cup was awarded to Thys Rall for his Union of SA - unhyphenated series, 1930-1945.

February — "Fun with fakes and forgeries" was the title of a lively talk given by Bob Goldblatt to a large and enthusiastic attendance of the Society on 12 February. The very first stamp designer went to extraordinary lengths to confound the forger, not to protect the collector (in 1840 there were no collectors), but to prevent the state being defrauded of its rightful revenue. So we find the design of the Penny-Black not a lion or a rose, which can be depicted in so many different ways, but the head of the sovereign, familiar to all her subjects and not easily imitated. But once collectors began to pay good money for bits of collectable paper, the forgers got busy.

The speaker distinguished between a reprint, a forgery and a fake. A fake is an item initially genuine, but played around with or embellished to appear to be something which it is not. Repaired stamps will show up in ultra-violet light, but only if used in pitch

darkness. Collectors were warned to watch out for rejoined pairs of S Africa and SWA. It was a good idea to bring together a collection of forgeries of the country of one's choice. Forgeries are not always to be sneezed at and some can even be more valuable than the originals. Bob referred to forgeries of the Mafeking stamps actually made during the siege for soldiers to take home. There were also political forgeries during the war years of, for example, the British 1937 Coronation by Germany with Stalin and the Star of David thereon. Another well-known example is the Rhodesian 1965 Independence 2s 6d stamps with the word "due" added to "postage". One

can have a lot of fun detecting fakes and forgeries, but in the final instance the joke is always on the collector!

The Annual General Meeting on 26 February was attended by 85 members and visitors. The outgoing president, Richard Knight, referred in his address to the committee's work over the past year. A plaque had been commissioned for presentation to non-members who are invited to exhibit before the society. A slide projector and tape recorder had also been purchased to facilitate the showing of audio-visual programmes. In the past year R600 had been spent on additions to the society's library, two

notable acquisitions being the Billigs Philatelic Reprints (42 items) and the Higgins and Gage Catalogue of Postal Stationery.

Lewis Pictou was elected president for the ensuing year with Basil Kantey the new vice-president. The other office-bearers were returned unchanged. The society's premier award - the Royal Cup - went to David Crocker for his Transvaal collection. Other awards for 1978 apart from those noted above were: Simenhoff Cup to Ms G Oelbützel, Wannerton Cup to Len van de Kar, Kaganson Cup to Ms Hilda Jeidel and Solomon Cup to John Cheminais. — G R Morris

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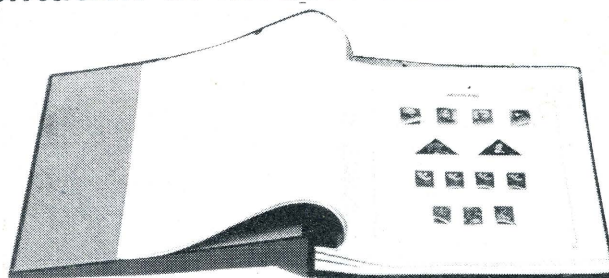
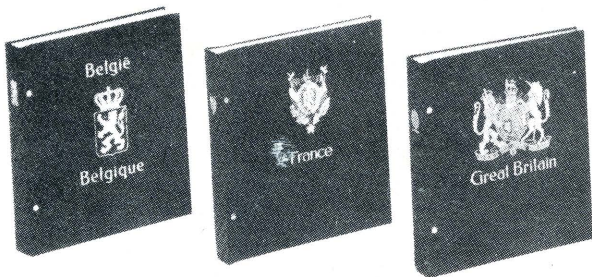
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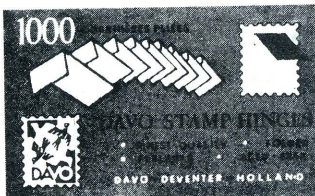
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