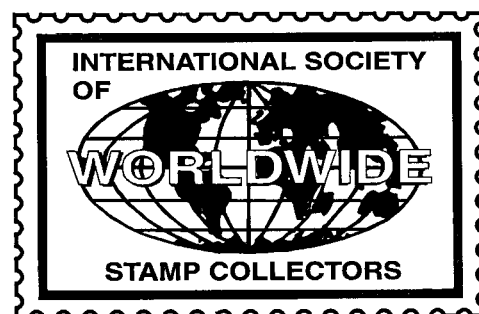


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President's Column

by Joanne Berkowitz (#98)
ISWSC President

It's been a quiet summer, stamp-wise. We are in the midst of a virtual board meeting but will be unable to wrap it up in time to get minutes into this issue. We are in the process of revising the bylaws to more accurately reflect what we do. Since bylaw changes require a vote of the membership, we will hold the proposed changes until the next election and save postage that way.

We still need new board members-anyone interested? It's pretty easy. We meet 3 or 4 times a year by email (you must have a computer and email access). We are always in need of new ideas and one of the best ways to get them is from our newest board members.

As always, membership is our biggest issue. If you are a member of a local stamp club and would be willing to talk about us to your members, we will be happy to send you brochures with applications. Word of mouth is our best member soliciting tool. I also have the pages I used for our display at Washington 2006 and would be happy to loan them to anyone who wants to put up a display at a local show.

Thanks to Rich Rizzo for continuing to promote the club. His letter to the editor about our free stuff for kids was published in the September American Philatelist. We have been very successful at getting letters and articles published in newspapers and journals.

When I need a break from more intensive philately, I look for stamps to put in my Single Specimen World Gazetteer Stamp Album. If you are looking for an interesting and educational project for a new or younger collector, this album is it. It has spaces for a single specimen from every stamp issuing entity along with a brief country description and map. It's not easy, there are some pretty obscure countries, but it is a fun project. The album is published by Terra Nova Publishing and no, I don't get a kick back!

I had someone ask me how people collect the world and I had to explain that everyone does it differently. Let us know how you collect the world and consider putting it into an article that we can share through The Circuit.



Election Time

It's election time again! This year, there are two "At Large" ISWSC Board positions up for election. At Large members participate in all Board meetings and perform tasks as assigned by the ISWSC President.

Although there are an equal number of candidates to positions available (meaning the election is uncontested), the bylaws require a minimum number of votes for the election to be valid,

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The Washington Monument

by Roger Boneham, PhD (#436)

In 1783 the Continental Congress voted to erect a statue of George Washington. Twice, once in 1816 and again in 1832, Congress proposed building a tomb in the Capitol building to hold George Washington's remains. Both times, members of Washington's family opposed the proposals since he specifically requested burial at Mount Vernon. Finally, in 1833 the Washington National Monument Society was formed.

The Society announced a competition for the design of the monument. The winning design was by Robert Mills. His design was an elaborate circular colonnade with large marble columns enclosing a courtyard in the center of which was a 600 foot tall obelisk. The Society began raising funds for the monument in 1833 and started construction in 1848. It soon became obvious that the cost of the structure would be much more than they had from donations. So the planned obelisk height was reduced to 500 feet and the colonnade eliminated.

On July 4, 1848 a large parade, led by President James K. Polk in his official carriage, went from City Hall to the monument site. Almost 20,000 people gathered at the site and along the parade route. The cornerstone, a block of white marble weighing over 12 tons, was lain with much fanfare.

By the early 1850's the Society had nearly run out of funds. The State of Alabama offered a stone plaque for the inside of the monument in place of money. This offer was widely publicized by the Society which invited other states, cities, and private organizations to donate plaques for the monument. The idea being that the publicity of donating a state plaque would also help in raising money from the public. This offer was later extended to foreign governments.

There are almost 200 memorial plaques in the walls of the monument. All of the states are represented along with some cities, private societies, and nine foreign countries. By 1856 the height of the



Fig. 1:
U.S. Scott #3473
Washington
Monument.

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it in today. In order to be valid, your ballot must be postmarked by Jan 15, 2007 and received by Jan 31, 2007.

Special thanks to Lauren Cochrane (#1844) for serving as the Election Chair!

Duncan Koller (#2154)

I am 60 years old and began collecting when I was around 10. I am a retired Colonel from the USAF (28 years) and have recently retired from a second job as a high school teacher. I now find much more time to devote to my hobbies and traveling.

I graduated from Oregon State University with a BS in Zoology and also hold MA and EdD degrees from Chapman University and the University of Southern California. While on active duty with the Air Force I served on a number of boards and committees in community and educational organizations. My only publications are a couple of articles in military periodicals relating to military operations strategy.

I started out as worldwide collector but then specialized in Germany and Great Britain. As those collections matured, I rediscovered the fun of worldwide collecting. In addition to the ISWSC, I'm a member of the Germany Philatelic Society (GPS), the American Philatelic Society (APS), and the Oregon Stamp Society (OSS). My main area of interest now is postally used stamps of the world prior to 1950.

During the past two years I have had the pleasure of serving as one of your Directors-At-Large and I was fortunate to meet several of you at Washington 2006. I see our membership numbers as the biggest challenge facing ISWSC. I would very much like to continue to serve the ISWSC.

Randy Smith (#1111)

My past participation in the ISWSC has included serving for four years as President and serving for several years as the Swap Circuit coordinator, including stints as manager of the Regular, Super, and USA circuits. Currently, I serve on the Board as immediate past President. I have enjoyed this volunteer work and would be honored to further serve the ISWSC as an At Large member of the Board.

As with many other stamp organizations, membership continues to be one of the biggest issues facing the ISWSC. If the ISWSC is to continue as a viable organization, it is important that we expand our membership base – especially outside of the

United States. Working with the Board, I pledge to discuss ways to spread the message of the ISWSC and attract new members to the society. Beyond membership, I also want to work on revitalizing and expanding the programs we offer, with emphasis on programs that will create more membership value for overseas members. I would also like to strengthen the role of the regional representatives, as they are invaluable partners in spreading the message of ISWSC around the world.

On the personal side, I am 42 years old and have been collecting stamps since I was 7. While I don't get a great deal of time to work on my own collection, I enjoy helping my son (age 11) and daughter (age 7) get started in the hobby. When I do carve time for my own stamping pursuits, I collect everything that catches my eye, with specialized collections of USA, Scandinavian countries, Machins, and Poland. My most recent philatelic passion is collecting clowns on stamps, with the goal of exhibiting in the near future.



Eyes Open

by Bill Kiepora (#503)

If something looks odd about the stamps you examine, there are many reasons why it might be different.

Years ago, around 1930, I was looking at a quantity of the 2¢ 1903 Scott 319. I noticed that on a number of copies a line had been recut. This was reported in the *Shift Hunters Letter*. Later on, one observant chap realized that this had to be a die variety: there were too many copies to be a recut on the plate. So now we have a Die 2 of this stamp.

Linn's reported that there were some postal forgeries of recent Sweden. No details were given except that they were sold in small towns. So if you are working with recent Swedish mixtures, check all copies to see if they differ from the rest of the group. You might have a postal forgery.

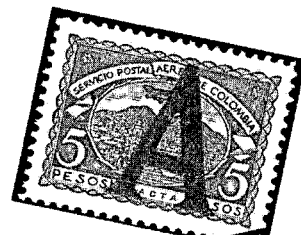
If you are lucky enough to be on the sucker list for the Nigerian scam artists and you saved the covers (hopefully you sent no money), you may have a postal forgery. Cherish it.

Billig's Handbook lists a postal forgery in Lombardy Venezia, the 15¢ value. Normal stamps he priced at 25¢. The postal forgery was valued at \$100. No price was given for a forgery on cover. Who knows—you may have this stamp in your collection.

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Zululand

by Frank Ceraso (#1420)

London, January 1879. The Secretary of State for War received the following dispatch from Lord Chelmsford, Commander in Chief of Her Majesty's forces in Natal Colony, South Africa:

"I regret to report a very disastrous engagement which took place on the morning of 22nd January between the army of the Zulu King, Cetshwayo, and our number 3 column, totalling one thousand five hundred men. The Zulu, in overwhelming number, launched a very disciplined attack on the slopes of the hill of Isandhlwana and despite a gallant resistance the column was annihilated."

Thus began the Zulu war of 1879. Actually, not the entire column was annihilated, almost everyone who had a horse managed to get away across the Buffalo river (see map). Still, with some 1,275 killed, it was one of

the worst military disasters in British colonial history.

There were other engagements, disastrous mostly for the Zulu, Lord Chelmsford gaining the upper hand until, on the 4th of July, he completely defeated the Zulu army near the Royal Kraal at Ulundi, "the high place." Later the King was captured and that was the end of "the old Zulu order."

It was, however, not the end of disturbances, mostly blood feuds among chiefs of the royal house. At one point in 1883, Cetshwayo, who had been reinstated as King, was attacked by his cousin Usibepu and forced to flee with his followers to the Nkandhla Hills.

Although the King died in 1884, British soldiers had to intervene repeatedly and the Imperial Government finally annexed Zululand in 1887, placing it under the

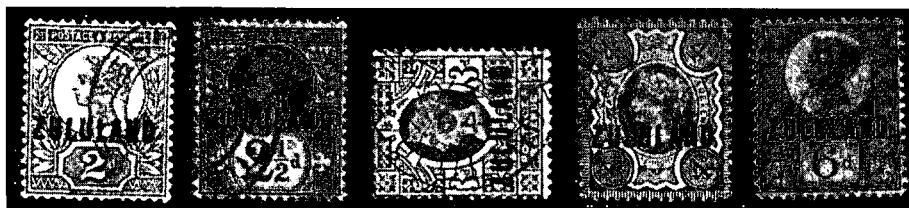
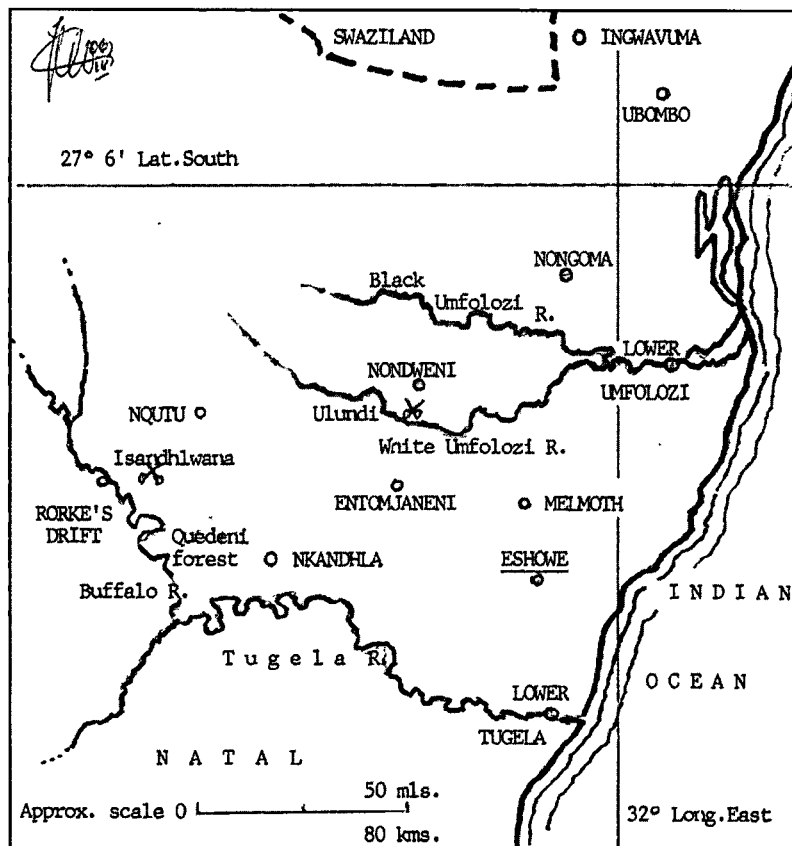


Figure 1: Some of these stamps, all with indistinct or part cancel, except the 3d.: "LOW(ER TUG)ELA, MY 23 94, ZULULAND".



Note: The author was unable to locate the post office of QUDENI, unless it was close to the Quedeni forest. Also, the locations of NQUTU and UBOMBU are approximated. Help from geographically savvy readers will be rewarded with Q. Victoria stamps of ZULULAND and the GOLD COAST.

authority of a Commissioner, Sir Melmoth Osborn.

That is when the first stamps were issued, Great Britain of 1881-1887 overprinted: a set of six in 1888, from 1/2 penny to 6 pence; followed by higher values in 1892, 9d., 1/- and 5/-; and a 5d. in 1893. (Fig 1 and 2)

Who used these stamps and where? Up to the year 1900, there were only a few hundred Europeans in the country: administrators,



Figure 2: The 5 shillings, valued \$700 by Scott, £600 by Stanley Gibbon, and the 5d., both with "ESHOWE CDS".

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magistrates, police, farmers and ranchers, traders and missionaries (they were still less than 4,000 in 1921). And there were very few places that could be called townships: Eshowe, the capital; Nondweni, five miles north of Ulundi; Melmoth, named after the first Commissioner; and Nongoma.

Nevertheless, stamps were needed, so much that even three Natal stamps were overprinted, including a 1 penny revenue "declared to be a postage stamps by proclamation of the Governor (sic) of Zululand, dated June 27th, 1891." (Fig. 3)

In 1894, a set of nine stamps was specifically issued for Zululand, the same type utilized by other colonies like the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, etc. It included two pound values: £1 violet on red and £5 violet and black on red. This last one is valued short of \$5,000 mint, \$1,750 used. (Fig. 4, 5 and 6)



Figure 3: This "anomaly" with part "ENTOMJA (NENI), 6 OCT 92" at the

bottom of the ring: a postal agency or subsidiary post office, probably a mission.



Figure 5: 3d. NONDWENI; 6d. ZULULAND; 1/- ESHOWE 1895.

in 1906 was crushed in July of that year after a hard campaign, and another followed in 1908. However, after the establishment of the Union of South Africa in 1919, the Zulu became reconciled to British rule.

So, it took some time for the Empire to "master" the fierce people of Zululand because beyond the hills there were more hills, although not as momentous as the "Hill of the Little hand" – ISANDHLWANA.*



Figure 6: 1d. with part of the scarce NKAN(DHLA), faint but visible.



Figure 4, left to right: 1/2d. pair, ESHOWE 1897; 1d. LOWER TUGELA 1894; 21/2d. part MEL(MOTH).

There are other cancels of Zululand, going from uncommon to scarce: INGWAVUMA, LOWER UMFOLOZI, NONGOMA, NQUTU, UBOMBO. Also, RORKE'S DRIFT, the site of a stout defense by a single company of the 24th Regiment of Foot against some 4,000 warriors.

The only rare cancel is QUDENI, as the post office was in operation for less than 18 months. It was listed at over £100 (one hundred pounds) at an English auction ten years ago. So, if you have a QUDENT, hold on to it!

Talking of cancels, they can have double circle (common), single or triple circle. The ink is generally black, although violet was also used. This is confirmed by the Scott catalogue: "purple or violet cancellations are not necessarily revenue cancels."

The last stamps, a 2/6 green and black, was issued in 1896. Zululand was annexed to Natal in December 1897 and separate stamps discontinued June 30th, 1898.

Still, the country was not at peace. A serious rebellion

*According to a different source, Isandhlwana means "fourth-belly-of-the-cow."

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A Levant Gem

by Richard Barnes (# 2425)
From the *Edmonton Stamp Club Bulletin*
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I regularly check auctions and peruse second hand book stores for philatelic publications. Several months ago I found a gem: *Stamps of the Levant Post Offices*, by D.B. Armstrong. It is one of the many monographs that have been published in the past on various stamp topics.

A quick historical review. The Levant — for purposes of this book — refers to the provinces of the Ottoman Turkish Empire bordering on the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea. By the middle of the 19th century this area was reduced to parts of mainland Greece, Albania, many of the Greek islands, present day Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Libya.

This monograph begins with a clear map showing all the post offices mentioned (shown here slightly cropped).

Following an introductory chapter, there is a chapter dedicated to each foreign power active in the Ottoman Empire. There is a brief history of its

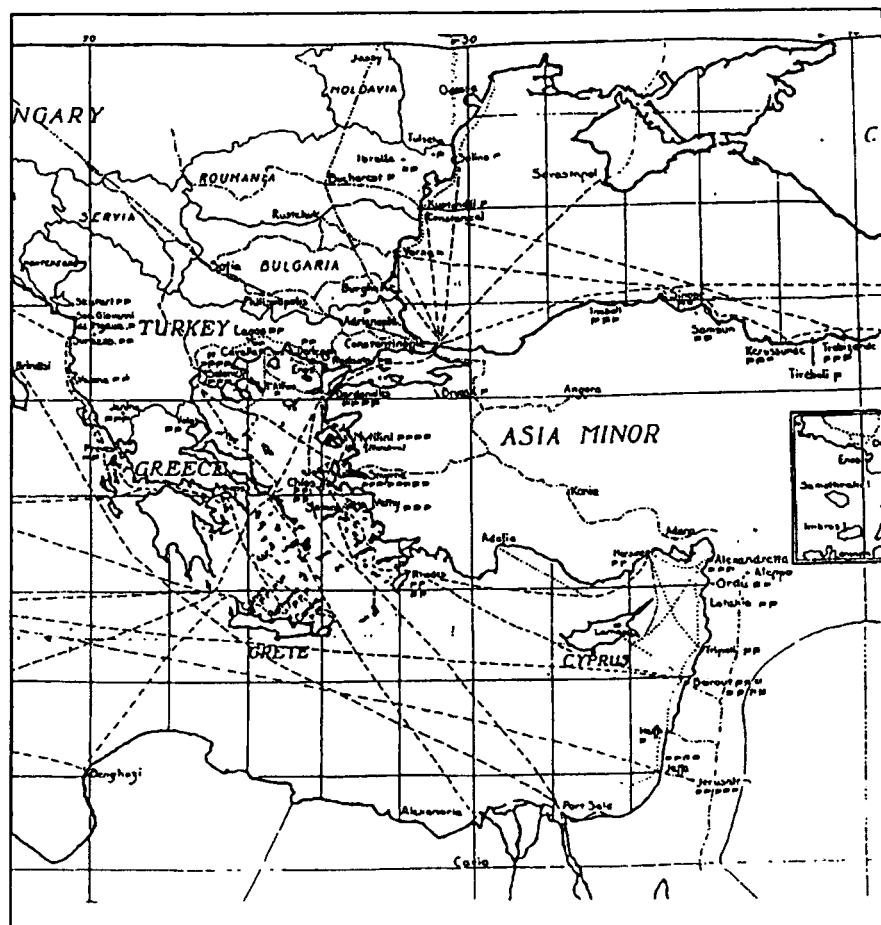
relations with the Ottomans, postal history, stamp production, a list of post office locations (see illustration on next page for the information about French post offices) and a list of stamps produced.

The stamps are described in detail, with many reproduction figures for individual stamps, printing processes, postmarks and errors. I found the photograph of the British 80 paras overprint on the "Jubilee" series of 1897 very helpful with my own collection. The discussion of the British postal service and postmarks in the Crimea was particularly interesting resulting in my looking through some British stamps for postmarks.

Although brief, the historical information illustrates how historical events affected postal service and how the international treaties came about that permitted foreign post offices in the Ottoman Empire. There is information on how the Armenian riots of the 1890s disrupted all postal services. And do you know why each post office had stamps in both its own currency and in Turkish piastres? The carriers of the mail, usually shipping lines, were paid a percentage of the postal value of the mail carried. They wanted to be paid in hard currency, e.g., British pounds, German marks, etc. The foreign post offices wanted to get the local population to use their mail services, particularly for letters, so they had stamps in the local currency. No currency exchange rates to deter the locals.

Some of the events described sound almost contemporary. In 1908, the Italian trading community wanted to circumvent local authority. They wanted an Italian post office in the Levant, but the Ottoman post office in Istanbul refused. There was already a fully functional post office in operation. The Italians threatened a naval demonstration, forcing the Ottoman government and local post offices to allow another foreign post office in their country.

On March 15, 1896, Romania forced the Ottoman government to allow them to open a Romanian Levant post office. This post office was in direct competition with the Austrian Levant post office for the Black Sea trade. The local authorities with



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Austrian contrivance closed the Romanian Levant postal outlet on May 25, 1896. Diplomatic negotiations followed. In this case, Austria had the bigger stick so the Romanian Levant post office remained closed.

The romance of the wheeler-dealers of philately is also referred to in this small publication. Purchases and other actions by speculators are mentioned.

There are flaws in this publication, as there are in most gems. For example, it is said that the Russian Company of Navigation and Trade stamps "had been extensively forged" and "reprinted on more than one occasion." There is nothing to tell the reader how to identify the forgeries and reprints. Where there is a reference to this type of information, such as to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, xxvi, 42, it is an obscure reference for me — something more I will have to look for.

This monograph was published in 1913 and is an excellent resource for the philately of the Levant prior to World War One.



Left: 80 paras overprint on GB showing small zero variety at left.



Postmarks of the British Army post office in Crimea, used 1854-57



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Meanwhile the French postal agencies in the Levant were being supplied with duplex postmarks similar to those used in France itself at the same period, taking the form of a serial number enclosed in a rhomboid composed of a number of small dots. Of this cancellation there were two distinct types, the figures of the second being taller and thinner. In the majority of cases both types of postmarks were employed at each office, fresh numbers being assigned to these agencies on the issue of the second type.

French Post Offices making use of these numeral cancellations were established throughout the Ottoman Empire in accordance with the following table, showing dates of establishment and suppression and postmark numbers assigned to each office in both type of obliterations.

Town	Opened	Closed	Type I	Type II
Alexandrette	before 1855	—	3766	5079
Beirut	before 1855	—	3766	5082
Casale	1874	—	—	5150
Constantinople	1812	—	3702	5083
Constantinople (Stamboul)	1887	—	—	5278
Constantinople (Galata)	1879	—	—	5243
Dardanelles	before 1855	—	3708	5084
Dedeaghi	1874	—	—	5155
Ebna	1874	1876	—	5153
Galatz	1857	1875	4008	5085
Gallipoli	before 1855	1872	3767	5086
Ibrahila	1857	1875	4009	5087
Ineboli	1857	1876	4010	5088
Jaffa	before 1855	—	3768	5089
Jerusalem	1900	—	—	—
Kerassunde	1857	—	4011	5090
Kustendje	1872	1879	—	5139
Latakia	before 1855	—	3769	5091
Mertina	before 1855	—	3770	5092
Miselia	before 1855	1872	3771	5093
Ordu	1867	1876	—	5097
Port Lagos	1874	1900	—	5054

Washington Monument

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monument was a little over 150 feet and the Society had run out of money. The country was headed towards civil war and people were more concerned with the present situation than in building monuments.

The Society was reactivated in the middle 1870's and began fund raising with the idea of completing the monument in time for the 1876 Centennial celebration. This was not to be, the U.S. was going through a business slump and people had little money to donate. The Society donated the unfinished monument to the federal government with the understanding that Congress would appropriate money for its completion.

Work resumed in 1878 overseen by the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers. The large gap in time between laying the first 150 feet and completing the upper part of the monument to 555 feet is shown by a color difference of the stone at 150 foot level. The new stone came from the same Beaver Dam quarry near Baltimore where the original stone had been quarried but was a slightly different color. President Chester A. Arthur dedicated the completed monument on Feb. 22, 1885. It was the tallest all-stone structure in the world at the time. It still is.

Free tickets for entering the Washington Monument are given out each day from the ticket office near the monument. The day's tickets are generally all given out by 10 am. You may purchase tickets in advance by calling 1-800-967-2283 or online at reservations.nps.gov. The national

park service has an excellent website giving many particulars about the monument at www.nps.gov/archive/wamo/home.htm.

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Whatzit? – My Rarest Stamp

by Richard Barnes (# 2425)
Whatzit? Coordinator

The peak of the flood of "Sand Dune" wallpaper stamps was 1972. Despite — or perhaps because — these stamps received the "Black Dot" from the APS and the condemnation of the philatelic community the majority of these stamps ended up as packet material. These stamps have topical themes.

Along with the sets of flowers, animals, planes, etc. was an eight stamp set of World War II leaders, Ajman Michel #2518-2525 (fig 1). The leaders depicted are Churchill, Franco, De Gaulle, Hirohito, Hitler, Mussolini, Roosevelt and Stalin.

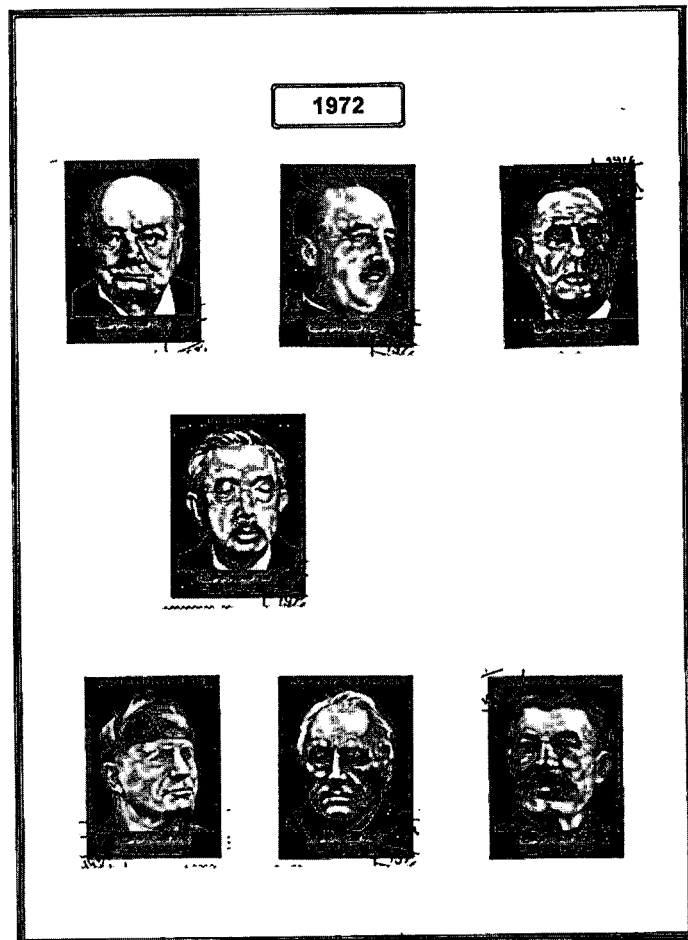


Fig. 1

There was a plethora sponsors and printers of these stamps. However, most of these stamps were ordered by Lebanese Christian stamp dealers and entrepreneurs who usually had the stamps printed in the United Kingdom. By 1972 most of these stamps were shipped to New York for distribution. The New York stamp dealers received these stamps to make packets. These dealers had ties with new Americans

displaced by the Holocaust. They dismembered the sheets into individual stamps to make packet material. #2522 depicts Hitler. It appears that the Hitler stamps were removed in the process and destroyed. When I visited Modsen in Las Vegas, he did not have this stamp among his mountains of Ajman stamps.

During the past 30 years I have sorted through what feels like tens of thousands of Trucial State stamps. I have contacted numerous North American stamp dealers. I do not have a #2522 Hitler stamp in my collection.

We read about the rare and expensive stamps of the world. We can dream about finding and even owning such stamps. It is even possible to see these stamps, such as the 1865 British Guiana 1¢ or Canada #32, 2¢ green large Queen. I was actually able to hold the 1865 British Guiana when it was brought to the APS Summer School at Penn State. The #32 Canada was on view for the Eaton's stamp auction. Other classic stamps are available to be seen in the appropriate museums.

I suggest that although not in the same category as a classic stamp, the Hitler portrait on Ajman #2522 is among the rare stamps of the world because I am unable to find any that survived destruction by the packet makers. The last time I checked the catalogue value of this stamp is \$4.90 Canadian.

I welcome information from anyone with more antidotal or definite information on the production and distribution of Sand Dune stamps.

I received the following information regarding the Chinese revenue(?) in the July/Aug Whatzit unknown stamp feature. It is part of a set of 7 stamps, 1¢ orange brown, 2¢ yellow, 10¢ brown, 20¢ violet, 50¢ blue, \$1 red and possibly a \$1 blue (that has a very similar design). The function of these stamps is still not identified. It has been suggested to me that they might be Postal Savings stamps. Any further information welcome.

Here are two more stamps from the bottom of the junk box needing identification. First is an odd overprint 8/8 on an Indian Native Feudatory State Travancore #4 (fig 2). The second stamp may be Indian. It is a carmine (colour a flavour of red) 10½

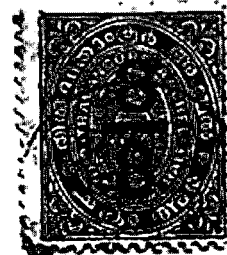


Fig. 2

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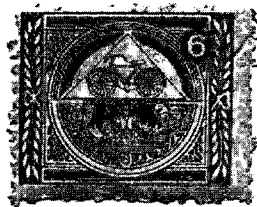


Fig. 3

perf stamp displaying a bicycle over a crest. These stamps are unknown to me. Reader help is requested to identify these stamps.

I did not think it possible but I am coming close to the last of my unidentified stamps on my desk. I need the assistance of members for this column. Please send me a scan or mail me your unknown stamps. Members must have some. I will promptly return your stamps to you. Both members and I enjoy reading about your search to identify unknown stamps. If you have made a search please share your experience with us.

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B (to 1940)

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This Year's Membership Drive

by Ken Wills (#2150)

You probably recall that we announced that a prize of stamps cataloging \$250 would be awarded to the member who introduced the most new members. The good news is that the prize has been won by Bob Armstrong (#1392), and Kenneth Wills who donated the prize has already sent him the stamps.

The bad news is that the drive brought in exactly one new member! This should be on the conscience of all our members, as without their efforts the membership will continue to shrink. PLEASE contact you stamp collecting friends and trading partners and at least ask them to take a look at our website.



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