

## "Collector Plucking" Not New

### Portugal Notes 50th Year As A Republic

It was on October 5, 1910 that Manoel II of Portugal was deposed, making possible the subsequent setting up of the republican form of government in that country. To mark the 50th anniversary of the new nation, a 1 Escudo commemorative was issued December 20.



The design by Portuguese artist Manuel Rodrigues features the green (hope) and red (bravery) flag of Portugal against a yellow orange background. Ten million copies were offset printed by the national mint.

The day of issue brought an official first day cover with a two-color cachet in the form of a framed panel reading "CINQUEN / TENARIO / DO REGI / ME / MCMLX". Also employed was a wrenched first day cancellation with a similar inscription.

### Ceylon Single For Late Prime Minister

The Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C. has announced that a special stamp has been ordered by Ceylon to honor the late Prime Minister S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike. It is being printed by Courvoisier S. A. of Switzerland by the photogravure process in size 38 x 25mm.

One value only is being issued — 10c in blue — and it is to be printed in sheets of 100 stamps. The design will consist of a portrait of the late Prime Minister.

The issue is due to go on sale January 8, 1961. The duration of sale has not yet been decided on. This commemorative will not be printed on Crown Agents' watermarked paper, the Representative emphasized.

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TRAVIS Y. LAND, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS sports stamps enthusiast, is shown above with the first prize trophy and part of his exhibit at the recent Arts and Crafts Fair in his city. His showing featured stamps and covers in a complete outline of competitive sports from the aquatic variety to winter activities. Mr. Land is president of the San Antonio Philatelic Assn. and editor of "Sport Stamps" published by the Sports Stamps Unit of the American Topical Assn. Photo, Lende Studio

### Lebanon Olympics "In Mess"; Government Aroused, Reprints A La Farley Possible Solution

Bruce Conde

On December 1 the promised Lebanese Rome Olympics issue was supposed to make its debut; export dealers were alerted to be on hand to receive their quotas; collectors were to get theirs the next day.

Dealers with applications for 2000 souvenir sheets to fill standing orders received only 250 sheets. The maximum to the biggest dealers in Lebanon was 500; minor dealers got very few.

How, then, was the distribution stopped after a few hours, with the rumor that 15,000 of the 20,000 sheets had been distributed?

Speculators — persons who are neither dealers nor collectors but who "arrange" with "someone" to be certified for several hundred sheets each, every time there is an issue of worldwide appeal — were there in swarms.

Agents of Mr. "X", who, himself, rarely dares show his face to irate Beirut dealers, were on hand. They were offering from 12 to 13 Lebanese Pounds and up (over \$4) for the £1 1/2 (less than 50c U.S.) sheet, in an attempt to gain control of the issue at a fantastically high price. The speculators who cooperate with him actually delivered quantities at this rate.

This made it difficult for bona-fide dealers to carry out what is becoming a customary practice following the one-dealer crusade with the WRY overprints.

This consists of allocating a pro-rata quantity of what they received

at face to each of their standing-order customers, then filling out the balance of the order at "best" early on the first day of issue by buying from speculators before the price has advanced unreasonably.

Nevertheless, this has the effect of delivering stocks at considerably below the average black market price and denting the ability of the speculators to fill stateside orders at the enormous advances over face which they try to get.

For this issue the speculators had decided to aim at \$5 per sheet, wholesale, as their modest initial goal.

At one time about a week after the "first day of issue" the bona-fide export dealers got the wholesale price down to \$3.25. But the confusion of the situation, the doubts about the "15,000 sets issued and only 5000 on hand" rumor, and the ability of certain dealer-speculator combinations to send large quanti-

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### Further On Machinations Of 1926 Connivers In Ecuador's Made-To-Order Stamps Scheme

Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo

The Isidro Ayora dictatorship left behind many made-to-order "rarities" on which the Minister of Social Affairs and a foreign diplomat thrived and prospered, they being the same team involved in the "Asamblea Nacional 1926" overprint. This scheme was exposed in Linn's of October 17, and, as shown there, the main idea was to prepare rarities on which both could make a profit by sales abroad and also by holding a few in hand to be sold afterwards as the first supply gave out.

The first set of these made-to-order issues was created in 1926 on the inauguration of the Quito-Esmeraldas Railroad. The stamps were given all the necessary legal background, including due printing in the "Official Register" of June 17, 1926. The numbers overprinted were only 50,000 of each group of stamps.

The overprint is almost invisible in black and in some stamps it is just a dark spot, while the red seems like a reddish spot. There are no errors in this issue.

Later, normal issues of the inverted ones were made (in 1936) by a thriving politician. He made a "reprint" on the then common stamps which can be immediately made out, because the "reprints" are clearer and better made.

On the fakes the printing plate and the printing are finer and clearer, while the genuine stamps are very badly printed and very fuzzy in appearance.

Not content with this overprint the 1926 plotters discovered some demonized Consular Revenue stamps in a corner of the stamps depot in the old Ministry of Finance building and also some unsalable values of the "Centenary of the Independence of Guayaquil" set of 1926 (Scott Nos. 235, 239 and 240) so the first overprinting was duly planned and made on them.



A design was prepared showing a locomotive, with the inscription "Quito-Esmeraldas 1926" (Scott 260-65) and a most comical thing happened when this overprint was ready: The foreign diplomat went into the National Printing Works in Quito and ordered a printer to overprint some of the stamps inverted and some straight.

He was given sheets of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10c (Scott 200, 203, 205, 225, 208, and 212). The poor fellow understood poorly so he made the overprint on Nos. 200 and 205 straight and on Nos. 203, 226, 208, and 212 inverted.

He did not do this half and half, but overprinted the whole 50,000! So we find in the group two stamps that have the overprint straight and four that have it inverted! The Minister of Finance who was in the plot mounted in rage against the "stupid" printer and fired him.

Another very interesting thing is that the overprint has five values in a dirty black overprint, while it is a dirty red in No. 205. It is all normal on this stamp.



Decree No. 258 was made and published in the Official Register of 1928, Number 689, page 7175. In it the numbers overprinted were to carry the inscription "Ferrocarril Norte / Julio 8 de 1928 / Estacion Cayambe" (Northern Railroad / July 8th, 1928 / Station Cayambe) and the values to be overprinted were as follows:

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The Association will again provide a souvenir cover and aerogram form and will undertake full servicing arrangements for interested collectors. Servicing costs of covers by surface mail will be: places within the British Commonwealth, 1/3 (15c U.S.) or equivalent; and places outside the British Commonwealth, 1/6 (15c U.S.) or equivalent.

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The Association has a very limited number of the 1960 covers, at 2/- (25c U.S.) or equivalent each, plus postage.

**Single In India For UN Children's Day**

The United Nations UNICEF Day December 11 brought a single large commemorative of 15 naye paise value to note the occasion in India. The design shows four children — one just a tot — running from left to right across the stamp, with suitable captions.



The youngsters are in red brown, while the balance of the design is olive green. To round out the philatelic tribute to the occasion, a suitable first day of issue cancellation was used, reading "UNICEF DAY / 11-DEC-60 / HYDERABAD". The official first day cover carries a blue print with a white silhouette of a small child drinking from a glass. In the background is the UNICEF emblem, as shown on covers received from A. P. Abbas, 91 Sarojini Devi Rd., Secunderabad (Dn.), India, and Gurudatt Mehla, 28 S. Patel Nagar Mkt., New Delhi, India.

**Trinidad Single For Caribbean Jamboree**

A surprise stamp will be issued in Trinidad April 4 to note the opening date of the 1961 Caribbean Jamboree being staged on that island, according to a press report received from H. E. Box of the Trinidad Philatelic Society.

The adhesive will be sold for three months at post offices throughout the Territory, the entire proceeds going to the Boy Scouts Assn. which will be host to more than 40 countries participating in the Jamboree.

Bigger in size than the new stamps recently issued, the Jamboree issue will take the design of a bamboo arch as a border, with a picture of Scout Headquarters building in the center. Three scouts standing in front of the building, depict the divergent racial groups of the country.

In the left corner of the design will be a picture of the Queen with the Scout badge on the other side. On top is written the Jamboree's slogan, "Unity".

**1960 STAMP PROGRAM ALREADY ISSUED**

- 1139 — George Washington Credo 4c. ML Vernon, Va., January 20.
- 1145 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. February 8.
- 1146 Winter Olympic Games 4c Tahoe City, Calif. February 18.
- 1147-48 — "Massaryk" "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. March 7.
- 1149 — Benjamin Franklin Credo 4c. Philadelphia, Pa. March 31.
- 1149 — World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C., April 7.
- 1150 — Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C., April 18.
- C59 — Airmail regular 25c, San Francisco, Calif., April 22.
- 1141 — Thomas Jefferson Credo 4c, Charlottesville, Va., May 18.
- U542 — 2 1/2c stamped envelope, Chicago, Ill., May 25.
- 1151 — SEATO 4c, Washington, D. C., May 31.
- 1152 — American Woman 4c, Washington, D. C., June 2.
- C57 — Airmail regular 10c, Miami, Fla., June 10.
- 1031A — 1 1/2c Liberty regular, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.
- 1054A — 1 1/2c Liberty coil, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.
- UXC3 — 5c Airmail postal card new design, Minneapolis, Minn., June 18.
- U541 — 1 1/2c stamped envelope, Birmingham Ala., June 25.
- 1153 — 50-Star Flag 4c, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 4.
- 1154 — Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif., July 19.
- U543 — Pony Express 4c stamped envelope, St. Louis, Mo., July 19.
- C60 — Airmail regular 7c red, Arlington, Va., August 12.
- UXC4 — Airmail envelope 7c red, Portland, Ore., August 18.
- C60a — Airmail booklet 7c red, St. Louis, Mo., August 19.
- 1155 — Physically Handicapped 4c, New York, N. Y., August 28.
- 1156 — World Forestry Congress 4c, Seattle, Wash., August 29.
- 1142 — Francis Scott Key Credo 4c, Baltimore, Md., September 14.
- 1157 — Mexican Independence Sesqui 4c, Los Angeles, Calif., September 16.
- 1158 — Japanese - American Amity 4c, Washington, D. C., September 28.
- 1159-60 — Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., October 8.
- 1161 — Robert A. Taft 4c, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 10.
- 1162 — Automotive Industry 4c, Detroit, Mich., October 15.
- 1163 — Boys' Clubs of America 4c, New York, N. Y., October 18.
- 1164 — First Automated Post Office 4c, Providence, R. I., October 20.
- C61 — Airmail 7 coil, red, Atlantic City, N. J., October 22.
- 1165-66 — Mannerheim "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., October 26.
- 1167 — Camp Fire Girls 4c, New York, N. Y., November 1.
- 1168-69 — Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., November 2.
- — Walter F. George 4c, Vienna, Ga., November 5.
- 1143 — Abraham Lincoln Credo, 4c, New York, N. Y., November 19.
- — Andrew Carnegie 4c, New York, N. Y., November 25.
- — John Foster Dulles 4c, Washington, D. C., December 6.
- — Echo 1 Satellite 4c, Washington, D. C., December 15.

**AUCTIONS**

Dec. 29-30 — Lambert W. Gerber, 562 E. Broad St., Tambores, Pa. U. S. and Int'l. U.S. high val. commems and C59, Jan. 8-11 — H. R. Harner, Inc., 8 W. 48th St., New York 36. Stamps of world, incl. mint air post collection, Jan. 11-12 — Max Pool, 41 W. 85th St., New York 24, U. S., Br. Colon, Latin America, 1960.  
 Jan. 11 — Star Stamp Co., 165 Fifth Ave., New York 17, British Empire, wide coverage.  
 Jan. 12 — H. R. Harner, Inc., 8 W. 48th St., New York 36. Mint airpost of the world, Jan. 13-14 — Ralph Orton, 118 Nassau St., New York 38. Early and recent U. S. in singles, blocks, sheets, also white.  
 Jan. 20 — Heiderberg's, box 177, Glenside, Pa., U. S. and post, 1960, good variety.  
 Jan. 21 — Sunningdale, 168 W. 43rd St., New York 36 U.S., Br. Colon, 1960, covers of world.  
 Jan. 22-23 — H. R. Harner, Inc., 8 W. 48th St., New York 36. "William J. McCallin" U. S. collection.  
 Jan. 24 — Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 38. U. S. XIX and XX, w. & w. singles, blocks, plates, sheets, white.  
 Jan. 25-27 — Mercury Stamp Co., 18 E. 40th St., New York 16, U. S. and Int'l. many choice items and Int'l.  
 Jan. 31-Feb. 2 — Fred Rich, Rm. 1218, 50 W. 42nd St., New York 36, U. S. 19th century, Japan, Czech rarities, world-wide.

**EXHIBITION DATES**

Jan. 21 — Elton Philatelic Society, Leasington ME Church, 440 Leroy Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Jan. 28-29 — Dearborn Stamp Club, Recreation Center, Harger and Michigan Sts., Dearborn, Mich.

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59-60	.13	.60	.90	.13
61-62	.14	.65	.95	.14
63-64	.14	.65	.95	.14
65-66	.14	.65	.95	.14
67-68	.14	.65	.95	.14
69-70	.14	.65	.95	.14
71-72	.14	.65	.95	.14
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Many collectors have asked about an adventure to Formosa (Taiwan). It appears that many of them in America, Canada and Mexico collect the colorful issues of Taiwan.

We are happy to announce that we have been in contact with postal officials in Taiwan and hope to acquaint our readers with some of the philatelic aspects there.

First, we must mention that Formosa is located off Fukien Province (East China) with some six million people residing on the island. The capital is Taipei with the chief cities being Kelung and Taihoku. Formosa became the headquarters of the Nationalist government in 1949 soon after the Red Chinese captured the mainland of China.

The land is filled with mountains. The chief products are sugar, coal and tea. We have heard from quite a few collectors in Taiwan and they enjoy collecting the stamps of United States and United Nations. Most of the those who have contacted us can read and write English and are quite well educated along these lines.

The stamps of Formosa are most attractive. We have seen the 1953 Chiang Kai-Shek (67th) birthday issue which is a gem. Other beautiful stamps show the Sino highway bridge, airplanes, flags of China, locomotives, flowers, and butterflies - all philatelic joys.

We can further report the stamps are low in price and none of the tricks used in the present day philatelic world are employed in the adhesives of free China. The stamps are printed for postal service, and we have seen just about all of them on commercial mail.

There are no souvenir sheet "he-in" deals as favored by some of the countries selling their wares today. In fact, the philatelic service of the Post Office in Taiwan is of the highest caliber.

When a person goes from Taipei airport he passes the Central Railway Station and soon comes upon a huge semimodern and semimodern brick and concrete building. This is the Taipei Post Office.

The main hall has some 1397 feet

of floor space and can handle up to 400 patrons at any one time. The length of the counter is 293 feet.

The postoffice has writing facilities as well as chairs (U.S. post offices should note this aid to comfort) for the convenience of the public.

The Taipei installation is classified as a "Special Class Office" because of its large volume of business. In fact, it exceeds more than half the volume of all the other offices of the Taiwan Postal District.

In the building there is a special room for philatelists. The services in this room are conducted by trained clerks who know their business, handle the material with care, and give friendly advice regarding stamp collecting.

This section not only sells the stamps but also is a place where collectors may meet to talk, exchange opinions about stamps and have a true philatelic visit. To show that the Post Office Department in Formosa has the collectors' wants at heart we cite the following example.

For years the Chinese postal service issued a \$3 stamp to be affixed between the receipt and advice of a parcel sent. When the receipt was torn away from the advice to give to the sender, the stamp was torn into halves. Therefore few collectors could obtain a used \$3 stamp.

As soon as the authorities found out how collectors felt about this situation they decided this year to remove this restriction by affixing the stamp directly to the parcel. This of course means a bit more work for the clerks to carry out the obliteration, but the stamp is saved and the post office is happy that the collector may have a fine example for his album.

The Post Office at Taipei is in charge of 27 sub-offices, 15 kiosks (an ornamental pavilion found in the Orient), two mobile offices and some 372 agencies.

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The Philatelic Agency also offers a free list of material in stock. It is on request. The stamps are sold at face value, not in any special high quantities, but merely what the collector requires.

To the collecting public we say that it is a pleasure to go to such country which caters to the stamp world. We know that many collector who read this today may be seeking something new, something interesting, and are certain that the stamps of Nationalist China will fill such thirst for a hobby.

We must thank the officials of the Republic of China for giving us permission to tell about their philatelic services. We must also thank the Director General of Posts for supplying pictures of the major post office on Taiwan.

Regardless of how the reader may spell "Taipei" whether he calls it T-A-I-P-E-I or T-A-I-P-E-H, it all spells the "best in stamp collecting" and we only wish more post office departments of the world would cater to the collector as does this fine organization of Republic of China. Long may it serve.

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Considerable pertinent data are included, such as day of issue, date of withdrawal, and period of validity of the various commemoratives. The list is complete through the December 7 "125th Year of German Railroads" stamp.

There are 14 pages, approximately 8 x 12 inches in size. The publication is offered to the public at 50c postpaid, by Der Bundesminister fur das Post-und Fernmeldewesen, Koblenzer Strasse 81, Bonn (22c), West Germany.

N. Y. Blizzard Brings Postponement Of Auction

The three-day auction of Part II of the Milton A. Holmes collection, comprising British Commonwealth issues scheduled to commence on Monday, December 12 at H. R. Harmer Galleries, New York City, was postponed due to the snow blizzard that hit the East Coast December 11.

The auction has been re-scheduled for January 16-17 2p.m. each day. A limited small supply of the sale catalog is still available and copies can be obtained from H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y.

Speer Takes Writing Honors At Louisville

At the recent 1960 awards dinner and twelfth anniversary party of the Philatelic Club of Louisville, Ky., A. Burns Speer was the recipient of the first annual award of the Officers Cup. This will be presented annually to the member writing the best philatelic article to be published in the club's "PCL Packet". His article, "Swiss Soldier Stamps", was an informative discussion of these colorful emissions, about which so little is known.

The January 5 meeting of the PCL will be held at the Brown Hotel. It will feature the annual election of officers in addition to a regular program of instructive entertainment.

Scout Week Cachet By Vicksburg, Miss. Troop

A cachet commemorating Boy Scout Week, February 8-15, is being prepared by Boy Scout Troop 109 of Vicksburg, Miss. Boy Scout Week will be celebrated all over the county and Troop 109's cachet will highlight the theme "All Scouts to Do a Good Turn Daily".

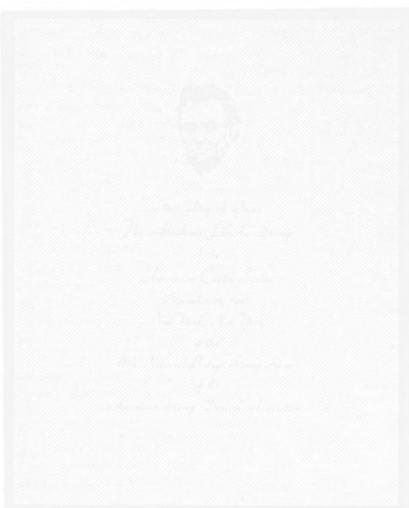
Profits from the cachet will be used for a projector for the troop. Covers are 20c each, six for \$1. If desired, labels — peelable or otherwise — may be sent with orders to Cason Schaffer, Scoutmaster, Troop 109, 108 Second Ave., Vicksburg, Miss.

Cachet To Mark Ike's Last Day As President

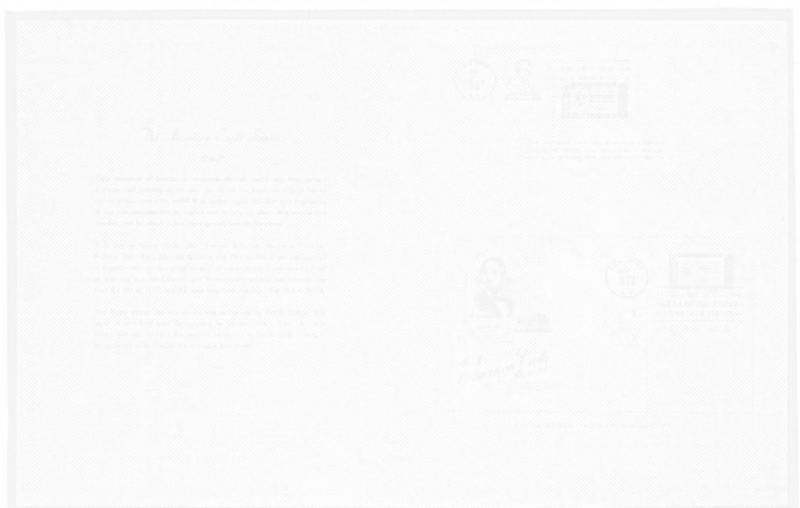
President Eisenhower's last day in office will be marked by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Postal Society with a three-color cacheted cover. It will be postmarked in Washington at noon January 20, the exact hour Mr. Eisenhower concludes his eight years in the White House.

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