

Chicago COMPEX May 28-30



THE SAN FRANCISCO WESTPEX EXHIBITION of April 23-25 was the best ever, according to Fred S. Wolfe of the Assn. for Western Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. which sponsored the big event. Everybody from weather man to the postmaster and general public cooperated fully. Nancy Hughes who served as "WESTPEX" is shown in the above Post Office photo; with her left is right, are WESTPEX Co-Chairman Cyrus R. Thompson, San Francisco Postmaster John F. Fixa, and WESTPEX General Secretary Joseph M. Clary.

Congo "Mask" Stamps And Their Legends, As Observed By A Missionary In Africa

"Bill" Pruitt

By James Ashton Greig

The Congo Republic (formerly the Belgian Congo) is very much in the news nowadays. Unfortunately, much of this news is about the violence and bloodshed which has taken place there, and very little about the arts and handicrafts, nor about the progress in education and better living for the people which are also characteristic of this new republic. It cannot be gainsaid, however, that this vast country in the middle of Africa is a country of amazing paradoxes.

The University of Leopoldville, in the Congo, possesses the world's first reactor to be built in the continent of Africa. Many Congolese still carry some

fetish to protect them from lightning!

Again, the Leopoldville Airport is one of the most modern in the world, including the longest commercial runway. Two of the largest jet planes can take off simultaneously from its opposite ends. Yet, within sound of these take-offs, witchcraft is still practiced!

It is against such a background of contrasts that we can gain a truer appreciation of the native art of the Congolese. In 1949 I had a

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ITU Centenary Set From Britain

Great Britain's 9d and 1/6 stamps being issued May 17 mark the centenary of the International Telecommunication Union, with each being printed in five colors.

The 9d, which has a design symbolic of world telecommunications stations, is pink, blue, red, black and violet.



The 1/6 is printed in a variation of the same colors. Its design features a radio or sound wave emanating from a source and a symbolic representation of a switchboard.

In each case the Dorothy Wilding portrait of the Queen is shown top right with the denomination below. The legend "International Telecommunication Union" and the dates "1865-1965" are also shown.



Both stamps were designed by Andrew Restall and are printed in photogravure by Messrs. Harrison and Sons Ltd., and are issued both with and without phosphor lines.

In choosing the designs the Postmaster General had the assistance of the Advisory Committee set up by the Council of Industrial Design at the invitation of the General Post Office.

The International Telecommunication Union evolved as a single entity at Madrid in 1882 as a result of the fusion of the earlier conventions of the International Telegraph Union (created 1865) and the International Radiotelegraph Union (created in 1906).

At Atlantic City in 1947 the Union entered into an agreement with the United Nations as a specialized agency. The Union is the oldest of the specialized agencies of the United Nations. Briefly, the aims of the Union are to promote, maintain and extend international cooperation in the field of telecommunications in today's constantly shrinking and ever faster moving world.

Twelve-In-One Philatelic Event In Windy City's La Salle Hotel Over Memorial Day Weekend

Louis A. Reich

The eighth annual COMPEX, or Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland, will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30 at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago. This major philatelic event represents the combined efforts of twelve separate philatelic societies.

These are The American Topical Society, Avenir Philatelic Society, Chicagoland Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, German Philatelic Society, Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America, La Salle Air Mail Society, North Shore Philatelic Society, Philatelic Society of Chicago, Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Scandinavian Philatelic Society, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, and the Vatican Philatelic Society.

Each of participating stamp clubs will have its own exhibition area and give its own awards. This means that COMPEX is truly a combined philatelic exhibition since it is actually twelve separate exhibitions staged at the same time under one roof.

The theme of COMPEX '65 will be featured by a special exhibit by the combined membership of the Austin Philatelic Society, honoring the United Nations and entitled "Commemorating Two Decades of the United Nations".

This theme will also be the subject of the special engraved cachet on the COMPEX cover which will receive an unusual cancellation at the COMPEX Post Office Substation.

COMPEX is honored in having not only a special exhibit by the United States Post Office Department, but also other displays from the United Nations Postal Administration, the Czechoslovak Government and the Ministry of Posts of the State of Israel.

This is in addition to having a

special POD cachet which will cancel all mail posted there with a cancellation honoring COMPEX and also sell all stamps on sale at the Washington Philatelic Agency.

There will also be a special sales window manned by its own personnel from New York which will sell the stamps currently in use by the United Nations Postal Administration.

Another highlight among the exhibits will be pages from the famous Cardinal Spellman collection. These will be shown in the Vatican Philatelic Society room.

The mammoth 200-page COMPEX Directory will be a memorial to the late Ben Reeves, co-founder of COMPEX, who wrote prolifically under the name of "Spying Eye". In addition to other articles there will be many explaining how to detect common forgeries frequently found in the average collector's album.

The forty-third volume of the Illinois River will also be

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A letter from B. M. Erb, Director, Information & Public Relations Division of the Canada Post Office in Ottawa, advises that the May 3 release date mentioned in Linn's of May 3 is incorrect. No first day of issue has yet been scheduled, he emphasized, for the Canada Space Stamp.
The erroneous information was included in an article offering sets of covers for the new stamp, and was repeated in the New Issues calendar on page 4 of the May 3 and 18 editions of Linn's.
"At present our plans call for the Space Research stamp to be released in the late autumn," Mr. Erb explained. "However, if the launching is again postponed, the date of issue will be similarly delayed."
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In the center above is a genuine stamp; its counterfeit is shown at the left, while at the right is a fake production of the 1c value of the same first set of Danish West Indies Postage Dues.

Forgeries Exposed In COMPEX Directory

As in the past COMPEX exhibitions the Board of Directors has prepared a huge 200-page directory outlining the 1965 exhibition, showing all of the exhibits presented by the clubs taking part in COMPEX 1965. A show write-up of each exhibit makes it possible for the viewer readily to understand what the exhibitor is attempting to portray in his showing.

Perhaps the most important feature of this year's directory will be the articles written by the late Ben Reeves, co-founder and honorary chairman of the past COMPEX exhibitions.

These articles will be of major interest to every collector in that Mr. Reeves discussed the genuine and the counterfeit on many of the more common stamps found in the collectors albums. These articles were published many years ago under the name of the "Spying Eye", and the remain today as vital as when first published.

A "sample" reprinting is offered here as an introduction to the others in the '65 Directory, this one dealing with two counterfeits of two of the Danish West Indies' first four Postage Due stamps.

Concerning the 4c value, Mr. Reeves pointed out that while printing (lithography) and watermark (none) are constant in both the original and the fake, the papers are bluish white, wove, medium hard on the original and grayish white, wove, soft, and porous in the counterfeit.

Perforations are clear cut 11 1/2 in the former; badly pin perforated 11 1/2 and 11 1/2 x 12, and with some perfs in such condition they cannot be measured, in the fraudulent examples. Again, the genuines are 19 1/4 x 20 1/2 mm in size; the fakes are 1/2 mm larger each way.

Again, the designs vary -- Between the bottoms of the letters "C" and "R", which is part of the central design, there are five lines of various lengths, which are the continuation of the rays that surround the letters and the crown.

The comma between the "C" and "R" is well shaped, and so are the letters "C" and "R", both being the same height.

The heavy bottom line of the crown is straight and it is connected to the crown with two short vertical lines of the same thickness. The crown is well shaped and the design inside the crown is symmetrical.

In the section of the crown directly above the letter "R" there is a small arrow pointing directly towards the first vertical line of letter "N" of "VESTINDIEN".

Lettering around the central design is uniform in thickness, with letters fairly heavy. The round frame line inclosing inscription is unbroken.

There is only one line between the bottom of the letters "C" and "R", the rest of the rays end at the letters and where these lines show on the genuine stamps there are only heavy ink spots in the fakes.

The comma between the "C" and "R" is grotesque and the "C" is taller than the "R".

The heavy bottom line of the

Double Print On Portuguese Scout

A double impression error has been found in the low value member of the Portuguese Scout commemorative (Scott No. 885) by specialist Wilbur Kattner of Fort Worth, Texas.

Two copies of the errors were found by him as he was sorting through the contents of a mixture that had been soaked from the paper. One of these, bearing the capitals "GTF" from the canceller is illustrated. The other copy contains even less of the cancellation; no letters or figures appear. Mr. Kattner, founder of the International Society for Portuguese Philately, has gone through his stock, but has found no other examples.



Inquiries made to members of the ISPP and to dealers in the U.S.A. and in Portugal have disclosed no knowledge of more than the two copies.

Both impressions are equally strong, the second being offset about one-third of a millimeter to the right of the first. Since the offset is the same in both copies it is inferred that they both come from the same sheet.

All the Scout commemoratives were printed in sheets of 50 by offset at the Casa da Moeda, the Portuguese mint. Twelve million copies of the 20c value were printed. Thus if the error were printed over an entire sheet of 50, a collector would expect to look through 240,000 examples to find one copy of the error.

In view of the fact that only used

crown is wavy; it is connected to the upper part of the crown with a vertical line on the right side, but with a diagonal line on the left. This line can be mistaken for one of the lines making up the rays that surround the letters "C" and "R" and the crown.

copies are known, it is surmised that the stamps were used non-philatelically. What collector would knowingly use such an error for ordinary postage? Thus the chances are great that most or all of the remaining 48 stamps in the sheet are lost to philately.

However, Mr. Kattner feels that he should endeavor to establish whether other copies are in very fine to extremely fine condition.

The reason is that had either copy suffered a heavy cancellation, the double impression might have been overlooked. To the unaided eye the legend has a blurred appearance which might be attributed to an ink smear in a heavily cancelled example, or it might even be completely obliterated if the cancellation were a heavy one.

In the event that no other copies of the double impression are found, the error will be one of the rarest both in the Scout Topical area and in Portuguese philately.

Those who know of additional copies or who can cast any light upon the uncertainties in the production and the use of the stamps are invited to write Mr. Kattner directly or in care of Linn's.

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Philately Of Portugal Popular

Young International Specialist Organization Reports Doubling Its Membership In 30 Months

Wilbur Kotner

In the mere 30 months since Linn's cooperated with the International Society for Portuguese Philately in producing an issue on Lusitanian material, the group has more than doubled its membership. This rapid growth provides conclusive evidence that more and more collectors are finding that Portuguese philately offers a great deal of what collectors are looking for.

In June 1963 there were 70 names and addresses on the membership list of the ISPP; today the number is 146.

This is remarkable growth for an organization founded only in 1961 — growth in size and influence which makes it comparable, despite its youth, to some of the older and better-known specialist groups.

The purpose of this organization is to encourage and promote the study and collecting of philatelic materials of Portugal and her overseas provinces.

Some collectors no doubt still regard Portuguese material as being off the beaten path and perhaps a little bit declassé.

This, however, has not bothered the typical collector of Portuguese material who finds the modern emissions artistically done, some of striking and some of charming beauty.

Rather, the Portugal collector follows his own convictions, and in most instances has sold himself upon the collecting interest rather than having been promoted into it.

More and more ISPP members are invited to give talks on this branch of philately before stamp organizations large and small.

The writer can attest, from personal experience, to the fact that the subject is welcomed with more than a casual interest, and that a lively discussion continues after the formalities of the program are concluded.

The ISPP is cooperating with publishers of catalogs in North America in revising listings in light

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Fernando Po's designs are of a polo vaulter, and the coat of arms; Ifni's, eagle, and coat of arms; Rio Muni, pheasant, leopard and coat of arms; Spanish Sahara, basketball, coat of arms and camels.

Designers were, respectively: Teodoro Miciano and A. Blanco Varas; Ricardo Ambrose Farre and Carlos Ruiz Galarreta; Carlos Tauler and Jose Espinosa; A. Blanco Varas and Emilio Marin Jimeno.

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Combine the excitement of election day with the glamour of a Broadway opening and the fun of a visit to Disneyland and you have an idea of what is in store for stamp collectors at SIPEX in Washington, D.C. May 21-30.

This once-in-a-decade event for the United States is formally known as the Sixth International Philatelic Exhibition. It is the only international stamp show in the world this year, the first in the United States since 1956, and first international in this country ever held outside of New York City.

SIPEX will bring together tens of thousands of philatelists from throughout the United States and dozens of other nations, and 2400 display frames of top collections — valued at millions of dollars — from all over the globe.

A non-profit show, SIPEX will be held in Washington's Shoreham Hotel, and will be honored by three special U. S. postal issues.

They are a 5c stamp, 5c souvenir sheet and an 11c international airmail postal card, the first ever released by the U. S. Post Office. Two United Nations stamps also will be placed on first-day sale at SIPEX.

At the bourse, which has 75 booths of leading stamp dealers from throughout the world, philatelists can increase their collections with items ranging from the most common stamps to classic issues.

Each SIPEX visitor will be welcome at gatherings held at the show by philatelic societies and clubs from the United States and throughout the world.

The seminars, lectures, meetings, and other events will enable the collector to learn more about his hobby and to meet fellow philatelists from many lands. Participating groups also will greet thousands of their own members, generally at lounges adjacent to the exhibition area.

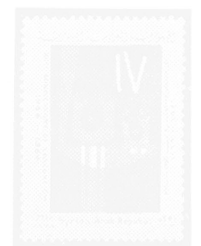
The exhibits in the competitive class will be judged by 30 distinguished collectors from 15 nations. They will award several grand prizes, and gold, silver and bronze hexagonal-shaped medals prepared for SIPEX by members of the staff of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

A special section will display exhibits by junior collectors — between the ages of 12 and 18.

Several foreign postal administrations

French Evacuation On Two From Syria

Two stamps in the annual Evacuation Day series were issued April 17 by the Syrian Arab Republic. This year's symbolic design commemorates the 20th anniversary of the departure of French troops from Syrian soil on April 17, 1946, according to Middle East Stamps of Beirut, Lebanon.



A black border with the figure "IV" within a red circle are common on both stamps. A third color, green is employed on the 1 1/2 piasters value while yellow was used on the 2 1/2 piasters.

WHO Building Shown On Hungarian Single

Hungary has joined the several other nations in issuing a commemorative marking the inauguration of the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva.



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Bill Of Rights 5c Stamp FD July 1 At Miami Beach; Two Plate Numbers On Each Pane

Pulitzer prize-winning artist Herbert L. Block is the designer of a postage stamp that commemorates the 175th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has announced.

The artist is better known as "Herblock", the name he uses in signing editorial cartoons for the Washington Post and for syndication in more than 200 newspapers. Critics have ranked him as one of the most outstanding political cartoonists in the world.

In making public the design of the stamp, Mr. O'Brien said: "We are naturally delighted that Mr. Block has joined the increasing number of top-flight artists who are turning their talents to stamp designing."

The 5c red, white and blue Bill of Rights commemorative will be first issued July 1 with ceremonies in Miami Beach, Fla.

The dominant feature of the shield-shaped design are two hands in conflict. On the right is a gauntleted fist, suggestive of "the knock

on the door at night" associated with tyranny.

This fist is opposed by a bare up-raised hand symbolizing the guarantees of freedom in the Bill of Rights. Running across the design and between the opposing hands are the words: "The rights of the / people shall not be / violat-ed".

Extending across the top of the vertical stamp is "The", in red, with "United States" in white gothic capitals set in a dark blue panel.

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PORTUGAL AND COLONIES SUMMER 1966 LIST OF COMPLETE SETS

This list, which replaces earlier ones, for it will be valid through the summer. Prices for Portuguese stamps of various sets gone up 10-30% since the first of the year; we expect further advances in the fall because demand is growing.

Table listing various stamp sets for Portugal and Colonies with columns for Scott, Unused, and Used prices.

Table listing stamp sets for Portuguese India with columns for Scott, Unused, and Used prices.

Table listing stamp sets for other regions like ANGRA, FUNCHAL, HORTA, INHAMBANE, Lourenco Marques, and MADEIRA.

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