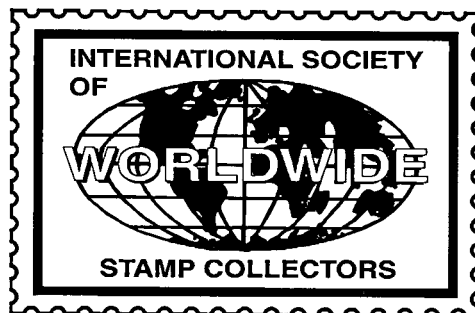


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## President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111)  
ISWSC President

**A**s I write this article, it is Thanksgiving weekend – a time not only to gather with friends and family and have a special meal, but also a time to give thanks. As this is my final column as ISWSC President, I'd like to give some philatelic thanks as well.

Although the elections are not yet official, I'm comfortable in announcing **Joanne Berkowitz (#98)** as the new President of the ISWSC. She was running unopposed, so unless there was a massive write in campaign or less than 45 members voted, she's elected! Based on her service on the ISWSC Board, I know she'll do a fantastic job as ISWSC president. Thank you, Joanne, for your work on the Board and for agreeing to lead this organization.

I'm also thankful for **Dr. Terry Myers (#736)**, our Executive Director. Terry hasn't been on board very long, but is already digging in, asking great questions, and recommending changes to improve the ISWSC. While I'll be passing the presidential baton to Joanne, I look forward to continuing to work with Terry.

To the rest of the current ISWSC Board; managers,

co-managers, coordinators and helpers of our various programs (Sales Circuit, OMNI Circuit, Swap Circuit, Auctions, Whatzit); the regional representatives; our webmaster; and our newsletter editor – thank you! (Most of their names are listed on page 2) Your efforts are what keeps the ISWSC going.

For past ISWSC leaders and volunteers – thank you for your vision and your efforts to make the ISWSC what it is today. You built a solid foundation for this organization and should be proud of your accomplishments.

And for every member of the ISWSC, thank you for your continued membership! In the coming year, I encourage each of you to find a new way to participate in the ISWSC experience – participate in one of our programs, write an article for the newsletter, run for an elected position, or invite others to become members. Maybe even all of those things! The possibilities are endless, as are the rewards.

I've been honored to serve you as president for the past four years. And I look forward to continuing to serve you as Immediate Past President. Happy Stamping!



## East of Aden

by Frank Ceraso (#1420)

**W**ith your three-masted topsail schooner yacht (125-feet over all) sail South down the Red Sea; keep well in the middle, out of sight of Saudi Arabia and the Sudan. Pass the coral isles of the Dahlak archipelago off Massawa and you shall see the coasts, Yemen on the larboard, Eritrea on the starboard. Now the Bahr-el-Ahmar gets narrower and narrower, flowing fast past the searing sands of

the Danakil depression on its right, past the horseshoe shaped islet of Perim on its left, already known to the ancient Greeks as Diodoros nesos. The strait that closes the Red Sea and opens the Indian Ocean has a strong surface current inwards and a stronger undercurrent outwards, a real danger for ancient navigators. So much that the Arabs called it

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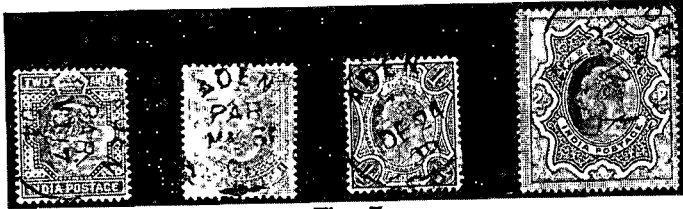


Fig. 3

Stamps of Queen Victoria were replaced in 1902 by those with the effigy of King Edward VII. Figure 3 shows (all ADEN/PAR = parcels):

- 2 As. violet used in 1904.
- 6 As. bistre, 1906.
- 1 Rupee carmine and green, 1909.
- 2 Rupees bistre and red-carmine, 1910.

After Indian stamps of King George V (Figure 4 shows the 2 As. 6 p. of 1926 ADEN-CAMP), came the first set issued exclusively for Aden, which had then become a Crown Colony; a set of twelve appeared in 1937, ½ Anna to 10 Rupees with the design of a "Dhow," typical sailing vessel of that area. Figure 5 shows the 10 Rupees olive-green.

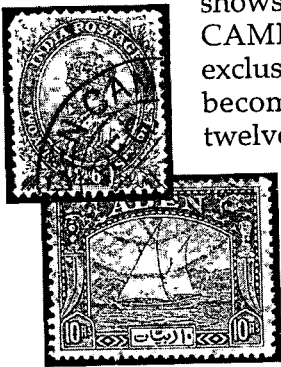


Fig. 4 and 5

Then came stamps portraying King George VI and local subjects. Figures 6 and 7 show some of the overprinted set of 1951: 10 CENTS, Aidrus Mosque; 20 CENTS, capture of Aden in 1839; 50 CENTS, Mukalla; 2 SHILLINGS, Aden harbour; 5 SHILLINGS, camelryman.

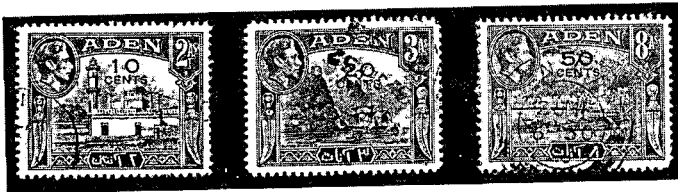


Fig. 6

By 1953 the new monarch was Queen Elizabeth II, for whom several stamps were issued, the cents values in one colour each with different perforations, the shillings bicolour with centre sepia for the first set, black for the second. Figures 8 and 9 show: 2/-, protectorate levy, canceled ADEN-CAMP, 30 AU 55; 5/-, crater pass; 10/-, tribesman, ADEN /PAR, 18 DE 58; 20/-, Aden in 1572.

Fig. 7



Fig. 8

The colony of Aden included two Sultanates under British protectorate, SEYUN and SHIHR & MUKALLA. Figure 10 shows a stamp of the latter, portraying a very important person: Sir Saleh bin Galib al-Qu'aiti, Sultan of Hadhramaut, keeper of the Wadis (rivers), ruler of the Coast. And that is where the real power rested, long time ago; not in Aden, not in Seyun, not in Lahej. The chief town of the Sultan was Mukalla. Well away, East of Aden.



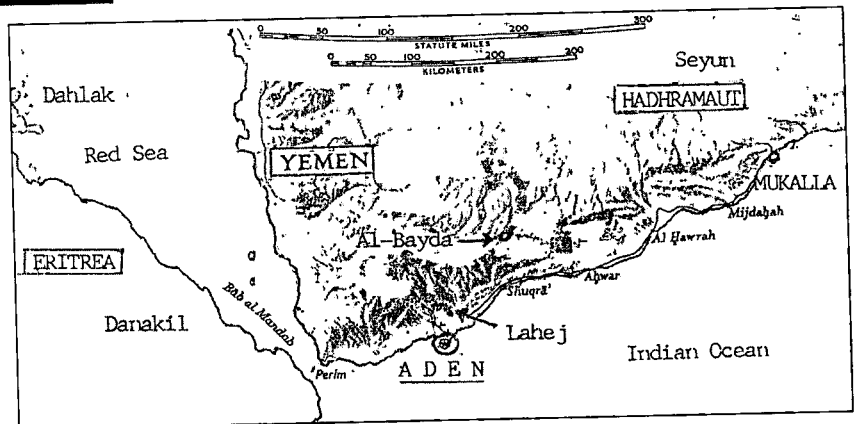
Fig. 9



Fig. 10

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Lot Number	Lot Description	Minimum Bid
1	USA. #163 PI Blk of 6, (imperf), issued w/o gum, VF, sm hinge mark.	
2	USA. #727 2 FDCs cancelled in Newburg, NY, unaddressed.	
3	USA. #2975 Civil War Pane. MNH, Face \$6.40, Cat \$17.50.	\$6.40
4	USA. #C49 full sheet. plate #25762, 6¢ 50th Anniv. US Air Force.	5
5	USA. #C54, full sheet. Plate #26391. 7¢, 18c8-58 Balloon flight-Jupiter.	7
6	USA. FDCs 1937 possessions series set of 4 covers. 2 w/ pen address, Bookman Cat \$60	10
7	USA. First flight, 1937, Presque Isle, ME; back stamped Houlton, ME, addressed	.75
8	USA. 3 FDCs. Aircraft Cachets, clean & unaddressed, # 1293, 1294, 1295.	15
9	USA. 149 stamped envelopes, 127 mostly 8-30¢, heavy dupe, with some interesting items. 35 1899 (2¢ trans miss) to 1950 covers: 7/7/50 USS Missouri strike, flag strikes, 2 officially sealed. 35 1950-2003 with some interesting items. Owners est. value \$30. HBO	
10	USA. M Bicent postal stationary, 9 business 9 regular envelopes. Cat 9+	2.50
11	USA. #U527 4¢ Blk Mt Vernon, Official to Postmaster Mill River, Mass circa 1932, penalty cancel, top a little ragged other wise excellent, cut square cat \$16.	6.50
12	USA. #U527 4¢ Blk Mt Vernon, Official to Postmaster Mill River, Mass circa 1932, penalty cancel, excellent, cut square cat \$16.	6.50
13	USA. 165 covers (size 10 envel), 1980 to present, incl multi stamped philatelic, commercials, FDCs, some older. HBO.	5
14	USA. 135+ covers/postcards/postal cards many U, 1900 to recent, some enclosures, great for study.	20
15	USA. 91 cut squares 1893-, Air mail & regular issues.	2
16	USA. 69 diff Christmas Seals, 1914-1964, Good condition.	2
17	USA. 57 U block, mostly 1930's, some se-tenant, PBlk of 10n -8¢, PBlk 6 - 20¢ Roosevelt, + 100 commems & regular issues on & off paper. Cat \$53	10
18	USA. 11 postcards 1965-76. 4 postal stationary 1970-76, unaddressed.	1.25
19	Aitutaki. 142 U on paper, commems, regular & officials. est Cat \$87+	
20	Algeria. over 80 M&U diff.	3.50
21	Australia. #159-151, 163-165. 184-187 all MLH VF, Cat \$53+	20
22	Australia. Early Sets & singles mostly M, some U, #1 / 205, Cat \$85+	20
23	Australia. FDC 12th commonwealth games, Sc# 842-45, 844a, 1984 Olympics, Sc# 922-24, PO covers, Unaddressed. est CV \$5.75	3
24	Australia. 257 registered covers, lots of labels, post marks, stamps. These are to the "British High Commission" for passport visas. (2 pounds+)	15
25	Australia. Series III, 1981, set of 42 22¢ pre-stamped post cards, set in original box.	15
26	Australia. Series IV, 1982, set of 42 27¢ pre-stamped post cards, set in original box.	15
27	Aust. States / Gurnsey. 2 retired ISWSC Sales books, M&U, CV \$117	30
28	Austria. #127 Franz Josef 10K, VF, SON lite cancel, Cat 62+.	27.50
29	Barbados. 90 M&U diff, Cat \$20±	7
30	Belgium. CB3 on Ghent Intl Air Mtg. Bruelles CDS & event cancel, Nice interesting item.	9
31	Belgium. #21, U, "424" postal code, inclu l. margin.	7
32	Belgium. 7 F-VF U stamps, Q437, Q456-459 (top values of set). Q464-465.	6.50
33	Belize. 16 MNH sheets of 50. #313-317, 328, 329, 331-335, 340-342, 367, 2006 Cat \$190.20	
34	Brazil. 1943 Brapex #609-11, FDC 100th annv. of 1st issues, 2 diff showcards - show cancels red & blu, 1 mailed env w/S/S show cancels, censord-regist. various markings. Interesting!!	10
35	Brazil. #7, inclu rt margin, U. Average. 2.50	
36	British Colonies. 2 APS sales books, remainders, net priced at \$60+	
37	British Guiana. over 35 M&U diff.	
38	Camaroun. on pages to 1946, remainder collection, Cat \$108	20
39	Canada. 6 copies MNH, #1172a perf 13, 3 w/stains, 1 surface scruf, 3 VF, CV \$15 each.	10
40	Canada. #271-272, MLH, F-VF.	25
41	Canada. #103 very lite can, good balance.	22.50
42	Canada. #270 imprint blk of 4 MNH, C4 MNH Ottawa Conf optv, O41 & O44 pl blks of 4 MNH	8
43	Cayman Islands. 25 M&U diff.	
44	Chad. Sheets of 8, painting series, Sc# 205-210, 1969. Cat \$10.	3
45	Chile. over 135 M&U diff.	4
46	Chile. # 34, MH, VF, clean fresh color.	10
47	Chile. #3, U, F.	12
48	China - PRC. 300 diff, mostly large, years 1949-2002	7
49	China. about 450: Sun Yat-Sen (200), junks (100), Martyrs (50), plane, trains, ships (25), Misc. (75), dupes but good variety,	3
50	Columbia. over 450 M&U diff.	12
51	Congo. over 200 M&U diff.	8
52	Cook Islands. 235 U on & off paper. HBO	10
53	Cuba. 260 M&U on & Off paper. sets & singles.	10
54	Czechoslovakia. 524 U on & off paper, CV \$133±, M CV \$228±, many sets, Sc # 1031-36, 1169-74, 1589-93, 1542-47 w/no gum, 1134a imperf. HBO	60
55	Danzig. over 85 M&U diff. comp to \$20 for 50.	5
56	Ecuador. over 450 M&U diff.	17.50