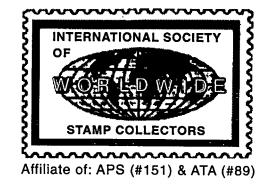
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Griqualand

by Dave Creson (# 170)

Last summer I bought a stamp estate box from a local dealer I know. The box had been picked of some obvious valuable material, but I was able to find plenty of less valuable (but perhaps more interesting) stamps. Way down deep I found a stock card with some rather common Cape of Good Hope issues.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Cape of Good Hope had issued triangle stamps in 1853 until 1864. What I had were the rectangle "Hope" lady seated issue (Fig. 1). The problem was they all had "G" stamped on them in red or black. My trusty Stanley Gibbons explained that the "G" was for Griqualand, and gave a rather brief breakdown. First there was a manuscript surcharge (Fig. 2). Then "G.W." overprint, then later 14 types of "G" overprint on Cape of Good Hope ½, 1, 4 & 6 pence and on 1,5 shilling (Fig. 3). There are legitimate double and inverted overprints.

Griqualand's postal rates are not documented anywhere that I can find, but probably were similar to that of Cape of Good Hope. It is not clear to me what the ½ pence was used for in Griqualand. The 1 pence probably was for local printed matter. The 2 pence was used for fines (postage due). Please

note that there was no 3 pence stamp until 1880 or even any recorded need until November of 1879. The 4 pence was used for inbound overseas mail (prepaid mail was valid only to Cape Town), and outbound private ship mail (private ship and packet ship mail had different rates). The 6 pence was used for overseas packet mail and later for letter registration. The 1 shilling was also used for overseas packet mail, and the 5 shilling was used (I suppose) for heavier parcels and postal accounting.

Another oddity was finding any information in depth about the area, so I could better understand events that created a need to overprint Cape of Good Hope stamps with a "G." Modern references are lacking any meaningful information; however, my 1929 Britannica Encyclopedias were helpful. The Postal History of Transkian Territories by Ken Baker, The London Philatelist and Encyclopædia of British Empire Postage Stamps by Lowe were also helpful. The bottom line is that there is really not a lot written about this area in any depth.

Further research revealed that Griqualand is really two areas. Griqualand East is bordered on the northeast by Natal and on the northwest by Basutoland. It was named after the settlement there in 1862 of the Griqua people under the leadership of Adam Kok. (More about this area later.) WHERE

Griqualand West, also named after its Griqua inhabitants, is part of the inner plateau of South Africa. It lies north of the Orange River (Fig. 4), being

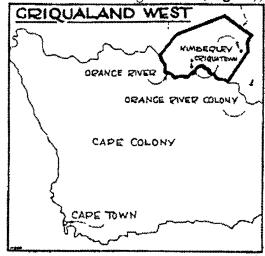


Fig. 4

(See "Griqualand," concluded on page 4.)

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ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

The summer months tend to be slow time of sun and vacation, but within the ISWSC a great deal is happening. Recently the board approved the appointment of Jeff Hayward as Interim manager for Youth Services and Bob Reidel as Interim manager for Publications. They will both serve until a permanent Vice President for Charitable Programs is elected this fall. That individual will then decide how to split up the responsibilities under our Charitable Services.

We still need volunteers to serve as candidates for the open positions. These include President, Vice President for Public Relations, Vice President for Charitable Programs, and Secretary. Remember this Society is your Society and can only flourish with your help. It is time to consider giving back to the society and philately! We have many different ways in which you can do just that. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, or if you want to nominate another member please notify our Secretary Dalene Thomas or me (both addresses listed in this issue). The positions close to new candidates on July 31, 1999.

I am also happy to inform you that a volunteer to help co-manage the sales program has stepped forward. He is Charles Jensen (#1837) and he will be working with Bob MacKenzie to slowly take over the uncertified (uninsured) part of the Sales Program.

I have gotten an offer to help with filing the ISWSC's request for tax exempt status. I am hopeful that I will be able to report on success in this effort in the near future.

I want to remind all member of the new penalty on late renewals (announced in the last edition of the Circuit) beginning July 1, 1999. Renewals must be made within 30 days of the expiration date (the last day of the month printed above your name on the envelope in which each Circuit is mailed) to avoid a fee. Renewals 1-4 months late will be charged a \$2 late fee and renewals 5 or more months late will be charged a \$5 fee. To avoid these fees, you may want to consider renewing early or for two or three years at a time.

Until next time...

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Carol Cervenka Recognized

By Tony Zollo President, ISWSC

President Tony Zollo awarded Carol Cervenka (our former Executive Director) with a Certificate of Appreciation and \$100 cash honorarium for her many years of hard work and excellent service to the members of the ISWSC. Until her health made it difficult for her to continue Carol was the backbone of the society. Her work touched every member and was in no small way responsible for the growth and development of the society from its earliest days until she stepped down in late 1998.

Many members were impressed with the efficiency and business-like management she brought to all society affairs. Just as many were touched by the personal and friendly manner she brought to all aspects of her work.

Carol is a very special person, whose efforts on behalf of us all are appreciated and honored.



Stamp Trading Joan Roderick (#669)

ne of the nice things about a club like ISWSC is the opportunity to "meet" and get addresses of fellow stamp collectors. It certainly adds to the enjoyment to establish contacts with fellow collectors, exchange ideas and, if desired, gain trading partners.

Recently I have become aware of some practices that speak ill of our club and certainly do not conform to our ideals. SWAP circuits are sometimes inundated with damaged, common, CTO's, and definitive stamps.

Members have, with good conscience, established trading partners who have been unfair and downright dishonest.

No one expects when trading on a one-to-one basis, to receive common stamps and five or six copies of that. I think if everyone submitted only the kind of stamps the would like to receive and not their old castaways, everyone would benefit.

I don't want to beat this dead horse but look to your self and honestly say "who me?"

Help Needed!

by Joan Roderick (#669)

he SWAP Circuit desperately needs a volunteer to take over the G-M section of the SWAP Circuit. If no one comes forward we will have to drop this service. I have done it myself and it is really fun and an opportunity to look at some nice stamps and "meet" some very nice people.

Richard Houck has to relinquish his duties as CTO Circuit Manager, also, because of other obligations. If you are interested in keeping this going do yourself a favor and volunteer.

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Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send copy to the Editor and payment to Tom Fortunato. Addresses are on page 2.



"Griqualand," continued from page 1:

bordered by Bechuanaland, Transvaal, and the Orange Free State. The climate is dry and the only perennial rivers are in the eastern districts, through which the river Vaal flows and severe thunderstorms sometimes occur. It is mainly a pastoral area. So much for where Griqualand West is . . . but who were these Griqua people?

HISTORY

At the end of the 18th century, a large group of people who were descendants of Dutch farmers and Hottentots (Khoikhoi) led a nomadic life on the plains south of the Orange River. In 1803 a missionary named Anderson induced a number of this group with their chief, Bartend Barends, to settle north of the Orange River. A mission station was formed at a place where there was a strong flowing fountain, now since disappeared, which gave the name of Klaarwater to what is now known as Griquatown, or Griquastad. Klaarwater became a retreat for all this group, Hottentot refugees, Kaffirs and Bechuanans.

From Little Namaqualand came a few half-breeds and other under the leadership of Adam Kok, a man of mixed white and Hottentot blood, who is regarded as the founder of the modern Griquas. The settlement prospered and the tribesmen abandoned their old nomadic ways in favor of that of the Griquas.

Adam Kok, Barends and others moved eastward in 1820. Those who remained behind elected as their leader a teacher in the mission school named Andries Waterboer, who successfully administered the settlement. Meanwhile Adam Kok and his companions had occupied part of the country between the Modder and Orange Rivers, and in a short time had exterminated the Bushmen inhabiting that region. Kok died about 1835, and after a period of civil strife was succeeded by his younger son, Adam Kok III, who in November of 1843 signed a treaty placing himself under British protection. He eventually found himself threatened by the Boers (Dutch) of the newlyestablished Orange Free State. He assisted the British troops (against his grandfather's people). Adam Kok III again moved in 1861-63 with his people, some 3,000 in number, to the region (then depopulated by Kaffir wars) now known as Griqualand West. He was succeeded in 1872 by the son of Andries Waterboer, Nicholas Waterboer, under whom the condition of the Griquas declined.

DIAMONDS

A "pebble" picked up on a farm by a child on the banks of the Orange River in 1866 started it all. The pebble was identified as a 21-carat diamond (Fig. 5). This was the first step in opening the diamond fields of that region, which have become the greatest in the

world. The rush to search for alluvial diamonds in the gravel of the Orange and Vaal rivers was greatly accelerated in 1870 and 1871 following the discovery of "dry diggings" in the district near present-day Kimberley. The discovery of diamonds entirely altered the fortunes of the country. At the diggers' camps the Griquas exercised no authority, but over all of the district either the South African Republic, Griquas or the



Fig. 5

Orange Free State claimed sovereignty. Sometimes who or all three would claim the same area.

The diamond boom mail was routed first through Orange Free State and later through the Cape of Good Hope. The non-overprinted CGH stamps from late 1870 on were used. No stamps were used prior. The "G.W." or "G" overprints did not come into use until 1877 and all prior usage can only be traced by cancels. However there was a manuscript rate change of 1 pence on a 4 pence blue, which occurred in Griqualand in September 1874. It should also be noted that Cape of Good Hope stamps with a "G" overprint were valuable only in Griqualand and also only until 1880.

The area was still claimed by the Griquas led by Nicholas Waterboer who, on the advice of his agent David Arnot, petitioned the British to take over "his" country. This Great Britain, seeing huge wealth from the area, consented to do so on October 27, 1871. Proclamations were issued by the high commissioner in Cape Town, receiving Waterboer and his Griquas as British subjects and defining the limits of his territory.

The Boers (Orange Free State, New Republic, etc.) in particular were greatly incensed by the action of the British government, but the dispute was settled in 1876 by the payment of £90,000 by the British to the Orange Free State, in full settlement of their rights.

The diamond diggers found the British administration did little for their benefit, and a period of disorder ensued. In July 1873 the territory was made a Crown Colony. The British backed government remained unpopular. The diggers complained of its unrepresentative character, the heavy taxation exacted, and the inadequate protection of property.

The diamond diggers formed a society for mutual protection, and the discontent was so great that an armed force was sent early in 1875 from the Cape to overawe the agitators. At the same time measures were taken to render the government more popular.

(See "Griqualand," continued on page 6.)

WHY THE SHARK TEETH GRABBED ME or AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE AFTERNOON

by Anne Murphy (#1774)

have never professed to specialize in any particular area of my collection. There are 10,000 or so stamps (not a huge number by some standards) housed in over 60 albums of various sizes, representing 100 or more countries. And within my collection there are a few favourites. But none have really grabbed my attention like the Carcharodon megalodon from New Caledonia!

The fossil shark jaw featured on a New Caledonia stamp issued at Australia 99, the World Stamp Expo held in Melbourne from 19-24 March. World Stamp Expo didn't draw me immediately – I'm not fond of jostling crowds – and so I visited there on the spur of the moment. There was too much to see without some kind of game plan and so Craig (my very indulgent husband) and I decided to see the show via a "philatelic passport".

We didn't at first realise that buying the \$3 passport committed us to visiting 94 countries in one afternoon to purchase the stamps that needed to be placed on each page of the passport and have them cancelled in their special World Stamp Expo way. With stamps generally ranging between 50 cents and \$1 this too became quite an expensive way to pass the time.

Being a Saturday afternoon, the queues at some stalls were horrendous. However, the pursuit of the world's stamps and cancellations resulted in some wonderful prizes - such as the Carcharodon megalodon, which is where I came in.

In a far corner of the Expo was New Caledonia's stand. If you're not sure about the country, New Caledonia is east of Australia in the south-western Pacific Ocean, its capital city is Noumea and the official language is French. My philatelic passport also tells me the population is 200,000 and the first stamp issued there was in 1859.

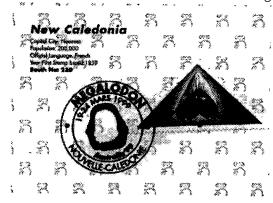
The stamp in itself is quite interesting - the triangular stamp which features a single tooth is 100 francs and has an ocean blue background. But I was particularly taken by the clean, bold cancel. The young lady at the New Caledonia stand took great care to print it strong and clear. It features the word "Megalodon 19-24 Mars 1999, Australia '99, Nouvelle Caledonie". In the centre of the ring is the reconstructed jawbone open and ready to bite.

The fossil jaw was reconstructed in 1996 after being "dredged" by a research ship in northern New Caledonia. Assembly took eight months and was based on a complete jaw found in a phosphate deposit and similar to a great white shark.

A miniature sheet on the same subject featured three stamps – one similar to the 100F stamp, but also showing a small portion of the jawbone. Another shows a concept image of the creature in all its ferocity and a third shows the relative size of the megalodon (at 15 metres or 20 feet) to a great white shark (at 7 metres or 5 feet) and a human (1.7 metres).

Despite my favouritism for this issue and its cancel, my complete passport has become a prized possession. I don't begrudge the cost of the exercise, the sometimes aggressive crowd we encountered, or even the fact that we had to return a second day to fill the last few pages (some stands were closed for the Jewish Sabbath). It was one of the many excellent features of Australia 99 World Stamp Expo and by touching on so many countries in this small way, it was one way to travel right around the world.

Shown below: Fig. 1: 100F Carcharodon megalodon.



See "Shark Teeth, " next page, for Figure 2.

Official Notice to All Members by Tony Zollo, ISWSC President

y a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, Member Nina Roebuck (#1772) living at 4909 N. Richmond Rd., Pierpoint OH 44082-9773 has been expelled from membership in the ISWSC. This action has been taken due to her failure to return Sales Circuit material belonging to other members and failure to reply to written inquiries from the Sales Circuit Manager and the President.

Ms. Roebuck is no longer eligible to participate in any ISWSC program. All members are warned to enter into trades or other business with her at their own peril.

Shark Teeth, conclusion:

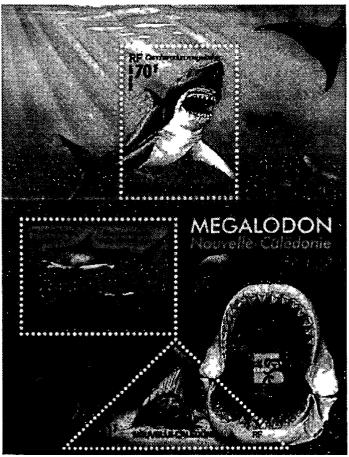


Fig. 2: Stamp sheet containing three 70F stamps on this issue.

"Griqualand," concluded from page 4:

The prior settlement of the dispute with the Orange Free State paved the way for the annexation of Griqualand to the Cape Colony of October 15, 1880. Griqualand East also came under the Cape as part of the Transkei Territories. All Cape of Good Hope stamps with the "G" overprint were recalled to Cape Town and used as postage elsewhere. This is important to know when studying this area, as many "G" overprinted stamps found are either remainders legitimately used elsewhere or are outright forgeries.

I would like to thank my wife Anne and the American Philatelic Research Library for their work on this project. Dave Creson (#170), POB H, Glendale, OR 97442, creson@cdsnet.net (Ed note: see the following information that arrived recently from the Cresons): After years of polite argument my Wife, Anne and I have decided to relocate. Our reasons were driven by nice affordable housing and abundant work for my wife.

Other less important considerations were weather, recreation, Military hospitals and general life style. The

Truly Unbelievable

by Will Cappa (#1514)

uess what, gang! Our good friends in Denmark are at it again — with a vengeance! I am speaking of no other than that household name in philatelic bargains, the NF Exclusive Frimaerkeklub for Elite Frimaerkesamiere OG Filatelister (Hjorring), and if you think that's a mouthful, just try to digest the incredibly verbose and confusing doublespeak that comprises their advertising flyer!

Before we get to the meat, however, I'd like to remind our readers that this is the self-same company who, under the guise of a different name (but at the same address), previously assailed our philatelic sensibilities and tickled our sense of honesty and ethics. This is the same company which was banned from advertising in a major stamp magazine many years ago, yet which persists like a family of cockroaches to invade our community via any means possible.

One might get the idea that I am unnecessarily outraged by their efforts; but so will YOU be, when you've heard the whole story. For starters, literally every claim this "company" makes is false:

- 1. The flyer is sent "airmail, priority." (Ha! 4th class steamer!)
- 2. I am the "lucky one" chosen among 50,000 NFK members (whoever they are), to receive this advertising offer. (I am not, nor was I ever, a member.)
- 3. This is a "FANTASTIC" offer. (Sure, if you read fantastic to mean an episode from the Twilight Zone.)
- 4. This is a fantastic SUMMER stamp sale, due to the Summer Heat! (Just how hot does it get in Denmark?

(See "Unbelievable," continued on page 10.)

areas, which used to be lands of opportunity, seem to be gone or gone to seed. After careful consideration and much research, using the Internet and other methods we have decided to relocate to Pensacola, Florida. Our house in Oregon sold within two weeks for cash. So unless something unforeseen happens Anne, our two adult cousins and myself will travel across the southern USA in early June.

Our Email of creson@cdsnnet.net will still be on line; however, any messages there will possibly be slow in response. Our address of POB 624, Glendale, OR 97442 will also remain in effect for 30 to 60 days. Mail response will also be somewhat slow as well. All of our work phones will be invalid by the 21 of May 1999. Our home phone will be invalid 15 May 1999. Upon selecting a new location, Internet server, and phone number we will attempt to let you know of the new addresses. Wish us luck on our next great adventure. David Creson



Stamps of the White Rajahs

by Frank Ceraso (#1420)

he blue of the sea and the blue of the sky seemed to meet and melt in the perfect circle of the horizon; perfect, that is, but for a billowing wisp of smoke. As the East Indian man approached, the smoke grew darker and thicker above a bed of flickering flames. Then the darkened skeleton of a mid-sized "perahu" came into sight. Not a soul aboard the sailing boat had been left alive; the cutthroats had done their job thoroughly with the "arme blanche" of Bornese, Chinese and Malay pirates—kris and yataghan and parang-latok. The bodies were buried at sea, and the tall ship flying the colours of the Dutch East India Company sailed on, ploughing through the waves of the South China Sea on her route to Batavia.

Although this event refers to the last part of the XVIII century (the D.E.I. Co. was dissolved in 1798), the scenario was somehow a common occurrence in the Laut China Selatan off the coast of Borneo during the first third of the XIX century. The ship on the map is a typical PERAHU, taken from a stamp of North Borneo first issued in 1894.

Things began to change when Sir Stanford Raffles acquired an island at the tip of the Malay Peninsula and founded the City of the Lion, SINGA PURA, in January 1829. But it took another daring Englishman to stamp out piracy—at least most of it—from these waters.

JAMES BROOKE was born at Coombe Grove near Bath on April 12, 1803. He entered the service of the British East India Company in 1825, fought with his regiment in the Brahmaputra Valley during the Anglo-Burmese War, and was seriously wounded at Rungpore. Returning to England, he inherited a large property on the death of his father, whereas he bought and equipped a yacht, "The Royalist," fitting her out for exploration in the Malay Archipelago and "sailing in 1838 on his great adventure."

On reaching Borneo he found that the Rajah Muda Hassim, uncle of the reigning Sultan, was engaged in war with several Dayak tribes in the province of Sarawak. On August 15, 1839, Brooke anchored The Royalist off KUCHING ("The Cat") and subsequently stormed Blidah Fort, where the insurgents were entrenched. For this feat of arms, as well as for checking piracy in the following year, he was made RAJAH OF SARAWAK in September 1841, an appointment confirmed by the Sultan himself in 1842.

In 1842-44 Brooke and Captain Keppel, Royal Navy, expelled the Malay and Dayak pirates from Saribas and the Batang-Lupar rivers (see map). In 1857 Brooke's

house in Kuching, the capitol, was attacked and burned by Chinese pirates but the Rajah counterattacked and recovered house and town. In 1863 the British government recognized Sarawak as an independent state and Brooke was created K.C.B.

The first stamp of the realm was issued in 1869, a year after Brookels death on his estate at Burrator, Devonshire. Fig. 1 shows the 3 cents brown on yellow paper, bearing his effigy and the initials J.B.R.S., one letter in each corner: James Brooke, Rajah (of) Sarawak.

Before 1869 and probably starting in 1863, EAST INDIA stamps of Queen Victoria were used in Sarawak: Fig. 2 shows India #11, the 1/2 Anna blue-green of 1855

Anna blue-green of 1855 with a cancel similar to the early Sarawak cancels, i.e. diamond-shaped (barred grid / see also Fig. 5). His nephew, Sir Charles Johnson Brooke (born 1829), who reigned almost 50 years, 1868 to succeeded Sir James Brooke. During his tenure Sarawak produced Timber, sago (a food starch extracted from palm trees), rubber. coconuts, illipe nuts, camphor, and at least 20 varieties of rattan.

In 1888 a treaty was concluded by which, in return for British protection, Her Majesty's Government took control of the relations of Sarawak with foreign



Fig. 1

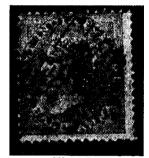


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"Stamps of the White Rajahs," continued from p.7:



Fig. 5



Fig.6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

States, but left the internal administration entirely in the hands of the Rajah. In 1904 King Edward VII formally recognized the title of His Highness, the Rajah of Sarawak.

Fig. 3 shows Scott #2, the three cents brown on yellow. Fig. 4 to 6 show respectively: #3, the two cents lilac on mauve; #5, the six cents green on pale green (notice the "S" for Sarawak within the small barred grid); and #6, the eight cents blue on pale blue with full strike SARAWAK, 17 DEC(ember) 94.

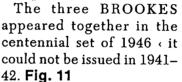
A different image of the Rajah appears on the following set, issued in 1888 and expanded in 191 through 197 (##8-21). In the same period various stamps were surcharged with new values.

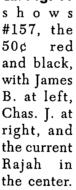
This set was reprinted with different colours between 1899 and 1908; all these stamps are unwatermarked, the exception being the 2¢ gray-green of 1901, watermark "rosette." Fig. 7 shows #40, the 8¢ yellow and black of 1899, (KUCH)ING cancel. An aging Charles J. Brooke appears on the short set of 1895 (##28-31); Fig. 8 shows #28, the 2¢ red-brown.

The second Rajah died in 1917 and was succeeded by his son, Charles Vyner Brooke (born 1874). Stamps with his effigy first appeared in 1918 with various additions through 1923 (unwatermarked). Fig. 9 shows #53, the 3¢ violet-brown. These stamps were reprinted with some changes of colour in

1929-29, watermark multiple rosettes. A new format and an older Rajah were chosen for the definitive set

of 1932, Scott ##94-108. Fig. 10 shows #95, the 2¢ dark green. The same image appeared in a larger format in 1934-41, and stamps of this set were overprinted three times: 1. With Japanese characters during the occupation of 1942 (26 stamps); these are the scarcest of Sarawak, being valued over \$2,000 used; 2. B.M.A. for British Military Administration in 1945 (20 stamps); and 3. G.R. (Georgius Rex) and Crown in 1947, when Sarawak became a British colony (15 stamps).





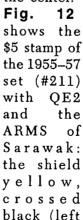






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Fig. 11



Fig. 12

half) and red (right half), a golden oriental crown at center. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke died in 1963, 160 years after the birth of his grand uncle, Sir James, and with his death the Brooke dynasty of white Rajahs came to an end.

(See "Sarawak," concluded on p. 11.)

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BALPEX '99 Showcases ISWSC

by Joe Foley (#308)

s previously announced in the Circuit, our organization will be prominently featured at BALPEX. Only problem is that so far we don't L have enough entries! What we want to do is have a full row of 13 frames that will clearly show how enjoyable worldwide collecting is.

While there will be prizes for all and those attending the show will vote on the most interesting, the prime purpose is to promote our hobby and have some fun doing it. To enter is easy (even better-there are no fees!).

Your exhibit is just a selection of pages from your worldwide collection. The very first page is the title page and can be as simple as "THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE STAMPS" or it can be a bit more informative with a title like "STAMPS OF THE WORLD FROM 1840-1940" perhaps followed by a few sentences describing your album and how you collect. Really the choice is yours. We have no "rules" telling us how we should collect etc.

Recognizing that many who visit philatelic exhibitions are general collectors, and just about all stamp collectors still have their worldwide collections, the organizers of BALPEX approached the ISWSC about their participation. The result is the ISWSC Showcase consisting exclusively of one frame displays of 16 selected pages from individual worldwide collections.

Visitors to the show will be asked to judge the ISWSC section and prizes will be awarded. A ballot will be used asking that individuals select the top three exhibits that best illustrate the effectiveness of the display in demonstrating an approach to worldwide stamp collecting with emphasis on the collectors creativity and personal treatment, the success of the display in conveying the enjoyment of worldwide stamp collecting to the viewer, and the presentation, including the stamps selected, of the display. Considering the very special nature of the ISWSC section, all entries will be awarded a special prize and certificate commemorating the event.

BALPEX is a three-day event sponsored by the Baltimore Philatelic Society. It's held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 3-5, 1999 at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn just north of Baltimore. Information about BALPEX may be obtained from Joe Foley, who is the General Chairman and an ISWSC member, at BALPEX, 1224 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Coordinating ISWSC participation in BALPEX is our past president Tom Fortunato. Tom will also be chairing a special panel presentation Everything You Wanted to Know about Worldwide Stamp Collecting & Were Afraid to Ask that will be given during the show.

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As Trains Go By by Bill Verbist (#1572)

rains have always been a fascination for every age group—model trains, museums, movies, train rides for children, books, music, toys, exciting travel (and probably others that the reader could add to the list).

There is a great deal of information available on this subject. Favorable tidings for stamp collectors, because there is a lot of material to work with. One wouldn't necessarily have to become A Topical Collector to explore the matter of railroading. But perhaps this bit of information might just spark some other ideas for you.

On May 10, 1944 (the 75th anniversary of the First Transcontinental Railroad) the United States issued Scott #922. **Fig. 1** is a first day cover, stamp and cachet depicting the Golden Spike ceremonies. On May 10, 1869 three ceremonies took place: at Promontory, Utah; at San Francisco, California; and at Omaha, Nebraska. Apart from the three ceremonies, parades were underway, flags were flying and bells were ringing all over the land. The Golden Spike was actually driven into the ground in Promontory by Leland Stanford (the president of Central Pacific Railroad). His picture appears on this cachet. The postmark on our first day cover came from Omaha (May 10, 1944).

The Golden Spike used to link these two great railways, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific, bears an inscription: "May God continue the unity of our country as the railroad unites the two great oceans of the world." One could now travel clear across the United States from New York to San Francisco. Those words inscribed on the Golden Spike were indeed a

fitting choice, as the American Civil War had ended only a few years before the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad.

Very few railroad stamps were issued in the year 1944, and as a matter of fact, very few stamps of any kind were issued during that year. Nineteen forty-four was the year that would be considered the last straw for the Axis war machine. In July an unsuccessful attempt would be made on the life of Adolf Hitler and,

in August of that year, after four years of German occupation, France would finally be liberated. Of the few French stamps issued in that year, two were featuring trains a perhaps bolstered by memories of happier days.

In France (Scott #472) an early postal car was issued to commemorate the centenary of France's traveling postal service. Steam-driven locomotives had taken over by 1844. But, just prior to that time, both steam and horsepower had been used.

In Scott #B178, a French modern streamliner train was also issued to commemorate the centenary for the Paris-Rouen/ Paris-Orléans railroad, which

Fig. 2—France Scott #472



and Fig. 3— Scott #B178, both issued iin 1944



covered more than 28,000 miles of networked railway.

(See "Trains," continued on next page.)

75THANNIVERSARY

FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD



ONAHA MAY 10 9:00 AM 1941 NEBR:



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

"Trains," continued from p. 9.

We see both stamps in Fig. 2 & Fig. 3, respectively. Germany must have started to think along other than



Fig. 4, Scott #B274, Germany 1944 issue



Fig. 5, Scott #B60, Finland 1944 issue

military lines, as we see in Fig. 4, Scott B274 < a mail railway coach (one of six stamps in this series, all non-military). Evidently at that time the greatest share of the mail was transported by rail and, for the most part, sorted during passage. The surtax on the stamp was for the postal employees' fund. A peaceful stamp.

In **Fig. 5**, we see a nice stamp from Finland (the country where our legend of Santa Claus and his reindeer first began). Finlanders at that time were busy ejecting Germany from their land. The bottom right-hand corner of Scott B60 portrays the Red Cross emblem. The Red Cross workers

were honored recipients of the 1944 Nobel Peace Prize for tireless work in World War II (three other stamps were also issued in this series).

The Red Cross is housed in Geneva, Switzerland, having been founded by a Swiss humanitarian, Jean Henri Dunant, in 1859. As fate would have it Dunant was an eyewitness to the Battle of Solferino, fought in Italy between France and Austria. He organized emergency services for the wounded French and Austrian casualties (nearly 40,000). In his book *Un Souvenir de Solferino* (A Memory of Solferino), he proposed the formation in all countries of a voluntary relief society that would aid all people in war and in peace. The first society and the first Geneva Convention took place in 1864.

Like the Red Cross in 1944, Jean Henri Dunant won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. Several countries have issued stamps honoring Dunant. A stamp by Belgium in 1959, Scott B646, is outstanding. These five stamps issued in 1944, aside from the fact that they depict trains, may also have brought to mind happier days gone by and anticipation of better days to come. The United States was happy to have the Civil War ended and in 1944, happy to be equally sharing with our allies the oncoming victory, renewal of peace and a renewal of freedom. Perhaps in a quiet moment we can almost hear the train whistle echoing: a better world.

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- 2. Extra campaign present . . . Large, Surplus box, 25,000 stamps! inc. expensive Queen Victoria issues! Cat. \$26,000.00, usual price, \$14,800, FREE (sure).
- 3. Order within 5 days and receive EXTRA expensive stamps, cat. \$\$8,000...FREE. Total 82,600 stamps cat. AT LEAST \$141,000.00 (you read it right!?). You save \$140,504 and pay only \$496 + \$12 forwarding fee (gee, that hurts!). Grand total \$508 U.S.\$. (Not too shabby! that's 1/3 of 1%.)

It is obvious by the foregoing that not only can this company not ADD, but that they take us for complete nincompoops. I know the temptation is to give it a try, but I implore my fellow members, don't even think about it! To sum up, here is a company which was legally barred from conducting business (by the Danish government) in the past, yet which has somehow managed to revive under a changed name; a



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Unbelievable.," conclusion:

assumes that Americans are just a flock of suckers ready to be fleeced. I urge any of you who are particularly upset to write a few letters to philatelic journals (as have I), in order that we may restore a sense of decency to our hobby.

THANK YOU.



"Sarawak," concluded from p.8:

Acknowledgment: My deepest thanks go to Mr. Peter Gillies of Rye, NY, a keen collector of South-East Asia, for letting me borrow some of his Sarawak stamps. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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