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#### ANNOTATED CHESS-ON-STAMPS CHECK-LIST

- John La Porta -

#### Bulgaria

1947 (October 2) 13th Balkan Games at Sofia 580 91 orange brown (chess knight)

1958 (July 17) Fifth International Student Chess Championship at Varna 1015 80s dark blue green and pale green (globe with chessboard design, rook, and knight) Remarks: "Scott" states that this issue was to publicize the World Chess Cham-

pionship at Varna.

1962 (July 7) 15th International Chess Competition at Varna 1225 ls gray, emerald, and black (stylized chess bishop) 1226 2s gray, lemon, and black (stylized chess rook) 1227 3s gray, lilac, and black (stylized chess queen)

1228 13s gray, dark orange, and black (stylized chess knight)
1229 21s gray, blue, and black (stylized chess knight)
Remarks: Purins ("Linn's Weekly Stamp News", November 9, 1965) states that this set was issued to honor the World Students' Team Championship, also held at Varna in July, 1962, rather than the XV Chess Olympic Games, which began on September 15, 1962. The set was issued imperforate in changed colors. An imperforate souvenir sheet (20s--five chessmen) also exists.

1951 (November 1) 30th anniversary of the winning of the world chess title by Jose Raoul

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Capablanca

463 lø blue green and orange (Capablanca)

464 2¢ rose carmine and dark brown (Capablance making chess move)

465 5¢ black and deep ultramarine (Capablanca Club, Havana, and knights) C44 5¢ blue green and yellow (chessboard--resignation play of Dr. Lasker) C45 8¢ ultramarine and claret (Capablanca making chess move)(same as 464) C46 25¢ dark brown (Capablanca)(same as 463)

E14 10¢ dark green and rose brown (Capablanca Club, Havana, and knights)(same as 465) Remarks: Capablanca was born in Cuba in 1888 and educated at Columbia University. At twelve he won the championship of Cuba; in 1909 he added that of the United States. His subsequent victories in Europe established him as a grand master. In 1921 Capablanca defeated the world champion, Emanual Lasker; but in 1927 he lost his title to the Russian, Alexander Alekhine, in a match which lasted three months.

1962 Long sports set of thirty items 13¢ red and black on buff (chess player moving piece)

#### Finland

1952 (August 10) 10th Chess Olympics at Helsinki, August 10-31, 1952 308 25m gray (chessboard, knight, and rook)

1966 (April 4) International Chess Festival 1154 60¢ sepia, gray, and dark violet blue (chessboard, knight, king, and queen)

#### German Democratic Republic

1960 (September 19) 14th Chess Olympics at Leipzig, 1960 B67 lOpf + 5pf blue green (rook and chess symbols) B68 20pf + 10pf rose claret (knight and chess symbols) B69 25pf + lopf blue (bishop and chess symbols)

#### Hungary

1950 (April 9) World Chess Championships in the Iron Workers Union Building in Budapest 889 60f deep magenta (two chess players with factory and farm scenes and chess emblem)

lfo deep blue (Iron Workers Union Building and chess emblem)

891 1.60fo brown (globe, plane, and chess emblem)

1953 (April 4) 8th anniversary of the Republic 1037 40f deep blue (chess players on terrace of recreation home for workers in the Meczek mountains) Remarks: Imperforate copies also exist.

#### Israel

1964 (November 2) 16th Chess Olympics at Tel Aviv, November 2-24, 1964 269 12a sepia (chessboard, knight, and emblem of Chess Olympics)
270 70a green (chessboard, rook, and emblem of Chess Olympics)
Remarks: The winner was the Russian team of T. Petrosian, M. Botvinnik, V. Smislov, L. Stein, P. Keres, and B. Spasky followed by Jugoslavia and West Germany.

#### Jugoslavia

1950 (August 20) International Chess Olympics at Dubrovnik, August, 1950

300 2d red brown and rose brown (map, chessboard, and bishop)
301 3d brown black, gray brown, and dull yellow (rook and ribbon of flags of competing nations)

302 5d dark green, blue, and buff (globe and chessboard) 303 lod claret, blue, and buff (globe and map)

304 20d dark blue, blue, and orange yellow (view of Dubrovnik, knight, and ribbon)

# Netherlands Antilles (Curacao

1962 (May 2) International Candidates Chess Tournament at Willemstad, May-June, 1962

B55 10¢ + 5¢ green (globe and knight)

B56 20¢ + 10¢ carmine (globe and knight)(same as B55) B57 25¢ + 10¢ dark blue (globe and knight)(same as B55)

Remarks: The winner was Tigran Petrosian of Russia, who was undefeated in the tournament.

#### Nicaragua

1963 (December 12) 18th Olympic Games at Tokyo, 1964 C531 35¢ salmon pink, gray, yellow, and olive (chessboard, knight, and queen)

#### Philippines

- 1962 (December 30) Jose Rizal, freedom fighter and national hero B21 6s + 4s green and rose lilac (Jose Rizal playing chess)
- 1965 (December 30) Inauguration of President Ferdinand Marcos and Vice-President Fernando Lopez
  942 6s + 4s green and rose lilac (Jose Rizal playing chess) (B21 overprinted)

#### Poland

1956 (February) First World Chess Championship of the Deaf and Dumb, February 9-23, 1956
717 40g dark red (rook and hands)
718 60g blue (knight and hands)

#### Romania

1966 (February 25) Chess Olympics in Havana, Cuba
1815 20b light green, dull yellow, dark blue, and dark red (chessboard, pawn, and chess emblem)

1816 40b dull yellow, ultramarine, red, and gray (chessboard, queen, and jester)

1817 55b citron, black, gray green, and red (chessboard, rook, and knight)

1818 Il dull yellow, gray, black, and bright blue (chessboard, rook, and knight) (same as 1817)

1819 1.601 gray green, lilac, red, and ultramarine (chessboard, pawn, and chess emblem) (same as 1815)

1820 3.251 citron, violet blue, deep carmine, and blue green (chessboard, queen, and jecter)(same as 1816)

#### Russia

- 1948 (November 20) 16th World Chess Championship at Moscow in March-May, 1948 1299 30k greenish blue (Pushkin Theater)
  - 1300 40k violet (shield, chessboard, and rook)

1301 50k Orange brown (Pushkin Theater)(same as 1299)
Remarks: In a two-month battle in the famous Pushkin Theater Michail Tal of Riga
Wrested the championship from Michail Botvinnik.

- 1958 (August 30) 50th anniversary of the death of M. I. Chigorin) 2107 40k black and emerald (M. I. Chigorin, knight, and rook)
- 1962 (November 24) 30th Soviet Union Chess Championship at Erivan, Armenia, November 21-December 21, 1962 2676 4k orange yellow and black (queen, rook, and knight) Remarks: The winner was Grandmaster Victor Korchnoj who lost only a single game.
- 1963 (May 22) 25th World Chess Championship at Moscow in March-May, 1963
  2742 4k bluish green, olive, yellow, and black (king, pawn, and chess emblem)
  2743 6k ultramarine, bright pink, and greenish blue (queen, bishop, and chess emblem)
  2744 16k bright plum, bright pink, and black (rook, knight, and chess emblem)
  Remarks: All values exist imperforate, issued on May 18. Tigran Petrosian, the challenger, won over Michail Botvinnik.

#### San Marino

1965 (August 28) Europa issue, 1965 621 2001 brown and multicolored (chessboard and rooks)

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

New questions:

78. What is the make and model year of the automobile depicted on Monaco 365? What is the Scottish scene on the same stamp?

79. What building in Munich is shown on Monaco 411?

80. What building in Stockholm is depicted on Monaco 483?

81. What building in Oslo is shown on Monaco 483?

82. What were the official standings in the Central American and Caribbean Soccer Games of 1946 (Costa Rica Cl21-24)?

Answers -- none available. What's the trouble, SPI? Don't we know or don't we care?

#### - Harold Wasserman -

#### Case 3: The Case of the Runner Forerunner

Perhaps the answers to Case 3 are readily available somewhere among the collectors of Israel stamps. Certainly much investigation has been in this area; however, I have selected this particular item as one of the "Dirty Dozen" because it is unknown to many collectors.

Ira Seebacher, in his "Handbook of Sports Stamps", details the background. The British were to remain in Palestine until May 15, 1948, at which time (May 16th with the founding of the new government) the Hebrew Post would commence operations. But the British began to pull out beginning in April, closing various post offices at various dates, claiming that the U. N. Commission for Palestine had failed to issue a directive providing for the acceptance of responsibility for the continuance of postal services. The National Council (of Israel) immediately ordered all postal employees not only to commence operations on May 16th, but to use various labels with overprints as stamps. It is these overprinted labels which were used during the interim period to which I now refer.

At this particular time a money-raising project by the Jewish National Fund (K.K.L.) was the sale of labels with various portraits and topics. One set of three showed an aerial view of a stadium. No denominations were indicated at first, but the set was re-issued with the values indicated. Another set of three (or four if we count the one that was issued on white paper also) depicted a runner and soldiers. These were on a yellowish paper and were in a horizontal format.

The third set, in a vertical format, depicted a group of five runners beneath a hand holding a large wreath in which is the Star of David. It is this set which was authorized to be used during the provisional period.

The authorized labels were to be overprinted at the post offices with the Hebrew word for "Posts" ("Doar") in Hebraic letters. As Mr. Seebacher so graphically puts it: "These overprints were put on by inexperienced youngsters, Hastily enlisted for the task and, as might be expected, the work was not done very exactly. A great number of poorly inked specimens exist, as well as inverted, double, and other varieties". The labels were used in Haifa and Tel Aviv.

The questions that keep magging at the back of my mind are these:

1. These overprinted labels were issued with the sanction of the government. did carry mail. As "Seebacher" says, "... for the fifteen days of their use, (the labels were) most definitely given the status of stamps by the interim authorities." Why, then, should they be classed as semi-official stamps or merely as labels? Shouldn't they definitely have status as stamps?

2. Can the exact first day of issue be determined for each city? "Seebacher" has May 1, 1948, for the first day for the runners. "Landmans" has May 2nd. I have a registered cover from Haifa, which has on it the runner's stamp and four other overprinted labels, all of which are different. The sender of the letter has penned in a neat hand in the lower left corner "First Day Cover 3.5.1948". Could this possibly indicate first day for one of the other labels?

3. Were these overprinted labels valid only until May 15th? dicates that they were issued in Jerusalem until May 31st. "Schmidt-Schneider" in-

4. What was the postal rate at this time? The cover mentioned above with the five stamps carried a total of forty mills. It is registered in Haifa to an address in Haifa and almost appears to be a philatelic cover. Another apparently philatelic cover has a block of four of the runners; this comes to forty mills also. Was the block necessary or did a collector prepare the cover?

5. The Mosden catalogue lists all three values of the overprinted labels as having been used. "Seebacher" agrees with these, plus the other varieties he has seen. Why do "Landmans" and "Schmidt-Schneider" list only the ten mills label, green, and not the one

mill (blue) or the five mill (brown)?
6. Who was the designer, who was the engraver, and who printed these labels?

I am certain that many experts can clarify these problems. It would also be helpful if someone would write an article with drawings of the overprints so that we might be on the lookout for forgeries, for as "Seebacher" says, ".. the forgeries are quite dangerous". This interim, provisional, semi-official forerunner -- call it what you will -- provides an intriguing case for those who like to solve mysteries.

#### SERVICES

Black blots on sports issues. It was too good to last! John La Porta informs us that "The American Philatelist" has black-blotted Hungary's imperforate set of nine stamps and its imperforate souvenir sheet, all honoring the recently concluded World Soccer Championship in London. The reasons for the censure are a limited printing and oddities intentionally included with the issue.

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ATA loses another strong unit. Veteran SPI members, especially those who were with us when we functioned as the Sports Unit of the ATA, will be interested in knowing that the Fine Arts Unit, one of the very best and strongest in the ATA program, has severed relations with Husak and Company and accepted a charter as a non-profit corporation in the State of Pennsylvania. The Fine Arts Philatelists, as the group is now known, is a little larger than Sports Philatelists International and has a little larger group of really dedicated volunteer workers. Congratulations, FAP, on your seeing the light! We wish you every success as an independent organization.

Lions International album pages now available. Those of you who may be members of Lions International or may have started a topical collection in this area should know that K-Line Publishing, Inc., has prepared a set of album pages for this topic, beginning with Cuba's 1940 issue. Supplements will be published annually or as needed. The set retails for \$2.00 plus 30¢ postage for mail orders. The typical K-Line high quality prevails. Lions International celebrates its fiftieth anniversary in 1967 so the prospect for additional issues is good.

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#### NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

- Barbara T. Williams -

#### May Addenda

- 15th Mongolia. World Soccer Championship, London. 10m (soccer players); 30m (soccer players); 60m (soccer players); 80m (soccer players); and lt (emblem of the Games). Also 4t (stadium)(souvenir sheet). Designed and printed by the photogravure by the Budapest State Printing Office.
- 25th Bahamas. Scott #205 (ld blue, dark green, and orange--out-Island regatta) reprinted "2¢" and Scott #211 (8d greenish blue, lilac, and olive green--yachting) reprinted "10¢".
- 30th Rwanda. log multicolored (soccer); 20¢ multicolored (basketball); 30¢ multicolored (volleyball); 40¢ multicolored (same as 10¢); 9fr multicolored (same as 20¢); and 50fr multicolored (same as 30¢). Designed by Oscar Bonnevalle and printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London. Quantity: 35,000. (Additional information)

#### June Addenda

- llth <u>Cuba</u>. X Central American & Caribbean Games. 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 7¢, 9¢, 10¢, and 13¢ (all various athletic events). Designed by Guillermo Menendez Modan. Quantity: 160,000.
- 13th Malagasy. 5fr (Betsileo dance) and 250fr (Sakalava dance). Designed by Quin and La-Crois and printed by photogravure by So Ge Im.

Hungary. World Soccer Championship, London. 20f multicolored (Jules Rimet and cup); 20f multicolored (soccer players and site and score of match at Montevideo, 1930); 60f multicolored (soccer players and site and score of match at Rome, 1934); 1ft multicolored (soccer players and site and score of match at Paris, 1938); 1.40ft multi-

colored (soccer players and site and score of match at Rio de Janeiro, 1950); 1.70ft multicolored (soccer players and site and score of match at Bern, 1954); 2ft multicolored (soccer players and site and score of match at Stockholm, 1958); 3ft multicolored (soccer players and site and score of match at Santiago, 1962); and 3ft + 1ft multicolored (emblem of London Games and map of Great Britain, 1966). Designed by J. Vertel and printed by photogravure. Quantities: 510,000 perforate sets and 8,500 imperforate sets plus 210,000 perforate and 8,000 imperforate souvenir sheets. (Additional information)

#### July Addenda

- lst Great Britain. World Soccer Championship, London. 4d black, red, maroon, brick-red, and blue (soccer player and Queen); 6d green, red, brown, light blue, and black (soccer players and Queen); and lsh/3p black, olive green, blue, red, and yellow (soccer players and Queen). Designed by David Gentlemen (ld), William Kempster (6d), and David Kaplan (lsh/6d). Printed by photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London. Quantities: plain paper--157,040,000 (4d), 1,280,000 (6d), and 900,000 (lsh/6d) and phosphor-lined paper--1,920,000 (4d), 420,000 (6d), and 240,000 (lsh/6d). (Additional information)
- llth <u>Uruguay</u>. World Soccer Championship, London. 10p purple and gold (Rimet Cup, soccer ball, and globe).
- 12th Chad. World Soccer Championship, London. 30fr multicolored (soccer players) and 60fr multicolored (soccer players). Designed and engraved by Durrens and printed by copperplate.
- 13th <u>Jamaica</u>. 8th British Empire & Commonwealth Games, Jamaica. 6sh (emblem and runner) (aerogram). (Additional information)
- 20th <u>Cameroons</u>. World Soccer Championship, London. 50fr multicolored (soccer players) and 200fr multicolored (soccer players). Designed by Combet and printed by copperplate.
- 23rd Algeria. 30th anniversary of the Mohammedan Scouts. 0.30d multicolored (banner and scout scenes) and ld multicolored (winged map of Algeria and scout emblem). Designed by Bouzid and printed by photogravure.
- 25th Congo. World Soccer Championship, London. 10fr multicolored (soccer player and globe); 30fr multicolored (two soccer players and globe); 50fr multicolored (three soccer players and globe); and 60fr multicolored (Rimet Cup). Designed by 0. Adler and printed by photogravure by the Government Printing House, Israel. Quantity: 100,000.
- 27th <u>Bulgaria</u>. World Soccer Championship, London. 1¢ brown (soccer players); 2¢ red (soccer players); 5¢ yellow brown (soccer players); 13¢ blue (soccer players); and 20¢ blue green (soccer players). Also 50¢ rose and grey (Jules Rimet Cup)(souvenir sheet). (Additional information)

Rwanda. World Soccer Championship, London. 20¢ orange and black (soccer players); 30¢ violet and black (soccer players); 50¢ green and black (soccer players); 6fr raspberry and black (soccer players); 12fr violet brown and black (soccer players); and 25fr ultramarine and black (soccer players). Designed and printed by Courvoisier. Quantity: 30,000.

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4th <u>Jamaica</u>. 8th British Empire and Commonwealth Games. 4d (runner and flag); 6d (cyclist at seacoast); lsh (National Stadium); and 3sh (emblem of the Games). (Additional information)

4th Thailand. Asian Games. December, 1966. (8)

6th German Democratic Republic. VII World Canoe Championship, Berlin. 10pf + 5pf multicolored (single canoe race) and 15pf (double kayak race). Designed by Klaus Hennig, Berlin, and printed by off-set.





25th Jamaica. 8th British Empire and Commonwealth Games, Jamaica. 4sh/9d (all four commemorative stamps)(souvenir sheet). (Additional information)

#### Current

Ghana. World Soccer Championship, London. 6d (soccer players and Rimet Cup); 15d (soccer players and globe); 24d (soccer players, stylized glove, and Rimet Cup); 30d (soccer player, stylized globe, and Rimet cup); and 50d (soccer players and stylized globe). Printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.











Papua and New Guinea. 2nd South Pacific Games at Noumea, New Caledonia. 5¢ multicolored (discus); 10¢ multicolored (soccer) and 20¢ multicolored (tennis). (Additional information)

Yemen Arab Republic. World Soccer Championship, London. 1/4b (stadium and Rimet Cup); 1/4b (soccer players); 1/3b (soccer players); 1/3b (soccer players); 1/2b (soccer players); 4b (soccer players); 5b (soccer players); and 20b (seal of the Games). Also 20b (seal of the Games)(souvenir sheet). Quantities: 11,000 perforate and 6,000 imperforate. (Additional information)

#### Forecast

Cambodia. GANEFO competition. 3r, 4r, 7r, and 10r.

Canada. 1¢ (dog slad and Queen). February 8, 1967.

Canada. Pan-American Games. July 19, 1967.

Mexico. XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. 20¢ (high jumper); 40¢ (wrestlers); 80¢ (runners), 2.25p (football); and 2.75p (torch runner). Also two souvenir sheets containing all five stamps. Designed by Senora Zita Canessi and Arturo Briska. Quantities: 6,000,000 (20¢), 5,000,000 (40¢ and 80¢), and 2,000,000 (2.25p and 2.75p). October 12, 1966. (Additional information)

New Zealand . Health stamps (1967). 75th anniversary of the New Zealand Rugby Foot-

United States. Hunting permit stamp. \$3.00 (whistling swans).

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#### EDITORIAL COMMENT

In rounding into shape for publication in "JSP" the 1965 supplement to my check-list of sports and active recreation, I have had occasion to look over the 1965 issues in those areas. Two sets stand out as the most interesting, not the most attractive, the best designs and engraving, or the most significant, but the most interesting because something about them caught my particular fancy at that particular time.

Uruguay's belated set honoring the 18th Olympic Games in Tokyo depicts nine different popular sports, individual, dual, and team. But in each design not only the sport in action is depicted, but also the facility in which it is played is depicted separately. This makes an interesting combination.

The second set to catch my eye is the Sharjah issue commemorating the Fourth Pan-Arab Games. You may not like the conditions under which these stamps are produced and sold, but you must give credit for something slightly new in design. Four of the five stamps of this set depict individual sports from track and field, but they go one step farther to display three separate action sketches of the same event. Thus we catch a high jumper at three different stages of his jump. To one who appreciates the skill of the particular event this is most interesting.

To date American football has never been truly depicted on stamps. In 1964 Ajman did manage to display the late President Kennedy as a boy in football uniform, but the design was incidental to the memorial set. Now news has reached us via Mrs. Jean Mahon (SPI 646) that Mexico's 1966 pre-Olympic set will include American football. The story goes that the set was to reproduce sketches from the mural on the facade of the Olympic Stadium of the National University in Mexico City; only four of the designs are appropriate for Clympic illustration, so American football has been added to complete the five-stamp set. Let us hope that there has been no mix-up in nomenclature, but rather that our own game is truly due for depiction.

#### SALES DEPARTMENT NEWS

By the end of September nearly all the sales books on hand will have been retired. New material is almost desperately needed if this service is to be continued for our members. Both seller and buyer stand to gain in each transaction. Everything except perhaps seals and labels has been selling very, very well. Send your duplicate material to John La Porta, 1413 S. 58th Court, Cicero, Ill. 60650. If you need information on this service, John has an information sheet which is your's for the asking.

Another year is starting for SPI, with a new slate of officers and a lot of new things on the agenda. The first will be a revised Membership Directory, with panels of experts in various fields of sports and Olympic collecting, as well as a full translation panel.

Next a complete index of past issues of "JSP" will be printed; this should be a great help when one is looking for write-up material.

SPI will sponsor trophies in regional stamp shows during 1966-67. Plans have been made to give a trophy for the best sports exhibit in SESCAL in California in October, 1966, and in SOJEX in New Jersey in April, 1967. If any of our members know of other regional shows which might be interested, please contact me and the Board of Directors will make arrangements for sponsoring a trophy.

We have a fine new Publicity Chairman, Joe Schirmer, who will be glad to receive any news of our members. The more SPI accomplishes, the more reason for publicity—and publicity brings new members.

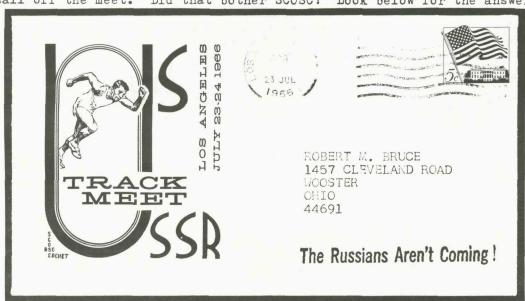
If anyone has any suggestions, I will be glad to receive them and give them careful attention. A great many of you have had letters from me, asking for help in various fields, and the results have been wonderful. Thanks to all of you--let's keep up the good work and have a banner year.

# NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

Financial support advocated for U. S. Olympic teams. David C. Johnson (SPI 619) has commented on a proposed plan to support future Olympic teams from this country through the issuance of a semi-postal set. For example, a five-cent stamp might have a surcharge of five cents which would be turned over to the U. S. Olympic Committee for financial support of the 1968 Olympic team. Dave reports that Congresswoman Edith Green has introduced into the House of Representatives suitable legislation to authorize the issue of such a stamp.

There is no question but that the support of our Olympic competitors causes a flurry of financial solicitation just prior to each Olympic competition. If you favor this method of support for our teams, watch for news of this legislation and give it your support.

Stay loose, SCOSC! The July issue of "JSP" illustrated the cover and cachet which our friends of the Sports Collectors of Southern California had prepared for use in connection with the U. S.--U. S. S. R. track meet scheduled for Los Angeles on July 23rd. When the Russian teams realized that they would take a solid whipping (certainly the men and possibly also the women), they used the renewed U. S. bombing of North Viet Nam as an excuse to call off the meet. Did that bother SCOSC? Look below for the answer:



Travis does it again! Reports of the 70th convention of the Texas Philatelic Association indicate that Travis Land (SPI 3) was right in the midst of things, serving as master of ceremonies for the awards banquet. Travis also retained his position as a director of the TPA. We would like to hear more from him, particularly in the way of contributions to "JSP".

#### Expiration notices:

Nos. 483-89 and 576-80

Nos. 490-502, 581-85, and 618-19 Nos. 503-16, 586, and 620-24

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# PHILATELIC MARKET REPORT

#### - Fred Farr -

These two highly attractive stamps depict ice skaters and crosscountry skiers. Available for about 40% as a new issue, the price had risen to 85% in 1961 and \$1.05 in 1964. Today this set will cost you \$1.25 in New York, although dealers in London ask \$1.75 and Parisian dealers get \$1.80. Wholesale stocks of mint sets are non-existent.

"Michel" quotes a mint set for \$4.00, although "Scott" lists only \$2.35. The disparity between used sets is even greater--"Michel", \$1.25; "Scott", 30¢. All told, this set should increase slowly in value over the years, but I don't foresee any sudden big jumps in price. However, you should pick up a mint set while it is still selling at the \$1.25 price.

Russia 1710-17. These eight sports stamps are larger than most Soviet commemoratives and depict sportsmen engaged in both winter and summer sporting activities. These stamps have never been very plentiful on the American market, as is reflected in the current retail price of \$3.50, up from \$2.25 in 1962. They are still a good purchase at this price, because European dealers ask more.

"Michel" quotes this set for \$10.00 and "Scott" values it at \$7.00. Used sets are quite scarce and "Michel's" valuation of \$3.00 is much more realistic than "Scott's" quotation of 85¢. However, the mint set is the better purchase.

Russia 1789-91. Racing fans will love these stamps because two denominations depict a race horse and the third value shows a trotter. Issued to honor the International Horse Races in Moscow in 1955, this set is available for \$1.00 in New York, up from its price of 70¢ just a few years ago. This is about one-half the price quoted in Europe today, where dealers ask \$1.80 and up for a mint set. Wholesalers have no stocks for sale, so the price can only go upwards.

"Michel" quotes at \$4.40 mint, although "Scott" states only \$2.05. Once again the disparity for a used set is even greater--"Michel", \$1.10; "Scott", 19¢. However, as always, the mint is preferable for the long pull.

Russia 1793. It would be easy to overlook this stamp because it depicts a badge with a running athlete, yet the athlete is so small that you might not see him. Issued in honor of the Fifth All-Union (National) Spartacist Games, held in Moscow in August, 1955, this stamp will hardly win any prizes for beauty.

With a face value of 25¢, this stamp is still available for 35¢ retail and 30¢ whole-

sale. Obviously the retail price must advance to  $45 \, \phi$  or more if the dealer is to make a profit. European dealers ask  $70 \, \phi$  and up for this stamp, so here is your chance to pick up an item worth about twice its current retail price. However, this stamp is highly unlikely to become blue chip material, although it is nice to buy anything which is obviously undervalued on today's market.

Russia 1963-67. Here is a really attractive set of five diamond-shaped commemoratives, depicting a gymnast, wrestlers, a stadium and sprinters, a javelin thrower, and athletes of three races. This set was issued in honor of the Third International Sports Championships for Youth, held in Moscow during the summer of 1957. It retails at 75 % on the American market, although French dealers ask \$1.30 for their sets. The 75 % retail value is virtually unchanged from the new issue price when this set first appeared some nine years ago. Wholesalers still have a small stock, which they offer at about 65 % a set. Obviously the set will never be any cheaper and the small floating stock held by wholesalers must soon be exhausted, with commensurate higher retail prices.

Russia 1968-73. These six beautiful stamps honor the Soviet athletes who won gold medals at the Olympic Games held in Melbourne in 1956. Every collector of Olympiana will have to own this set and the colors and designs are attractive enough to appeal to any collector. Available on the American retail market for \$1.00, this set sells for \$1.80 in Europe. Wholesale stocks have long since been dispersed, so the retail price has risen from 60% just a few years ago. It is a fine purchase at today's quotation, if you still need this set.

Russia 2072-73. Soccer is the world sport, so any stamps depicting this sport are bound to be popular. Issued to honor the 6th World Cup, held in Stockholm during June of 1958, these stamps show soccer players before a large globe of the world. Retail prices in the United States are only 30% for a mint set, which is less than the 32% charged by the New York wholesalers. European dealers, however, charge 70%, which is more than twice the American retail price. If you want to buy for less than wholesale and at less than one-half what it is selling for in Europe, then this set is just the one for you.

Russia 2075-76. These two attractive stamps honor the 14th World Gymnastic Championships, held in Moscow during July, 1958. Currently retailing at 30 % in New York, this price has remained unchanged from the time of issuance, due to the wholesale stocks which are still offered at 26 % a set. Once this wholesale stock is liquidated, the price will inevitably register a modest gain. Indeed, European dealers ask 55 % to 60 %, which is just twice the current American retail price. At the current modest price, you have nothing to lose by buying a set if you still need these stamps.

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