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RESEARCH PROJECT ON BASKETBALL PHILATELY

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Dr. Salvatore Caruso of Catania, Italy, has joined the collectors collaborating in this research on basketball philately. Additional volunteers are most welcome. Contact the author at 1457 Cleveland Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691, to join the group, to supply needed information, or to raise pertinent questions.

Compilation of a master check-list of perforate basketball stamps produces some interesting problems concerning dates of issue. These are summarized in the following dates; catalogue data comes first, followed by data from other publications and from our collaborating collectors. A list of needed data rounds out each presentation. If a perforate stamp (through 1967) depicting basketball is not listed, one can be certain that the date of issue contained in the original check-list in the March-April, 1969 issue of 'JSP' is generally acceptable.

Again we request your help in completing this report. Without your assistance we cannot progress much farther in this phase of our research.

Report #2

QUESTIONABLE DATES OF ISSUE OF PERFORATE BASKETBALL STAMPS

Albania 544—Scott: .../59; Landmans: 11/20/59, Seebacher: 11/20/59; Pistiner: 11/20/59 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Bolivia C151—Gibbons: 7/1/51, Michel: 7/1/51, Scott: 8/23/51, Sanabria: 8/23/51, Depolier: 7/18/51; Enhagen: 7/18/51, Landmans: 7/18/51, Seebacher: undecided, Schneider and Schmidt: 7/18/51; Caruso: 7/18/51, Schirmer: 9/5/51 (cover), Williams: 7/18/51, Yerkes: 7/12/51. Needed: Yvert, covers.

Bulgaria 579—Gibbons: 9/29/47, Michel: 9/29/47, Scott: 9/-/47; Enhagen: 9/25/47, Landmans: 9/29/47, Seebacher: 10/2/47, Schneider and Schmidt: 9/29/47; Caruso: 9/29/47; Yerkes: 9/29/47. Needed: Yvert, covers.

Bulgaria 944—Gibbons: 8/29/56, Michel: 10/3/56, Scott: .../56; Enhagen: 10/3/56, Landmans: 9/15/56, Seebacher: undecided, Schneider and Schmidt: 10/3/56, Sugahara: 11/20/56; Caruso: 9/15/56, Williams: 10/3/56, Yerkes: 9/29/56. Needed: Yvert, covers.

Bulgaria 969—Scott: .../57; Enhagen: 6/20/57, Landmans: 5/20/57, Seebacher: 6/20/57, Schneider and Schmidt: 6/20/57; Bruce: 6/20/57 (cover), Pistiner: 6/20/57 (cover), Williams: 6/20/57 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Bulgaria 1162—Gibbons: 4/5/61, Scott: .../61; Seebacher: undecided; Bruce: 5/15/61 (cover), Pistiner: 5/15/61 (cover), Trachtenberg: 5/15/61, Williams: 5/15/61. Needed: Michel, Yvert.

Bulgaria 1434—Gibbons: 8/14/65, Scott: .../65; Bruce: 8/13/65 (cover), Trachtenberg: 9/-/65, Williams: 8/14/65 (cover). Needed: Michel, Yvert, covers.

Chile C265—Scott: 4/28/66; Trachtenberg: 4/28/66. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, covers.

China 1286—Scott: .../60; Seebacher: 10/25/60; Bruce 10/25/60 (cover), Pistiner: 10/25/60 (cover), Trachtenberg: 10/25/60, Williams: 10/25/60. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Red China SG1641—Landmans: 9/25/59, Seebacher: 9/25/59; Trachtenberg: 8/25/59, Williams: 8/25/59. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Red China SG1681—Seebacher: 12/28/59; Bruce: 12/28/59 (cover), Trachtenberg: 12/28/59, Williams: 12/28/59 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Red China SG2080—Trachtenberg: 9/28/65, Williams: 9/28/65 (cover), Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Congo 528, 531—Scott: 4/-/65; Bruce: 4/26/65 (cover), Pistiner: 4/26/65 (cover), Schirmer: 4/26/65, Williams: 4/26/65 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Costa Rica C414—Scott: 12/23/65; Trachtenberg: 12/23/65, Williams: 12/23/65 (cover). Needed: Michel, Gibbons, Yvert, covers.

Cuba SG1029—Bruce: 7/25/62 (cover), Pistiner: 7/25/62 (cover), Trachtenberg: 7/25/62. Needed: Yvert, Gibbons, Michel.

Cuba SG1046—Pistiner: 10/13/62 (cover), Trachtenberg: 10/13/62. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Cuba SG1242—Trachtenberg: 7/25/65. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Cuba SG1370—Trachtenberg: 6/11/66. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Cuba SG1492—Williams: 7/22/67. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Ecuador 379—Gibbons: 3/15/39, Michel: 3/15/39, Scott: 3/-/39, Silombra: 3/15/39, Depolier: 3/15/39; Enhagen: 3/17/39, Landmans: 3/15/39, Seebacher: 3/13/39, Schneider and Schmidt: 3/15/39; Caruso 3/15/39, Trachtenberg: 3/15/39, Williams: 3/13/39. Needed: Yvert, covers.

Ecuador C326—Gibbons: 9/6/58, Michel: 9/6/58, Scott: 9/1/58; Enhagen: 9/1/58, Landmans: 9/6/58, Seebacher: 9/1/58; Bruce: 9/1/58 (cover), Pistiner: 9/1/58 (cover), Williams: 9/1/58 (cover). Needed: Sanabria, Yvert.

Hungary 923—Scott: 12/2/50; Enhagen: 11/26/50, Landmans: 7/2/50, Seebacher: 12/2/50; Pistiner: 12/2/50 (cover), Williams: 12/2/50. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Hungary 1167—Scott: .../56; Enhagen: 9/25/56, Landmans: 9/25/56, Seebacher: 9/25/56, Schneider and Schmidt: 9/25/56, Sugahara: 9/25/56; Bruce: 9/25/56 (cover), Williams: 9/25/56. Needed: Gibbons Michel, Yvert.

Hungary 1593—Scott: .../64; Bruce: 9/6/64 (cover), Trachtenberg: 9/6/64. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Ifni 84, B36—Scott: .../58; Enhagen: 6/1/58, Landmans: 6/1/58, Seebacher: 6/1/58, Schneider and Schmidt: 6/1/58; Bruce: 6/1/58 (cover), Pistiner: 6/1/58 (cover), Williams: 6/1/58. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Indonesia 550—Scott: .../62; Bruce: 6/24/62 (cover), Pistiner: 6/24/62 (cover), Williams: 6/24/62. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Italy 804, 806—Scott: .../60; Seebacher: 6/25/60, Sugahara: 6/25/60; Caruso: 6/25/60. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Japan 824—Scott: .../64. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Jugoslavia 552—Scott: .../59; Enhagen: 6/26/59, Landmans: 6/26/59, Seebacher: 6/26/59; Pistiner: 6/26/59 (cover), Williams: 6/26/59. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Khor Fakkan SGK32—Williams: 12/15/65 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Khor Fakkan SGK32 overprinted—Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

North Korea SGNK333—Trachtenberg: 11/4/61. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

North Korea SGNK731—Trachtenberg: 10/30/66. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Lithuania B52-4—Scott: .../39; Enhagen: 5/20/39, Landmans: 5/20/39, Seebacher: 5/20/39, Schneider and Schmidt: 5/20/39; Schirmer: 5/20/39, Trachtenberg: 5/20/39. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert covers.

Monaco 207—Scott: .../48; Enhagen: 7/19/48, Landmans: 7/1/48, Seebacher: 7/1/48, Schneider and Schmidt: 7/1/48, Sugahara: 7/1/48; Trachtenberg: 7/1/48, Williams: 7/1/48. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Monaco 295—Scott: .../53; Enhagen: 2/23/53, Landmans: 2/23/53, Seebacher: 2/23/53, Schneider and Schmidt: 2/23/53, Sugahara: 2/23/53; Trachtenberg: 2/23/53, Williams: 2/23/53. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Nicaragua 725, C301—Michel: 7/16/49, Scott: 7/15/49, Sanabria: 7/16/49; Enhagen: 7/16/49, Landmans: 7/15/49, Seebacher: 7/15/49, Schneider and Schmidt: 7/16/49; Trachtenberg: 7/15/49, Williams: 7/15/49. Needed: Gibbons, Yvert, covers.

Panama C43—Gibbons: 2/2/38, Scott: 2/2/38, Silombra: 2/2/38; Enhagen: 2/2/38, Landmans: 2/11/38, Seebacher: 2/12/38, Schneider and Schmidt: 2/12/38; Pistiner: 2/12/38 (cover), Yerkes: 2/2/38. Needed: Michel, Yvert, covers.

Panama C266—Scott: .../62; Seebacher: 8/11/62, Sugahara: 7/27/62; Bruce: 7/27/62 (cover), Pistiner: 7/27/62 (cover), Williams: 7/27/62 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Philippines 382—Scott: .../34; Enhagen: 4/14/34, Landmans: 4/14/34, Seebacher: 4/14/34, Schneider and Schmidt: 4/14/34; Bruce: 4/14/34 (cover), Pistiner: 4/14/34 (cover), Schirmer: 4/14/34 (cover), Williams: 4/14/34 (cover). Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Qatar 86—Scott: 1/0/66; Trachtenberg: 1/10/66. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Reunion 318—Scott: 7/7/56; Landmans: 7/30/56, Seebacher: undecided, Schneider and Schmidt: 7/30/56; Caruso: 7/30/56, Pistiner: 7/30/56, Trachtenberg: 7/7/56, Williams: 7/30/56. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Russia 2361—Scott: .../60; Seebacher: 8/1/60; Trachtenberg: 8/1/60, Williams: 8/1/60. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Rwanda 165, 168—Scott: 5/30/66; Trachtenberg: 5/30/66. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Siam 448—Scott: 8/4/66; Trachtenberg: 8/4/66, Williams: 8/4/66. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

South Arabia—Mahra—Schirmer: .../67. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

Spanish Guinea 351, 355—Scott: .../58; Enhagen: 4/10/58, Landmans: 4/10/58, Seebacher: 4/10/58, Schneider and Schmidt: 4/10/58; Bruce: 4/10/58 (cover), Williams: 4/10/58. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Spanish Sahara 163, 165—Scott: 11/20/65; Seebacher: 11/23/65; Trachtenberg: 11/23/65. Needed: covers

Surinam B76—Scott: .../60; Seebacher: 8/10/60; Bruce: 8/10/60 (cover), Williams: 8/10/60. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Tunisia 377—Scott: .../60; Seebacher: 8/25/60; Bruce: 8/25/60 (cover), Williams: 8/25/60. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert.

Viet Nam 272—Scott: 12/14/65; Trachtenberg: 12/14/65, Williams: 12/14/65. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, covers.

Yemen Arab Republic SG254—Bruce: 3/30/63, Schirmer: 3/30/63, Trachtenberg: 3/30/63, Williams: 3/30/63. Needed: Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, covers.

VIII EUROPEAN ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

- John La Porta -

The Eighth European Athletic Championships were held at Népstadion Stadium in Budapest, Hungary during Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, 1966. During the six days of the games, not one single World or European record was broken!

Thus the Népstadion track lost some of its reputation for speed but this may have been due partly to the introduction of electrical timing. There was a total of 652 men and 234 women officially competing in 36 events. The games were plagued by a lack of top women competitors for one reason or another. The Press sisters, Irena and Tamara, who held the pentathlon, shot and discus records, Tatyana Shchelkanova former world-record long jumper and Iolanda Balas of Romania and Anne Smith of Gt. Britain, either had not entered or



withdrew at the last moment. Although many of the top women were not represented they often put the men in the shade with the intensity of their competition. As witness, they had the only double gold medallist of the entire championships in Irena Kirszenstein, who won both the 200 meter sprint in 23.1 sec. and the long jump at 21' 6" (6.55m), both championship records. Poland's two K's, Irena Kirszenstein and Ewa Klobukowska were the outstanding duo of the championships and collected five gold medals between them. Vilmos Varju made himself the hero of

Hungary in taking the shot-put with 63' 8" (19.43m) breaking his previous games record of 62-4 3/4 (19.02m) he set in the VII Games in 1962. Thus he won the only gold medal for the host nation.

The East German team won eight gold medals, three silver medals and six bronze medals, thus upsetting the USSR who were in unofficial first place in the VII European Athletic Championships held in 1962.

The lack of philatelic coverage for these games is still appalling with Hungary, the host nation issuing a set of stamps and Poland with the only other set.



GOLD - SILVER - BRONZE WINNERS OF MEN'S EVENTS

100 METERS:

(1) Wieslaw Maniak (Poland) 10.5 (2) Roger Bambuck (France) 10.5 (3) C. Piquemal (France) 10.5

200 METERS:

(1) Roger Bambuck (France) 20.9 (2) M. Dudziak (Poland) 21.0 (3) J. Nallet (France) 21.0

400 METERS:

(1) S. Gredzinski (Poland) 46.0 (2) A. Badenski (Poland) 46.2 (3) M. Kinder (W.Germany) 46.3

800 METERS:

(1) M. Matuschewski (E. Germany) 1:45.9 which beats the games record of 1:47.1 set by L. Szentgali of Hungary in 1954. This is also a national record for E. Germany (2) F. Kemper (W.Germany) 1:46.0 (3) Bodo Tuemmler (W. Germany) 1:46.3

1500 METERS:

(1) Bodo Tuemmler (W. Germany) 3:41.9 (2) Michel Jazy (France) 3:42.2 (3) Harold Norpoth (W.Germany) 3:42.2

5000 METERS:

(1) Michel Jazy (France) 13:42.8 which beats the games record of 13:53.4 set by Z. Kryszhowiak of Poland in 1958 (2) Harold Norpoth (W. Germany) 13:44.0 (3) B. Diessner (E. Germany) 13:47.8

10,000 METERS:

(1) Jurgen Haase (E. Germany) 28:26.0 which beats the games record of 28:54.0 set by P. Bolotnikov of the USSR in 1962 (2) L. Macser (Hungary) 28:27.0 for a national record (3) L. Mikitenko (USSR) 28:32.2

STEEPLECHASE:

(1) Victor Kudinskiy (USSR) 8:26.6 which beats the games record of 8:32.6 set by Gaston Roelants of Belgium in 1962. Also sets a national record. (2) Anatoliy Kuryan (USSR) 2:28.0 (3) Gaston Roelants (Belgium) 2:28.8

100 METER HURDLES:

(1) Eddy Ottoz (Italy) 13.7 which ties the games record set by M. Lauer of Germany in 1958 (2) H. John (W. Germany) 14.0 (3) M. Duriez (France) 14.0

400 METER HURDLES:

(1) Roberto Frinolli (Italy) 49.8 (2) G. Lossdoerfer (W. Germany) 50.3 (3) R. Pouier (France) 50.5

MARATHON:

(1) Jim Hogan (Gt. Britain) 2:20:04.6 (2) A. van den Driessche (Belgium) 2:21:43.6 (3) G. Toth (Hungary) 2:22:02.0

20 KM WALK:

(1) Dieter Lindner (E. Germany) 1:29:25.0 which beats the old games record of 1:33:09.0 set by S. Vickers of Gt. Britain in 1958. (2) Vladimir Golubnichiy (USSR) 1:30:06.0 (3) N. Smaga (USSR) 1:30:18.0



50 KM WALK:

(1) A. Pamich (Italy) 4:18:42.2 (2) G. Agapov (USSR) 4:20:01.2 (3) A. Shcherbina (USSR) 4:20:47.2

4 X 100 METER RELAY:

(1) France (Team: R. Bambuck, C. Piquemal, J. Delcour, M. Berger) 39.4 which beats the games record of 39.5 set by W. Germany and Poland in 1962. (2) USSR (Team: E. Ozolin, A. Tuyakov, B. Savchuk, N. Ivanov) 39.8 (3) W. Germany (Team: D. Enderlien, M. Knickerberg, G. Metz, R. Felsen) 39.8

4 X 100 METER RELAY:

(1) Poland (Team: J. Werner, E. Borowski, S. Gredzinski, A. Badenski) 3:04.5 which beats the games record of 3:05.8 set by W. Germany in 1962. Also sets a national record for Poland. (2) E. Germany (Team: F. Roderfeld, J. Ulbricht, R. Kruesmann, M. Kunder) 3:04.8 (3) E. Germany (Team: M. Zerbes, G. Klann, J. Both, W. Weiland) 3:05.7 for a national record.

HIGH JUMP:

(1) J. Madubost (France) 6-11½ (2.12m) (2) R. Sainte-Rose (France) 6-11½ (2.12m) (3) V. Skovortsov (USSR) 6-10¼ (2.09m)

POLE VAULT:

(1) W. Nordwig (E. Germany) 16-8 ¾ (5.10m) which beats the games record of 15-9 (4.80m) set by P. Nikula of Finland in 1962. (2) G. Papanicolaou (Greece) 16-5 ¾ (5.05m) for a national record (3) H. D'Encausse (France) 16-5 ¾ (5.00m)

LONG JUMP:

(1) Lynn Davies (Gt. Britain) 26-2¼ (7.98m) (2) Igor Ter-Ovanesyan (USSR) 25-10¼ (7.88m) (3) J. Cochard (France) 25-10¼ (7.88m) for a national record.

TRIPLE JUMP:

(1) G. Stoykovski (Bulgaria) 54-8¼ (16.67m) which beats the games record of 54-3½ (16.55m) set by J. Schmidt of Poland in 1962. Also sets a national record (2) H. Rueckborn (E. Germany) 54-8 (16.66m) for a national record. (3) H. Kalocsai (Hungary) 54-5¼ (16.59m) for a national record

SHOT PUT:

(1) Vilmos Varju (Hungary) 63-9 (19.43m) which bests his own games record of 62-4¼ (19.02m) set in 1962. (2) N. Karasyor (USSR) 61-9 (18.82m) (3) W. Komar (Poland) 61-3½ (18.68m)

DISCUS:

(1) Detlef Thorith (E. Germany) 188-4½ (57.42m) which beats the games record of 187-4 (57.11m) set by V. Trusenyev of the USSR in 1962. (2) H. Losch (E. Germany) 188-1½ (57.34m) (3) L. Milde (E. Germany) 186-4 (56.80m)

HAMMER THROW:

(1) Romuald Klim (USSR) 229-8½ (70.02m) which beats the games record of 228-5½ (69.64m) set by G. Zsivotsky of Hungary in 1962. (2) G. Zsivotsky (Hungary) 225-1½ (68.62m) (3) U. Beyer (W. Germany) 220-8½ (67.28m)

JAVELIN:

(1) Janis Lusio (USSR) 277-1½ (84.47m) thus beating his own games record of 269-2 (82.04m) set in 1962. (2) W. Nikicruk (Poland) 268-2½ (81.75m) (3) G. Kulscar (Hungary) 264-2½ (80.53m)

DECATHLON:

(1) Werner von Moltke (W. Germany) 7,740 points (2) J. Mattheis (W. Germany) 7,614 points (3) H. Beyer (W. Germany) 7,562 points.

GOLD - SILVER - BRONZE WINNERS OF WOMEN'S EVENTS

100 METERS:

(1) Ewa Klobukowska (Poland) 11.5 (2) Irena Kirszenstein (Poland) 11.5 (3) K. Frisch (W. Germany) 11.8

200 METERS:

(1) Irena Kirszenstein (Poland) 23.1 which beats the games record of 23.5 set by J. Heine of Germany in 1962 (2) Ewa Klobukowska (Poland) 23.4 (3) V. Popkova (USSR) 23.7

400 METERS:

(1) A. Chmelkova (Czecho) 52.9 which beats the games record of 53.4 set by M. Itkins of the USSR in 1962. Also sets a national record (2) A. Munkacsi (Hungary) 53.9 (3) M. Noirot (France) 54.0 for a national record.

800 METERS:

(1) Vera Nikolic (Yugoslavia) 2:02.8 which ties the games record by G. Kraan of the Netherlands in 1962. Also sets a national record (2) Z. Szabo (Hungary) 2:03.1 for a national record (3) A. Gleichfeld (W. Germany) 2:03.7 for a national record.

80 METER HURDLES:

(1) K. Balzer (E. Germany) 10.7 (2) K. Frisch (W. Germany) 10.7 (3) E. Bednarek (Poland) 10.7

4 X 100 METER RELAY:

(1) Poland (Team: E. Bednarek, D. Straszynska, I. Kirszenstein, E. Klobukowska) 44.4 which beats the games record of 44.5 set by Poland in 1962. (2) W. Germany (Team: K. Frisch, R. Meyer, H. Trabert, J. Stoeck) 44.5 (3) USSR (Team: R. Latse, V. Bolshova, L. Samotyesova, V. Popkova) 44.6



HIGH JUMP:

(1) T. Chenchik (USSR) 5-8 7/8 (1.75m) (2) L. Komlyena (USSR) 5-8 1/8 (1.73m) (3) J. Bieda (Poland) 5-7 3/8 (1.71m)

LONG JUMP:

(1) Irena Kirszenstein (Poland) 21-6 (6.55m) which beats the games record of 20-10 set by T. Shehelkanova of the USSR in 1962. (2) D. Yorgova (Bulgaria) 21-2 (6.45m) for a national record (3) H. Hoffmann (W. Germany) 20-11 1/4 (6.38m)

SHOT-PUT:

(1) N. Chizhova (USSR) 56-5 1/2 (17.22m) (2) M. Guemmel (E. Germany) 55-11 (17.05m) (3) M. Lange (E. Germany) 55-8 (16.96m)

DISCUS:

(1) C. Spielberg (E. Germany) 189-6 (57.76m) which beats the games record of 186-8 1/2 (56.91m) set by Tamara Press of the USSR in 1962. (2) L. Westermann (W. Germany) 188-3 (57.38m) for a national record (3) A. Hentschel (E. Germany) 186-4 (56.80m)

JAVELIN:

(1) M. Luettge (E. Germany) 192-8 1/2 (58.74m) which beats the games record of 183-9 1/2 (56.02m) set by D. Zatopkova of Czecho. in 1958 (2) M. Penes (Romania) 186-9 1/2 (56.94m) (3) V. Popova (USSR) 186-0 (56.70m)

PENTATHLON:

(1) V. Tikhomivova (USSR) 4,787 points (2) H. Rosendahl (W. Germany) 4,765 points (3) J. Exmer (E. Germany) 4,713 points.

The host nation, Hungary, issued a set of eight stamps on Aug. 30, 1966 to commemorate the games. These stamps were printed by photogravure and designed by L. Kekesi and F. Gal and were issued in 440,000 perforate sets and 5,000 imperforate sets.

On June 18, 1966, Poland issued the only other set of stamps for these games. This series was printed in sheets of thirty by polychrome by the State Printing Works, Warsaw and were designed by St. Malecki.

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The first administration of the Olympic Oath in connection with the official opening of the Olympic Games was at the VII Summer Games at Antwerp in 1920. This phase of the ceremonies was included at the special instigation of Baron de Coubertin. The first athlete to have the great honor was Victor Boin, former president of the Belgian Olympic Committee and holder of the Olympic Diploma of Merit, and elected emeritus president of the Belgian Olympic Committee in 1968.

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THE CONTROL MARKS OF APRIL-JUNE 1897 (GREECE)

Mr. P. J. Drossos of Athens, Greece, sent photostats from an article in Kohl's Handbuch, edited by the Collectors Club of New York, covering information on the special cancellations referred to on page 6 of the July-August 1968 issue of JSP. The article is as follows:

During the retreat of the Greek troops from Northern Thessaly several of the Greek Treasuries (Translator: fiscal agencies?) fell into Turkish hands, namely, those of Larissa, Trikkala, Karditsa and Aygia whose stamp depots held considerable quantities of the commemorative and the small Hermes Head issues. Besides the confiscation of these stamp stocks by the Turks, some of them were also stolen by so-called irregulars and liberated captives, from whom it appears the Turks later confiscated them. This ultimately left considerable quantities of Greek stamps in the hands of the Turks. (Besides postage stamps, these depots also held large stocks of Greek revenue stamps).

To avoid the danger of loss to the Greek Post Office Department through the possible smuggling of these stamps back into Greece and their illegal use for franking purposes, the Greek Government immediately ordered all of its stamp distributing depots to stamp their entire sheet stock on the face with their official handstamps before distribution to the individual post offices. Several days later this order was amended to the extent that no single stamp was to leave the depots without this control stamp being applied. The control stamps of the depots had the double-circle form with the Greek coat-of-arms and surrounding inscription as described on handbook page 57. (picture or information not available). Because of their size four stamps of the smaller, and at least two stamps of the larger design of the commemorative issue were usually struck with one impression of the control stamps. It is preferable, therefore, to collect such stamps in blocks of four or in pairs.

The stamps overprinted with the control stamps were then distributed to the various post offices where they were cancelled with the regular post office handstamps as they were used for franking purposes. Only Athens made an exception to this order from the beginning by applying the control stamp on the back of the stamps. We have seen various values of the commemorative issue bearing the control stamp on the face which also had the regular dated town cancellation of the receiving post offices applied upon their use for postage. Such specimens are comparatively scarce, and command premiums.

Shortly after the issuing of this order it developed that stamps bearing the control stamps, particularly single stamps had the appearance of having been postally used. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, the original order was changed a few days later (10 days at the most) directing the application of the control stamps on the back of the stamps. It also appears that at the same time the order was amended to the effect that individual post offices and telegraph offices were to apply their own official stamps on the backs of all of their stamp stocks in so far as they were without such a control stamp. At least control stamps are found on the back of stamps having the above described design but with the surrounding inscription THA or TAX. All of the values of the commemorative issue, various values of the II issue (Athens printings) of the small Hermes Heads at least the 1 Dr. value of the Belgian printings, and finally some stamps of the large Hermes Heads are found with these control stamps on the back.

The color of the control stamps is usually black or grey black, but they are also found in blue (Patras, Megalopolis, and others), as well as in various mongrel colors. The order concerning the control stamping of postage stamps seems to have been suspended by the second half of 1897, because we have not found copies bearing such control stamps after the end of June (although revenue stamps continued to be stamped for some time longer).

We have also seen larger strips of the commemorative stamps and the small Hermes Heads with a continuous roll cancellation quite similar to that used in Belgium, so that it may be assumed that it was obtained there also, as were the printing plates. We have not been able to determine if it was similarly used for postal accounting purposes only, or if its use had some connection with the events of 1897. One of the strips was cancelled with regular postmarks in addition to the roll cancellation.

According to 'Der Philatelist, 1897' the 20 and 25 L. stamps of the commemorative issue with Austrian marine post cancellations are directly connected with the Greco-Turkish war. Stamps so cancelled are from letters forwarded from Volos to foreign countries via the Austrian Lloyd. We have seen only one such stamp, the 25 L. No. 93, with the large blue single circle cancellation LLOYD AUSTRIACO, but with the early date of Nov. 3, 1896. (End of article) Our thanks to Mr. Drossos.

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JAPAN'S POSTAL REGULATIONS

If gold medals were given to countries for non-issuance of Olympic Games stamps, Japan would be the winner. The pressure of sports groups in Japan for an issue of stamps in honor of the 1968 Olympic Games failed to move the Postal Ministry Planning Board.

The policy remains firm that Japanese stamps will be issued only to commemorate events held in Japan. The one exception is participation in some of the omnibus issues sponsored by the United Nations.

This is quite in contrast to the proliferation of athletic stamps being issued by some countries to sate the appetites of topical collectors. Issues coming from countries who are not members of the International Olympic Committee, who in no way participate by sending officials and/or participants. The extreme, with some countries without a snowfall in their recorded history, producing Winter Olympic stamps can interest only the most naive of collectors. (Western Stamp Collector)

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Jim Hughes -

**** that about 1704 Jack Broughton of England set up the first rules for boxing; is known as the 'Father of Boxing' and is buried in Westminster Abbey?

**** that the first cycling Tour de France was held in 1903 and the first cycling Tour D'Italie was held in 1909?

**** that the famous Cresta Run for bobsleighs was built in St. Moritz in 1884?

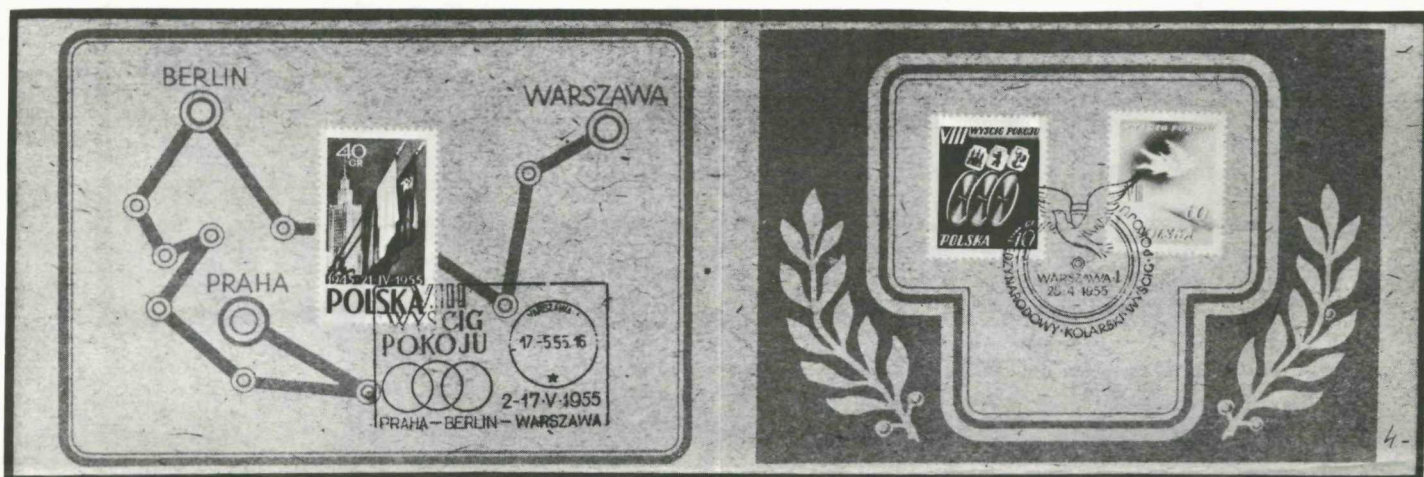
PRAGUE - BERLIN - WARSAW BICYCLE RACES

- Joseph Lacko -

On commemorative stamps and cancellations we often see the letters PEW, BPW, WBP, or WPB. These letters designate the bicycle races that are held every year, and every year has an alternate starting point in a different city.

These bicycle races are one of the popular races in Europe. Originally it was planned to have the race from Prague to Warsaw and back. The idea became reality in 1948 after much planning. The principle was to cement the friendly relations between the people of Czechoslovakia and Poland, which were somewhat strained due to the politics from the pre-World War II era.

Philatelically there is an abundance of material on this subject. Stamps were issued, commemorative cancellations used along with publicity cancels. Poland issued a stamp commemorating this first race (Scott 419) on May 2, 1958. Czechoslovakia used for this first race only commemorative cancels from the cities of Prague, Zlin and Liberec. In subsequent years Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany did issue additional stamps and cancellations.



Often you will see, either on the cancels or stamps, the typical symbol of peace, Picasso's dove. This symbol prevails today on publicity posters, cancels and in newspapers. It is also evident on the 'golden jersey' that the leading cyclist wears, in due course of the races.

The co-sponsors of the so-called 'peace races' were the leading newspapers of Czechoslovakia the 'Rude Pravo' (Red Right) and the Polish 'Glos Ludu' (Voice of People). Later the name was changed to 'Tribuna Ludu' (People's Tribune). In 1952 an additional sponsor appeared from East Germany, the newspaper 'Neus Deutschland' (New Germany), and since then the races go through Germany to Berlin.



(Last 3 lines of cancellation - names of sponsoring newspapers from each country)

List of cities using commemorative cancels: -

- 1948: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Liberec, Zlin
- 1949: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Brno, Ostrava
- Poland : Katowice, Wroclaw, Lodz, Warszawa
- 1950: Czechoslovakia: Praha
- Poland : Warszawa, Lodz, Wroclaw, Katowice, Krakow, Cieszyn
- 1951: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Ceske Budejovic, Brno, Gottwaldow, Ostrava
- Poland : Katowice, Wroclaw, Lodz, Warszawa

- 1952: Czechoslovakia: Hrensko, Plzen, Ceske Budejovice, Praha
 Poland : Warszawa, Lodz, Wroclaw
 E. Germany : Gorlitz, Bautzen, Berlin, Bad Schandau
- 1953: Czechoslovakia: Bratislava, Praha, Brno, Karlovy Vary, Decin
 Poland : Wroclaw, Stalingrad, Lodz, Warszawa
 E. Germany : Wittenberg, Berlin W8, Berlin Kaulsdorf, Hall C2
- 1954: Czechoslovakia: Decin, Pardubice, Brno, Tabor, Praha
 Poland : Warszawa, Lodz, Stalingrad, Wroclaw
 E. Germany : Gorlitz, Berlin W8, Berlin Karlshorst, Leipzig, Pirna, Karl Marx Stadt,
 " " : Bad Schandau
- 1955: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Kolin, Brno, Tabor, Karlovy Vary.
 Poland : Wroclaw, Stalingrad, Lodz, Warszawa
 E. Germany : Dresden, Karl Marx Stadt, Leipzig, Berlin Karlhorst, Gottbus, Gorlitz
- 1956: Czechoslovakia: Karlovy Vary, Tabor, Brno, Praha
 Poland : Warszawa, Lodz, Stalingrad, Wroclaw
 E. Germany : None
- 1957: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Tabor, Brno, Karlovy Vary, Praha - atoposta
 Poland : Warszawa, Lodz, Katowice, Wroclaw
 E. Germany : Berlin W8
- 1958: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Brno, Tabor, Karlovy Vary
 Poland : Lodz
 E. Germany : Magdeburg cl.
- 1959: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Brno, Karlovy Vary, Gottwaldov, Ostrava
 Poland : Katowice, Lodz, Warszawa
 E. Germany : None
- 1960: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Bratislava, Gottwaldov, Brno
 Poland : Katowice, Poznan
 E. Germany : Berlin-Pankow
- 1961: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Brno, Tabor, Karlovy Vary
 Poland : Olsztyn (2 types), Poznan, Miedzychod
 E. Germany : Leipzig Cl
- 1962: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Brno, Gottwaldov, Ostrava, Karlovy Vary
 Poland : Warszawa (2 types), Bydgoszcz, Opolel, Wroclaw, Poznan
 E. Germany : Berlin W8, Leipzig Cl
- 1963: Czechoslovakia: Praha, Bratislava, Banska Bystrica, Zvolen, Kosice, Presov, Brno
 Poland : Rzeszow, Warszawa, Torun, Poznan, Zielona Gora
 E. Germany : Berlin



For the benefit of those who write-up their material, following are the results:

YEAR	INDIVIDUAL	COUNTRY	TEAM
1948	Zoric	Yugoslavia	Poland
1948	Prosenik	Yugoslavia	Poland (return race)
1949	Vesely	Czechoslovakia	MFGT-France
1950	Emborg	Denmark	Czechoslovakia
1951	Olsen	Denmark	Czechoslovakia
1952	Steel	England	England
1953	Pedersen	Denmark	E. Germany
1954	Dalgaard	Denmark	Czechoslovakia
1955	Schur	E. Germany	Czechoslovakia
1956	Krolak	Poland	Russia
1957	Christov	Bulgaria	E. Germany
1958	Damen	Holland	Russia
1959	Schur	E. Germany	Russia
1960	Hagen	E. Germany	E. Germany
1961	Melichov	Russia	Russia
1962	Sajdchudzin	Russia	Russia
1963	Amler	E. Germany	E. Germany

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SPORTS EVENTS HONORED ON STAMPS

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Part V - 1962
- Jim Hughes -

1962

- (?) 44 Anniversary of Independence (Afghanistan 575-7)
- (?) Sports Series (Angola 433-8)
- VII British Empire & Commonwealth Games, Perth, Nov. 22-Dec. 1 (Australia 349-50)
- (?) Sports (Austria 648A)
- (?) 50 Anniversary of the Conquest of Dedo de Deus Peak (Brazil 937)
- XIII Brazilian Championships for Snipe Class Sailboats, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil 941)
- XV Chess Olympiad, Varna (Bulgaria 1225-9)
- (?) Sports Series (Cape Verde 320-5)
- Challenge Cup of the Tropics, Banqui, Dec. 24-31 (Central African Rep. C8)
- VII World Soccer Cup, Santiago, May 30-June 17 (Chile 340-1, C246-7)
- XVII Athletic Meeting of Taiwan Province (China-Formosa 1361-62)
- (?) Honoring National Sports Institute (INDER) (Cuba SG-702-12)
- First Latin-American University Games, Havana (Cuba SG-724-7)
- XV Anniversary of the Peace Cycle Race, Berlin-Prague-Warsaw (Czecho. 1091)
- XV World Gymnastic Championships, Prague (Czecho. 1092)
- World Figure Skating Championships, Prague (Czecho. 1093)
- World Bowling Championships, Bratislava (Czecho. 1094)
- Honoring the Czech Team reaching the Finals in the VII World Cup Soccer Championships (Czecho. 1123)
- II Summer Spartacist Games of Friendly Armies, Prague, Sept. (Czecho. 1124-7)
- III African Soccer Cup, Addis Ababa, Jan. 14-21 (and other sports) (Ethiopia 378-82)
- World Alpine Ski Championships (F.I.S.) Chamonix, Feb. 11-18 (France 1019-20)
- (?) Publicizing Aviation Sports (France 1034-5)
- X European Swimming Championships, Leipzig, Aug. 18-25 (G.D.R. 621-5, B92)
- (?) Aviation Development (Hungary C210/15)
- Winning the Central European Soccer Cup by the VASAS Sports Club (Hungary B229)
- (?) 50 Anniversary of the Siketek Sports Club of the Deaf (Hungary 1458)
- European and World Weight Lifting Championships, Budapest (Hungary 1473)
- (?) Automobile and Motorcycling Racing (Hungary 1475-83)
- IV Asian Games, Djakarta, Aug. 25-Sept. 4 (Indonesia 550-73)
- World Cycling Championships, Salo, Aug. 28 (Italy 857-59)
- IX Central American & Caribbean Games, Kingston, Aug. 11-15 (Jamaica 197-200)
- XVII National Athletic Meet, Okayama Prefecture, Oct. 21-26 (Japan 770-1)
- VII European Athletic Championships, Belgrade, Sept. 12-16 (Yugoslavia 672-9)
- European Shooting Championships, Lebanon, June 2 (Lebanon B16-18, CB15-17)
- European Bridge Championships, Beirut (Lebanon C353-4)
- World Cross-Country Cycling Championships, Esch-sur-Alzette, Feb. 18 (Luxembourg 384-85)
- (?) Sports Series (Macao 394-99)
- (?) Centenary of the First Mexican Balloon Flight (Mexico C264)
- XX Monaco Grand Prix (Monaco 499)
- XXXI Monte Carlo Rally (Monaco 500)
- (?) Sports Series (Mozambique 424-9)
- International Candidates Chess Tournament, Willemstad, May-June (Netherlands Antilles B55-7)
- (?) Nautical Sports (New Caledonia 318-20, C30)
- (?) XV Anniversary of Independence (various international events) (Pakistan 163-6)
- (?) Honoring Dr. Jose Rizal, Philippine Patriot (Philippines B21-2)
- V World Nordic Ski Championships (F.I.S.) Zakopane, Feb. 18-26 (Poland 1046-9)
- (?) Sports Series (Portuguese Guinea 299-304)
- (?) Sports Series (Portuguese India - Minkus 651-56)
- XV European Junior Soccer Championships, Bucharest, April 20-29 (Romania 1474/1510)
- (?) Water Sports (Romania 1478-85)
- II World Women's Handball Championships, Bucharest, July 3-15 (Romania 1500-1)
- (?) Sports Fishing (Romania 1502-9)
- World Speed Skating Championships, Moscow (Russia 2562-3)
- First People's Winter Games, Sverdlovsk (Russia 2572-4)
- European Volleyball Championships, Moscow, Oct. (Russia 2604)
- International Equestrian Trials, Mexico City (Russia 2607)
- XXX Soviet Union Chess Championships, Eriwan, Nov. 21-Dec. 22 (Russia 2676)
- VIII All-Japan Kendo Tournament, Naha, July 24-25 (Ryukyu Is. 104)
- (?) Sports Series (St. Thomas & Prince Is. 374-9)
- (?) Mountaineering (San Marino 519-28)
- (?) Modern Hunting (San Marino 529-38)
- II Ibero-American Athletic Games, Madrid, Oct. 7-12 (Spain 1127-30)
- World Rowing Championships, Lucerne, Sept. 6-9 (Switzerland 413)
- (?) Sports Series (Timor 313-18)
- 38 World Shooting Championships, Cairo, Oct. 11-20 and First African Table Tennis Tournament, Alexandria, Sept. 18-28 (U.A.R.-Egypt 137-42)

(End of series)

SALES DEPARTMENT NOTES

- John La Porta -
Sales Manager

Effective upon this notice, the old style 8½ x 11 size sales book will no longer be accepted by the sales department. The only books that will be accepted are the new size of 5½ x 8½ and consist of twelve pages. These are available from the sales manager at 25¢ each.

The usual retirement date of sales books is approximately one year from receipt, but due to the lack of sufficient buyers during the past year all books received from June, 1968 have not been put into circulation and will be kept for an additional period to allow for circulation.

There are some exceptionally fine buys presently available in the large number of sales books on hand and more members should be using this service. If you wish to receive a book, please write stating what you collect. Almost all books on hand consist of mint and used sports and Olympics.

Members are reminded that books are to be returned within seven days of receipt via parcel post (third class), insured for the full amount remaining in the books.

I have been thinking of trying to set up a circuit service but to date there hasn't been enough buyers to give this idea a try-out. If there are more buyers in the future, this plan may go into effect and will give the members a chance to see more books and have faster circulation.

Suggestions for sellers: - try to keep the net value of each book under \$50.00 and never over \$100.00. Members wish to see as many books as possible and the higher value books precludes this. Since most members are now collecting sub-topics in the sports area it is advisable to break up sets and price as singles. Broken sets have been enjoying excellent sales recently.

I am now in the fourth year of operating the sales department and I probably will be assuming a larger responsibility for the SPI in the near future so I will have to give up the sales manager's position. If any member is interested in operating the sales department, please write to me for full details. A nice plus for the manager is that he gets to see all the books first and gets first pick if he so desires.

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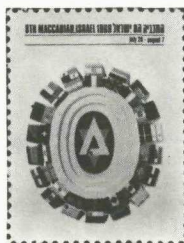
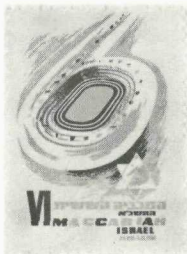
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A letter from Pistiner Izchac, POB 44561, Haifa, Israel (which is the address he wants used) suggest an offer which may be of interest to SPI members. He will trade vignettes from the VI and VIII Maccabian Games and the recent Stoke-Mandeville Games (samples shown) for other vignettes. Any member interested may contact Mr. Izchac at the above address.



In the January-February issue of JSP, I listed the Soccer material which was on my re-13 cords. Since then, many of our members have added to it, so here are the additions, by the year of issue. At the end, will be the list of 1968 issues. Because of the deluge of unlisted material, I am sure that I am missing some. Please help me bring my records up to date. Nobody has been able to come up with any of the missing results. Someone must have them, so please check your records, some of you "Soccer nuts", and see what you can do.

YEAR	COUNTRY & SCOTT #	ADDITIONAL ITEMS	YEAR	COUNTRY & SCOTT #	ADDITIONAL ITEMS
1935	Trinidad & Tobago 38		1968	Haiti 578-9, C288, CB57	
1938	Trinidad & Tobago 56			Luxembourg 461	
1942	Fiji 121			Israel 361	Sheets of 25
1946	Costa Rica C121-23	Opt. Muestra		Kuwait 385-88	
1948	Romania CB13-14	Sheets of 4		Ajman 2 stamps	Imperfs exist
1949	Honduras C176			Manama 2 stamps	Imperf exist
1950	Guatamala C176			Czechoslovakia 1535	
1951	Honduras C194			Persia 1475-76	
1952	Hungary C108	Imperfs exist		Rwanda 254	Imperfs exist
	Portugal 758			Uruguay 758	
1953	Trinidad & Tobago 78			Iraq 473-76, 476a	
	Hungary C127	Imperfs exist		Algeria 400	Imperfs exist
1954	Columbia C249			Russia 3490	
	Fiji 150			Dubai 1 stamp & S/S	Stamp exists Imp.
1956	Honduras C256, C075			Hungary C278	Imperf exists
	Guatamala 356, 357	"I" missing in Mario.		Ajman 6stamps & S/S	Unit exists Imp.
1960	Italy 800			Romania 2036	
	Costa Rica C309	Impefs exist		Mongolia 1 stamp	
1963	Russia 2763	Imperfs exist		Ajman 6 stamps & S/S, Unit exists Imp.	
	Syria 457-58			G.D.R. 1045	
	Monaco 560a, 564a			Albania 1183	
	Burundi B1-6			Bermuda 226-29	
1964	Middle Congo	Imperfs exist, Deluxe S/S exist		Bhutan 1 stamp & S/S	Unit exists Imp.
	Middle Congo C23a			Ethiopia 511	
	Czechoslovakia 1260	Sheets of 10		Mexico C343, C344a	
	Togo 494	Imperfs exist, Deluxe S/S exist		Sharjah 6 stamps & S/S,	Unit exists Imp.
	Honduras C339, C343, C0114, C0118, C344a&b			Burundi 260	Imperfs exist, Perf & Imp. with tab.
	Philippines 918	Opt. Specimen		Morocco 215	
	Poland 1405-12	Sheets of 10		Laos 180	
	Jordan C22-25, C25a&b			Dahomey C85, C88,	Imperfs exist
1965	Hungary 1704	Imperfs exist		Dahomey C88a	
1966	Gr. Britain 459	Red shifted		Dominica 233-34	
	459a	Black omitted		Mali C62	Imperfs exist
	459b	Green omitted		Nicaragua C666, C666a	
	Togo C60a			Upper Yafa 8 stamps	
	Ghana 259-63	Opt. Specimen, Imperfs exist		Sharjah 1 stamp	Imperfs exist
	Congo 587-90	Issued se-tenant		Khor Fakkan 1 stamp	Imperfs exist
	Guinea 446	Sheets of 10		Hadramant 1 stamp	Imperfs exist
	Cayman Is. 182-83	Apostrophe after "d" of Islands.		Rwanda 1 S/S, Opt.	Imperfs exist
1967	Maldiva Is. 207-13	Imperfs exist		Barbuda 1 S/S	
	Mauritania 224	Imperfs exist		Congo C73	Imperfs exist
	Tunesia 485				

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I attended WESTPEX, in San Francisco, along with Helen Turner and Helen Long, and it was a clean sweep for SPI. In Thematics, the Gold medal went to Helen Long, for her collection of 'Host Nations of the Olympic Games'. She also won the SPI trophy. The Silver medal went to Jose Turu Carol, of Mexico, for his 'World Soccer Cup, Jules Remit', and the Bronze medal to me for 'The History of Soccer in the Olympic Games'. How about that!

The next time the SPI trophy will be given is at SANDIPEX, in San Diego, July 16-20. SPI will hold a regional convention there, and we will have a booth to promote our organization. Our convention meeting will be at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, the 20th.

I am starting to get a good response on my request for people to exhibit in Mexico next year, but I am sure there are more of you who could take part. I know lots of people say, 'Oh, mine isn't good enough', but you might be surprised. You just have to sit down, and start mounting. I will be waiting to hear from more of you.

NEW ISSUE COLUMN

by
BARBARA T. WILLIAMS

- AJMAN January 10, 1969. Champions of Sport. 1dh, Wolfgang von Trips; 5dh, Jim Clark; 10dh, Jean Pierre Wimille; 15dh, Tazio Nuvolari; 25dh, A.J. Foyt; 10r, Manuel Fangio.
- AJMAN January 10, 1969. Champions of Sport; 1dh, Honus Wagner; 2dh, Joe DiMaggio; 5dh, Tyrus Cobb; 10dh, Stanley Musial; 15dh, George Herman "Babe" Ruth; 10r, George Sisler.
- AJMAN Champions of Sport; 5dh, Primo Carnera; 10dh, Marcel Cerdan; 15dh, Max Schmeling; 20dh, Ray Robinson; 10r, Nino Benvenuti.
- AJMAN Champions of Sport. 5dh, Helmut Haller; 10dh, Franz Beckenbauer; 15dh, Uive Seller; 10r, Hans Tilkowski.
- AJMAN Mexico Olympic Medal Winners. 5r, Ingrid Becker; 5r, Pierre Trenlin; 5r, Deborah Mayer; 5r, David Hemery; 5r, Klaus DiBiasi. There are 5 S/Ss, in a quantity of 2,000 each.
- BARBUDA March 15, 1969. Horse racing. 4¢, Horses in the paddock; 25¢, "They're off"; 35¢, Horses racing on the flat; 50¢, Finish of the race; S/S, showing all four values of the set.
- FUJEIRA March 8, 1969. Set issued on October 1, 1968, Opt. "Munich Germany, 8/26-9/10, 1972. A Perf & Imperf S/S also exist.
- GREECE March 12, 1969. 1d, View of Vouliagmeni Harbor during an International Aegean Yacht Race. Designer: P. Gravalos. Printed in offset by Aspioti Elka, Athens. Quantity, 7,800,000.
- GREECE May 5, 1969. IX European Athletic Championships, 9/16-21, Athens. 20l, Gold Medal; 3d, Pole Vaulter & ancient Pentathlon; 5d, Relay race & ancient Marathon; 8d, Discus Thrower & ancient Discus Thrower. Printed in offset by Aspioti-Elka, Athens. Designers, G. Velissarides, (20l), and P. Gravalos, (rest).
- HONDURAS April 19, 1969. XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. I.T.U. set, issued 11/28/68, Opt. "Medallas de Oro, Mexico, 1968". Quantity, .02, (200,000); .03, .05, .08, (150,000); .30, (15,000); 1.00, (5,000); S/S, 1.35, (5,000).
- HUNGARY March , 1969. Hungarian Gold Medal Winners, XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. 40f, Javelin Throw, Angela Nemeth; 60f, Canoeing, Tibor Tatol; 1f, Soccer Team; 1,20f, Hammer Throw, Gyula Zswotsky; 2f, Fencing, Gyoza Kulcsar; 3f, Wrestling, Junos Varga & Istvan Kozma; 4f, Kayak, Mihaly Hesz; 5f, Pentathlon Team; 10f, S/S, Hermes Head, sculptured by Praziteles, torch and Aztec sculpture, with stadium track leading to Munich. Designed by Josef Vertel. Printed in photogravure by the State Printing Office. Quantity, perf, 615,000, S/S, 367,000; Imperf, 6,000; S/S, 9,500.
- LEBANON March 20, 1969. Water Sports. 2.50r, Aquaplaning; 5r, Water skiing; 7.50r, Parachuting; 30r, Sailing; 40r, Sailing.
- LUXEMBOURG April 3, 1969. Juventus, 1969. 10f, S/S, Stylized soccer player and tennis player. Designed by an Austrian child, Johannes-Wolfgang Newgebauer.
- MANAMA January 10, 1969. Champions of Sport. 1dh, Ferrari V6; 5dh, Lotus Ford; 10dh, Alfa Romeo 158; 15dh, Alfa Romeo P2; 25dh, MG Liquid Suspension Special; 10r, Mercedes Benz 2500.
- MONGOLIA February , 1969. Olympic Gold Medal Winners. 5m, Paavo Nurmi; 10m, Jesse Owens; 15, Francina Blankers-Koen; 20m, Laszlo Papp; 30m, Wilma Rudolph; 60m, Boris Saklin; 80m, Donald Schollander; 1t, Akinori Nakayama; 4t, S/S, Jigjidin Menkbat, Mongolia. Printed by Printing Office of Bank Notes, Budapest. Quantity, 185,000; S/S, 60,000.
- PARAGUAY February 13, 1969. Gold Medal Winners, XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. 10g, Felipe Munoz; 15g, Daniel Rebillard; 20g, David Hemery; 25g, Robert Seagren;



30g, Francisco Rodriguez; 50g, Bjorn Ferm; 12.45g, Klaus DiBiassi; 18.15g, Stadium during closing ceremony; 50.00g, Ingrid Becker; S/S, (3), showing all of the stamps. Designed by Mosdosy. Printed in photogravure by DeLaRue of Columbia.

PHILIPPINES

May 12, 1969. 4th National Boy Scout Jamboree, Palayan City, May 10-18, 1969. Scott #948, overprinted "4th National Boy Scout Jamboree, Palayan City, May 1969. Quantity, 6,500,000.

POLAND

April 25, 1969. 50th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee, 4/30, and the I.O.C. Session, to be held in Warsaw, June 1, 1969. The surcharge is to go to the Polish Olympic Committee. 10gr, Runner; 20gr, Gymnist; 40gr, Weight Lifter; 60gr, Javelin Thrower; 2.50+50zl, Discus Thrower; 3.40+1.00zl, Runners; 4.00+1.50 Wrestlers; 7.00+2.00zl, Fencers. Designed by J. Jaworowski. Printed in offset by the State Printing Works of Security, Warsaw.

QATAR

January 13, 1969. 4d, Children on the playground at a primary school.



ROMANIA

March 10, 1969. 10b, Fencing; 20b, Javelin Thrower; 40b, Rowing; 55b, Boxing; (3,000,000); 1l, Volleyball, (2,000,000); 1.20l, Swimmer; 1.60l, Wrestlers, (1,500,000); 2.40l, Soccer, (300,000). Designed by Vincentiu Grigorescu. Printed by photogravure.

TOGO

April 26, 1969. Omnisport Sports Stadium. 10f, Soccer; 15f, Handball; 20f, Volleyball; 30f, Basketball; 45f, Tennis; 60f, Boxing; 90f, Cyclist. All of the stamps are superimposed on an aerial view of the stadium. S/S, Boxing & Cycling. Designed by M. Shamir. Printed by the Israel Government Printing Works.

URUGUAY

February 6, 1969. XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City, Mexico. 30p, Rowing; 50p, Runner; 100p, Soccer. Designer, Angel Medina. Printed in offset by the Government Printing Office, Montevideo. Quantity, 500,000.

URUGUAY

March 21, 1969. International Cycling Championships, Montevideo. 6.00, 20.00, Cyclists. Printed by Imprenta Nacional, Montevideo. Quantity, 1,000,000 & 2,000,000.

YEMEN

1969. XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. 12, Ball, Net & Torch Runner; 18, Diver & Gymnast; 24, Runner; 18, Equestrian.



CANOE SLALOM AND WILD-WATER RACING

I. O. C. Newsletter — Jan. 1969

During the 67th Session of the International Olympic Committee, Canoe Slalom and Wild-water racing asked to be included into the Olympic Programme. If this proposition is accepted at the Session in June 1969, these two events will be part of the canoeing events that will make up one of the 21 sports of the Olympic Programme in 1972.

Origin of Canoeing

It would be impossible to determine when, during the first ages of man, the canoe was invented as an instrument of work, but we may venture the opinion that its use as a means of transport constitutes one of the first great achievements of human civilization. In the beginning the canoe was probably a drifting log, pushed along by the current. Thus with no other additions, logs must have been used by man for many thousands of years before he gave form, weight and dimensions that would provide them with manoeuvrability.

The history of the canoe as a means of pleasure or sport dates back to 1855 when John McGregor of England made his canoe trips through all Europe and Palestine. The Royal Canoe Club of Britain owes its founding to this famous sportsman.

Towards the end of the 19th Century, canoeing as a sport began to spread, and with its new national associations, mainly in Gt. Britain, the United States and Canada. At the turn of the century national Federations were organized in Germany and Czechoslovakia. The International Canoeing Federation, whose initials at that time were I.R.K., was founded in Copenhagen on Jan. 20, 1924.

As canoeing spread to many different countries, the Congress of the IOC held in Athens in 1934, decided to include this sport in the programme of the Olympic Games and so it was for the first time in the Games, at the XI Olympiad in Berlin in 1936. Since then canoeing has been an official sport of the Olympic Games.

After the Second World War, the I.R.K. was reorganized and renamed the International Canoeing Federation (I.C.F.) at present presided over by Mr. Charles de Coqueraumont and with 37 affiliated countries. Until the last Olympic Games only seven races on straight courses in calm water were run (500m for women and 1000m for men).

The first canoe slalom competition was held in Rupperswil on the Aare in Switzerland, Sept. 9, 1934, organized by the Kayak Club of Mittelland, in Austria and in Zwickau in Germany. In 1936 the Congress of the International Canoe Federation (I.R.K.) decided on the formation of the first international committee of slalom in kayak when the first international competition of slalom was going to be held in 1937 on the Mulde near Zwickau. The first world championships in Canoe Slalom took place in Geneva in 1949. This year the XI World Championships will be held at Bourg St. Maurice, in France, from July 31 to August 6, 1969.

Canoe Slalom

Canoe Slalom can be described as the highest school for wild-water canoeing. A slalom course shall be up to 800m long on fast flowing water with a current of at least 2m/sec. The course is marked by natural and artificial obstacles and a competitor has to pass 20-25 checkpoints, so-called gates, which are marked by hanging poles. By touching these poles or missing a gate he is penalized by varying penalty points. These points are added to the time it has taken the competitor to cover the whole course in order to achieve the final result.

To make the course more difficult some of the gates are reverse gates which must be taken with the stern of the boat first. There are also upward gates which must be tackled against the current and in team competition there are gates that have to be passed by the three boats in the team within 15 seconds.

Competitions in canoe slalom are held in single kayaks for men and women, single and double Canadian canoes for men and in mixed Canadians (1 man, 1 woman). The team events as already indicated comprise three boats per team which are on the course simultaneously.

Wild-water Racing

Wild-water racing comprises the same classes as canoe slalom but with the difference that the course has a length of 3-8 kilometres. The obstacles are the natural ones of the river and only the time taken by a competitor from the start to the finishing line is counted. For women there is a shorter course. Safety measures are obligatory so that hardly any accidents are likely to happen. It is compulsory to wear life-jackets and protective headgear.

It has often been said that canoeists are among the true amateurs in sport. This is particularly true for the canoe slalomists and wild-water competitors who often have to find their venues on the wild-water rivers away from artificial civilization. The finest and highest recognition for these sportsmen is that their sport has been accepted into the Olympic Programme. (Paul Stock)

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