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At Our Monthly Meetings :

March :

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das, who Presided narrated the important aspects of the exhibition held at Vivekananda College on the 5th and 6th March 1983. At this request Shri K. C. Veraraghavan and Shri M. Balaram also gave their impressions about the exhibition.

The Chairman gave details of the revised postal rates. He then gave a talk on surcharged envelopes with the help of album sheets mounted with such envelopes from various parts of the country. He read some important circulars and notifications issued by the Postal and Telegraphs Department and hoped that he would be able to bring out a small booklet after some research. He requested the members to assist him with more specimens of surcharged envelopes. He felt sorry that Shri C. A. Rajagopalachari our past President could not succeed in his efforts to bring out a book on refugee relief stamps in which he had made a lot of study.

April :

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das was in the chair. After the usual swapping time, the

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Editorial :

An event to rejoice and remember

Mr. D. N. Jatia founder President of the Philatelic Congress of India, has been elected to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. Only 243 luminaries have so far entered the portals of philately's Hall of Fame. The roll was first instituted at the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in 1920 and it was first signed in 1921 by King George V and 36 other leading Philatelists of the world at that time.

Mr. Jatia a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, is the President of the Inter-Asia Philatelic Federation (F. I. A. P.), also a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federation International de Philatelie (F. I. P.) has several 'Firsts' to his credit.

We are sure the Postal Department is not far away from our wishful thinking, that this event which takes place on Seventh, October, 1983 is a day to rejoice and remember by everyone connected with the hobby of Philately in India and richly deserves to be honoured by releasing a special cover and providing a special cancellation.

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SIPA MEETINGS

SECOND SUNDAY of every month - Regular meeting at the Philately Bureau, Anna Road, Post Office.
THIRD SUNDAY of every month - Auction meeting at 41, Perumal Mudali Street, Madras-1.

A Resume on the Seminar on "How to prepare an Exhibit" held on 5th January 1983 at Indraprastha Stadium, New Delhi during INPEX - 82.

The following leading Philatelists and Jury members addressed the meet.

Shree D. N. Jatia

Shree V. N. S. Rau

Shree Y. R. Shah

Col. L. G. Sheno

I. Beginning the discussions,

Shree D. N. Jatia stressed on the following :-

- a) Quality and rarity of materials, play a very important roll in all exhibitions. According to him the weightage given for materials, while judging, is as follows :
 - (i) Local Exhibitions : 25%
 - (ii) Regional Exhibitions : 50% and
 - (iii) National Exhibitions : 75%
 - (iv) International Exhibitions: Above 75%
- b) For presentation, research work, etc., weightage is almost the same at all levels.
- c) An Exhibition is like an examination where the examinee or exhibitor must prepare and plan his exhibits in a very methodical manner.
- d) Apart from quality of material, quality of album sheets, protection covers, mounts etc. play an important part.
- e) The first page in an exhibit, preferably not more than 10 lines, should be devoted to the development of the exhibit.
- f) Forgeries as far as possible, should not be exhibited. If at all they are exhibited, it is better to mention that it is a forgery, and as such no negative markings/debarring of the exhibit will be there.
- g) Postal History exhibits should show routes, or rates, or markings.
- h) Every exhibit should depict a story by itself.

II. Continuing the discussion,

Shree V. N. S. Rau added that :

- a) A write up on any sheet should be as short as possible (like the wording of a telegram/telex)
- b) If typing is resorted to, then plain type of lettering should be used and no other.
- c) If a set of stamps consists of 20 numbers, all the stamps need not be shown. A few, possible, the lower, middle, and the highest would serve the purpose.
- d) Arrange the exhibits in a proper sequence and order.
- e) One should be careful while exhibiting errors and varieties.
- f) If cancellations are clear, they need not be drawn.

III. Further Col. Sheno stated that all Junior exhibits should be only hand written.

IV. Shri Y. R. Shah stated the following points : For the same stamp, one should show only one thing and not single, block, marginal blocks, FDC etc. (b) Some of the exhibits appeared to have been prepared in haste. This should not happen. (c) Exhibits should be prepared in the proper manner. (d) Use the same type of album sheets for the entire exhibit and not different ones.

(Submitted by A. C. Shirolkar)

(Courtesy: Jamshedpur Philatelic Society)

Aviation History on Stamps

M. T. KARUNAKARAN

(Contd. from Nov. Dec. 1982 Bulletin)

Again U. S. A. Commemorated Graf Zeppelins Chicago Flight in 1933 (S.G A732) Germany issued 'Air Stamps' on Graf Zeppelins Polar Flight in 1931 (SG 489 to 491). In another stamp issued in 1934, the portrait of Count Zeppelin along with 'Graf Zeppelin' in the back ground was illustrated. Germany again issued 2 stamps, one depicting Count Zeppelin in early airship Gondola and the other Modern Airship Gondola. Russia after building its own airship issued a set of 5 Stamps in various designs, under the title 'Air ship' Travel Propaganda. Several Other countries have issued stamps featuring 'Graf Zeppelin.'

The first manned flight into the stratosphere was achieved by swiss scientist Auguste Picard and Paul Kipfer. On May 27, 1931, at Auga Burg, Germany, their baloon reached an altitude of 51,775 feet - higher than any man had been before. Belgium issued a set of three stamps all depicting the picture of Prof. Picards Balloon. Later in 1932, Russia issued a set of 3 stamps: the title of the design being 'The strato stat: USSR'. The design depicted a picture of the baloon.

Though from the earliest days of aviation attempts were made to develop aircraft able to take off and land vertically, it was Rumanian born Igor Sikorsky working in U. S. A. who pioneered the development of the modern helicopter over many years. He was successful in September 1939 with the flight of Vis VS-300 the world's first truly effective helicopter.

Sikorsky, Martin and Boeing in the United States, Dornier in Germany and Short in Britain pioneered the commercial flying-boat in the 1930s. Britain's 'Empire flying Boats' opened up routes to India, the Far East and Australia

in the years just before the Second World War. When a further development took place at a later date, crafts such as the Russian Mil A-10 were produced, which in 1978 set up the helicopter speed record of 228.9 mph.

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meeting was called to order. Shri Thiruvengada Gupta was requested by the members to give a talk. He immediately, responded and gave an interesting talk on how to collect and what to collect and advised the youngsters not to waste their money on everything in philately but to limit their collection by starting on a certain theme. He also advised them not to purchase labels etc.

Shri G. Madan Mohan Das who had arrived just that day from Bombay after attending the philatelic congress narrated deliberations of the meetings said, that the short comings that were discussed at our monthly meeting regarding the INPEX held at New Delhi was discussed in full length and assured, that efforts would be taken to avoid such recurrence. Shri D. N. Jatia the founder President of the Philatelic Congress of India was complemented for having been the first India Citizen ever to enter the Philately's Hall of Fame to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of the Royal Philatelic Society of England.

Later for starting the School Philately, Syllabus to be adopted was read by Shri G. Madan Mohan Das who also requested the members to extend their co-operation by offering their suggestions and materials for its success.

P. C. I.

The annual convetion of the PCI was held at the Indraprastha Stadium New Delhi, on Sunday the 2nd January 1983 between 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.

Mr. G. B. Pai in his welcome address stressed the need to somehow stop the Collection of 'Printer's Waste' by Philatelists.

Mr. V. N. S. Rau, who Presided, Presented a momento to Mr. V. S. Dastur in appreciation of the latters "Book" 'An introduction to India Used Abroad' on behalf of the publishers, Mysore Philatelics. Mr. Shirolkar Presented a book on philately written by Mr. Tippu Khan for release by Mr. Rau.

Mr. V. N. S. Rau in his address highlighted the achievements of the PCI in the past years.

He thanked the P & T for having included members of the PCI in the Philatelic Advisory Committee. He commended Mr. Jatia's role as India's 'Roving ambassador' and hoped that Indian philately would rise to greater heights in the years to come. He also stressed the need to promote junior philately and to include philately in School curricula. He made a special mention of the success of the regional meetings of the PCI.

Mr. G. Madan Mohan Das, President South India Philatelists Association urged the PCI to impress on the P & T Department the need to pass on the certain part of its resources to nominate commissioners for international exhibitions and cover their expenses, to encourage junior philately and to bring out good literature etc.

Programme for release of stamps during 1983

1	Jan.	8	Indian Antartica Expedition - First Anniversary.	100 p.
2	Jan.	30	Franklin D. Roosevelt - 101st Birth Anniversary.	325 p.
3	Feb.	7	Siberian Crane	285 p.
4	Feb.	16	Jat Regiment - Presentation of Colours	50 p.
5	Mar.	7	Seventh Non-aligned Summit (set of 2 Stamps)	100 p, 200 p.
6	Mar.	14	Commonwealth Day (set of 2 Stamps)	100 p, 200 p.
7	April	4	St. Francis of Assisi	100 p.
8	April	19	Charles Darwin	200 p.
9	May	16	50 years of Kanha National Park	100 p.
10	July	23	Centenary of Postal Life Insurance.	
11	July	24	Simmon Bolivar	100 p
12	Sept / Oct.		Golden Langur, Lion-tailed Macaque, Indian Snake	50 p, 100 p, 200 p.
13	Oct. / Nov.		Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting - (set of 2 stamps)	100 p, 200 p.
14	Nov.	14	Children's Day	50 p.
15	Nov.	21	200th year of Man's Flight	
16	—		Forts of India (a set of 4 stamps)	50 p, 100 p, 150 p, 200 p.
17	—		Brides of India (a set of 2 stamps)	100 p, 100 p.
18	—		World Kannada Conference	100 p.
19	—		World Communication Year.	100 p.
20	—		Karl Marx.	

The above programme is subject to change.

Captain Bligh Commemorative Covers

On April 28th, 1983, Captain R. Bligh-ware, a direct descendent of the original Captain Bligh, will set out with 8 men to duplicate his ancestor's astounding voyage nearly 4000 nautical miles from the Tonga Islands to Indonesian Timor. He will be Navigating his Bountry long boat replica: "Child of Bountry" just as Captain Bligh did, 194 years ago, with sextant and Compass alone. And he will be carrying the rare Captain Bligh commemorative covers immortalising this daring Re-enactment for a very limited number of privileged collectors.

Only 5000 commemorative covers will be carried in the Long Boat. Each cover will bear ten stamps from the nine nations directly connected with the Bounty Saga-plus historic details of Captain Bligh's dangerous voyage. And each will be personally signed by Captain R. Bligh-ware and by Holder S. Christian, direct descendant of Mutineer Fletcher Christian.

At each historic landfall, the stamps of that nation will be officially post marked.

Another 5000 covers will be carried by plane. These will bear post marked stamps from each country (except Tahiti) associated with the story of the Bounty. The signature of Captain R. Bligh-Ware and Holder S. Christian will be printed in facsimiles.

The following are the 10 special stamps from 9 countries associated with Bounty Mutiny and epic Open Boat Voyage

Tonga : Stamp commemorates P & O Liner "Canberra" which carried "Child of Bounty" from N. Z. to Australia for fitting out.

Fiji : Stamp depicts Fiji survey ship. Bligh was the first European Navigator to sight and chart these Islands

Vanuatu : Stamp depicts P & O Liner "Oriana" to carry "Child of Bounty" from Sydney to near Tofua Island for the start of the Re-enactment voyage.

Tahiti : A special stamp, "L'exploit du Capitaine Bligh, issued by French Polynesia, will commemorate the long boat voyage.

Australia : Stamp depicts First Fleet HMS "Supply" and will be cancelled at the one-person postal office at the Aboriginal settlement near Restoration Island where Bligh landed.

Australia (Sydney) : Stamp commemorates HMS "Sirius," Flagship of First Fleet to settle colony of New South Wales, January 26, 1788 where Bligh later become Governor.

Timor : On covers carried in the long boat the Indonesian stamp will commemorate the Jakarta-Amsterdam Spice Race of 1980. On plane-carried covers the stamp will depict the national emblem of the Republic of Indonesia.

Pitcairn Islands : Stamp commemorates discovery of sole surviving mutineer Adams and Bounty descendents on Pitcairn by American, Captain Folger, in the ship "Topaz"

Norfolk Island : Stamp commemorates wreck on Norfolk of the ship "Sirius" which brought the first soldiers and convicts in 1789. Most of "Bounty" descendants now live here

Jersey : Stamp commemorates 250th Anniversary of birth of Captain Philippe de Carteret, R. N., native of Jersey, who first discovered Pitcairn Island in 1767.