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## OBITUARIES

We recently received word that Cecilia Colchico, of Concord, Ca., a unit member since 1963, passed away in November, 1982.  
We also extend the belated condolences of the unit to Berenice Kaplan on the loss of her husband.

## SECRETARY SPEAKS

Thanks to all you Beautiful People who sent in your renewals and have been so very generous with your donations.

I took a long weekend and attended the Lobex II expo in Long Beach. This was my first stamp show, ever, and I found it every interesting and educational, as well. While it was principally a numismatic exhibit, there were some 40 stamp dealers from around the country and Canada with excellent material. Only topical of interest was Balloon Mail--most colorful and exciting.

At one time, several of our SOSCU members also collected Post Horns. I have a complete checklist of Post Horns, compiled by R. Christensen, and sent from ATA to our unit. It's about one inch thick and beautifully put together. Is anyone interested? If so, please drop me a line.

Thanks to L. Small, H. Richardson and B. Meeuwesen for mint postage. Also thank you all who included your ATA and APS numbers on your renewal notices. It saved me a lot of time and eye strain.

Please, any of you who have not yet renewed, do so, as soon as you can. THEN I can start to sort out the membership list.

We would also like to thank all those who took the time to write regarding our membership editorial in the Nov./Dec. Signal. We appreciate your comments and suggestions. We will be advising you on our progress in publicizing our unit.

Looking over the membership lists to date it is surprising to note how many members have moved or advised new mailing addresses in the last year. The plays havoc with the pre-printed labels used by Lou and Boris.

By the way, Boris advises that he is working on the first 1983 Auction which is scheduled for a late Spring mailing.



NEW ISSUES

The following are Type A SOS:

GUYANA sometime in mid-1981 issued a 110c revalue of the 1979 Rowland Hill commemorative reproducing the Br. Guiana 12¢ "Cottonreel" of 1850 (Sc 5). [See photo A.]

GUYANA on 17 May 1982 overprinted and re-valued the February 1982 George Washington overprint and revalue with "OPS 250." The original stamp was one of the 1979 Rowland Hill issues reproducing the unique Br. Guiana one penny magenta of 1856 (Sc 13). [See photo B.]

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC on 30 May 1982 honored African painters with 4 stamps; the 70 and 90f values show the artist, Pierre Ndarata with a stamp he designed, the 10f Hibiscus flower, issued 30 March 1980 (Sc 409). This stamp was a 1977 issue with a silver and black overprint changing the country name from Empire to Republic. The reproduced stamp is modified so that it resembles the 1977 stamp with REPUBLIQUE CENTRAL-AFRICAINE replacing EMPIRE without the silver bar. [See photo C.]

DPR (No.) KOREA on 15 August 1982 commemorated the 21st birthday of Princess Diana (!) by overprinting the Royal Wedding commemoratives of 1981 with an outline of her head and the words "21st Birthday." The 20ch value reproduces Gt. Britain Sc 599.

BULGARIA on 31 August 1982 issued 4 stamps and a s/s to commemorate 10 years of European Peace Conferences; various previously issued propaganda stamps are reproduced. One 13st "cut-out" of the 4 stamp Symbols of Peace s/s (Sc 2206), issued October 29, 1974, is on each stamp, a "cut-out" of the 50st s/s (Mi B1 106/2934) issued October 1, 1980 is on the 1L s/s, also on each is the 18st Helsinki Conference stamp (Sc 2266) issued October 29, 1975. This is a controlled issue of 50,000 sets. [See photo D.]

LESOTHO on 17 September 1982 issued another group of 6 gold foil SOS which reproduce: India Sc 6c--4a Inverted head error--1854, Japan Sc 4h--500m Inverted denomination error--1871, Mauritius Sc 1--1d. The "Post Office"--1847, Natal Sc 100--£20 King Edward VII Postage & Revenue--1902, Naples (Provisional Govt') Sc 9--1/2T. Trinacria Arms--1860, USA Sc 1--5¢ Franklin--1847.

LESOTHO on 29 September 1982 issued an additional group of 5 gold foil SOS which reproduce: Romania (Moldavia) Sc 1--27pa Ox head--1858, Spain Sc 10a--2r Color error--1851, Sweden Sc 1a--3sk color error--1855, Switzerland (Geneva) Sc 2L1--10c "Double Geneva"--1843, Straits Settlements Sc 146--\$500. King Edward VII Postage & Revenue--1910.

GUYANA on 1 October 1982 again overprinted the Rowland Hill 50¢ value, reproducing the Br. Guiana 1¢ Mt. Roraima of 1898, (Sc 152), this time with a "1982" imprint. [See photo E.]

IRAN on 9 October 1982 issued a 30r value to note the 13th UPU Day; reproduced in simplified form are 3 1982 commemoratives. [See Signal Lights and photo F.]

COSTA RICA on 26 October 1982 commemorated the 9th National Philatelic Exhibition by revaluing and overprinting the se-tenent block issued in 1975 which reproduce the 4 values of the 1932 exhibition series (Sc 158-61). [See photo G.]

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE on 12 November 1982 finally released the Scouting Anniversary commemoratives originally scheduled for 31 July; one of the two designs, repeated on the s/s, reproduces the Mafeking local stamps of 1900--the 1d. Bicycle messenger and 3d. Baden-Powell (Cape of Good Hope Sc 178-9). [See Signal Lights and photo H.]

MEXICO on 17 November 1982 issued a 1.60p stamp to commemorate the opening of the Museum of the Revolution in Chihuahua; reproduced is the "Revolutionary Mexico" allegory--the 1p value of the Stamp Centenary air mail commemoratives of 1956 (Sc C232) [See photo I.]

SRI LANKA on 2 December 1982 issued 2 stamps and a s/s to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the first stamp and the National Stamp Exhibition. [See New Issue Notebook and photo J.]

BULGARIA on 10 December 1982 publicized the upcoming 1984 UPU Congress meeting at Hamburg by overprinting the UPU emblem on the previously issued London 80 commemorative reproducing the Penny Black. There were 28,000 numbered sheetlets of 6 stamps and 3 center tabs showing Sir Rowland Hill.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA on 18 December 1982 issued its yearly Stamp Day commemorative; it continued the series honoring artist and engravers connected with Czech stamps. The 1 ks stamp shows engraver, Jaroslav Goldschmied, his tools and a "proof" of a 1946 airmail stamp he engraved. [See Signal Lights and photo K.]

BRAZIL on 24 December 1982 issued a s/s to publicize the upcoming Brasiliana '83 Exhibition; reproduced on the 200cr stamp is the 300r "Inclinado" or Goat's eye issue of 1844-6 (Sc 12). [See photo L.]



INDIA on 30 December 1982 issued a 2.00p stamp to commemorate the Inpex 82 Exhibition which reproduces the 1/2a Queen Victoria stamp of 1854 (Sc 2) and the 3 1/2a National Flag design of the 1947 Dominion commemoratives (Sc 201). [See photo M.]

BOLIVIA on 31 December 1982 issued a s/s to note various space flight anniversaries; the impressed stamp on the imperf sheet is the 1980 Exfilmair commemorative (Sc 651) which reproduces the 500c. Arms stamp of 1871 (Sc 19). [See photo N.]

The following are Unidentifiable Types:

BELIZE (2 stamps) and PARAGUAY (6 stamps) on 28 April 1982 honored Essen 82 by overprinting previous issues with an Exhibition logo which included a pseudo stamp.

BULGARIA on 7 May 1982 issued a s/s to commemorate Sozfilex 82 held in Tirnovo; the non-SOS pictures George Dimitrov, Bulgarian politician, but the margins show previous Exhibition emblems which include various stamp outlines.

PARAGUAY on 12 September 1982 honored Philatelia 82 by overprinting the 7 Cats stamps issued in June with the Exhibition logo--a stylized "P" enclosed in a perfed rectangle.

COOK ISLANDS on 30 September 1982 honored various U.S. Presidents on their birth anniversaries; a 60¢ value and s/s shows President F.D. Roosevelt with his stamp collection.

HONDURAS on 3 October 1982 issued 5 stamps and a s/s to publicize her past membership on the Executive Council of the UPU; one 2.00L airmail stamp and the 1.00L airmail s/s include in their design a pseudo stamp of a globe and a dove with a letter.

ROMANIA on 10 November issued 2 values for Stamp Day; both show postal employees delivering mail with stamp blobs.


YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC on 1 December 1982 noted the 30th anniversary of the Arab Postal Union with 3 stamps and a s/s; a map of the member states is shown as a sheet of "stamps" on an airmail envelope.

SENEGAL on 30 December 1982 officially released the 2 values prepared for Philexfrance 82; these had been on sale for a brief period and then withdrawn. Both have pseudo stamps, one with the Senegalese Flag, the other the Senegalese Coat of Arms.

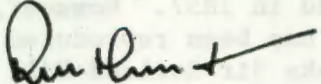
#### INCOMING SIGNALS

Over fifty Commonwealth member nations will be issuing multi stamp sets to commemorate Commonwealth Day on 14 March 1983. So far, only one has been publicized to be SOS designs, but with that many issues there could be more.

**FALKLAND ISLANDS**



Presentation Print authorised by Falkland Islands Government and produced in a limited edition of 20,000 exclusively for the Commonwealth Collection by The House of Questa

Signed 

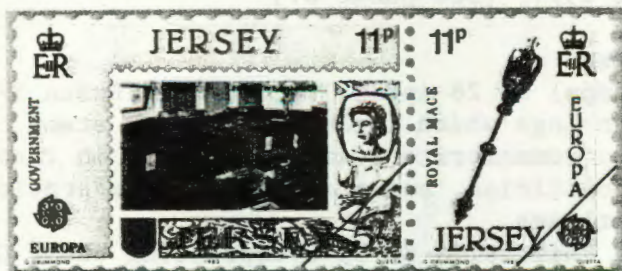
Civil Commissioner, Falkland Islands

The FALKLAND ISLANDS will reproduce three values of the 1933 Centenary of the Colony commemoratives--the 1/2d. Romney Marsh Ram, the 3p. Islands Map, and the 10/- Colonial Arms--as well as the high value of the 150th Anniversary of British Rule commemorative series, the £2 Queen Elizabeth II, issued on January 3, 1983.

According to ads in the English philatelic magazines (courtesy of Dave Jackson), only 20,000 "lucky" world-wide collectors who pay £145 (approximately \$220.) for a limited edition album and the Commonwealth Day collection will also receive a commemorative "black print" card of the Falkland issue!



JERSEY will issue four stamps on 19 April 1983 to commemorate Europa 83; two se-tenant pairs of 11 and 19 1/2p. will illustrate "Government and Law" in historic and modern Jersey. One design in each value will be SOS, reproducing the 5 and 10/- definitive stamps of 1969-70 which show the island's Legislative Chamber and the Royal Court Room--for good measure, the 10/- stamp is a well-known color error.



The BRAZIL philatelic program for 1983 lists one definite SOS issue and one intriguing possibility--on 29 July they will release three stamps and a s/s reproducing the Bull's eye designs of 1843, in commemoration of their 140th anniversary and the opening of the Brasiliana 83 International Philatelic Exhibition. On 1 August, a s/s will be issued to commemorate the Postage Stamp International Biennial, the purpose of which, according to the release, is to "give emphasis to the stamp as a work of art by showing the most important technical works of the printing process and works of the most reknowned artists that have created stamp designs throughout the world." I don't see how this can be illustrated except with a SOS but, I've been surprised before....

According to their proposed programs, BULGARIA, LAOS (!), BOLIVIA, CUBA and NICARAGUA will issue stamps to commemorate Brasiliana 83. CUBA has also scheduled her yearly Stamp Day issue for 24 April as well as a later issue to note Basel 83. No designs have been announced but some SOS can be expected based on previous history.

NEW ISSUE  
NOTEBOOK

Issue: SRI LANKA: 125th Anniversary of First Stamp  
National Stamp Exhibition, Colombo

First Day: December 2, 1982

Value: Reproduced:

50c. - - Ceylon	5-- 4p.	Queen Victoria	Apr 23, 1859
"	302-- 15c	New Ceylonese Flag	Apr 5, 1949
2.50r - - "	12-- 1/9p.	Queen Victoria	Apr 23, 1859
	Sri Lanka 611-- 50c.	Parliament Bldg, Bhuddist Wheel	Jun 6, 1981

s/s: 5.00r - - All of the Above

Designer: D.C. Karmaratne

Printer: Security Printers, Malaysia

Method: Lithography

Quantities:

FDC: Official - Cacheted

The two stamps are inscribed "125th Anniversary First Postage Stamp, 1857-1982"; the souvenir sheet is also inscribed "National Stamp Exhibition-1982," to note the show held in Colombo, December 2-5, 1982.

The stamps reproduced are representative of three periods in the philatelic history of this island nation in the Indian Ocean--as the British Crown Colony and Dominion of Ceylon and as the Republic of Sri Lanka.

Interestingly, though the stamps commemorate the 125th anniversary of the first stamp, neither of the reproduced early stamps was issued in 1857. However, since the first stamp, the 6p. Queen Victoria, issued on April 1, 1857 has been reproduced twice (on the Ceylon centenary commemoratives of 1957 and the Sri Lanka Sir Rowland Hill death centenary commemorative of 1979), it will not be missed on this issue by SOS collectors.



The colonial period is by far the most interesting, from a postal history viewpoint. In 1854, it was decided to introduce pre-paid postage to the island, with stamps replacing cash as they became available. The rates called for 1/2d. for newspapers, 1d. for 1/2 ounce and 2p. for each ounce above that. Parcels up to one pound called for 8p. with 4p. extra for each additional 1/2 pound. A 1/4 ounce packet letter to Great Britain was charged 6p.

Twelve values were ordered--the 1/2d. from DeLa Rue and the 1d., 2p., 5p., 6p., 8p., 10p., 1/-, 1/9p. and 2/- from Perkins, Bacon. They were produced quite hap-hazardly and lazily--the 6p. was delivered first, in December, 1855, and not issued until April 1, 1857, the 5p., 8p., 10p. and 1/- on July 2, 1857, the 1d. on August 24, 1857, and the 1/2d. in October, 1857. The rest of the values (including the two reproduced stamps) were not issued until April 23, 1859!

As all the values were ordered at once, the 1857 and 1859 stamps are usually grouped together in the catalogs, but they actually represent two distinct issues. The colonial offices were quite frugal when it came to laying out monies for engravings, so there must have been a good reason, unknown today, why a completely new design was used for the 1859 printings--most other colonies had only one design for all their required values.

Some savings were exacted from Perkins, Bacon, in that the 1859 issues were created from a composite of the Queen's portrait engraved by Charles Jeens (from a Corbould drawing) for Ionian Island stamps and the octagonal frame work used for the 1858 Tasmania 6p. stamp. The 1857 stamps were also a composite--Humphry's engraving of the Queen's head used for St. Helena, was used with the engine-turned background of the 1857 Pacific Steam Navigation Co. stamps--the first issue of Peru.

The 4p. dull rose is the rarest of the colonial issues; only 7400 were sent to Ceylon and the mint stamp, in fine condition, has been holding steady in the Scotts catalogue at \$60,000! The 1/9p., with a smaller issue of 5,000, only commands a tenth of that, with a listing of \$600. There was little use for that value and the stock was on hand for ten years.

The Ceylon stamp of the dominion period is another fine choice. On February 4, 1948, Ceylon became an independent nation with dominion status in the British commonwealth. A year later to the day, the first anniversary of independence was commemorated with two stamps which were also the first issue of the new administration. The 4c stamp showed the new Ceylonese flag and the 5c, the first prime minister, Dr. D.S. Senanayake (Sc 300-1). On April 5, the designs were released again in new colors and values, and it is the 15c value of this issue (which is also in a new size) that is reproduced. For the first time, the two predominant native languages of the island, Sinhalese and Tamil, appear on a Ceylonese stamp--in fact, the inscriptions below the name CEYLON actually read Sri Lanka in those tongues.

The yellow and red flag with a lion holding a sword was the standard of the native kingdom of Kandy which ruled the island for several hundred years until conquered by the British in 1815. Above the flag is the inscription, "Independence Commemoration--4th February 1948." The frames and inscriptions were line engraved and the vignette was typographed, a then new departure for Bradbury, Wilkinson, Ltd., the English company that designed and printed the issue.

The third period illustrated is that of the republic with its "new" old name, Sri Lanka. "Ceylon" was a totally European name, the English derivative of the Portuguese "Zeylan," which was a corruption of a native language name for the island. On May 22, 1972, the foreign name was officially changed and the Republic of Sri Lanka was proclaimed--"Sri Lanka" freely translates to "Resplendent Island."

The modern stamp on the 2.50r is symbolic of the political and religious make-up of the republic; the 50c. stamp shows the Parliament Building in Colombo with a Buddhist prayer wheel of life in the background and the inscription, in three languages, reads "A Just Society." The design, by R. Mawilmada had been used three times before; on February 4, 1978 a 15c. value commemorated the inauguration of the republic's first president; on September 7, 1978 it was re-issued with a change of date inscriptions to mark the promulgation of the new constitution, and on October 20, 1979, a re-drawn 25c. value was issued without the date inscriptions of the previous issues.

All in all, this issue will be well received by SOS collectors--it is very reasonably priced, very colorful and very well thought out in the examples chosen for reproduction.



(I would like to apologize to Dave Jackson and to those of you who, like myself, missed his regular feature in the last Signal. Dave faithfully sent it in, but I "lost" it on my desk. It is recorded below together with his later contributions.)

JACKSON'S JOTTINGS According to two sources, the SURINAME Philexfrance set and sheet was issued on 9 July 1982 and not July 6 as stated in the July-September Signal.

The ANDORRA (Spanish admin.) Stamp Exhibition commemorative had a printing of 1,100,000 and not 600,000 as at first advised.

The ANDORRA (French admin.) Stamp Exhibition m/s was printed in sufficient quantity to reflect the demand, instead of 300,000 as originally planned. The official printing figures will be released at a future date.

The following illustrations, reproduced by permission of the National Postal Museum, show two unaccepted designs by K. Murgatroyd for the GREAT BRITAIN 1970 Philypmia exhibition issue.

1855--First  
Surface Printed  
Stamp



1934--First  
Photogravure  
Printed Stamp

"Watchman" in Stamp Collecting, 28 October, says that anyone who enjoys a little gamble should get at least one copy of the ANDORRA m/s, mint or used, and thinks that with times being what they are, the final printing figure may be less than that originally announced.

"Watchman" in the 4 November magazine, says that the IRELAND 1972 stamp anniversary m/s was his "buy of the week" when it was cataloged at £3.50 mint or used, but thinks that today's catalog price of £14 mint, £16 used, is far too high compared with the market price. However, the long term prospects are good enough for him to recommend it again at today's best offer.

"Watchman" in the same issue, thinks that many of the BULGARIA miniature sheets are worth buying, and specifically mentions the 1979 Philaserdica m/s issued May 18, cataloged at £1.50 mint or used, and the 1979 Stamp Centenary m/s, issued May 23, cataloged at £4.50 mint or used. (I was recently offered a variety of this m/s, without the number at the bottom at £46; only 1800 are reputed to exist.)

"Watchman" in the 25 November magazine, says that if Europa collectors include the GIBRALTAR 1977 Amphilex set with its three vaguely European designs in their collection they should also get the 25p. value with inverted watermark.

"Watchman" in the 30 December magazine, while reviewing the new Stanley Gibbon "Balkans" catalog, mentions that the GREECE Return of the Dodecanese set (with three SOS), is now listed at £180 compared with £250 in the previous, two year old catalog.

"Philatelia" in the November Philatelic Magazine, mentions that in the new S. G. Part I catalog, the RHODESIA 1966 Rhopex set and m/s is cut from £56 to £39 mint, but is still too dear.

Columnist Gordon Harris, in the same magazine, while reviewing the CHINA (TAIWAN) stamp collecting promotion pair issued August 9, says that they are "thematically less interesting to collectors than designs which fall into the SOS category, in the sense in which the term is currently employed--i.e., the reproduction of an early stamp of historic interest, suitably incorporated within the framework of a new design."

"Marketman" in November Stamps, says that the CANADA maximum cards issued for the Canada 82 exhibition will be among its most popular items for the year.

SIGNAL LIGHTS I am still puzzled by the Gordon Harris quote (see Jackson's Jottings) re the CHINA (Taiwan) Philately issue. They are SOS without question, and I doubt, that to most of us, they are "less interesting" than the stamp anniversary issues he seems to limit the area of our topic to. In recent years, with stamp centenaries few and far between, designs such as the China issue are very much typical of what we collect today.



I recently sent for a Fleetwood first day cover catalog, as I thought I'd like to finally acquire several of their cacheted fdc's that I'd seen in their older 1979 catalog. The new prices were quite a revelation--even accounting for inflation--as you can see by the following:

Description		1979 Catalog	1982-3 Catalog
USA	1947 Centenary 3c--Sc 947	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.30
"	" " s/s Sc 948	6.00	8.35
"	1954 Special Delivery 20c--Sc E20	8.00	12.00
"	1957 " " 30c--Sc E21	8.00	12.00
"	1972 Stamp Collecting 8c--Sc 1474	1.70	2.30
Canada	1951 Centenary 15c--Sc 314	12.00	19.00
"	" " Sc 311-14	26.00	37.20
"	1962 Victoria Sc 399	2.60	3.50
"	1978 Capex Sc 753, 764-6,766a	9.50	24.00

I didn't buy them five years ago because I thought their prices were too high then....

(Funny thing how things can work out, though...I went to the New York ASDA show and was going through several boxes of covers when I came across the Fleetwood CAPEX 78 fdc's marked \$6.50! Very happily, I brought them and several others to the dealer and got another pleasant surprise--he charged me only \$3.25 as I had not seen the sign: "Everything in these boxes--1/2 prices marked.")

The LESOTHO gold foil stamps continue despite rumors of their demise. The stamps produced are well chosen, representing both important first issues as well as rare varieties and scarce issues. It is somewhat amusing though, to see the vehicle of the monotone gold foil used to represent color errors as in the case of the Spain 2r blue and Sweden 3 sk orange, as well as the previously issued color varieties, the Austria "Scarlet Mercury" and the Baden 9k green. If the producers of the issues had not identified the stamps in their publicity release, you would have taken them as the ordinary issues.

The IRAN UPU Day issue speculated on in the "Incoming Signals" column (Sept-Dec 1982), did turn out to be both SOS and "interesting and controversial." Although the reproduced stamps are small and their designs are simplified, they are recognizable as then recent 1982 issues, two with political and one with religious propaganda themes. On the foreground cover, the stamp is the 10r value issued June 27, 1982, commemorating the first anniversary of the "Martyrdom of the Ayatollah Beheshti," who was assassinated in a bomb explosion at the Islamic Party headquarters in 1981. On the background cover is the stamp that caused outrage and disbelief in both the public and philatelic worlds--the 2r value, issued June 17, 1982, pictures a bearded man behind bars and reads, "In honour of Lieutenant Islambuli, the Revolutionary Execution Agent of Sadat"! The philatelic press condemned the issue for its glorification of a murderer, and most dealers refused to handle its sale. The stamp on the center cover is the 1r value issued July 15, 1982 to note "The Universal Day of Ghods" and pictures the Dome of the Rock mosque in "occupied" Jerusalem. [See photo F.]

For some reason, ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE was not able to issue the 75th Anniversary of Scouting commemoratives on July 31, 1982 as originally planned. They were finally released on November 12, 1982. I have not seen figures as yet on the amounts printed, but the s/s which contains the same two values as the regular stamps, is selling for almost four times their price, so it must have been produced in much smaller quantities or is a "controlled" issue. I was able to get a registered cover with the set and s/s, both of which are canceled with a fancy "31/7 1982-Primeiro Dia de Circulacao-S.Tome" handstamp as well as an every-day S. TOME, D.C.T. date stamp of 12.11.82. The backstamps are Lisboa, 17.11.82 and N.Y. G.P.O., Nov. 30, 1982. More than likely the special cancel was applied just because it existed (having been made for the original issue date), and the actual date was used to permit the registered cover to enter international mail without being almost four months "late." I would be interested to find out if the cto fdc's produced for the philatelic markets have only the 31/7 cancel. If any member acquires one of these, I would appreciate your letting me know. [See photo H.]



I almost gave up on finding a SOS in the 1982 Stamp Day issue from CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. Most philatelic new issue reports described the design as the engraver, Jaroslav Goldschmied, engraving tools and "historic buildings of Prague under a magnifier." I didn't see how they could honor Goldschmied, who produced Czech stamp engravings from 1945 right through 1977, the year of his death at the age of 87, without showing one of his works, so I took a second look. Behind the tools there seemed to be a "stamp" on what could be an engraved plate, but any wording would have had to have been in reverse, and I could read CESKOSLOVENSKO in tiny letters just below the steel scribing pin. This ruled out an engraving, but it still could have been a "pulled proof" being examined under a magnifier to check the progress of the work. Hoping it was that of an issued stamp and not an essay, I hit the catalogs looking for a stamp with a view of Prague and the country name in a panel at the bottom. There were lots of stamps showing Prague but none looked "right" until I got to the airmails. The stamp is the 24k airmail (Sc C25) issued on June 12, 1946, to commemorate the first flight from Prague to New York. It shows an airliner flying over Charles' Bridge in Prague, and is one of the earliest works produced by Goldschmied. The buildings shown magnified in the glass are only a small portion of the right side of the total design. The lines in the clouds behind the buildings and the shading in the trees below them are omitted—either for simplification or to simulate an incomplete work, such as a proof. By the way, this is an excellent choice for mounting the reproduced stamp with the SOS; the stamp is inexpensive, fairly easy to obtain and "proves" that the partial design comes from a real stamp. [See photo K.]

1981  
CHECKLIST  
UPDATE-II

Sad to report, I still cannot supply any of the missing Scott catalog numbers for the 1981 Checklist. It appears we will have to wait for the 1984 catalogs for the missing data. It is also apparent that the 1982 Checklist (which is in work now) will also not be complete when finally issued as whole groups of countries are not being chronicled in the new Scott magazine.

I have come across another issue to add to the Identifiable Type list:

GUYANA Mk 738 Br. Guiana 5--12¢ "Cottonreel" (Jul 1, 1850)  
November 16, 1981 (overprint on previous issue) Provisional Revalue-110c on 10c

Michel has finally completed its listings of the DPR (NO.) KOREA issues for 1981, so I can supply the missing data in the Checklist. The underlined information should be added as necessary:

(NO.)KOREA Mi 2162 Gt. Britain 599--1/- Prince Charles (Jul 1, 1969)  
September 18, 1981 Royal Wedding

(NO.)KOREA Mi 2154 - - Gt. Britain 1-- 1d Queen Victoria (May 6, 1840)  
Japan 1-- 48m Dragons (Apr 20, 1871)  
No. Korea Mi 1--20ch Hibiscus (Mar 12, 1946)  
2155 - - " Mi 2088\*--70ch Korean Fairy Tale (Jan 30, 1981)  
2086 --10ch Japanese Fairy Tale  
2156 - - Japan 936--50y Hall, Pagoda, Temple at Nara (Nov 1, 1967)  
" 1344--50y Boy Gymnast Cartoon (Aug 1, 1978)  
" 1373--50y Little Girl In Space (Aug 1, 1979)

s/s B1 102 - All Above  
October 9, 1981 Philatokyo 81 (I) \* s/s Cut out (Mi B1 92)

(NO.)KOREA Mi 2160 - - No. Korea Mi 2114--70ch Clasped Hands (Mar 15, 1981)  
" 809--10ch Hand On Switch, Train (Aug 15, 1967)  
2159--- " 1638--10ch Torch (Sep 14, 1977)  
October 9, 1981 Philatokyo 81 (II)

(NO.)KOREA Mi 2185 - - France 857-- 8f Copernicus (Nov 9, 1957)  
" 858--10f Michelangelo  
" 859--12f Cervantes  
" 861--18f Newton  
" 862--25f Mozart  
" 863--35f Goethe  
s/s B1 107 - - " 860--15f Rembrandt  
" 1431--80c Painting: "Paul As Harlequin" (Apr 26, 1975)  
December 1, 1981 Philexfrance 82 Publicity









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**BOLIVIA**