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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR AND FOUNDER
OF "SASS", *Herbert E. Du Russel*

I am happy to report that we now number over 82 members from the U. S. A., the Far East, and Canada. From the favorable comments received from our members we know that SASS has been accepted, enthusiastically. In all parts of our country and Canada recruiting is going strong for new members. Through constant publicity we have become known internationally, in this country, Canada, England, the continent, and the Far East. There are a few fellow collectors from Europe who would like to correspond with us, so, if any of you have the time, drop them a line and see what you can trade between yourselves. You'll find their names and addresses listed in the bulletin.

In the last issue I mentioned that some of you expressed the desire that we join with one of the other Swiss Philatelic societies and form one, strong organization. At the time there was nothing definite to report to you on this, but since then I have been contacted by Harlan Stone, president of the Helvetia Society of N. J., regarding a move in the direction of unification of the two societies. I hereby submit his proposal for your appraisal and study, and your vote on which way SASS is to go. From the majority vote your wishes will be carried out to the letter, whether we carry on as the Swiss-American Stamp Society, or merge into the new combined society, to be known as the Helvetia Philatelic Society of America (the name voted on by the New Jersey group).

With the consensus of the Helvetia members Mr. Stone presents a four-point proposal for combining the Helvetia Philatelic Society and SASS into an international organization, as follows;

- 1) Union of the two groups under the new name, Helvetia Philatelic Society of America.
- 2) Publication of a society journal by Herbert E. Du Russel, who is currently editing the bi-monthly Helvetia Herald on behalf of SASS.
- 3) Continuation of the present Helvetia group as the Northern N. J. chapter of the new organization.
- 4) Merging of the SASS N. Y. chapter and the proposed Helvetia N. Y. chapter as the single New York City chapter, with the possibility of meeting at the Collectors club of N. Y.

In summary Mr. Stone feels that his Helvetia group has the Philatelic knowledge and material, as has been displayed at the Collectors Club program put on last May, while our society, SASS has the publication and the international membership.

In my reply to Mr. Stone I pointed out that SASS also has the Philatelic knowledge and material as demonstrated by its members throughout the country and Canada, putting on excellent exhibits in the South West, Mid West, West Coast, and North West, not to mention the East Coast, and many have written fine articles on Swiss Philately. My simple proposal was that SASS be considered the international organization, with local chapters, and the N. J. group to carry on as the Helvetia Northern N. J. chapter, the continuing publication of the Helvetia Herald, put out monthly if the members so want, and election of officers from a cross section of our membership.

So, fellow members, the future of SASS is in your hands. Where do we go from here? I ask all of you to send in your vote on a postcard, whether you want SASS as the organization, or to merge into the new Helvetia Philatelic Society of America. Kindly cast your vote by August 31st, so that the Helvetia group can be advised of our action.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS' DOINGS

John Barrett, from New Orleans, had a very successful exhibit with his Semi-Postals at the recent Texas Philatelic Assoc. show, taking honorable mention. Likewise, Robert Clarke, of Dallas, took honorable mention with his Swiss exhibit at the Fort Worth show. Bob also made up posters on behalf of SASS and passed out application blanks for prospective members. Both of these fine chaps are planning to organize the South West chapter, to have the chapter meetings coincide with the larger shows like TPA, NOPEX.

Allan Sullivan, from Portland, exhibited at the Oregon Stamp Society, showing Tdues, a few revenues and some pages of more recent Swiss issues. Talking up SASS he has interested a few collectors in our society.

J. Pascoe Taylor, Vancouver, B. C., treasurer-chairman of B. C. Cenpex '71, is touring the Canadian North West and spreading the good word about SASS to collectors he'll meet.

Dr. Felix Ganz, probably the most knowledgeable Swiss Collector in the U. S., is starting a series of articles for our bulletin, on the Cancellations and Markings of Switzerland and Liechtenstein, the first of which appears in this issue.

Dr. Ganz would like to know if any of our members would be interested in the society having a sales circuit. If so, kindly drop a line to the editor and let us know your feelings on this project. Your replies will determine if such a service will be started, so, let's hear from you.

What are you doing in the Philatelic field, or what are you planning to do? Let us know so we can pass it on to our members.

STAMP NEWS OF INTEREST

At Phillypia 1970, to be held at Empire Hall, London, England, Sept. 18-26, The Swiss Post Office will provide a unique transport service for the show. In one of the famous Swiss postal buses, which operate as a joint passenger/postal service in their native land, Switzerland, visitors will be able to travel free, from Swiss House (at Leicester Square & Piccadilly Circus) to the exhibition hall at Olympia. In the Swiss House itself there will be a special philatelic display, during Phillypia 1970.

Amateur Collector 1970 Swiss Catalog Due Sept. 1st

Dennis Dengel, of Literature News, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., announces for the Amateur Collector, 151 Park Road, St. John's Wodd, London, N. W. 8, England, that work is going very satisfactorily on their English language catalog of Switzerland. This will be the first edition in decimal currency, and involves the complete resetting of the catalog in modern, easy-to-read type. The text has been carefully revised to make it as thoroughly useful as possible. An important addition is a list of FDCs, a major help to the large number of collectors of such items. The modest price of \$2.40 is asked, and can be obtained thru the society at special rates.



LIECHTENSTEIN NEW ISSUE DUE: To commemorate the 800th anniversary of Wolfram von Eschenbach, a 3fr souvenir sheet will be issued 24 August 1970 (validity from the 27th of August). perforated designs are: 30 rappen, Wolfram von Eschenbach; 50r, Reinmar the Fiddler; 80r Hartmann von Starkenberg; 1.20fr, Friedrich von Hausen; six-color photogravure by Courvoisier; design taken from the Codex Manesse (Minnesinger Manuscript); white coated paper with brown/green fibres. Information from the Liechtenstein Philatelic Service, FL 9490, Vaduz.

This Souvenir Sheet is available through the society at 80%. Kindly send your requests in early, so that they can be filled, promptly, and then you won't be disappointed.

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POSTAL CANCELLATIONS AND MARKINGS

IN SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN

BY. DR. FELIX GANZ



Foreward: During the next fifty issues of this periodical (give or take a few) the author will discuss in considerable detail the different cancellation types found on Swiss postage stamps and/or entires. There exists a wide variety of such cancellations, and each of the categories itself divides into numerous sub-divisions, thus providing fascinating varieties for any collector of Swiss philatelic items, who cares to go beyond the mere assembling of washed-off stamps into an album.

There are, of course, the regular circular date strikes of the over 4000 post offices of Switzerland, with Fig. 1, and without, Fig. 2, postal direction number (Leitzahl, numéro d'acheminement), and in these categories subdivisions may number into the dozens, especially if one goes back to the mid-nineteenth century. Then there exists the "mobile" cds of TPO/RPOs, ship P. O.s, and automobile P. O.s, Fig. 3, 4, 5. Further we find train station cancellations on regular mail, Fig. 6 thru 8, postal and private acceptance station straight-lines, Fig. 9 thru 11, circulating "emergency" cancels, Fig. 12, machine and roller cancellations, Fig. 13, 14, military cancellations, Fig. 15 thru 17, postage paid cds. and boxed types, Fig. 18, 19, Official mail cds. in and in black, Fig. 20, town propaganda cancels, Kurort- or Werbestempel, Fig. 21, 22, and special event markings, Fig. 23 thru 25, Then there also exist dozens of airmail cancellations that may, or may not, fit into any of the above categories, Fig. 26 thru 28.

In addition there exist directive markings, such as "small packet", "express", "business papers", "stamps on reverse side", etc., Fig. 29 thru 30, as well as straight-line town markings of a widely divergent use and application, Fig. 31 thru 33, and oblong cancellations used at certain times for COD or value mailings, Fig. 34. Undoubtedly there will be found still other categories of postally applied markings or cancellations, such as postal customs strikes, office abroad, etc., Fig. 35 thru 37.

In short, the number of possible types and subtypes has never been tabulated, to date, and the participation of all HPSA members is herewith enlisted and requested, so as to produce some kind of a basic handbook of the cancellations of Switzerland, which, might, someday, tie in neatly with the now famous Andres and Emmenegger Handbook of Swiss Cancellations, 1843-1882 (new edition, 1843-1907), currently being updated and republished, as well as with the equally magnificent volume by J. J. Winkler, "The Cancellations or Postal Markings of Pre-Philately (1968)". Some work has already been completed, in part in installments, in the London Helvetia Society's Newsletter, and in part in available or obsolete catalogues, such as those on Automobile cancels or special event cancels by "Editions PEN"; but much remains to be done to bring some sense of order into this collecting phase so intimately tied to philately in all of its aspects.

Thus, this "preview" serves merely as an appetizer to your philatelic interest, and the first category of Swiss Cancellations which will be taken up and discussed will be that of the "emergency" or "traveling" cancellations.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

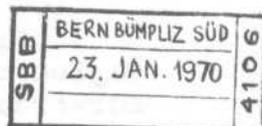


Fig. 6

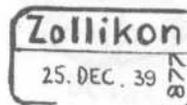


Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

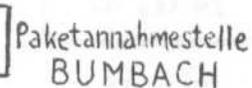


Fig. 10

SWISS CANCELLATIONS AND MARKINGS, continued

IMPOSTAZIONE DI INVII
OSOGNA-CRESCIANO STAZIONE

Fig. 11



Fig. 14

PORT PAYÉ
GENÈVE 10

Fig. 19



Fig. 24

IMPRIMÉS À TAXE RÉDUITE

Fig. 29a

ABSENDER UNBEKANNT

Fig. 29b

FRIBOURG
24 OCT 45

Fig. 34

MÜNSTER GRB
16. VIII. 28

Fig. 12



ENTWICKLUNGSHILFE
AKT DER SOLIDARITÄT
EINSATZ
FÜR DIE ZUKUNFT

Fig. 13



Fig. 15



Fig. 16



Fig. 17



Fig. 18



Fig. 20



Fig. 21



Fig. 22



Fig. 23



Fig. 25



Fig. 26

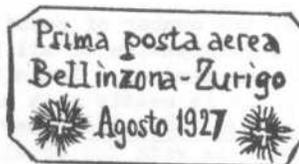


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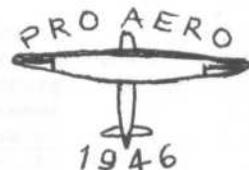


Fig. 28

Affranchissement manquant
réclamé par Genève 1.

Fig. 30

PLANALP

Fig. 31

OBERHOFEN
(ZÜRICH)

Fig. 32

POSTWAGENEINWURF
IBERG-EINSIEDELN

Fig. 33



Fig. 35
Office Abroad



Fig. 36
Postal Customs
Office

DDT
10.7.67-9C
DFF

Fig. 37
Diplomatic Courier
forwarding postmark
(Bur.polit.fédéral)