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## SEPTEMBER SPA JOURNAL ANNOUNCES MPI AFFILIATION

Notification was received July 15, 1981, from Robert Brandeberry, executive secretary of the Society of Philatelic Americans, that Malaria Philatelists 'International has been accepted as a National-International affiliated organization by SPA. The "Branch Brevities" column of the society's September journal will feature the announcement and present to all SPA members appropriate background information on this new affiliate.

Charles A. Abbott, presidential candidate in the recent MPI elections, will be the affiliate's Chapter Representative for SPA. SPA provides a variety of services for its members which are available to affiliated organizations through the Chapter Representative, including the following:

Better Value Bulletin  
 Handbook Publishing and Sales  
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 Monthly Journal  
 Membership Directory  
 Exchange Division

MPI's Chapter Representative will receive the organization's copy of the SPA journal. Articles of interest to MPI members -- or about MPI -- will be reported in the next issue of Miasma Philatelist. MPI members wishing more information on SPA and its services should contact Charles A. Abbott, The Friendship Manor, No. 912, 1320 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84102. Individual membership enrollment in SPA made using the postage-paid response card enclosed with this issue will not only benefit the collector but build credit for MPI's chapter/affiliation dues.

The Society of Philatelic Americans was founded in February 1894 by ardent, young supporters of the lost cause of the Confederacy who resented what they thought was Yankee domination of organized philately. They named their newly formed organization the Southern Philatelic Association. By 1918, however, the Association had grown far beyond the founders' expectations and was composed of members from all over the United States. Practically forgotten was the original resentment, for by now there were as many northerners as southerners in the organization.

Because of the widely spread geographic distribution of the society it was thought a name more representative of the dispersed membership was needed but many members wished to retain the long familiar initials "S.P.A." The name "Society of Philatelic Americans" was chosen as a designation more aptly describing the nationwide composition of what was then and is now -- "THE FRIENDLY ONE".



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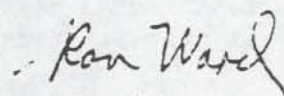
## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

At this time, on behalf of the newly elected officials of MPI, I wish to express our thanks for the confidence you have shown by our election. We owe a great debt to Jim Dellinger, who singlehandedly, initiated the quarterly publication, Miasma Philatelist, and obtained some fine publicity for our fledgling organization in the philatelic press.

In glancing over the membership list, I have noticed the names of many people who have had experience with malariology or entomology plus others with interests in medical philately. It is hoped that we hear from as many of the members as possible to determine what MPI can do for you and vice versa.

As evidenced by recent articles and queries in MPI, malaria philately did not stop with the issuance of the official 1962 Anti-malaria issues. Some of the more elusive ramifications which we are pursuing involves tracing the older mention of malaria or chemotherapeutic drugs such as quinine on covers or cancellations. As an example, some one should be able to find covers from International Congresses on Tropical Medicine and Malaria prior to the Sixth Congress which met in Lisbon, Portugal during 1955. Other very recent developments that we are just becoming aware of, are the "Tiger Cards" and Inland Letter Cards issued by India in the mid-and-late 1970's for internal publicity on malaria prophylaxis.

Thus, we hope to make our organization of interest, not only to the beginning collector, but to the more advanced students in this field.

  
President



## M P I ISSUED CHARTER AS OFFICIAL STUDY UNIT OF A T A

On August 14, 1981, Malaria Philatelists International was issued a charter by the American Topical Association, Inc. as an official Study Unit of the world's largest association of topical collectors.

Members of MPI who do not currently hold ATA membership are urged to consider the many benefits gained from membership in this group representing over 10,000 collectors from over 90 countries around to world. ATA members receive Topical Times, official bi-monthly publication, with pages of illustrations and informative topical articles, checklists, sample album pages, plus dealer advertisements that keep the reader up on market values and where to obtain needed collectables.

ATA also publishes a membership directory listing addresses and collecting interests covering over 700 individual topics, over 200 countries and specialties collected by members. In addition, ATA has an Information Board of over 600 members who will -- for just the cost of return postage -- answer questions on over 300 topics.

Other benefits and services offered to ATA members include:

- o Biography Service - covering over 13,000 individuals shown on stamps.
- o Translation Service - offering members ability to communicate in over 20 languages.
- o Official ATA Handbooks - many volumes on a wide range of topics (see prior issues of Miasma Philatelist for special price offer for MPI members).
- o New Issue Checklist - presented for more than 100 topics in each issue of Topical Times and in Annual Summaries (handbooks) with new catalog numbers.
- o Sales Services; Heirs Assistance; Exhibition Awards; and Annual Convention and Exhibition.

Membership Applications for ATA are available from the editor or direct from ATA at 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216, U.S.A.

## FIRST UNPA SOUVENIR CARD FEATURED UN'S ANTIMALARIA ISSUE

*The following information is extracted from an article on souvenir cards currently running in Linn's Stamp News.*

UNAP issued their first souvenir card on April 7, 1972, for World Health Day with five previous UN issues related to that organization's affiliate, the World Health Organization, illustrated. One of the five was the 4 cent 1962 WHO 'World United Against Malaria' issue.

initially 150,000 cards were ordered but the quantity proved inadequate -- particularly since almost 11,000 of the first printing were found to be defective or otherwise unsalable.

A second printing of 20,000 was ordered, and the final sale total -- reached on the first day -- was 158,934. Collectors quickly identified a difference between the two printings -- but official investigation proved that the variety actually existed in both printings. This World Health Day card was printed from four-subject plates. One of the plates includes a period at the end of the text that is spaced farther from the final word. Thus, the "long period" variety is common to both printings.

*Information on other philatelic related material with malaria thematic / topical text or illustrations is requested from the readers. Members with both varieties of the 1972 UNPA souvenir card in their collection are urged to forward photo copies.*



COLLECTOR PROFILE

## MEDICAL BOOKS, STAMPS AND INSTRUMENTS ARE HIS HOBBIES

Alan R. Koslow, M.D. -- MPI member from Vienna, Virginia -- is kept busy with his medical-related hobbies. Alan is a rare book collector in the field of medicine. His specific interests are surgical and blood transfusion. He is interested in other individual titles in other areas of medicine -- "particularly well illustrated volumes."

Beside philately and rare books Alan's other interests include antique medical instruments. He has an extensive bibliography and a fairly extensive collection. His services are offered to medical centers, libraries and fellow collectors to authenticate and/or catalogue similar collections. In the past he has catalogued and authenticated the history collections of SUNY at Buffalo Medical School (300 medical antiques) and of the Lane Medical Library of the Stanford University Medical Center (3,000 medical antiques).

The Lane collection was identified, photographed and catalogued after being located in dusty boxes stored in the basement for more than two decades. The pieces had been wrapped in "1959 newspapers, which gave us a clue that they were wrapped up when the Medical Center moved down from San Francisco 22 years ago," noted Koslow. The estimated value of the Lane collection was near \$500,000.

Individual implements from that collection were evaluated as worth from about \$5 to \$300, while several large surgical kits ranged in value up to about \$6,000. "These came from the days when the surgeon had to supply his own tools. The cases were ornate and the doctor carried it around from operation to operation. Before sterilization became a common practice in the last decades of the 19th century, the knives often were simply wiped off and put back in their crushed velvet container, where an often deadly array of germs waited on the metal to be inflicted into the next patient," said Alan in an interview given at the time the completion of the project was announced.

If any other MPI members share these interests, Alan is available for consultation with fees negotiated on an individual basis. He is also interested in exchanges of rare books and/or instruments with other collectors. If you want more information, write Alan R. Koslow, M.D., 2817 Yeonas Dr., Vienna, VA 22180; or phone him (days - AC 301 530-6040; nights AC 703 281-1806).

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## INTERNATIONAL MALARIA GROUP ELECTS CHARTER OFFICERS

Charter officers were elected for Malaria Philatelists International by mail ballots after publication of profiles on all nominees in the April-June, 1981, issue of the organization's quarterly journal.

Ronald A. Ward, staff member of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D.C., is the group's charter president. Mr. Ward is involved in research on malaria and other insect-transmitted diseases. He has conducted field studies on malaria in Thailand, Afghanistan and Zaire; and is currently Local Secretary of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He is an honorary research associate of the Smithsonian Institution and editor of Mosquito News, journal of the American Mosquito Control Association.

The vice president for the Medical Center at the University of Kentucky, Peter P. Bosomworth, was elected vice president of MPI. And, James Dellinger, a consultant on corporate management and computerized business systems, is the organization's Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Dellinger also serves as editor for the quarterly journal.

Three directors, representing different world-wide membership regions, complete the newly elected Board of Directors for Malaria Philatelists International. Martin D. Young is the director representing Eastern North America; Cynthia Douglas was elected from the European members; and Donald J. Pletsch is the director from Central America-Carib.

The new president's message to the membership appears on page 2 of this issue. Starting below are the reports from the other members of the MPI Board of Directors.

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS . . .

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W S     Don Pletsch - Central America/Caribbean: Having been informed of election as a Director of MPI, I hope to establish early contact with many existing members and to extend information about, and invitations to membership in, MPI to many more persons, beginning in Mexico and in other areas in Latin American and the Caribbean.

It may be common knowledge that Mexico emitted in 1939 the first anti-malaria stamp to produce funds, supporting the newly-created "Comisión de Saneamiento Altimalárico", and that Mexico hosted the Eighth World Health Assembly at which the decision was made to undertake global eradication of malaria.

Dr. Noé de Jesús Cabrera Palma, veteran malariologist in the Mexican "Comisión Nacional para la Erradicación del Plaudismo" (CNEP), published an excellent article in 1961 on "La Lucha Antimalárica y la Filatella en México". Dr. Cabrera has agreed to prepare a resume, in English or in Spanish or both, for an early number of Miasma Philatelist, subject to editorial interest and approval. It offers an excellent take-off point in a region long affected -- and still menaced -- by malaria as a grave public health problem.

*We look forward eagerly to publishing the material on Mexico's philatelic issues. Don has also reported that in 1963 Dr. Cabrera prepared an ALBUM FILATELICO INTERNACIONAL that was issued by CNEP. An article on this effort has also been requested.*

Cynthia Douglas - Europe: Thanks to all who voted for me and I will strive to serve this organization the best I can. Since being stationed in Europe, I've had the opportunity to attend the international exhibitions in London and Vienna. London was indescribably fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed the exhibits and general philatelic atmosphere. Vienna, although having the same caliber of exhibits, was disappointing because of the layout of the buildings.

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When attending both these exhibits, I concentrated on studying the thematic sections. These exhibits have been very helpful in developing ideas for building my own exhibit. An example I picked up from overhearing a judge is when displaying stamps and covers on the same page, the cover should be placed on the bottom half of the page. I am now looking forward to going to Paris next year and Basel, Switzerland for an all thematic exhibition in 1983.

Martin D. Young - Eastern North America: *Following is a short account of the National Malaria Society in which Director Young served as Secretary-Treasurer during 1946-50.*

An organization in the USA to combat malaria was founded in 1916 when Dr. F. L. Hoffman suggested and implemented the formation of a group known as the National Malaria Committee with malaria eradication as one of the objectives. The first meetings were with the Southern Medical Association often together with the American Society of Tropical Medicine. In 1941 the name was changed to the National Malaria Society and the Journal of the National Malaria Society was begun in 1942.

After having been a scourge since early colonial days, endemic malaria disappeared as a public health problem around the middle of the century. This is one of the first times in history, if not the first, that a biomedical society achieved its objectives of the eradication of a disease.

In 1951, the National Malaria Society and the American Society of Tropical Medicine amalgamated to form a new organization named the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. The journals of the two parent societies were discontinued and a journal with the name of the new society was begun.

So far as I know, a stamp dedicated to malaria was not printed in the USA while malaria was an endemic disease. However, the success of the eradication program in the USA and in certain other countries led the World Health Organization to sponsor an effort to eradicate malaria from the world and to promote the issuing of malaria eradication stamps by various governments to popularize that program. The USA issued such a stamp on 30 March 1962 in ceremonies in Washington, D.C. It had a 4 cent value and is listed in Scotts' catalogue as #1194.

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*All MPI members are urged to participate in the activities of their organization. Currently there are four standing committees to be organized. Members who indicated committee service interests on their applications will be contacted. Please let the committee chairpersons know if you are willing to serve, and you did not indicate this on your application.*

■ chairperson for the standing committees on publications and exhibitions

Peter Bosomworth  
MPI Vice President  
3314 Brookhill Circle  
Lexington, KY 40502

■ chairperson for the standing committees on membership and finance

Jim Dellinger  
MPI Secretary-Treasurer  
426 West Fremont  
Elmhurst, IL 60126



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PETER J. BOSOMWORTH, M.D.

Bylaws for Malaria Philatelists International call for the creation of standing committees on publications and exhibitions under the auspices of the Vice President. In order to assist the Board of Directors in the operation of the organization, a publications committee shall be appointed with responsibilities for quarterly publication of a professional Malaria philatelic journal for the membership; for the development and maintenance of a handbook/catalog of Malaria philatelic material; and the development, maintenance and preservation of a supporting reference collection of actual copies and/or graphic reproductions of Malaria philatelic items and research papers.

In order to carry out these responsibilities, it is proposed that three related subcommittees be appointed: (1) journal, (2) handbook and (3) reference collection.

Journal Subcommittee

James Dellinger, Secretary-Treasurer, will serve as editor of the journal. The following members are asked to serve on the Journal Subcommittee charged with assisting the editor in the acquisition or authorship of articles, columns, etc.:

Chairman

Martin D. Young, M.D.  
8421 N.W. 4th Place  
Gainesville, FL 32601

James Y. Fukunaga  
22 Dell Road  
Stanhope, NJ 07874

G. Robert Coatney  
5012 Wickford Way, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30338

Handbook Subcommittee

It is expected this committee will focus on material appropriate for ultimate publication as a handbook/catalog of Malaria philatelic material and research with a proposed method of production, possibly using a three ring binder so that sections can be updated and replaced or added to. I would like to identify a member who has authorized access to offset printing facilities which could provide reproduction services at cost since the primary expense for such a publication is in the binder. Ideas on content and page format to provide service to the members are requested.

The following are asked to serve on the Handbook Subcommittee:

Chairman

Kurt Lekisch, M.D.  
2465 Westlake Drive  
Austin, TX 78746

Martin W. Andresen  
3049A Stony Lonesome  
West Point, NY 10996

Richard P. Bindie, M.D.  
150 Avenue D  
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Reference Collection Subcommittee

We are looking for an organization that can serve as a reference collection holder of actual philatelic material and an organization which is involved in publications and papers pertaining to the topic. The American Philatelic Research Library, P.O. Box 338, State College, PA 16801, maintains a full archives on Miasma Philatelist. Duke University Medical Center Library, Durham, NC 27710, holds the collection of Warren Bird, the director of the library, which could serve as a base. The following members are asked to serve on this sub-committee:

Chairman

Warren Bird  
Duke University Medical  
Center Library  
Durham, NC 27710

William L. Peters, M.D.  
1803 Chuli Neue  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Wayne L. Kramer  
7607 S.W. 56th Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601





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Exhibitions Committee

In addition to a Publications Committee, an Exhibitions Committee shall be formed with the responsibility of maintaining records on future opportunities for topical or thematic collections to be displayed; advanced publication on these events in the journal of the organization or by special notices; reporting on the results of all reported member entries; and promotion and education on topical and thematic exhibiting to the membership. The following members are asked to serve on this committee:

Chairman

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Harlowton, MT 59036

2Lt Cynthia Douglas

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## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

JAMES W. DELLINGER

Both standing committees, established by the bylaws of Malaria Philatelists International, which are to operate under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer are involved in providing member oversight and assistance to that office's duties.

Membership Committee

Membership promotion is the primary activity of the membership committee. In addition this committee will be working to establish and operate an incentive program for present members to ensure continuation of active membership and solicitation of new members. A philatelic code of ethics is to be developed -- or an existing one proposed for adoption -- by this committee. When requested by the Board of Directors, this group will also review and recommend action on any proposals for expulsion.

The chairman of this committee is already preparing the first MPI membership directory based on information from the membership applications. Any member wishing to be listed without address should contact the chairman. Also, to assist all members in promotion of MPI membership, a membership information folder has been developed. A copy is enclosed with this issue. Additional copies are available upon request from the editor. They can be used at any philatelic meeting where a member will be in contact with other prospective members.

Please contact the chairman if you can serve and provide assistance:

Chairman

Charles A. Abbott

The Friendship Manor, #912

1320 East 500 South

Salt Lake City, UT 94102

Finance Committee

The fourth standing committee has the responsibility of performing an annual review of the financial records of MPI -- both to audit their accuracy and also to establish any recommendation to the Board of Directors on a needed revision to the membership dues.

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## SEC-TREAS REPORT (continued from page 8)

The other major responsibility of the Finance Committee is to recommend, for Board approval and action, any disposition to be made of MPI's sustaining funds. The following members are asked to serve on this committee:

Chairman

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Chicago, IL 60613

S. M. Bluefarb, M.D.

55 East Washington Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60602

John W. Moohr

10821 Central Park Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60655

## A P S BOARD ACTION STILL PENDING ON M P I AFFILIATION

Formal application for Malaria Philatelists International to affiliate with the American Philatelic Society was made upon completion of the election of the charter officers for MPI. The application requires action by the APS Board of Directors and as of publication date was still pending. Full information on APS affiliation and membership benefits will be published in the issue following notification of acceptance.

Similar information is also pending from the Council of Philatelic Organizations. MPI has applied for regular membership in CPO as outlined in the organization's bylaws to express MPI's interest in promoting the hobby of stamp collecting.

## MALARIA PHILATELISTS ATTEND TOPEX '81: PUBLICATION HONORED

Several members of MPI and guests meet briefly in Chicago, June 27, 1982, at ATA's annual convention and all-topical exhibition - TOPEX '81. Following the meeting a quick check of the many dealers present found malaria-interest items scarce but not non-existent. John Moohr, Chicago, picked up a number of English slogan cancel entires for locations not listed in the ATA medical handbook. *Remember, we told you in an earlier issue that over 300 dies were issued.*

In the first topical literature exhibit ever held at an ATA convention, Miasma Philatelist (the founding year) was entered and received a silver-bronze award. If the competition is continued, the MPI journal issues for the charter year will be entered next year -- with hopes for even higher honors.

## CUBA ISSUE HONORS THE CENTENARY OF THE THEORY ON THE BIOLOGICAL VECTORS

August 14, 1981, the Postal Administration of the Cuban Ministry of Communications released a 13-cent postage stamp with a related special first day slogan cancel commemorating the centennial of the "Theory on the Biological Vectors."

Pre-release promotional material cites as "...the greatest fact in the scientific history of Cuba..." the formulation made, in 1881, by Carlos J. Finlay, concerning the then new theory of contagion -- conceived and developed through over 20 years of experimental work.

"This year is commemorated the centenary of that extraordinary discovery, first announced by its authors as a generic hypothesis and, afterwards, applied to the practical solution of the tropical countries and its neighbours up to the begining of this century."

Although applied to the discovery of the yellow fever transmitting agent and development of suitable methods for its control -- the basic theory also found application in many other tropical diseases, including malaria.

The issue, designed by J.A. Medina, was produced by off-set on chalky paper with over 800,000 copies.

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## MALARIA AND QUININE ON POSTAGE STAMPS: SOMEWHAT OF A CHRONOLOGY

by Frank H. Babers (with updates by Babers and J. Dellinger)

(continued from issue #6) Published with permission of the author and Bio-Philately, official journal of the Biology Unit of the American Topical Association, where this article first appeared. This update, in most cases, limits the chronology to malaria-related personalities and events honored philatelically. Philatelic events themselves are not included [e.g. 1939 - Mexico issues RA14; 1962 - many nations release W.H.O. campaign issues].

Pope Urban VII (1568-1644 - Vatican City 166, 194) became Pope in 1623. At the conclave at which he was elected, 8 cardinals and 30 attendants died of malaria. To avoid the disease he immediately following the election moved to the Quirinal, the papal summer home.

Lake Huacachia (Peru 333, 335) was, according to legend as reported by Kler (19), the site of a "miraculous" cure in the late 16th-early 17th century. A Spanish soldier had been left on its shore to die of malaria. He drank some of the water and recovered. It seems that the water was bitter from the bark of a dead tree in the water -- undoubtedly a species of cinchona.

Quinine is the name given to the alkaloid which is the active anti-malaria chemical in several species of the cinchona tree (Columbia 555, 567, 610 - France 1268 - Peru 3-15, 22-28, 33-36, 39-41, 67-72, 81-84, 88-103, 106-108, 110-112, 114, 117A, 120-127, C147 - Poland 1089 - Rio Muni 10, 30 - Rwanda 304, 367-372). Until about the start of World War II, quinine was the only known material effective against malaria. Its efficacy was discovered by Europeans about 1633. The source material, known as "Jesuit Bark", was introduced into Europe about 1649. Because of the wide variance in quinine content of the bark, there were widely differing results from its use. This, together with the arbitrary rejection of quinine by Protestant doctors because it was "sponsored" by the Catholic Church, caused a delay in its wide adoption.

During this time, dogwood (Canada 399, 423 - Japan 1116 - USA 874) was used as a febrifuge for recurring malaria fever; holly (Bahama 341 - Liechtenstein 333 - Spain 1750 - USA 1254) continued to be used in folk medicine as a cure for malaria; and black pepper (Madagascar 313 - Sarawak 190) was also used - into the 19th century - as a treatment for malaria.

Pope Alexander VII (1599-1667 - Vatican City 167) became Pope in 1655. He followed Innocent V who was Pope when "Jesuit Bark" was brought over from Peru by the delegate to the conclave called to elect a new head of the Jesuit Order. Innocent sponsored the bark on the recommendation of Cardinal Juan de Lugo, a Jesuit teacher of philosophy and a member of the papal staff. At the conclave at which Alexander was elected Pope, because of the use of the bark, for the first time in papal history, there was no problems from malaria.

Charles II (1630-1685 - Barbuda Mk 68 - Jamaica 130) became King of England in 1660, two years after the death of Oliver Cromwell from malaria. Charles had an attack of malaria and, over the strong objections of the court doctors, called in Charles Talbor, an apothecary apprentice who claimed to have a cure of the disease. To the consternation of the objecting physicians, the remedy worked.

Charles then recommended Talbor to Louis XIV of France (1638-1715 - France B184, 1037, 1288 - Spain 904 - Yemen Mk 724c) whose son, the Dauphin, was suffering from malaria. Talbor (sometimes called Talbot) went to France and, again, the cure worked. Louis was able to purchase the cure secret from Talbor but only on the condition that it not be released until after Talbor's death. Talbor returned to England where he was knighted by Charles. His fame increases with each success.



## MALARIA/QUININE CHRONOLOGY (continued from page 10)

Talbot dies in 1682 and his secret became known: it was "Jesuit Bark" in wine. He had used several kinds of wine to increase the mystery. But no longer could the doctors of Europe ignore the remedy. In spite of their disgust, it became the standard remedy; and bleeding and purging were abandoned after many years of use.

Marie de Rabutin-Chantal, Marquise de Sevigne, (1626-1696 - France 642) a French writer whose correspondence with her daughter mirrored court gossip of the time, wrote frequently of the plague and took up for Talbot and his secret remedy.

Louis de Rouvroy, Duc de Saint-Simeon, (1675-1755 - France 740 - Monaco 968) was a French author who also gave many accounts of the plague.

William III (1650-1702 - Barbuda Mk 70) was King of England from 1689-1702. He suffered frequent attacks of malaria.

Carl von Linne (1707-1778 - Bulgaria 998 - DDR 389 - Romania 1217 - Russia 1955 - Sweden 294, 296, 298, 1242-47a) had some notion that malaria was water-born, and also of the parasitic nature of the disease. He made the first classification of Cinchona Bogotensis from specimens sent him by Mutis q.v. in 1738.



Pope Pius VI (1717-1799 - Vatican City 168, 245, 327, 329) was Pope 1775-1799. His best known work was draining the Pontine Marshes in an effort to reclaim them from the mosquitoes. While he drained the marshes, it did not solve the malaria problem.

Josiah Bartlett (1729-1795 - Columbia 846 - Nicaragua 987 - Pakistan 409 - USA 120, 120a-120c, 130, 1961-64 - Uruguay 943 - Togo Mk 1261 - Tonga C198) introduced Peruvian Bark into the United States in 1754.

Jose Celestino Mutis (1729-1808 - Columbia 555, 567, 610) was considered by Humbolt as the greatest American naturalist of his day. Mutis had come to the New World in 1760 and became a tireless worker. His favorite study became quinine, the various species of cinchona, their distribution and curative properties. He worked almost alone until 1791 when his publication "El Arcano de la Quina" came to the attention of the King of Spain and Mutis was finally given an adequate staff. He sent samples of the plant to Linne who classified it as Cinchona Bogotensis. Among the staff members furnished Mutis was Jose de Caldas (1771-1816 - Columbia 335, 473). In 1901, Caldas made a diagram of the distribution of the various varieties of cinchona trees.

In 1808 there was a general insurrection against the Spanish government and all members of the Mutis Institute joined in. In 1816, all were promised amnesty but after surrendering, Caldas and many others were arrested, tried and sentenced to death. Caldas requested a delay in execution to permit him to finish with the work of the Institute. Caldas' request was denied and he was executed 29 October 1816. Mutis' collection of over 20,000 specimens were crated and sent to Madrid; so far as is known, they are still largely in their original state. (Caldas is honored as a political martyr, not as a scientist, by the Columbia philatelic issues.)

Samuel Christain Friedrich Hahneman (1755-1843 - Brazil 810 - Germany 8346 - India 767) was the originator of the Homeopathic concept of medicine, developed many of his theories as a result of his experiments with quinine and its mode of action.

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## W.H.O.'S FIVE-YEAR CHECKUP CITES MALARIA UPSURGE

thanks to K. Lekisch for the following information presented in a recent issue of American Scientist....

The rapid advances of recent years in both biomedical knowledge and medical technology have not been paralleled by improvement in world health. There is a gap -- perhaps a growing one -- between medical capabilities on the one hand and the prevention and cure of disease on the other. Everywhere poverty continues to be at the root of the most pressing health problems. Traditional approaches to improving medical care, emphasizing the application in hospitals of technology to cure acute diseases of selected patients, cannot deal with the massive health problems of the poor countries and is becoming too expensive for rich ones. These are among the conclusions of the World Health Organization's Sixth Report on the World Health Situation, which covers the years from 1973 to 1978.

Apart from one small success -- the eradication of smallpox -- there has been "little or no progress" in reducing the prevalence of diseases that most severely afflict the underdeveloped countries, which have three-fourths of the world's population.

One of the most striking developments of the five year period was a serious resurgence of malaria, particularly in Southeast Asia. The number of reported cases more than doubled as many countries reduced their antimalaria activities after a partially successful earlier drive to eradicate the disease. In tropical Africa, it is estimated, at least a million children under 14 die of the disease every year.

The transmission of malaria can be interrupted only by the elimination of the malaria parasite's Anopheles mosquito vectors; the ubiquity of the mosquitoes in many parts of the world, the cost of insecticides and the increasing resistance of the mosquitoes to them combine to make the elimination extremely difficult.

Other approaches include the widespread use of antimalaria drugs; again cost is a problem, along with the malaria parasite's increasing resistance to some drugs. As for a vaccine, according to the WHO report, it may take as much as 10 more years to develop.

RESEARCH FINDS THAT '62 HERM ISSUES WERE VALID - THO NOT "OFFICIAL" PER W.H.O.

Since the World Health Organization recognized as official participants in the 1961 philatelic 'World United Against Malaria' campaign only issues from UPU member nations released in that year (1962), the Channel Island carriage labels issued for Herm do not appear on the W.H.O. list. But, the issues are valid British locals which served a true postal need.

From 1925 to 1938 there was a British sub-post station on Herm operated under the control of the postmaster of Guernsey. This facility was closed in 1938 due to the lack of income to offset expenses. Following occupation by Germany, release and the re-establishment of British postal services with the close of WW II, the island was leased by A.G. Jefferies.

A formal request for reopening of the Herm office -- or, at a minimum, the periodic collection and delivery of mail to the island -- was made and denied on the basis of cost. Following this action, local carriage labels were issued to defray the costs of mail taken by boat to Guernsey for entry into normal international mail channels.

This practice continued up to 1969 -- covering the 1962 anti-malaria issues -- and although a large portion of the sales of these labels were made to collectors, they are found used to serve their given purpose of transporting mail from Herm to Guernsey. The private service was discontinued in 1969 with the establishment of a sub-post office on Herm as part of the take over of the Channel Island postal services from the British Post Office by Jersey and Guernsey.



## XCHANGES / \$ALES AVAILABLE

Exchange and sale offers are listed free for members of Malaria Philatelists International; at \$1 per 40 character line for non-members. For exchanges, please include corresponding want list items, name and address (no confidential exchange listings.) For direct sales, include name and address. For confidential sales, send item(s) for listing under assigned number. A 10% handling fee will be deducted from all confidential sales. Payment or return will be made by 30 days after publication, unless continued listing is requested/paid for. Sales items may be listed with firm prices or at best offer (BO) above a listed minimum.

Libya - Malaria Souvenir Sheets (Scott #219 a, b; Minkus #147-8) for sale or exchange. contact: Dr. S. Carol, P.O. Box 414, Holbrook, NY 11741

#10 SASE and price listed for the following from: Mike Birrer, P.O. Box 486, Harlowton, MT 59036

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| 1) Albania 609-12 . . . . . \$1.00   | 4) Ethiopia 383-5 FDC . . . . . \$ .75 |
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Send groups of FDC's on approval. I am looking for various cachets and cancels. Will reimburse your postage. R. A. Ward, 15404 Carrollton Rd., Rockville, MD 20853

Sale-#15 (see illustrations)

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| Congo, 1962 FDC . . . . . \$2.50     | Nigeria, 1962 FDC . . . . . \$2.00          |
| Mauritania, 1962 FDC . . . . . 10.00 | Guinea, 1962 SS FDC . . . . . 5.00          |
| Canal Zone, 1962 FDC . . . . . 1.25  | Three(3) Costa Rica commercial covers 7.00  |
| SOJEX '62 cover and flyer . . . 2.50 | Indonesia, 1962 commercial cover . . . 1.75 |
|                                      | Indonesia, 1960 commercial cover . . . 3.50 |

Sale #11 (see illustrations)

Postal History - Brazil/New York pharmaceutical cover - "AMAZONIA" treatment for everthing including malaria. . . . . \$12.00

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY / INDEX BEING PREPARED: LISTING INFORMATION REQUESTED

Information from the membership applications is currently being used to perpare the first MPI membership directory. Any members wishing to be listed without address information should contact the membership chairman -- Charles A. Abbott, The Friendship Manor #912, 1320 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84102.

## MALARIA AND ANTIMALARIAL THERAPY ARTICLE APPEARS IN JULY "CONTINUING EDUCATION"

Billiamin A. Allii, MPH, M.D., PhD, malariologist and international consultant on preventive medicine and tropical diseases, and resident in pediatrics at St. John's Hospital, 2210 Moross Rd., Detroit, MI 48236, presents a brief but comprehensive overview of the habitat, epidemiology, treatment and other aspects of the disease in nine informative pages.

Tables and charts assist in the presentation covering the life cycle of the malaria parasite; conditions that mimic malaria; clinical signs and symptoms; malaria types and treatment; mosquito control measures; antimalarial drugs and indications plus full-color reproduction of 1000x blood smears with various plasmodia present.

again, thanks to K. Lekisch for providing a copy of this informative article.





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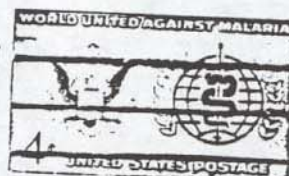
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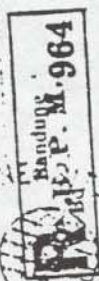


George Airth

113 Maple St.,

Ramsey, N. J.

to remember vaudeville theme on the New York is the "Jersey Mosquito" - excellent comedy subject. in some of the State happened to be caught of the wild ex-ville were to return subject would have to be found, for while the mosquito is not gone, it certainly is being brought under control.



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PMCC membership itself is also open to all collectors with interests in the wide range of collectable that come under the umbrella of "postal markings." The collecting preferences of PMCC include -- naturally -- town, branch and station postmarks: collected frequently by state or region, but also collected by topic. Any obvious malaria-related town names?? Ross!

But more than just postmarks are enjoyed by PMCC members -- and offered/available for expanding a collection. Other specialty areas that are rich mines for malaria exploration include: precancels, local posts, commercial meter cancels, pictorial and slogan cancels, and the potential for topical PMCC members interested in the broader classification of medicine/physicians.

Applications for PMCC membership can be requested from PMCC Secretary, Bernice White, 3487 Firstenberger Rd., Marion, OH 43302.

### RUMOR OR FACT

## QUESTIONS ON THE MALARIA TOPIC IN NEED OF ANSWERS

- #5. Still open. Why two overprints for Chile '62 in Minkus??
- #6. Still open. Any revenues for malaria funds, related drugs -- worldwide??
- #9. Still open. Photocopies/listing Guinea '62 issues with inverted overprint??
- #11. Part still open. Checklists on fowls (ducks?), oil, chemicals, etc. (not fish) used in malaria control/abatement appearing on philatelic items??
- #13. Still open. Checklist of first day cities for India, Scott #356???
- #15. Still open. Background, catalog information on Sept. 18, 1962, Naples, Italy, exhibition "sheet/label" for Europa with WHO antimalaria campaign overprint and cancel??
- #16. Still open. Does Clara Louise Maass qualify as malaria personality??
- #17. Still open. Photocopies/duplicates available of Czul's Penny Post local issues??
- #18. From last issue's want-list, any detail information on the "made for collector" varieties of the Saudi Arabia anti-malaria issues?? Complete listing and/or photocopies available??

## THREE DESIGNS PROPOSED TO DATE FOR MPI EMBLEM: MORE IDEAS REQUESTED

Two of the three design proposals for MPI's emblem/symbol are based upon the 1962 WHO anti-malaria campaign logo. The third proposal is that used on the masthead of the last issue of this publication -- the organization's name in circle around a stylized mosquito.

The two variations of the WHO campaign emblem are 1) to circle the globe with the organization's name, or 2) to circle the mosquito below the globe with the name of the group, leaving the stylized wreath around the globe.

Members are urged to consider these proposals and, if the talent and idea merge, send other proposals for evaluation -- the entire membership will vote on the final selection. The selected design will be used on the organization's publications and stationery, etc. When we get a winner, does anyone have the artistic talent and equipment -- or ability to authorize (for free or cost) an artist's rendering??? Need reproduction copies. HELP!



# MALARIA/QUININE CHRONOLOGY (continued from page 11)

George Gordon, 6th Lord Byron, (1788-1824 - Greece 816, 817, 1107, 1108 - Italy 771) was one of the most famous of British poets. He died of malaria in Greece in 1824 while helping the Greeks in their revolt against Turkish rule.

Pierre-Joseph Pelletier (1788-1827) and Joseph Brenaime Caventou (1795-1878) (both on France 1268 - Rwanda 367-72) isolated quinine from the bark of cinchona, making it possible to administer constant and correct dosages of the drug.

Henry W. Longfellow (1807-1882 - USA 864) in "Evangeline" refers to malaria as cured by wearing a spider hung around ones neck in a nutshell.

Jose Jeronimo Trianna (1826-1890 - Columbia 555, 567, 610, 615) became a physician but was more interested in plants native to Columbia. He studied more than 6,000 species. There was much emphasis on quinine. He was in France when the Franco-Prussian War broke out and lost all his specimens. Much of his work therefore was never published.



Pierre Fidele Bretonneau (1778-1862 - France 1022), as a physician, advocated giving massive doses of quinine after a paroxysm of malaria.

The Suez Canal (Egypt - 386, 393, 703, 812) was constructed 1859-1869 under the supervision of Ferdinand de Lesseps (1805-1894 - Panama 401-3, C60) at the cost of over 120,000 lives due to malaria.

Louis Daniel Beauperthuy (1803-1871 - Venezuela 994), a French physician living in the West Indies, is considered by Boyce (23) as the father of the doctrine of insect carried diseases. In 1854, Beauperthuy formulated a well thought out theory that yellow fever and malaria occurred following the bite of a mosquito.

Francois Clemete Maillot (1804-1894 - Algeria 251) was a French army officer who served as a health officer in Algeria. In the middle of the 19th century he directed a vigorous campaign against malaria, using quinine in massive doses. His procedure was adopted by the United States army doctors. During the same time, Aguste Nicolas Eugene Millon (1812-1967 - Algeria 250) made a pharmacological study of malaria therapy while stationed with the French army in Algeria. Millon is more widely known as a chemist but he was also a physician.

Wilhelm Griesinger (1817-1868 - DDR 524), a German physician, published a number of monographs on typhus, malaria, relapsing fever and hookworm between 1875 and 1865.

(to be continued in the next issue . . . )

## TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS "PROCEEDINGS" AVAILABLE

Amante Cruz, M.D., Chairman of the publications committee for the 10th International Congress on Tropical Medicine & Malaria announced in September that a two volume set of approximately 1000 pages is available. Orders, at \$250 U.S. (including postage) can be sent to Felipe E. Buencamino, General Manager, PB Printing Press, 88 Araneta Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines.

## REPORT ON THE TREASURY AT END OF THIRD QUARTER MADE

MPI's balance sheet indicates \$194.61 as of 9/30/81. There is \$11.56 in petty cash and stamps plus a bank balance of \$183.05. The prior balance was \$202.77 with income for the period of \$216.07. This included dues from 12 new members, \$60.02 in sales and \$10.50 in reproduction orders. Expenditures during this period covered: \$68.83 for distribution of issue #6, \$55.25 in sale purchases and refunds, \$11.46 for membership promotion/publicity release mailings and \$13 for supplies. Additional expenditures involved \$8.48 for reimbursement to authors for copies of material and \$10 chapter dues to SPA.