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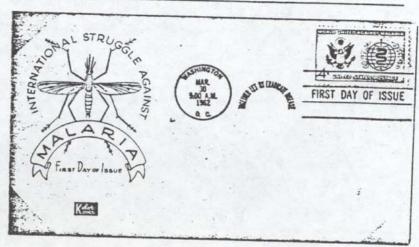
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# WIDE VARIETY OF US COVERS AVAILABLE FOR '62 ISSUE

Much thanks to R. Ward, MPI president, for sharing the following with MP readers.

A wide variety of cachets have been used for the US antimalaria issue which was part of the 1962 World Health Organization's "World United Against Malaria" philatelic program.

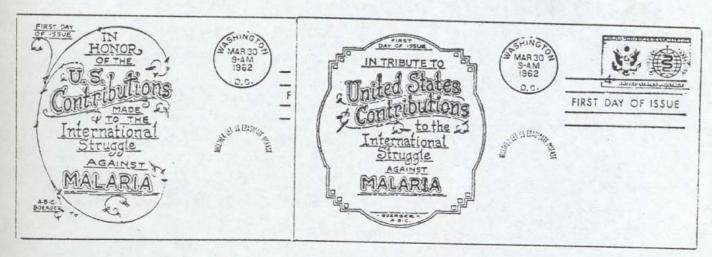
Of course, the commonest ones are from the larger cachet issuers such as ArtCraft, Artmaster, The Aristocrats and Fleetwood. Following these are Glory, Cachet Craft, Fluegel and HF. Fairly difficult to locate is the C. Stephen Anderson cachet. But, the tough ones appear



KOLOR KOVER cachet - Blue on manila envelope.

Notice that the Washington, D.C. machine cancel has the slogan "Together Let Us Eradicate Disease" to the right of the city. The second device, with the slogan below the city, is shown on the Boerger A-B-C cachets illustrated below.

to be those from Von Ohlen, Kolor Kover and Boerger A-B-C. This writer is aware of at least two unattributed covers -- US emblem with WHO emblem and a crude Anopheles. Also, The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene provided first day service on the organization's stationery to all members (1,258). General cachets used in many countries were not included in this survey. Any additions, please notify the editor.



"U.S. Contributions against Malaria" in blue, rest of cachet is orange.

(more illustrations pages 4-7)

Second Boerger A-B-C cachet, frame and "first day of issue" and "Boerger A-B-C" purple, rest of cachet is black.

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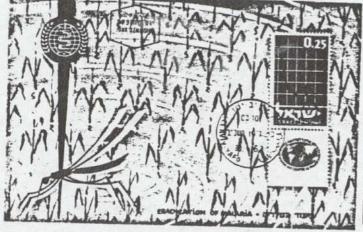
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# MEMBERS UNCOVER TWO ISRAEL MAXI-CARDS; US FIRST DAY POSTCARD FOUND

Both J. Moohr and R. Ward reported the Israel maxi-card offered in the last issue was an additional "finding". Several readers reported on the MISCHA postcard.



Second Israel card also has "first day" cancel and imprint.

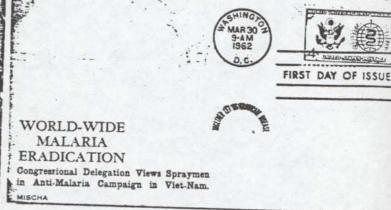


Photo on US card in light blue, inscription in black.

# M P I MEMBER WINS GOLD WITH "MALARIA" EXHIBITION AT COMPEX

At COMPEX in Chicago over the Memorial Day weekend, MPI member John Moohr exhibited a 160 page selection from his malaria collection and was awarded a gold. John reported that the competition was strong and that he credits his win to constructing and entering his exhibit as a "philatelic" not "topical" one.

### LET'S LOOK AT MALARIA AND THE BLOOD BANK

Once again, thanks to member R. Bindie for the following thoughtprovoking article. There are no doubt many other philatelic items that could be used to illustrate this interesting sub-topic.

Malaria presents special problems for Blood Bank physicians and technicians, for blood donors and for the patient receiving the blood transfusion. The malaria protozoa along with the Spirochete of syphilis and the virus of hebatitis is one of the most common infectious agents transmitted from person to person by blood transfusion. In addition, there are problems related to donor recruitment and there is an interesting association between the Duffy blood group system and malaria.

In the past, all people who had malaria were permanently disqualified as blood donors. However, in 1973, this requirement was relaxed by both the American Red Cross and the American Association of Blood Banks.

The American Association of Blood Banks is a non-profit scientific and administrative association of individuals and institutions engaged in the many facets of blood banking. The association offers a voluntary inspection and accreditation program and publishes performance standards and guidelines to insure the safety and efficiency of blood donation and transfusions. STANDARDS FOR BLOOD BANKS AND TRANSFUSION SERVICES is presently in its 10th edition (1981) .

According to the current 10th edition of the Standards, travelers who have been in areas considered to be endemic for malaria by the Center for Disease Control of the United States Department of Health and Human Services may be accepted as regular blood donors six months after return provided they had been free of symptoms and had not taken antimalarial drugs. Prospective donors who have had malaria are deferred for three years, either after becoming asymptomatic, or after cessation of therapy. Donors who have taken antimalarial prophylaxis are deferred for three years after cessation of therapy or after departure from the area if they had been asymptomatic in the interim. Immigrants and visitors from endemic areas are accepted as blood donors three years after departure from the area if they had been asymptomatic. Exceptions to the policy are people who are proven carriers of malaria and those patients who are known to have quartan malaria (Plasmodium malariae); such persons are permanently excluded as blood donors.

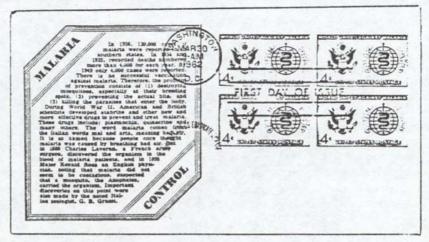
Problems with blood donors and patient recipients of blood transfusions depend somewhat on the location and prevalence of malaria in the population. 'In certain areas of the world, there is a high prevalence of malaria in the population; and most people have been exposed to or had malaria. Blood donors with a history of malaria must be used to avoid rejection of the majority of blood donors, creating a blood shortage. In such cases, antimalarial drugs can be used to treat the donor prior to donation and the recipient patient after receiving the blood transfusion. This method has proved affective in preventing transfusion associated malaria. Also in countries where malaria is endemic, the adult population develops immunity to malaria and the transmission of malaria through transfusion is not a serious hazard because the recipient patient will be equally immune to malaria. However, in such countries, according to Dr. Aba S. David West, care must be taken when blood is being transfused into non-immune persons, immunodeficient persons, or small children who have not yet developed full immunity to malaria. Meonates and infants are protected because passive immunity transfers from their mothers.

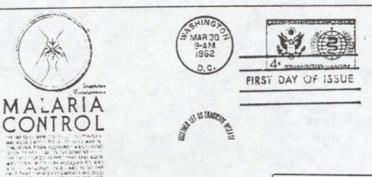
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Von Ohlen Cachet, scarce dark blue printing against a light blue background.

Block of four variety, plate number and other varieties exist for almost all cachets.





C. Stephen Anderson Cachet printed in bright blue.

ArtCraft Cachet - black. Serviced in Washington (first day city) with US and also US/UN issues. Combocover with only one cancel.





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American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygene corner card - black.



INTERPEX "unofficial" first day cover thanks to someone's quick trip from Washington. Issued by Civil War Philatelic Society - Blue cachet, green "first day of issue" handstamp.

Fleetwood Cachet - black.

Cachet Craft Cachet - rose-pink background with legends and illustrations in black.







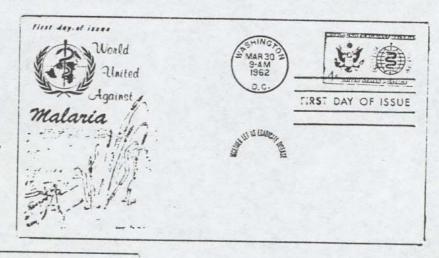
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Glory Cachet hand colored with WHO emblem and legends in black.

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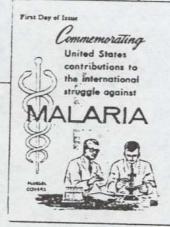




Fluegel Cachet - multicover. Considered scarce by some, but judged in maderate range by author.



INTERPEX special WHO campaign "unofficial" first day cover.





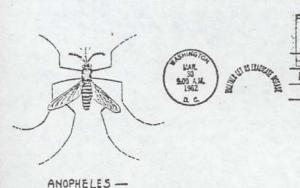


HF Cachet in brown.

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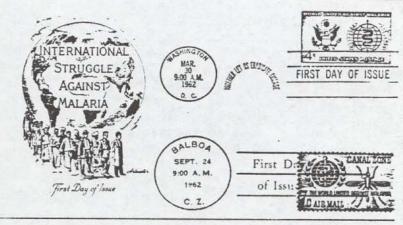




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Artmaster Cachet - black, with combination first day cancels for U.S.A. and Canal Zone.





Aristocrats Cachet - black.

MALARIA AND THE BLOOD BANK (continued from page 3)

The problem of transfusion associated malaria is world wide. Physicians in non-malarious areas must constantly be aware of transmitting malaria by blood transfusion. The problem is especially common today because of the ease of world travel. The Center for Disease Control reported in its Malaria Surveillance Annual Summary for 1980 that was issued in January 1982 by the United States Department of Health and Human Services at the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia, there were five transfusion related cases of malaria in the United States in 1980. The species involved were Plasmodium falciparum, Plasmodium vivax, and Plasmosium malariae. In the United States, donors with a previous history of malaria or a recent exposure due to travel in a malaria endemic area can be safely rejected without creating any special problem or donor shortage because the majority of blood donors in America have no history of malaria.

Malaria is readily transmitted by blood transfusion since the malaria parasite resides within the donor's red blood cells. Transmission of malaria as long as 19 years after the donor's last clinical attack has been recorded.

There is no practical routine laboratory method to detect Plasmodia in the donor's blood. Examination of blood smears is not practical and will only detect heavily infected donors. The diagnosis of transfusion related malaria should be considered in patients who develop spiking fever after receiving a transfusion containing red blood cells or even blood platelet concentrates or blood plasma because these components may contain a few red blood cells.

Transfusion induced malaria is a particularly dangerous complication in patients who already are sick and injured. It is often unexpected and remains undiagnosed for a period of time.

The incubation period following the transfusion varies widely and is reported to range from 6 to 106 days. Following a case of transfusion induced malaria, the implicated donor should be identified. This is usually possibly be testing for malaria antibodies in the donor's blood. Most implicated blood donors give no history of having had malaria and the majority of implicated donors have been accepted for donation shorter than the recommended time for blood donors following exposure.

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An obvious association between malaria and the Blood Bank is that a severe anemia can be produced by the malaria infection requiring blood transfusion in addition to antimalaria therapy.

There is an interesting relationship between malaria and the Duffy blood group that demonstrates what influence an infectious disease could have on a population through natural selection favoring a certain blood type. This relationship is concerned with the Duffy blood group and susceptibility to benign tertian or vivax malaria.

There are numerous blood gorup systems including the well-known major ABO and Rh systems. Blood groups consist of antigens (substances capable of inducing an antibody response) and are usually located on or in the red blood cell membrane. The Duffy blood group consists of two major antigens designated  $Fy^a$  and  $Fy^b$ . The system is named after a hemophiliac patient, Mr. Duffy, who formed anti- $Fy^a$  antibodies following numerous blood transfusions because he lacked the  $Fy^a$  antigen.



Dr. Karl Landsteiner -Discoverer of the ABO blood groups, Austria 1968 (Scott 813)

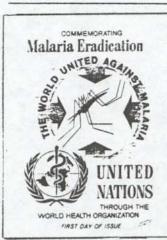


Salute to Blood Donors, United States 1971 (Scott 1425)

The red blood cells or erythrocytes of the majority of Africans and American Negroes are Duffy blood group negative, that is they lack the Duffy blood group determinants  $Fy^a$  and  $Fy^b$ . This particular genetype, negative for Duffy blood designated  $Fy^{a-b-}$  group, is extremely rare in other racial groups.

It has been known for many years that a high percentage of Africans and American Negroes are completely resistant to mosquito induced or blood transfusion induced infections by Plasmodium vivax.

It has been demonstrated on numerous occasions that the red blood cells of Duffy negative persons are completely resistant to malaria infection by Plasmodium vivax. Therefore, people with this particular type of blood group, negative for Duffy factors, have a natural selective advantage in an area that is endemic for malaria. According to Drs. L. W. Miller, et al. although Plasmodium vivax infection is rarely fatal, it may decrease survival in African children who are malnourished and suffer endemic diseases. Also, they state that as the frequency of Duffy negative gene increases in the population, the susceptible persons decrease below a critical number, and Plasmodium vivax may disappear from the region. It has also been suggested by these investigators that the Duffy negative phenotype may reduce the reproductive potential of Plasmodium falciparum and lower the mortality associated with this malignant form of malaria. (continued on page 14)





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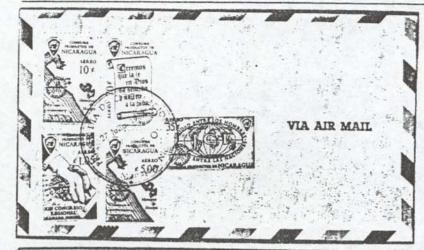
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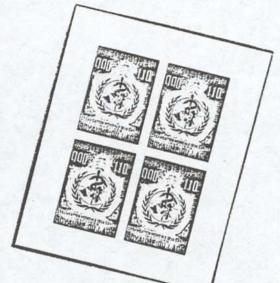
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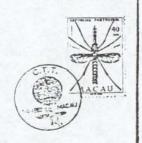


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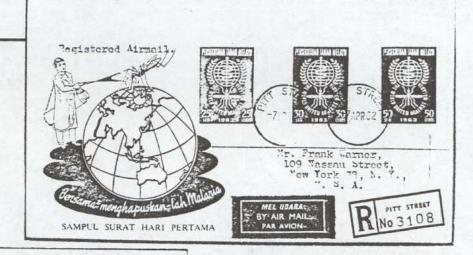


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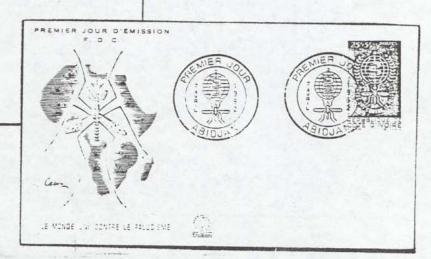












MALARIA AND THE BLOOD BANK (continued from page 9)

The mechanism whereby the red cells lacking the Duffy blood groups are resistant to malaria could be related to parasite receptors on the surface of the red blood cells. It has been demonstrated that removal of the Duffy blood groups from the red cell surface blocks invasion of the red cells by experimentally induced Plasmodium knowlesi, a simian parasite that can also infect man.

Miller and his co-workers have shown that infection of red blood cells with malaria parasites are dependent on a specific membrane factor either dictated by or genetically associated with the Duffy blood group. The malaria parasite must enter the red blood cell of the host before it is able to undergo multiplication. Miller and his co-workers also intimated that the requirement of Plasmodium vivax for a specific membrane factor or receptor site raises the possibility of a new therapeutic approach and prevention of malaria, by removal of the Duffy blood group determinant from the red blood cells using proteolytic degestion or by receptor blockade with specific antiserum. This fascinating association between malaria and the Duffy blood group system has opened a new frontier in infectious disease research concerning intracellular parasitism and genetically determined specific receptors that are necessary for the parasitic invasion.

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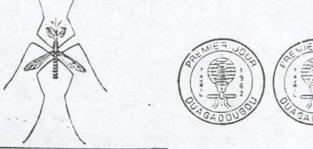


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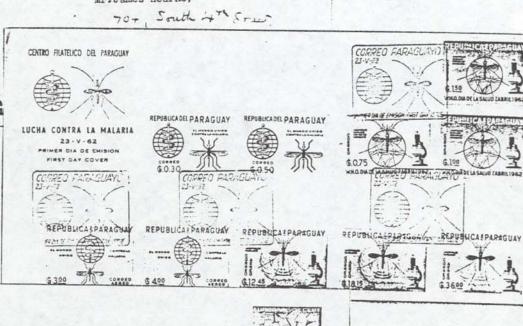
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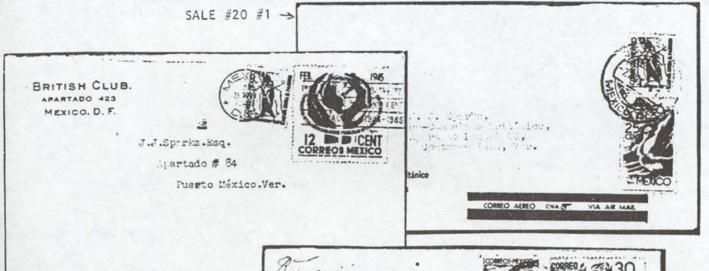




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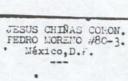
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# MIDWEST MEMBERS TO HOST DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, December 8, 1982, John Moohr and Jim Dellinger will host a dinner meeting for MPI members and guests who are from the Chicago area (or are in town that week).

Please contact John, 10821 Central Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60655, before November 20 if you wish to attend and/or for full details. The meal charge will be \$5 or less if at least 10 MPI members/guests participate in this informal regional gettogether. PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND WRITE JOHN TODAY!

#### RUMOR OR FACT

## QUESTIONS ON THE MALARIA TOPIC IN NEED OF ANSWERS

#6 Still open. Revenues for malaria fund, related drugs?? First response that seem to qualify is the Brazil Sanitation Department Revenue illustrated below -- with thanks to J. Moohr.



Dr. Oswaldo Cruz on Sanitation Department Revenue

- #11 Part still open. Checklist(s) for biological, chemical (other than fish) mosquito control/abatement.
- #13 Still open. First day cities for India, Scott #365. Reported to date are Simla, Bombay, Calcutta, New Delhi -- more??
- #15 Still open. Background, catalog info. on Sept. 18, 1962 Naples, exhibition "sheet/label" for Europa with WHO antimalaria overprint and cancel.
- #18 Still open. Background, history on Mexico RAs. Following notes from S. Frommer cover the "how to identify" question. 14, 16 and 19 can be separated on the basis of watermarks -- no. 156, 272 and 279 respectively. Although number 156 is supposed to read "correos Mexico" all illustrations show only "orreo" no. "c" or "s" and no "Mexico".
- #20 Does anyone have a checklist started/complete for cities using the '62 antimalaria slogan in Canada??

HAVE YOU PROMOTED MPI TO FELLOW COLLECTORS WITH INTEREST IN MALARIA OR RELATED TOPICS?? HAVE YOU GOT AN INTERESTING ITEM IN YOUR COLLECTION TO SHARE WITH MP READERS?? PARTICIPATING IN MPI IS WHAT MAKES IT FUN!