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CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

Due to increasing costs of producing POSTAL HIMAL and other factors, including a predicted increase in overseas postage rates from the USA, membership fees will increase as of 1 January 1983 to £4(\$7) for one year and £11(\$19) for 3 years.



OUR COVER illustration for this issue is of the 2 pice value of the 1907 Sri Pashupati stamps. Details on the definitive book, "The Sri Pashupati Issues of Nepal" by Colin Hepper can be found on page 39.

Dear Friends,

In my letter with the Second Quarter issue of POSTAL HIMAL, I referred to an enclosed copy of the "Philatelic Foundation Analysis Leaflet" for Tibet. Due to space limitations and other reasons, our publisher, Thomas Matthiesen, was unable to include that extra page. Upon reconsideration, we have determined that the most valuable portion of that two-page leaflet is the "Analysis of issues of Tibet" examined by the Foundation from 1945 to January 1980. That table is included in this issue. Those who may wish to have a complete copy of the leaflet may get one by sending a SASE to your editor, or by requestion one from The Philatelic Foundation, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. USA.

As I write these words, we are approaching the traditional American holiday called "Thanksgiving"---a day set aside throughout the nation for giving thanks for the blessings of life and, in particular, for the bountiful food supply in this great land. It is a time for family reunions and for a traditional feast featuring a native bird---the turkey. Exactly four weeks later we celebrate another day---Christmas---with special meaning to Christians throughout the world. How glad we are that, in our Study Circle, which counts members in many countries around the world, we can transcend our differences and enjoy friendship and mutual cooperation through a common interest in philately.

As we near the close of the year 1982 A.D., it is a pleasure to recognize and give thanks to the many members of our Study Circle who have written letters, sent news items, articles, questions, suggestions and constructive criticism---including the material not yet published---but all appreciated. We also thank Peter Fink for his aerogrammes, sent from a variety of interesting places in the world; to Cris Hallett for his sharing of mail auction experiences; to President Pierre Couvreur for his ideas and enthusiastic support; to our Society Representatives, Dhruba Rudra, Rajesh Kumar Lodha and Roger Skinner for news items of various kinds and for their efforts in enlisting new members for our group; to our well-known authors Prof. Armand E. Singer, Colin Hepper, Dr. Wolfgang C. Hellrigl, Mr. Frank Vignola and to others, not so well-known, who have supported our efforts to make POSTAL HIMAL the best possible publication for our readers. We are always looking for information of all sorts---information which may be of interest to some, if not to all of our readers. We make every effort to offer something for everyone as frequently as we can. Remember that our publication can only be as good as you help us make it.

We regret the necessity of increasing membership dues for next year, but increasing costs make it necessary and we point out that not one penny of your dues payments go for salaries for any of the people involved in either POSTAL HIMAL or the auction lists.---And, may 1983 be the best year ever for our organization and for each of its members.

The Fourth Quarter issue of POSTAL HIMAL should reach you within the first two months of 1983. Your editor hopes to catch up and publish the 1983 issues on time.

Lester A. Michel



NEWS FROM KATHMANDU

--from 'The Rising Nepal'

(We express our appreciation to Mr. Dhruba Rudra for clippings from this English language daily.--Ed.)

Editorial for 4 July 1982, on the subject: Postal Services:

The initiation the other day of the night mail service to Janakpur from Kathmandu and vice versa is a significant step towards greater postal efficiency. The service will enable all letters posted on the previous day in both cities to be delivered to their destinations the next day. In a country where postal deliveries in some cases took months and months, this is no doubt an almost revolutionary development which should be sustained and furthered. Indeed, the next day delivery is not confined to Janakpur but is now theoretically available for postal articles between Kathmandu on the one hand and the urban areas of Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi, Morang and Jhapa districts, Birgunj, Pokhara, Trisuli, Bahrabise, Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Butwal and Siddharthanagar on the other. Transport network permitting, the Postal Services Department can be expected to extend such services to other areas in Nepal also. That efficiency coupled with speed should be brought about in the postal services is in conformity with the expectation of the people, especially because of the rise some years ago of the postal charges without additional and visible improvements in the services rendered. For instance, the charges of the renting of post boxes in the General Post Office has been increased from forty-five rupees to sixty rupees to one hundred rupees per year at present. Obviously, the subscri-

bers of the post boxes will expect the postal authorities to provide services commensurate with the charges.

Postal services are among the most sacred and important anywhere in the world and Nepal is no exception. Prompt delivery of postal articles, especially letters, is one of the most important tasks of the authorities concerned. In this respect, the transit and delivery of postal articles can be compared to the modern air travel in that the actual time to reach the destination is relatively short but the airport formalities at both ends and the traffic hazards in both cities take up quite substantial time. However, in the case of postal articles, it is to be hoped that such unnecessary delays are avoided, and the mail delivered without any waste of time. There are said to be many formalities between the receipt by the post office of foreign mail and their delivery to the addresses. These formalities must be ended forthwith and our postal system come up to be compared to the best in the world. Even though there are limitations as to what can be achieved in the postal services within the ambition and limitation of the national resources, but anything that interferes with the normal delivery and transit of mail should be done away with as it would not only speed up the delivery but also the transit of postal articles.

ADDITIONAL POST OFFICE AT LIMITHANA Parbat, June 27:

An additional post office has been set up at Limithana village panchayat in Parbat District, reports RSS.

In Dhaulagiri Zone there are now four district post offices, fifteen sub-post offices, and sixty-two additional post offices. According to programme, one more post office will be opened in the zone this year.

Money order service has been introduced in the four districts: Mustang, Myagdi, Baglung and Parbat, while a postal savings bank has been introduced in Mustang district in order to make postal service more attractive.

Money order service will be introduced at Thak Tukeche this year as a part of a plan to promote financial transactions in remote areas.

According to the Zonal Postal Control Office, revenue collected by the post of-

fices in the zone in the first ten months of the current fiscal year has reached 326 thousand rupees. Revenue worth 332 thousand rupees was collected from the post offices of the zone last year.

MONEY ORDER SERVICES

Pokhara, July 16:

Money order services have been resumed in the sub-post offices of three districts of the Western Development Region recently, reports RSS.

Money order services are available at Arughat of Gorkha district, Thak Tukuche of Mustang district and Naudanda of Kaski district, according to the director of the regional post office.

At present money order services are being provided at twenty sub-post offices of the Western Development Region. Arrangements have been made to send money orders up to Rs. 1,000/- to different parts of Nepal and India.

ADDITIONAL POST OFFICES OPENED

Biratnagar, July 16:

One additional post office each has been opened in Bhojpur, Terathum and Sankhuwasabha districts, it is learned from the post control office of Kosi zone, reports RSS.

The additional post offices have been opened in Chaukidanda village panchayat of Bhojpur district, Thoklung village panchayat of Terhathum district and Madi Mulkharkha village panchayat of Sankhuwasabha district.

The total number of additional post offices has now reached twenty in Bhojpur district, seventeen in Sankhuwasabha district and twenty in Terhathum district, it is learned.

Apart from the additional post offices there are five sub-post offices in Bhojpur district, two in Terhathum district and four in Sankhuwasabha district.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the postal services department has started postal savings service in Bhojpur district also.

MONEY ORDER SERVICES

Kathmandu, July 18:

The Postal Service Department introduced money order services in twenty sub-post offices and savings bank services in ten district post offices in the kingdom in the fiscal year 1981/82, reports RSS.

By the end of that fiscal year, money order services have been introduced in 75 district post offices and 28 sub-post offices, while savings bank services have become available in 45 district post offices.

MONEY ORDER SERVICES INITIATED

Biratnagar, July 20:

Rangeli village panchayat pradhan pancha Satyanarayan Shaha initiated the money order services at the sub-post office of the village panchayat recently, reports RSS.

Rangeli sub-post office is the second sub-post office to provide money order services to the people of the Morang district.

NEW POSTAL LINES AT 12 PLACES

Kathmandu, July 25:

The postal services department has opened new postal lines at 12 different places in the kingdom, reports RSS.

The postal lines of Akhol-Karektahare and Chainpur-Tumlingtar have been set up in the Eastern Development Region, Sindhuli-Bahun-Tilpung and Bhaktapur-Lubhu in the Central Development Region and Khera-Chandrakot, sisaghat-Damauli and Dabang-Galkot in the Western Development Region.

Likewise, Liwang-Sirp, Dailekh-Kalikot and Pina-Mugu postal lines were set up in the Mid-western Development Region, and Humla, Kunnakoti (Bajura), Boktan-Madgaisan-Bajura and Bajhang-Doti Postal Lines in the Far Western Development Region.

With the new postal lines, the mails, which had to be carried through round about ways, could be transported directly and expeditiously, it is learned.

EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PHILATELY

LAUDED

Kathmandu, July 25:

Minister of State for Communications, Fateh Singh Tharu, said here Friday that the need of the hour for the units concerned with the Nepal Philatelic Society was to coordinate their efforts for publicity both in the country and outside, reports RSS.

Declaring open the annual convention of the Nepal Philatelic Society, he lauded the society's achievements, counselled it to formulate a plan concerning classification and distribution of postage stamps.

His Majesty's Government was consider-

ing the formation of an advisory committee for development of philately in Nepal, Mr. Tharu said.

Pointing out that HMG had taken concrete steps toward consolidating and expanding postal service in the country, he said that arrangements had been made for reaching mails from east to west of the country in one day.

Biratnagar, August 21:

There are now a total of 360 post offices in the Eastern Development Region of the country. Out of the total, 16 are district post offices, 20 sub-post offices and 84 additional post offices, according to the Regional Postal Directorate, as reported by RSS.

According to an official concerned, there are 6 district post offices, 20 sub-post offices and 84 additional post offices in the Sagarmatha district; 6 district post offices, 33 sub-post offices and 107 additional post offices in the Kosi Zone and 4 district post offices, 24 sub-post offices and 76 additional post offices in the Mechi Zone.

Apart from all the district post offices of the Eastern Development Region, the sub-post offices of BIRTHAMOD in Jhapa district, Rangeli in Morang district, Inaruwa in Sunsari district, Khadbari in Sankhuwasabha district, Lahan in Siraha district, Rumjatahar in Okhaldhunga district and Kanchanpur in Saptari district offer postal money order service.

Likewise, savings bank service is offered by the Jhapa and Panchtar district post offices in the Mechi zone; Saptaria and Siraha district post offices in Sagarmatha Zone and all the district post offices in the Kosi Zone.

Nuwakot, (RSS):

An additional post office has been established in local Beteni village panchayat ward No. 8, Golfu Bhangyang.

The newly established additional post office was declared open at a function recently by district panchayat member Krishna Bahadur Gurung. The function was held under the chairmanship of upa-pradhan pancha of Ratubesi village panchayat Som Bahadur Tamang.

At present there are 4 sub-post offices and 20 additional post offices in the district, it has been learned from the district post office.



FORMAL CHARGES FILED against former Study Circle member, John W. White (APS #062727) by three Study Circle members, for failure to settle his obligations to them, are now pending with the American Philatelic Society. He has failed to answer any letters for a period of at least three years in one instance, although he did respond to a telephone call this past summer, it has not resulted in any satisfactory action on his part. We wonder if other members of our group have had similar experiences with Mr. White. If so, please send particulars to me, or directly to the APS, if you prefer. We regret the necessity of such action, but all other avenues have been tried, without success.--Ed.



This orange-red seal illustrated on page 57 of POSTAL HIMAL #27-28 has brought forth the following comment from Mr. C. Tulsian: "The seal belongs to Deb Dharma Lama, i.e. Ruler of Bhutan. Bhutan has a dual ruling system, one to look after the spiritual and religious matters known as Dharma Raja. The other, Deb Raja, looks after the general administration and dealings with foreign powers."

EXHIBITION NEWS

N & T S C AWARD WON BY ALAN WARREN

The 1982 SESCAL exhibition held on 15-17 October was a successful one---especially for NTSC member Alan Warren. Alan exhibited his Tibet collection which has been accumulating in a box for many years. Are some of the rest of us doing the same? If so, dig it out and mount it for show. There are collectors who would enjoy viewing your material. You have a distinct advantage in collecting exotic countries and most exhibition visitors are glad to see new and different exhibits. We asked Alan to tell us about his collection so that others who missed it may have a better grasp of its contents. Here are Alan's comments:

"The SESCAL entry consisted of 64 pages in four frames and was titled: TIBET: STAMPS, COVERS, CANCELLATIONS, and the description was, 'Philately of Tibet up to the Communist Takeover.'

I have one pre-stamp late 19th century cover, followed by examples of the stamps of India used in Tibet (including a few with cancels from the Younghusband Expedition), a couple of the stamps of China overprinted in three languages for use in Tibet, mint and used examples on cover; some forgeries of this issue; mint, used, multiples and sheets of the 1933 issue, with examples on cover and examples of forgeries. In most cases the 1933 issues are identified by printing and cliché where possible. There are also some examples of the 1 Sang green and the 4 tr and 8 tr issues of 1914-20."

Our congratulations to Alan in his effort to put his collection in order and to allow other collectors to enjoy it. Let us hope to see more displays from Alan and the rest of our members!

(Our thanks to Roger Skinner for supplying us with this information. Remember that POSTAL HIMAL needs your contributions in order to make it a better publication for all of our readers.--Ed.)

NEPAL STUDY CIRCLE AWARD

The elegant award plaque, made up exclusively for the collectors of Nepal and/or

Tibet, will be made available at two exhibitions. The first one was SESCAL'82, held on 15-17 October, in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. This was the 38th annual show sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California and normally hosts regional meetings of specialist groups. This year, meetings of the U.S. Philatelic Classic Society, Scandinavian Collectors Club, German Philatelic Society, United Postal Stationery Society and the Eire Philatelic Society were scheduled.

The second chance for the award will be at PRESPEX'83, scheduled for 19-20 March. It will feature Asian material. Data about specialist society meetings is still being formulated, but information and a prospectus can be obtained from the exhibit chairperson, Diana Ward, 7490 E. Herndon, Clovis CA 93612. This show welcomes your exhibits and your participation is encouraged. It is our intention to provide incentives to all our members to exhibit some of the fine collections that have been hidden from view far too long.

BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 1983 will be held in Thailand on 4-13 August 1983. Of interest to our readers is the news that several of our members are involved in this exhibition in important ways. Mr. P. Gupta has been selected as an Apprentice Juror, while Mr. Frank Vignola and Mr. N. G. Rajkarnikar have been appointed Commissioners from their respective countries, USA & NEPAL. We congratulate these members on their important appointments and look forward to reporting the awards received by the

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of Nepal and Tibet!

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**Visiting Kathmandu?.*

Please, send an Air-letter.

members who are sending, or taking, exhibits to Bangkok. Frank Vignola writes that he, his wife, Mae, and his son, Dr. Frank E. Vignola, will be travelling together to Thailand and will make a side-trip to Nepal while in Asia. The Society for Thai Philately has announced a plan for group travel to this event, with departure from the West Coast of the USA on 1 August 1983 via Thai Airlines. Frank Vignola reports that he expects 25 to 35 persons to join this flight and that the round trip flight to Bangkok is less than \$1,000---remarkably low for such a trip. In addition, the arrangements allow for many options after arriving in Bangkok. American philatelists and their family members and friends could hardly find a better opportunity to visit Asia, take in an outstanding International Philatelic Exhibition and even take a side trip to Nepal---no more than 2 hours from Bangkok by air. Those interested should contact Carlos Swanson, President-Society for Thai Philately, Box 370, Bryn Mawr, CA 92318, for further details and reservations.

QUOTATION FROM "Out of This World - Across the Himalayas to Forbidden Tibet" by Lowell Thomas, Jr., p. 149 (1950). "Approaching the village and lofty fort of Nagartse Dzong on the shore of the lake, we overtook a man who was loping along with a sack on his back and a spear in his hand. He was one of the Tibetan mail carriers. They travel on foot, running most of the way. The spear is the carrier's badge of office. After five or six miles another man seizes the mail bag. It is a day-and-night relay race against time between Lhasa and Gyantse, where the Indian Government takes over the postal service to India. As we rode up to his heels, he turned without stopping, stuck out his tongue in the Tibetan polite greeting and challenged us to a race, he on foot, carrying the mail, our party on horseback. It was a neck-and-neck race." (Our thanks to Dr. Frank E. Vignola for sending us this delightful little excerpt from the writings of a well-known traveller.--Ed.)



Analysis of the issues of Tibet submitted to the Philatelic Foundation between 1945 and January 1980: (from the Philatelic Foundation Analysis Leaflet ISSN 0196-576X)

Scott #	Number Submitted	Genuine	Not Genuine	Note: This analysis is
1 ½t	2 sheets of 12	2 sheets	0	is approximately three years old. We will attempt to secure a more up-to-date listing if and when it becomes available.--Ed.
3 ½t	1 cover	1 cover	0	
4,4a 2/3t	4 sheets	4 sheets	0	
	1 cover	1 cover	0	
	1 stamp	1 stamp	0	
5 1t	1 cover	1 cover	0	
6 1s	7 sheets	7 sheets	0	Summary: It is noted that, of 40 separate items submitted, only two were judged to be "Not Genuine." This indicates that 2 of 40 or only 5% of the items submitted were in this category. It should not be assumed that the percentages indicated here can be expected to apply to more recent years.
	1 cover	1 cover	0	
	3 stamps	2 stamps	1 stamp	
7 4t	1 sheet	1 sheet	0	
	1 cover	1 cover	0	
8 8t	6 sheets	6 sheets	0	
	2 stamps	2 stamps	0	
	1 cover	1 cover	0	
14b ½t	1 sheet	0	1 sheet	
15 2/3t	1 sheet	1 sheet	0	
17 2t	2 sheets	2 sheets	0	
01 1/3t	1 sheet	1 sheet	0	
	1 stamp	1 stamp	0	
02 1/3t	1 sheet	1 sheet	0	
Telegraph stamps	1 cover	1 cover	0	

BIO-DATA OF MR. J. B. MANANDHAR
--Dhruba Rudra

Our first Honorary Member was born in 1935 at Lalitpur and educated in Kathmandu. Jit Bahadur Manandhar graduated in Arts from Patna University, India, in 1957. He secured his Master of Arts and the Bachelor of Law degrees from Tribhuvan University, Nepal.



J. B. Manandhar

Mr. Manandhar joined His Majesty's Government service in the officer cadre in 1960. As a career civil servant, he served more than two decades in the following different capacities:

- (a) First Gazetted Postmaster, GPO, Kathmandu,
- (b) Controller of Post Offices,
- (c) Chief Instructor, Postal Training Centre (on deputation),
- (d) Chief Inspector, Postal Inspection Bureau,
- (e) Section Officer, Postal Services Department,
- (f) Deputy Director, Postal Services Department,
- (g) Director General (Head of Department), Postal Services Department (1977-1980).

He is, at present, the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Communications, HMG.

Mr. Manandhar received training in India (1959), USA (1964), Switzerland (1970) and Afghanistan (1976). He attended the Postal Executives Seminar in Japan (September 1973) and represented Nepal at the 17th UPU Congress held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (September-October 1979), as a plenipotentiary delegate.

Mr. Manandhar has travelled to the nooks and corners of his own country and has visited Pakistan, Hongkong, Lebanon, Thailand, Italy, United Kingdom, West Germany, France and Lichtenstein.

He is decorated with the Gorkha Dakshin Bahu, Third Class, the Trishakta Patta, Fourth Class, the Coronation Medal - 1975 and the Janapad Sewa Padak.

As a research oriented philatelist and postal historian, Mr. Manandhar's writings are extensive. He has contributed more than 100 articles pertaining to different philatelic and postal topics in Nepalese Journals and dailies. Under his chief editorship, in 1962, the Postal Training Centre brought out 'Hulak,' a postal journal which, among other things, has been instrumental in popularising philately in the Kingdom of Nepal. In addition to his English articles published in 'Hulak,' 'Philately' and 'The Rising Nepal,' his popular articles written in the Nepali language include: 'The Post,' 'Pigeon on the Historical Background of the Post,' 'Date-stamps and Postage Stamps,' 'Postage Stamps of 1907 A.D.,' 'Letter Box,' 'Our Old Postcards,' 'Registration Envelopes,' 'Postal Envelopes,' 'Sub-Inspector in the Post,' 'Our New Year's Days,' 'Our First Aerogrammes,' 'Perforation,' 'Postage Stamps and Philately,' 'His Late Majesty King Mahendra and the Philatelic World,' 'Universal Postal Union,' 'International Reply Coupons,' 'Mail Transportation in Nepal,' 'Thaple Hulak,' 'United Nations Postal Administration - A Brief Introduction,' 'Folder Collection,' 'Gutter,' 'First Day Covers in the Field of Collection,' 'Watermark,' 'Gum,' etc.

Mr. Manandhar is one of the advisors and the only Honorary Life Member of the Nepal Philatelic Society. He acted as a judge at the first 'National Philatelic Exhibition,' held in 1966, and at the Centenary Philatelic Exhibition (Second National Philatelic Exhibition), 1981.

Mr. Manandhar received the WESTPEX Award in 1972 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of Philately in Nepal. The Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle award, in the form of a plaque, was presented to him in person by Mr. Colin Hepper, Secretary, in 1981.

Mr. Manandhar is married and has two sons and one daughter. (6)

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. S. L. Shrestha has sent us copies of 3 articles which he has published:

- 1) "Some New Findings on Nepal Revenues" (in Nepali) by Surendra Lal Shrestha. The article appears to be a sequel to his article titled "The Landlord & The Hand-Struck Revenue Stamps," which appeared in PHILATELY, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 23-26 (2 Jul 1978). Since your editor does not read Nepali, we find it impossible to comment further on this article at this time.
- 2) "Nepalese Postal History in Brief and Postage Stamps" (in Newari) by Surendra Lal Shrestha. This article appeared in "NEPAL," a bi-monthly Newari publication, on pp. 11-15 (1102 N. Sambat - Hemanta 20-38, 1981/82 A.D.) and was prompted by the happy occasion of the Stamp Centenary. Mr. Shrestha indicates that this was the first such article to be printed in the Newari dialect. It dealt with such topics as: "The printing of the first issue at the 'Type Chhapakhana, Thapathali, Kathmandu' / the first Postal Card, printed in a quantity of 50,000 as per the Sanad dated Marga sudi 6, roj 2, 1944 B.S./the fact that 'Gorkha Sarkar' was inscribed on the stamp of Nepal during 1881-1907 and 'Nepal Sarkar' thereafter/that two different printings were made by the famous 'Gorkha Patra Press' of the imperforates in various issues/that the highest denomination was Rs. 3,000 in the Court-fee documentary stamps!/that the early Talukawa (Director General) of 'Nepal Hulak Ghar'-35 was Bijaya Jung Pandya (Captain) and the early Post-man was Mr. Kulbahadur 1956 (1899 A.D. in the Kathmandu Circle!//comments concerning the early postal system for fast mail service and safe delivery around the clock and the development of sharp strikes for date stamps/ with an illustration of the figure of an early postal runner as shown in the book titled, "The Last Home of Mystery" by E. A. Powell.
- 3) "Gorkha-Hulak" (in Nepali) by Surendra Lal Shrestha, in HULAK, the official publication of the Postal Services Department Year 20/No. 99 (27 June 1982). This article traces the history of the Postal Services Department, continuously serving for 167 years. It recounts the discovery of the 'Gorkha Postal Head-Office: 1941' and its official seal and documents/notes the postmark variations and illustrates an in-

teresting cover of the Gorkha Post Office/ etc., etc.

(Let us hope that Mr. Shrestha will translate these interesting articles into English, for the benefit of many of us.--Ed.)

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

- 1) Dr. Wolfgang C. Hellrigl, "A Catalogue of Nepalese Postmarks (1879-1935)," published by Forschungsgemeinschaft Indien E.V./Im Bund Deutscher Philatelisten E.V., First Edition (October 1982) West Germany. Price: DM 20.- in Germany, £5 in Europe and \$13.- in the USA (airmail postpaid!).

This is a most timely and desirable supplement to the well-known book by Dr. Hellrigl and Colin Hepper, "The Native Postmarks of Nepal," published by the Nepal Philatelic Circle in 1978. This soft-bound work (21 x 29.5 cm) includes a number of new and useful features. It is profusely illustrated, with all postal markings in actual size---not reduced, as we note in many instances in the earlier book. All captions, titles and commentaries are printed in both German and English, making the book attractive to a wider group of readers. Another novel feature is a point system designed to indicate the relative scarcity of each type of marking---a system which should not so readily be out-dated, as no attempt is made to put monetary valuations on the markings themselves. A number of new finds in the past 4 or 5 years, resulting in part from the stimulation to research occasioned by the appearance of the earlier book, have been included---at least 125 new drawings of postal markings, together with corrections and extensions of periods of use. We note two new maps of post offices and postal routes and a complete list of 19th century post offices. In the introduction, Dr. Hellrigl explains his reasons for ending this new catalogue with the year 1935--primarily to limit the book to a reasonable size, since, shortly after 1935, the rapidly growing Nepalese postal service brought many new post offices and postal markings into existence. A publication of this sort may not be absolutely complete in every detail, but this one brings us very close to that goal. We congratulate and thank Dr.

Hellrigl for this valuable addition to the philatelic literature of Nepal. (Arrangements have been made to permit those living in the USA to send their checks to the USA REPRESENTATIVE, Mr. Roger D. Skinner, 1020 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA 94022. Books will be shipped from West Germany.--Ed.)



2) Colin Hepper, "The Sri Pashupati Issues of Nepal," published by the Nepal & Tibet Philatelic Study Circle and printed by the Printcentre (1982). The price: £7.50 + £1.00 for postage and packing, ordered directly from Colin Hepper. Colin reports that 120 copies of the first printing of 200 have already been sold. Sixty members took advantage of the lower pre-publication price, while the remaining 60 went to various dealers and booksellers. These orders are already on the way to buyers, traveling via surface mail.

Although a number of excellent articles dealing with the Sri Pashupati issues have been published, this soft-bound book, utilizing a page size of 21 x 29.5 cm, will stand as the definitive work on the complex story of these stamps, including the three British issues and the local issues printed in Nepal. While the book summarizes virtually all previous writings on the subject, it contains much new information not previously available to the public. The book is organized into thirteen chapters. The first four chapters deal with the 1907-1925 issues, the 1930 issue, the 1935 issue and the 1941-1955 locally printed issues, respectively, and concentrate on the many features which all of these issues share. The next seven chapters deal with the complexities of the various printings of each of the locally

printed issues, by denomination. Finally, Chapter 12 discusses the use of these issues on telegraph/telephone messages, and the book concludes with a short chapter on forgeries. Although the paper is not of the high quality of the postmark book, mentioned in the review of Dr. Hellrigl's book, and although the many illustrations are produced, for the most part, from photocopies, the book is a very pleasing and satisfying publication in nearly all respects. The page size permits the illustration of no less than 41 full sheets of the locally printed issues, not to mention the many, many illustrations of every thing from essays and die proofs and plate proofs, through errors of all sorts, to the modern forgeries. The method of printing used was the only way such a wealth of detail could be presented while keeping the cost from becoming prohibitive. While a very few typographical errors are noted and an occasional illustration is less than clearly printed, the book as a whole represents another 'landmark' publication by the Study Circle. Mr. Hepper is to be congratulated for this culmination of several years of hard work. The book is another 'must' for the library of every serious student of Nepal philately. With the books selling so rapidly, it is comforting to know that Colin has retained the 'master copy' and that future printings can be produced as needed---hopefully at little or no increase in cost. (C)

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CLIPPINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

--Roger Skinner

In response to a request to help with a Tibetan bibliography by Dr. Wolfgang Hellrigl, the Western Philatelic Library has identified articles on Tibet that can be copied. Currently, the library has a charge of 50¢ for each request, plus a fee of 10¢ per page copied. If you would like any of the following articles, send your request, together with remittance, to: FWPL, P O Box 2219, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 USA. Overseas requests should add sufficient funds to cover postage for Air-mail Service.

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THE EVEREST EXPEDITION n/a (1 p). Data taken from Melville's account in the LONDON TELEGRAPH (1924). Cost: \$0.10

TIBET - 1933 ISSUE - RECENT DISCOVERIES by Wolfgang C. Hellrigl (3 pp ill). Data on the 2/3 trangka and its various states (1979). Cost: \$0.30

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TIBET - THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM by Wilfried Myers (2 pp). A brief description of Tibet and its postal system (1933). \$0.20

THE MOUNT EVEREST PICTORIAL STAMP by Stanley G. Radgowski (2 pp). Data about the 1924 expedition and the stamp designed for it, plus a note about the current Swiss expedition (1953). Cost: \$0.20

NEPAL & TIBET STUDY CIRCLE JOINS WITH APS

--Roger D. Skinner

August 19, 1982. That is the date on which the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society met in Milwaukee to consider the application of the NEPAL & TIBET STUDY CIRCLE as an Affiliate. Approval was given and our group is now APS Affiliate No. 122. You will see that bit of information reflected in our masthead listing of data about our organization, its representatives and officers.



The advantage to our group is the potential growth in membership from the publicity arising from being listed among the APS affiliates. (We have already seen a news item about our affiliation, in STAMP COLLECTOR, one of the popular weekly US stamp papers.--Ed.) The APS will also provide membership forms to anyone asking for them at National Headquarters. (USA MEMBERS of our Study Circle who are not members of the APS should find a convenient request card enclosed with this issue of POSTAL HIMAL.--Ed.) We may also receive publicity in the American Philatelist, the APS monthly journal, through the APS affiliate coordinator and his monthly column. When new APS members list Nepal or Tibet as a collecting interest, our group may ask for his/her address, and APS will respond.

There are reciprocal advantages to the APS in the same manner. When our members hear of the APS, and becomes interested in joining its ranks, the APS grows as well. It is through mutual support that both groups will become stronger and better.

For our international members, there is the possibility that meetings may be arranged at exhibitions under the FIP cognizance. One of our members in the USA, Alan Warren, suggested that possibility and we encourage our overseas members to investigate the matter further. Please report back to us so that others may know the facts.

Over a period of time, the affiliation should prove to be most beneficial and we look forward to a long and satisfactory association as the 122nd affiliate of the American Philatelic Society---the largest philatelic organization in the world.

AUCTION ACTION

--Lester A. Michel

Favorable comments concerning this column indicate a need to keep it up-to-date. If you are aware of sales which include significant Nepal and/or Tibet material and which have not been reported, we would appreciate hearing from you. Likewise, if you are aware of future sales which may be of interest to our readers, we would like to report them also.

ADVANCED PHILATELICS (5410 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 208, Los Angeles, CA, is a firm that holds irregularly scheduled sales several times a year. Although they do not normally offer Tibet or Nepal, Thomas Matthiesen reports that, in their 25 October 1981 auction, 23 lots of Tibet material were included. In his report, Tom states, "I did not learn of the offering until after the fact and some of the low realizations bring tears to my eyes. The firm has now promised to let us know next time there is any Nepal or Tibet material to be offered."

Of the 23 lots in the sale, ten were covers. All stamps and covers offered were indicated with Scott catalog numbers from No. 1 to 18 and were valued from \$35 to \$100. In every instance the lots sold for less than the valuation, with the average being slightly above 65% of the valuation. The lots appear to be carefully described and two Scott No. 8 mint stamps, valued at \$100 each and described as "VF-SUPERB" were illustrated. Each of these sold for \$82. We can only speculate concerning the authenticity of these items, and our comments here may be termed "sour grapes." However, the sale of such material by a firm lacking specialized knowledge concerning it and the probable inexperience of many of the bidders, along with the low realizations, makes one wonder about the material. With so much excellently forged material about, thorough knowledge is the buyers only protection.

RAJESH KUMAR LODHA (formerly R. K. International) continues with his monthly mail sales. His recent listings indicate a new address: G.P.O. Box 2806, Kathmandu, Nepal, and telephone number: 21180. The

latest listing (Sale No. 19, with a closing date of 14 November 1982, was mailed flat and has a cover of pleasing design. The address on the cover is his Calcutta address, as shown in the membership list enclosed with the First Quarter 1982 issue of POSTAL HIMAL. Bids should go to Nepal.

Lists continue to be mailed from Nepal and are franked with Nepal stamps. A good variety of Nepal and Tibet items are offered, along with India, as shown by the following statistics: Lots offered: India u.

Sale No.	Date	Nepal/Tibet	in Nepal/Tibet
16	28 June	37 3	5 5
17	31 July	53 8	3 4
18	30 Aug.	58 6	3 4
19	14 Nov.	57 0	7 1

As usual, these lists continue to offer a good variety of material, especially Nepal, with valuations ranging from 50 to 700 Indian rupees. As noted in earlier reports, lots go to the highest bidder, at his maximum bid. Realizations are not available.

EAST OF ENGLAND PHILATELIC AUCTIONS had a single lot of Nepal in its sale on 10 July and another in its offerings on 11 September. Catalogues for 3 April and 22 May indicated similar offerings---none of them especially noteworthy. Lot #363 in the 3 April sale consisted of 11 stampless covers valued at £20, which sold for £14. Lot #507 in the 22 May sale consisted of a small collection, valued at £50---sold at £43. An inquiry brought a statement to the effect that "no exceptional offering of Nepal material was expected during the remainder of 1982."

LONDON & BRIGHTON STAMP AUCTIONS, which held two special auctions of the Heddergott collection in 1980, occasionally offers a few lots of Nepal and/or Tibet. Their sale of 10 September contained five lots of Nepal in the £10 to £15 range, including a "circa 1930 indigo p/s. card, used." Tibet was represented with 7 lots, including an 1856 French "missionary letter" valued at £1500. The remaining lots were covers valued at £20 to £25.

American firms offering material of interest to our readers include STAMPZINE (New York) which offered 29 lots of Tibet covers valued at \$5 to \$50, plus 65 lots of Tibet stamps, including a number of full sheets. "Starting bids" were indicated,

ranging from less than \$2 to as much as \$65. We have had no experience with this firm and can only wonder how many of these lots were genuine. Can any of our readers offer information concerning this sale and/or the company?



KOVER KING INC. (New York) offered two lots of Nepal cards (H & G #27-29) and one Tibet cover in their sale of 17 August (Lot #103). It is of interest to note that their latest catalog (received very recently) is heralded as "Our First NET PRICE SALE!" It is well-known to regular auction bidders that lots have generally sold for less than they did two or three years ago. One wonders if more net price sales will be offered in the future. The firm normally buys the material it has been selling at auction and does not take material on consignment. At any rate, this latest catalog contains, as usual, a few items of interest, including: an aerogramme of India-Used in Nepal (Lot # 2,815), two mint Nepal cards (Lots #3160 and 3,161) and one Tibet cover (Lot #8363). Our experience has been that lots are not adequately described with regard to condition, although some purchases have been quite satisfactory. A few lots of Nepal and/or Tibet covers and postal stationery are to be found in nearly every catalogue.

EARL P. L. APFELBAUM INC. (Philadelphia), in their catalogue for "Mail-bid Sale 157 of Postal History & Stationery," which closed on 20 September, included 3 lots of Nepal postal stationery (lot #2982-84), including a mint card identified as H & G #12. Our experience with this reputable firm has been very satisfactory, although their offerings of Nepal and Tibet are relatively few.

SUN PHILATELIC CENTER, INC. (San Francisco) offered a 1924 Everest Expedition postal card, 11 lots of Nepal and 4 Tibet covers in a sale held on 14 August. A variety of items was noted, including both stamps and covers---all in the \$30-\$60 price range.

Prices realized in the GEORGE ALEVIZOS Sale No. 33 (11-13 May) are now available. The reader should refer to the discussion of this sale in our First Quarter issue of POSTAL HIMAL, page 14, in connection with the following summary.

The Nepal stamp lots, as a whole, sold for approximately 80% of estimates, but there were wide variations on individual lots, in both directions. The classic issues sold well, with the 1881 issues leading the way. A complete set of single imperforates on European paper, including the major shades (Lot #1528---8 stamps), sold for \$525 against a valuation of \$400.

Among the earlier issues on native paper, a 4a, green, top margin block of 27, with complete inscription, brought \$450 vs. a valuation of \$350. A lovely, XF mint single of the half anna vermilion brought \$500, against an estimate of \$350, and a mint block of 25 of the 2a, pin-perforate, in a rosy lilac shade sold for \$340, while the estimate was \$250. Proofs of the Sri Pashupati issues sold both up and down from estimates, with a 5r die proof of the vignette (1930 issue) in black going finally to a determined bidder for \$1,500. It had been estimated at \$600! On the other hand, some bargains were to be found. A set of plate proofs of the 1907 Pashupati issues, in blocks of 10, went for \$450---half the estimate. A collection of 56 mint sheets of the 1941-49 local Pashupati printings went to a lucky purchaser for \$1,500---also half the estimate. Some rare perforation errors from this issue sold for as little as 35% of estimates.

The Tibet stamp lots, as a group, sold for about 87% of the total estimates, but, like the Nepal material, showed notable variations. The very first item (Lot No. 1717), estimated at \$750, actually brought \$1,05 as might have been expected for such an unusual item. Three literature offerings appeared in this group. The second of these (Lot No. 1720), a copy of "The Postage Stamps of Tibet" by H. R. Holmes and published in 1941, sold for \$105 against an estimate of \$65, while the previous lot---a copy of the first edition of "The Postal History of Tibet" by A. C. Waterfall, brought \$95---indicating the importance of this scarce reference material and the recent upsurge in interest in Tibet philately.

Not all scarce stamp items sold above estimates, however, as the rare set of the 1912 issue, in complete sheets, in VF condition, (Lot No. 1728) sold for 2/3 the estimate of \$1,500 and a very rare 4 tr emerald sheet of 12 (Lot No. 1753) was taken home by a

happy buyer for \$700---well below the estimate of \$1,000. Not all good buys went to the "high rollers" either, as Lots No. 1725 and 1756 each sold for \$40 (Estimated at \$75 each)---not bad buys for almost any sort of genuine Tibet material these days!

The Tibetan postal history material sold very well, bringing better than 85% of the estimates as a group, but, as before, with some interesting variations. The first lot (No. 1779), consisting of an 1803 cover with original letter (translated), "most interesting and rare," brought \$260---a very good purchase---vs. the estimate of \$350. An 1895 cover, also stampless, but with 3 large red Chinese seals, valued at \$250, sold for \$340, indicating greater interest in this item. A VF 1911 Chinese occupation cover (registered), franked with five different denominations of the Chinese overprints and bearing Indian stamps on the back---a lovely cover---sold for only \$525, against the estimate of \$750. Several lots in this price range sold for less than the estimates, including a series of lots (No. 1833-37) of Gyantse covers franked with varieties of the 1/6 tr stamp, which consistently sold for 2/3 (or less) of the estimates. Several respectable covers, throughout, sold for \$30-40, indicating that good buys were made by collectors of modest means. In fact, one 1940 cover, franked with two stamps of the 1933 issue actually sold for \$20---little more than half the estimate.

These low prices were balanced, as usual, by the occasional tussle over very desirable lots, such as the unusual 1906 "Tibet Frontier Commission" cover to Lhasa, signed by F. M. Bailey, which brought \$1,050 although estimated at \$750. Lot No. 1909, a group of 15 covers illustrating the 1 tr rate during 1935-40, brought \$1,050---more than twice the estimate!

On the other hand, Lots No. 1912-14, large groups of covers illustrating the 3 tr and 4 tr rates, went for half to two-thirds the estimates, which were in the \$500 to \$1,500 range.



The sale ended with a group of Tibetan Currency lots, of which the scarce items sold well, with Lots No. 1979-80 bringing nearly 50% above the estimates.

As pointed out in our First Quarter issue of POSTAL HIMAL, this sale of Tibet material really did have something for everyone, with lots ranging from the relatively common to the exceedingly scarce. It should be noted that none of the selling prices quoted included the 10% buyers premium, which has become a common addition on the part of many auction firms. And, as stated before, the unusual range of offerings and the excellent lot descriptions make this catalogue for Alevizos Sale No. 33 an important reference work in its own right.



Cris Hallett, who provided information for this column in our First Quarter issue of this year, now offers some prices realized in the Peter Kenedi auctions for the first quarter of 1982:

- 16 Jan--Massive collection, est. \$1,000-1,250 US, realized \$1,000.
 - Scott 10a/21/a (?S.G.34a,13a/20a) 8 different tete-beche pairs, telegraph cancels, F-VF overall, Cat. value \$430 US, realized \$180.
- 16 Mar--90 SFLs of varying periods, including Royal, Official & Commercial mail, est. \$40-50 US, realized \$42.50.
 - Ca.1915, cover from Nepal (2 #S. G. 30 & S.G. 33 plus S.G. 31, all tied) to Gyantse, Lhasa transit, Tibet Scott #1 & #3-4 tied as delivery fee by negative seal Gyantse cds, est. \$200 US, realized \$230.

Cris continues, "Vance Auctions have consistently had some Nepal material over the last 3 years (since I have been collecting) and their address is: Vance Auctions, Ltd. Box 267, Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0, CANADA." Auction #58 was held on 8 April 1982:

- 8 April--Scott 10a (?S.G. 34a) tete-beche pair, VG-F (Note this item appears faulty but is normal for native paper, est \$40 CANADA, realized \$29)
 - Accumulation of 29 early imperfs, Scott type A1 (Type S.G.1). All are the la blue or ultramarine. Includes 2 pairs. Also includes one

4a green imperf. Most with full margins - condition a bit mixed. Good study lot for various paper & printings. Est \$80 CANADA, realized \$66.

--S.G. 64-72 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. value \$50, realized \$41 CANADA.

--S.G. 85-96 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. value \$45, realized \$38 CANADA.

--S.G. 97-101 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. value \$56.10, realized \$44 CANADA.

--S.G. 103-114 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. val. \$26.70, realized \$6.75.

--S.G. 120-133 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. val. \$42.05+, realized \$30.

21 May--A selection of stampless native covers, with a variety of postmarks includes sun & crescent types, condition mixed as usual (105), est. \$50, realized \$62.50 CANADA.
 --S.G. 64-72 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. value \$50, realized \$29 CANADA.
 --S.G. 85-96 Mint F-VF, Scott Cat. value \$45, realized \$23 CANADA.

Cris goes on to say, "Gold Medal Mail Sales continues to be prolific on their Nepal material. Lots include early material and mint sets. They are a good company to deal with but, unfortunately, do not issue prices realized." He adds the following information to the listings in the First Quarter issue of POSTAL HIMAL:

12 Apr 82--24 lots of Nepal
 12 May 82-- 7 " " "
 12 Jul 82--13 " " "

(We wish to again thank Cris Hallett for his contributions to this column. Our President, Pierre Couvreur, has suggested that European members of our group should be encouraged to provide similar information. We would be pleased to receive any and all contributions of this sort from members anywhere in the world.--Ed.)



G. M. Rosamond has sent me a copy of the auction catalogue for Sale No. 21 of the CHINA PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LONDON, which had a closing date of 16 November 1982. This "coming-of-age" sale included more than 540 lots of material in the 16-page catalogue---rather impressive! Only two lots of Nepal were included and no Tibet. Mr. Rosamond indicated that lack of space required the omission of 20 lots, includ-

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#25.	Court Fee stamps, complete set 20v. SCARCE \$25.00 per set	
#26.	Commemorative stamps commercially used on covers \$10.00 per 100.	
#27.	Commemorative stamps commercially used on Regd. covers \$25.00 per 100	
#28.	1980 National Referendum 21 Post Offices (complete set) with pictorial cachets. \$20.00 per set	
#29.	1980 H.R.H. Prince Charles visit to Nepal, covers with special cancellations, complete set of 8 days. \$30.00 per set	
#30.	20 different Expedition covers, with Autographs \$100 per set	
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ing most of the Nepal lots. The deadline for submission of lots for the next sale is 5 December 1982, so we may expect some Nepal lots in that sale which will probably be held early next year.

The George Alevizos Sale No. 36, restricted to Central and Eastern Asia, was held on 22-23 November, 1982, immediately after the ASDA National Show in New York City. This sale offered more than 125 lots of stamps and postal history material of Nepal, including a wide variety of mint and used stamps of the classic period, as well as some useful modern material. Another unused half-anna red orange stamp was included, as well as several used copies. A few nice multiples of the la pale emerald stamp, telegraphically used, of course, were also available. A variety of stamps, die proofs and plate proofs of the Pashupati issues were noted as well. The Postal History section included some outstanding stationery items, as did the Indian Offices section---altogether a very fine offering with much variety.

The Tibet lots included 3 out-of-print books, 47 lots of stamps (including two VF essays) including a few very rare items. The Postal History offerings included 25 lots under "Chinese Offices," 13 lots under "Indian Offices in Tibet," including 4 from the 1904 Military Mission. The remaining 78 lots covered virtually all other periods, 9 of them devoted to "Sik-

kim Usages," 5 lots of expedition covers and 3 currency lots, for a grand total of 165 lots. As usual, the lots are carefully described and well illustrated, making this catalogue another valuable reference item for the students of Nepal and Tibet postal history. We congratulate our member, George Alevizos, on another in a lengthening line of outstanding sales.

The David Feldman sale of November 29-30 December, 1982, also included an Asian section, with nearly 30 lots of Nepal and more than 35 lots of Tibet material.

SUN PHILATELIC CENTER, INC. (San Francisco) has just issued a catalogue for their 38th Public Auction, to be held on December 18. The offerings include 61 lots of Tibet and 27 lots of Nepal. A good variety of material is offered in both areas, though the Tibet offerings are especially worthy, with 47 of the lots represented by photos. At least half of the Nepal lots are illustrated. We will not comment further at this time, since the sale will be history by the time you receive this issue of POSTAL HIMAL. It is worth noting however, that this catalogue indicates that the next auction will be held in San Francisco/Tokyo in March/April 1983, with a consignment deadline of 6 January 1983.



REPORT FROM THE PUBLISHER:

By averaging the costs of the last two issues of POSTAL HIMAL (#s 29 and 30) we have arrived at a fairly reliable figure of annual and per issue expenses. All amounts in U.S. dollars.

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It is expected that international airmail rates will be raised this year.

Thomas Matthiesen

SHOWCASE



Our thanks to Mr. Frank Vignola for the fine black & white photo of a rare essay of Chandra Shamsher's Seal, of 1919, drawn and typewritten, measuring 126 x 102 mm. The adopted version is listed as 'Type 5 f)' in THE SEALS OF THE KINGS AND MAHARAJAHS OF NEPAL by Wolfgang C. Hellrigl and published by George Alevizos. It indicates some changes in the wording from that shown in this essay. (This is a fine beginning for an idea mentioned in the previous issue. Who will offer the next?—Ed.)