

Bicycle Stamps

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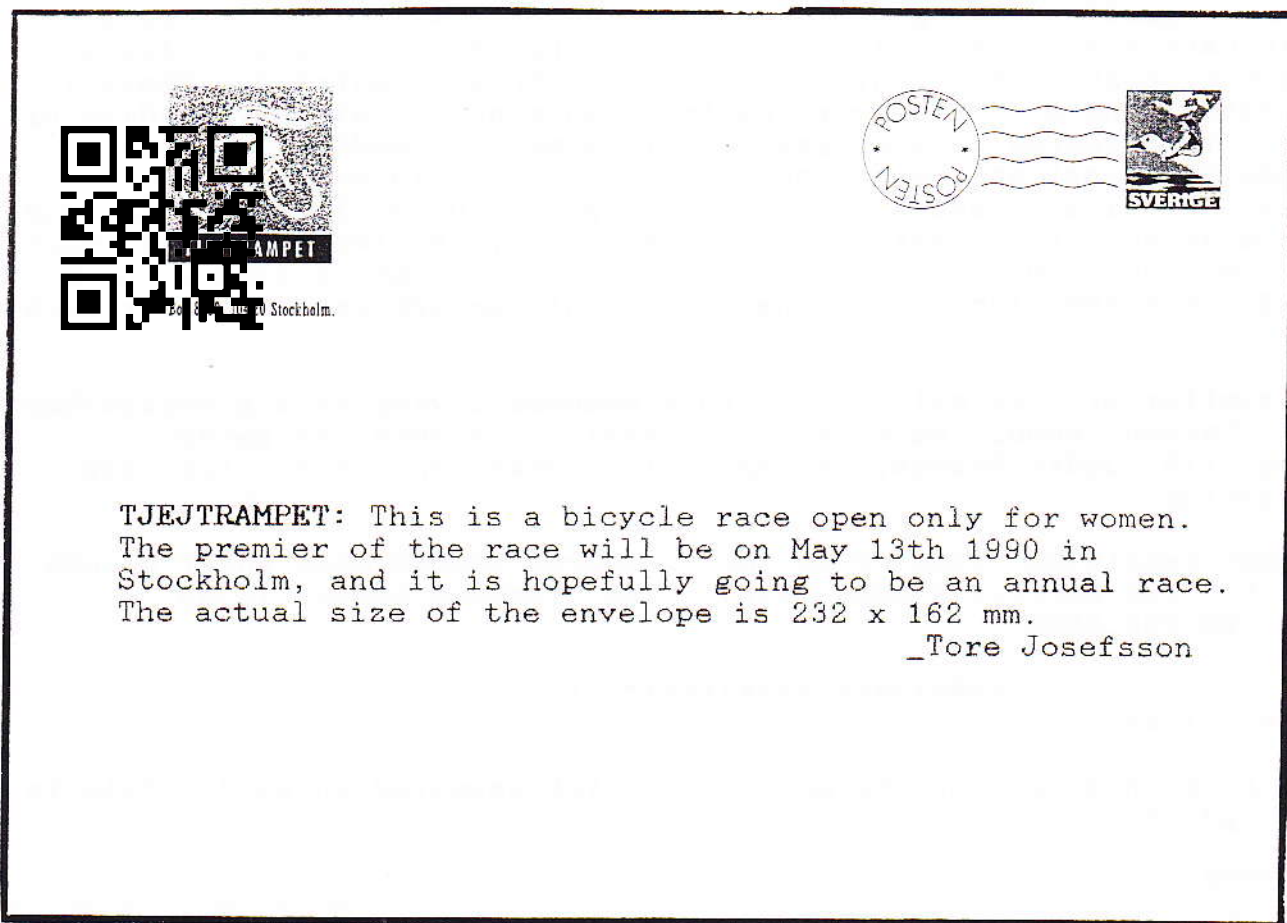
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TJEJTRAMPET: This is a bicycle race open only for women. The premier of the race will be on May 13th 1990 in Stockholm, and it is hopefully going to be an annual race. The actual size of the envelope is 232 x 162 mm.

_Tore Josefsson

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OLD BUSINESS

The puzzle below appeared in BS#7 and was carried forward to BS #8 for additional solutions.

I received a packet of 40 stamps on approval the other day. In the packet were some having a value of '1'. The rest had values of '5', '10', and '25', I think; but perhaps not all of those values. In any case, I know there were no other values. One thing I specifically noticed was that the combined value of all 40 was exactly '100'. How many were there of each denomination?

The number of solutions is 5 and are easily determined by assuming the number of stamps having a value of "1" must be in multiples of 5.

1	5	10	25	
40 or more				No possible solution
35		4	1	
35	3		2	
30	9		1	
30	6	4		
25	15			
20 or less				No possible solution

Regarding the military labels on the bottom of page 29 Of BS #8, Douglas Marchant has suggested they are Dutch or Belgian and adds; "Eclarira" is not Dutch but that "Verkenners", in Dutch, is "Scouts" (reconnaissance). Bert Schapelhouman translates "Verkenners Vereeniging" as "Scouting Society" and suggested they are most likely from Belgium and used during the First World War.

A question was asked in BS #8 about the date printed on the corner block of this Wallis & Futuna World Cycling Championship issue of 14.09.89. (The block in question was not pictured at the time.) Guy Salmon tells us the date shown (7.6.89) is the date of printing.



David Sher has taken exception to the listing of the Luxembourg August 20, 1952 stamp pictured on page 20 of BS #8 as one commemorating the World Bicycling Championships, pointing out that the *Gibbons* catalog lists the entire set as being for the Helsinki Olympics. Upon further investigation David has found as follows:

<i>Gibbons</i>	Helsinki Olympics
<i>Yvert</i>	Sports Subjects diverse
<i>Michel</i>	Olympics and World Cycling Championships
<i>Scott</i>	Olympics and World Cycling Championships

Thus, two catalogs say this is a World Cycling Championship issue and two do not. Can any member provide more definite information?

Following is new or updated information and, when available and not previously pictured, photos of issued or announced bicycle material.

COUNTRY	DATE OF ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER IN SET
SALVADOR	26.05.1989	Olympic Barcelona	5+2S
CUBA	15.12.1989	11th Pan American Games	10
TANZANIA	18.12.1989	Olympic Seoul Winner O/P	8
MALAGASY	. . .1989	Olympic Barcelona, Cycling	8+S
AUSTRALIA	16.03.1990	O/P on 41c Cyling Booklet	
GREAT BRITAIN	24.03.1990	Colchester Strike Mail	2
GREAT BRITAIN	24.03.1990	Colchester Strike Mail O/P 1990	2
JAPAN	30.03.1990	Tree and Bicycle	2
CENTRAL AFRICA	17.04.1990	Olympic Barcelona	6+S
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	18.04.1990	Trishaw	8
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	. . .1990	9th Juegos Deportivos National	4
TONGA	01.05.1990	Fresno-San Francisco Stamp on Stamp	
ZAMBIA	02.05.1990	Cyclist standing with bicycle	4
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	03.05.1990	Sheet, Penny farthing in margin	6+2S
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	03.05.1990	Brit. Letter Carrier on 1883 bike	3+S
GAMBIA	03.05.1990	Mickey Mouse at Magdalen Tower	9+2S
ICELAND	07.05.1990	Men with bike, near post office	2
AUSTRALIA	. . .05.1990	Cycling self adhesive	1
BHUTAN	. . .05.1990	Fresno-San Francisco Stamp on stamp	
GAMBIA	. . .05.1990	Cyclist and bike against wall	
MICRONESIA	. . .05.1990	Racing cyclist	
TANZANIA	. . .05.1990	Cyclist passing comm. satellite	
SINGAPORE	04.07.1990	Bicycle at Raffles Hotel	9+Booklet
JAPAN	20.08.1990	World Cycling Championship	



A SPECIAL THANKS to all the members who supplied information for this page. All your cards, notes, and photos are appreciated.

Don't assume someone else will report new issues. You do it. Multiple reports confirm, and frequently add information.

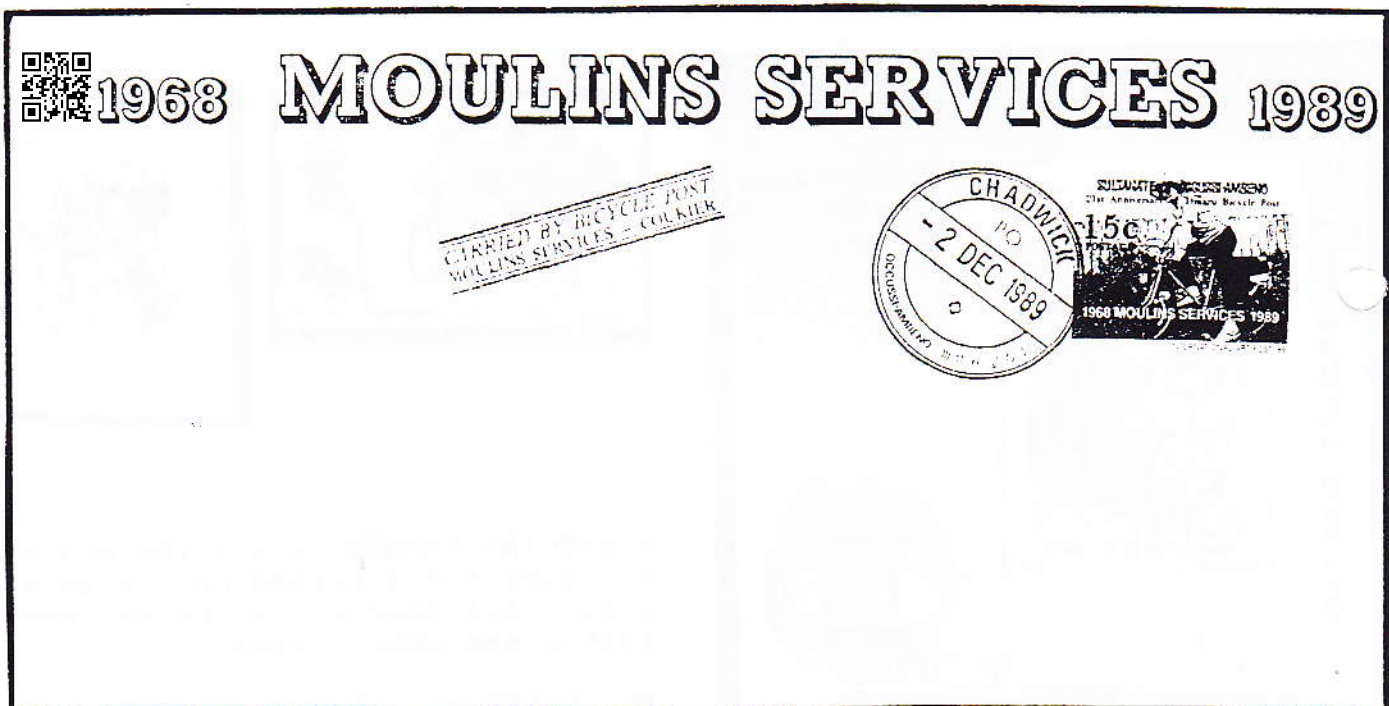
Prompt reporting of new issues and discoveries helps every member.

This photo of the New Zealand local from Occussi-Ambeno was inadvertently omitted from BS #8. The following additional information was published in the No. 31 issue of ATALAYA, a magazine devoted to Cinderellas, "dead" country stamps, and other philatelic oddities; and published by Christer Brunstrom, Kungsgatan 23, S-302 45 Halmstad, Sweden. A one-year two-issue subscription is \$4 in U.S. currency.

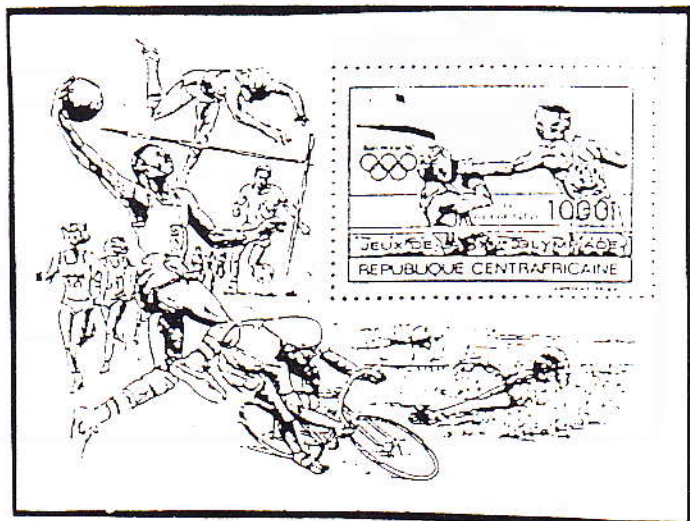
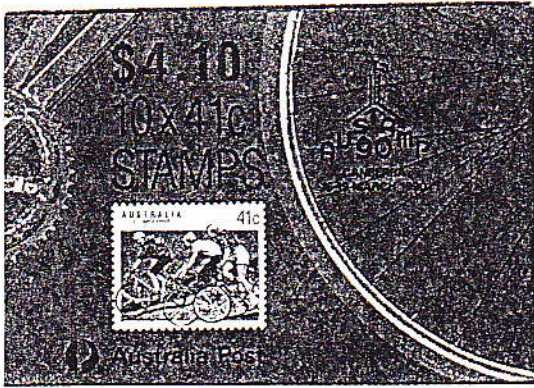
On 2 December 1989 Occussi-Ambeno issued a multi-colored 15 cent stamp honoring the 21st anniversary of the Timaru Bicycle Post in New Zealand. The stamp depicts Bruce, one of the original posties, on his present bicycle, a Healing Skylark 10-speed. The Timaru Bicycle Post, Moulins Services began operation on 2 December 1968, and issued a set of six stamps: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c, and 15c. The original stamps from this issue are now scarce and fetch high prices in auctions. The bicycle post was suppressed in April 1969.

A special commemorative delivery of mail using the new 15 cent stamp was made on 2 December 1989 by the original postie using the bike depicted on the stamp. (There was also a maxicard issued for this stamp.)

For information on this stamp and other Occussi-Ambeno issues, write the Occusi-Ambeno Overseas Philatelic Bureau, PO Box 876, Auckland, New Zealand.



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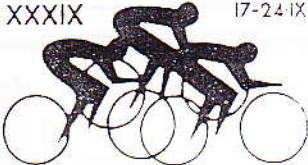


OTHER BICYCLES PRINTED BY THE POST OFFICE

39th Cycling Tour of Bulgaria and 100th year of cycling in Bulgaria
both 80% of original size



ПОД ШЕФСТВОТО НА ВЪПРОСЪ
XXXIX 17-24 IX



МЕЖДУНАРОДНА КОЛОЕЗДАЧНА
ОБИЖОПКА НА БЪЛГАРИЯ • 1989



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1899 1989 ГОДИНИ
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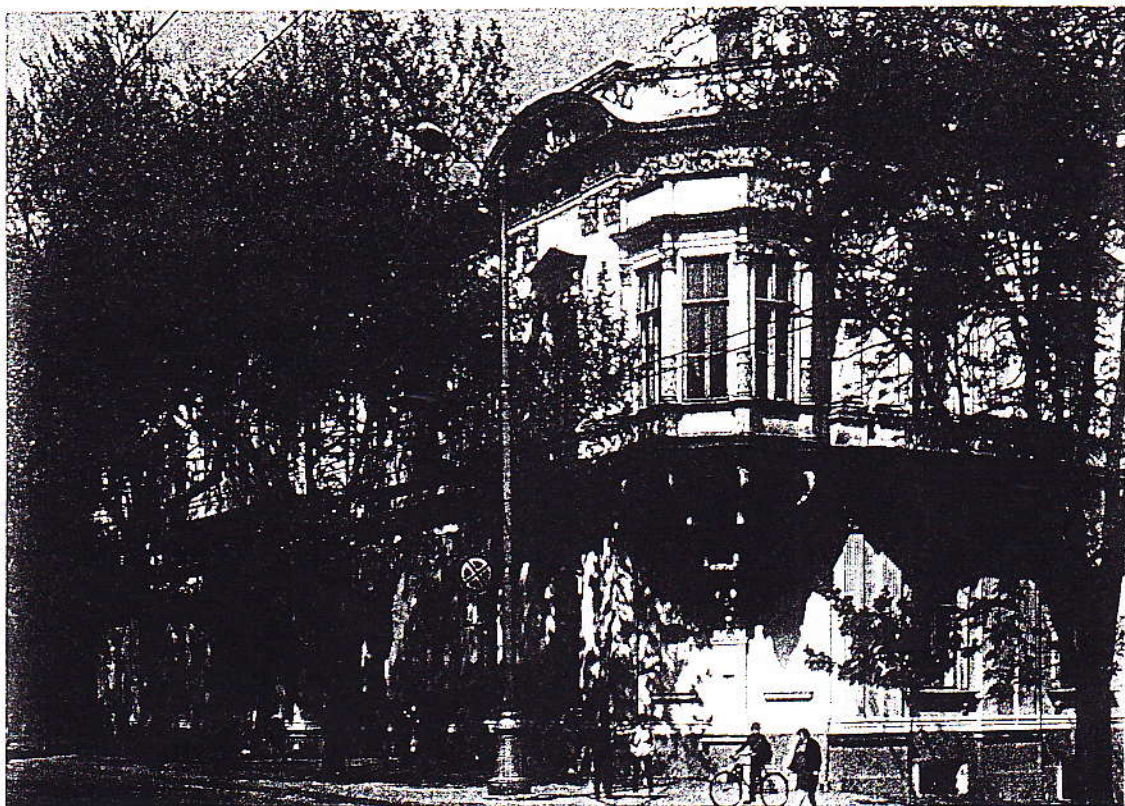
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An usually nice, glossy, Russian postal card



ОДЕССА. Музей западного и восточного искусства.
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Фот. Р. Иванов

СССР Министры связи и связи СССР. 1989 г. 89810. ЗИРФ. Т. 100 тыс. Л74356 28.10.89 Ц. 6 к.



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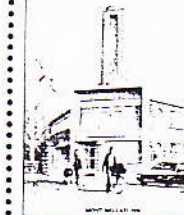
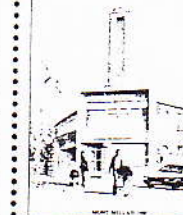

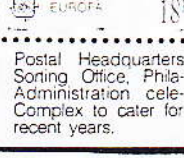
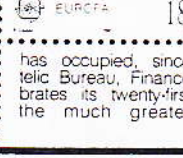
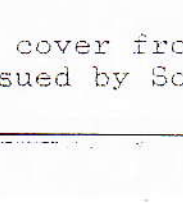
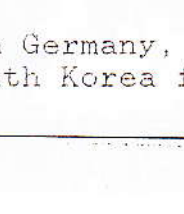
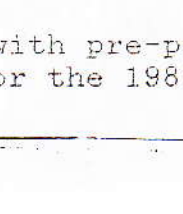
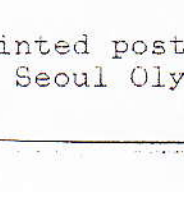
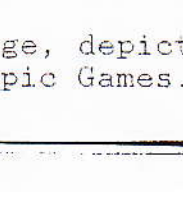


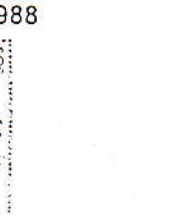


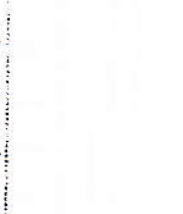





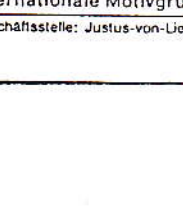
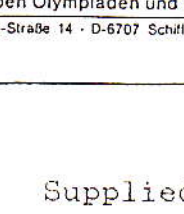
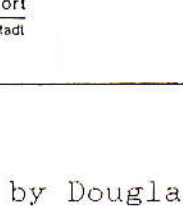
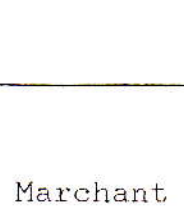




Кому _____

Индекс предприятия связи и адрес отправителя




Пожалуйста, индекс предприятия связи места назначения


Club members may be interested in collecting this bottom strip of 5 of the Jersey 13.03.90 Europa issue, with the marginal inscription.


JERSEY		JERSEY		JERSEY		JERSEY		JERSEY	
1D						1D			
1D						1D			
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<p>18p EUROPA</p> <p>Mont Millais 1990. house the Island's Department of Postal a new Post Office have grown rapidly in</p>		<p>18p EUROPA</p> <p>Postal Headquarters Sorting Office, Philatelic Administration cebrates its twenty-first the much greater</p>		<p>18p EUROPA</p> <p>has occupied, since 1971, the premises at Mont Millais which and Administrative offices. Jersey's anniversary this year and looks forward to postal services that</p>		<p>18p EUROPA</p> <p>1971, the premises at and Administrative offices. Jersey's anniversary this year volumes of mail and</p>		<p>18p EUROPA</p> <p>Mont Millais which offices. Jersey's and looks forward to postal services that</p>	

This cover from Germany, with pre-printed postage, depicts all the stamps issued by South Korea for the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

Spiele der XXIV. Olympiade – SEOUL 1988





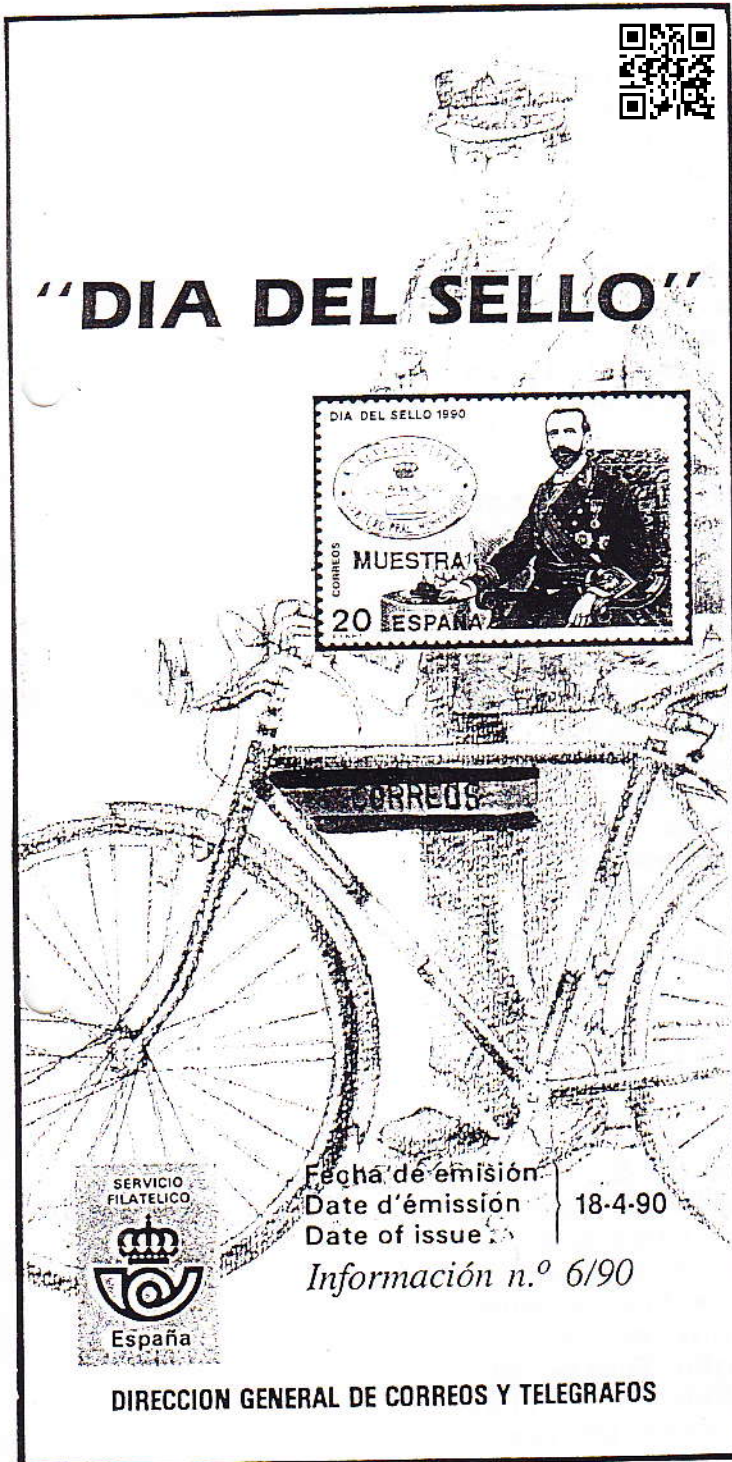


Internationale Motivgruppen Olympiaden und Sport
Geschäftsstelle: Justus-von-Liebig-Straße 14 · D-6707 Schifferstadt

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DIA DEL SELLO

Day of the Stamp
Rafael Alvarez Sereix
Honorary Postman



"DIA DEL SELLO"

DIA DEL SELLO 1990

MUESTRA

20 ESPAÑA

SERVICIO FILATELICO

España

Fecha de emisión: 18-4-90
Date d'émission: 18-4-90
Date of issue: 18-4-90

Información n.º 6/90

DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS Y TELEGRAFOS

BRITISH STAMPS

The 2.8.78 set of Cycling Stamps has been reproduced by the Post Office as cards 63 x 102 mm, bearing crime prevention hints on the reverse. (reduced here to fit)



Card No. 33

The Police are your friends Help Them to help You

Don't forget to use the Postcode

CRIME PREVENTION HINTS

Treat your school like your home. you are in school for most of the day, don't damage it.

Card No. 35

The Police are your friends Help Them to help You

Don't forget to use the Postcode

CRIME PREVENTION HINTS

You can help the police by observing and reporting any suspicious activities.

Card No. 34

The Police are your friends Help Them to help You

Don't forget to use the Postcode

CRIME PREVENTION HINTS

Don't play truant from school. It can only get you into trouble.

Card No. 36

The Police are your friends Help Them to help You

Don't forget to use the Postcode

CRIME PREVENTION HINTS

If you shop in a supermarket where baskets are provided, use a basket, even if it's only for one item, and keep your receipt.

My home Postcode is:

My local Police Station Postcode is:

Cards can be obtained from Avon & Somerset Police Officers

Sponsored by
The Post Office

British stamps are available from British Post Office, Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, Edinburgh EH3 5TT

My home Postcode is:

My local Police Station Postcode is:

Cards can be obtained from Avon & Somerset Police Officers

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BICYCLE THEME

The largest philatelic display ever held in Canberra was from 16th to 19th March 1990 at the Bruce Indoor Sports Centre.

The theme of the exhibition was BICYCLES and was represented by such bicycles as carried the mail in the early days. The show also closely coincided with the new 41c stamp issue commemorating cycling.

The initial philatelic exhibition in Sydney was held in 1900 when the first Australian separate exhibition catalogue was produced. Today, throughout Australia there are 292 philatelic societies, showing the popularity of this activity.

Since other stamp shows have featured ponies, trams and not air balloons, it was appropriate that bicycles not be forgotten in the transport of mail. It was also convenient because the Australia's Bicycle Museum is in Canberra, from which some special bicycles could be borrowed.

The date of this exhibit was chosen to coincide with the Canberra Festival held each year in March.

The venue for the displays was the Bruce Indoor Sports Centre. This venue is ideally suited for large exhibits and concerts, but throughout the year is well known as the home ground for the local basketball team, the Unisys Canberra Cannons playing in the National Basketball League. As the show's theme was built around bicycles, the logo, feature displays and special envelopes cancelled at the temporary post office ensured the theme was carried throughout the show. The foyer was used for a display of special bikes that had been used for carrying mail. A Pennyfarthing, a pentacycle, a delivery bike and a PMB bike

Many photos were taken and the children especially were amazed at how fit and dexterous a postman would have had to be.

Special envelopes were carried and delivered by 5 pennyfarthing riders from the Canberra Bicycle Museum to the Exhibit site. They were in satchels carried over the shoulder for 5 miles by the riders in turn of the century postmen uniforms. The route was from the Museum in Radham St along Antill St, Howatt St, Ginninderra Drive (which is steeper than you think), into Tucker St and then to Bruce. At 10.45am on Saturday 17th March they were welcomed and received by an Australian Post Office staff member in his modern day uniform. The

pennyfarthings were of the period 1865-1890, recreating the journey of one hundred years ago.

52" ridden by Trevor

52" ridden by Rod

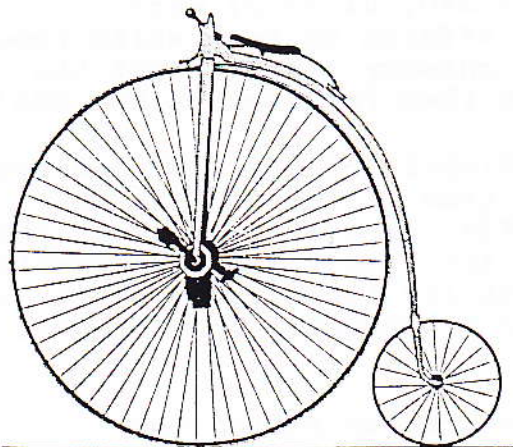
50" ridden by Annemarie

50" ridden by Jenni

44" ridden by Steven (11 years old)

The envelopes were cancelled and sold at the temporary Post Office at the Exhibition Site. Small booklets of 10 x 41c cycling stamps have proved very popular. These were overprinted for the occasion with a cycling stamp. There were 800 display stands containing stamps from 200 exhibitors from overseas, interstate and local philatelists. These were divided into 12 classes for the purposes of judging and medals were awarded according to set national standards. Trophies were presented for the best exhibitor in each class. Any enquiries concerning philatelic exhibitions or for purchasing the souvenir envelopes commemorating the occasion should be addressed to Austamp 90, G.P.O. Box 2, Canberra. 2601.

MAIL DELIVERIES OF YESTERYEAR



Canberra Bicycle Museum,
Dickson to Bruce Indoor Stadium



Mail delivered by Driver family on
17-3-90, 10.45am over 4 miles

with Lee Baller

The USA Bicycle Special Delivery Issue of 1902 Overprinted
"PHILIPPINES"

By: Raymond See

I first became aware of the existence of a USA Bicycle Special Delivery stamp issue of 1902 overprinted in red with the word "PHILIPPINES" in 1985, when, just like any budding bicycle stamp collector, I went over page after page of an old 1984 Scott catalog looking for stamps with bicycle designs.

In the US-Philippines section, page 762, appeared an interesting note which read as follows:

SPECIAL PRINTING

US No. E6 ovpt. type "a" in RED	
1907 wmkd. Double Lined USPS (191)	
perf 12	
E2A SD4 10c ultramarine	\$1,300.00
Block of 4	6,000.00

This stamp was part of the set specially printed for the Bureau of Insular Affairs in 1907. see note following No. 240.

Immediately, I recognized this as a bicycle stamp, having had a used copy in my earlier days.

On page No. 751 of the Scott catalog, the following additional information is provided.

SPECIAL PRINTING

In 1907, the entire set Nos 226, 228 to 240, J1 to J7 were specially printed for the Bureau of Insular Affairs on very white paper. They are difficult to distinguish from the ordinary stamp except the Special Delivery stamp which is on US No. E6 (See Philippines No. E2A)

Also in 1985 I came to know about the Bicycle Stamps Club and began corresponding with several members. In due time I learned that most members were not aware of the existence of E2A, so I quickly wrote them advising them of my discovery. Due to the fact that little information is available about this stamp, one member was led to believe that this overprinted issue (like in the case of other overprints) was intended to be used in the Philippines.

It seemed as if I was facing a blank wall in my search for additional information. None of the dealers I consulted could provide additional information.

The break I was awaiting came in 1988. I exhibited my small collection of bicycle stamps non-competitively at PHILPEX '88. It was here I got to know Mr. David Chiong, who had come to Manila from the southern Philippine Island of Mindanao just to see the exhibits. Mr Chiong, an advanced collector of US-Philippines Special Delivery issues, was particularly interested in this portion of my exhibit. He approached me and asked if I knew anything about E2A or if I had this stamp in my collection. I had to say, "No". Imagine my surprise when he told me that he had a copy and would send me a photo of it. He also advised me that the previous owner of his copy, a Mr. Stanley Chan, could supply additional information.

Finally, in March of 1990, I was able to meet with Mr. Chan. He provided information from a late 1970's Philippine Philatelic Society Journal as follows:

PHILIPPINE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

THE 1907 SPECIAL PRINTING

by Paul A. Mayer

The Law of Greed says that the volume of philatelic writings on any issue is directly proportional to its price. An apparent exception is Scott No E2A, a U.S.A. Special Delivery stamp, overprinted in red, "PHILIPPINES". Scott's Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps, 1977, lists the mint stamp at \$600, a price exceeded by only a few handstamp Victories and Airmails. The unused stamp is unpriced, because, as we shall see, none exists. Following the listing of E2A, Scott's catalog states; -

"This stamp was part of the set specially printed for the Bureau of Insular Affairs in 1907. see note following No. 240."

Upon turning to No. 240, one reads; -

"In 1907, the entire set Nos 226, 228 to 240, J1 to J7 were specially printed for the Bureau of Insular Affairs on very white paper. They are difficult to distinguish from the ordinary stamp except the Special Delivery stamp which is on US No. E6."

Aside from these brief notes in the catalog, I have found only one other article on the 1907 special printing. Since this unsigned article, "An Unchronicled Special Surcharge", The Philatelic Gazette, Vol. 3, No. 13, (September 1913) is quite short, and since the article contradicts Scott's catalogue, I first reprint the entire article, and then make some observations upon it.

"An Unchronicled Special Surcharge.

Not until recently was the attention of specialists called to a rather unusual-looking set of U.S. stamps, series of 1902, overprinted Philippines. This differed in many respects and at least some values varied greatly in shade from the regular stamps with which collectors are so familiar. When first confronted with this evident irregular set, the writer was unable to give any explanation, but had to admit that the surcharge was unquestionably genuine. Further investigation of the subject has been successful and today we are able to give the full history which will be of considerable interest to philatelists.

Our inquiry directed to the Bureau of Insular Affairs has brought forth the following reply:

WAR DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Insular Affairs,
Washington

Mr. J.M. Bartels,

August 29, 1913

99 Nassau Street,

New York City

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant requesting information regarding the issue of Philippine postage stamps which this bureau had printed about 5 years ago.

In May 1907, the bureau had printed one hundred sets of each denomination of stamps formerly used in the Philippines -- that is the United States stamps surcharged across their face with the word "PHILIPPINES". These stamps were printed at the suggestion of the United States Post Office Department for the purpose of supplying requests which were then frequent, for specimen Philippine stamps. Of the one hundred sets printed, seventy-five were delivered to the Post Office Department for distribution, and I am unable to say whether that department now has any of them.

Very Respectfully,

Chas. C. Walcutt, Jr.
Col., US Army
Assistant to
Chief of Bureau

One peculiarity of the set is that it contains the US 1902 Special Delivery stamp (with red overprint,) which never was issued at all. (It should have contained the 1895 Scott No. E3 - Editor) Many of the shades are quite different from the regular issues, notably the 2c and 4c.

We have gone to considerable trouble to designate the shades in this special printing to agree with the nomenclature used in the Official Checklist of which the 1902 series happens to appear elsewhere in this issue. (not reprinted here.) It is quite important that a special set of this nature should be fully chronicled as the future is sure to call for definite information and it is only surprising that the subject has remained a secret for more than six years.

General Bandholtz will show this set in blocks of four at the EXHIBITION next month.

The 75 sets referred to as having been delivered to the Post Office Department have since been turned over to the National Museum and are still preserved intact, having been listed as 75 sets of duplicates. The writer was privileged to examine these and make notes of the plates from which the surcharged sheets have been printed. In the 4c stamp the top plate number had gone with the 25 sets, while the side impression had failed to print.

Shades and plate numbers of the special surcharge:

1c.	dark grey-green (different from any issued shade)	plate 3393
2c.	bright carmine (very distinct)	plate 3372
3c.	violet (without purplish tint)	plate 2808
4c.	yellowish brown (a marked contrast)	unknown
5c.	blue (fairly bright shade, a trifle lighter than any issued)	plate 3158
6c.	dark brown red (much deeper than either of the regular surcharged two printings)	plate 1600
8c.	grayish purple (slightly brighter than the regular issue)	plate 2803
10c.	deep red brown (intermediate shade)	plate 2289
13c.	purple brown (very light shade)	plate 1473
15c.	olive green (lighter than the regular stamps)	plate 3209
50c.	deep orange (same as first printing)	plate 1602
#1.	black (no difference)	plate 1629
#2.	dark blue (no difference)	plate 1630
#5.	dark green (no difference)	plate 1620

Postage Due Stamps

1c.	claret (no difference)	plate 1632
2c.	claret (bright lighter shade)	plate 1244
3c.	claret (very light shade, lighter than special surcharge of 1904)	plate 1631
5c.	claret (no difference)	plate 1642
10c.	claret (lighter than regular stamp)	plate 1633

30c. claret	(no difference)	plate 73
50c. claret	(darker shade)	plate 74

Special Delivery

10c. light ultramarine (US issue of 1902 with red surcharge, a stamp never issued in the Philippines) plate 1774."

As Mr. Eartels states, the 1907 special printing remained secret for six years. Major Palmer does not mention them in his outstanding book, *The Postal Issues of the Philippines*. While Eartels' article printed above made an important contribution to our knowledge, by exposing the existence of this special printing, I cannot agree that he has given a "full history" of this issue. It seem at least to me that Eartels should have pursued further the mysterious circumstances leading to this special printing. The Bureau of Insular affairs gave the following rationale: "These stamps were printed at the suggestion of the United States Post Office Department for the purpose of supplying requests, which were then frequent, for specimen Philippine stamps. Of the 100 sets printed, seventy five were delivered to the Post Office Department for distribution, and I am unable to say whether that department now has any of them." From this statement, one might envisage postal officials harassed by collectors of Philippine stamps. Yet what happened to the Post Office supply? Not one set, when Mr. Bartles inspected the Post Office holdings SIX YEARS LATER, had been sold!.. "the 75 sets referred to as having been delivered to the Post Office Department have since been turned over to the National Museum and are still preserved intact, having been listed as 75 sets of duplicates."

Lack of sales is not altogether surprising. With the 1906 Philippine US issue, the surcharged issues became obsolete. Notice was given that the remainders could be purchased, prior to their destruction, in 1907. The remainders destroyed on February 13-14, 1907, included numerous examples of the entire set. For example, 3,000 copies of Scott No. 238, the 1902 \$2 values were issued, and 2,305 copies were destroyed, the demand being so limited. (Palmer, Op. cit. pp64-6). Was the real purpose of the special printing the creation of a philatelic "error", the rare Special Delivery? Is this why it remained secret for six years? Precisely who within the Post Office Department or Bureau of Insular Affairs, was behind this printing? What happened to the other 25 sets retained by the Bureau of Insular Affairs? How did General Bandholtz, a philatelist with the distinction of having his own personal O.B.'s and constabulary corner card envelopes listed in handbooks and specialized catalogues, acquire at least 4 of the 25 sets not in the archives?

Contrary to Scott's catalogue, the colour of the paper is not the sole difference between the special printing and the regular issues. The shades of the lower denominations are quite different. Probably all the Special Printing stamps still exist. Do their owners know what they have, or are they treating them just as minor color varieties. Have advanced collectors, over the years, been looking for paper varieties

and not color shades, as per Scott, when the shades would be a better way of determining the special printing? Again contrary to Scott, the entire 1902 series, INCLUDING the 2c carmine, No. 227, was reprinted. Does anyone have any additional information on this special printing?"

In conclusion, the following points are raised by this writer:

1. Only 100 stamps of E2A were printed in the USA by the United States Bureau of Insular Affairs in 1907 and it was not for the Bureau's consumption but rather for the purpose of providing the United States Post Office Department with specimen Philippine stamps to be distributed to Philatelists.

2. It is not known whether somebody at the United States Bureau of Insular Affairs knowingly or unknowingly pulled out a sheet of the 1902 Bicycle Issue Scott No. E6 when the correct sheet to have been overprinted should have been the 1895 Issue Scott No. E5. The circumstances leading to this error remain mysterious.

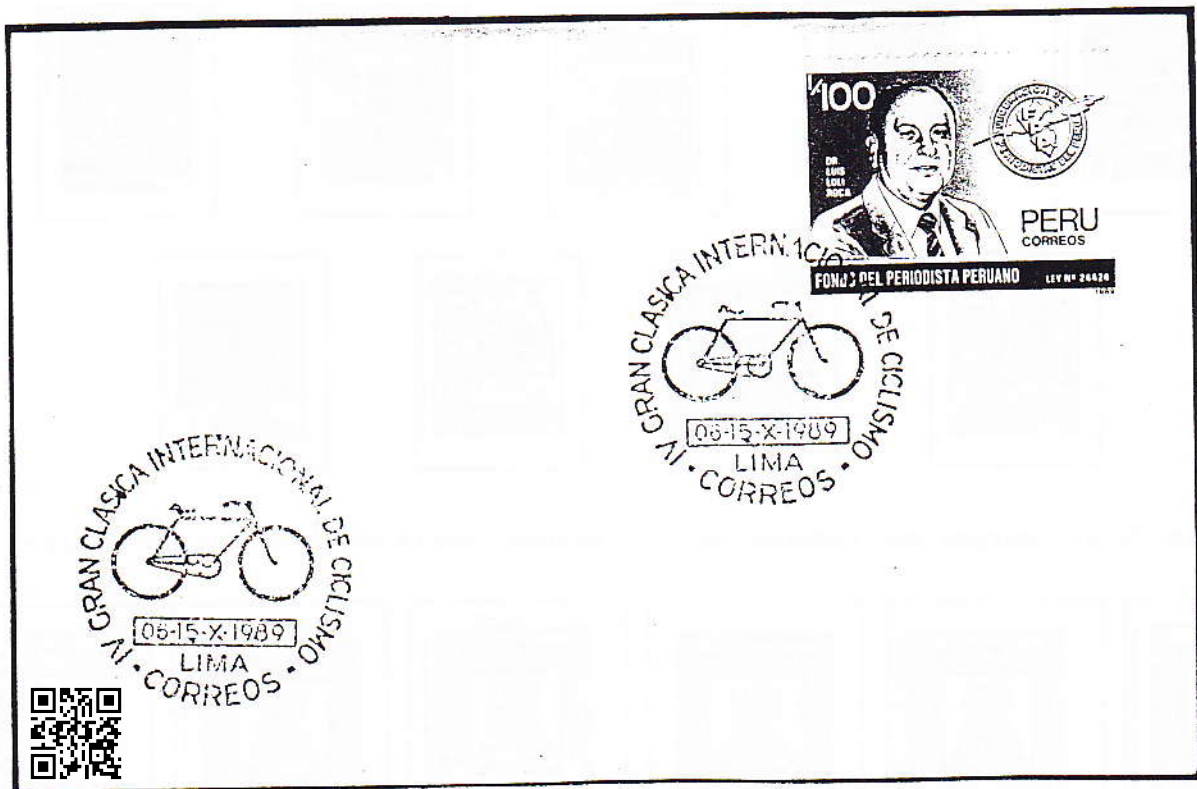
3. The stamps remained in the USA and reached the Philippines only recently, hence, it is unlikely that a cover, philatelic or otherwise, bearing the E2A stamp exists.

4. It is not known at this the time of this writing whether the USA National Museum still has the sheet of 75 E2A stamps bearing the plate number 1774. If yes, then this can mean that only 25 stamps, or the remainder thereof are circulated around the world and in the hands of collectors.

Additional information about this issue is wanted. Please send to the author or to the editor.

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The card pictured here bears the first bicycle cancellation authorized by Peru. It was designed by Jose Linares Jr., Lima, Peru.



ITALY 1945 - CASTIGLIONE D'INTELVI

From information furnished by Jean-Pierre Mangin, and translated by Benoit Carrier.


There was a period beginning in December 1944 when the valley of the Castiglione d'Intelvi was blocked by Fascists. The only link with the outside was by mail carried by postmen on foot or with bicycles.

February 7th 1945, the prefect of Como allowed for this purpose the overprinting of stamps from Italy and of the Italian Socialist Republic.

On February 9th, two days later, a special issue was of 45,000 copies was made available for the general public.

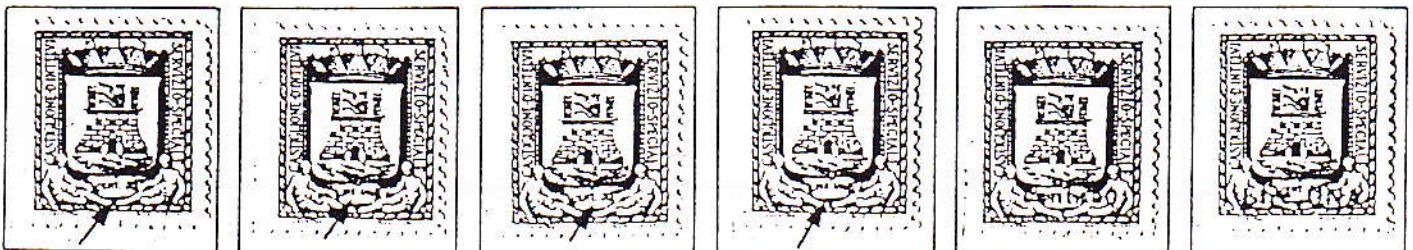
(Sassone, 1984, p. 371)



1° série de surcharges sur timbres filigranés  - Série émise à 100 exemplaires



2° série de surcharges sur timbres non filigranés. Série émise à 200 exemplaires.



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The Peace Race

Following World War II, a bicycle race was organized in Eastern Europe that was to become known as "The Peace Race".

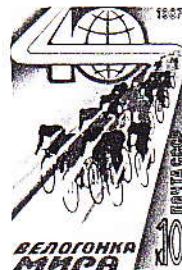
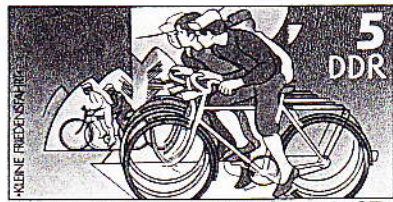
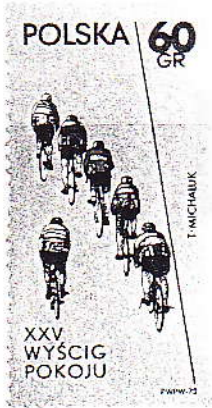
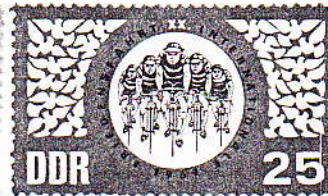
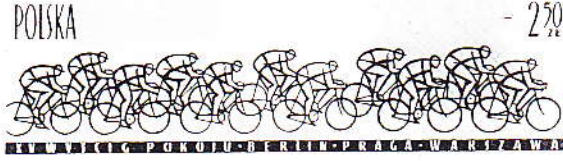
First run in 1948 from Warsaw, Poland, to Prague, Czechoslovakia, and return; within a few years included Berlin, Germany; and eventually was extended as far as Kiev, Russia.

Now in its 43rd year, this annual event, has had over 50 postage stamps, and their FDC's; hundreds of special cancellations; and a great assortment of other pieces of memorabilia issued to publicize and commemorate its occurrence. Some of this material is presented here.

Postage Stamp issues for the Peace Race to date:

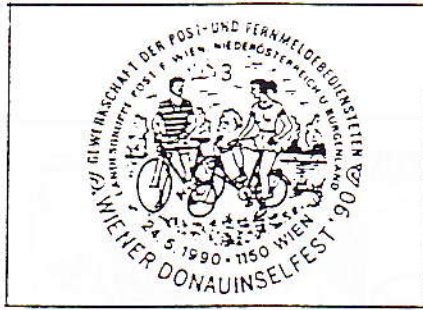
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02.05.53	Ger.Dem.Rep	6	3
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29.05.57	Romania	10	2
20.06.57	Russia	10	1
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27.04.62	Poland	15	3
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06.05.77	Poland	30	1
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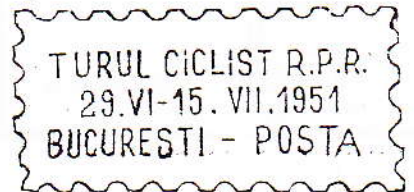
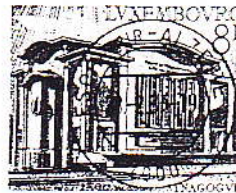
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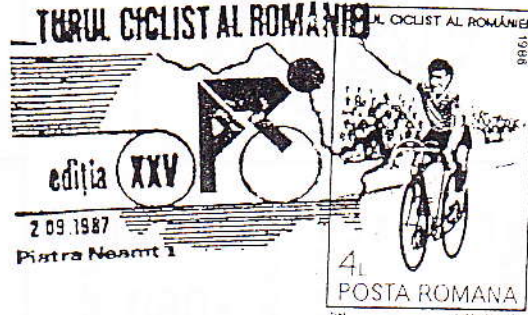
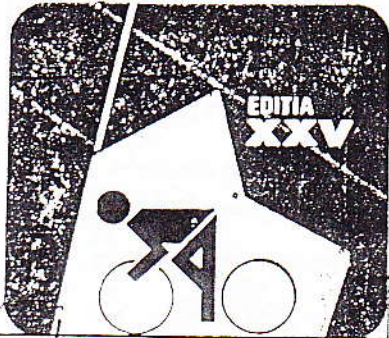
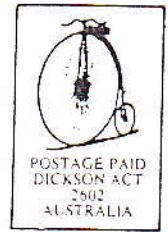
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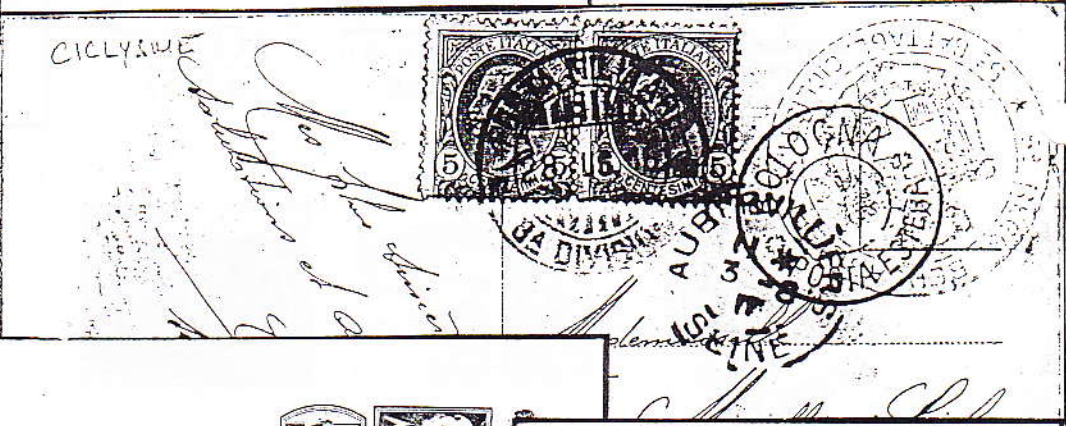
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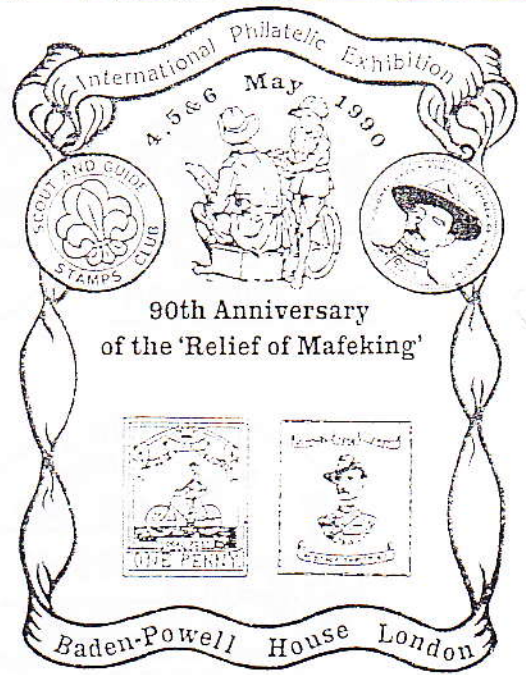
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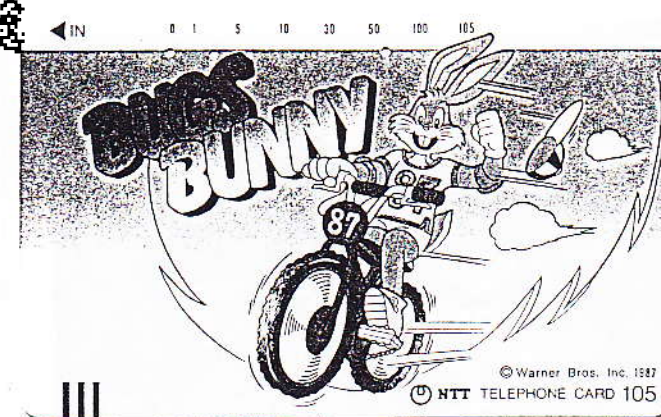
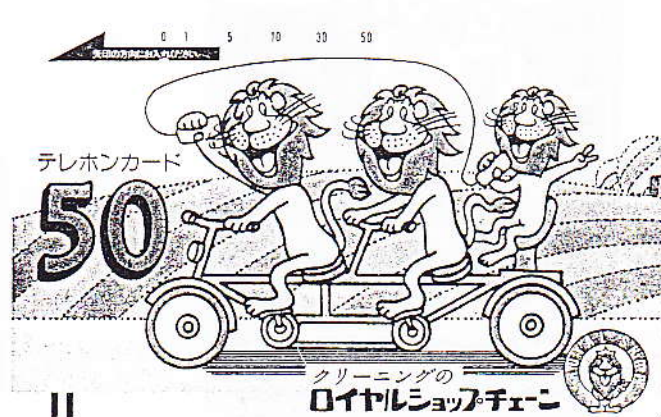
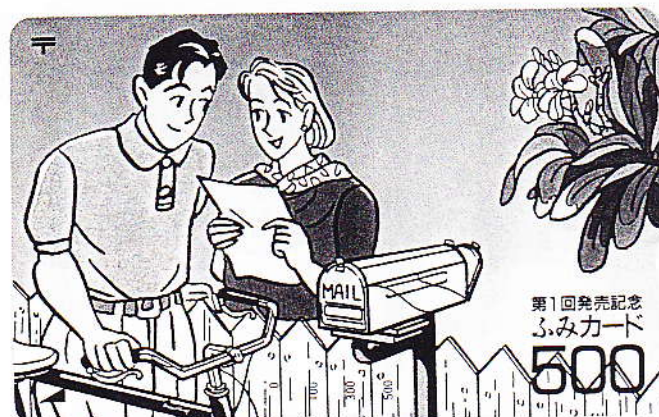
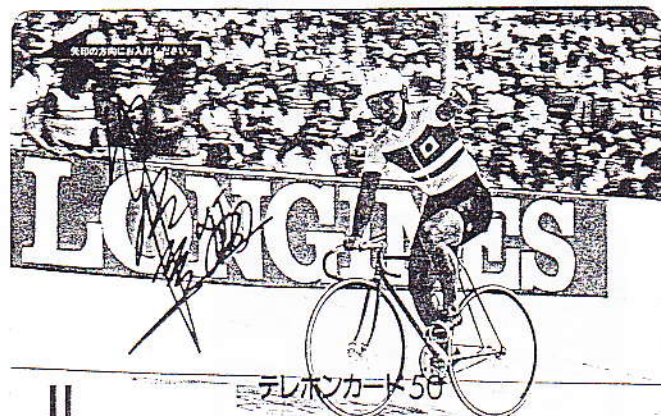
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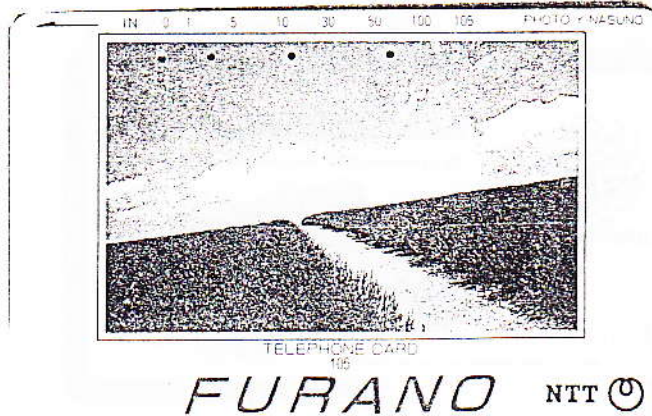
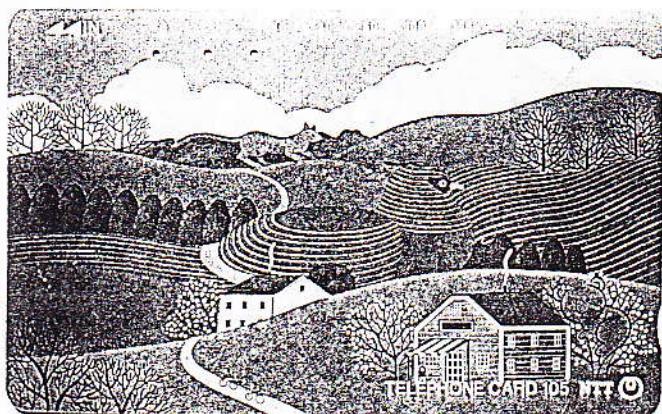
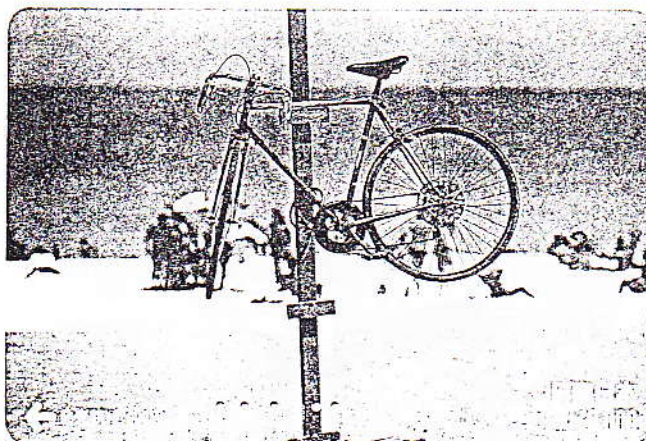
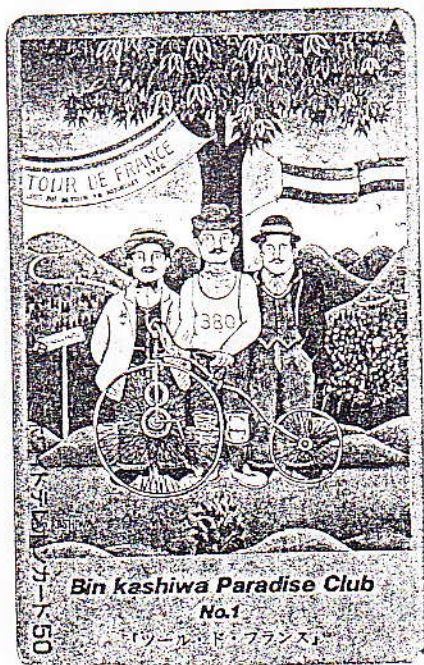
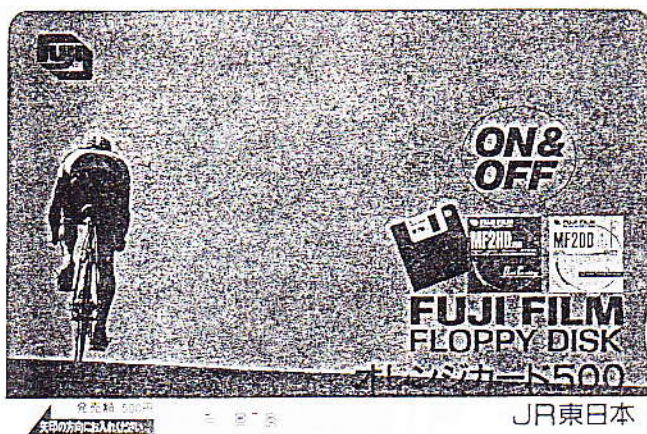
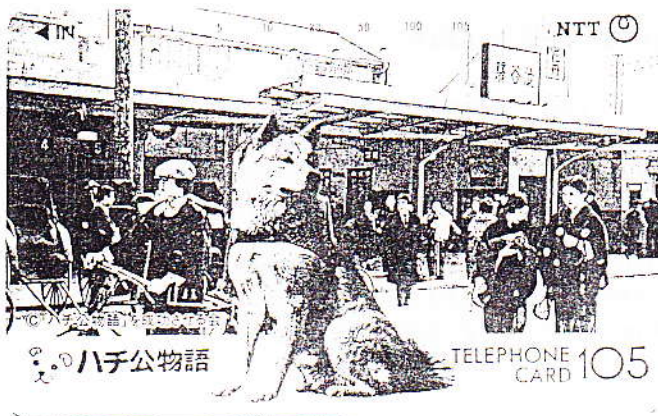
OTHER THINGS TO COLLECT

TELEPHONE CARDS:

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The cards pictured here, all Japanese, are from the collections of Douglas Marchant, Bert Schapelhouman, and your editor.





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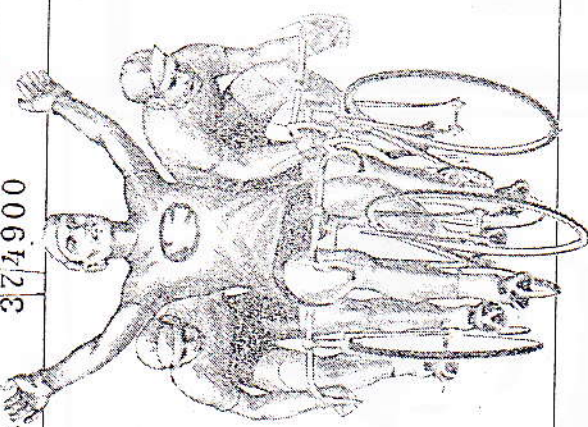
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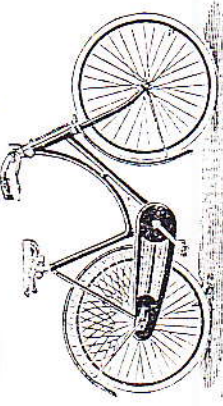
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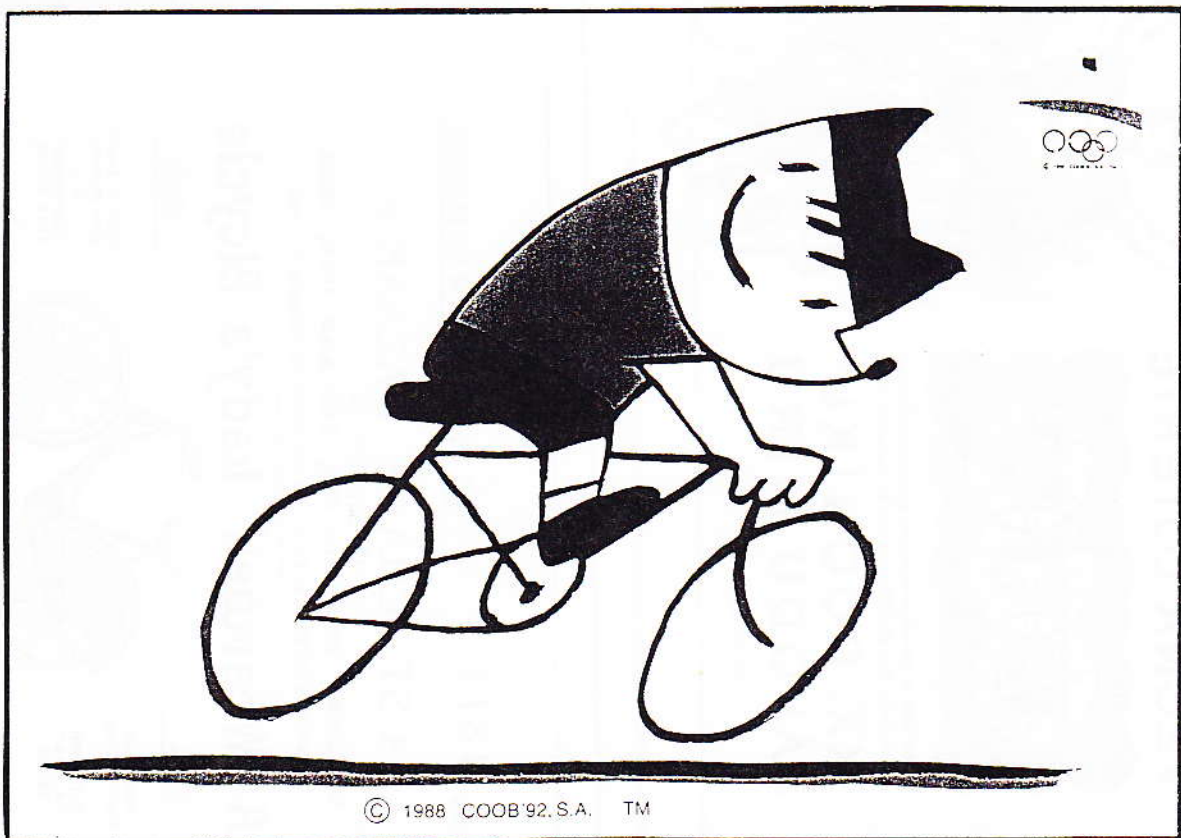
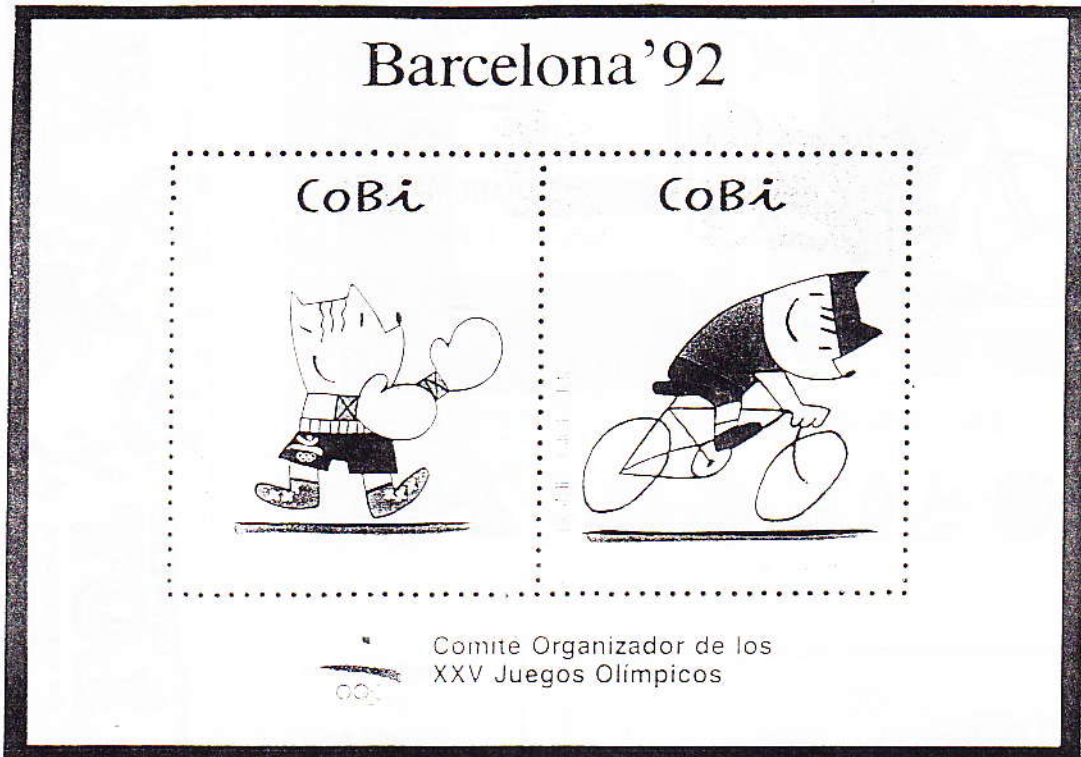
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