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Hi

Shrikant Parikh of Ahmedabad recently surprised us pleasantly by financially contributing Rs. 500 towards this newsletter. We thank him for his generosity.

Yours truly are responsible for research, newsgathering, editing, data entry, content authoring, hardware installations & maintenance, software programming, funding, management and promotion for our sites and newsletters. It could have been called a "garage operation" but for the fact that we don't have one. (Our vehicle is parked on the road outside our home at night).

We try to be a part of every philatelic activity in town, and beyond, consequently our resources stay stretched to the limit most of the time. We also have to attend to such mundane tasks as earning a living, bringing up an eight year old, family and social obligations!

But we are not complaining, we enjoy philately immensely, and we want to do it all. For nearly three decades we have happily spent major chunk of our time and other resources on philatelic activities.

We write this as a matter of fact and also as an appeal for your understanding, cooperation, contribution, support, and help to make a success of our web sites and newsletters for promoting philately. These are not commercial ventures.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ED DRUCE PASSED AWAY

We regret to inform that Edric C Druce passed away on April 19, 2001. He was the Fellow of the Australian Philatelic Order, former President of the Australian Philatelic Federation, and a Director of International Philatelic Federation (FIP). He was the author of the Guide for the Development of Philately published by World Association for Development of Philately (WADP). He won Grand Prize of Honor for his exhibit Postal History of New South Wales to 1870 at CHINA 1996. He was an international Juror accredited by FIP and FIP Coordinator for INDONESIA 2000. He was well known the world over for his contribution in philatelic education and development of new disciplines in competitive philately.

Ed was one of the true pioneers of organized philately in Australia and the high standing that Australian philately enjoys in the international philatelic community today is due in large part to the belief, commitment and hard work of Ed Druce.

He visited India in 1989 as the National Commissioner, 1997 as a Jury as well as the National Commissioner, and in 2000 as a member of the Expert Group. He had many friends in India. He will be sadly missed.

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MONEY TRANSFER SERVICE LAUNCHED

India Post on April 19, 2001 joined hands with Western Union Financial Services Inc to launch money transfer service through the extensive reach of its post offices.

The service would allow credible route for money transfer to the country and the alliance would enable senders residing in 185 countries to send money to anyone in India within ten minutes, Indian Communications Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said launching the service. "This agreement has a great synergy and potential as its bring together two large networks, Western Union and its Worldwide network and the India Post network," Paswan said. The Western Union Money Transfer Service is expected to offer tremendous convenience to Non-resident Indians (NRIs), international tourists and international students living in India, he added.

In January 2001, Western Union and India Post signed an agreement to expand the availability of Western Union Money Transfer Services in India. Under the upcoming plans, the services would initially be available across 750 post offices in the first year and up to 3000 post offices over the next three years. While the agreement would allow Western Union to extend its reach to population in rural areas and urban communities through Indian postal system, for the Postal Department the agreement would bring enhanced customer base and revenue earnings in dollars, thus allowing the department to come out of red. (PTI)

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INDIA TO HOLD A PHILATELIC EXHIBITION IN UZBEKISTAN

India will hold a philatelic exhibition in Uzbekistan in September 2001 to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the independence of Uzbekistan. Reciprocally, Uzbekistan will also hold a philatelic exhibition in India in December 2001.

International Speed Post and Surface Air Lifted (SAL) Post between India and Uzbekistan will soon be introduced. A pilot project will be implemented by India to assist Uzbek Post to computerize Counter and Savings Bank operations.

This was stated by the Minister of Communications, Ram Vilas Paswan at a luncheon meeting hosted in honor of the visiting Uzbek delegation led by the Director General of Uzbek Posts, K Rakhimov at New Delhi on January 18, 2001.

An agreement on cooperation in the field of postal and allied matters was signed when the President of Uzbekistan visited India in 1994. The Indo-Uzbek Joint Committee that has been set up to implement the agreement was having its first meeting in India. B.N.Som, Director General India Post, led the Indian delegation.

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[Most of the writings here are the first time publication of Manohar Lal's painstaking research conducted over eight years, full time, at National Archives of India and other institutions since his

retirement as Chief Engineer of Northern Railways. He has published two books and several articles. He won Gold with Felicitations of the Jury for his exhibit Postal History of Indian Army 1914-1922 at London in 1990 as well as for his exhibit Postal stationery of India 1855-1947 at New Delhi in 1997.]

POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 18

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 35, except # 26. These as well as all back issues of this newsletter are available for free download at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Download/archives.htm>

NIGHT POST OFFICE FOR LAHORE

June 7, 1952, Lahore: A night Post Office has started functioning in Lahore under the Post and Telegraph Department's scheme for the establishment of night post offices in important towns and cities. UPP

DACCA AND CHITTAGONG NIGHT POST OFFICE

June 15, 1952, Dacca: in Order to provide greater postal facilities to the public the Posts and Telegraphs authorities have decided to run night post offices in Dacca and Chittagong from July 1, 1952. In both these places the night post offices will function in the premises of the General Post Office from 4 pm to 10 pm.

NEPAL SUSPENDS INDIAN NATIONAL AIRWAYS SERVICE

June 22, 1952, Kathmandu: Prime Minister of Nepal has ordered the suspension of INA passenger service between Bharat and Kathmandu until further orders.

The INA passenger aircraft, which was to leave Kathmandu by 10 am yesterday, was not given "clear" by the Kathmandu aerodrome office till Saturday afternoon and late in the evening was told that Prime Minister Koirala, who is also the Communications Minister has order indefinite suspension of the INA service.

INA passengers have been asked to take to the land route as the service would remain suspended for four to five days. UPP

INSURANCE OF INLAND AIRMAIL LETTERS

June 29, 1952: With immediate effect, insured letters will be accepted for dispatch by airmail on all routes in the internal service under the same conditions as apply to inland insured letters sent by surface route, says a Press Note issued by the Pakistan Post and Telegraph Department on Saturday (June 28, 1952)

The Press Note adds: The rates of postage and airmail fee as well as other conditions will be the same as obtain for airmail letters in either wing of Pakistan and the rates of registration and insurance fees applicable for inland insurance by surface route will apply to airmail insured letters as well.

Insurance service by airmail is already available for letters originating in West Pakistan for East Pakistan and vice versa.

All charges on an inland-insured letter must be prepaid.

NEPAL LIFT BANS ON INA

June 29, 1952, New Delhi: The Nepal Government have lifted the ban imposed on INA flights from Kathmandu as a result of an unqualified apology made by INA for the grave offence of disobeying the orders of the Prime Minister of Nepal committed by a ground engineer and some INA staff, the Nepalese Embassy said here last night.

AIRMAIL CHARGES: UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION RECOMMENDATION

July 26, 1952: The Union Postal Union has recommended considerable reduction in the air postage rates and free of charge correspondence for prisoners of war and civil internees. This was disclosed in Karachi on Friday – by Lt. Col. S. A. Siddiqi, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, who led Pakistan delegation to the 13th Congress of the UPU in Brussels.

The airmail charges until now were 3 gold francs for Category 'A Service' and 6 gold francs for Category 'B Service'. In view of the advances made in air services there came a demand of lowering the rates. The Congress therefore, recommended reduction in air conveyance charges of letter mail by category 'B Service' from 5 gold francs to 4 gold francs, for 'AUTUTE OBJECTS' (articles other than letters, postcards and newspapers) to 1.25 gold francs and for newspapers 1 gold franc.

This recommendation would enable the member countries to reduce their air postage rates proportional by which will result in direct benefit to the general public.

The Congress has further decided that the name 'Aerogramme' should be used for "Air letters".

KABUL AHMEDABAD AIR SERVICE CURTAILED.

July 30, 1952, Bombay: The Ahmedabad – Kabul air service, the only direct air link between Bharat and Afghanistan, has been cut down to once a month.

The reason officially given for the curtailment is difficulty in the procurement of aviation spirit in Kabul and re fuelling.

It may be recalled that there was considerable controversy between Bharat and Pakistan over the passage of the Himalayan Airways' aircraft via Pakistan on way to Kabul whether; service was begun some months ago.

ARRIVAL OF CRESCENT AIRWAYS PLANE DELAYED

A Crescent Airways plane, which was due in Karachi at 9 am yesterday, has been delayed at Bhulari Airport, Hyderabad (Sind), owing to the engine trouble.

The airways have rushed their engineers to Hyderabad for inspection and repair of the plane.

The British – made two-engined "Rapide", carries mail from Karachi to Hyderabad and back. It took off from Karachi at about 7:30 am yesterday (October 8, 1952)

CRESCENT PLANE RETURNS SAFE

The Crescent Airways plane, which was held up at Hyderabad Airport, on Wednesday, October 8, 1952 due to engine trouble, arrived back in Karachi the same afternoon. The plane carries mail from Karachi to Hyderabad (Sind)

SCINDE DAWK COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ON SALE TILL NOVEMBER 1

The Scinde Dawk commemorative stamps of three annas and 12 annas denominations issued on August 14, 1952, will cease to be sold to the public on November 1, 1952, says a Press Note.

The stamps were issued to celebrate the centenary of the first stamp in the Pakistan – Bharat subcontinent issued in July 1852.

The stamp was known as "Scinde District Dawk Stamp" because its circulation was restricted to the Province of Sind.

The commemorative stamps were designed in the Ministry of Communication and printed by Messrs Thomas De La Rue and Co. The same firm printed the "Scinde Dawk stamps 100 years ago.

ORIENT AIRWAYS FREIGHTER CRASH – Radio Officer Killed

October 23, 1952: The Radio Officer was killed and the pilot and copilot injured when an Orient Airways freighter crash landed near Jamshedpur (India) on Tuesday – October 21, 1952...the plane left Karachi for Dacca at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning. No passengers. The injured, Capt. A G E Dixon Gladstone (Pilot) and Co-Pilot M H Sahilzada, are being looked after in a hospital in Jamshednagar.

SCINDE DAWK COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

November 1, 1952: In view of the pressing demand of philatelists from all over Pakistan and abroad, the Government of Pakistan have decided to extend the period of currency of Scinde Dawk commemorative Postage Stamps up to November 30, 1952, for the present says a Press Note.

To be continued in the next issue.

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