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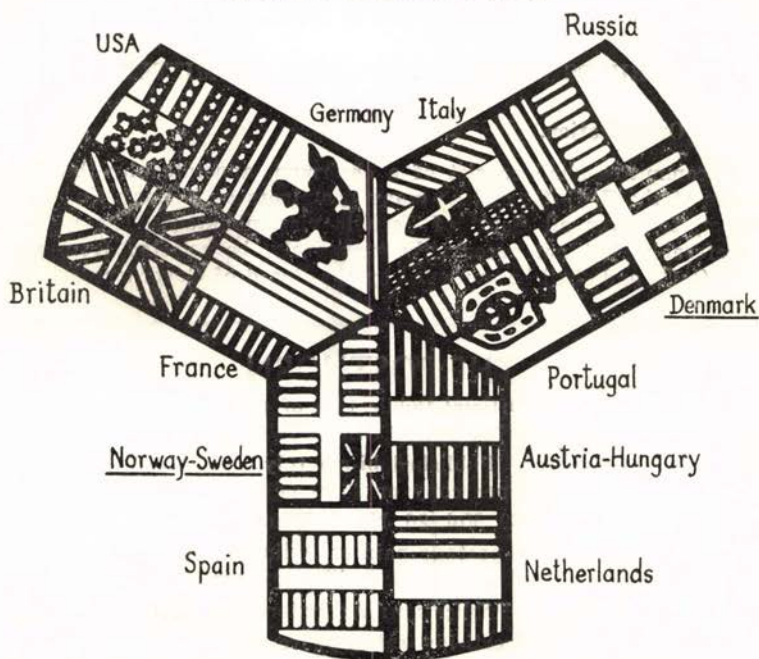
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Which Stamps Were the First to Display a Scandinavian Flag?

By Gerald M. Knudsen (840)



And which are the only foreign stamps depicting the flag of the Kingdom of Norway-Sweden? And—which were the first stamps to attempt to depict the flag of the United States?

The answers to all three questions is Scott #153-59, issues in 1893 for Shanghai.

The design of these stamps consist of three joined shields, each quartered into the flags of those countries having representatives in the International City. The United States flag is rendered incorrectly with only eleven stripes indicated and with "white" stripes at the top and bottom instead of the correct "red" ones. The flag of Italy lacks the crown over the arms of Savoy which was included while Italy was a kingdom (until 1946)—but Korea issued a set in 1951 with the crown over the arms, but by then Italy had become a republic and the crown had been officially eliminated from the national flag. One country enjoying equal status in China along with the United States, Germany, Italy, France, Great Britain, and Russia is not represented, and that is Japan.

The right of any nation to maintain its own post office in China and to use stamps issued by its national government rather than Chinese stamps was terminated with the Washington Conference of 1922.

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Counterfeit Committee

As announced in the April issue 1969 (page 28), SCC's "Counterfeit Committee," or "Expert Committee" if you prefer, is now a fact. **John Siverts** of Wilmington, Delaware, has been appointed the Chairman, and the rules for the Committee have been approved by the Board, as follows:

RULES FOR S. C. C. EXPERT COMMITTEE

Section 1. Organization.

This committee shall consist of a chairman, appointed by the Board of Governors of the S. C. C., and as many examiners as he may find necessary and select, to cover all fields of Scandinavian philately. These examiners shall preferably, but not necessarily exclusively, be selected from members of the S. C. C., and shall be approved by the Board of Governors.

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Section 2. Purpose.

The objective of this committee is to aid in the suppression of faked and counterfeit philatelic material of the Scandinavian countries through the following activities:

a. To identify, record, and describe such material, if possible with photographs and/or color slides, submitted by collectors or dealers, whether or not members of the S. C. C.

b. To publish such descriptions, with illustrations, in the Posthorn, for the guidance of members and others. To publish these descriptions in book form, upon approval of the Board of Governors, when and as the amount of material and conditions warrant, for the further dissemination of this information.

c. To collect and preserve all such material, when donated to the S. C. C., for future use and reference by the Committee and interested members of S. C. C., thereby permanently removing from circulation as much of this material as possible.

d. To cooperate to the fullest extent possible with other expert committees of established philatelic societies, the Division of Philately and Postal History of the Smithsonian Institution, and such other persons and institutions as the Board of Governors may authorize.

e. To assist the members of the S. C. C. in identifying suspect material, if necessary charging a fee sufficient to cover the cost of postage and photographing, unless such material upon being found to be faked or counterfeit is donated to the S. C. C.; such fee, however, to be approved by the Board of Governors.

Section 3. Procedures.

a. Members are encouraged to submit known fake or counterfeit material to the Committee for recording and publication. The member may, if he wishes, submit his own description of the material, which will be checked by one or more of the examiners before publication. If the member does not submit a description, or if the description as submitted is deemed inadequate, one will be furnished by the examiner(s). Upon publication in the Posthorn, credit will be given to the member submitting the material.

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c. Members may submit suspect material to the Committee for examination and an opinion, subject to a fee as covered in Section 2-e. Members are encouraged to donate such material to the S. C. C. conditioned on its being found to be faked or counterfeit.

d. All communications, with or without material submitted, should be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, who will refer it to the appropriate examiner(s). The Chairman will be responsible for maintaining the files on correspondence, records and descriptions, and donated material, unless the Board of Governors shall designate another person as custodian.

A Delayed and "Reconstructed" Posthorn

This issue of THE POSTHORN should have been among the members long ago, and should have been the "summer" issue. Instead, it becomes a "catch-up" issue. All due to circumstances beyond the control of the editor and the printer. Seems the completed manuscript for the June issue was lost en route to the printer, and before this became evident, considerable time was lost. A "reconstructed" issue had to be made up.

To those who have inquired about the absence of THE POSTHORN, we can only regret this delay, and to the entire membership, we do likewise. We hope that things like this can be avoided in the future. The next issues of THE POSTHORN will be published in short order (one of them will carry as a supplement the new membership directory), and by the beginning of 1970, we hope to be "on schedule" again.

But "there's no ill wind . . .". In preparing this "catch-up" issue, we have been able to switch things around a bit, whereby some recent events are included, and the list of new members almost up-to-date. Ed.

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"Alfred the Great" Atlantic Crossing Abandoned

Ill-fated Venture Comes to Sad End — At Least for Now

From the August 1969 "Scribe," we quote the following unfortunate outcome of what could have been a great success:

"They don't make 'm like they used to" could well be the title of the final chapter in the bold adventure of Bob Marx and his replica of the Norwegian Gokstad viking ship—the proud "Alfred the Great."

And we don't mean Bob Marx and his men—but rather the ship. She was built last year for the MGM movie of the same name, and was wintered in Ireland. After she was readied and cast off for Bergen, she ran into two severe storms, had to put into Scotland for repairs, couldn't make it to Bergen, was forced southward, and as you know, Bob Marx continued to Portugal to attempt the crossing (via the southern route) from Lisbon.

Our covers were hastily rerouted from Bergen (where they were waiting) to Lisbon, and taken aboard there.

We were sorry to receive Bob Marx' latest report, but of course happy that he and his men survived. He says: ". . . and the voyage is over for good. More bad luck after leaving the port of Lisbon for the Canaries. Worst storm of all. The ship really damaged beyond repair, and we only got to port (Cadiz) by a miracle. Actually we sailed a total of 4400 miles, which is more than it takes to get across the Atlantic. The poor 'RA' didn't make it either . . .". But Bob has no intentions of giving up: ". . . Well, I still want to try it again but next time I will build my own ship. This one was just too fragile . . ."

We salute Bob Marx for his valiant "won't-give-up" performance, and wish him well next time!

All advance payments for the "Alfred-the-Great" covers have (sadly) been refunded.

The "SCC-Compex" 1969

First SCC Convention and Show Well Attended

They came from many parts of the continent—indeed even Europe, to take part in the SCC activities at the Scandinavian-oriented COMPEX in Chicago, May 30, 31, and June 1, 1969, with its huge number of exhibits, large dealers bourse, and the thousands of visitors from all over the continent. The many meetings and conventions and social affairs kept everybody busy, virtually all day and night if you were so inclined.

In the Scandinavian section were—in addition to the official Scandinavian governmental exhibits—many frames (26) of invitational displays (Earl G. Jacobsen and Lauson Stone and Svend Yort), as well as one frame of the Scandinavian Philatelic Literature Service. The competitive exhibits were contained in 118 frames, and every collecting area of Scandinavia was represented, including the associated areas of Finland, Schleswig-Holstein, D. W. I., Copenhagen Foot Post, and the Faroe Islands.

Three exhibits were from Denmark (by Stig Andersen, Bent Knutson, and Ole Svinth), and two from Canada (by Jack Banks and Mrs. Daubert). The rest were by SCCers of "domestic" type (Ken Brown, Ralph Danielson, Victor Engstrom, Bob Frigstad, Powell Glass, Earl Jacobsen, Preben K. Johnston, Carl O. Malmberg, Charles F. Orgel and Roger A. Swanson).

In advance, this display of Scandinavian material was announced as "the greatest ever seen in the Midwest" And it was! The outcome of the contest was:

GRAND AWARD went to **Stig Andersen** of Denmark, for his "Copenhagen Foot Post 1806-1876."

RESERVE GRAND AWARD to **Earl ("Doc") Jacobsen**, for his "Norway—posthorn skilling issue, essays, proofs, mint, used, singles, blocks, cancels, and covers."

IFSDA Silver Medal to **Victor Engstrom**, for his "Danish West Indies—Classics, Bicolors, Cancellations."

FIRST AWARDS were earned by: **Victor Engstrom** (D. W. I.), **Carl O. Malmberg** (Sweden) 1858 Coat of Arms Issue, Specialized), **Roger A. Swanson** (Iceland, 1930—The Parliamentary Millenary Issue), **Ole Svinth** of Denmark (Iceland 1873-1902).

SECOND AWARDS were captured by: **Ralph Danielson** (Sweden, 12 öre 1852-72), **Preben K. Johnston** (Schleswig-Holstein from 1802 to date), **Charles F. Orgel** (Sweden 1855-1939).

THIRD AWARDS were won by: **Powell Glass** (Iceland—A Cross-section of Errors), **Mrs. L. Daubert** of Canada (Iceland 1902-1907), **William J. Banks** of Canada (Denmark—The Bi-colored øre issues, perf. 14x13½, 1875-95), and **Bent Knutson** of Denmark (Scandinavian Contingents of the UN Emergency Forces).

OTHER SCC EVENTS AT COMPEX

New SCC Chapter Authorized: No. 17, Los Angeles.

At the SCC Board Meeting on May 31, one of the most encouraging Club actions took place: the approval of a request from **James Burgeson**, and several other members in L. A., to establish a SCC chapter in that area.

The new chapter—the “Southern California Chapter” (No. 17), will meet every first Wednesday of the month at the LA Philatelic Club, 417 South Alvarado Street, Los Angeles. The new chapter has already arranged for a special charter meeting on July 16, and both **Svend Yort** and **Ray Norby** are expected to attend, since they will already be at SANDIPEX in San Diego.

SCC Chapter Award Established

At the same Board Meeting, following a suggestion made in the “Scribe” (May 15), a “wandering” type SCC Chapter Award was decided on. It is to be presented to the chapter who exhibits the best 1-frame display at a national SCC meeting (the next one being SOJEX, 1970), where the chapters will compete in a special Chapter Class. The winning chapter will keep the award until the next competition, and then turn it over to the new winner (unless it manages to retain it), but will receive a miniature to keep. The

Board hopes that this activity will create motivation for participation projects, both within and between the chapters.

Other Board Actions

The already published statements of the 1968 Treasurer, the **MART**, and the **SPLS**, were formally approved, and current routine club business was disposed of. The proposed rules for the newly established Counterfeit Committee were also approved, as was a suggestion from Treasurer **Bob Lang** that SCC put permanent plastic membership cards to use.

The next (Inter)National SCC Convention to be held at SOJEX 1970, and a National SCC Meeting will be held at NOJEX 1970.

The National Meeting, May 31, 1969

45 members were present, and no less than TEN SCC chapters were represented (Nos. 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15). Among the members were two from Scandinavia: Einar Lundstrom ("Mr. Facit") from Stockholm, and

Bent Knutson from Aarhus.

SCC President Svend Yort presided, bringing everybody up-to-date on SCC affairs and outlining the plans for the immediate future. Some questions and answers, as well as announcements, were followed by a Chapter 4 sponsored auction.

Kaffe Klatch, June 1, 1969

was a lively one—as these traditional Chapter 4 get-togethers always are. A total of 57 signed the guest book, but many more were there. Coffee, tea, hveteboller with getost, "wienerbrød," and stronger drinks were available in huge quantities, and everybody "had a ball." If there were some things about these SCC-days that could have been done or improved, they did NOT include the Kaffe Klatch—that was tops!

Thus came to an end another memorable SCC gathering in Chicago. Many things were done for the benefit of SCC's future; members had another opportunity of meeting; new friendships were made, and old ones re-newed; the national officers met and discussed many club matters with a large segment of the membership—and all agreed that SCC is in good shape . . .

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CARL H. WERENSKIOLD EARNS NEW HONORS

CARL H. WERENSKIOLD—whose excellent article "Norway No. 1" (THE POSTHORN, October and December 1968) was reprinted in the March 1969 SPA JOURNAL—was awarded a Best-Article-Award in the 1969 SPA Philatelic Literature competition. The Gold Medal (and a \$50 check) could hardly have been awarded to a more deserving man and we extend our sincere congratulations . . .

CHAPTER 17 (Southern California), AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Now that SCC has an active chapter in California as reported on page 62, it is interesting to analyze and speculate on this latest SCC venture.

It is always encouraging to see new SCC chapters in new places, but especially so in this case—the West has been “opened up” for SCC!

Specifically, California has for years been a “problem” in that it didn’t seem possible to get a chapter started there, in spite of the great number of members and other Scandinavia-interested collectors there—in fact, the third-largest concentration in the country.

It took the interest and enthusiasm of **Jim Burgeson** to get things started. And once in motion, there was no stopping them—he was soon joined by many others, and together they now form one of the “hottest” groups anywhere (and that takes in even Chapter 9, North Jersey!).

As did Chapter 9, the new Chapter 17 started with a chapter newsletter under the able editorship of “fireball” **Bibs Berner**.

The Chapter already has 36 members! (as of July), and our prediction is that not only will it be one of the largest in the country but will set an example for other chapters in California, and the West . . .

S. C. C. — TORONTO (Chapter 10)

Two of the members—Jack Banks and Per Arp, with their wives—have visited Denmark during the summer, and they should have some interesting reports and pixs for the September meeting.

Informality is the word at Chapter 10’s meetings. They prefer this to carefully planned programs, chatting about their interests, and “picking each other’s brains,” and looking through sales books and trading material. The average attendance at meetings is about 12—sometimes boosted by visitors from far away, such as John Siverts from Wilmington, Delaware.

S. C. C. — Chapter 7 (New York)

The meeting place has again been changed, after a prolonged use of the Freedom House, in Manhattan. The new location is the Danish Athletic Club, 750—65th Street, in Brooklyn.

The chapter still retains its meeting day—the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Members' Bulletin Board

Have something to sell your fellow-members? Something you would like to buy? Information you'd like to secure? Or anything else you'd like to tell the membership?

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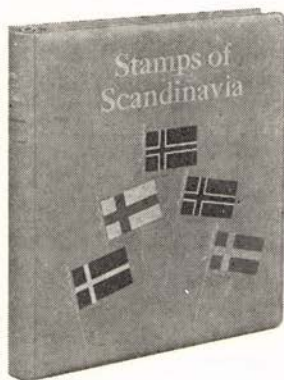
Not too early to prepare for participation

MEMPHEX—the annual show by the Memphis Stamp Collectors Society—will be held at the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., March 19-22, 1970.

MEMPHEX 1970 will host the APS Spring Meeting which should secure plenty of attendance. Joe F. Frye, perhaps better known to our readers as Midland Stamp Co., is the Bourse and Advertising Chairman, and he is also one of those who will figure prominently in the organizing of an SCC chapter in those parts—and he urges participation by as many SCC-ers as possible. We second that motion . . .

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William Stericker, more affectionately known to all as simply "Bill" or "Doc," joined SCC in 1944 (Member 108), and was always one of the strongest pillars of the Club. Always ready and willing to contribute with plain, hard work—as well as expert knowledge—Bill had a major share in SCC's growth and success over the years. While his greatest stamp love was for Scandinavia, he was also very interested in other countries and collecting areas. Indeed, he was a specialist in them all, and his many memberships read like a world-wide register of stamp clubs and societies. He said that his trouble was that he was too interested in too many fields and in the words of a friend, he was truly a "general specialist." He was also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic, the President of the American Philatelic Congress, and a much used judge at national and international exhibitions. A towering philatelist.

Painfully, we say good-bye. Humbly, we acknowledge all he gave. Proudly, we state: Bill—Our Friend. To Christine and her family: Our deepest sympathy.



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