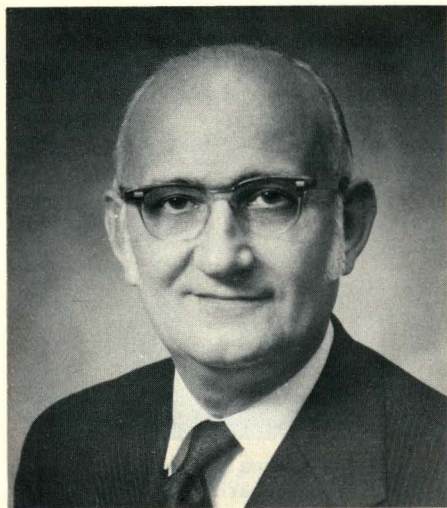


The Clubhouse



In 1976, as president of INTERPHIL, Col. James T. DeVoss was instrumental in achieving an outstanding philatelic, artistic and financial success for that international exhibition in Philadelphia. That it attained such a large measure of success is due to the drive and energy that have characterized Jim DeVoss' activities in the philatelic world. As executive secretary of the American Philatelic Society, he took that organization from a membership of slightly more than 13,000 and propelled it to an almost unbelievable leadership in American philately with over 43,000 members and this with a concomitant increase in the services offered.

For those and other philatelic achievements, the Collectors Club has named him the 1977 recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for "Outstanding Services to Philately." The medal which is emblematic of that most prestigious award in United States philately will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner on May 10, 1978.

Though his position as APS executive secretary in recent years has made his name a household word in international

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philately, long before he took on that herculean task, Jim DeVoss had already made his mark in the world of stamp collecting. He is presently chairman of the APS Expert Committee, vice president of the Federation International de Philatelie (FIP), a trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library and a member of the Honorary Council of the American Philatelic Congress.

His previous organizational activities include the presidency of the Washington (D.C.) Philatelic Society, chairman of the Hawaiian Philatelic Exhibition (HAPEX-1951) chairman of the Canal Zone Study Group, first vice president of the American Philatelic Congress, vice president of the Federacion Interamericana de Filatelia (FIAF), vice chairman of the National Philatelic Exhibition (NAPEX), international secretary and director of the APS and president of the Pentagon Philatelic Society.

Col. DeVoss is an APS accredited judge and has served twice on international juries: EXFILBRA '72 (Rio de Janeiro) and ARPHILA '75 (Paris). In addition, he has been a judge or chairman of the jury for many national and regional exhibitions, and has also been the United States Commissioner for several international shows: EXFILIMA '71 (Lima), EXFILBRA '72 and STOCKHOLMIA '74.

As a writer and editor, Jim DeVoss has left an indelible mark as well. He served as stamp editor of the "Honolulu Advertiser" from 1950 to 1952, writing a weekly column for that newspaper. He was the editor of the "Pentagon Philatelist," he edited the 1953 "Congress Book" and he was the associate editor of "The Yucatan Affair, the Work

of Raoul Ch. de Thuin, Philatelic Counterfeiter," published in 1974 by the American Philatelic Society.

In addition, he has written extensively on Canal Zone, Forwarding Agents and other Panama markings—his special philatelic interests—for various publications, including "Stamps" magazine, the "Congress Books" of 1952 and 1959, the "Collectors Club Philatelist" and "The Philatelist" (London), to name but a few. His article in "Stamps" on the 1909-1921 series of Canal Zone was used by the Scott Catalogue editors for a major revision of Canal Zone listings. In 1970, he received the Collectors Club Medal for the best article in the "Collectors Club Philatelist" for that year.

Col. DeVoss was chairman of the Catalogue Revision Committee of the Canal Zone Study Group, its revisions being accepted eventually by both the Scott and Minkus Catalogues. He wrote the Panama portion of "Forwarding Agents" by Kenneth Rowe, the Panama Forwarders of U. S. Mail portion of the "American Stampless Cover Catalogue" by E. N. Sampson and the British Postal Agencies portion of "The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps," Volume v, Robson Lowe, 1973.

Col. DeVoss is a founder and trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library, a founder of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum and a member of practically every important philatelic organization, including but not limited to the American Air Mail Society, The Collectors Club of New York, the Confederate Stamp Alliance, the Essay Proof Society, the Philatelic Foundation, the Postal History Society of the Americas, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the Royal Philatelic Society, London, the Society of Philatelic Americans, the U. S. Classics Society, Bureau Issues Association and Western Covers Society.

He is an enthusiastic exhibitor on the national scene, having achieved grand awards at HAPEX (Honolulu) 1951 and at SOJEX (Atlantic City) in 1969, and the champion of Champions award at Balpex that same year, plus a number of golds and special awards as well. Inter-

nationally, his collection garnered three large golds: Philympia (London) 1970, BELGICA (Brussels) 1972 and IBRA (Munich) in 1973. At EXFILCA (Caracas) in 1970, he was given a special award, this being rated as between a large gold and the grand award. His collection has received the Prix d'Honneur two times; at STOCKHOLMIA '74 and INTERPHIL '76.

Col. DeVoss is a much sought after philatelic speaker. In 1967, for example, he spoke before philatelic groups twenty-two times. Another of his hobbies is photography and he has made extensive use of color slides to illustrate his stamp talks. He has been a speaker at The Collectors Club on at least five occasions since the late 1940's and received The Collectors Club Medal for the Best Program in 1968.

In 1937, he received a B. S. degree and that same year was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Then, following a stint as field supervisor, in the circulation department of the "Des Moines Register," he was called to active military duty as a first lieutenant on January 2, 1941. After a twenty-year span of service, during which he graduated from the Infantry School (Advanced Officers Course), Fort Benning, Georgia in 1944 and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1953, he retired as a colonel in 1961.

Although commissioned in the Infantry, he spent most of his military life as a staff intelligence officer. He served as the special security officer for Generals Aurand, Arnold, Gruenther and Norstad. From 1958 to 1961, he served in that capacity for General Twining when the latter was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

Although a major highlight of his military career was being chosen as a member of the military staff that accompanied President Eisenhower to the Bermuda Big Three Powers Conference in 1953, the capstone to that career came when he was awarded the Legion of Merit (second highest peace time medal) for "exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe from June

24th 1955 to June 30th 1958.”

Jim DeVoss has not neglected his community duties. He was president of the United Fund for the State College, Pa. area, and is currently second vice president of the State College Rotary Club, an elder of the Presbyterian Church of State College and a member of the American Society of Association Executives. In 1977, he was the winner of the First Award of that organization's Idea Fair held in New York.

For his contributions to organized philately, Col. DeVoss has received many honors: the John N. Luff Award of the American Philatelic Society (twice), the

Tilleard Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, the Walter R. McCoy Memorial and the Jere Hess Barr Awards of the American Philatelic Congress, the Service Award of that latter organization and Outstanding Philatelic Achievement Awards from INTERPEX '67 and SEPAD '67.

Since the 1966-67 edition, Col. DeVoss has been listed in "Who's Who in America." With the awarding of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Outstanding Services to Philately, Jim DeVoss not only caps a brilliant philatelic career but has earned a place in "Who's Who in International Philately."

(Philip Silver)

PALM TREES (Cont'd)

THE LIST

The list of known covers is presented to give students and collectors the ability to see what exists and the characteristics of each cover. These may be used to help to verify a cover as genuine or to see if changes or additions have been made to it. As is true with any attempt to list such covers, there are sure to be some which have escaped notice. On the other hand, however, it is hardly likely that there can be more than double the number listed in existence, with a much smaller percentage likely. The records gleaned to compile this list extend back for a number of decades, and only a single source, self stated to contain a significant number of covers, has not provided the necessary information to have them included.

The information presented is in the format of:

1. Type, color, and date of Apia CDS if known (year from other sources as required, or earliest date showing on cover or piece).
2. Name and abbreviated address of recipient.
3. Samoan stamps.
4. Other features.
5. Owner code (letter as below)
 - A = Auction
 - D = Dealer
 - O = Odenweller collection
 - P = Private owner
 - S = Exhibition
 - X = Other
6. Commercial or Philatelic indication as below
 - C = Commercial
 - P = Philatelic
 - U = Unable to determine from information given

The postal history of the Palm Trees of Samoa is no longer as much of a mystery as it once was. However there are still areas which are unknown and may never be known. Many issues are not known on cover at all. Rates, though uncomplicated, are needlessly made to seem confusing by the philatelic non-rates. Commercial covers are few, especially when considering those not in combination with U.S. stamps. The three "improved" covers mentioned earlier are the beginning of what I hope will not be a major trend, now that the prices are becoming significant, but such hopes are unfortunately very slim.

(To be continued)