



RONALD A. G. LEE TO RECEIVE 1979 A. F. LICHTENSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented annually to a philatelist of world renown, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately is one of the most coveted awards in stampdom. Each year previous Lichtenstein Award winners gather to nominate a new and worthy recipient for this signal honor. That nomination is presented to the Board of Governors of the club to be voted upon for final approval. Such a nomination for the year 1979 was acted upon by the Board and by a unanimous vote the winner for that year was chosen. He is Ronald A. G. Lee of London.

A stamp collector since he was six, Ron Lee's long philatelic career is one of outstanding achievement and diligent service. Although he joined the old Junior Philatelic Society in 1928, it wasn't until the '50s, that he blossomed philatelically.

He founded the Great Britain Philatelic Society in 1955 and acted as its Secretary for seven years, became its President in 1964 and again in 1978. He joined the Royal Philatelic Society in 1956 and became its president in 1975. In 1968 he became President of the Middlesex Philatelic Federation and is now its Patron.

Mr. Lee's awards are legion. He became a signatory of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1965. He has, among other awards, won golds at "London 1960," "Istanbul 1963," "Paris 1964," "Amsterdam 1967," "Johannesberg 1969," and "Basel 1974." He was the first Britisher in over 80 years to win an International Grand Prix (Vienna 1965). Some of his other prestigious awards include the Sir Nicholas Waterhouse Cup for research (1961), the Brandt Prize in 1962 and the Stanley Gibbons Challenge Cup for 1965 and 1967. 1978 was a special year. He received both the Royal Philatelic Society Silver Medal which has been presented on five occasions and also the Tilleard Medal for that year.

Since 1967 Ronald Lee has served on many International Juries and was President of Jurors at London 1960, Vice-President in Copenhagen in 1976. He was Treasurer of London 1960 and its Chairman in 1970. He is the present Treasurer for London 1980.

Invited to join the Expert Committee of the Royal in 1962, he has been its Chairman for the past three years.

A Freeman of the City of London, he is a member of the Butchers Livery Company. He entered the world of commercial food manufacturing in 1930, retiring in 1963. Married in 1936, he was widowed in 1976. He remarried in 1979. Always athletic he has won many awards for shooting and swimming.

Mr. Lee will be honored at the club's Annual Awards Banquet to be held at The Tower Suite in New York on June 11th. It is an honor he richly deserves.