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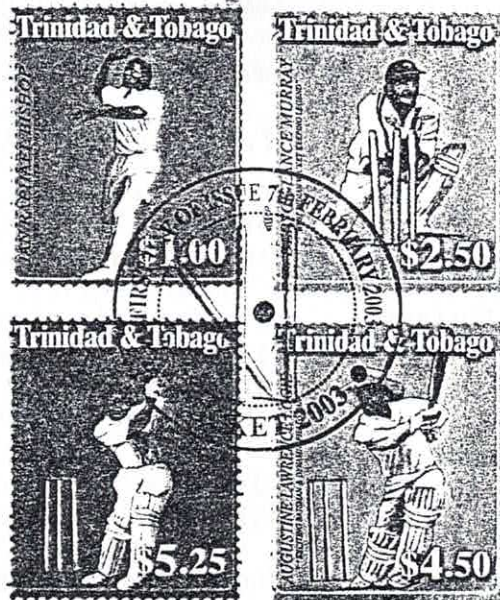
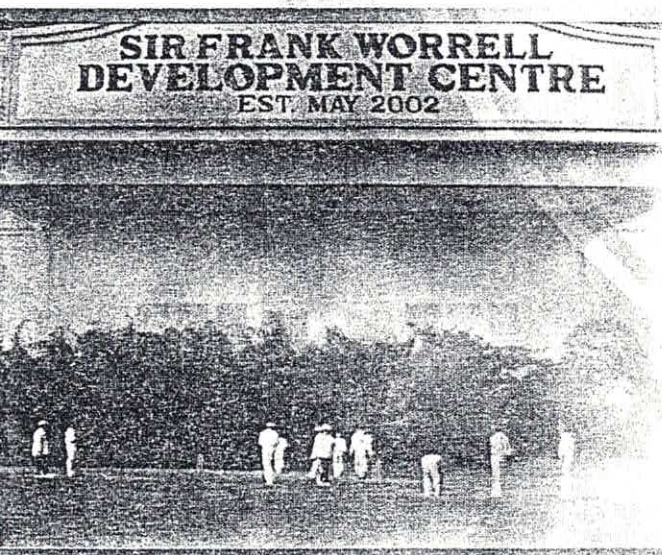
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NEW ISSUE NEWS

## Trinidad & Tobago Postal Corporation Cricket Stamp Issue 2003



### Trinidad & Tobago Official First Day Cover

Fig. 1: FDC OF THE CRICKET ISSUE

The first issue released in 2003 was the Cricket issue on the 7th February. The issue consisted of four stamps featuring famous cricketers: \$1.00- Ian Raphael Bishop; \$2.50 - Deryck Lance Murray; \$4.50 - Augustine Lawrence Logie; \$5.25 - Ann Browne John. The artist was Mervyn Lynch of Diego Martin. The graphic design was done by Troy Rhodes. The printer was Cartor Security Printing of France. No souvenir sheet was produced for this issue. The FDC's were sold at \$14.75 each. A brochure was available.

For the first time, TTPost produced four cards for the issue. Each card measured 64mm by 102mm and reproduced one of the stamps with an autograph added on the front. On the back of each card there was information on the particular cricketer featured on the card. The cards were supplied with the FDC at no additional charge.

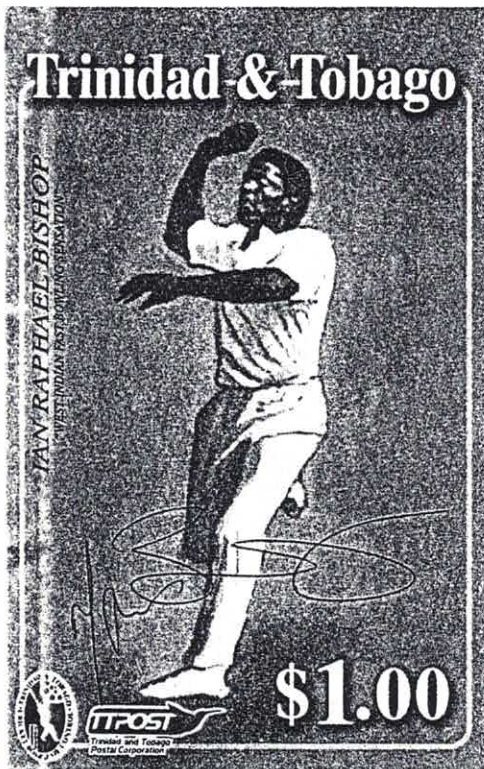


Fig.2: FRONT OF CRICKET CARD



Fig.3: REVERSE OF CRICKET CARD

The second issue released for this year was the Treasures of the Rainforest booklet on the 24th February. The issue consisted of ten stamps all of \$1.00 denomination: Mountain Immortelle flower, Blue-crowned Motmot, Red Howler Monkey, Butterfly Orchid, Channel-billed Toucan, Ocelot, Bromeliads, Lineated Woodpecker, Tamandua and Emperor Butterfly. The scientific names of the flora/fauna were stated on the stamps. The artist was Lisa Bhajan. The ten stamps were self-adhesive and diecut in one pane. The backing-paper of the stamps form the booklet covers. The booklets were sold at \$10.00 each. Neither FDC's nor brochures were produced.

The third issue released for this year was the Carnival issue on the 25th February. The issue consisted of five stamps: \$1.00 - Junior Carnival masqueraders; \$2.50 - Minstrel group; \$3.75 - Carnival King 1982; \$4.50 - Carnival Queen 2001; \$5.25 - Female masquerader. The photographs were supplied by Northon Studios, Westmall. The graphic designs were done by Troy Rhodes. The stamps were printed by De La Rue Global Services, England. A souvenir sheet was available which reproduced the \$5.25 stamp in it. The souvenir sheets were sold at \$6.00 each. The FDC's were sold at \$18.75 each. The FDC is larger than the normal size, 240mm X 105mm, but it can fit in the FDC album available from the Society. A brochure was produced for this issue.

The fourth issue of the year commemorated the Inauguration of the International Criminal Court. The issue was released on the 7th March. The issue consisted of four stamps: \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.75 and \$4.50. A souvenir sheet was produced which contained one \$6.00 stamp that reproduced a photograph of President Robinson. The issue was designed by Albert Sydney. The graphic design was done by Troy Rhodes. The printing was done by De La Rue Global Services. Details of the remarkable role played by President Robinson in the formation of the ICC is contained in the brochure. The brochure was prepared by Albert Sydney and it is a 38 page booklet that must have set a record for brochures. The FDC's were sold at \$13.25 each and the souvenir sheets at \$6.00 each.



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Fig. 4: TREASURES OF THE RAINFOREST BOOKLET

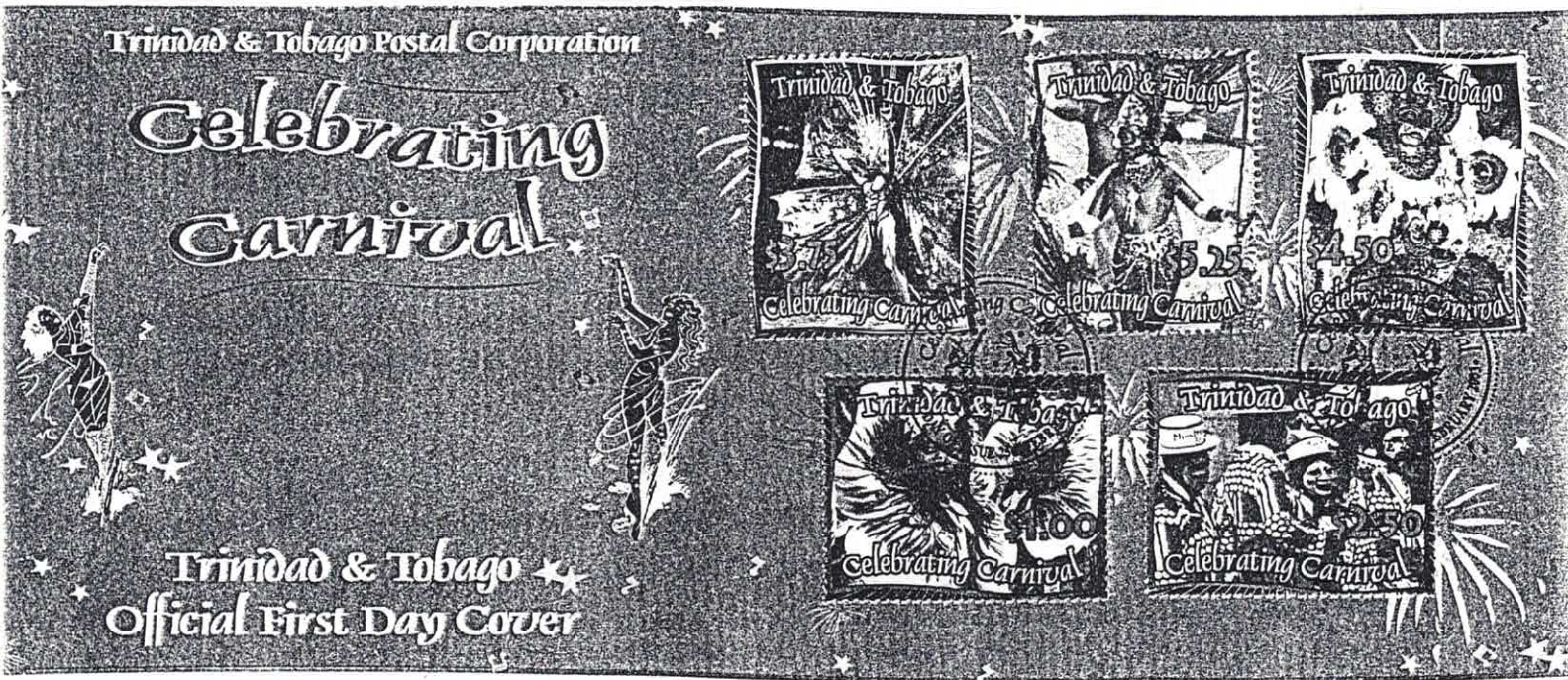


Fig. 5: FDC OF THE CARNIVAL ISSUE

NEW ISSUE NEWS (cont'd)**Inauguration of the International Criminal Court Stamp Issue**

by Albert Sydney

Trinidad & Tobago released a commemorative postage stamp issue to celebrate the Inauguration of the International Criminal Court and to pay tribute to His Excellency President Arthur NR Robinson, T.C., O.C.C., S.C., for his role in the establishment of the Court. The stamps were released on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

The Government of Trinidad & Tobago hosted a formal Launch of the stamps at the Festival Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

President Robinson was the chief guest at the function. First Lady, Patricia Robinson and his son David accompanied him. Mr. Anthony Bartholomew, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Public Utilities & The Environment, chaired the function. Senator the Hon. Rennie Dumas, Minister of Public Utilities & The Environment delivered the Welcome and Introduction, and was followed by Dr. Inyang Ebong-Harstrup, Resident Representative of the United Nations in Trinidad & Tobago who delivered remarks on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. The St. Augustine Chamber Orchestra Ensemble provided very entertaining classical music, adding to the decorum and importance of the function. Senator the Hon. Knowlson Gift, Minister of Foreign Affairs delivered the feature address on behalf of the Prime Minister. President Robinson was invited to unveil the stamps and framed presentations were presented to officials.

Our Vice President, Albert Sydney, designed the four stamps, souvenir sheet and Official First Day Cover. A very handsome 38-page brochure for the stamp issue was also printed. It includes a Message from Sen. The Hon. Rennie Dumas, Minister of Public Utilities & The Environment, information on the International Criminal Court, information and technical details on the stamps, the designer and a biography of President Robinson.

The \$1.00 stamp portrays President Arthur NR Robinson with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York. The stamp also shows the Official Flag of the United Nations and the National Flag of Trinidad & Tobago.

The \$2.50 stamp portrays President Robinson with Prof. Benjamin Ferencz, Prof. Cherif Bassiouni, H.E. Philippe Kirsch and Mr. Hans Corell.

**Professor Benjamin B. Ferencz** is the Adjunct Professor of International Law at Pace University and founder of the Pace Peace Center.

**Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni** serves as President of the International Human Rights Law Institute of the DePaul University College of Law, the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences in Siracusa, Italy, and the International Association of Penal Law in Paris, France.

NEW ISSUE NEWS (cont'd)

**Mr. Philippe Kirsch, Q.C.**, is currently Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Sweden. He is concurrently Ambassador and Agent for Canada in the Legality of Use of Force Case (Yugoslavia v. Canada) before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

The \$3.75 profiles President Robinson with Mr. Hans Corell.

**Mr. Hans Corell** has been Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations since March 1994. In this capacity, Mr. Corell is head of the Office of Legal Affairs in the UN Secretariat.

In the background of this stamp is Major Anthony Philip-Spencer, Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency President Robinson.

The \$4.50 stamp portrays President Robinson with **H.E. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi**, President of the Republic of Italy and Hon. Emma Bonino at a State Reception for President Robinson at the Presidential Palace in Italy

**Hon. Emma Bonino**

The Honourable Emma Bonino is Member of European Parliament for Italy. She is a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy, and also serves as a Member of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and serves as a Substitute, Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries and the Gulf.

The design of the Official First Day Cover shows a picture of the Hall of Justice with a special cancellation for the event.

\$6 Souvenir Sheet incorporates a portrait President Robinson with images of the Trinity Cross, Order of the Caribbean Community, Seal of the Office of the President and a judicial logo of the Scales of Justice.

This is the first time in our country's history that a stamp issue was launched with such celebration and official fanfare. Among the guests at the function were the President of the Senate, members of the Judiciary as well as members of the diplomatic corp.

President Robinson demitted office on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003. Apart from highlighting President Robinson's involvement in the establishment of the International Criminal Court, the stamp issue also serves to recognize his distinguished service to the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, as a former Chairman of the Tobago House of Assembly, Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago and now former President of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago.

This is one of the finest stamp issues that Trinidad & Tobago has released in its philatelic history, which focuses on an international event of such magnitude.

# Trinidad & Tobago Official First Day Cover

Commemorating the Inauguration of

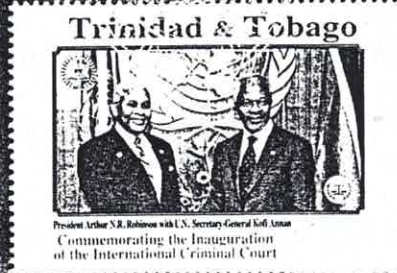
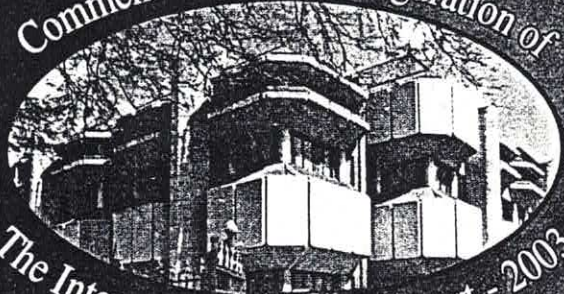


Fig.6 FDC OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

## REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 12th March at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. The AGM was not held in February due to low attendance. Present were six members. The returning officer was Mr. Selwyn Gomes. The results of the election of officers are: President - Mr. John Chay; Vice-Presidents- Mr. Jazad Ali and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary - Mr. Robert Franco; Treasurer - Vacant; the four Committee Members - Mr. Motilal Dass, Ms. Majorie Smith, Mr. Roger Edghill and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Patrick Forbes; Hon. Auditor-Mr. G. Sancho. Mr. Albert Sydney will act as Treasurer until the post is filled.

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**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Mr. Albert Sydney. If you have any ideas for new stamp issues, please send them to Albert Sydney. Please note that the stamp programme is planned as far as a year or two in advance.

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