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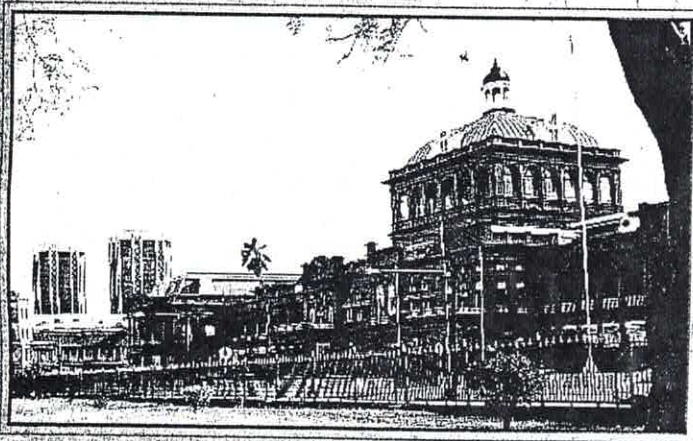
## NEW ISSUE NEWS



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO POSTAL CORPORATION

*Centennial of the Re-opening of the Red House*

1907-2007

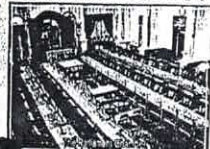


TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Centennial of the Re-opening  
of the Red House  
1907-2007 \$1.00

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Centennial of the Re-opening  
of the Red House  
1907-2007 \$2.50

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Centennial of the Re-opening  
of the Red House  
1907-2007 \$3.75



Centennial of the Re-opening  
of the Red House  
1907-2007 \$5.25

## CENTENNIAL OF THE REOPENING OF THE RED HOUSE

The second issue released for 2007 was the 'Centennial of the Reopening of the Red House 1907 - 2007' on the 14th September. The issue consisted of four stamps: \$ 1.00 - photograph of Red House circa 1907; \$ 2.50 - The Parliament Chamber; \$ 3.75 - The Cenotaph and External Flame; \$ 5.25 - The Red House Rotunda and Fountain. A Souvenir Sheet was produced with a single \$ 15 stamp featuring the Red House as seen from Woodford Square.

The issue was printed by Thomas Greg & Sons de Columbia S.A. and the graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The FDC's were sold at \$ 19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$ 15.00 each. A brochure was prepared for the issue.



Trinidad &amp; Tobago Postal Corporation

*St. Mary's Children's Home*  
150th Anniversary



## ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S HOME 150th ANNIVERSARY FDC

The third issue released on 21st September commemorated St. Mary's Children's Home 150th Anniversary 1857-2007. The issue consisted of four stamps: \$ 1.00 - St. Mary's Children's Home Main Entrance circa 1930; \$ 2.50 - The Fountain; \$ 3.75 - St. Mary's Anglican Church; \$ 4.50 - St. Mary's Children's Home Cub Pack. No souvenir sheet was produced for this issue.

The issue was printed by Thomas Greg & Sons de Columbia S.A. And The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The FDC's were sold at \$ 19.00 each. A brochure was produced for the issue.

Two other issues are planned for the balance of 2007. A new definitive set featuring architecture will be released at the end of November / December. The set will consist of nine stamps. The historic buildings (the 'Magnificent Seven') around the Queen's Park Savannah will be included in the set. A Souvenir Sheet only will be issued to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol which phased out the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's). These CFC's are generally believed to be harmful to the ozone layer.

In 2008, there will be no Carnival issue, but among the issues planned are the 60th Anniversary of the University of the West Indies and a stamp booklet on Fresh Water fishes.

WATERMARK VARIETIES - NEW DISCOVERIES

Edward Barrow has sent us a list of his recent discoveries of watermark varieties. None are listed in the current Stanley Gibbons Catalogue.

S.G.#	Sc#	Description
346b	151	15c 1969 Definitive, Coat of Arms, Glazed Paper, inverted watermark
482	263	10c 1976 Definitive, (Painting), inverted watermark
486	281	25c 1976 Definitive, (Hotel), inverted watermark
491	287	50c 1976 Definitive, (Orchid), inverted watermark
492	282	70c 1976 Definitive, (Hotel), inverted watermark
539	308	10c 1979 LATIN AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (CROWN TO RIGHT)
585	345	10c 1981 ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION (CROWN TO LEFT)
669	419	10c 1984 PARANG FESTIVAL (CROWN TO RIGHT)
719	455	95c 1986 ERIC WILLIAMS (CROWN TO RIGHT)
787	509	20c 1990 Birds with multiple crown CA (Ww14)

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2008 at St. Mary's College, Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain. Nominations are required for all posts for the 2008/9 sessions. Please respond and nominate any member whom you believe could serve well, but please have you nominee sanction their acceptance.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

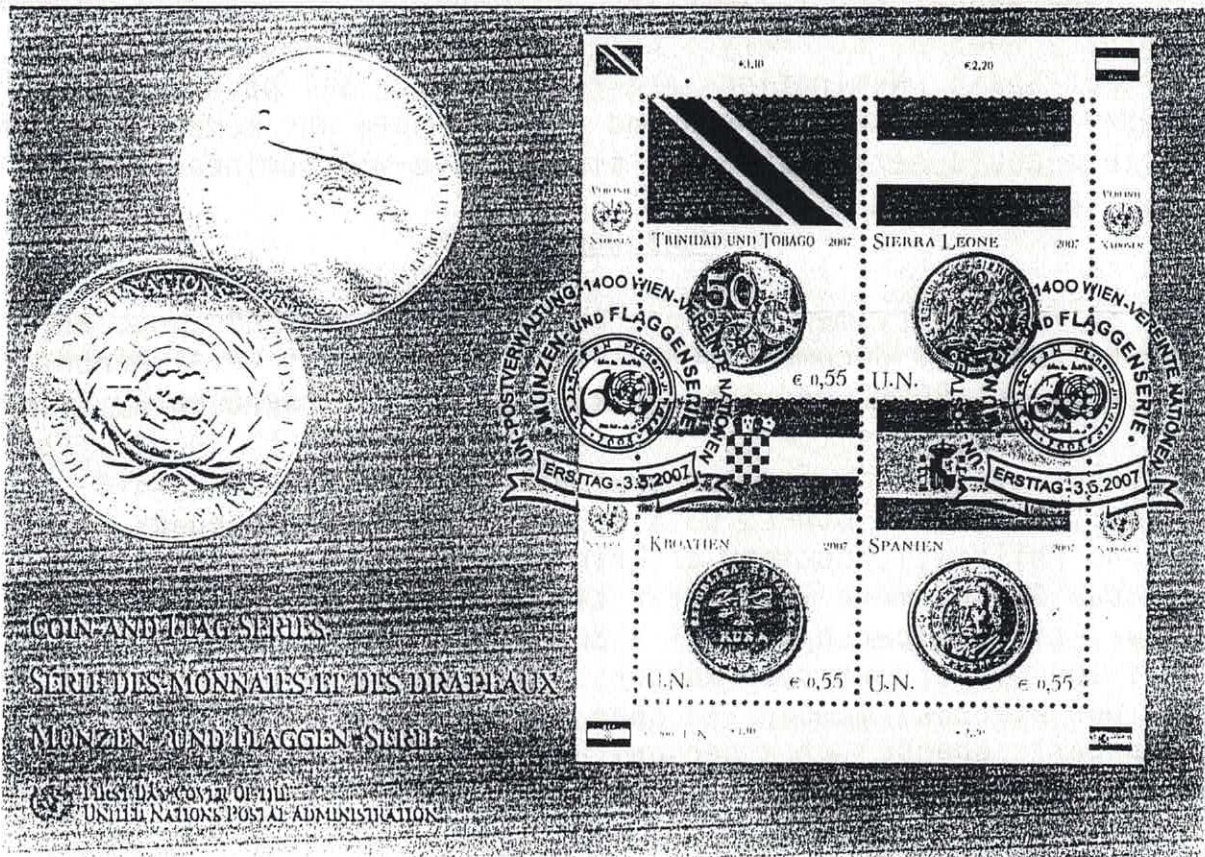
All ordinary members are reminded that the 2008 dues were due by the 31st December 2007. The 2008 dues for local members are adults \$ 30.00 and juniors \$ 20.00. Please send early. Your dues can be paid either at the meetings or mail it to P.O. Box 596, Port-of-Spain. For our overseas members, the dues are UK £ 6.00 and all others US \$ 10.00. Please make cheques payable to the Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago. Ordinary members can pay two or more years at a time based on the annual given above. Life membership is TT \$ 300.00 for local members or US \$ 100.00 for overseas members. Due to bank charges in T&T, we ask our overseas members to send payment via a bank draft (manager's cheque) or a personal cheque drawn on a US bank. Please do not make any payment using a Postal Order.

## UNITED NATIONS - COIN & FLAG SERIES

The United Nations Postal Administration issued the second set in its Coin and Flag Series on the 3rd May 2007. The issue consisted of 24 stamps featuring coins and flags from member states. Eight of the stamps were for use at the UN Post Offices in New York City, eight at the Geneva offices and the remaining eight at the Vienna offices.

“ TRINIDAD UND TOBAGO “ was featured on the stamps used at the UNPA offices in Wien, Austria. The denomination of the stamp was 0.55 Euro, a postal rate in Austria. The design of the sheet of stamps placed four countries in a block of four with margins. T&T shared the block with Sierra Leone, Croatia and Spain. The coin featured on the stamp is the 50c coin which is not seen often in circulation. The side of the coin shown illustrates T&T’s national musical instrument, the steel pan.

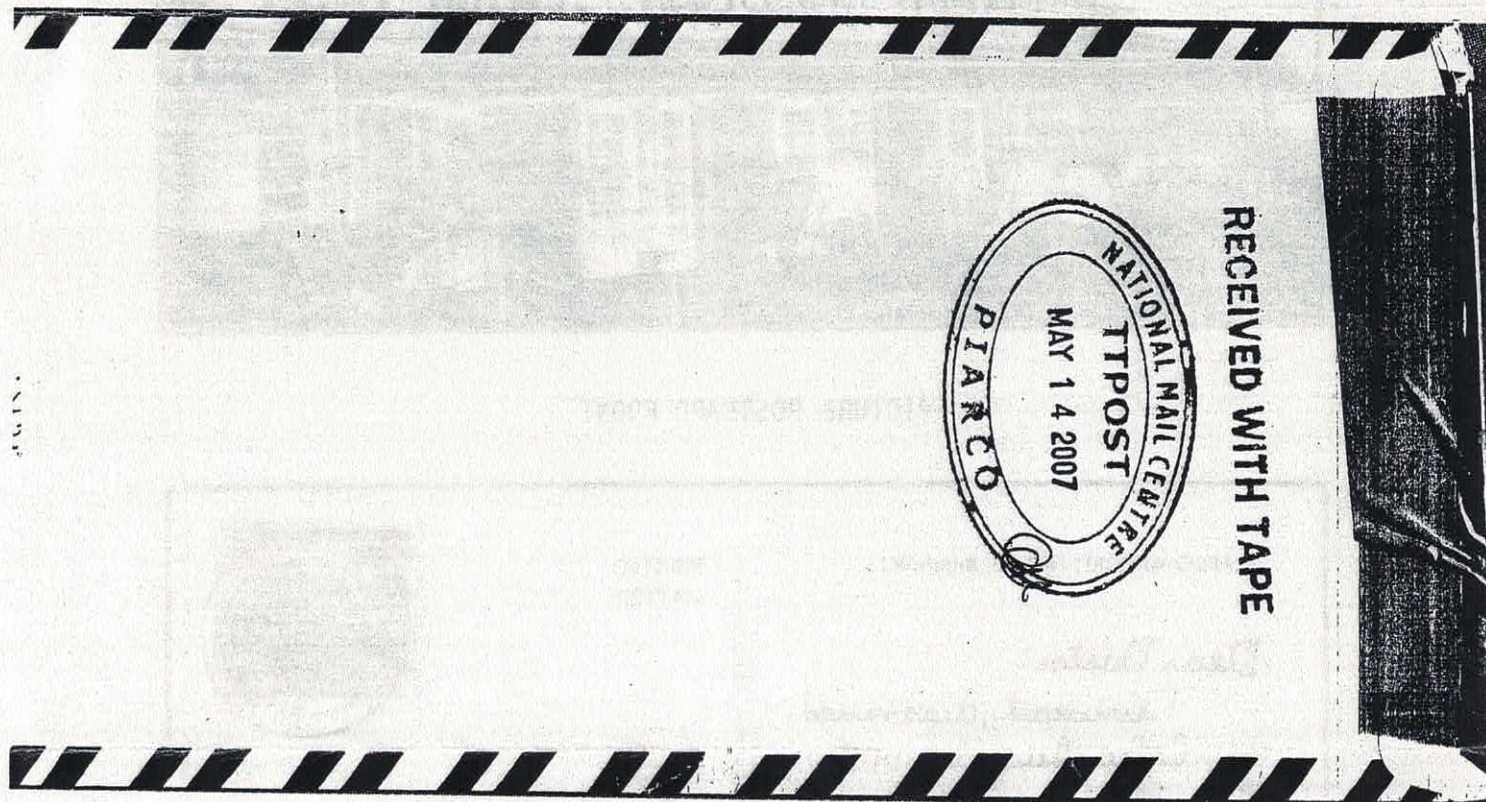
On the top left margin corner of the block of four is printed another T&T flag. Also in this second set is Barbados. The Barbados stamp has a denomination of 39c for use at the UNPA offices in New York. Members who wish the stamp can place their orders at the United Nations Postal Administration, P.O. Box 5900, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-9992, USA.



POSTMARK - RECEIVED WITH TAPE

The problem of mail tampering was reported in an article in the Trinidad Guardian of 23rd November 2007. The Managing Director of TTPost, Colin Lucas, stated that close to one million TT dollars (approximately US \$ 151,000) was spent on security and surveillance upgrades at the National Mail Centre yet the problem persists.

An example of tampered mail is illustrated below. The airmail envelope from abroad was opened and the contents were removed. The thief resealed the empty envelope with brown plastic adhesive tape. When the envelope was discovered by TTPost, the 'RECEIVED WITH TAPE' postmark and NMC oval datestamp were applied. The postmark measures 4mm X 53mm. Both postmark and datestamp are rubber-stamps. The level of this illegal activity indicates that this postmark should be very common.



TAMPERED MAIL - REVERSE OF INCOMING AIRMAIL ENVELOPE

ADVERTISING PICTURE POSTCARDS - PENTOTHAL

The PPC on the following page is a method of advertising not common to T&T. The postcard was franked with the 12c stamp of the 1960 definitive. The stamp was cancelled by the Woodbrook datestamp, 2nd July 1961. The printed message was made to appear hand-written. The message was an advertisement for PENTOTHAL made by the pharmaceutical company Abbot. The card was made mailed to a doctor in the USA. When a doctor received this card in the mail, the doctor may think the PPC is from a friend visiting Trinidad. This form of advertising can be quite effective.



PICTURE POSTCARD FRONT

TIARCO AIRPORT, Trinidad, British W.I.

PRINTED  
MATTER



Dear Doctor:  
Trinidad, discovered  
by Columbus in 1498,  
has been welcoming  
visitors ever since. One  
visitor that has come  
to stay is Pentothal -  
an agent of choice here,  
as in almost every  
corner of the world.

Abbott P.O. B 1105  
Port of Spain  
T'dad.

PENTOTHAL® SODIUM (Sodium Thiopental, Abbott)

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130 PARKER STREET  
LAWRENCE MASS 01840  
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PICTURE POSTCARD BACK - PENTOTHAL SODIUM ADVERTISEMENT