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## NEW ISSUE NEWS

We have not received any updates from TTPost regarding 2009 issues since the last Bulletin. The Society is attempting to purchase some FDC's, Maximum Cards and Mini-Sheets of 16 of the Brazilian Porcupine issue for our members. As these stamp products were not sold by TTPost, we have to source it from abroad. We will advise of progress in the next Bulletin.

## IMPERIAL CENSORSHIP FORM NO. 126

The cover (Fig. 1) was mailed from Tunapuna 25th February 1943 to the USA. The sender did not state his/her name and return address on the outside of the envelope contravening the regulations during World War II. The envelope was examined by the Imperial Censorship which was a routine procedure. The censor resealed the cover with a P.C.90 OPENED BY EXAMINER I.E./6029 Label (Wike #TRCL4). Most likely, the sender did not state his/her address on the inside as the letter could have been returned to sender. The censor placed Form No. 126 inside the envelope. The sender's name and return address was important to the Censors. They had lists of names of people whose correspondence they monitored - therefore, they would check if the names of the sender or recipient were on their 'watch' lists.

The censor intended to place one form in the envelope, but two forms were found clung together tightly. The forms were printed by mimeograph on off-white/cream bond paper. The two Forms were not identical, the typist shifted the word 'contravened' on the top line. When the Forms were cut from the sheet, the "Form No.126" missing in Fig.3 probably ended up at the bottom of Form above it.

P.C. 90

OPENED BY EXAMINER

I.E./6029



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## Form No. 126

The writer of this letter has contravened the Trinidad Defence Regulations requiring that the sender's name and address should appear on the outside of every letter posted for despatch overseas. Please draw your correspondent's attention to the fact that letters contravening this regulation are subject to heavy delay or return to sender.

Imperial Censorship, Trinidad.

FIG.1 (ABOVE): THE  
 CENSORED COVER WHICH  
 CONTAINED FORM NO.126

FIG.2 (LEFT) AND FIG.3  
 (LOWER LEFT): THE  
 ENCLOSED FORMS NO.126

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REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 11th February at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were six members. The returning officer was Mr. Albert Sydney. 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. Marjorie Smith, Mr Roger Ramoutar and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Mark McPeanne; Hon. Auditor - Mr. G. Sancho. Mr. Albert Sydney will act as Treasurer until the post is filled.

Here is the directory of services:

HON. SECRETARY: Mr. Robert Franco, 33 Verbena Road, Victoria Gardens, Diego Martin. Tel: 637-3603. General correspondence, change of address and new issue standing orders. Please make payments for the new issue standing orders payable to Robert Franco. If you have not received a bulletin, please inform Robert. His e-mail address: *virgo@tstt.net.tt*

PRESIDENT: Mr. John Chay, P.O. Box 596, P.O.S. Tel: 622-1673. Sale of accessories, i.e. Stockbooks, albums, mounts, etc. Bulletin Editor. Fax: (868) 632-2759.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Jazad Ali. His e-mail address is *jazali@tstt.net.tt*

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

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Please remember that our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start at 6pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

### GENERAL NEWS

In a February press release, TTPOST introduced its new Acting Managing Director, Ms. Sheree Welch. Ms. Welch previously held the position of General Manager - Finance and Administration.

If you store your albums/collection in an enclosed space such as a cupboard, silica gel can be used to reduce the humidity in your storage area. A reduced humidity helps fight rust spots, insect infestation and a lot of other harmful things to your collection. Silica Gel is on sale at Chapman's Storage located in the Fernandes Compound, Laventille. It is sold in 250g packets with all the instructions to make it user-friendly. Come to our monthly meetings for more information. The website of the manufacturer: [www.dri-it.com](http://www.dri-it.com).

### QUEEN'S PARK HOTEL

The Queen's Park Hotel opened in January 1895 and was closed in February 1991. The original building of the hotel was basically two storeys high and consisted of a central block with wings on the east and west as illustrated on the top of Fig. 3.

The central block was demolished in 1937 and was replaced with the five-storey art deco block. The postcard (Fig. 1) shows the new central block and the east and west wings. The postcard bears the GPO Port of Spain datestamp 8th June 1952 and was mailed to the USA by a tourist with the message: "This island is beautiful beyond any description, but hot oh golly. We had a beach party today complete with fresh coconut and all. Calypso singers with our dinner tonight at the Country Club". The postcard was published by Y. de Lima and Company Ltd. and printed by Tichnor Brothers Inc., Boston. In 1991, the hotel was demolished, but the art deco facade of the central block was rebuilt.

The menu card of the hotel (Fig. 3) dated 26th February 1913 is rather unusual. At the top of the menu is a postcard of the hotel which can be torn off (there are score lines but no perforations). On the lower part is the menu of the day which was printed by mimeograph. The back of the postcard has the usual division for the message and address. No printer's name is stated.

A kitchen scene of the hotel is illustrated in Fig. 2. It was printed by Foto-Litho Millard & Co. Amsterdam (Holland). The postcard circa 1905 and has an undivided back. For more information on the hotel, please check article on Bulletin # 193/3.

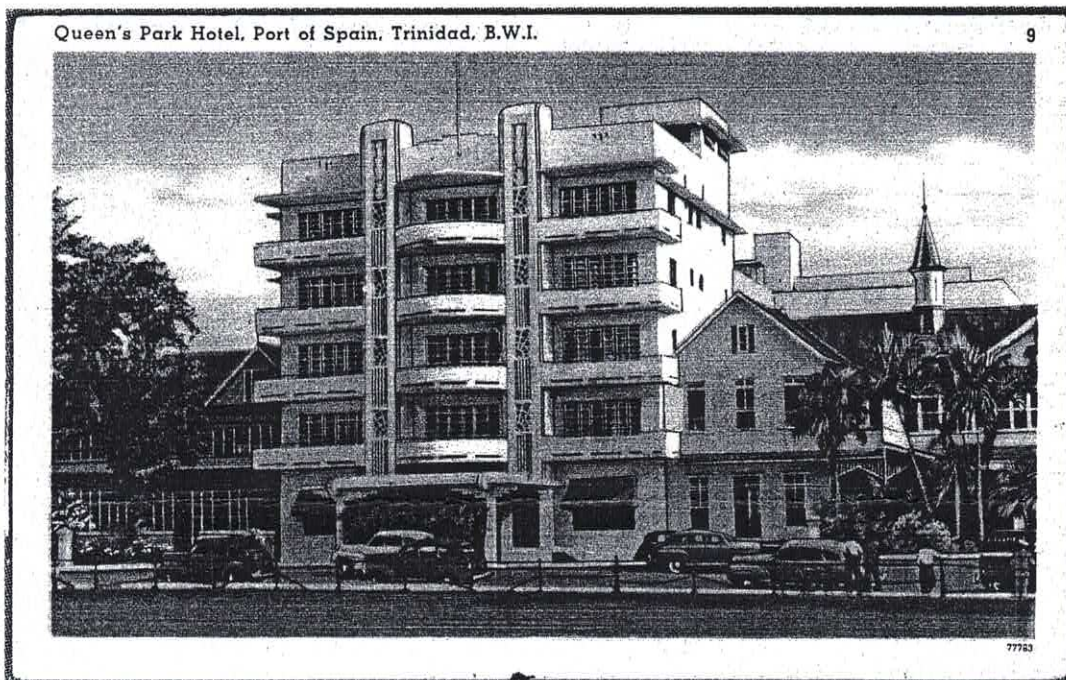


FIG.1: LINEN POSTCARD OF QUEEN'S PARK HOTEL MAILED 8th JANUARY 1952

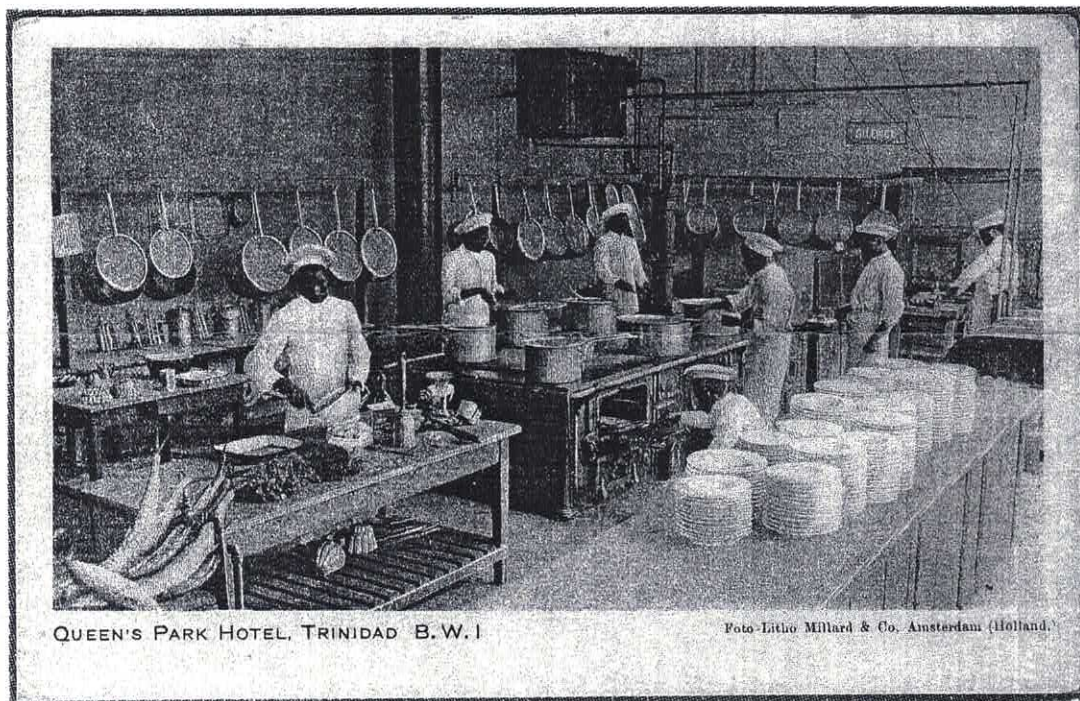
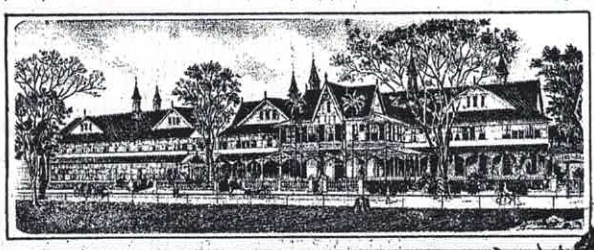


FIG.2: A KITCHEN SCENE OF QUEEN'S PARK HOTEL CIRCA 1905

**QUEEN'S PARK HÔTEL**  
TRINIDAD B.W.I.



**MENU**

**DINNER**

Cousonne Pate Italienne  
Boiled Saumon Oyster Sauce  
Carre d'Agneau Sce Menthe  
Pommes Persillees - Haricots Verts  
Dinde meau farci  
Salade  
Beignets de Peches  
Special Moka 1/-

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FIG. 3: MENU CARD OF 26th FEBRUARY 1913 WITH PICTURE POSTCARD ON TOP.  
THE POSTCARD CAN BE TORN / CUT-OFF TO SEPARATE IT FROM MENU.