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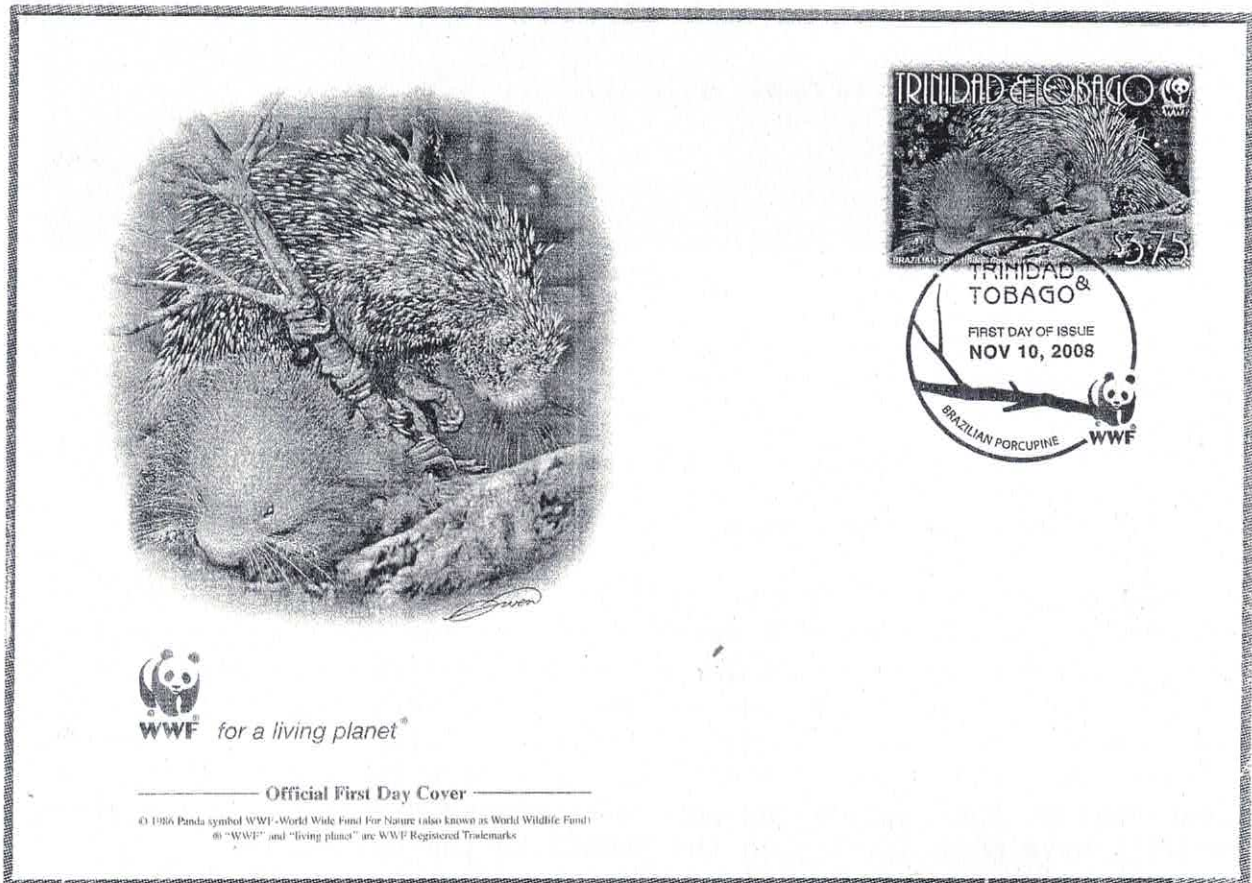


FIG.1: BRAZILIAN PORCUPINE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND FDC (ONE OF A SET OF FOUR)

TTPost released in T&T the Brazilian Porcupine issue on the 13th January 2009. TTPost did not sell any FDC's, Maximum Cards or mini-sheet of sixteen of this issue. The Inter-Governmental Postal Consultants (IGPC) and the World Wide Fund for Nature, a.k.a. World Wildlife Fund (WWF) produced FDC's and Maximum Cards. The FDC's consisted of a set of four envelopes each printed with a different cachet and bearing one of the stamps. The date-stamp stated the FDOI as November 10th, 2008. The Maximum Cards consisted of a set of four cards, but only one reproduced exactly the artwork on the stamp (see Fig.2).





Fig.2: MAXICARD BRAZILIAN PORCUPINE (ONE OF A SET OF FOUR)

Roger Ramoutar provided us with the illustrations of the FDC and Maximum Card. Roger has obtained a few sets from dealers abroad. If you wish to acquire any, contact him at tel: 620-1992 or e-mail:rogindra2008@yahoo.com. The items may be also available from Edward Barrow - website: www.westindia-co.com. As the FDC's and Maxicards were not produced/sold by TTPost the prices are high.

The Fifth Summit of the Americas was hosted by T&T in Port of Spain from the 17th to 19th April 2009. A stamp issue was produced by TTPost but was not released as it did not receive the approval of higher authorities. The issue was posted on TTPost website: www.ttpost.net. A special post office was located at the site of the Summit, in the "Summit Village", to facilitate the visitors from 34 countries in the region. The post office used a special cancellation. We will have more details on the Summit in the next Bulletin.

There were four new issues in progress for release this year. TTPost had prepared an issue for the inaugural Caribbean Games which was scheduled to be hosted by T&T from the 13th to 19th July. The issue was to consist of five stamps and one souvenir sheet. Due to concerns of the "swine flu" pandemic, the Games were cancelled. The 10th anniversary of TTPost will be commemorated with a souvenir sheet only. The centenary of naval aviation will be the subject of another issue. T&T will be hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November. Albert Sydney has been working on a design for this issue.



COLLECTION FOR SALE

One of our late members' collection is for sale. The collection was kept in an air-conditioned room for some thirty years. This collector treated his collection with TLC (Tender Loving Care). The collection is in excellent condition, no signs of toning, rust spots, etc. The collection is stored in approximately 180 stamp albums, cover albums, binders with black stock pages, stockbooks, booklet albums, P.O. Year books with stamps. Top quality brands were chosen in the albums such as Lighthouse (hingeless). Hawid mounts were used for the mint stamps in other albums. There are some shoe boxes with covers and stamps plus a stack of unopened mail from a stamp shop in the UK and standing orders from various Philatelic Bureaux.

The collection consists of approximately 80% British Isles: Great Britain; Regional issues of Scotland, Wales, etc.; the Channel Islands (Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney) and the Isle of Man. Most of the collection covers the period approximately 1980 to 1999. The stamps are mint and they are in singles, gutter-pairs, blocks of four and six with traffic lights, all in complete sets in the commemorative and definitive issues. Also from this period are FDC's, booklets, PHQ cards and Presentation Packs. There are mint sets from 1952 to 1980 in some albums. Little or no duplication in purchases.

Approximately 15% of the collection consists of omnibus / thematic issues: Charles and Diana Royal Wedding, Royal Baby, Queen's Mother, 1972 Silver Wedding, 1977 Silver Jubilee, etc. One album was devoted to Leaders of the World Locomotive series.

Less than 5% of the collection consists of British West Indies and T&T. Again mainly modern QEII material with the bulk in the 1980-99 period, mostly mint singles with blocks of four in T&T and some FDC's. There are also some George VI sets and singles. Also in the collection are some albums of Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha and miscellaneous world-wide.

Throughout this collection no errors, freaks, varieties were observed, only the basic issues. Also absent was any postal history or postal stationery. The collector spent a considerable sum of money on this collection. As is to be expected, the market value of this collection is less than what was spent to acquire it. The widow is asking for a reasonable offer. Contact the editor at 637-7876 between 2pm and 4pm Monday to Friday if interested (serious inquiries only!). Our overseas members can consider this, it will fill at least half a dozen large suitcases.

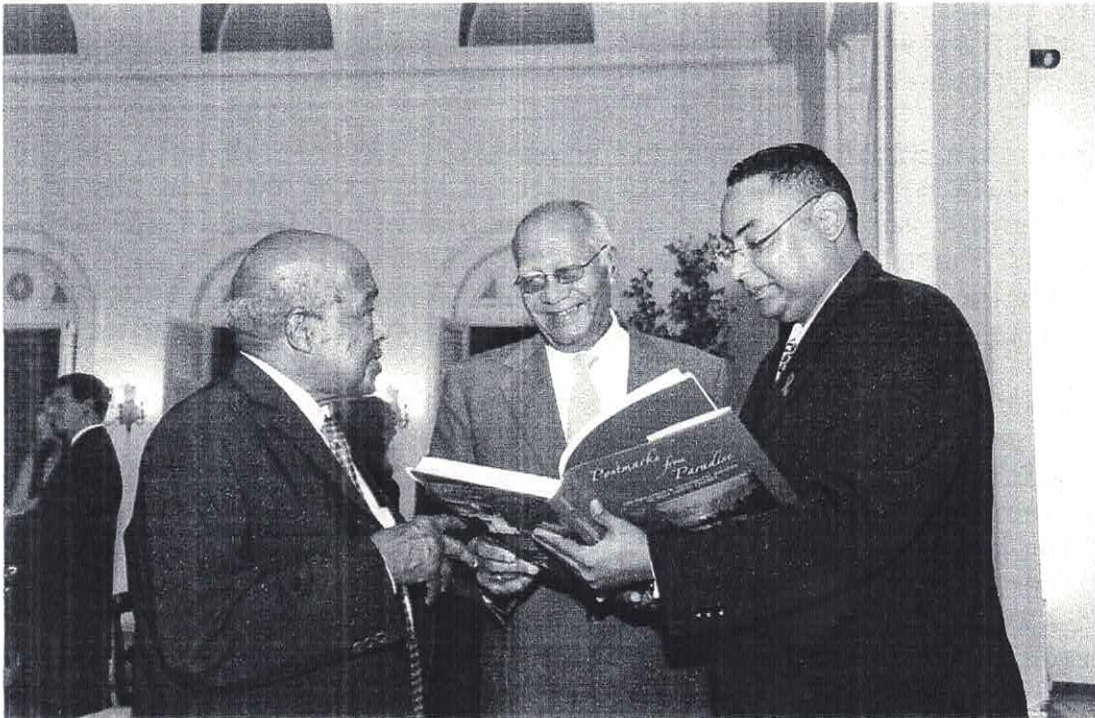
**Cricket finds its place in *Postmarks from Paradise:*  
*The Philatelic and Numismatic History of West Indies Cricket***

The islands of the entire Commonwealth Caribbean have had a rich postal history on West Indies Cricket. The first postage stamp on the subject was issued in 1923 by St-Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, with a design of the local cricket ground Warner Park and a portrait of King George V.

The first postage stamp dedicated on the theme of cricket was by Barbados for their Independence stamp issue of 1966, which portrayed one of her favourite sons and National Heroes, Sir Garfield Sobers. Since then almost every Caribbean island, including Bermuda, have issued several postage stamp issues dedicated to the sport of cricket as well as its players.

*Postmarks from Paradise: The Philatelic and Numismatic History of West Indies Cricket* which was recently produced by the Vice President of the PSTT, Albert Sydney was launched at an Official Reception hosted by His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, TC, CMT, Ph.D, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at The President's House on Friday 13 March, 2009.

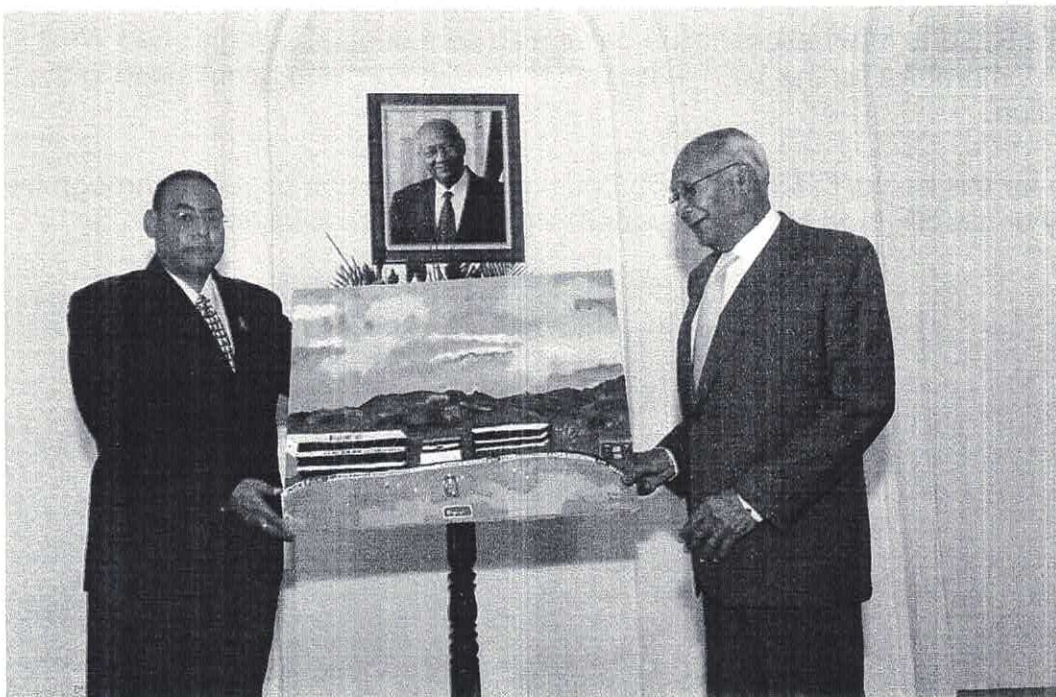
Invited guests included members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the cricket fraternity and distinguished contributors to the book including former President of Trinidad & Tobago, Sir Ellis Clarke.



From left: Sir Ellis Clarke, former Trinidad & Tobago President , His Excellency Prof. George Maxwell Richards, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Albert Sydney



The 348 page full colour, hard cover publication records all the postage stamps, commemorative covers, numismatic proof coins, banknotes, Tour neckties, phonecards and is a unique historical record of the sport of cricket with profiles from Wisden. The book consists of eight sections punctuated with exclusive photographs by Patrick Eagar, renowned international photographer and Caribbean art by local and international artists, including Glenn Roopchand, Adrian Camps-Campins, Boscoe Holder, Peter Sheppard, Simon Birtal (UK), Richard Blackford (Jamaica), Rex Dickson (UK) and Peter Doig (Scotland).



PSTT Vice President Albert Sydney, author of *Postmarks from Paradise* presents His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards with an acrylic painting of the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain which was painted by Mr. Sydney at the Official launch at The President's House.

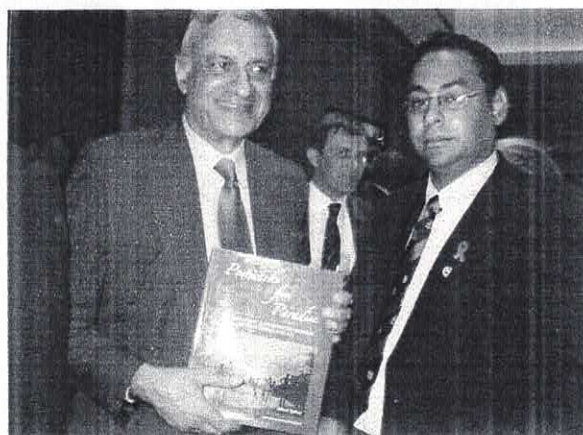
Their Excellencies Sir Daniel Williams, Governor-General of Grenada, Prof. George Maxwell Richards, President of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, Hon. Sir Colville Young, Governor-General of Belize, Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand, Governor-General of New Zealand, Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor-General of St. Lucia, Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of Guyana, The Rt. Hon Sir Donald McKinnon, Commonwealth Secretary-General, Dr. Edwin Carrington, CARICOM Secretary-General, Hon. Dr. Roy Austin, former US Ambassador to Trinidad & Tobago, John Michell, Australian High Commissioner, Sir Ellis Clarke, last Governor-General and first President of Trinidad & Tobago, Professor Patricia Mohammed of the University of the West Indies and David Collier, Chief Executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board all contributed to the publication with essays and messages.

The Crown Agents in London have included philatelic material they have produced for the Cricket World Cup 2007 and the Bank of Jamaica, the Bermuda Monetary Authority, the Bank of Guyana, the Central Bank of Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank have all sent information on their numismatic coins honouring West Indies Cricket.

The Williams Memorial Collection at UWI have included photographs of Prime Minister Dr. Eric Williams on the Oxford University Cricket Team in 1933 and him playing cricket at the Queen's Park Savannah with CLR James and Sir Learie Constantine in 1960.

Sandal's Resorts International in Jamaica also sent original autographed West Indies Memorabilia for the 100<sup>th</sup> Test Match Tour at Lord's to be included in the publication.

Orders for this book (TT\$350/US\$60/£40 plus postage) can be made through the Society or directly from Mr. Sydney at [albertsydney@hotmail.com](mailto:albertsydney@hotmail.com)



Above His Excellency the Hon. Kamallesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General, Distinguished Lecturer of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Eric Williams Memorial Lecture of the Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago and the Hon. Esther Le Gendre, Minister of Education (below) with the book *Postmarks from Paradise* .