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## GRAND MASTERS HELP TO FOUND REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL

The Republican Movement ushered in a time of political upheaval in Portugal. Evolving from the Reformists Party in 1876, the Republican Party was founded and directed by such men as Dr. Joaquim Teofilo Braga and Jose Elias Garcia. The revolt of January 31, 1891 was but a precursor to the revolution of October 4-5, 1910 when the monarchy was overthrown. With the formation of the republic, a succession of governments swirled through office between 1910 and 1926. Nine times presidents began four year terms with only Antonio Jose de Almeida completing a full term. More than 40 different ministries served under these presidents.

Following the deposition of King Manuel II in 1910, Dr. Braga led the provisional government. In the first election in 1911, Dr. Arriaga gained the presidency. In 1915, Pimenta da Castro forced Arriaga to appoint him prime minister and then promptly formed a dictatorship. On May 14, 1915 the revolutionary party unseated da Castro, which caused Arriaga to resign and Braga finished the presidential term. Not long after its 1910 success the Republican Party split into three factions: the "Evolutionists" (moderates), the "Unionistas" (centerists) and the "Democratistas" (left-wing). Afonso Augusto da Costa headed the Democratistas who gained control of the party machinery in 1913. Dr. Machado Guinaraes was elected president in 1915, to serve only two years before being deposed by Major Sidonio Paes. Paes headed a dictatorship until his assassination in 1916. Machado's second election led to his serving from 1925-26, when he was forced to resign by da Costa who in turn was replaced five months later by General Carmona. Carmona served as president until 1951; he brought into the government Dr. Salazar who was prime minister from 1932 to 1968. With this thumbnail sketch of recent Portuguese History, let us examine the careers of those Republican leaders who became Grand Masters in Portugal.

Antonio Jose de Almeida (Scott 1441 issued Oct. 4, 1979). Born in Vale de Vinha (Penacova) on July 18, 1866. The son of modest rural proprietors, he received his medical degree from the University of Coimbra, practiced medicine in Sam Tome and later settled in Lisboa. Joining the Republican party at an early age, he participated in the 1891 uprising. An outstanding orator, he wrote for a number of newspapers, was elected a deputy to the Constituent Assembly, and was an active participant in the October 5th preparations.



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Antonio Jose de Almeida (Cont'd)

After the formation of the provisional government, he served as minister of the interior in 1910-11. He formed the Evolutionistas, with its own newspaper, the Republica, to oppose the radicalism of da Costa and the Democratistas. With Portugal's entry into World War I, Almeida and da Costa were reconciled and Almeida accepted the portfolios of presidency of the ministry and minister for the colonies in the so-called "Sacred Union" government of 1916-17. Opposing Sidonio Paes, Almeida was elected president of the republic in 1919, a position he filled with propriety and righteousness.

He was elected Grand Master in 1929 but died on October 31 of that year before being installed.

Afonso Augusto da Costa (Scott 1442) Born in Seia, Portugal on March 6, 1871. The son of an influential local attorney, he received a law degree from the University of Coimbra and, shortly thereafter, his doctorate. He joined the faculty of the university in Lisboa where he took up residency in 1906. A Republican since his school days, da Costa distinguished himself by oratory skills, his aggressiveness and his organizing abilities. Elected to the Constituent Assembly in 1900, he returned to Parliament in 1906-10. After the October revolution, he served as a deputy and minister of justice in the provisional government, leaving his mark on laws relating to family, divorce, separation of church and state, tenancy, etc.



Heading the Democratistas, he returned to government in 1913-14 as prime minister and finance minister, balancing the budget, creating the ministry of education and introducing the graduated income tax. He again assumed these offices during the dictatorship of Sidonio Paes but ceded the presidency to Almeida as noted above. Arrested for his support of Sidonio, he was exiled to France. Da Costa represented Portugal at the Paris Peace Conference (1919-20) and the League of Nations (1920, 1925-26), being elected the president of the General Assembly in 1926. With Carmona's ascension to power, da Costa organized the Defense League for the Republic against the dictatorship from Paris. When the Communist International organized the Popular Front against fascism in 1936, da Costa participated as Portugal's representative.

Da Costa was secretly elected Grand Master in 1937 but died on May 11 before he could be installed.

Bernardino Luis Machado Guimaraes (Scott 1444) Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on March 28, 1851. The son of a wealthy Portuguese emigrant, he came to Portugal in 1860 with his parents. He studied in Porto and Coimbra, majored in mathematics and philosophy, received a doctorate in the latter, and joined the university faculty. He taught for 30 years and introduced the study of anthropology into Portugal.



Machado Guimaraes launched his political career at an early age, starting at first with the Regnador Party. He was elected a deputy, elected a peer of the realm and appointed minister of public works in 1893. Disillusioned with the monarchy and its self-regeneration, he joined the Republican Party in 1903. From 1906-09 he presided over its

Bernardino Luis Machado Guimaraes (Cont'd)

board of directors. After the overthrow of the monarchy, he served the provisional government as foreign minister. A deputy, senator, ambassador to Brazil, thrice prime minister, minister of the interior, he was twice elected president of the republic (1915-16, 1925-26). While he did not associate himself with any of the Republican factions his sympathies lay with da Costa's Democratistas. Exiled from 1917-19 for supporting Sidonio Paes, he was again exiled in 1927 by Carmona taking up residence in France and Spain. During the second exile (1927-40), he published 40 manifestos in favor of democracy. Authorized to return to Portugal, he took up residence in Douro; he died in Porto on April 29, 1944.

Machado Guimaraes was elected Grand Master from 1895 to 1899.

Jose Elias Garcia (Scott 1446) Born in Cacilhas on December 31, 1839. The son of a worker and revolutionary liberal, he received a degree from the Commercial School, Polytechnic Institute and the Army School. He pursued a career in military engineering, rising to the rank of colonel. He also taught at the Army School.



A Republican since his youth, Garcia founded or collaborated in the establishment of several republican and workers journals. As a member of the Reformista Party, forerunner of the Republicans, he was elected a deputy to the assembly, for the first time, in 1870. In 1876 he became a member of the directorate of the Reformistas and assumed its leadership from 1883-91. He also served as a member of the city council of Lisboa. He died in Lisboa on April 21, 1891.

Garcia was elected Grand Master twice, 1886-86 and 1888-89.

Jose Mendes Ribeiro Norton de Matos and Sebastiao Magalhaes Lima will be presented in the next newsletter to round out this excellent coverage of Portuguese Grand Masters prepared by Bro. Gene Fricks, member No. 224 of Clementon, NJ.

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DANIEL LOUIS "SATCHMO" ARMSTRONG

The USPS will honor Bro. Louis Armstrong with a release on Sept. 1 being issued in New Orleans, LA, the city of his July 4, 1900, birth. He learned to play the cornet and bugle at the Home for Colored Waifs in New Orleans where he had been sent by juvenile court when he was about 11 years old. At the age of 17 he joined Edward "Kid" Ory's New Orleans band. Four years later he joined Joseph "King" Oliver's Creole Jazz Band in Chicago. He toured with Fletcher Henderson in 1924-25 and later led recording ensembles Hot Five and Hot Seven. In the early 1920s he was coached by Lil Hardin, a classically trained musician; they were married in 1924. In the late 1920s he switched to playing the trumpet. By the 1930s his popularity grew beyond being a jazz musician and he eventually led his own band as well as being a solo performer, comedian and movie star. He toured several continents with the Louis Armstrong All Stars in 1947 and was considered America's Ambassador of Jazz. He was a member of Montgomery Lodge No. 18, New York, of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



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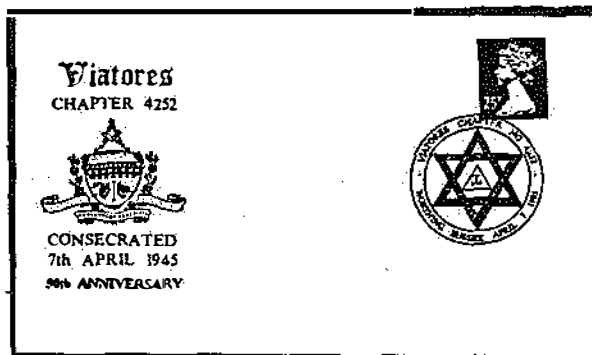
Fifty years ago the war in Europe came to an end. Literally hundreds of thousands of Freemasons had fought for victory. In nations formerly occupied by totalitarian regimes, Masons were again free to meet. It is worth noting some of the leaders of the United Nations at that noted time in history:

The United States	- Harry S. Truman	- Freemason
The United Kingdom	- King George VI	- Freemason
Czechoslovakia	- Eduard Benes	- Freemason
Denmark	- King Christian X	- Freemason
Greece	- King George II	- Freemason
Iceland	- Sveinn Bjornason	- Freemason
Norway	- King Haakon	- Freemason
Sweden	- King Gustavus V	- Freemason
Canada	- Mackenzie King	- Freemason
Mexico	- Lázaro Cárdenas	- Freemason
Philippines	- Manuel Roxas	- Freemason

A pattern emerged: Free nations led by Freemasons. What of today?

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COVER - VIATOIRES CHAPTER 4252 - HOLY ROYAL ARCH



Bro. Grahame West informs us of the issuance of a cover for the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of Viatoires Chapter 4252. There was an unusually high number of founders - 17 total. The translation of the Latin inscription in the Cachet "Curis-Vagor-Expeditus" is "I Travel Care-Free". They are available for \$5.00 each from Bro. West at  
12 Dean Way  
Storrington RH20 4QN  
West Sussex Great Britain



## THE MASONIC SPECIALIST

Bro. Christopher Murphy of New Westminster, B.C., Canada, proudly reports that on Feb. 24, 1995, he was proclaimed a Friar by the Society of Blue Friars - an honorary association for Masonic authors which has a very impressive membership list. The occasion was their annual convention in Washington, DC, at which he delivered a presentation North America's "Most Masonic" Postage Stamps. This paper was featured in the most recent issue of the Philaethes magazine; Bro. Murphy designed the cover for that issue to introduce his article.

He also indicates that Installment #7 of The Masonic Specialist is nearing completion. His announcement for this work states:

"Now with seven installments completed, this work is the most detailed and extensive work ever compiled on North American Masonic Philately. Research for the work has included, and continues to include, a review of all major Masonic publications (both active and inactive) since their inception. In addition, a highly critical analysis has been conducted on all applicable postage stamps, bringing to light errors and anomalies which have never been exposed. Enlarged photos of stamps and photographs of related material augment many of the subjects providing highly interesting information for philatelists. The work includes illustrations of North American paper money which depicts Masons.

"Arranged for use as either a reference work or a stamp album, The Masonic Specialist is guaranteed to please even the most particular collector. The author, Christopher Leo Murphy, is a noted authority on Masonic Philately. He is a member of the Society of Blue Friars and a vice-president of The Masonic Stamp Club of New York. Books are autographed if requested.

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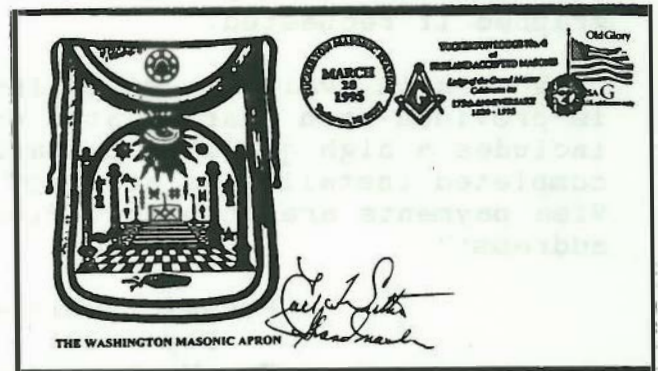
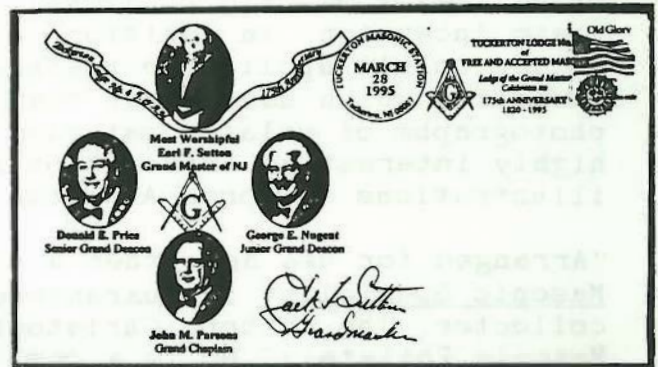
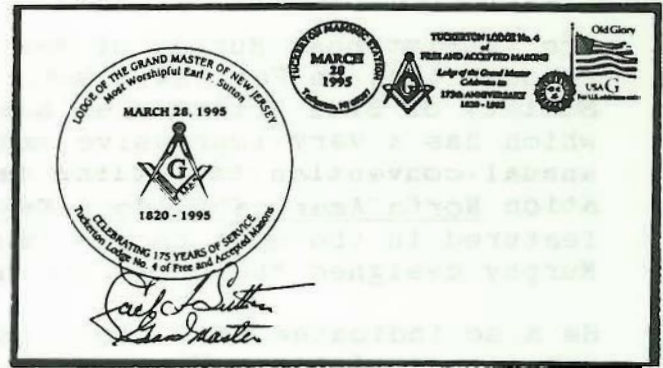
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Please note that if your membership expiration date on your mailing label is 9504 or earlier, your annual dues are now delinquent. We hate to dun but must maintain the income to permit publication and mailing. We normally keep a member an issue or so after his membership has expired - for a "grace" period but it uneconomical to maintain the gratis mode for very long. Please watch your membership expiration date and remit as appropriate. Thank you.

## TUCKERTON LODGE NO. 4 MASONIC COVERS

A recent issue of Linn's depicted a Masonic cancellation which was used on March 28 to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Tuckerton Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M., Tuckerton, NJ. (This illustration was shown late enough that the USPS could not alter the design which included the Square and Compasses as had been done on an earlier cancel.) The actual event commemorated was an Official Visitation of Most Worshipful Earl F. Sutton to the Lodge - a unique event since this Lodge is his Home Lodge as well as that for three members of his Grand Staff - Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon and Grand Chaplain.



Bro. Michael R. Mekenian, designer of several Masonic Cacheted Covers, was requested to design the cancel as well as a set of five different cacheted covers. Illustrated here, the set of five is available from him at a cost of \$20.00 - individual covers are \$5.00 each. Proceeds from the sale will go to two separate charity funds - the Permanent Grand Lodge Fund of NJ and the Tuckerton Lodge Fund. The covers are available with red or black cancels and can be obtained signed by the Grand Master or unsigned. Orders should be placed with Bro. Mekenian at 711 5th Ave. Spring Lake, NJ 07762

(It is interesting to note that copies of the cancel ordered through the Postmaster of Tuckerton, Francis J. Demary, were returned within a separate wrapper - if one was not provided - to maintain clean covers. It is nice to know that someone cares.)

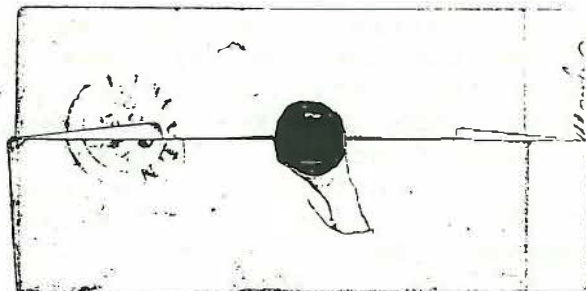
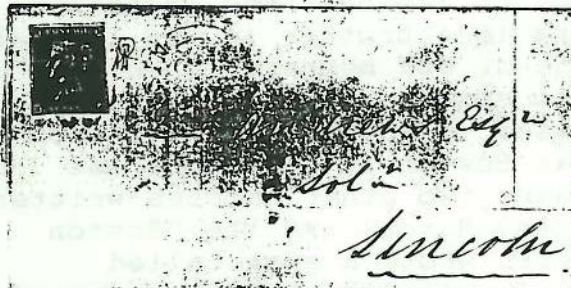


## GREAT BRITAIN #1 WITH A MASONIC CONNECTION

As a collector, one of my dreams was to acquire a copy of Great Britain #1, the penny black issued in 1840, on cover. During one of my visits to London I found just such an item as shown below. The cover sheet is postmarked "OCTOBER 9, 1840" but the town name is not discernable. the penny black is tied by the usual red Maltese cross cancel and on the back is a red "LINCOLN/OCT 9/1840" receiving postmark.

At the time I also acquired a number of other items and never took the time to check it out until I returned home. The enclosure was gone but to my surprise there was a small black seal still on the back of the cover. The black seal revealed it was a perfect impression of various Masonic emblems, possibly made by a ring. Unfortunately, the black seal does not reproduce well; the following is a description of that seal which is approximately 9mm X 10mm and is comprised of the following Masonic emblems:

1. (center) Masonic Square and Compasses and a globe within
2. (top left) Radiant sun
3. (top right) First Quarter of the moon with seven stars surrounding it
4. (top center) The All-Seeing Eye
5. (bottom under the Square and Compasses) Initials "J.L.T." in script



This cover is an outstanding item for either a Masonic or a Penny Black collection.

- article contributed by Charles A. Fricke, Philadelphia, PA, an acquaintance of Bro. Gene Fricks

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### FRENCH COVERS AVAILABLE

Bro. Jean Prouteau; 1, rue Verlaine; 17000 La Rochelle, France, advises us that four French Masonic covers are still available (\$5.00 each, please, no checks):

1979 cover showing the BEE - symbol of collective work in the Lodge  
1981 Bicentennary of Cape Battle and Yorktown Victory  
1981 Pierre Mendes France, famous French statesman  
1986 Anniversary of Lodge "Etoile du Nord"



## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

### DON'T THROW IT AWAY

My friend Earl J. McWhorter recently retired after forty years at the Champion Paper Company in Hamilton, OH. He will now have time to spend with his collection of Masonic memorabilia. His basement is filled with filing cabinets of plates and coins and badges and ribbons and other reminders of Masonic events.

After a century and a half of stamps, there are still very few specifically issued for Masonic events. However, the paper collectibles for Masonry have done their part in eliminating our forests. Every Lodge has in its library a minimum of a copy of Mackey's Encyclopedia and a few annual proceedings. Often the collection is locked up and unavailable. We hear that some day someone will catalog the books. I once visited the Iowa Grand Lodge Library - it contains one of the finest collections in existence and I was the only visitor.

Stamp collectors seem to acquire boxes and boxes of material they plan to put in albums some day. Masons too have newsletters and magazines and announcements of this or that long forgotten happening. The information explosion is burying us under data.

My shelves are filled with records by Paul Whiteman and Sousa's Band and Eddie Arnold and a hundred other Masons who left behind their spoken words. In the corner are hundreds of baseball and football cards of athletes who were Masons. There is a brother in New York who has ten thousand Masonic post cards. One of our members in Ontario is collecting autographs of Masons. Here is some old sheet music for "Grand Commandery March" by Jean M. Missud, a souvenir of the 26th Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar at Boston in 1895. Who was Jean Missud? I don't know. I do know there were two other marches written for this occasion: The "DeMolay Commandery March" and the "Boston Commandery March". Even Bro. Irving Berlin wrote a song called "Hiram's Band"! When I go to my reward, I will leave some museum my accumulation - will there be room for it? Who cares about a picture of Dick Groat who won the MVP in 1960; no doubt Brother Groat does. Save your treasures - somebody, someday will be glad you did.

-Bro. Norman Lincoln, Eaton, Ohio





## NEW ISSUES

The following new issues of interest to a Masonic collector have appeared in the philatelic press over the past several months.

- Oct. 28, 1993 - Philippines - National Symbols, se-tenant block of 14 stamps. Jose P. Laurel pictured.
- 1994 - British Antarctic Territory - Antarctic Heritage, 4 values. Capt. James Cook, Capt. Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton are pictured.
- Equatorial Guinea - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, 3 values. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin is pictured.
  - Guinea - Battles, three strips of three stamps each. Napoleon and Marshal Michael Ney are shown.
  - Mali - Jazz Musicians, 6 values and a S/S. Included are Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong.
  - Nicaragua - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, pane of eight se-tenant stamps. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin is shown.
  - Turks & Caicos Islands - 50th Anniversary of D-Day, eight stamps and two S/S. The 80 cent stamp pictures Gen. Omar Bradley.
- June 12 - Philippines - 100th Anniversary of Philippine Independence in 1998, S/S with four stamps. The Aguinaldo, Mabine and Rizal shrines are shown.
- July 20 - Aitutaki - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, two se-tenant stamps. "Buzz" Aldrin is pictured.
- Antigua & Barbuda - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, two panes of six se-tenant stamps picturing Apollo 11 scenes.
  - British Virgin Islands - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, pane of six se-tenant stamps depicting aspects of the Apollo 11 mission.
  - Cook Islands - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, sheet of eight stamps showing Apollo 11 scenes.
  - Dominica - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, pane of six se-tenant stamps. "Buzz" Aldrin is pictured.
  - Maldives - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, two sheets of six se-tenant stamps showing Apollo 11 crew members.
  - Marshall Islands - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, four stamps showing astronauts.
  - Palau - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, pane of 20 se-tenant stamps showing aspects of Apollo 11 mission.
  - Sierra Leone - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, two sheets of six stamps each showing Apollo 11 scenes.
  - Uganda - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, sheet of seven se-tenant stamps highlighting achievements of Mercury astronauts.
- Aug. 11 - Australia - Wartime Prime Ministers, five se-tenant stamps discussed in a previous newsletter.
- Germany - 250th Birth Anniversary of Johann Gottfried Herder - one value.
- Sept. - Guyana - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, two sheets of se-tenant stamps. John Glenn and "Buzz" Aldrin are pictured.
- Nicaragua - 100th Anniversary of Motion Pictures, pane of 12 se-tenant stamps. Several actors and directors are shown including Clark Gable.

NEW ISSUES (Cont'd)

- Sept. 6 - Iceland - Anniversaries - 75th Anniversary of the first transatlantic flight shows Lt. Arthur Whitton-Brown.
- Sept. 19 - France - Famous People/Stars of the Screen, six stamps. One stamp shows Josephine Baker.
- Sept. 30 - Turks & Caicos Islands - 25th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon, 8 values. "Buzz" Aldrin shown on two values.
- Oct. 7 - France - Grand Lodge of France, one value.
- Oct. 20 - Marshall Islands - World War II/50th Anniversary of Gen. MacArthur's Return to the Philippines, one value and S/S showing the General.
- Nov. 9 - Germany - 200th Anniversary of the Death of Friedrich von Steuben, one value. His portrait.
- Nov. 24 - Wallis & Futuna - Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of France, one value.
- Nov. 30 - Tanzania - 25th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, nine se-tenant stamps. "Buzz" Aldrin pictured.
- Dec. - Maldives - Space Exploration, pane of twelve stamps. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin shown.
- Jan. 5, 1995 - Russia - 200th Birth Anniversary of Griboyedov, one stamp with a se-tenant label.
- Jan. 20 - Russia - 250th Birth Anniversary of Mikhail Kutuzov, one value.
- Jan. 24 - France - The European Notariat, one value. The design includes scales of justice.
- Jan. 25 - Bolivia - 200th Birth Anniversary of Antonio Jose de Sucre, se-tenant pair of stamps.
- Feb. - Maldives - Monuments of the World, 8 stamps plus two S/S. The Washington Monument and Mount Rushmore are included.
- Feb. 4 - Marshall Islands - World War II/50th Anniversary of the Yalta Conference, one value. The design includes F. D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.
- Feb. 7 - Israel - Great Musicians of the 20th Century, two stamps. One value includes a biblical etching of King Solomon.
- Feb. 21 - Brazil - Historical Events, two stamps. Field Marshall Luis Alves de Lima e Silva, Duke of Caxias, soldiers shown.
- Mar. 28 - Netherlands - Anniversaries - 100th Anniversary of the Dutch Institute of Charter Accountants, one value. A bricklayer trowel is included in the design.
- Apr. 12 - Marshall Islands - WWII/50th Anniversary of the Death of F. D. Roosevelt, one value.
- Apr. 25 - Tanzania - Henry Ford/Karl Benz Centenaries, four stamps and two S/S. Two stamps and one S/S are for Henry Ford.
- May 8 - Marshall Islands - WWII/50th Anniversary of V-E Day, block of four se-tenant stamps. Winston Churchill is pictured.
- May 9 - Jersey - 50th Anniversary of Liberation, two stamps. King George VI and Winston Churchill are pictured.
- May 18 - Czech Republic - 110th Birth Anniversary of Eduard Benes, one value.
- May 19 - Venezuela - Leaders of Independence, 6 values. Simon Bolivar is pictured as well as other notables who might have been **Masons** - Ezequiel Zamora, Cristobal Mendoza, Jose Felix Ribas, Manuel Piar.
- June - Antigua & Barbuda - Stars of Country and Western Music, eight se-tenant stamps. Gene Autry and Jimmie Rodgers are shown.