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A new cancel and cachet have been discovered. Both come from England! See pages 3 and 7 for further details.



Lesbian and Gay Pride 1991



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To promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation.
- mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture.
- flora and fauna scientifically proven having prominent homosexual behavior.
- even though emphasis is placed on this aspect of stamp collecting, the Club strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

This is the final edition of the Journal for 1992. I hope that everyone likes the new format. I value your input as to the layout, graphics, etc.

This issue contains an updated **Lambda Philatelic Journal** index. I have gone through all of the back issues that I have (1982 to present), and I've tried to list all of the persons and subjects that have appeared in the Journal. There are several that are just mentioned in other articles. Most of these are listed in the index, especially if they are gay, lesbian or bisexual. However, not all "mentions" are listed. As you will see, this takes up nearly eight pages! And, there are many people listed in the handbook that have not even been mentioned in the Journal!

1993 looks to be an exciting year. In the Gay & Lesbian Update, Jean Cocteau will be honored. A member recently submitted an article on this poet, so I hope to publish the article as close to the stamp release date as possible. (Unfortunately, the issuing country is France, or I could try to have your journal sent with the stamp!)

I also have two interesting articles on women. These, plus a few more, could make for an enjoyable lesbian issue. However, I'll need a few more articles and/or ideas on subjects. Help!

The Club budget was a little tight this year. If I keep the extra pages, which increases the postage costs, dues will have to rise to \$8 domestic, \$10 foreign. Dues have not increased in several years, yet costs have risen. As usual, dues are due on January 1, 1993. Thanks for your help with this.

No nominations for officers have been received to date. A flyer was included with the last journal. Unless any objections are received, the current officers will be accepted for another term (2 years).

Some late arriving news:

The address for the Avon Pride cancels is:

Avon Pride
Box 10
82 Colston St.
Bristol B51 5BB
England

Cost is one pound 25 pence plus postage. It is not known how many are available in stock.

Romania has issued a cancel for Freddie Mercury of the British pop group **Queen**. Mercury recently died from complications from AIDS. He was predominantly gay throughout his life.

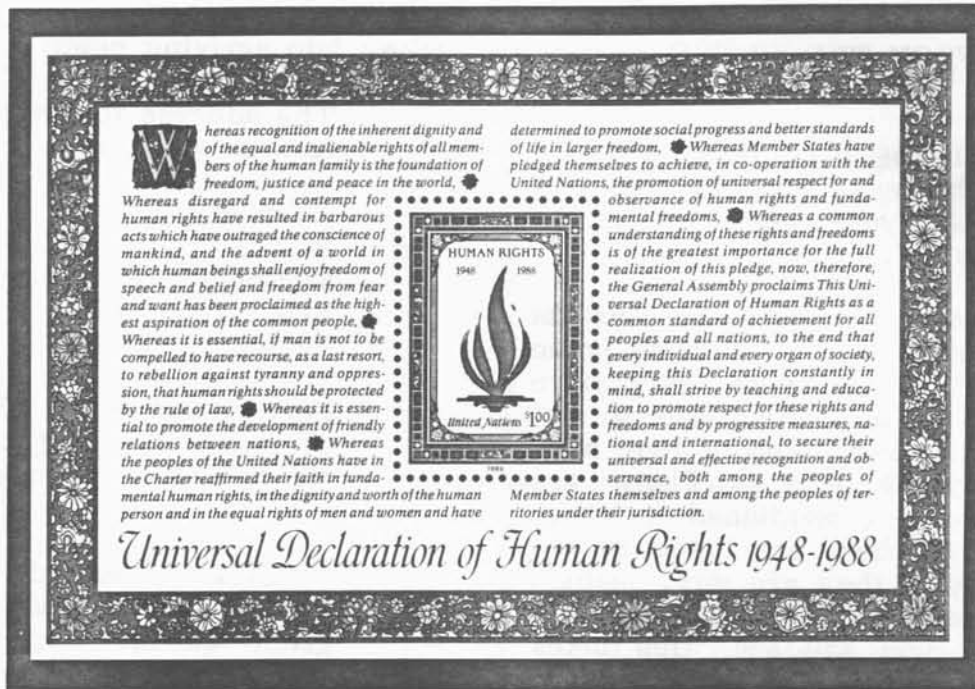
A new book being released on Prince Edward now says that he has decided to remain a bachelor because of all the problems that his siblings have had in their marriages. (See Gay & Lesbian Update)

Finally, be sure to vote this November. The elections are very, very important to the direction of the U.S.



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USA/France and Human Rights

by Herve Marchand

United Nations Article 18 reads: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

Every year, December 10th is celebrated throughout the world as "Human Rights Day". This observance is used to educate the world to the mission of the United Nations and to review their accomplishments since 1948. On December 10, 1948, in Paris, France, a majority of the member states of the UN adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Some nations discriminate against those with a religious, political or moral opinion different than that established by the government. The US and France are historically two of the first countries to recognize the individual's freedom. Even with this claim, the US and France are among the many democratic states that still lag in gay and lesbian rights.

The French, along with England and Spain, were responsible for the exploration of the North American continent. The French explorer Cavalier de la Salle discovered Louisiana in 1682. The French also explored much of the upper Mississippi region and the province of Quebec.

On July 4, 1776, the Colonies declared their independence from England. four years later, the French lent their support with the arrival of Rochambeau. On October 19, 1791, Cornwallis surrendered to Washington and the French at Yorktown, Virginia. Upon gaining their independence, the colonies eventually adopted the Bill of Rights, having already signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Declaration of Human Rights and Citizenship was decreed by the National Assembly of France on August 26, 1789. Both documents state that "all people are free and equal."



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France and the US share a common desire for Human Rights. Both countries have helped each other and have exchanged symbols of friendship. Both also share in the lack of full public acceptance of gay and lesbian rights. The prevailing attitude seems to be that it's okay to be gay or lesbian, but do not let the public see it. Rarely does one proclaim his or her sexual orientation. France (and most of Europe) is slightly ahead of the US in conquering this discrimination. The US and France can work together in friendship to knock down this wall to a free and equal society.

On October 28, 1886, President Grover Cleveland unveiled the Statue of Liberty. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to the people of the US. During the 100 plus years, the statue has become a beacon to the peoples of the world of the possibilities of international friendship, peace, and, most of all, liberty. France and the US celebrated their close ties with a joint issue on July 4, 1986 and again on July 14, 1989.

**Lord Baden-Powell
Founder of the Boy Scouts**

by Paul Hennefeld



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If Sigmund Freud were alive today psychoanalyzing Lord Baden-Powell's life, I am certain that he would have come to the same conclusion as biographer Tim Jeal has in The Boy-Man: the founder of the Boy Scout movement was a repressed homosexual. Jeal's investigation into Baden-Powell's life reveal many important facts that have been either overlooked or deliberately ignored by other biographers.

This friendly alliance was again displayed with the advent of World War I. General Pershing and the US forces helped France defeat the Germans. Two decades later, the US helped free France from its Nazi grip.



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Tim Jeal makes it clear to the reader in the very first chapter of The Boy-Man that the Baden-Powell children were submissive to their mother. Baden-Powell's mother was very similar to a top sergeant; she controlled the household. Her children were programmed since birth to obey her every wish or whim, even to the extent of sending/giving her their

pay envelopes in latter years. Baden-Powell truly worshipped his mom and most definitely would be considered a mama's boy in today's society.

In adulthood, Baden-Powell chose the military life (something I can relate to, being a retired U.S.A.F. Staff Sergeant), thus putting him in close contact with other men. Naturally, he was able to choose choice tours of duty, and Jeal informs us on page 106 of his book, that "North Africa and the Levant offered homosexuals the kind of opportunities which the risk of blackmail and public revulsion made hazardous in England" was nonexistent. He also relates to us on page 106 and 107, and throughout the biography, Baden-Powell's fear and horror of any form of sexuality, especially masturbation. Baden-Powell wrote repeatedly of this affliction, of which he preferred using the phrase "self-abuse", referring to it as "the most dangerous of all vices."

To me, Baden-Powell's views seem a bit contradictory. Here was a man who freely condemned "self abuse"; he thought the female nude body scandalous (P. 72), and yet his admiration of the "well-muscled" male physique brought words of praise and wonderment. Describing the Australian stockmen and South African farmers, he wrote, "It is hard work, their hard, sweaty work, with arms tanned, sunbrowned faces with cheekbones showing...riding after stray cattle, ploughing a straight furrow, Drinking in life with the breathe of the veldt...There's a joy in it. It's a man's life." And of the hillmen of Kashmir, his remarks were, "[they] left their legs all bared to be admired, for they are splendidly made." These same remarks could be heard to day at any gay gathering, words of worship for the macho man. There are numerous instances in the book where Baden-Powell praises male beauty and expounds his fear of female intimacies.

There isn't any evidence that Baden-Powell ever abused his stature as founder of the boy Scouts. He was too fearful of his own sexuality, but when other leaders came under fire for being indiscreet, he

thought such charges of little consequence. It is well documented that he had a fondness and eagerness to be near, and see, his boys in the buff (pages 92 to 95). Baden-Powell enjoyed chatting with the scouts soon after they disrobed. Some of his most enjoyable moments were spent examining the nude photos that other scout leaders had taken of their charges. In fact, Baden-Powell had reminded a fellow scout leader, in a letter, that the next time he was to visit, he would relish seeing the photo album again.

Throughout his life, Baden-Powell fought his homosexual desires. At age 55, he befriended a 23 year old, Miss Olive Soames. He courted her and she fell in love with him. Olive was just recuperating from an unhappy love affair with a younger man. The attention that Baden-Powell was paying to her was exhilarating. Baden-Powell at first considered the relationship as one of a comradeship with a younger woman (meaning no sexual threat to him), a child friend, similar to that of a male comrade (P. 435)

While Baden-Powell travelled throughout the world, he and Olive corresponded frequently. He proposed marriage, then had second thoughts. He wrote Olive stating that he couldn't afford to marry as he had to support his mother. In another letter to her, trying to explain why he was delayed from returning from England, he wrote that he had promised to take a trip with another young [male] friend of his. Of course, this was all to delay the inevitable marriage to Olive.

The couple finally tied the knot during the first week of November of 1912. Baden-Powell, who had always been a healthy specimen of a man, suddenly became ill. Within a month of his marriage to Olive, his life was in shambles. He could not sleep, he had piercing headaches (P. 443) and his dreams were cluttered with visions of young men. He became feverish and it was thought that he was having a recurring bout with malaria. All of these symptoms left him miraculously when he abandoned his wife's bedchamber and began sleeping in another bed on the

porch. This he decided to do on his own. All of his anxieties and fears left him. He became healthy again. During this traumatic period of his life, he did manage to sire three children. The separation from his wife's bed seemed to have brought them closer together.

Lord Baden-Powell died on January 6, 1941. He achieved much during his life. He was a great military man who loved his men dearly. We know now that in his heart he desired them both spiritually and physically. The feeling of love he felt for his boys in scouting were of similar nature. Yet, he held back his true feelings for them, remaining celibate. Baden-Powell and Olive managed to make their marriage work. They loved each other very much. After leaving his wife's bed, it seems that both parties were relieved to be free from the anxieties and pressures of sexual intimacy. Baden-Powell and Olive became more in love than ever before.

Lord Baden-Powell's likeness has appeared on numerous stamps throughout the world. For further reading, I highly recommend The Boy-Man by Tim Jeal, published by William Morrow & Co., Inc., New York, in 1990.

Do you think that Baden-Powell should or should not be added to our list?

Gay and Lesbian Update

French writer, Jean Cocteau will be honored by the French postal service (La Poste) in 1993. A stamp commemorating him will most likely be included in La Poste's "Personnages Celebres" series. This series is generally issued in both sheet and booklet formats. More information will follow as it is received.

June 11, 1991 was the date for a special cancel and cachet used in Bristol, Avon, England. Avon is the county, Bristol is the city - in the West of England. Avon Pride began in July 1977 as the Gay Bristol Festival, an arts and community

festival for the gay and lesbian community. The cancel was for the 15th Festival. The cachet is a dark pink and the cancel is black. The balloons in both represent coming out.



French Polynesia (Tahiti) released a stamp commemorating Herman Melville on September 16, 1992. Melville is best known for his novel, *Moby Dick*.

The Republic of Djibouti issued two stamps in honor of Arthur Rimbaud. A 150F stamp showing an older Rimbaud was released on December 23, 1991. A 90F stamp picturing a young Rimbaud was released on February 5, 1992. Arthur Rimbaud had a relationship with Paul Verlaine.

Selma Lagerlof, as mentioned in the previous issue of the journal, has also appeared on Swedish stamps #532 to 536.

With all the troubles of the British Royal Family currently in the news, the press is finally admitting that a long held rumour is true: Prince Edward is gay. The youngest of four children, his claim to the throne is very far removed. Prince Edward can be found on several stamps:

Jersey #76, with family
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AIDS Update

Greece issued a set of 4 stamps for Greek Health. The low value of this set was on AIDS. The set was released May 22, 1992.



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Two more cancels, and another cachet, have been discovered from Romania. They were used in early April 1992.

A colorful postcard issued by the Commonwealth Department of Community

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USA



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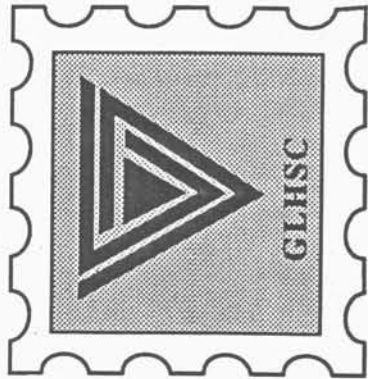


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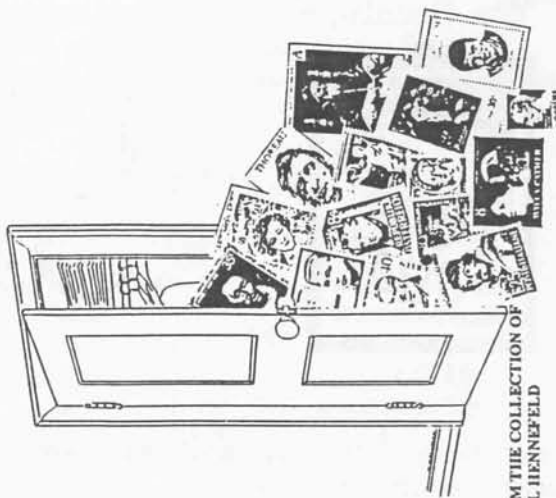
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