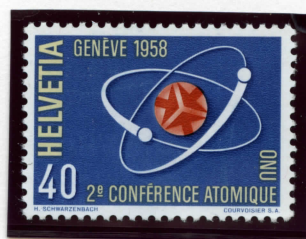




THE HISTORY OF THE ATOMIC ERA, RADIOLOGY, AND ATOMIC ENERGY IN PHILATELY



Philatelically, the first atomic bombs are remembered by the country which became their victim -- Japan. Continual philatelic propaganda against the use of the atomic bomb has been issued by numerous countries, and the 1958 International Disarmament Conference in Stockholm was the occasion of philatelic commemorative issues. But atomic energy also has its beneficial aspects, and the First International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy was held in Geneva in 1955, with the Indian nuclear physicist, Professor H. J. Bhabha (1909-1966), as president. The International Agency for Atomic Energy was formed in October 1956, constituting one of the United Nations' agencies for furthering the peaceful use of such power. Nuclear research projects, atomic power stations, nuclear reactors, and accelerators are all depicted on postage stamps and commemorative postmarks. In 1957 several European countries combined their resources for the production of nuclear power with the formation of EURATOM -- the European Atomic Energy Committee. The World's Fair held in Brussels in 1958 symbolized by the "Atomium" publicized atoms for peace.