
FLASHBACK!

The Manchurian Candidate! *[September-October 1969 RMS Bulletin]*

“*[Jim] Moffett [during business meeting of 1969 RMS convention]* explained that in his opinion an illegal Election of New Officers had been held, as the Nomination Committee failed to function and only one slate of Officers had been nominated by petition. He felt there should be two choices for each Office. Also there had been a failure to publish information on the Election. Moffett also claimed that one Club was trying to take over control of R.M.S. because many of the candidates nominated by petition were from this one club.

Vance Marks, on a point of order, indicated to President Woods that an adjournment motion was out of order as there was further business to be conducted, namely the Election Committee report. Marks stated that the Election Committee report must be read.

Mr. Marks was interrupted by Ken Riggs calling for point of order. Mr. Riggs was allowed to continue, and he insisted that the adjournment motion was in order and undebatable; the chair accepted Mr. Riggs' statement and ruled out further discussion.

A Secret Ballot was called for and President Woods asked Russell Fink to act as Parliamentarian. Mr. Fink over-ruled a Secret Ballot.

A division of the house was the method of voting, Thirty-five voted to adjourn; five were against adjournment.

With the business of the Convention unfinished, President Woods adjourned the meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

‘Pursuant to action on a motion to suspend the 29th Annual Convention, the 68-69 slate of Officers will continue to remain in office until such time as an election is held. The declaration of Election of Officers for the 69-70 term of office is null & void.’” *[September-October 1969 RMS Bulletin]*

RAMBLINGS: “Do you have any matchcovers from CANADA that have a ‘postage stamp type excise stamp on the outside, or inside of the cover? Or an imprint of an excise stamp that has ‘3/20¢’ imprinted thereon? Well, the Trans-Canada Matchcover Club has compiled an informative three sheet story on the beginnings and endings of such Excise Stamps and Imprints for excise taxes on bookmatches in Canada. Much of the information has been culled from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. If your cover has a tax stamp of 1/4¢ it would have been issued between May 24th 1922 and July 1, 1927; if it has a tax stamp of 3/16¢ it would have been issued between July 1, 1927 and March 22, 1933; if it has a tax stamp of 3/20¢ it would have been issued between March 22, 1933 and June 25, 1940; if it has a tax stamp of 1/5¢ it would have been issued between June 25, 1940 and March 23, 1949; these figures apply to the regular 20s size cover only. The 30s size cover began in 1933; thus if it has a tax stamp of 3/16¢ it would have been issued between March 22, 1933 and June 5th, 1939; if it has a tax stamp of 9/40¢ it would have been issued between June 5th, 1939 and June 25, 1940 and; if it has a tax stamp of 3/10¢ it would have been issued June 25, 1940 and March 23, 1949. After this date the specific rates of excise taxes on matches were replaced by an “ad valorem’ tax of 10 per cent and the stamp, or imprint, was no longer used.” *[May June 1971 RMS Bulletin]*