

End of Berlin Wall Barrier Commemorated

On November 9, 1989, the East German government announced that East Germans were free to visit West Germany and West Berlin. While the actual demolition of the Berlin Wall, which had been erected in 1961, did not begin until 1990, this announcement marked the effective end of a barrier that separated East from West.

Top right: Mayreau recalls the inspirational words of American Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan;

Bottom right, Tuvalu offers a dramatic representation of the graffiti that was painted on the Western side of the wall.

Below, Ghana reproduces scenes of Germans celebrating on the Berlin Wall and sections that were fragmented by East and West Berlin citizens before it was demolished in 1990.

In anticipation of the 25th anniversary of this historic event, this summer the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation orchestrated a multi-nation Berlin Wall Omnibus issue. Shown here are a few of the souvenir sheets that make up this mini-collection. Additional information on these and other Berlin Wall issues may be accessed at www.igpc.com.

