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SECRETARY'S NOTES.
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Membership. We are enclosing with this issue of the "Bulletin" a revised list of our members, this includes a new member, M Daniel Dubar, or France, to whom we extend a welcome, and revised addresses for Herr Durst and Mr G. Pustel. Please note also that contrary to what he expected Mr G. Stelfox has not moved. With the growth of postal zone numbers and the like it has become necessary to re-arrange the list so that addresses are on more than one line and because of space limitations we have omitted various degrees and other suffixes to members names. We have limited the prefixes to the formal "Mr", "Dr", etc, and hope that no individual member will mind. We find from the forms members filled in recently that a great number of us have various degrees and professional qualifications and like to think that the average meter collector is more brainy than his fellows!

The Meter Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland (Eire). The amendments and additions have now been despatched to all members who completed the form included with the book and should reach them before this issue. If you have not sent in the form please do so as soon as possible. Copies of the book (now with the amendments) are still available at 7/- each including postage.

Correction. The last issue was dated March 1967, please alter your copy to read 1968.

Wants and Offers. M Daniel Dubar (address in list of members) would like to exchange all countries - please write to him first.

Recording GB Meters. The response to our request for members to record a series of machines has been quite good, if you think you can help and have not yet said so please write by return. In view of the news concerning the Irish Series 5000 machines on a later page it looks as if we will have to include these at least.

PITNEY-BOWES IN 1968.

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The annual report from Pitney-Bowes Inc., (U.S.A.), which was received recently reports yet again an increased income, now derived from a wide range of products. We quote below two extracts which we feel will be of interest to our members.

"Mailing Products.

Last year mailing equipment held its position as the principal source of new business. Changing needs of mailers and revisions of postal rates and regulations required special efforts by our engineering, manufacturing and marketing groups. We continued to broaden the base of postage meter customers and extended the use of complete mailing systems to a widening segment of the market.

With the placement of 26,655 additional Pitney-Bowes postage meters, we had a year-end total of 517,815 meters in service in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom, our three largest markets for metered mail. P-B meters are also in use in 75 other countries.

In the U.S., P-B meters in service rose 20,785 during the year to total 435,466. Pitney-Bowes of Canada placed an additional 3,024 meters and had a year-end total of 46,844 in use. Pitney-Bowes, Ltd., increased its United Kingdom total by 2,846 to 35,505.

For the 11th consecutive year, metered mail was the largest single source of U.S. postage revenue. It accounted for \$2.3 billion (Editor's note - the US "billion" is 1000 million), which was 48% of total postage. This means also that nearly half of the year's 79 billion pieces of mail was metered. U.S. postage revenue from meters rose by \$162 million, or 7.5%, compared with a 6% increase in all postage.

In Canada, 1967 metered mail revenue increased \$11.7 million to \$122.9 million, which was 49% of all Canadian postage paid. In the United Kingdom, postage collected by meters rose 9% and was 31% of total U.K. postage revenue.

Post Office Products.

.....We also have about 7500 postage meter machines in use at Parcel Post windows and for imprinting of postage due."

INDIA - THE UNIVERSAL N.Z. MACHINES.

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We published recently a list of these machines and invited members to fill in the gaps. M. Michel confirms that No. 8 was used at Madras G.P.O., and at the same time asks the meaning of "C.T.L.3." against No. 6.

This does not seem to have been explained before but it would seem that it stood for "Temporary Licence", thus "C.T.L.3" would be Calcutta (the postal circle shown as "C") Temporary Licence No. 3 and "A.T.L.1" against No. 39 as Assam Temporary Licence No. 1. To these can be added machine number 32 with townmark 30mm wide, blank at top with "C.T.L.5" at the bottom. Used 17 IV 24.

SELF-ADHESIVE PARCEL POST METER !
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Most of our members in Great Britain will know that parcels are carried on buses in addition to those conveyed by the Post Office or Railways. Some companies have special adhesive stamps for this purpose, others issue a bus ticket, sometimes, when these are machine printed (or "metered") in the same way as parcel labels, they show the "class" as "Misc." or some other description. We have not seen or heard of any that show "Parcel" although reports would be very welcome.

Messrs Crossville Motor Services Ltd. have now introduced a pre-printed ticket for parcels which is inserted in a Setright machine to have the value, date, etc. printed on it. A thin adhesive sheet on the back is then pulled off to expose a gummed surface enabling the ticket to be fixed to the parcel.

This would seem to have everything the collector could ask for!. If any of our members live in Crossville's area and can obtain examples the Hon. Sec. would be pleased to hear from them.

G. B. NOTES.
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Pitney-Bowes Model CV. Mr D. H. Fletcher continues his recording of the dots in this series and notes that on P.C.172 there are dots after each letter and on PC 173 there are none.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305 ("Frankmaster") Another variation reported by Mr Fletcher is NR-695, which has considerably larger letters than usual.

"Highest Numbers". Thanks to reports received from Messrs R. Jacques, D. H. Fletcher, P. D. Wood, M. L. Blakeston, G. V. Eltringham, O. M. Richards, G. R. Pearson, plus some items from the Hon. Sec., we now have :-

SG 517	*N 383 G
NT 389	J 7938
PB 735 L	*RT 2456
*PC 176	TN 144

fml 1062, *2001, 3025, 4012, 6009, 7004.

* No advance since last time. It would seem that SI, NS and N---F have not been used. fml 1021 is at Folkstone so the area for the 1000 group must stretch at least as far as the coast.

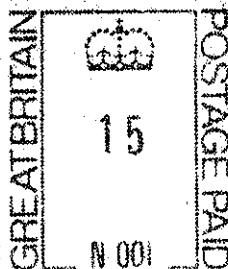
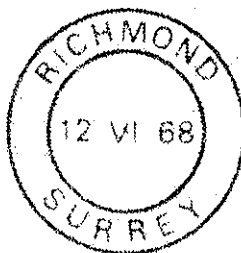
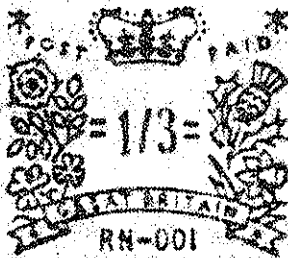
See also "Irish Notes" for the PB --- - series of numbers.

See also the note regarding a possible new series, PB.S--- A on page 28, concerning the AD 1971 models.

G. B. NOTES (Contd.)

Decimalization. We reproduce on the right a brief note that appeared in "The Times" on the 6th of June, and below a note sent to us by Mr M. L. Blakeston which appeared in the "Evening Echo" (Bournemouth) on the 7th June.

ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS D-DAY



BRIEFLY FROM INDUSTRY

Conversion of postal franking machines

The conversion of more than 24,000 postal franking machines to prepare for decimal currency begins on June 12. The Post Office and companies supplying franking machines have arranged to complete the changeover before decimalization day in February, 1971.

These were followed by a Post Office Press and Broadcast Notice dated the 5th of June, which we reproduce on the next page.

From all this it will be seen that many changes will be taking place possibly a little earlier than many of our members had expected.

We will try to keep members up-to-date with developments, please let us know of any changes in existing machines.

Photograph shows above the current stamp printed by franking machines and below the new stamp printed by dual currency machines which print the values in pence only. The new stamp was designed by Mr. Stuart Rose, F.S.I.A., typographic adviser to the Postmaster General.

G. B. NOTES - Decimalisation (Contd.)



Messrs Pitney-Bowes have announced a new range of Postage Meters known as the "AD 1971" series - the term means Already Decimalised for 1971. The machines will print only in pence, and on decimalisation day all that will be required will be a financial adjustment between the meter user and the G.P.O. regarding the postage value left in the meter on 'D-Day'.

A full range is offered and with the publicity notice Pitney-Bowes have illustrated the Model 5470, providing any denomination from $\frac{1}{2}$ d to $999\frac{1}{2}$ d, in the existing form £4. 3. $3\frac{1}{2}$ d.

It is interesting to note that in the "official" instructions and guide for expressing monetary values in the new currency the " $\frac{1}{2}$ " is specifically asked for instead of ".5" and will continue in use indefinitely, whereas in the U.S.A. recently meters have been introduced which show values expressed in tenths of a cent, shown as a smaller figure with an underline.

It will be noted that in the illustration above (slightly smaller than actual size - that on the previous page being larger than normal), the number at the bottom is shown as P.B.S.OOLA. The "S" is an addition and whether new prefixes will be introduced for the new machines remains to be seen. It is possible that other manufacturers may also introduce new prefixes.

BACKING BRITAIN 1968 - by O. M. Richards.

The "Back Britain" campaign which had such an impact on the country a few months ago was expressed in many different ways, car stickers, advertisements in the press, slogan cancellations used by the Post Office in many of the main offices, stickers on envelopes and in one case at least, the use by a firm of an envelope almost completely covered by a Union Jack motif in blue!

The campaign was also (as noted in a recent issue) supported by the users of franking machines, with different designs and layouts. One exception was the Ford Motor Company, who used the same design on all the machines they use, this consisted of a "Union Jack" with the export earnings expressed across the middle.

The list of those I have seen so far, in addition to the use on P.B.607K of Pitney-Bowes standard slogan already mentioned, is as follows. Additions to this list would be welcomed.

G. B. NOTES - Decimalization (Contd.)

P.B.144

June 5, 1968

"PENCE ONLY" SYSTEM PREPARES FRANKING MACHINES
FOR DECIMAL CURRENCY

Conversion of the more than 74,000 postal franking machines throughout the country in preparation for decimal currency begins on June 12.

The Post Office and the companies who supply users with postal franking machines have arranged a conversion programme designed to complete the changeover before decimalization day in February 1971 with the minimum inconvenience to users.

At present all machines print postage values in shillings and pence. After February 1971 it will be necessary for machines to print postage values in pence only. From June 12 new models will use a die carrying the value in pence but without a "d" or other monetary symbol.

People who have franking machines installed on or after June 12 will be supplied with models that record and print postage values in pence only. Machines already in use will be converted by the suppliers. Conversion procedure will vary according to the company and model concerned.

Note to Editors.

The postmark to be used on the "pence only" machines has been designed by Stuart Rose F.S.I.A., who has been typographic adviser to the Postmaster General since 1963. Mr Rose redesigned the GPO symbol in 1953, and the postal franking mark in 1956. His recent work for the GPO includes the design of the new combined alphabetical/classified telephone directories. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Central School of Arts and Design.

BACKING BRITAIN 1968 (Contd.)

PB 556 C	Swansea, Glam.	Ford Motor Co.	Union Jack with £225,000,000
PB 774 B	Romford & Dagenham	" " "	" " " "
PB 954 J	" "	" " "	" " " "
AD 797	Liverpool	" " "	" " " "
AF 281	Basildon, Essex	" " "	" " " "
J 4867	Southampton	" " "	" " " "
PC 61	London, E.C.4.	Daily Express	It's Your Job - Buy British
PB 548 K	Purfleet, Essex	British Board Co.	British Board Saves Imports Buy British Board
N 733	London E.C.1.	Rushbrookes	Rushbrookes Back Britain
NK 373	London E.C.4.	?	Back Britain Buy British
PC 143	Birmingham	B. M. Co.	B M H is Winning for Britain
UJ 781	Coventry, Warwickshire.	British Transfer Printing Co.	When you want Transfers buy "British"

IRISH NOTES.

Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. We have mentioned before that these machines appear to be numbered in the same series as machines in Great Britain. Mr O. M. Richards has listed the following and suggests "block" allocations.

PB 435 H	Dublin	
PB 436 H	"	
PB 440 H	Cork	Numbers allocated 431 - 460 ?
PB 451 H	Dublin	
PB 831 H	Dublin	
PB 832 H	"	Numbers allocated 831 - 840 ?
PB 834 H	"	(PB 830 H is in Belfast)
PB 823 J	Dublin	
PB 846 J	"	
PB 847 J	"	
PB 854 J	"	Numbers allocated 801 - 900 ?
PB 858 J	"	
PB 861 J	"	
PB 523 K	Dublin	
PB 529 K	"	Numbers allocated 521 - 530 ?
PB 603 L	Dublin	Only example of this letter.

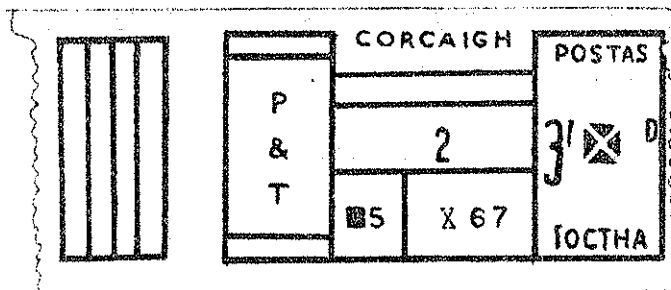
Any additions or suggestions ?

IRISH NOTES (Contd.)

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. The numbers of these machines continues to grow, Mr Richards records his "highest number" as N.1063.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. The Figures of Value on these machines are usually shown as *15- but on NP 157 they are as 0 5 - Could this, as well as the details noted under Great Britain, be a first move into an "all pence" machine?

New Parcel Post Machine.



Mr F. E. Dixon, Dublin, shows us an example from a previously unrecorded Parcel Post Machine - too late for inclusion in our supplement to the GB and Eire catalogue - which he describes as a "Plessey" machine. It has in fact all the appearance of the old "Ticket Issuing Machines" (TIM) Ledger Labels described and illustrated in our Parcel Post Meters book, but this Company may by now have become part of the Plessey Group.

He understands that the first was used as long ago as late 1966 and the range of values goes up to 19/11. The figure 2 is the machine number and the 5 with the X 67 makes up the date. "P & T" stands for Posts and Telegraphs. The impression, which is in purple (instead of the usual red) is on plain white "tape".

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA IN 1954 and POSTAGE METER MACHINES
by A. Overment.

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The Australian Legislature requires that unless specially exempted by an Act of Parliament, postal articles transmitted or posted on behalf of the Queen, the Commonwealth or any State Government are subject to the rates of postage in operation at the time of posting. Consequently all postage on correspondence originated by members of the Royal Household during their visit to Australia in 1954 was indicated as pre-paid by means of two postage meter stamp machines.



ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA IN 1954 (Contd.)

A distinctive lettering was used on the "Flag" design used at that time (shown reduced on the previous page) and the two machines were numbered RV 1 and RV 2. Their movement was the responsibility of the Postal Department so that one machine was available to the Royal Household in the State being visited while the other one was being made ready for use in the next State. The itinerary (and thus the locations of the machines) is listed below.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>ROYAL RESIDENCE</u>
3rd February to 8th February	SYDNEY
9th February	SYDNEY/LISMORE
10th February	LISMORE/SYDNEY
11th February to 12th February	SYDNEY
13th February	SYDNEY/CANBERRA
14th February to 17th February	CANBERRA
18th February	CANBERRA/SYDNEY and s.s. "Gothic"
19th February	s.s. "Gothic"
20th February to 22nd February	HOBART
23rd February	HOBART/CRESSY
24th February	CRESSY/MELBOURNE
25th February to 3rd March	MELBOURNE
4th March	MELBOURNE/ROYAL TRAIN
5th March	ROYAL TRAIN
6th March	ROYAL TRAIN/LAKE O'SHANNASSY
7th March	LAKE O'SHANNASSY
8th March	LAKE O'SHANNASSY/MELBOURNE
9th March	MELBOURNE/BRISBANE
10th March to 11th March	BRISBANE
12th March	BRISBANE/s.s. "Gothic"
13th March to 14th March	s.s. "Gothic"
15th March	s.s. "Gothic"/BRISBANE
16th March to 17th March	BRISBANE
18th March	BRISBANE/ADELAIDE
19th March to 25th March	ADELAIDE

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA IN 1954 (Contd.)

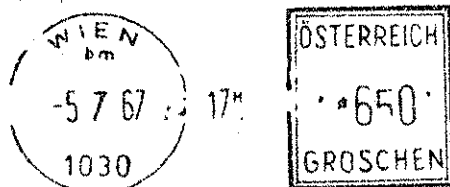
26th March	ADELAIDE/PERTH
27th March to 31st March	PERTH
1st April	PERTH/s.s. "Gothic"

To my knowledge, this is the only postage meter stamp designed, and exclusively used by any royalty - how many members have copies ?

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS
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Again, we have received reports from several members, where necessary they have been indicated by their initials. We have also, due to lack of space in this issue, had to hold over some items until next time.

AFAR & ISSA. Lt. Col. de Wailly reports the first machines with this countries new name (replacing French Somali Coast) as "COTE des AFFARS".



AUSTRIA. The introduction of Postal Zone Numbers has meant that these are now being included in the townmarks. Satas and Postalia seen.

Satas P.O. machine with time between townmark and frank, illustrated.
(SDB)

BAHRAIN. There are so far three types of Automax :

(a)	"RUPEES/POSTAGE/P.B.-"	1962/4	=0.oi	P.B.2, 4 seen
(b)	"POSTAGE/P.B.-"	1967	=001	P.B.1, 6 seen
(c)	"FILS/POSTAGE/P.B.-"	May 1967	=001	P.B.8 seen

P.B.1, 6 and 8 have townmark "MANAMA", numbers 2 and 4 have townmark "MANAMA/BAHRAIN". (The missing number P.B.3 is in Dubai) (SDB and ESL)

CEYLON. The Universal MV machines continue to appear in different forms, even though they are now some years old. Mr S. D. Barfoot shows us :-

Machine number 62 in what appears to be type 9 in our book. The townmark, which has small date figures, is raised but the value figures, which are Angular have an initial *

Some machines of type 7.1.3 also appear with smaller date figures of the "Simplex" type, numbers 60 and 62 have these.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

COLUMBIA. For many years two impressions have been needed for Air Mail, one from a machine to pay ordinary postage and one for the additional air mail charge.

Barfoot-Simon lists, as No 4, Hasler F88 inscribed "COMUNICACIONES" with an additional value inset vertically at the left, this inscribed "SOBRETASA", and this additional charge represents a Charity Tax. (Greece provides another similar example - Editor)

Mr E. S. Lapham shows us a cover on which machine L.C.51 has "EXTRARAPIDO" vertically at the left in the small panel instead of Sobretasa. The companion machine for air mail is number L.C.52, in both cases the number replaces the solid arcs shown in the Barfoot-Simon catalogue.



COSTA RICA. Automax, P.B.370, in design similar to Universal MV but this has "COLONES" instead of "CENTIMOS" at the bottom. (ESL)

EGYPT. Smaller die for the Universal MV, inscribed "R.A.U." at top and "EGYPTE" vertically at left with Mills and Postes at bottom left. Arabic inscription at right and bottom left. Figures of value (Arabic over English) 4-bank, as *001 Arabic machine number under townmark. (SDB)

FRANCE. Machine M 3615 seen recently has the date in an unusual form, as :

NICE R.P.
(A.M.)

-3 IV 67

with a slogan between the date and the frank.

(SDB)

GERMANY. The Postal Zone Number is shown at the bottom of the townmark in the (Western) Federal Republic. The position is reversed in the (Eastern) Democratic Republic. Mr S. D. Barfoot shows us a Postalia with "Deutsche Post" frank and "JENA" over "69" at the top of the townmark.

GHANA. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 in a squatter version of the usual design. NE 55 with value as 0.01 seen used from Accra on 18 12 67 (Sec.)

GUATEMALA. This is a country we do not often mention, in fact the last time we did so was to record a decree banning the use of meters for overseas mail because of a surplus of adhesives - this seemed to have very little effect.

Mr Barfoot reminds us of another unusual feature. Pitney-Bowes Desk Model number PB 81 is used with townmark "AMBULANTE/GUATEMALA-PUERTO BARRIOS", the only machine we can recall used and inscribed for a travelling post office. He has impressions of 12c and 20c used on 28 II '67.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

HONG KONG. Some time ago (MSB IX/85), we noted two Pitney-Bowes machines, U 404 and P.B.311, otherwise the same. Mr S. D. Barfoot writes to say that numbers P.B.301 upwards are (USA) Model R and U 401 upwards are (British) Series 5000.

INDIA. Stampmaster machines have been recorded previously as having a standard range of values, 16 in all, and these were listed in our book of the sub-continent.

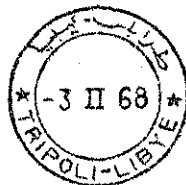
Examining a label recently we were surprised to see two unrecorded values, 0.19 and 0.01 (used with 1.00) so it would appear that an alternative range has been available at some time. The machine in question is C-1600 and the piece is dated as long ago as 10 VI 58. (JCM)



ITALY. Two more Pitney-Bowes types. PB 12712 (? Automax) and PB 10160 (? British Series 5000) (SDB)

KOREA (SOUTH) The Bulletin of the Meter Stamp Society (U.S.A.) recently reported and illustrated the first meter we have seen from this country.

Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 in an attractive design which includes two children looking over a fan, numbered KP 7. The townmark, which has Korean characters at the top reads "SEOUL CENTRAL KOREA" at the bottom.



LIBYA. Slightly simpler design for the Automax, now inscribed "KINGDOM OF LIBYA" in one line at the bottom over the number P.B.29 (JCM)

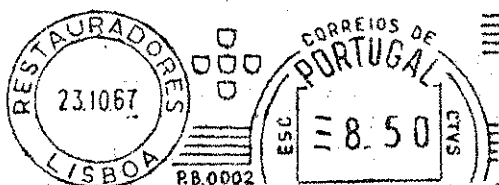
MAURITANIA. Lt. Col. de Wailly reports machines inscribed "REPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE de MAURITANIE"

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

MOZAMBIQUE. The Automax exists with two different forms of F. of V., either =00oi or =00.io Mr Barfoot shows us the former with "UCTT" at the bottom of the die (the "U" is smaller) and the latter with just "C.C.T" set slightly to the right as if the "U" has been removed or allowed for.

NIGER REPUBLIC. Satas SR 2154, used from "NIAMEY" on -3 11 65, value as *001 (Lt. Col. deW)

PERU. The Automax, as others, has two forms of F. of V., either =00.oi (or could this be 00.io - fixed zero at right ?) or =0.oi (SDB)



PORTUGAL. Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 in new variation of the design (SDB)

RHODESIA. The Universal MV exists in two types of frame. (a) "POSTAGE" at left and right, U 14 and U 23 seen thus. (b) "POSTAGE PAID" at the left and right, U 216 seen. In these examples the word "SOUTHERN" only has been removed from U 14, leaving the arc shaped frame intact, in the other cases the frame as well as the word has been removed.

The frames with "POSTAGE" only at the sides were previously seen only with Automax machines. (SDB)

SINGAPORE. Neopost LV with the name removed (leaving perforated frame, value and number only), N 453 with townmark "SINGAPORE", seen used 12 IV 67 (SDB)

SOUTH ARABIA (FEDERATION OF) Frankmaster, usual design, N 12, seen used on 13 IV 67 (SDB)

SWEDEN. Mr S. D. Barfoot shows us three impressions from Francotyp machine number 1608. (a) 14.12.66 very narrow setting with townmark between slogan and frank, on plain "tape". (b) 05.5.67 now wide setting with slogan between townmark and frank, plain "tape". (c) 02.10.67 still wide setting but now on "tape" imprinted with "francotyp" in yellow, the first he has seen of this underprint.

SWITZERLAND. Postal rates were recently increased, that for inland post-cards moving from 10c to 20c. Mr Heiner Durst sends us a re-valued card (with an imprinted 10c "stamp") which has the additional 10c shown by a printed imitation of the postal stationary meter we described in MSB 67, type 4 (4-bank, value in this case shown as 0010). Reply cards have been similarly treated.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 seen used 5 III 68, number NE 23, value as 0.01 and townmark with "U.W.I." at top and "TRINIDAD" at bottom. The user's are the University of the West Indies as St. Augustine but the initials seem to suffice. (JCM)

UNITED NATIONS. A recent impression from P.B.-4- (DEC 22'67) has the wide colon at the right as fitted on recent USA P-B Model R machines. (ESL)

UPPER VOLTA. Post Office machine in usual French style number PR 001, the date in the townmark is as 19 11 68 8H with the time ("8H") forming part of the line inside the circle and not between the townmark and the die. Value as *001 (Lt. Col. deW)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The effects of new postal rates are beginning to show on meters.

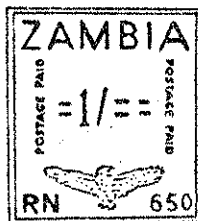
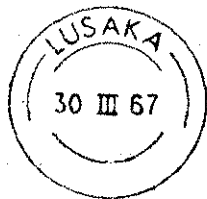
The new rates for bulk rate postage are in tenths of a cent and this has permitted the development of machines which print and register in decimals of the cent, instead of the quarters and eighths we have had recently. These rates have also allowed the introduction of machines which should be able (as long as the rates are expressed in tenths) to cater for future changes.

Pitney-Bowes have introduced two new models :

The Model RT-4 prints any denomination from $w00\frac{1}{10}$ to $w09\frac{9}{10}$ and $w10w$ (in these abbreviations we are using "w" to denote the group of three wavy lines and are showing the nine tenths, which on the actual print is shown by a smaller figure raised and underlined as "9") This is a two bank meter and when set to print $w10w$ no fractions are possible. The fact that the wavy lines can appear both in front of and after the figures makes this similar in appearance to the model RT-13 but in this case the wavy lines are closer to the frame lines.

The Model 5309 will print denominations from $w.00\frac{1}{10}$ to $1.09\frac{9}{10}$ again in steps of one tenth. This is a three-bank machine and like the RT-4 when no fraction is shown the wavy lines follow the figures.

In addition to this new Bulk Rate slugs have begun to appear. Pitney-Bowes have used AD'L 0.6c PD, Postalia have used BULK RATE 6/10c AD'L PAID and a CC machine has used AD'L 1/10c PD on a rate of $w.03\frac{1}{2}$ It is assumed that this last will be standard practice on Friden machines as they all print to $\frac{1}{2}$. (all this information thanks to Meter Stamp Society Bulletin).



ZAMBIA. Revised design for Frankmaster (illustrated) and the Neopost LV, the eagle now at the bottom. In addition, Frankmaster RN 664 has what looks like a locally engraved DC townmark.

Universal MV in original style with eagle at top. (all SDB)

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