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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Membership. We welcome two new members with this issue :-

- (223) Mr Edwin C. Kettenbrink, Jr. 320 N. Johnson, Iowa City,
Iowa 52240, U.S.A.
- (224) Mr Ross W. Irwin. 14 Tamarack Place, Guelph,
Ontario, CANADA.

and welcome back a former member :-

Mr K. C. Swanston. Jenolan Caves Road, South Bowenfels,
NSW 2790, AUSTRALIA.

we also have two changes of address :-

Mr M. A. Marlow. now 32 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston,
Lancashire.

Mr P. D. Wood. 69 Whitmore Street, MAIDSTONE, Kent.

Wants and Offers. Scouting on Meters. The Scout Association maintain a "Scouting and Stamps" display which they use at displays and exhibitions, and the Executive Commissioner, Mr D. C. Jefferies, at the Scottish Headquarters, 44 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HQ wonders if any of our members can help to fill in some gaps.

If any member has any spare copies of meter impressions with a Scout connection (slogan, place-name, etc) either GB or foreign, he would be very grateful. Please write direct.

Annual Accounts. Members will find these included with the Bulletin, together with the Hon. Sec's report for 1971.

Meter Stamps of the East African Postal Area. We have printed a number of sets of the lists we recently completed, together with a revised and expanded addenda (which is also reproduced overleaf). Sets of these sheets, with a suitable introduction and a card cover are now available at 25p each, post included.

METER STAMPS OF THE EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA

New Listings.

- 196? Pitney Bowes "Simplex" Generally as 5-5-1-1 above but with the Crown removed.
5-5-2-1 Values seen : 15, 30.
- 196? Pitney Bowes "Automax" Inscribed "KENYA" only at the top.
7-6-1-1 Figures of value 4-bank, as =0.oi
(a proof is known also of PB 2 dated 1962)
- 196? Neopost L.V. Inscribed "TANGANYIKA" only at the top.
(N 311, Dar Es Salaam)
9-2-1-1 Values seen : 15, 20, 30, 50, 100.
- 196? Roneo-Neopost Model 205.
10-8-1-1 Figures of value 3-bank, as 0.01
- 196? National Cash Register. State name (KENYA) above value and town name below.
7-9-2-1 Figures of value 5-bank, as -0001
- 196? National Cash Register. State name (UGANDA) above value and town name below.
8-9-1-1 Figures of value 5-bank, as -0001

New Sub-Types.

- 2-2-1-3 Figures of value 5mm high. Values known : 5, 15.
- 3-3-2-5 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as *01 (U 19)
- 3-3-3-4 Figures of value 4-bank, oval, as *0oi
- 3-3-3-5 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as 001
- 3-4-2-3 Figures of value 3-bank, as 0.01
- 6-3-1-3 Figures of value 4-bank, oval, as 00.oi (with stops) (U 2)
- 6-3-1-4 Figures of value 4-bank, oval, as 00oi (without stops)
- 11-2-1-2 Figures of value 5mm high. Values seen : 15, 30, 100.
- 11-3-1-4 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as 0oi (U 65)
- 11-3-2-1 As 11-3-1-3 but numbers unengraved.
- 11-4-2-1 As 11-4-1-1 but no lines above and below number.
- 11-8-1-2 Figures of value 3-bank, as 001 (without stop) (NE 2)

METER STAMPS OF THE EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA.

Amendments and Additions.

- 1-2-4-1 add 5c, 15c, 40c, 50c, 1/-.
- 2-2-1-1 remove "c" from values. add 1.25, 2.00, 1/-.
- 2-2-1-2 remove "c" from values.
- 2-2-3-1 add 15c, 1.25, 1.50
- 3-3-1-1 add (U 18 only)
- 3-3-1-2 add (U 19 - U 22). Also exists with a solid block instead of a * in the value.
- 4-2-1-1 Date 1962, Values known : 15c, 30c, 1.00
- 4-4-1-1 Date 1961.
- 4-5-1-1 Date 1962. add 90, 100.
- 4-5-2-1 add 30, 130.
- 4-6-2-2 A further variety exists where the "Sh Cts" below the value and the Crown have been removed.
- 5-5-1-1 add 20, 40, 70, 250.
- 6-3-1-1 add (U 1)
- 7-9-1-1 The figures of value are described by Mr Simon as -0001 (i.e. with an initial -)
- 11-2-1-1 add Figures of value small, 4mm high.
Values seen : 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, 1.25, 150.
- 11-5-1-1 add 30, 80.
- 11-8-1-1 add "The date figures in the townmark exist either as Arabic or Roman figures".
- 10-4-1-1 delete "on one machine only" above entry.

Corrections.

The illustration marked (3-3-2-3) should be (3-3-2-4)

The illustration marked (11-3-1-2) should be (11-3-1-3)

We have not mentioned in the listing as essay for a Neopost F.V. machine numbered N 1 at the top and dated 13 X 28, a 5c value is illustrated in the Barfoot Simon catalogue, a 20c also exists.

Another fact which is of interest is that according to Mr S. D. Barfoot no machines with the original inscription were used in Uganda, all were in Kenya.

NEW BULLETIN FROM AUSTRALIA
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For many years now John Webster of Melbourne has published lists of Australian machines in the "Australian Stamp Monthly", naturally relying also on help from other collectors. He has now "retired" from active collecting and this work is being undertaken by our member, Mr Richard C. Peck, PO Box 85, Drummoyne, NSW 2047, and he has also written and sent us a copy of the first issue of a bulletin which it is hoped will be published and sent out monthly. It aims to keep the collector up to date with currently-issued material, amendments to lists, etc.

Any member who is interested or thinks they might be able to help with Australian material is invited to contact Mr Peck direct.

G . B . NOTES .
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Pitney Bowes "Automax". PBA 502D, shown us by Mr S. D. Barfoot, has the figures of value shown as =02 $\frac{1}{2}$ and is the only decimal Automax to retain the "=" that he has seen.

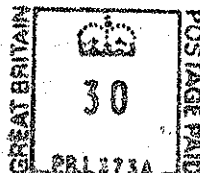
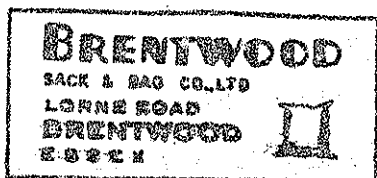
Mr G. Stelfox notes that the numbers of these machines used in Northern Ireland appear to come in groups, in the same way as those used in Eire. He has recorded :-

PBA 026B - 076B, 435B - 444B, 567B - 572B, 108C - 116C, 310C - 313C

Pitney Bowes Model CV. Mr S. D. Barfoot tells us that PA 1 in our Type 48 was not a "posthumous" GviR die, the numbers he has recorded are P47 - P100 and PA 1 (except P 68)

He also shows us a copy of PA 99, EiiR die, used from Northampton with a DC townmark which has the two circles closer together and smaller lettering than usual, dated 30 AUG 1966

PC 26 in the "Emblems" design has a similar Northampton townmark but in this case with B.P.I. in the centre, it is noted as received in June 1966, both this and PA 99 above are from Barclaycard, who were responsible for some huge mailings which used a number of machines.



Pitney Bowes Model 6300. Mr P. D. Wood was the first to report an example from this new model, PBL 306A used on 29 Dec 1971. As will be seen from the later example above, the PBL is larger than the number and suffix.

G. B. NOTES (Contd.) - Pitney Bowes Model 6300.

A press notice from Pitney Bowes in the USA which announced the new machine "designed specifically to meet the varied postal, currency and other requirements of more than 100 countries abroad" ended with the statement that "the new meter is not suitable for use in the U.S. and the Company has no plans to market it here".

Pitney Bowes Model RT. PBR 001A and PBR 012A, both used by Barclaycard, have townmarks only 19mm dia., instead of the usual 22mm. (SDB)

Pitney Bowes "Simplex". Mr G. Stelfox notes "groups" for these machines in Northern Ireland.

PBS 402X - 448X, 637X - 661X, 750X - 771X, 531W - 547W, 466V - 472V.

Neopost L.V. Values with a segment of frame still attached, i.e. on those machines originally fitted with a Cipher die and converted to "Emblems", have been reported before. Mr Barfoot adds 8d and 1/-, both on N.I. from Wellesbourne, Warwick.

Some of the LV machines in decimal form have very large figures of value, N 663, London EC3 has them fully 5mm high, others appear to have them the same size as those on the Model 105. (SDB)

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. ND 591 (Emblems) has no hyphen between the letters and figures, but appears to have a stop before and after the number.

NT-82 has a townmark London W.1. which appears to have been altered from W.11 or W.12 etc by the removal of the last figure, it is off-set. (SDB)

Roneo-Neopost Model 605. The figures of value in decimal machines vary, either as "04" (TN 154) or, more usually, as "4" (TN 123, 127, 159, 176, 227, 231) (SDB)

Hasler F.88. Mr Blakeston and Mr Ehreich among others have noted a small change in the design of dies for Hasler decimal machines. Originally the bottom line of the frame was broken to leave a space for the number. On more recent machines the bottom line is continuous and the number placed above it.

Inverted Frame. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us an impression from what looks like a Roneo-Neopost Model 105, the number is indistinct, used from Cheltenham, Glos, on 18 I 71, value as "3" which has the frame inverted, all the rest of the impression being normal.

Machines used during the Postal Strike. We have received still more reports of machines used during the strike, too many to list here, but one group of machines noted by Mr Eltringham is interesting in that they are all in the Aldershot area, where a local service operated, and so they are not the same as the machines which were in many cases used to frank mail at the old, lower rates which ended on 15 Feb 1971.

G. B. NOTES (Contd.)

Machines used in £sd after 15 Feb 1971. Again, we have received more reports of these, many more than first imagined. Mr D. C. Baker lists a number in March and in April :-

Gvir die	N 107, Glasgow	21 IV 71	3d + 3d
Emblems	N 914 C	13 IV 71	6d
	PC 100	16.4.71	6d
	AA 710	16.4.71	=0/6

and one very late,

Emblems	N 317 E	7 VI 71	
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Mr E. S. Lapham adds two more with interesting values :

EiiR	N 1, Hawick, Roxburghshire.	22.3.71	6d + 1/-
EiiR	NH-942 (this probably had an upper limit of 4/11½ in £sd)	31.3.71	3/9 + 3/9

"Highest Numbers". (We must apologise to Mr W. H. Bogue, whose report in error was omitted from the last issue). Thanks this time are due to Mr Bogue again, A. H. Ehreich, D. H. Fletcher, R. Haggett and the Hon. Sec. has also found one or two.

	N 192 L	NX 255	TN 258
HGB	*1102 *2005 3029 *4003	5006 *6006 (i)	
	FBA 551 F	PBS 746 G PBS 193 P	PBT 1524 F
	PBL 824 A	PBR 015 A	PBC 037 A (iii)
JR 246 (ii)	RN 4055	G.0520	AC.A 37

* indicates no advance reported, most have changed this time.

(i) See note on page 23 regarding a minor alteration in the design.

(ii) We reported 135A, this almost certainly, should have been 035A, and so subject to confirmation we have reverted to the lower number.

FRANKING MACHINE USED AS "PAID" MARK.
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We recently received a cover from a bulk mailing on behalf of "American Express" which had an impression from what looks like a meter in decimal design without a licence number (the frame at the base is unbroken). The value appears as "00", townmark is London W.C.2. and the date, in one line, as "-- - 72" and at the right is a slogan consisting of a large boxed "R".

IRISH NOTES.

Mr G. R. Stelfox tells us that the highest numbers he has in the now obsolete £sd types from Pitney Bowes are :-

A 318 S 559 PB 630 L

The latter Series 5000 are numbered in the same series as machines in Great Britain but come in groups, probably as a result of groups of machines being sent from England together. The groups we listed in MSB 83 can now be extended to :-

433H - 452H, 831H - 841H, 802J - 876J, 518K - 531K, 603L - 630L.

and in the decimal machines similar patterns are emerging for Pitney Bowes machines :-

PBA 005 D - 174 D	024 G - 081 G
PBS 003 D - 080 D	004 F - 094 F
004 V - 205 V	025 S
PBT 341 B - 395 B	907 E - 962 E
568 J - 623 J	449 K - 528 K
374 L - 406 L	002 M - 065 M
006 N - 103 N	185 P - 188 P
501 U - 595 U	1001 H

all these groups will mean some considerable gaps in the lists of GB machines, Mr Stelfox adds that similar groups also seem to be emerging in Northern Ireland, we refer to these in our GB notes.

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. Mr O. M. Richards remarks on a sudden jump in the numbers of these machines, whose series continued from those used for the LV models. His previous highest was N 1207 but now a copy of N 3014 has turned up. A possible answer may be that decimal machines are numbered in the 3000's, Mr Stelfox also reports N 3019, his previous highest was N 1218.

METER AHOY !



There are not many meters installed in ships but this is one recently seen. HMS Belfast is an ex Royal Navy cruiser now moored permanently in the Pool of London.

ANGOLA - A FEW STATISTICS FOR 1962
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The following figures may be of interest to members. They have been abstracted by Mr. George Pearson from "Estatística Postal 1962" published by the postal authorities of Angola.

Town	Number of machines	Number of items franked	Postage franked (in Escudos)
Luanda	24	247,440	2,643,386.10
Cabinda	1	12,000	30,000.00
Carmona	1	18,468	60,000.00
Malanje	1	14,996	54,539.40
Salazar	1	8,824	28,745.60
Benguela	1	33,039	121,912.80
Lobito	4	91,078	343,664.30
Gabela	1	14,387	56,000.00
Novo Redono	1	22,452	42,000.00
Nova Lisboa	1	34,160	125,405.10
Vila Robert Williams	1	7,200	18,000.00
Silva Porto	1	19,522	57,944.70
Luso	1	12,627	41,936.80
Sa de Bandeira	1	24,535	84,000.00
Mocamedes	1	20,917	88,364.30
	<u>41</u>	<u>581,645</u>	<u>3,795,899.10</u>

From other figures given in the report, it can be calculated that the proportion of postage paid by means of franking machines in Angola in 1962 was about 9%.

The Report also shows that a franking machine licence in Angola costs Esc. 50.00 and that the machines were licenced annually.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.
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Once again we are in the fortunate position of having more reports than we have room for, possibly because this issue contains a little more GB news than we have had lately. Keep the reports coming in !!

Again, as usual, we have identified our contributors by their initials where necessary.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd).

INDIA. Type 6, Neopost.

Relief machines, used as temporary replacements, exist with townmarks inscribed CALCUTTA/XXX C-580 and C-581.

Type 10.1 Additional value, 1.03 on Bombay G.P.O./H.B.L. B? (10 VI 60)

In our listing of some of the earlier Annas and Rupees machines we note that separate machines were used for Anna and Rupee values.

That the same situation can arise with more modern machines is shown by some impressions from relief machines CALCUTTA/XXX C-581 (already recorded in As and Rs as Type 6) and XXX C-1742, each has a combination of values in both sub-types 10.1 and 10.2 We imagine that because these machines might be used at short notice almost anywhere they are fitted with a very large range of values.

Type 15.2 Stampmaster. Additional values 0.30 on M-2019 (7 IV 71) and 0.20 on D-1620 (9 I 71)

PAKISTAN. Type 3, Neopost.

Additional values, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ₹ on S-8 (18 XI 50) and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ₹ on S-182 (19 IX 56)

Type 10.1, Neopost.

Additional values, 2.50 on S-182 (25 I 61) and 0.03 on DA-86 (2 XII 61)

Type 13, Postalia. New sub type.

13.3 As 13.2 but figures of value 4-bank, as 0001

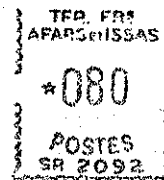
CEYLON. Universal MV number 59, listed as 7.1.1 and later as 7.1.3 exists also as Type 9, with the record number removed and the townmark at normal height.

(all the above from Michel de Wailly)

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AFAR & ISSA. We show the Satas (W. Pieterse.)

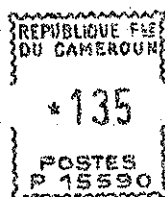
ECUADOR. Pitney Bowes Automax. Square frame numbered PB 0086 at bottom, value as 00.i and seen used from Quito 31 V 71 (WHB)

ISRAEL. Pitney Bowes Series 5000. Small design in usual layout with "box" containing value shown as w2.10 Number "14" at bottom right. Used from Tel Aviv on -7 VI 71 (WHB)

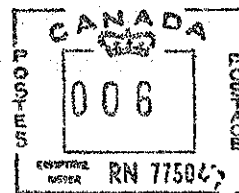
NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)



ARGENTINA. Still another Hasler design!, this, with the "Ley No" etc to indicate the revalued currency, has what looks like a female head at the right instead of the usual map. (ESL)



CAMEROONS. New "Federal Republic" title on Havas. (ESL and MdeW)



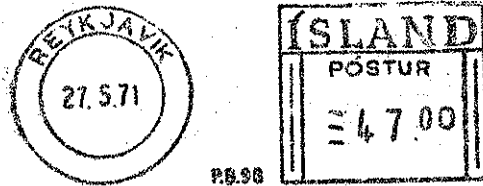
CANADA. Roneo-Neopost Models 105 and 505 (ESL) The copy of RN 700055 he has is in blue, unusual for Roneo-Neopost.



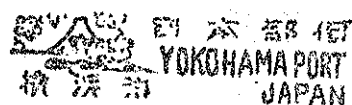
CYPRUS. The Satas, in a modified version of the original design, which was in turn based on the GB design - compare the petals - shown us by Mr Hutchinson.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd)

DENMARK. We illustrated in MSB 82 an impression from 1003 with an unusual triple-circle townmark. Francotyp D 3695 now has one exactly the same. (ESL)

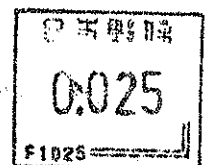
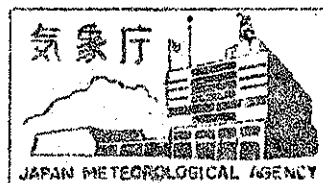


ICELAND. Pitney Bowes Series 5000. (WHB)

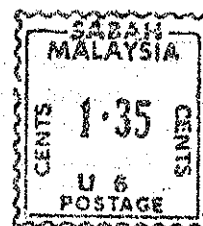


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JAPAN. Attractive design for the N.C.R. (WHB) and a new Francotyp. (G Postel)

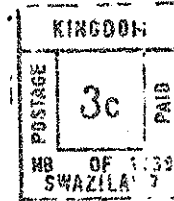
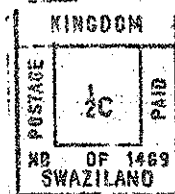


MALAYSIA. Some years ago we showed a machine inscribed SABAH/MALAYSIA with a townmark of Jesselton. This was a Roneo-Neopost Model 305 even though the number was U 6. At the time this was the first machine we had seen with the name shown like this instead of NORTH BORNEO. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us a recent impression (? dated 10 VI 71) from this same machine, still with Cents but now with a townmark reading KOTA KINABALU / SABAH.

Automax U 297 with currency shown as "SEN" at left and right, used on the mainland from Kuala Lumpur on 21 V 71 (ESL)

SINGAPORE. The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 exists with the month figures in the date either Arabic, shown on NE 68 in MSB 87, or Roman, as shown us by Mr E. S. Lapham.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (contd.)



SWAZILAND. A new name, with "Kingdom of" on Roneo-Neopost NB 1469 (GRP)

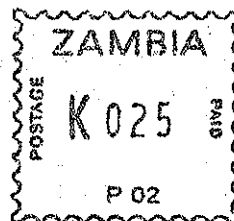
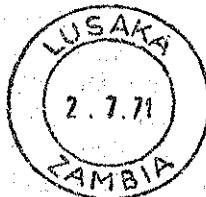
ELFA
Allt mellan antenn och jord



SWEDEN. Krag in "Crown and Posthorns" design, the slogan on this copy is in blue. (ESL)

TANZANIA, UGANDA, KENYA. A number of the joint organisations for the East African Community have been transferred to Jinja, Uganda (many of them from Nairobi, Kenya.) Mr W. H. Bogue shows us a Roneo-Neopost Model 305, N 924, used on 20 XI 70 with a solid circle townmark and a slogan of what must be known as "E.A.F.F.R.O." (we are not sure what the initials stand for) and the address in Jinja. There is also a rubber stamp reading "EAST AFRICAN/COMMUNITY" over the slogan. Presumably this machine moved with the user.

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ZAMBIA. Postalia. (ESL)

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1971

The Group's Income and Expenditure for the year appear overleaf, and these show that once again we have an excess of expenditure, this by itself is not very much and in normal times would probably be balanced in another year by any profit we could expect from sales of publications.

We are afraid that this is not the true picture though.

A closer examination will show that things over which we have very little control, mainly postage, are not just going up but are catapulting upwards. As this report is being put together we are told of another increase in inland postage for heavier letters to start in early March, and this will affect us as much as it affects all the other senders of the more-than-minimum weight letters. Overseas postage went up with a bang last summer and apart from this the cost of stencils for the bulletins keeps increasing.

We are fortunate that George Pearson undertakes, every time, the actual duplicating and this is a great contribution to keeping costs down, one that is not always remembered.

What we have been able to do also in the last year is to have more pages of bulletin than ever before, but even then it is not enough and news is piling up, we want to have even bigger issues (more frequent issues would eat up money in the postage), and we do not want to drop our modest standards, of which we are proud.

This all adds up to one thing. the subscription of 50p we have maintained for some years must go up, so we propose to raise this to £1.00 from the 1st January 1973, anyone who has already paid beyond then, and some have paid up to 1975!, will not of course pay extra.

Having said all this, it remains for me to thank again all those who have helped with contributions and reports during the year. This year we will do even better, it is the 21st year of our existance as a Group and also the 50th anniversary of the introduction of meters into Great Britain, more of that in our June bulletin.

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. It begins with the first settlers who came to the shores of North America in search of a new world. Over the years, the colonies grew and developed their own unique identity, leading to the birth of a new nation.

The American Revolution was a turning point in the nation's history. It was a struggle for independence that resulted in the United States becoming a sovereign nation.

The early years of the United States were marked by westward expansion and the search for new lands. The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 was a major event that doubled the size of the nation. The Civil War, which lasted from 1861 to 1865, was a conflict that shaped the nation's future and led to the abolition of slavery.

The Reconstruction era followed the Civil War, a period of rebuilding and reform. It was a time of great challenges and progress, as the nation sought to heal the wounds of war and create a more just society.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries were a time of rapid change and growth. The Industrial Revolution brought new technologies and economic power to the United States. The Spanish-American War of 1898 marked the beginning of the nation's emergence as a world power.

The 20th century was a period of global conflict and social change. World War I and World War II tested the nation's strength and resolve. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s fought for equality and justice for all.

The end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century have been a time of continued growth and change. The United States has remained a leading nation in the world, facing new challenges and opportunities. The future of the United States is bright and full of promise.

THE METER STAMP STUDY GROUP.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 1971.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>		
(1970)		
(13.00)	Subscriptions for the current year	25.36
(- -)	Subscriptions from previous years	2.00
(2.50)	Subscriptions received in advance	12.75
		<u>40.11</u>
(15.50)		
(0.20)	Donations	4.88
(1.97)	Sales of Publications	2.88
		<u>47.87</u>
(17.67)		
(2.50)	Deduct advance subscriptions	12.75
		<u>35.12</u>
(15.17)		
(14.90)	Add subscriptions received last year	2.50
		<u>37.62</u>
(30.07)	Adjusted Income for the year.	<u>37.62</u>
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
(28.88)	Production and despatch of bulletins	43.03½
(1.20)	Stationery	1.00
(3.14)	Postage - nett after stamps received	6.75½
		<u>50.79</u>
(33.22)		<u>50.79</u>
		<u>50.79</u>
(3.16)	Excess of Expenditure over Income	13.17
<u>BALANCE IN HAND.</u>		
	Balance in hand at 1 January 1971	34.48
	Deduct advance subscriptions	2.50
		<u>31.98</u>
	Deduct excess of expenditure	13.17
		<u>18.81</u>
	Add subscriptions received in advance	12.75
		<u>31.56</u>
	Balance in hand 31 December 1971	<u>£31.56</u>

