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SECRETARY'S NOTES.
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Membership. We are pleased to welcome as new members to the Group :

- (228) Mr P. Lechler, 23 Belvoir Rd, East Dulwich, LONDON, S.E.22.
- (229) Mr Charles M. Lambert, 88 Nuns Moor Rd, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE4 9BA
- (230) Mr Ronald P. Doig, 8 Union Terrace, DUNDEE, DD3 6JD
- (231) Mr K. B. Millar, 12 Damascus Street, BELFAST, BT7 1QQ
- (232) Mr Robert E. Juceam, 106 Hemlock Road, Manhasset, NY 11030, U.S.A.
(Main interests are Germany and Austria.)

and have the following changes to record,

Mr P. D. Wood, now, 57 Priory Grove, Ditton, MAIDSTONE, Kent.
Mr M. A. Marlow, add Postal Code - PR2 4SS

Members "Wants and Offers".

Mr P. Lechler (address above) wants to buy, at reasonable prices, both G.B. and foreign. Please write direct.

Mr R. L. Woodward-Clarke, 19 Wrekin Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, has covers (split on three sides but otherwise complete) from all countries for exchange on a pro-rata basis.

NEW RONEO-NEOPOST MODEL "105-2"
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Six machines of a new type approved by the Post Office were placed in offices in the London Postal Region on a trial basis recently. It is expected that marketing will start at the beginning of April.

The prefix being used is "RF" and we look forward to receiving reports from members on them.

RONEO VICKERS AND SINGER SIGN MAILROOM EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

Roneo Vickers, a subsidiary of Vickers Limited, and the Singer Company of America have signed an agreement which calls for Roneo-Neopost to distribute Singer postal franking machines outside the western hemisphere, eastern Europe and Japan.

The agreement includes the acquisition by Roneo-Neopost of sales and service responsibility for the Singer (we have always referred to them by the name Friden) postal franking machines currently distributed in the United Kingdom.

Under a separate agreement, Roneo Limited will manufacture several models of Singer's postal franking machines at Roneo's plant in Romford, for joint distribution by Roneo-Neopost and Singer.

G. B. NOTES.

Friden. In our catalogue of GB we state that these machines, both models, are numbered from G.0194 upwards. Mr Bogue tells us that he has impressions from 0170, 0175, 0178, 0179, 0182, so quite obviously we are wrong. G 0194 was the first we had seen and there might have been some "filling-in" later.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. JS 540 had the townmark inverted on 17 I 73 (WHB)

Neopost L.V. Additional value for Type 86, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (ESL)

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. Additional values from Mr Lapham. In our Type 74 add 7d and 8d and in our Type 87 add 2, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 6.

Pitney Bowes Single Value. Mr Lapham points out that in our listing in the "Meter Stamps of Great Britain & Eire" we missed out a line (it will of course be included in the addenda). This should have read :

33) $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. We have mentioned a 305 machine used at Enfield numbered N-216. Mr P. D. Wood suggests that when this was converted to the decimal design the number was in error changed from NO-216. Similarly he reports that ND 760 from Warrenpoint, Co. Down, was wrongly converted from the prefix ND to NO 760.

G. B. Botes (Contd).

Pitney Bowes Model RT. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us an impression from machine PBR 123A. This looks like a Model RT but represents a jump in the numbering and shows several differences.

The figures of value are shown as 02 $\frac{1}{2}$ with sufficient space between the 2 and the $\frac{1}{2}$ to suggest that they are separate value wheels, the prefix letters and the number are in letters and figures 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm high (like those on the recently introduced Model 6300) and the date is shown in the form 31.1.73 and not as formerly 31 I'73. The townmark is of "normal" 22 mm dia. and the relative positions of the townmark date and the value figures remain the same.

It is possible that a new model in the RT series has been introduced and the numbering of these has been started at PBR 100 A (or 101) leaving the original RT's with the lower numbers. For the time being we will show both in our "highest numbers".

An impression has also been shown us by Mr Bogue from PBR 101 A, this is similar in all respects except the value, 03, and in this case a slogan, well to the left.

Roneo-Neopost Model 605. Mr George Pearson shows us examples from TN 221 and TN 223, both used by Surrey County Council from Kingston upon Thames. In each case the name is wrongly spelt as Thamas, the former ranging from May to August 1972 and the latter from April 1972 until at least January 1973. We do not know if the same user has TN 222 in the same location.

Guernsey. Pitney Bowes Simplex. Usual design numbered as PBS...+ etc so presumably in Great Britain series of numbers. (ESL)

"Highest Numbers". Thanks as usual to members for reporting advances on the various series of numbers, particularly Mr Bogue and Mr Stelfox. We now have the following. Where an asterisk is shown it indicates no advance since our last report.

Hasler. HGB 1131 *2010 3034 *4003 *5010 6014 8001 (i)

Francotyp. *AC.A 37 Friden. G.0707

Pitney Bowes. *PBA 556 F PBL 160 F (ii) *PBC 038 A
*PBR 022 A PBS 249 H *PBT 1891 F
*PBS 228 P
PBR 123 A (iii)

Roneo-Neopost. JT 840 *N 691 L NX 429

RN 7524

TN 283

- (i) from Belfast, fits in the expected pattern.
- (ii) Suffix "E" was used.
- (iii) See note on the preceding item.

IRISH NOTES

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Hasler. Mr Stelfox reports a second example, 27909. The original reported was 27907 so possibly a small block of these will show eventually.

Neopost L.V. An additional value to our Type 36 is 2, shown us by Mr G. R. Pearson on N 1090, from B.A.C.

Pitney Bowes Model 6300. Mr Stelfox reports that these appear to be going well, he has numbers covering a block of about 200 machines within only 6 months of their appearance.

BANGLADESH - A First Listing

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(Compiled from notes received from George Pearson, Werner Simon and Karl Topf).

The former East Pakistan became independent at the end of 1971 after a period during which much of the economic life of the area came to a halt due to the war that preceded separation into Pakistan (the former West Pakistan) and Bangladesh.

The designs of meters used in Pakistan have always had the name of the country and postage expressed in several languages, we are not experts but have always assumed them to be, apart from English, Urdu and Bengali (each of the latter representing the majority language in West and East respectively) although some more recent Frankmaster dies have included what looks a third, different script.

However, once Bangladesh became an established fact all these various names and tongues became not only more or less superfluous but reminders of the past regime and so unwanted. The action taken has been to remove the unwanted parts of the dies leaving blanks and, so far, to overprint with a rubber stamp the resulting impression. These handstamped overprints seem to take the form of either just Bengali (?) letters, Bengali plus "Bangladesh" or sometimes just "Bangladesh". (Strictly speaking it is probably necessary for the name of the country to appear as Bangladesh for international mail but it would not be so necessary for inland mail).

The numbers we refer to in the lists that follow are those used for Pakistan in our "Meter Stamps of the Indian Sub-Continent", most of the impressions seen have been rather poor, we hope to obtain better ones to illustrate later.

Bangladesh (Contd)

Universal M.V. as Type 11.

Urdu(?) name at top and PAKISTAN at bottom removed, stars and half-moons remain. 3 figures of value.

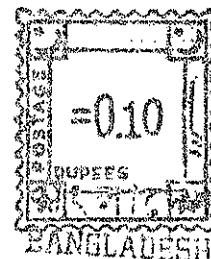
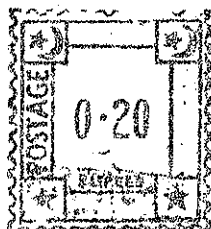
Simplex as Type 12.

Inscription at top and PAKISTAN at bottom removed.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305 "Frankmaster" as Type 14

(a) All inscription, including stars and half-moons, removed, only POSTAGE at left and RUPEES below figures of value remaining. Either 3 or 4 figures of value.

(b) Inscription removed as above but stars and half-moons remaining. Either 3 or 4 figures of value. (Illustrated)



Automax as Type 15

(a) All inscription, including stars and half-moons removed, only POSTAGE at left remaining. Urdu Rupees removed.

(b) Inscription at top and PAKISTAN at bottom removed (side inscriptions remain, as do stars and half-moons). Urdu Rupees removed. (Illus)

(c) As (b) but Urdu Rupees not removed.

Satas. as Type 16

PAKISTAN above Postage removed.

C.A.M.P. shown in MSB 94

PAKISTAN at top removed.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305 "Frankmaster" - Revised design with "Postage" at bottom.

(a) All inscription except POSTAGE removed.

(b) Inscriptions at top and sides removed, POSTAGE and stars and half-moons remain.

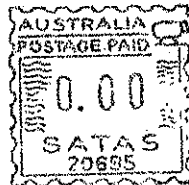
Bangladesh (Contd.)

The handstamped overprints come in a bewildering variety. They usually consist of the name in Bengali over English but in some cases there is only a Bengali stamp, in others only an English one. The name in English, to give as examples of possible varieties, has been seen as BANGLADESH (all capitals) BANGLA DESH (Capitals with a space) and Bangladesh (lower case) and the handstamps themselves vary in length from 20 to 30 mm.

We look forward to further reports on machines from this country, such as these, which may in fact be very short-lived before definitive designs appear.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.
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With thanks as usual to our faithful reporters.



AUSTRALIA. Relief machines were announced in a Post Office Circular (to Postmasters) No 152 in August 1972. The Satas illustrated above is the first one seen in N.S.W. (and probably the first in Australia.)

The 45th anniversary of the introduction of franking machines in the country (the Neopost FV) was celebrated by a special slogan used on a similar machine, 41-D, on 24 XI 72

(From the "Meter Bulletin", published by our member Mr R. Peck.)

Roneo-Neopost 205 36X from Perth, WA 6001, Floral Emblems, has the number in white letters on a solid block. (R. Needels).

ARGENTINA. More varieties including the "Ley No." are :

Hasler "Cap of Liberty" design with "Ley No 18.188" reading upwards inside the left frame (Permiso Franqueo 4)

Hasler "Map" design with Ley No 18.188 reading upwards outside the left of the frame (Permiso 222)

Hasler "Large Map" design with left side of frank formed by a large Ley No 18.188 (Permiso 107)

Automax with Ley No 18.188 reading downwards at the right inside the frame (Permiso No 1500)

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd. - Argentina)

Universal MV with Ley 18188 reading upwards at left outside frank.

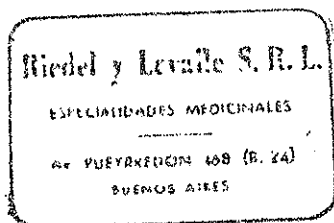
Universal MV with PESOS/Ley No 18188 reading upwards at left outside the frank.

Universal MV with Ley 18188 reading upwards at right outside frank.

Hasler "Female Head" design with 4 figures of value as 00.01 with PESOS/Ley No 18.188 reading upwards forming the left frame of frank.

(ALL ESL)

Francotyp with "Ley 18188" underneath the die also exists in 5-bank form (we illustrated 676, a 4-bank, in MSB 92). Mr R. T. Needels shows us 713 with figures as z0098 Note that Francotyp do not seem to include "No" in the legend.



LEY 18188



Another Automax, 1002, is shown us by Werner Simon. This, in 1967 as we show, had an additional zero cut into the frame at the right. By October 1970 the figures were altered to =0.01, Ley 18.188 had been added but the frame remained broken where the zero had by now been removed.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

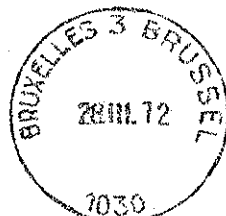
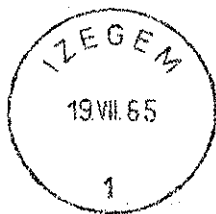
BELGIUM. The Hasler machines with an initial lozenge to the value (we show this conventionally as "z") come in at least three forms.

- (a) Frame 25mm x 29mm Belgique/Belgie value as z0.oi (B 2534)
- (b) Frame 27mm x 32mm Belgie/Belgique value as z00.oi (B 2561)
(B 1212)
- (c) Frame 27mm x 32mm Belgique/Belgie value as z00.oi (B 2700)
(all MdeW)

Frame in several forms using the old "A" prefix originally allocated to the "Franco" machines. Illustrations below.

A 119	BELGIQUE/BELGIE	*0,01	
A 169	BELGIE/BELGIQUE	0,01	
A 135)	BELGIQUE/BELGIE	00,01	(MdeW and ESL)
A 344)			

(note, we listed as long ago as MSB 57 a machine with an "A" prefix and figures of value *00,10 and suggested this was a Safag)



BOLIVIA. Pitney Bowes Model R with "new" currency. No 5 used on 14.XII'65 with CORREOS \$b instead of BS (R. Needels)

CAMEROONS. Satas SJ 2455, figures of value x00 (MdeW)

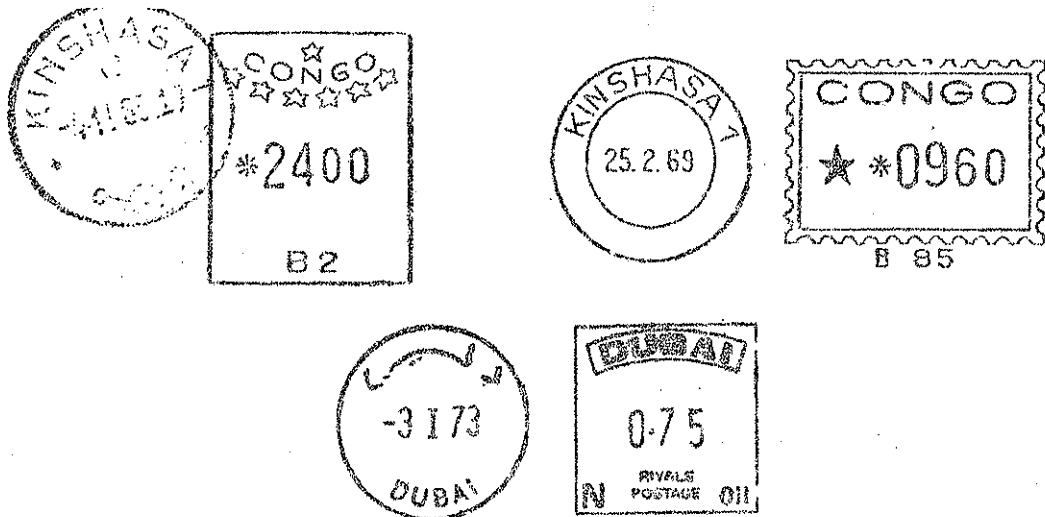
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. With the first report concerning this country for many years, Michel de Wailly shows us Satas S.J.2457 used from Bangui on the 5 4 72 Normal "French" style design inscribed "REPUBLIQUE/CENTRAFRICAINE" at top (and in the townmark).

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) Michel de Wailly reports MG 11339, figures of value as x000 used with "Republique/Plaire" inscription and he also shows us SD 5152 with "Republique/Du Congo" from Brazzaville on 24 XI 71

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

COSTA RICA. We illustrated the Francotyp in MSB 92. Mr George Pearson now shows us a specimen from F 104 in a horizontal design with a Quetzal Bird at the left.

CONGO (KINSHASA). Two unrecorded items from Michel de Wailly. The Hasler is *COoi instead of z001 as previously shown on B64. Another Hasler in a design with a series of stars at the top.



DUBAI. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 (WHB)

Mr S. D. Hammond shows us an impression from Automax P.B.20 which has had the word "RIYALS" added above POSTAGE to indicate the new currency which was introduced as long ago as July 1967. This particular one is dated 17 II 72

DAHOMY. (We can trace no previous reference to Dahomey in the Bulletin.) Michel de Wailly reports Satas SD 3214 inscribed "Republique/du Dahomey" dated 12 IV 72 (Note Roman month figures)

FRANCE. Two new prefixes are ND and NE, two new types from SECAP, both have the figures of value as 001

NC 334 has "POSTE Aux ARMEES" (i.e. Field Post) instead of a town name. (MdeW)

FRENCH POLYNESIA. Satas SJ 9933, value as *01 (MdeW)

VIET NAM (SOUTH) Postalia number 5006 has a "perforated" frame instead of the usual straight line frame, single circle townmark and figures of value as *00.oi (MdeW)

Notes and news from Overseas (Contd.)

GABON. Satas SJ 9435 (MdeW)



PHILVER-YAZDBAF
RANGUIN-PLAST IRAN
MFG. GROUPS



IRAN. Another variant of the PB prefix group. This has the "Arabic" date, ? machine number reading downwards at the left of the die and no "European" date at all (WHB)

INDIA. The "Refugee Relief" surcharge meters come in more than one design. We showed an example with "PS" at the bottom right and the value as "5".

Michel de Wailly shows us an impression used with Universal MV U 552, licence M 7621 from Jalahalli P.O.

This is the same size as the one illustrated but has INDIA POSTAGE / REFUGEE RELIEF at the top, then two lines of ? Hindi script and the value is shown as 0.05 with R over Rupees at bottom left and right. In addition, this extra machine has its own townmark, SC, with a licence number of BG-603

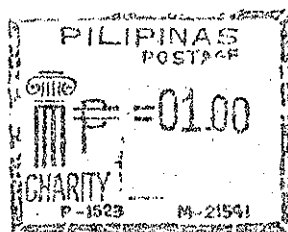
KUWAIT. Karl Topf shows us Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000. Number "P.B.No 76" and the name shown as "State of Kuwait", value as w001, design a horizontal perforated frame, DC townmark with arcs at the left.

SALVADOR. Automax, P.B.20 used 29 II 72 from San Salvador. Design with State emblem (cap of liberty over mountains) at bottom left, series of short horizontal lines at the right. Value as =0.01 over "COLONES" (not CENTAVOS as on the Postalia previously listed) (R. Needels).

ST. KITTS, NEVIS, ANGUILA. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 used from Basseterre on 18 IV 72 "Perforated" frame with name ST. KITTS vertical at the left, NEVIS at the top and ANGUILA downwards at the right. Numbered RN 001, value as 0.25 (R. Needels)

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd).

PHILIPPINES. Automax, with firstly the name of the country shown as PILIPINAS and secondly "CHARITY" at the bottom left. This would seem to be a Post Office machine but the reason for Charity is obscure, we have also seen an impression from M-22417 used from Manila Central which has "JUSTICE" and one from M-21378 which has "HOPE". Any more? (WHB, GRP and WS)



RWANDA. Michel de Wailly shows us the first examples we have seen from this country, which with its neighbour to the south, Burundi, used to make up the Belgian territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

We show a Hasler F 88, impressions have been seen both in black and red. The figures of value, indistinct, are *00.01

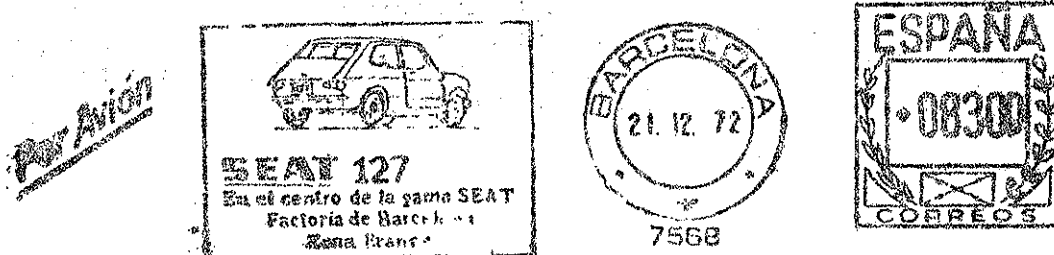
Also seen is a Francotyp Cc in a design similar to Barfoot & Simon Type 5 for the Belgian Congo but inscribed REPUBLIQUE RWANDAISE around the top. The townmark in this case is SC with GISENYI at the top and a diamond shaped ornament at the bottom, dated 2.3.72 and figures of value as 00.01.

REUNION. (Another first report) Satas SJ 5173, value as *01 (MdeW)

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC. Werner Simon reports the first meters from this country (do not confuse with Southern Yemen, formerly Aden) and shows in "Stamps" a Postalia used from Sanaa on 9.7.72

Square frame with Arabic inscription at top, "YEMEN A.R." and figures of value as 0001 preceded by "B". DC townmark with Arabic inscription at top and Sanaa in European letters at the bottom.

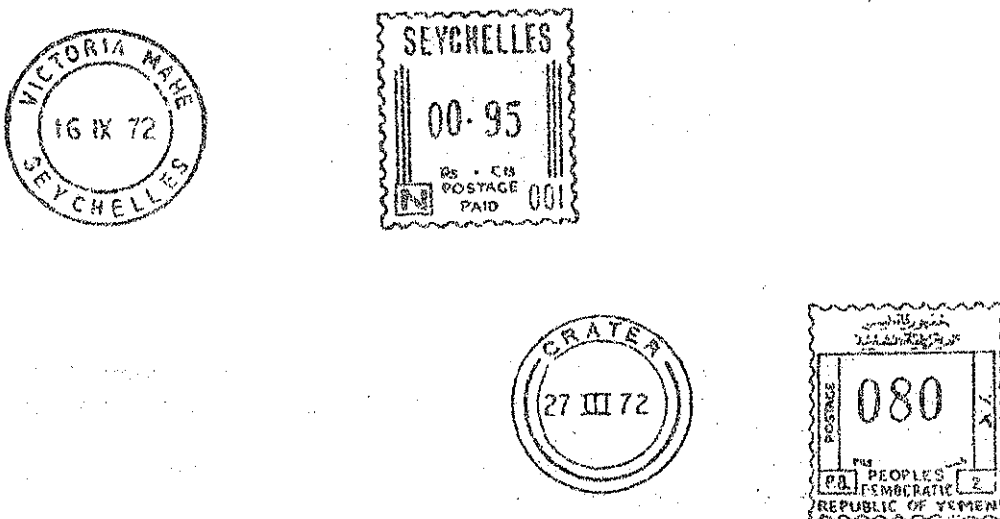
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)



SPAIN. Francotyp Cc with what looks like an additional fixed zero engraved at the right (it is very squashed). (WHB)

Werner Simon also shows us a similar machine, 3820, but without the extra zero and with the additional slogan at the extreme left showing "Impressos".

SEYCHELLES. Roneo-Neopost Model 305, the first we have seen from this country, shown us by Mr Woodward-Clarke.



SOUTHERN YEMEN. This Universal, probably the U 2 we showed in MSB 94 but now with PB prefix, now shows the name as PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN. (Mr S. D. Hammond).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. When Postalia machines were first introduced into the USA in 1960 they were inscribed "POSTALIA" followed by a number. Later this was changed to "T-N", indicating the Tele-Norm Corporation, owners of Postalia. The meter company has now been purchased by the Anker Corporation and the USA machines have reverted to the original Postalia inscription, exactly as before. (Meter Stamp Society Bulletin).