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SECRETARY'S NOTES.  
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Membership. Once again this time we are able to welcome several new members to the Group, they are :

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| (233) | Bruce Castle Museum.   | Lordship Lane, Tottenham, LONDON, N17 8NU              |
| (234) | Mr J. M. Beard.        | 39 Carstairs Road, Catford, LONDON, SE6 2SL            |
| (235) | Dr. R. A. McInroy,     | "Averingcliffe", The Bank, Eccleshill,<br>BRADFORD 2.  |
| (236) | Mr Bryan R. Conway,    | 11 Clarendon Place, STIRLING.                          |
| (237) | Mr John A. B. Cormack. | 1 Hillfield Drive, Boothstown, Worsley,<br>Lancashire. |

and one change of address :

Mr E. C. Kettenbrink, now, 3805 Englewood Circle, Briarwood Village,  
Odessa, Texas 79762, U.S.A.

Members Wants and Offers. Mr Charles M. Lambert, 88 Nuns Moor Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 9BA, wants meters from places which (a) have the name of a Saint, (b) are in the County of Northumberland or City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne and (c) are in the Isle of Man.

Mr Tim Whitney writes to say that from the three sales of meters he has made to members of the Group a total of £35 has been raised for the charity concerned, Muscular Dystrophy Research, a very creditable achievement, and he wishes to thank all concerned.

Index to Bulletin. Mr E. S. Lapham has prepared a list of countries showing which issues of the Bulletin up to No 100 have contained information about their meters. We do not think that we can include this in its entirety at the moment but if any member would like a copy please write to the Hon. Sec.

A NEW MODEL FROM PITNEY BOWES  
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A new model of the RT meter is now in use. This differs from the original in that it allows values from  $\frac{1}{2}$ p to £1.00 to be printed. These are probably the ones being numbered from PBR 101 A upwards.

RONEO-NEOPOST MODEL 105-2  
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We mentioned this new machine briefly in our last issue and suggested that marketing would start at the beginning of April, with a prefix of "RF"

We now learn that this RF is the prefix used on the machine number and that on the die the numbers will be shown as W 101 A and so on. The six machines recently field tested had the numbers N 101 P to N 106 P (i.e. they were numbered within the range we expect from the Model 105, currently using an "L" suffix.

No further details are to hand but in the June 1973 issue of "Office Equipment News", reporting from the Hanover Fair in Germany, a "push-button franking machine from Roneo-Neopost with high value cut-off to prevent wastage" is illustrated with the statement that it is awaiting Post Office approval for this country.

G. B. NOTES.  
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Automax. Mr D. H. Fletcher reminds us that from 5 October to 2 December 1954 a prototype machine was used with a die inscribed A.1. and we did not note this in our GB book. Only one copy from this has been seen, dated 12 XI 54 with a townmark "London W.1." and this has the value figures and detailed die design the same as the concurrent Universal Multi-Value machines.

A later machine in the production series was also numbered A.1.

Friden. The numbering of the two models seems more complex than we had imagined. Mr W. H. Bogue tells us that he has eight numbers, 183, 184, 195, 213, 234, 255, 264 and 273 from both types (and different places and users) and that if each model is numbered independently he can show the range as 170 to 299 for the larger design and 175 to 707 for the smaller design.

Hasler. The prefix seems to have been changed again, this time from HGB to HAS.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Mr Bogue shows us an impression from a machine used by Warwick Savage Ltd. at Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. This, as well as a number of impressions he has from the same machine, has no trace of either a number or a prefix letter.

Neopost L.V. One machine with a hyphen is N-7, Malden, Essex. Mr Barfoot shows us an example dated 15 IX 71

An additional value from our Type 86 reported by Mr Fletcher is the  $1\frac{1}{2}$

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. Mr Barfoot reports several machines with hyphens in the number, e.g.

N-968-B

N-326-C

N-642-D

G. B. Notes (Contd.)

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. Another machine with a single "N" prefix is N-611 from London/E.C.4. seen used on 1 XII 67 (SDB)

Pitney Bowes Series 5000. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us three impressions from one machine to illustrate its travels, PBT 223 T. The first, -3 I 72 has a normal London E.C.2. townmark, the second, dated 28 I 72 has the date only, no circle at all, and the third, 25 V 72 has a Northampton townmark.

"Highest Numbers". Thanks to reports received from members, the latest state is as follows :-

<u>Hasler</u>	HGB	*1131	2012	3042	*4003	*5010	*6014	*8001
	HAS							7003 (i)
<u>Francotyp</u>			AC.A 40		<u>Friden</u>			*G.0707
<u>Pitney Bowes</u>		*PBA	556 F		PBL	413 F		*PBC 038 A
		PBR	029 A		*PBS	249 H		*PBT 1891 F
					*PBS	228 P		
					*PBR	123 A	(ii)	
<u>Roneo-Neopost</u>			JU 446		N 720 L			*NX 291
			(W 101 A)	(iii)	RN 8038			TN 291

(i) At Southampton, fits in the expected regional numbering pattern.

(ii) See note on page 81.

(iii) No reports yet, see note on page 82.

IRISH NOTES.

Michael Richards sends us a number of additions to the Irish part of our catalogue.

For the general Type 9 the date we give is 1941, his earliest is 11.III.38 with many others in 1939 and 1940.

Additional values are, for Type 9 - 5d

Type 25 - 9d

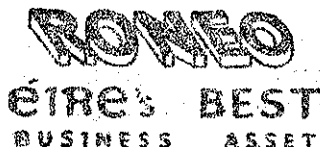
Type 36 - 3, 6.

An additional machine in Design (C) - Arms of the Provinces - but with values in decimal currency, is the Roneo-Neopost Model 105, which we will list as

1969 Roneo-Neopost Model 105. Key Letter "N".

31a) 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 6,

Irish Notes (Contd.)



Neopost - new sub type. This machine, apparently unrecorded by us before, has the value in a circle but without the value in words as had the earlier machines inscribed "Saorstát Éireann" and what we have described as the "hybrid" Neopost inscribed "Eire".

We will list this as :

Gaelic letter "d" and circle round value figure (no value in words.)

9a)  $\frac{1}{2}d$ .

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. Mr Barfoot tells us that these machines in decimal form, our No 38, come with the value figures either 04 or 0 04

AUSTRALIA - Further changes affecting licence numbers.  
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As from 1st March 1973 Control Systems Australasia surrendered the vendors rights for Roneo-Neopost machines to Roneo-Vickers, who will from now on be the sole agents for these machines. They have opened their own office in Western Australia now and it is believed that the present Neopost agents in W.A. (Lamson Paragon Ltd) will also be surrendering the agency by mutual agreement. Thus ends the very difficult but most interesting situation which was begun on 1st September 1970, when Roneo-Vickers, acting for their parent Company in Great Britain, took away from Control Systems (who had held it since 1948) the rights to vend new Neopost franking machines. Both firms have since been marketing second-hand models, and of course these do not include the original Neoposts (1, 2 or 3 value machines) of which there are about 10 remaining, and who are looked after by Typewriter & Accounting Control, who purchased the rights from the previous vendor, the Postal Stamping Machine Co. as from 1st May 1968.

Thus ends the C/S series of machine numbers, which were begun to distinguish Control Systems machines. However, part of the latest deal involved the transfer of some 70 old Neopost 8 value machines (of the "Kangeroo" or RNE serial number type), but as the original machine numbers had been removed from these re-conditioned machines a new limited series has had to be created. Called the "RV" series, numbers between 101-130 are allocated to NSW, 131-160 to Victoria, 161-180 to Queensland and 181-199 to South Australia (the reason stated for the numbering commencing from 100 is to avoid confusion with the

Australia - Further changes affecting licence numbers (Contd.)

original Post Office RV numbers in the RAL-RZ9 series of numbers, but this series for some reason stopped at RT9, except for the two special 1954 rare Royal Visit machines which could hardly have caused confusion anyway!).

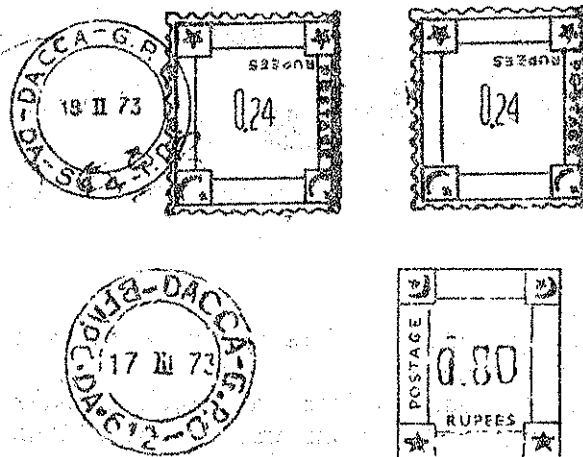
Presumably also, the end of the "Kangaroo & Boomerang" die is in sight, as Roneo-Vickers prefer to use the "Floral (or State) Emblems" type. It will be most interesting to see what happens when one of the "K&B" dies becomes unservicable on one of the present C/S machines !!

Richard C. Peck.

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BANGLADESH - More provisional types.  
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Following our first list in the last Bulletin we have had further news and examples from Michael Richards and Karl Topf.

Automax. All inscriptions except POSTAGE at left and RUPEES at bottom right removed and frame replaced inverted (see below)



Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Similar to one illustrated in MSB 94 but frank narrower (the whole impression looks very worn), see above. The townmark on this looks as if it might be sideways !

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.  
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Follow on the next page. As usual, we have identified the members who have reported new items in many cases by their initials.

Has anyone seen anything from Sri Lanka (Ceylon) yet ?

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

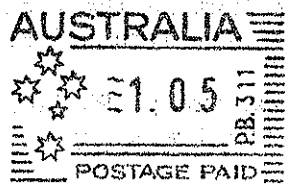
ARGENTINA. The Neopost L.V. in Barfoot Simon Type 4A (perforated frame, "REPUBLICA ARGENTINA" curved at top over posthorn facing right and value in centre) was still in use until 1968 at least.

Werner Simon reports an example dated VI.68 with "PER 1137" below the value, PES/2000.

Some time ago we illustrated a Francotyp Cc with "Franquedo Pagado Permiso" in the old Barfoot Simon Type 6. Werner Simon now reports machine 610 in the same except that the figures of value are shown as  $\frac{3}{2}$ 0.10 in 6.68

AUSTRALIA. Mr E. S. Lapham reports a Roneo-Neopost Model 205, E 1373, in the Floral Emblems design with Arabic month figures in the date.

New design for the Pitney Bowes Series 5000, below. (GRP)



*Produktivität  
hilft  
allen!*

PRODUKTIVITÄTSZENTRUM



AUSTRIA. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us this apparent Universal MV used as long ago as 1955 but not so far noted by us.

We illustrated an impression from an unidentified machine used at Wien 1103 in Bulletin 99. Mr E. C. Ehrmann writes to tell us that this is a Satas for manual counter use in Post Offices (the slogans refer to postal publicity and telephone books). About ten machines were introduced in the Autumn of 1970 in about 7 offices.

The Automax also comes with the name in letters  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mm high and a double-circle townmark. (ESL)

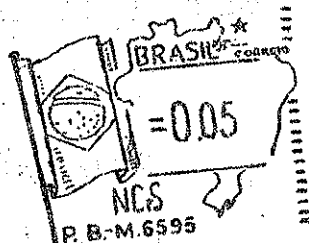
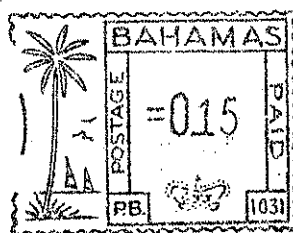
BELGIUM. Have we ever listed the Automax with the name of the country shown as BELGIE/BELGIQUE and value as =0.01

Both the Postalia and Francotyp Cc now exist with the Postal Code at the base of the townmark. (SDB)

BRITISH HONDURAS. As a preliminary to eventual self-government this country is being renamed BELIZE and the capital (at present Belize) will now become Belmapan.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

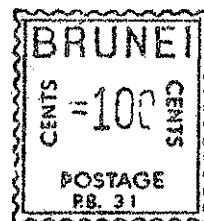
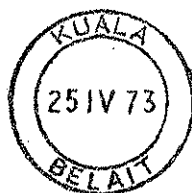
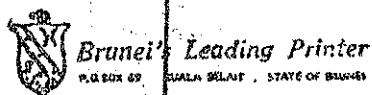
BAHAMAS. Automax, this has the palm trees partly enclosed by "perforations" (ESL)



BRAZIL This Automax has the NCS below the flag instead of level with the figures and another one, P.B.M-5942 has the currency shown as NCS (with the "N" lower) (SDB)

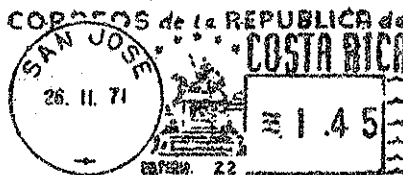
BRUNEI. Not a country we mention very often. Automax. (GRP)

THE BRUNEI PRESS LTD.



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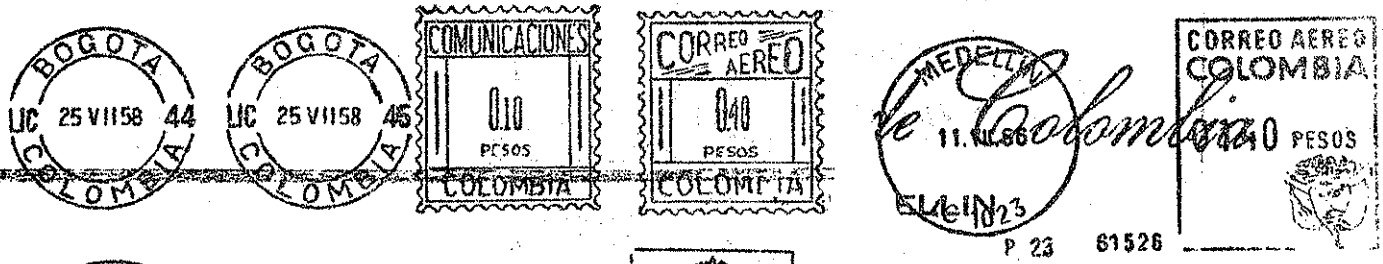
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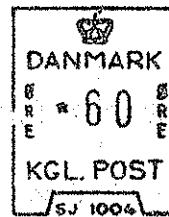
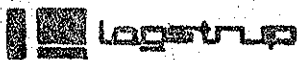
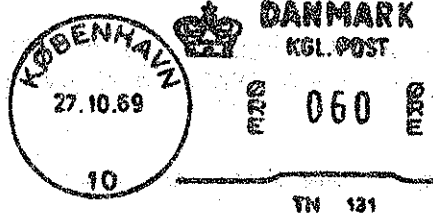
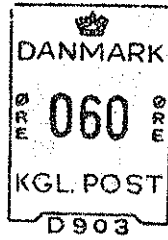
COSTA RICA. Pitnet Bowes Series 5000. (SDB)

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

COLUMBIA. Two designs for air mail, each inscribed "Correo Aero", Pitney Bowes Simplex and Postalia. The former is shown used with a "Comunicaciones" (postage) machine to make up the two-charge franking common in this country. (ESL)



FRANCOTYP  
SERVICE MASKINE  
Nr. 2



KØBENHAVNS HÅNDLÆGERMØJLSKOLE  
JACOBES 160  
2100 KØBENHAVN C



DENMARK. We show a "Francotyp Service Machine No 2", presumably a relief machine.

Postalia (Telenorm) TN 131

Satas SJ 1004

Frama G 226 (4-bank, we have already shown the 3-bank) (all Werner Simon)



Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

ECUADOR. The Postalia also exists as a 4-bank, figures of value as 0001  
Mr Barfoot shows us 104 used on 17.IX.69

EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA.

Additional value for the Simplex, our number 4-5-2-1 is the 125

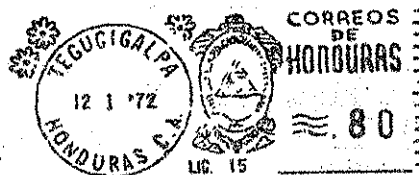
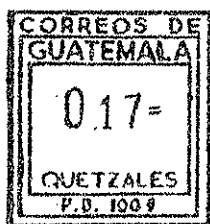
Additional values for the Simplex, our number 5-5-2-1 are 65, 130

For the Neopost with figures of value 4 mm high in our number 11-2-1-1  
(probably the Model 105) the values 100 and 150 should have been shown as  
1.00 and 1.50

Our number 11-2-1-2 with figures 5 mm high, is probably the L.V.

An additional value for the Simplex, our number 11-5-1-1 is 30

GUATEMALA. Pitney Bowes Automax in design the same as the Universal MV but  
inscribed QUETZALES instead of CENTAVOS. (ESL and GRP)



HONDURAS Pitney Bowes Series 5000 (USA) with value as w.01 (SDB)

KOREA (SOUTH) We illustrated Pitney Bowes Model 5000 number KP 70 some time ago. Mr Barfoot now shows us KP 110 (? Model R) in a similar design but now narrower and with smaller date figures. Figures of value as w0.01

MALAYSIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 105 with "SEN" instead of "CENTS", R 27 from Kuala Lumpur / Selangor used on 21 II 73, value "25" (WHB)

RHODESIA. Additional values for the Neopost LV -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ c.  
and for the Model 105 -  $\frac{1}{2}$ c,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.

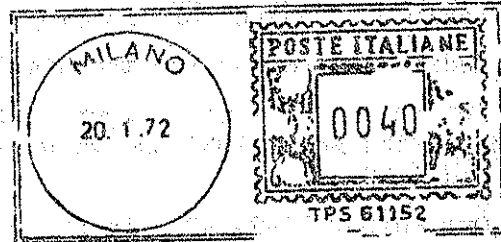
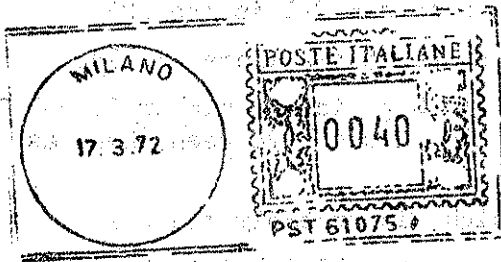
SOUTH AFRICA. Francotyp Cc F 424 has a very wide setting between the frank and the townmark.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305 on the 18 III 62 seen on a white "tape" with "NEOPOST MULTI-VALUE" printed in yellow at the top and (upside down) at the bottom.

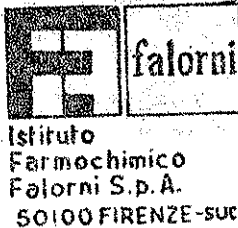
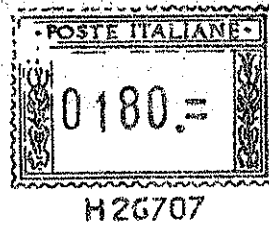
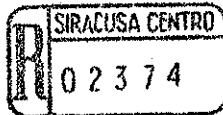
The older design of Simplex now has a fixed "C" under AFRICA (SA 607 on 10 III 72) and the newer style shown in MSB 93 has appeared with a large squat "2" (on SA 965 -8 VI 72)

Automax UA 167 has a wide frame and  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -bank figures of value as R00.01= (all SDB)

Notes and News from Overseas (contd.)



S.I.P.  
SOCIETA' ITALIANA PER  
L'ESERCIZIO TELEFONICO P.A.  
5° ZONA  
AGENZIA DI SIRACUSA  
VIA PALERMO 10

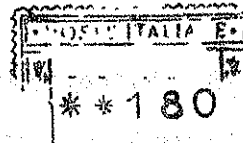
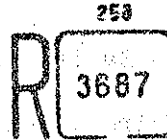


Lma N. 9759



NUM. C.A.P. 20090

FATTURA COMM.



ITALY Postalia (PST) and Teleposta (TPS) - is the latter an Italian name for Telenorm?

Hasler H 26707 - the box with the R and number is optional, another copy dated 31.III.72 does not show any trace of it.

Lirma with FATTURA COMM. (? Commercial Papers) below the townmark and Lirma N.9759 with number above very small townmark.

What make is this? Post Office machine, 253.

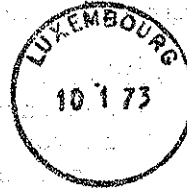
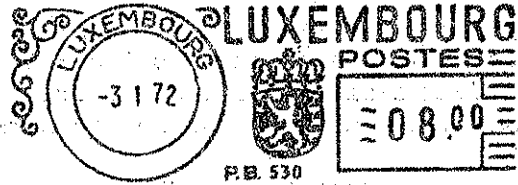
Other minor notes: Pitney Bowes Model R also has number shown as PBR on PBR 175 instead of PBR and the Francotyp Cc has FTA 9000 (+ number)

(SDB & WS)

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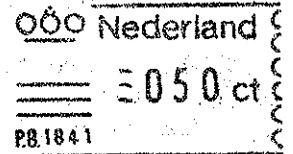
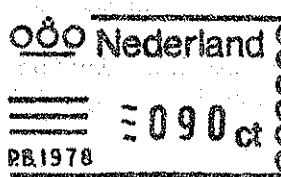
MACHINES  
DE  
BUREAU



LUXEMBOURG. We now illustrate the Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 (SDB) and a machine of which we are not sure of the make (GRP)

NETHERLANDS. Safag SA 504 used by the Post Office Central Directorate has had the frank replaced by a "paid" mark. (SDB)

VERDERMAN N.V.



New design for the Pitney Bowes Series 5000 (above), one has the townmark modified to show a box number.

The Postalia shown below these, used by the Postal Directorate, is in the "Postage Due" design but is without "TE BETALEN" and "PORT". The impressions are in red and it appears to be used for underpaid foreign mail. (ESL)

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

NEW ZEALAND. Additional values for the machines with "Y" prefix (? make), are 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 24. (SDB)

Pitney Bowes Series 5000. Mr Bogue shows us P B.1035 used on 31.1.73 and also postmarked Hamilton. Horizontal design of "perforated" line at top and bottom, four stars at left and short horizontal lines at right. Figures of value as w0.01. In this case no townmark circle, just date figures.

NIGERIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 305 number RN 1002 in palm tree design but now with decimal value, as 012, seen used on 25 I 73. This machine as with others of this make, has an unengraved townmark circle. (GRP)

POLAND. Postalia in the "simplified" design but with the licence number "Wa54" in the frank as well as in the townmark.

Safas with "Poczta" at the top and "POLSKA" at bottom of frank, no number but not apparently a Post Office machine. Value as \*0.oi (SDB)

SALVADOR. The Postalia comes in two forms, either narrow setting between the townmark and frank as on P 13 we showed in MSB 87 or with a wider setting and a slogan between the townmark and the frank. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us P 1 as the latter, used on 16.1.67 by the local agents.

SPAIN. Pitney Bowes Model R with number 5478 reading downwards at the left of the townmark has no accent over the "N" of ESPANA.

Safag 4829 (number under townmark) has figures of value as 000,oi (WS)

SWEDEN. Francotyp Cc in old "Crowns" design, LIC 1601 series, with "extra" slogan at the far left, "TRYCKAKER" (Printed Matter) (SDB)

TUNISIA. More types with the Arabic inscription over TUNISIE are the Havas, M 7425, value as \*001 and the Postalia P 103 with value as 001 (MdeW) The P.14744 we noted recently is a Havas.

URUGUAY. Francotyp, with Centesimos at bottom, figures of value as z0001 and "Permiso No C2" at the bottom of the townmark. (ESL)

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This does not exhaust the reports we have had from members, so we will continue following this part of the alphabet in our next issue. This is expected to be in September.

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At the same time we will be preparing the addenda for our book on Great Britain and Ireland. Quite a number of additions and amendments have already been included in the Bulletin, if you have anything else please let us have it as soon as possible.

The addenda will be sent without any further action being necessary to all purchasers of the book and will of course be included with future sales when it is ready, the cost having been included in the original price.