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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Membership. We welcome two old members who have rejoined us, they are :

Mr H. A. Rydings. Flat 1B, 2 University Drive, HONG KONG.

Mr Jan Dekker, Plantage Parklaan 11, Amsterdam NL 1004,
Netherlands.

and have three changes of address to record :

Mr J. A. B. Cormack, "Cathkin", 32 Lincoln Avenue, Little Lever,
Lancashire. BL3 1HE

Sr Ernst Muhr, R. Todos os Santos 229, 05602 Sao Paulo S.P.,
Brazil.

Mr Hal Hoyte, 27 Sutherland Way, Stamford, Lincolnshire,
PE9 2TB

Wants and Offers. Mr J. A. Fowler, 73 Hall Road, Hull, Yorkshire, HU6 8QL,
wants the following GB, numbers from our book. 9, 17, 24, 27, 36, 37, 43,
47, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 65 to 70 incl, 73, 76, 77, 84 plus any Isle of Man,
Guernsey or Jersey. Will exchange other GB, Foreign or buy.

AUSTRALIA - publications to help meter collectors.
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One of our members in Australia, Richard C. Peck, P.O. Box 85,
Drummoyne, NSW 2047, has recently sent us two publications which look as
if they will become indispensable to the serious collector of Australia.
Each has been issued as a supplement to the "Meter Bulletin" (details
from Mr Peck.)

First we have a complete list and summary of the seven (yes, seven,
with numerous sub-divisions) different numbering systems used there and
secondly a list of varieties on Australian Franking Machines. The latter
is an idea new to us and under each machine Mr Peck has listed all the
possible items that a collector might want such as varieties of dies,
licence numbers, values scarce at certain times, etc.

Each is "highly recommended".

POSTAGE DUE METERS IN THE NETHERLANDS - 1952 to 1974

by Jan Dekker.

In May 1952 a trial use was made of a Postage Due meter at the Head Post Office in Amsterdam. It was a Postalia without townmark or machine number and printing in blue. The design was rectangular with AMSTERDAM and TE BETALEN at the top and CENT and PORT at the bottom, the inner rectangle showing the value in 3-bank form and between the inner and outer rectangles a series of zig-zag lines. (Fig 1)



(Fig 1)



(Fig 2)

A few years later the design was altered, the rectangles and the zig-zag lines being replaced by a series of ornamental curves and loops, no doubt designed by J van Krimpen. (Fig 2). Rotterdam was also supplied with a similar machine, now with a townmark, but still without a machine number. Later machines all had machine numbers.

A block of numbers was reserved for these postage due machines - PR 751 - 850 and later another block PR 2751 - 2850. 2790 seems to be the highest number allocated so far but not all numbers were used.

A minor change in the design is found in machines numbered PR 787 to 822. This was asked for by the representatives, Messrs Adriaan Koller & Van Os because they were having difficulty with the space for the bolts fastening the frank, and takes the form of the lower loops missing. (Fig 4)

There are minor types in the dates. The earlier ones show larger numerals especially in the Roman month figures during 1958 and then changing over to smaller figures with dots between the day, month and year. PR 760 is an exception, used at Hilversum PO and showing Arabic month figures. This may have originated from a replacement of the date figures which showed no dots between. Some machines at the Amsterdam, Rotterdam and the Hague PO's were replaced by new ones showing the new type of date figures but the number remained the same.

Another replacement took place at GOES where PR 804, a blue postage due machine without the lower loops in the frank was replaced by a 4-bank counter machine printing in red and showing the lower loops as well but now without the words TE BETALEN / PORT.

Postage Due Meters in the Netherlands - 1952 to 1974 (Contd)

A similar machine is PR 842 at the Hague PO but in this case 3-bank. A 4-bank machine was allotted to Schipol Airport Exchange Office in Sep 1970, number PR 2777 and at about the same time Utrecht received a machine for the Exchange Office there with a rectangular frank inscribed EXPEDITIE / UTRECHT

* All these machines print in red, as does PR 751 which has a rectangular frame with NEDERLAND at the top, POSTKANTOOR at the left and AMSTERDAM at the right, and apart from the machine at GOES PO they are used for the supplementary franking of mail going abroad and underpaid. We show PR 751 used thus (Fig 3). The sender receives a card and is asked to return it with the missing postage paid by adhesive stamps. By doing this the bulk of the postage is collected by the Netherlands Post Office instead of marking the mail Postage Due and leaving the income to the post office of the country of destination. (This is also known as the "Dutch System" when used in other countries).

A few words about the lettering of the townmarks.



(Fig 4)



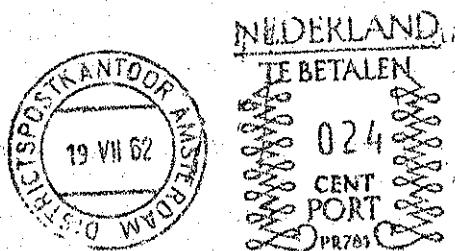
(Fig 5)

Originally they were inscribed in two lines (that is with one part of the wording at the top of the circle and one part at the bottom) POSTKANTOOR/AMSTERDAM etc. (Fig 5) and this applies to most of the machines but about 1958 the country was divided into some 12 postal districts and on this the new four digit code for bulk mailings was based. The starting numbers for each district were allocated to the district PO itself and in this was it is easy to know which postal districts a certain post office or sub office belongs to.

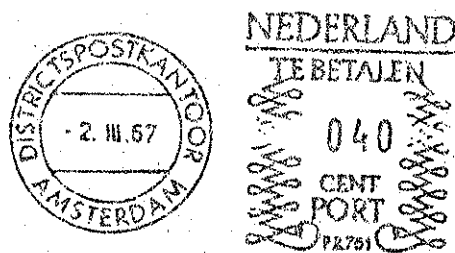
1000	AMSTERDAM	4500	EINDHOVEN
1500	HAARLEM	5000	MAASTRICHT
2000	THE HAGUE	6000	ARNHEM
3000	ROTTERDAM	7000	ZWOLLE
3500	MIDDLEBURG	8000	GRONINGEN
4000	's HERTOGENBOSCH	9000	LEEUWARDEN

These post offices now have DISTRICTSPOSTKANTOOR / name in the townmark (we show one with the name either in one or two lines), (Figs 6 and 7) with some exceptions.

Postage Due Meters in the Netherlands - 1952 to 1974 (Contd)



(Fig 6)



(Fig 7)

The various delivery offices originally had for example AMSTERDAM OOST in their townmarks but now all these indications, NOORD, WEST, ZUID and OOST have been gradually replaced by the name of the street, for example AMSTERDAM / v.HALLSTRAAT. Very few showed something like BIJPOSTKANTOOR / AMSTELVEEN but this has now become a head office of its own whereas the Alkmaar branch office BERGEN still shows POSTKANTOOR instead of BIJPOSTKANTOOR !!

The only "special purpose" indication shows AMSTERDAM CS INKLARING and is used for collecting postage charges on incoming parcel post from abroad.

On the 21 October 1968 the collection of postage due by the postman was replaced by a system of attaching cards stating the amount due to be sent back to the delivery office by adhesive stamps but the meters remained in use for postage on unpaid postal parcels, reforwarding dues and for amounts due on business reply mail. In fact after 1968 a further 18 machines were installed in post offices.

NYASALAND - Early Meter History.

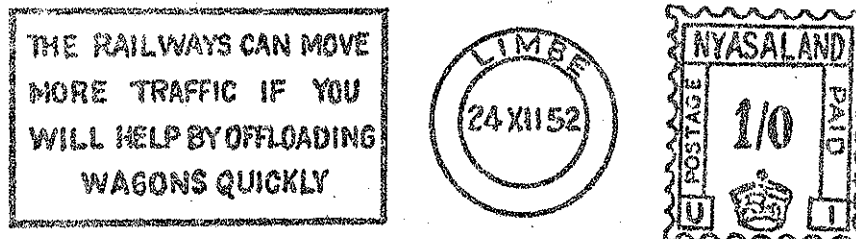
We have never published much on this country but thanks to a list of his collection from Mr Hal Hoyte and a copy from him also of the relevant chapter in "The Postal History and Postmarks of British Central Africa and Nyasaland Protectorate" by W. G. Nodder and C. D. Twynam we can elaborate a little.

Barfoot-Simon records a Universal, U.l., as being introduced in 1951 and shows a specimen impression but Nodder and Twynam give the following :

The first machine, this Universal, was obtained by the Postal Controller in October 1952 for use at the Blantyre Post Office on a "sale or return" basis but within a short while it was purchased by the Nyasaland Railways and continued to use a Blantyre townmark although located at Limbe until a replacement townmark was fitted.

Thus there are at least two sub-types, firstly with a Blantyre townmark and secondly with a replacement reading Limbe. A second slogan reading "Loyal Greetings from the Railways" was used from May 1953 for a period.

Nyasaland - Early Meter History (Contd.)



It is not clear from Nodder & Twynam whether this machine was used at the Post Office on genuine mail before being used by the Railways but if any early covers do turn up from other firms they might serve as evidence. Mr Hoyte's earliest example is dated 29 XII 52 and is otherwise as illustrated.

A second machine (we have mentioned this in an early Bulletin), was introduced on the 10 XII 52 (Mr Hoyte has a copy with this date) and used by the Nyasaland Times at Blantyre.



Nyasaland became part of the Central African Federation on 1 July 1954 and new frank dies in a design inscribed "Rhodesia and Nyasaland" were then introduced in all the constituent parts of the Federation, the former Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia. A proposal by the Postal Controller of Nyasaland to modify the existing frank dies by the addition simply of "and Rhodesia" underneath "Nyasaland" was rejected.

Following federation a new series of numbers was allocated to Nyasaland starting at SU 500 for the Universal and N 170 for the Neopost and these first two machines were given these two numbers.

A second Neopost machine was introduced by the African Book Co. at Limbe in June 1955 but this was, in error, numbered N 2. It was altered to N 171 later. (Mr Hoyte has N 2 on 2 III 55 and N 171 on 30 VIII 55). Later machines followed the normal numbering system of the federation.

G. B. NOTES.

Correction. In our Meter Stamps of GB & Eire on page 8 for the Pitney Bowes Series 5000 we note "PBT 0001 A to PBT 1999 A, PBT 0001 B to PBT 1999 B etc." Mr Lapham points out that this should probably be 1001 upwards.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. In our book under Type 85 we list "simple values" as either 4 or 04 Mr Barfoot tells us that several machines, he notes J 1830, 1998 and JC 546, have simple values shown as 4-

Neopost L.V. Additional values in the decimal design are $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 6

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. An additional decimal value is the $3\frac{1}{2}$

Roneo-Neopost Model 605. We list these machines, our number 95, as having value figures 4 or 04 and in earlier notes record TN 231 as having 4 Mr Barfoot now shows us a more recent impression from this machine which now has the values shown as 04 and also has date figures without stops. TN 234, value as 4 only also has these new style date figures but TN 291 has stops.

Automax. PB 868 D has very small "simplex" type date figures. (ESL)



Pitney Bowes Model RT. We have never illustrated the two quite distinct sizes of townmark on these machines but do so now thanks to a rather nice "matched pair" (from the same user) sent us by Mr Lambert.

There are many varieties in these machines, date, townmark, figures of value, and it seems that no two are alike. Mr Barfoot points out that on some machines with the larger figures there is no stop after the "R" of the PBR, thus P.B.R 017A and P.B.R. 250A. (thus both the original series and also those starting at 101), but P.B.R.101A has the stop.

Pitney Bowes Simplex. ST 116 in the "Emblems" design, our number 66, has the number underlined. We do not recall having seen another one like this. (SDB)

Jersey. Pitney Bowes Simplex numbered P.B.S.199C used -1 XI 72 shown us by Mr Barfoot, value $2\frac{1}{2}$ and presumably numbered in the GB series. Single-circle townmark.

The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 exists with the value in three forms - 3-03 or 3 and the Pitney Bowes Series 5000 with figures as either 01 or 1 (all SDB)

G. B. Notes (Contd)

"Highest Numbers". Lots of reports again, thanks are due to, among others, Mr E. S. Lapham, Mr J. M. Beard, Mr W. H. Bogue and Mr J. Fowler. The latest is as follows :

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HAS 1002 *7003 *8003

Francotyp. *AC.A 40 Friden. G.1045

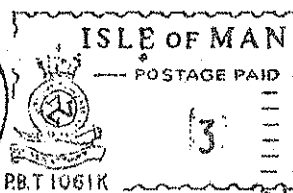
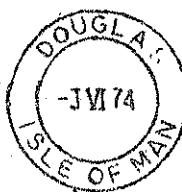
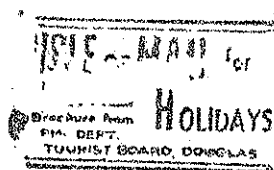
Pitney Bowes. *PBA 556 F PBL 922 K *PBC 045 A
*PBR 029 A *PBS 413 H *PBT 1893 F (ii)
PBR 315 A *PBS 434 P

Roneo-Neopost. J 386 B *N 589 M *NX 597
W 747 A RM 836 *TN 331 (i)

(i) Sorry if we surprised members by listing TW instead of TN last time, due to an error in our typing.

(ii) We may not have drawn attention to it before but four-digit numbered machines with an "H" suffix have been noted in Eire and machines with a "K" suffix in the Isle of Man.

As usual we have marked with an asterisk those series for which we have no advance to report.



Isle of Man. We show the Pitney Bowes Series 5000, numbered in the GB series. (George Pearson.)

IRISH NOTES.

Neopost L.V. An additional value for our Type 36 is the 5

Roneo-Neopost Model 605. In the "Petals" design (Type 39) simple values exist as either 1 or 01 (SDB)

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. An additional value for Type 25 is the 1/- (ESL)

"WHERE HAVE ALL THE SATAS GONE" - With apologies to
the author of the song !

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During his researches into the various series of machines used in Australia Mr Richard C. Peck and a group there have listed, and continue to list, all the machines they have seen with types, location, user, etc. and they have something like a 90% average of seeing new machines within 3 - 6 months - quite an astonishing rate of success but important for record purposes as so many machines seem to have short lives with a particular user or in a particular form.

Because there are large gaps in the groups of numbers used for Satas machines, which are in fact the machine number used as a licence number (sometimes with minor additions or deletions) he wonders if members can help to establish where the "missing" groups were used. To start with he wants to concentrate on the Model J only and seeks details of :

machine type; country of use and number used (a) as machine-licence numbers
(b) as licence numbers (i.e. machine number "disguised")

(Plus the name and address of the correspondent !)

The numbers used in Australia are as follows :-

3234, 4423-4424, 5531-5550, 6451-6480, 7151-7200, 7711-7750, 8601-8654, 9151-9231 except 9169-9173 (?), 9701-9800, 12000-12171, 13501-13600, 13714, 15401-15500, 15611-15680, 17001-17200, 20501-20700, 22401-22600 and 30001-30200 (the current group).

From this we can see that the earlier machines were imported into Australia in small batches, 13714 was a prototype of a semi-automatic machine and note that the machine numbers for this series are actually 163234, 104423 etc ... 112000 ... 130200 so that these fuller numbers may be used by other countries.

If you feel you can help then write direct to Mr Peck at P.O. Box 85, Drummoyne, NSW 2047, Australia.

(looking through some of our earlier Bulletins we note that SJ 2455 was used in Cameroons, SJ 2457 in Central African Republic, SJ 9934 in Comoro Islands, SJ 9435 in Gabon and SJ 9933 in French Polynesia, so there may be groups of numbers used for French Community countries instead of groups for individual, smaller, countries.)

GRENADA - Help Wanted.

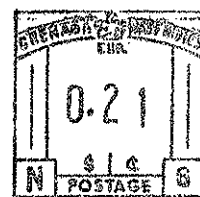
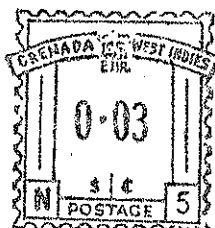
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Has anyone seen an impression from machine N4 of Grenada. Mr J. A. Cronin of 35 Moors Close, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6AL would like to have details including if possible the user, for a projected postal history of the country.

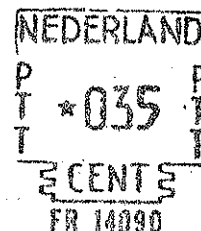
He has shown us examples of all the machines up to N8 except this missing one and we can record that N1, N2, N3, N5 and N8 are Roneo-Neopost Model 305 and N6 and N7 are Roneo-Neopost Model 205.

GRENADA - Help Wanted (Contd)

We show the two Roneo-Neopost types referred to on the previous page.



ALPHEN A/R'JN
bijzondere
regeling



NETHERLANDS - "Special Arrangements".

George Pearson showed us this machine with "bijzondere regeling" (special arrangement) instead of a normal townmark and date and Jan Dekker gave us the details.

This is a scheme for bulk mailings which started on 1 Jul 1969 with a discount and an "optional extra" discount for postponed delivery at the choice of the postmaster at the destination.

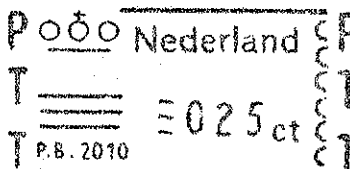
The meters used must have the letters PTT included in the design and the mail must be bundled for each distribution area based on postal codes or by groups of addresses. The mail is fully franked and since the 14 Jan 1974 special services have been excluded, i.e. no registered, special delivery, COD, printed matter in sealed envelopes, abnormal sizes, etc. This is for normal delivery.

If the sender wants to take advantage of the extra rebate, which is credited at the time of delivery, the date must be replaced by the wording "bijzondere regeling" and these should obviously only be used for internal mail. These deliveries are usually made within a week but at peak times like Christmas they may be delayed even further.

Machines with the PTT in the design can only be used for bulk mailings and in addition to the Francotyp shown above Postalia, Hasler and Pitney Bowes Series 5000 are known, the Postalia and Pitney Bowes have the special wording inside the townmark circle instead of the date figures. (see also illustration on the next page.)

Netherlands "Special Arrangements" (Contd)

"Eens geboekt,
voorgoed afgeschreven?"

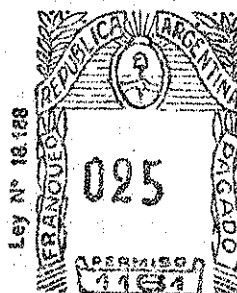


NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Once again we are in the happy position of having too much to include in one issue of the "Bulletin", we are beginning at "A" this time and will continue onwards through the alphabet next time. Our thanks are as usual due to our faithful reporters, without whom we would not be able to give the news of new designs and developments.

ANDORRA. Michel de Wailly shows us impressions from two Postalia machines. T 2638 has a French-style frank inscribed PRINCIPAUTE / D'ANDORRE and the value as 0001 whereas (relief machine) TW 6807 has REPUBLIQUE / FRANCAISE and value as 001. Each has a townmark inscribed ANDORRE LA-VIEILLE / Pte D'ANDORRE.

ARGENTINA. A Midget, B & S Type 4, permiso 283, was in use as late as Oct 1967 and Werner Simon reports a new value of Ps 10



We show a new frame design for the Hasler F 88, this is now 27mm x 37mm and there are five diagonal lines at each of the bottom corners, the figures of value are presumably 000½

Another version of this machines "map" design is one with "Ley 18188" in very small letters over the machine number, 657. "Perm" added at the left of the number and the S sign and three maltese crosses at the left.

Automax Permiso 30 has had LEY added inside the frame above FRANQUEO after the removal of part of the vertical lines and 18188 similarly added at the right.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - Argentina.

The Pitney Bowes Series 5000 exists with Ley etc reading either upwards (on 118) or downwards (on 538) at the right. These machines also show a dot under the third digit - see the illustration of 538 in MSB 92 - instead of between the second and third figures. The three wavy lines replacing the zero for the first digit are either wide or narrow. (WS)

Mr Lapham shows us a copy from Francotyp TME number ? 149 which has "Emergencia" in the townmark, presumably a relief machine.

AUSTRALIA. Postalia machines now have a prefix ADS (for Anker Data Systems, who have taken over distribution).

Roneo-Neopost Model 505 Railway machine number R101 (these machines are used for parcels) does not have a distinctive "railway" design but is in the normal floral emblems design with "POSTAGE" removed at the bottom. (R. Peck.)

Have we ever mentioned the Roneo-Neopost Model 305 in the old square frame design (pre Ram) but decimal figures of value? Mr Lapham shows us RN ABl used from Rosebery N.S.W. on 8 VII 70 with value as 0.50

AUSTRIA. The Francotyp Cc exists with figures of value as =0010 (i.e. with a fixed zero at the right), used from Graz on 03.7.70 with a single-circle townmark.

Two Postalias with additional inscriptions to indicate a particular class of mail are one from WIEN with "DRUCKSACHE" upwards between the townmark and the frank and one from TROFAIACH with "GESCHAFTSBRIEF" upwards in a similar position. (WS)

We showed a Pitney Bowes machine in the Bulletin recently (XIII/13) and described it as a Model 6300. This is a trap we have fallen into several times lately but it is a Series 5000 - the date and the value are not level.

BAHRAIN. New types are the Roneo-Neopost Model 205, numbers RN 5 and RN 25, and the Roneo-Neopost Model 305 number N1. This latter has figures of value as 0.010 (fixed zero at the right). (SDB)

BELGIUM. Francotyp F571 used from NAMUR in 1954 has L.S.R. underneath the townmark, any explanations ?

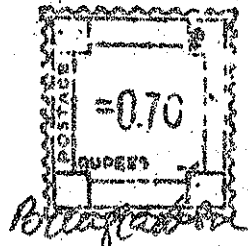
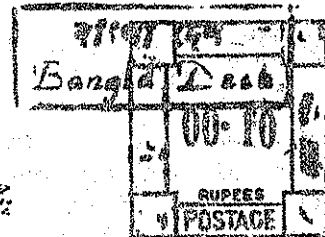
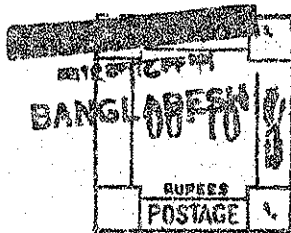
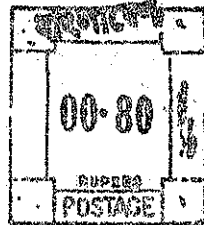
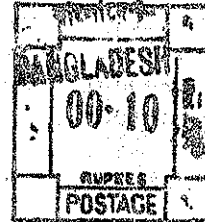
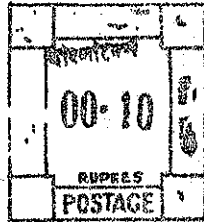
Automax BELGIE/BELGIQUE with value as =00.oi

Frama (not Frame as we put in MSB XII/76) BELGIE/BELGIQUE and value as 00.01 (SDB)

BERMUDA. Automax in decimal form from April 1971, values as =0.oi from PB113 (SDB)

CAPE VERDE. The first reports from this "new country", the present Portuguese Cape Verde Islands, are of a Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 in design similar to Portugal but inscribed "CORREIO DE / CABO VERDE". Used from PRAIA / SANTIAGO on 30.6.73 and with PB at bottom centre and 007 at bottom right from G. Pustel and a similar PB 001 from MINDELO/S.VICENTE on 29.9.73 from George Pearson.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)



BANGLADESH. Several members, including Mr Pustel and Mr Topf, have sent us further examples of the bewildering variety of handstamps used on former Pakistan dies with parts of the inscription removed. We cannot possibly attempt to list or illustrate all of them in great detail but we do show the ones we have already mentioned from Jessore. These, as can be seen from the traces of the old inscription, are all from the same machine but on the same day different handstamps were used, presumably by different counter clerks on a "post office" impression.

We also show a handwritten alteration on a commercial impression from Chittagong.

Mr Pustel comments additionally on the colours of the handstamps. He notes green and red, both from Dacca, instead of the usual violet, and Mr Doubleday notes one in blue.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - Bangladesh.

Karl Topf sends us a photograph of an additional type, Neopost LV (Type 10.1 of Pakistan) with inscription removed from panels at top and right and star and crescent and "Pakistan" removed from centre. Machine DA 40 used from Chittagong H.O. by a private company on 28 VII 73

BOTSWANA. Simplex S 1 used from Gaborane in April 1972, value 3c with fixed letter C (SDB)

BRITISH HONDURAS. (BELIZE) Mr Barfoot shows us two impressions from Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000 machines. The first, from P.B.02 on -4 VI '70 shows the townmark as BELIZE CITY and B.H. - there is no other name of the country, the design is in typical American fashion with a coat of arms at the centre and "wings" stretching above the townmark and the frank portions - but a later impression from P.B. and no number on 20.3.74 has had the "B.H." removed (traces remain).

CAYMAN ISLANDS. The Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 machines exist with the month figures in the date either Roman or Arabic. (SDB)

CHILE. Francotyp F428 which has a townmark reading "SUCURSAL 9 / CHILE" (? a Post Office machine) has also an "instructional" slogan at the far left reading "Aero Internacional" in the sloping style these secondary slogans usually seem to adopt. (SDB)

Werner Simon records three different styles of figures of value on Hasler H 2, showing as is so often the case the gradual depreciation of the currency and the need for more value digits. Each is preceded by an E^o and they are :

00,01

000,01

0000⁰⁰

(the last figure, or even the last two,

on the latter may be fixed zeros.)

He also reports that several other models have had the decimal point removed to give full Escudo values.



P.B. 160



Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000. We illustrated the USA version in MSB 96 and this GB one has a double-circle townmark, the lines of the 3 wavy lines are further apart and the number is expressed in one line. (ESL)

CZECKOSLOVAKIA. Postal Codes are in use and both Mr Barfoot and Mr Lapham show us Postalia, figures of value as 00.01, with a townmark reading 110 00 PRAHA 1 used in March 1974.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000. (SDB)

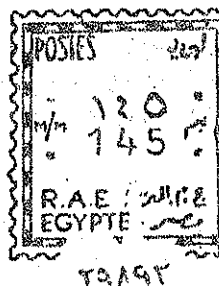
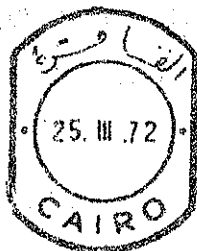
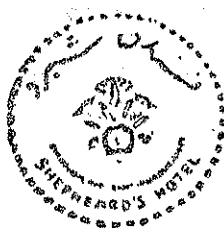


DENMARK. Pitney Bowes Model 6300.

Under Type P2 Barfoot-Simon lists Hasler F88 and Porto machines with "Postkontor" slogans, these being machines used for the prepayment of Post Office correspondence. Mr E. S. Lapham tells us that Francotyp (D 1099 in the old style) and Frama (G 295, new style) exist. Each from Copenhagen.

EGYPT. The Hasler has now appeared without U.A.R. (SDB)

Mr Lapham shows us a Satas SR, the first one he has seen without the town name in European lettering, instead it has 13806 in Arabic (this is presumably the meter number) at the bottom of the townmark.



Another machine with the new name, shown this time as "R.A.E." (instead of "RAU") is the Francotyp 29892 with the straight-sided townmark used by Shepherds Hotel. (ESL)

FRANCE. A relief machine of the S.E.C.A.P. "Stella" type is NCW 57 (the usual prefix is NC), figures of value *001 (SDB)

A Satas machine from ?? P.Pal AN 1 / Val de Marne" with time between the townmark and frank (? a Post Office machine) is numbered S1 94953 and Mr E. S. Lapham suggests that this indicates that it is the first Satas P.O. machine from the town with 94953 as its post code.

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FIJI. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number RN 5 used from Suva on 15 III 74 (SDB)

FINLAND. Krag in new style numbered in 600000 series. Note the small dashes placed centrally between the date figures. (SDB)



FRENCH POLYNESIA. It looks as if "progress" has reached somebody's pacific island paradise, Bora-Bora sounds very far away and romantic. All the others we have seen have been from Papeete, Ile Tahiti. (ESL)

GABON. The P machine is reported by Michel de Wailly, P 20737 inscribed "Republique Gabonaise".

GUYANA. Pitney Bowes Automax in the same design as the Universal MV but figures of value as =0.01 and "1/2" and "1/2" added at the bottom. U 35 used on 21 IV 73

Roneo-Neopost Model 505 in the same design as the Model 305 but now in horizontal format, figures of value as 00.01 used on 6 VII 73 with "EII" at the bottom. Both from Georgetown.

GERMANY. Karl Topf has been researching into the Post Office machines used for Parcel Post listed in Barfoot-Simon as numbers P1, P2 and P3. They are all Anker machines, MV, printing an impression and an embossed design at the right half of the forwarding card.

Type P2, with the inscription all in one line exists as early as 1920. At first it was used by a few offices on a trial basis until the end of 1923 and then on a regular basis.

This of course takes them several years before the commercial machines listed as coming into use in early 1923, and their use was not interrupted by the inflation period in late 1923.

Type P3 with the embossed Nazi eagle and swastika exists with this part of the impression either vertical or horizontal in relation to the rest of the impression (the horizontal is more common) and these exists also with the impression in one or two lines.

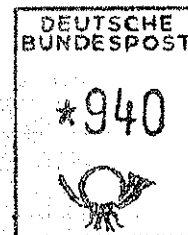
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.) - Germany.

Satas, ? Model SJ. (ESL)



BRAUNSCHWEIG 46

*940 10.1.72 10.1.72
=ma=



=ma= BRAUNSCHWEIG 46

A machine for use on parcel forwarding cards with the date and the value repeated on the left. We are not sure what the =ma= is (MdeW)

GREECE. Hasler H23246 with Republican Phoenix symbol replacing the Crown on 22.III.74

Postalia 24462 with Crown removed leaving blank space on 22 VII 73 (SDB) and 100 819 1 with Phoenix above value. (ESL)

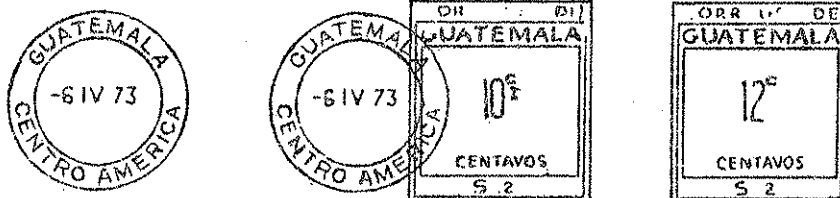
Hasler H 7725, with the smaller frank and HELLAS at the bottom and the value as 200,oi now without the Crown. (ESL)

Mr Lapham also tells us that there is a tax on picture postcards in Greece and that this is paid for by a separate meter. This would account for the separate date on the one we showed in MSB XIII/14. He also has overlapping impressions from a Francotyp postage and a possibly Hasler tax meter.

? is this a Roneo-Neopost Model 205. (SDB)



Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)



GUATEMALA. Pitney Bowes Simplex. (ESL)

HONDURAS. We have shown the Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000 number LIC 15 with figures of value as w.01 and now Mr Barfoot shows us LIC 33 which is 4-bank, as w0.01 and also LIC 45 but this is a GB machine with the larger date and value figures, again w0.01

HONG KONG. The Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000 exists with a double-circle townmark (PB 308) as well as the single-circle we have already shows. (SDB)

HUNGARY. Postalia number P 5, which is in the same design as P 4 we illustrated long ago has figures of value as 0001 and a very peculiar townmark with a double circle and two horizontal lines with a sort of box to enclose the large "5" of the machine number.

Satas in usual design with 4 wavy lines at each side, figures of value as 0001, single-circle townmark and time between the townmark and the frank. This is probably a Post Office machine. (SDB)

ICELAND. Postalia 578 has figures of value as 0001 but in this case no stars before or after the value. (SDB)

INDIA. Additional values for the Stampmaster are 0.40 and 0.90 on B-367.

In our book under Type 2, the Universal NZ, we note "An essay of 1½R is known on X3 etc." George Pearson now shows us two impressions of this value (the wording at the bottom in a larger box than other values reads "ONE AND HALF / RUPEES" in two lines) used on machine number 14 from CHAURA MAIDAN on 15 VI 27. The name of the user is not clear.

IRAQ. The Pitney Bowes Automax comes in two types. P.B.009 and P.B.016, which we illustrated in MSB 91, have REPUBLIC OF IRAQ at the top with an Arabic inscription 15 mm long but P.B.042 and a machine with P.B. and a solid unengraved block have the Arabic inscription now 22 mm long at the top and a smaller REPUBLIC OF IRAQ below. (SDB)

IRAN. Mr Barfoot lists several of the Hasler machines used by private firms.

H.00034.B with number 15648 between townmark and frank.

H.00038.B with number 15652 between townmark and frank.

H.00065.B with number 17461 between townmark and frank.

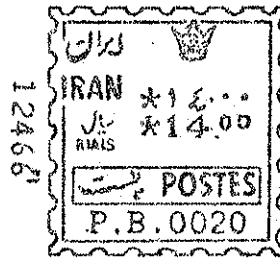
all have figures of value as 01.00

H.00077.B with number 15643 between townmark and frank

has figures of value as 01.00

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AMSTERDA



He also shows us a number of Pitney Bowes Automax and these too have their variations, again, the machine number appears between the townmark and the frank.

P.B.0017 number 12463 has a DC townmark of "normal" size in IV 71 but by II 72 the P.B.0017 had been removed and the 12463 appeared to be loose, sloping away from the frank.

P.B.0020 number 12466 has a large townmark.

P.B.0033 number 12958 has a normal townmark

and all these have the machine and licence numbers in a seriffed type almost like a typewriter but,

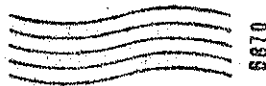
P.B.0049 number 22260 with a normal townmark has each of the numbers in a slightly smaller sans-serif type.

The last two have the date in "Arabic" figures, the other have what we call "European" figures. (SDB)

Mr Lapham shows us this one with several differences. The figures are spaced wider and are preceded by RLS instead of RIALS, there is an "A" suffix instead of "B" and the Persian date is over the European date.

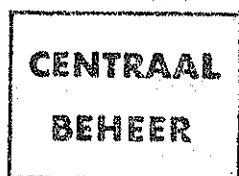


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TEHRAN



(We include here the Fig. 3 which should have been shown on page 39.)