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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

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Membership. We welcome with this issue of the Bulletin the following new members :

- (248) Mr W. A. Clarke, Crowmere House, 34 Broad Oak Crescent,  
Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, Salop.
- (249) Mr G. A. Topp, 14 Woodlands Close, Parkgate, Wirrall,  
Merseyside, L64 6RU  
(Particular interests GB including Isle of Man and Channel Islands)
- (250) Mr W. M. John, 53 Bryn Street, Brynhyfryd, Swansea, SA5 9HR  
(All world but special interest in the old county of Glamorgan)
- (251) Mr Ian Donald, 3 Wilbury Villas, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 6GB
- (252) Mr H. G. Burgess, 15 Blenheim Avenue, Southampton, SO2 1DW

also the following who have rejoined :

- Mr B. T. Cheverton, 42 Ashcroft Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.
- Mr M. L. Blakeston, 7 Miles Avenue, Sandford Woods, Wareham,  
Dorset, BH20 7AS

and we also record two changes of address :

- Mr A. H. Ehreich, now, 4 Hillview Gardens, LONDON, NW4 2JH
- Mr Ian Vine, 36 Duckworth Grove, Bradford, Yorkshire, BD9 5HQ

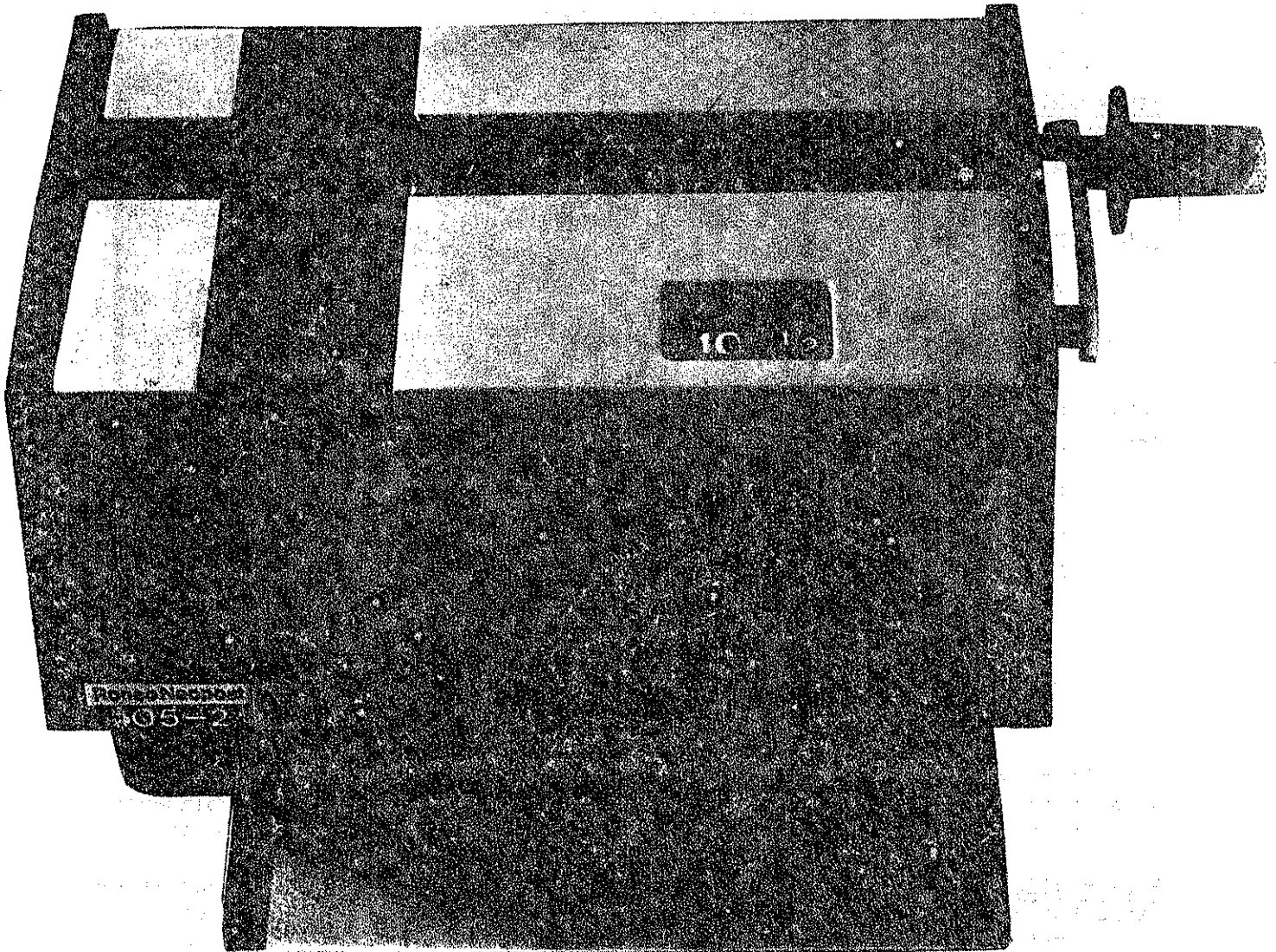
It is some time since we published a full list of members and hope to do so next March, please let us have any changes, including where applicable new county names - we know Scotland's do not apply yet - and postal codes.

Subscriptions. A number of members have already paid for 1975 and even later years but may we remind others that subscriptions are due on the 1st of Jan at the rate of £1 per year, USA \$3.00 etc. If paying by cheque from abroad please allow extra for bank charges. We are able to maintain the subscription at this rate for another year mainly due to profits from books but costs are rising all the time.

RONEO-NEOPOST MODEL 105-2  
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We have listed this in our book as being MV 3-bank, but have now had an opportunity to study the publicity material in greater detail.

This states that there is a 21-value range (from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in stages of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and from the illustration which we reproduce below it would seem that it is in fact a 2-bank machine with the first bank running from 1 to 10 and the second with just the  $\frac{1}{2}$  (or nothing at all if the fraction is not required).



SOUTH WEST AFRICA

This listing of the meter stamps of South West Africa has been compiled by Mr. George R. Pearson from information given in the Barfoot-Simon catalogue, previous issues of the M.S.B. and from the collections of Mr. S.D. Barfoot, Mr. J.C. Mann and that of the author.

With few exceptions, the designs used for South West Africa are similar to those of South Africa and, in one or two cases, South African frank dies were adapted for use in South West Africa. The machines are generally numbered in a separate series but there are exceptions, which are mentioned in the text.

The dates shown are those of introduction or, where this is not known, the earliest seen. For multi-value machines, the lowest value that the machine could register is given.

Machines in £ s d Currency



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LAND BANK OF  
S.W.A.  
LAND BANK VAN  
S.W.A.  
WINDHOEK



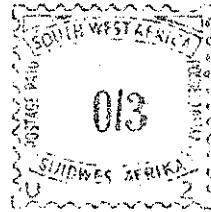
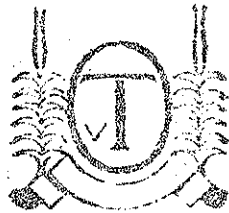
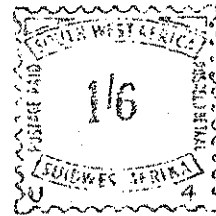
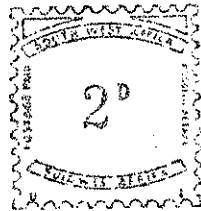
1931. Francotyp C Multi-value. S.W.A. 1 and S.W.A. 2 only

1. 3-bank, value as -/- $\frac{1}{2}$



1948. Neopost Limited value (6 values). South African frame die locally adapted for South West Africa. One machine only, N 1

2. Values:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-  
(2d. value is replacement for  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d)



1949?. Universal Multi-value. U prefix, U 1 upwards

Frank  $24\frac{1}{2} \times 26\frac{1}{2}$  mm., lettering very small (adapted from South African die). U 1 only

3A 2-bank ("Junior") - values  $\frac{1}{2}^D$  to  $11\frac{1}{2}^D$

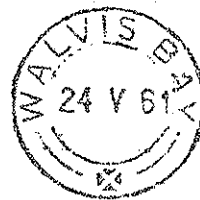
Frank die  $26\frac{1}{2} \times 26\frac{1}{2}$  mm., lettering larger

3B 2-bank ("Junior") - values  $\frac{1}{2}^D$  to  $11\frac{1}{2}^D$  (U 1 with replacement die)

3C 4-bank - values  $0/0\frac{1}{2}$  to  $29/11\frac{1}{2}$  (U 2 upwards)

as last, but date figures small, as "Simplex"

3Ca 4-bank - values  $0/0\frac{1}{2}$  to  $29/11\frac{1}{2}$  (U 4 only)



1950. Neopost Limited Value (6 values). Definitive design showing Aloe plant. N prefix (? N 2 upwards)

4A Die I - wide space between AFRIKA and SOUTH without hyphen (nos. N 2? to N 11)

Values:  $\frac{1}{2}d$ ,  $1d$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ ,  $2d$ ,  $3d$ ,  $6d$ ,  $1/-$  ( $2d$  replacement for  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ )

4B Die II - larger letters and with hyphen between AFRIKA and SOUTH

Values:  $\frac{1}{2}d$ ,  $1d$ ,  $2d$ ,  $3d$ ,  $6d$ ,  $1/-$  ( $\frac{1}{2}d$ ,  $1d$ ,  $3d$ ,  $6d$  not seen used)



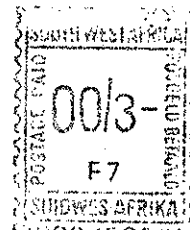
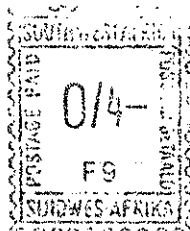
1952. Universal Simplex Limited Value (23 values). S prefix, S 1 upwards

5A Inscriptions with country name very curved (? S 1 to S 4)

Values:  $\frac{1}{2}^D$  to  $1/0\frac{1}{2}$

5B Inscriptions with country name less curved (? S 5 upwards)

Values: ?  $1^D$  to  $2/1$



1952. Francotyp Cc Multi-value. F prefix, F 1 upwards

6A 3-bank, value as  $0/-\frac{1}{2}$  (to  $9/11\frac{1}{2}$ )

6B 4-bank, value as  $00/0\frac{1}{2}$  (to ?  $99/11\frac{1}{2}$ ) - one or two machines only

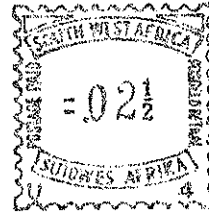
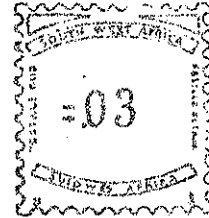
1960 : Currency changed = 100 cents to 1 Rand



1961. Neopost Limited Value (? 6 values). N prefix. Seen only in Die II

7A Serifed Value figures: Values known: 1c,  $1\frac{1}{2}c$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}c$ .

7B Sans-serif value figures: Values known:  $\frac{1}{2}c$ , 1c,  $1\frac{1}{2}c$ , 2c,  $2\frac{1}{2}c$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2}c$



1961?. Universal Multi-value. U prefix

Frank die  $24\frac{1}{2} \times 26\frac{1}{2}$  mm. (U 1 only)

8A ? 2-bank, value as R=.01

Frank die  $24\frac{1}{2} \times 26\frac{1}{2}$  mm., lettering very small (U 3)

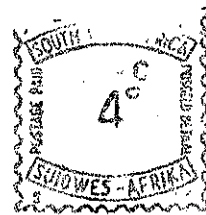
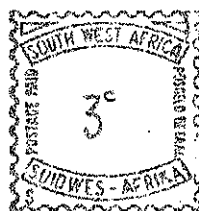
8B 4-bank, value as =.00 $\frac{1}{2}$

Frank die  $26\frac{1}{2} \times 26\frac{1}{2}$  mm., lettering larger (U 5)

8C 3-bank, value as .00 $\frac{1}{2}$

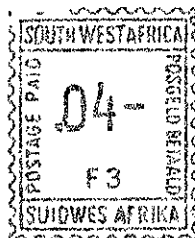
as 8C but date figures small, as "Simplex" (U 4)

8Ca 4-bank, value as =.00 $\frac{1}{2}$

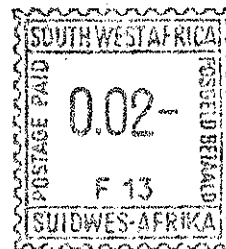


1963?. Universal Simplex Limited Value (25 values). S prefix, S 1 upwards  
 Values: 1c to 25c

- 9A Inscriptions with country name very curved
- 9B Inscriptions less curved (? S 8 upwards)
- 9C Inscriptions less curved but lower band nearer base and hyphen between "SUIDWES" and "AFRIKA" (? S 20 upwards)
- 9Ca as 9C but fixed "c" above value



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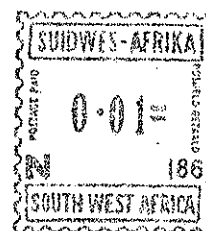
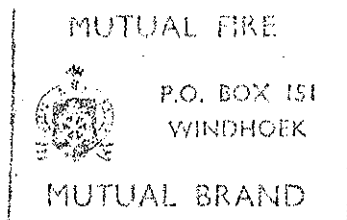
1963?. Francotyp Cc Multi-value. F prefix, F1 upwards

Frank 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 30 mm.

- 10A 3-bank, value as .00 $\frac{1}{2}$  (or .01-) (? F1 to 12)
- 10B 4-bank, value as 0.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  (or 0.01-) (F 4 and 7)

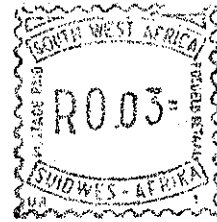
Frank 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

- 10C 4-bank, value as 0.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  (or 0.01-) (F 13 upwards)



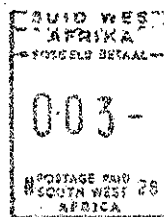
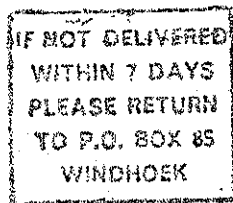
1964?. Neopost 305 ("Frankmaster"). Numbered in South African series.  
 N prefix, N 186 seen.

- 11 4-bank, value as 0.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  (or 0.01=)



1963. Universal Automax Multi-value. UA prefix, UA 1 upwards

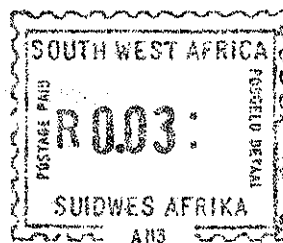
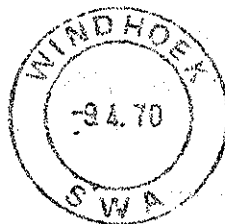
- 12A 3-bank, value as R=.00½ (or R=.01=), first '=' fixed
- 12B 4-bank, value as R0.00½ (or R0.01=)



1967. Neopost 205 Multi-value. N prefix (? N 27 upwards)

- 13 4-bank, value as 0.00½ (or 0.01-)

*Schoemans*  
FIRST NAME IN  
OFFICE EQUIPMENT



1970. Safag Multi-value. A prefix, numbered in South African series

- 14 4-bank, value as R0.01:

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POSBUS } 2198  
P.O. BOX }

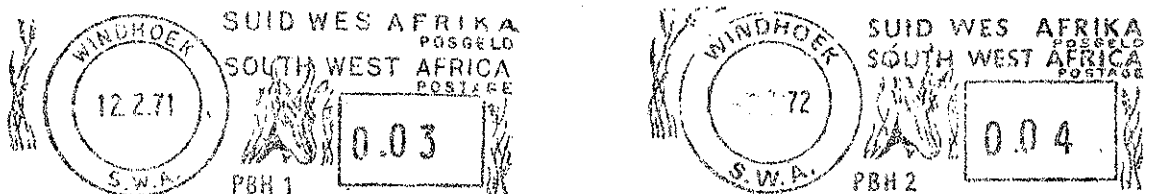
WINDHOEK





1971. Universal Simplex Limited Value (25 values). New design  
S prefix, ? S 48 upwards

15 Values: 1c to 25c



1971. Pitney-Bowes 5000 Series Multi-value. PBH prefix, PBH 1 upwards

16A Country name inscriptions spaced, PBH 1 only  
3-bank, value as: 0.01

16B Country name inscriptions close, PBH 2 upwards  
3-bank, value as: 0.01

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"MISSING" VALUE FOUND ON WEMBLEY MACHINE

For many years we have recorded five values,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d and 6d, on the Universal N.Z. machine fitted with a special townmark for the Wembley Exhibition and listed in our book as Type 10 with a black townmark and Type 11 with red townmark.

We had postulated the existence of a further denomination as these were 6-value machines some years ago and the "Stamp Lover" of November 1926 listed a 1/- value with both black and red townmarks.

Dr R. A. McInroy has now acquired a set of covers from this machine (with red townmark) which includes this 1/- value, so we can now be certain of its existence in at least Type 11.

Wants and Offers. Mr G. A. Topp (address on first page), has a number of "specimens" of the Roneo-Neopost Model 205, he would be pleased to send one to any member sending a Stamped Addressed Envelope.

G. B. NOTES.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Mr Bogue reports that J 8041, which was the highest "pre-decimal" number, has appeared in decimal form.

Neopost L.V. Michel de Wailly reports a "new" value for the GviR cipher design, our number 39. This is the  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d used on London E.C.2. N 78 on the 8 VI 55

G. B. Notes (Contd)

"Highest Numbers". Some of the series seem to have slowed down somewhat but others are still advancing steadily. Thanks to reports from Messrs G. Topp, W. H. Bogue, D. C. Baker, M. L. Blakeston and others the latest is :

Hasler. HGB 1184 \*2012 3045 \*4010 5034 \*6020  
HAS 1012 \*7003 \*8003

<u>Francotyp.</u>	*AC.A40	<u>Friden.</u>	G.1081
<u>Pitney Bowes.</u>	PBA 81 G *PBR 029 A PBR 379 A	PBL 772 L *PBS 413 H *PBS 434 P	*PBC 045 A *PBT 1893 F
<u>Roneo-Neopost.</u>	J 89 C W 28 B	*N 589 M RM 1389	NX 715 TW 377

\* = no change since our last report.

Isle of Man. Mr G. A. Topp reports the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 in the same design as the other R-N models. Used from Douglas on 21 XI 74 this is P 143 and so one at least of the short-lived prefix went "overseas". We understood that the "P" dies in Great Britain were being gradually withdrawn but whether this one will be remains to be seen.

George Pearson shows us another Model 205 with the "normal" prefix, JU 145, also from Douglas, on 3 V 74

Werner Simon reports Roneo-Neopost Model 505 number RN 7831 (Douglas), used as late as 25 VII 74 but fitted with its Great Britain die.

A NEW ISRAEL CATALOGUE  
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"Catalog of the Meter Postage Stamps of Israel" by C. H. Smith and Werner Simon, 9 large pages, profusely illustrated with valuations in US Dollars. Available from C. H. Smith, Apt 201, 605 North Louise Street, Glendale, California 91206, U.S.A., price \$1.00 USA plus postage at the rate of \$0.31 for surface and \$1.04 air mail.

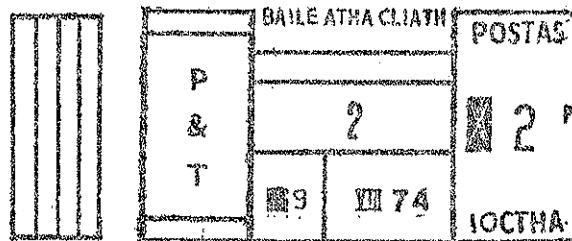
This is an excellent work which covers all the issues of Israel, with notes on the numbering systems, including the latest ones. Each main type is illustrated and the valuations include separate ones for each value in the Neopost LV. The machines used during the mandate are not listed.

EIRE - Parcel Post Machines.  
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During the summer Michael Richards visited Eire and was able to visit a large number of post offices and obtain impressions from what we call the Plessey machines - they were formerly T.I.M. - used there.

In our G.B. book we list as P.P.5 a decimal type with "pt" at the left but he was surprised to find that in a number of cases the original design (P.P.4) with "P & T" was still in use although now modified for decimal currency by the removal of the shilling bar and the substitution of a "p" instead of a "D" at the right of the value.

EIRE - Parcel Post Machines (Contd).



What he found was as follows :

Machine number	1	St. James Street B.O.	)	
	2	St. James Street B.O.	)	1st design.
	3	?	)	
	4	?	)	
	5	G.P.O.	)	
	6	G.P.O.	)	
	7	G.P.O.	)	
	8	G.P.O.	)	2nd design.
	9	St. Andrews St. B.O.	)	
	10	G.P.O.	)	
	11	?	)	
	12	St. Andrews St. B.O.	)	
	13	St. Anne's Street B.O.	)	2nd design.
	14	G.P.O.	)	

All these are lettered BAILE ATHA CLIATH which seems to bear out the theory that they are numbered consecutively throughout the city, he was also told that there were at least two machines held in reserve, presumably some of the missing numbers. As they all have the same inscription they could also move about of course without any alteration to the dies.

Outside Dublin he found :

CORK	Number 1 (one machine only)	2nd design.
WATERFORD	Number 1 (one machine only)	1st design.
LIMERICK	Number 1 (one machine only)	1st design.

The modified first design will of course be an addition to our listing in the GB book.

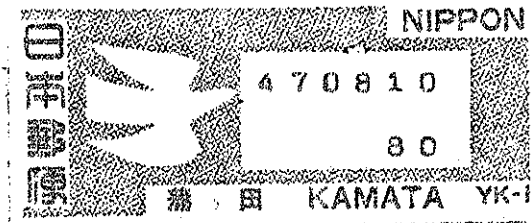
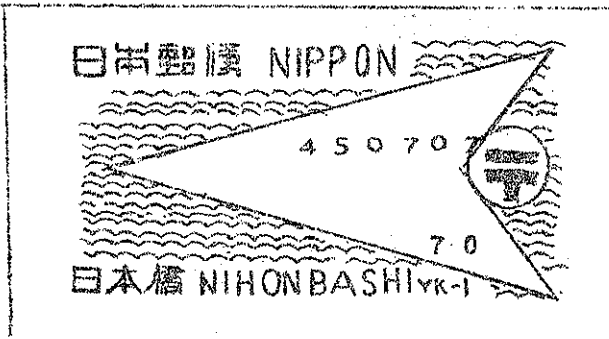
Mr K. B. Millar also writes with a report that machine number 5 was in use at Rathgar, Dublin 6, on the 18th September 1974 and this lends weight to the theory that the machines move about between the various Dublin offices.

They continue to be an interesting group of machines !

A NEW MANUFACTURER FROM JAPAN ?

Some time ago we received a copy of a listing of Japanese meters compiled by a Mr Ishii in Japan. This was in fact almost entirely written in Japanese characters so some of the finer points may have been missed by us, we are not able to read Japanese at all.

Among the types illustrated was the one on the left below from Nihonbashi which a collector of the country told us was a fiscal machine



Mr Werner Simon now shows us the one on the right, definitely postage, and comparison again of the four characters at the left on each suggests to us that the first is also postage.

We have no idea who the manufacturer is although it has often seemed surprising that a machine has not been developed in Japan, nor can we fully understand the date which is shown as 470810 but think that the 47 is the (Japanese) year, 08 the month and the 10 the day. Can anyone help?

The value is shown on the second line.

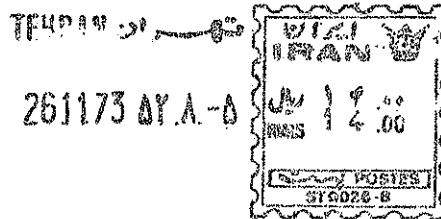
NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

We begin this time from roughly where we left off in the middle of the letter "I", and as usual have to thank our faithful reporters for their help.



INDONESIA. Very simple design for the ? Frama, (J. Fowler).

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd).



IRAN. A Satas with ST prefix and a B suffix. (WHB)

ISRAEL. The Postalia also exists with the double-letter indicating use by a government department.

Satas number 538 has figures of value as \*0.01 and has the same initial letter resembling a sideways D as 396 which we also described as a Satas.

Frama number 2050 has figures of value as 0.01 (SDB)

A new numbering system has been adopted, as follows :-

Jerusalem	1001	upwards
Tel Aviv	2001	"
Haifa	3001	"
Southern Region	4001	"
Central Region	5001	"
Northern Region	6001	"

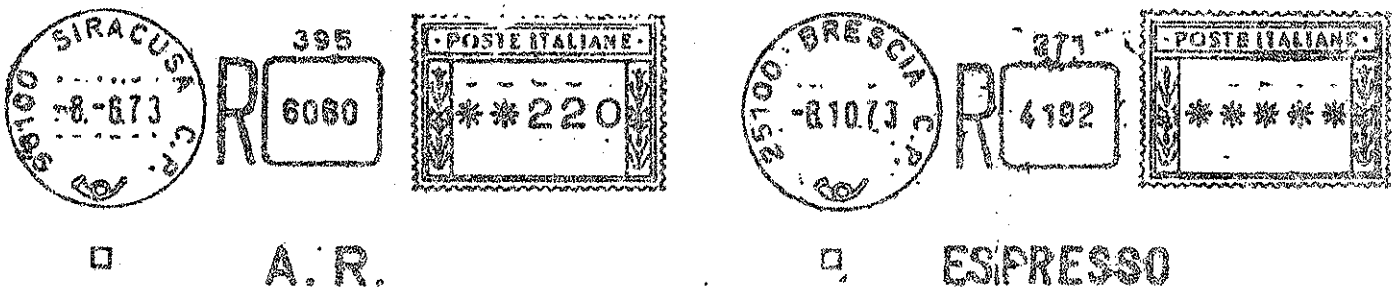
and for the official meters (preceded by key letter "M")

Jerusalem	301	upwards
Tel Aviv	501	"
Haifa	701	"
Southern Region	751	"
Central Region	801	"
Northern Region	851	"

(Werner Simon)

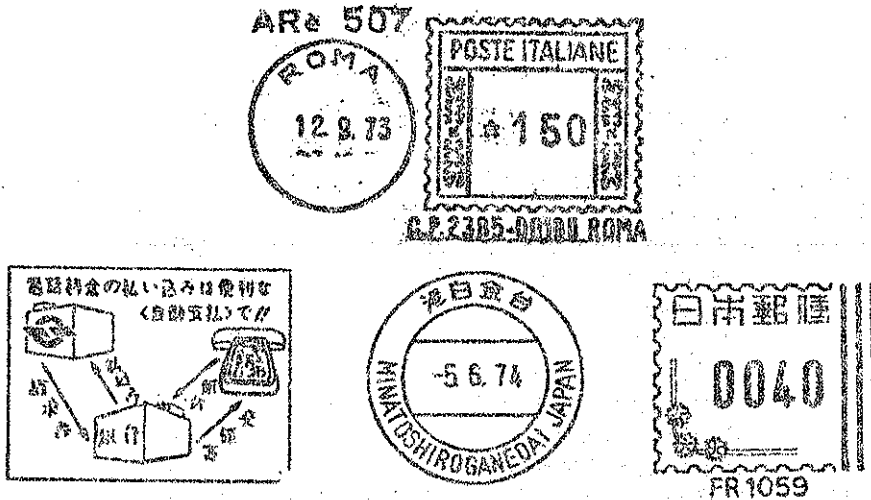
ITALY. Hasler F66 with number under frank H66ml850 and value as \*00.= used from Catania in VI.72

A change in the design of franks has resulted in smaller leaves at left and right - they leave a space at top and bottom - and "POSTE ITALIANE" is shorter. Sima, Francotyp and Hasler F88 all seen.



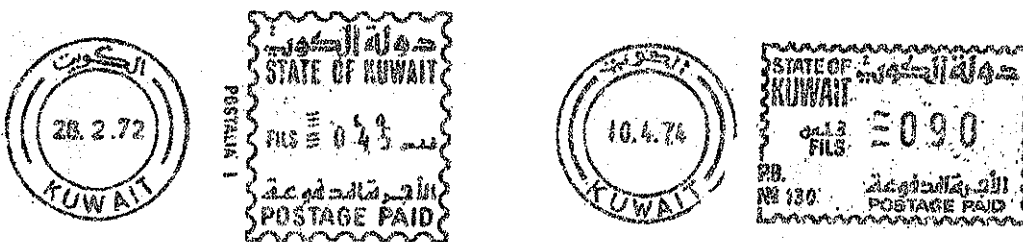
Notes and News from Overseas - Italy (Contd)

We show two more of the machines used for Registered Post, each of these has a square below the townmark instead of a triangle. 271 shows a zero impression (these are used when the postal charges have already been paid and all that is wanted is the Registered number etc.) and it will be seen that the "figures of value" show as \*\*\*\*\* This would seem to imply that at least the right hand value wheel is capable of printing both a zero and an asterisk.  
 This prefix ARE seems to be new. (SB)



JAPAN. Frama, from Werner Simon, he also shows us an NCR lettered "EXPO 70 OSAKA JAPAN", presumably only in use during the period of the exhibition.

KOREA (SOUTH) Postalia KP 118 in the "Pagoda" design has a much larger value box, four figures of value as 0,001 (or ? 0,010 with a fixed zero at the right) and the figures themselves are in a much heavier style. Used from Seoul on 18.8.74 (J. Fowler). Mr Bogue shows us another impression from the same machine, this time on a "tape" which has a pattern of wavy lines with "vertical" ovals each of which has "Republic of Korea" printed in them vertically, all in yellow.

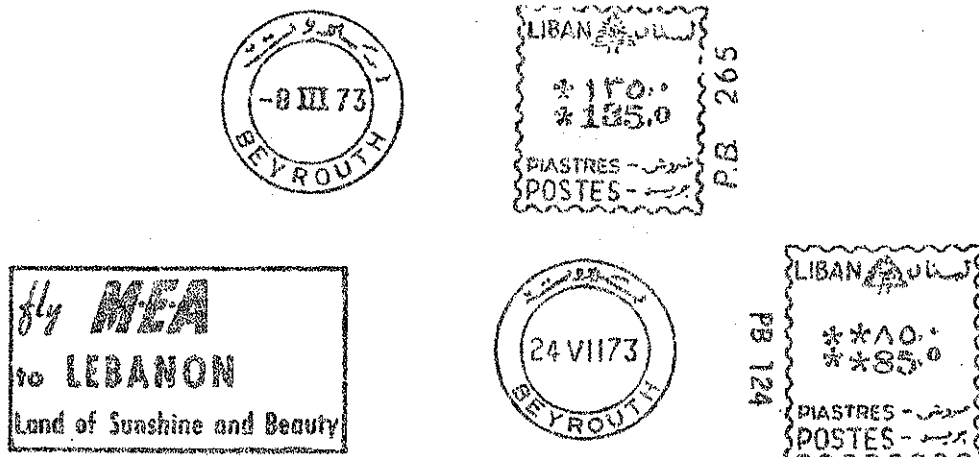


KUWAIT. Postalia 1, the first Postalia we have seen with double figures of value ("Arabic" over "European") and also the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 (ESL)

Notes and News from Overseas - Kuwait (Contd)

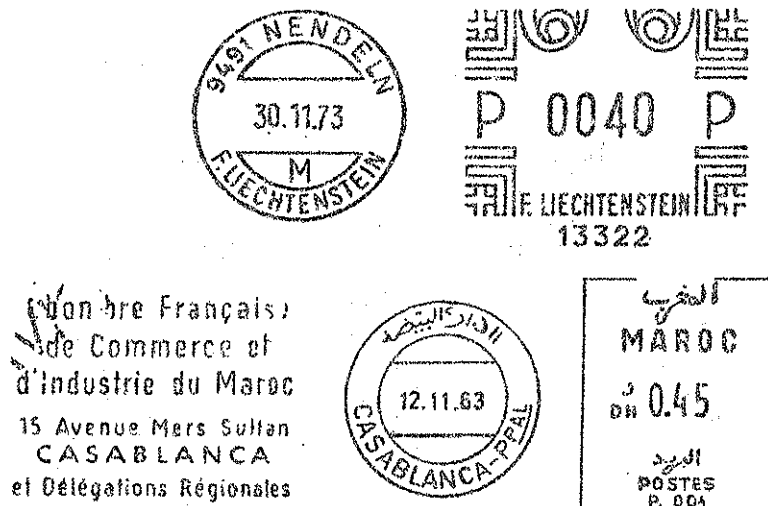
Mr W. H. Bogue shows us another impression from ? No 3 which has some differences. This has KUWAIT at the top left and KD (instead of Fils) at the left of the value. We assume that KD stands for Kuwaiti Dinar.

He also shows us a Pitney Bowes Series 5000 number P.B.No 108 which has the "No 108" enclosed in a frame.

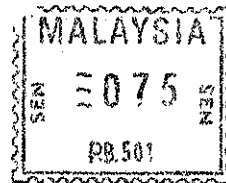


LEBANON. We have mentioned that the Pitney Bowes machines now have the number at the side of the frank and show two forms, upwards at the right and also downwards at the left. PB 124 formerly had the number in very small letters underneath.

LIECHTENSTEIN. Every time we record a machine from here it is different ! Mr K. B. Millar shows us this ? Frama which does not have a Roman/Arabic number underneath the machine number.



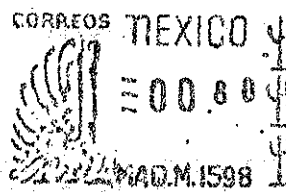
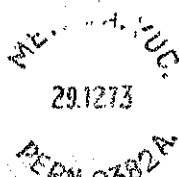
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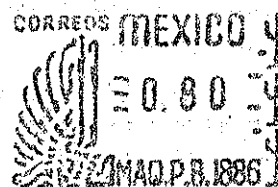
MALAYSIA. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 (J. Fowler), also P.B.457 from Mr Bogue.

MEXICO. The Hasler (? F66) in the design with a pillar at the right has three forms of figures of value. We have already noted 6769 as 00.01 and Mr Lapham tells us of z001 and z01

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Pitney Bowes Model 6300 in two types of figures of value, M prefix as w00.10 and PB prefix as w0.01 (ESL)

MOZAMBIQUE. We have mentioned the Post Office machines (they have CCT instead of a number usually) and in view of the recent political changes which will probably affect the design of meters we list them as follows, thanks to Mr Lapham. Some of them have been mentioned before.

Universal MV	000%10	U CCT
Universal MV	000%10	Solid Bar
Automax	=00.10	U CCT
Automax	=00.01	U CCT
Automax	=00.10	C.T.T.
Automax	=00.10	U and Solid Bar
Francotyp	z00%10	I- and Solid Bar

We will start at letter "N" next time, keep the reports coming in !