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SECRETARY'S NOTES.  
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Membership. Quite a number of additions and alterations to the list of members published with the last issue of the Bulletin. Firstly we welcome the following as new members :

(253) Mr A. J. Gulliver 15 Danesfield Avenue, Waltham, Grimsby,  
South Humberside, DN37 OPZ

(Particular interests are meters with the same slogans as GPO  
cancellations and machines from Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire)

(254) Mr F. J. Marshall 50 Chevet Lane, Sandal, Wakefield, WF2 6JD

(255) Mrs E. Stritzl 18 Addison Avenue, LONDON, W11 4QR

(256) Mr A. Spencer 24a Perry Hill Road, Oldbury, Warley,  
West Midlands, B68 OAZ

and one member re-joined :

Mr R. T. Jacques Hill House, Ramsey, Harwich, Essex, CO12 5LN

and then changes of address for :

Mr J. A. Fowler 6 George Street, Bridlington,  
North Humberside, YO15 3PG

Mr E. C. Kettenbrink c/o Phillips Petroleum, 246 Frank Phillips  
Building, Bartlesville, OK 74004, U.S.A.

The Bulletin. This issue will bring us again to the end of a volume, we still have a lot of news coming in from members so this time apart from a few shorter notes almost the whole of this issue will be taken up by them. Do not forget though, that it is your notes and articles that go to make up your bulletin, we still need some more articles on particular subjects to give us a balanced publication.

Next Issue. This will be in September 1975, notes and news to us by about the middle of August at the latest please.

"TAPES" - A Suggested Listing  
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From time to time we have news of a new design of "tape" - the new Singer design was the latest and a new one has also come from South Africa.

Mr G. Topp, 14 Woodlands Close, Parkgate, Wirral, Merseyside, L64 6RU, has offered to compile a list of the known types and seeks information tabulated as far as possible in the order :

Country of Use  
Machine using type  
Dates (earliest and latest)  
Paper Colour  
Printed Design  
Type (overprint or underprint)  
Colour of print  
Height  
Length  
Separation - top  
                  bottom  
                  left end  
                  right end.

He will be listing those included in the Barfoot-Simon catalogue but there have been quite a number since then.

Can you help ?? Please write direct.

Information Wanted - HERM  
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In his book 'Herm Island and its Posts' O. W. Newport illustrates an impression from Neopost L.V. number N 13 used with a townmark "GUERNSEY / CHANNEL ISLANDS" dated 17 VIII 48 in the GB GviR cipher design and with a slogan showing the crest of the island and 'Herm can give you an Enchanting Holiday and Peace and Tranquillity' (note the mis-spelling of the last word)

We have always assumed that this was used in Guernsey by the Agents for the island and not on Herm itself which at that time only had its own local carriage service. Can anyone confirm or otherwise, has anyone a copy of Guernsey N 13 from this period either with the name of the user or a slogan of other design ?

THE RONEO-NEOPOST MODEL 405  
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This model has been on sale for a number of years but we do not seem to have mentioned it since reporting its introduction in 1971. We described it then as a less sophisticated and cheaper version of the Model 505 and as far as we know impressions from the two models are indistinguishable.

FREE GIFT  
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The enclosed example of RM-4 is from Mr. George Pearson.

G. B. NOTES.

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Hasler F88. When these machines were first introduced in this country they used a prefix of "fml" (for Franking Machines Ltd) and were numbered in the regional groups as now. The last time we recorded "highest numbers" for them was in MSB 93 and Mr Bogue has been checking and finds he can advance the 1000, 3000 and 5000 groups. His latest list is :

1116 2015 3040 4019 5004 6020 7007

Hasler F66. Dr R. A. McInroy shows us copies of two impressions. HAS 1000 used from Isleworth / Middx on 19.XII.72 (i.e. an earlier year than recorded) and HAS 6009 from Leeds (a new "area"). The first of these has the number over an unbroken bottom frame line and the latter has the number in a break in the frame, so the two types exist with this model as they do with the F88.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Mr Wood reports that JZ 999 exists (Maidstone), can anyone confirm JZ 1000 ?

He also reports a quite clear JZ 9711 !!! used from London N.W.11.

Pitney Bowes Model CV. Mr P. D. Wood reports an unusual number, PBC 0017 - four digits and no alphabetical suffix - used from London E.C.4. on 15 NOV 1974. The number and the letters are of the larger type and it is a clear impression.

Could this in fact be a new series of numbers for a revised model ?



Pitney Bowes Series 5000. When first introduced in £sd currency these machines had three wavy lines preceding the value if no shilling figure was needed but these lines (which we usually indicate with a "w") have not appeared on decimal machines.

Mr K. B. Millar shows us this one though, a relatively new number, on which they do appear.

PBT 635 F, Loughton, Essex, has been used with a "00" value and a slogan consisting of a Postage Paid Serial Number impression (Ilford No 16) - shown us by Mr P. D. Wood.

Another machine seen several times recently is one used at Stirling which has no trace of a number or prefix at all !! and Mr Topp shows us one, also without any trace of a number, used from Widnes/Lancs in Jan and Feb 1975.

These machines have been noted with Arabic month figures in the date and we have had reports of many recently. Mr Bogue notes 18 different suffix letters with 3-digit numbers and 5 different suffix letters with 4-digit numbers so there are obviously a great number so fitted.

G. B. Notes (Contd)

Roneo-Neopost Model 505. Mr Topp reports that simple values are either 4 04 or 004 he has single figures on RN 768 and RM 1604 and a value as 003 $\frac{1}{2}$  on RN 3226. We listed the 04 type value in our GB book.

"T.I.M." Parcel Post Machines. Thanks to Mr K. B. Millar and Mr C. Delahoy we can extend the ranges of dates etc for the following :

KENSINGTON	YOUNG ST. B.O.	LONDON W.8.	10 JU 58	1 MY 59	R
IPSWICH	-----	SUFFOLK	18 NO 50	27 JA 53	R
LOUGHBOROUGH	-----	- LEICS. -	22 DE 52	29 MR 54	R M
ALBERT SQUARE	- B.O. -	MANCHESTER 2	22 OC 53	? AP 60	R M
-- PERTH --	-----	-----	27 FE 51	24 JA 56	R M

"Highest Numbers". With thanks to Messrs J. M. Beard, W. H. Bogue and M. L. Blakeston among others we now have the latest count as :

<u>Hasler</u>	HGB	1210	*2012	*3045	*4010	*5034	*6020	
	HAS	*1015		6009		6009	*7003	*8003 (ii)
<u>Francotyp</u>		*AC.A 40		<u>Friden</u>		*G 1097		
<u>Pitney Bowes</u>		PBA 91 G		PBL 772 N		*PBC 045 A (iii)		
		*PBR 029 A		PBS 15 J		*PBT 1893 F (i)		
		PBR 470 A		*PBS 434 P				
<u>Roneo-Neopost</u>		J 973 D		N 689 M		*NX 715		
		W 432 B		RM 1939		*TN 386		

As usual, we have indicated those for which we cannot report an advance with an asterisk.

- (i) See also Irish Notes below.
- (ii) See also note on Page 91
- (iii) See also note on Page 91

IRISH NOTES

Pitney Bowes Series 5000. The numbers of these machines in Eire seem to be keeping well ahead of those in GB, Mr Beard reports PBT 1049 K and PBT 1111 K.

Plessey Parcel Post Machine. Mr K. B. Millar shows us an additional machine, this is number 1 from GAILLIMH - Galway - in the first design, value as 25p on 22 III 75

FOUNDER OF PB DIES.

Walter H. Wheeler, one of the founders of the Pitney Bowes organisation in the USA died on the 11th December 1974, aged 77 years.

FRIDEN - SINGER

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Friden Inc. became a division of Singer Office Machines but continued with the same name and in the USA continued to use an "F" prefix on meters.

However, recent publicity is headed Singer Postage Machines without mention of Friden and the new "US Official Mail" machines are using an "S" prefix.

JORDAN - At Last !!

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One of the largest countries we have not recorded as having used meters has now joined the majority.

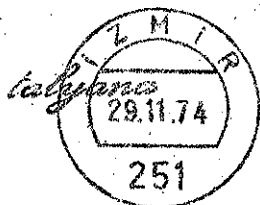
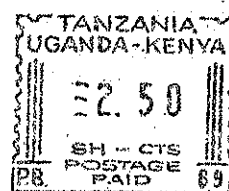
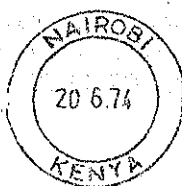
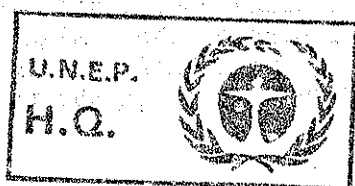
Pitney Bowes News (the staff newspaper) reports and illustrates a Model 6300 used on 21.9.74 from Amman. Numbered P.001 and inscribed THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN and with value as w001

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

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With our usual thanks for those who have contributed reports and also starting off roughly where we left off last time.

TANZANIA-UGANDA-KENYA. The Pitney Bowes Model 6300, this will be 11-1-1-1 in our listing of East Africa.



Verkezi Milano  
İzmir Şubesi

TURKEY. Francotyp from Mr. Bogue. Universal MV from Mr. Miller: this is the first time we have recorded this since noting it as an essay in MSB 59 although Mr. Pearson tells us he has it used as far back as 1962 in 3, 4 and 5 bank versions.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

UNITED NATIONS (EUROPE) In MSB 91 we illustrated a Hasler in a design similar to Switzerland but with NATIONS UNIES at the bottom and the UN emblem at the top. Mr Millar and Mr Topp show us impressions from what looks the same machine, and this shows the number, 3401, at the bottom with the zone number = I 107 = underneath.

Werner Simon tells us that machine without a number was used from the 6 Oct 1969 to the 22 Sep 1970 and that this 3401, which exists with both small and large number, was previously used with a HELVETIA die

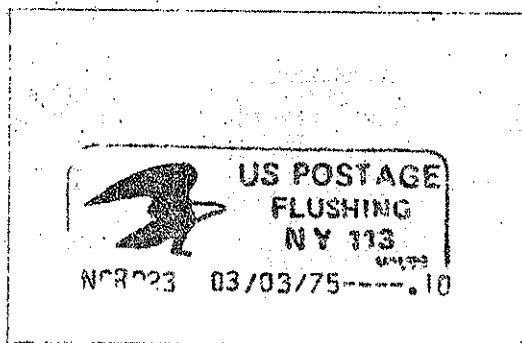
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. We mentioned some time ago the "Parcelmatic" from Pitney Bowes and a fuller description appears in the Meter Stamp Society (USA) Bulletin No 149.

This unit has three main parts, (1) a control unit consisting of a scale, keyboard and a simple computer, (2) a postage meter equipped with automatic setting mechanisms and (3) a printing device for recording on the users documents the date of despatch, charges, etc. for UPS mailings.

A parcel is placed on the scale and the appropriate service and zone are selected, a moistened tape is then printed, delivered and the actual transaction recorded. The Parcelmatic can compute any two of a variety of rate structures, Parcel Post, Book Rate, Library Rate, UPS Interstate or UPS Intrastate - it would seem that separate units would be required for UPS and US Postal Service because of the need for different dies.

Examples from field tests illustrated in the MSS Bulletin are in the normal Pitney Bowes design for US Postal Service with 4 short horizontal lines at the left.

Recently, a number of Air Force Bases carried out trials using meters and now new "Official" designs have appeared. The Meter Stamp Society (USA) Bulletin recently illustrated a Pitney Bowes, PB METER 639878 and a Friden (Singer) S 503027 and in each case the pictorial part of the design, the Eagle or the Torch, has been replaced by "U.S. OFFICIAL MAIL" at the top over the value box and "PENALTY/FOR/PRIVATE/USE \$500" between the townmark and the value.



Mr Lapham shows us this National Cash Register machine for Parcel Post used experimentally at Flushing, N.Y. The value line is in bluish-purple and the rest in magenta.

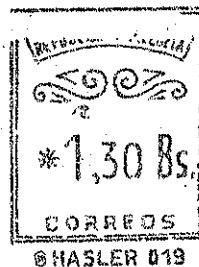
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

SOUTH WEST AFRICA. In our listing in MSB 109 we called Type 14 a Safag. Heiner Durst reminds us that Frama succeeded Safag some time ago but we must confess getting confused over them from time to time.

URUGUAY. There are at least three varieties of the Postalia machines :

- (a) Wide setting, value as 001 "Centisimos" and "PERM.PLIA"
- (b) Narrow setting, value as 0001 "Centisimos" and "PERM.PLIA"
- (c) Wide setting, value as 00100 "PESOS" and "PERM(number)" (ESL)

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VENEZUELA. Hasler with a record number, from Mr Lapham. He also shows us the Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000.

Pitney Bowes machines, Model R and Series 5000, usually have the number shown as LIC-xxxP.B. etc but we have recorded MH-100-PB some time ago. Mr K. B. Millar now shows us another, MH-174-PB used from MERIDA/ESTADO MERIDA and we wonder what the significance is of the MH instead of LIC.

VIET NAM (SOUTH) In MSB XII/66 we noted the Satas with Buu-Chinh at the bottom and illustrated one dating from 1961. Mr S. D. Barfoot tells us that he has an example from as early as 1954 and a note that it was used even earlier.

Pitney Bowes Model 6300. Design in horizontal form with "dragons" at each side, VIET NAM at top and number 0023 P.B. at bottom. Value as w001 and double-circle townmark. Used from Saigon -4 7.74 (MdeW)

YUGOSLAVIA. Werner Simon reports that several Roneo-Neopost Model 205 machines have had the Cyrillic versions of the name removed, leaving a blank space at the top.

Not all the C.A.M.P. machines are lettered in the way we described in MSB 101. Mr Lapham shows us one from Belgrade on 03 VI 74 which has the JUGOSLAVIA larger at the top and "half serifs" on the J and also with PTT at the bottom just above the bottom line and no letter.

ZAIRE. The Francotyp exists in two forms. F 39 has the "F" in a small box at the lower left and the number in a small box at lower right, whereas F 103 shown us by George Pearson has the prefix and number unboxed at the bottom centre, breaking the inner frame line.

We have illustrated Hasler B116 with figures of value as z00,oi (i.e. with an initial lozenge), John Fowler now shows us B80, also from Kinshasa but this has instead an initial star, thus \*00oi and no comma between the third and fourth banks.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

ABU DHABI. Michel de Wailly shows us the Roneo-Neopost Model 505, numbered N 3 and used on the 24 IV 74 with figures of value as 0.001

ANGOLA. We have mentioned an Automax machine with a solid block at the lower left and a large "F" at the lower right and suggested that, with a townmark reading "ESTACAO DE / LUANDA CENTRAL" it might be an official machine. Mr J. Fowler now shows us other similar machines with a large "C" and a large "I" and a further impression of the "F" machine, each of them used by commercial organisations. They might be Post Office rather than Official machines.

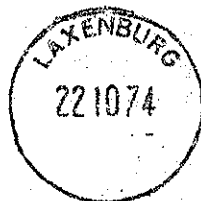
AUSTRALIA. The "Meter Bulletin" (Australia) reports and Richard Peck also shows us an impression from Pitney Bowes Series 5000 number P.B.9819D used from North Sydney / NSW 2060. Although it is not specially inscribed, this is a Post Office machine and the impression is on "tape" inscribed in the usual colourless way "Pitney Bowes" and the new cross logo.

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LAXENBURG  
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AUSTRIA. A new make for this country, Frama, shown us by Mr Lapham, also a 5-bank machine from the same maker.

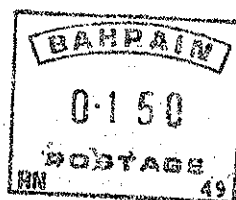
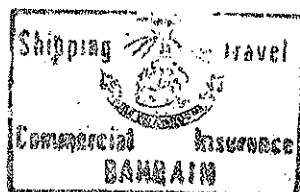
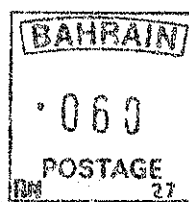
George Pearson shows us the Roneo-Neopost Model 205, we have reported a trial use of this make as long ago as 1965 but have never seen one before.

BANGLADESH. Neopost L.V. (Pakistan Type 10.1) with the inscription at top and right removed and crescent and Pakistan removed from the centre but with the star remaining in the centre, DA 241 used from Chittagong on 18 VII 73 (MdeW)

BOLIVIA. Pitney Bowes Automax P.B.100 used from LA PAZ on 21 XI 74 with the figures of value as =0.01 over \$b (WHB)



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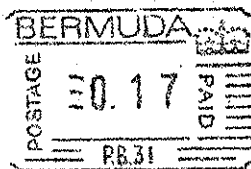


BAHRAIN. We now show the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 (Mr J. Fowler) and a new type, the Roneo-Neopost Model 505, from Mr Lapham.

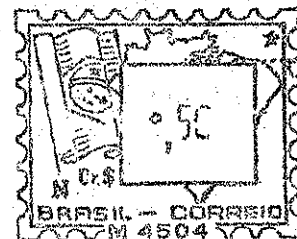
BULGARIA. The only previous report we can trace was as long ago as MSB 51 when we noted the Francotyp.

Michel de Wailly now shows us the Pitney Bowes Series 5000 used from Sofia on 10.10.74 with the value as w0.01

BERMUDA. The Pitney Bowes Model 6300. (ESL)



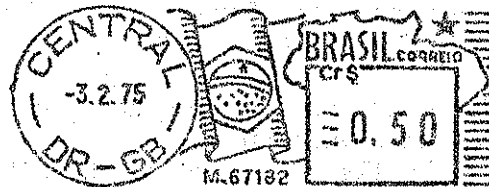
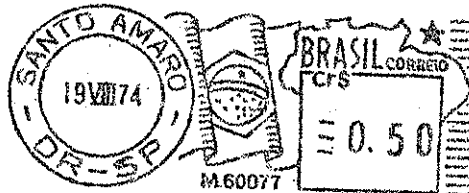
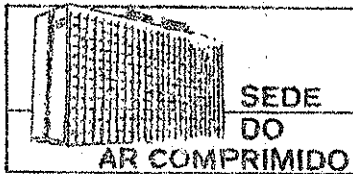
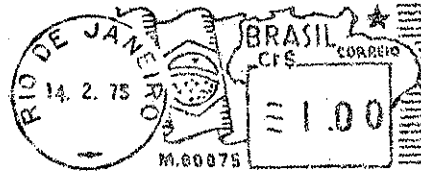
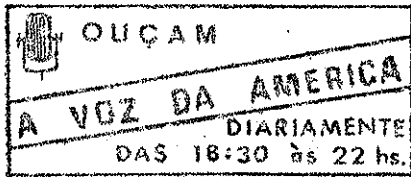
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BRAZIL. This Hasler F88 has the typewritten "N" similar to that found on some Automax, it is typical of the State of Santa Catarina and this also exists with an SC townmark.

In his listing of the Automax types (MSB XIII) Ernst Muhr showed Die 2, subtype 2 - large Cr\$ as 6757? - 6896. Mr J. M. Beard shows us number P.B.-M.6754 in this type so we can extend the range a little further.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - Brazil.



We were of course naive to imagine it would be as simple as that to say that the 60000 numbers were the Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000.

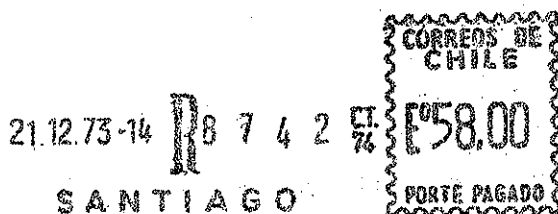
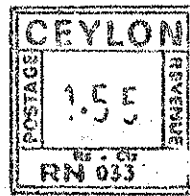
Ernst Muhr fills in some of the details with these 60075 is a USA manufactured machine (note the small date figures) and seems to have been imported by, or for, the U.S. Embassy - it is the only one known to him - and 60077 and 67182 are GB manufactured machines (note the larger figures in the date), one with Arabic and one with Roman month figures.

BRITISH SOLOMAN ISLANDS. Many years ago we reported the existence of an Automax (in £sd) but have never actually seen a copy. Mr K B. Millar now shows us impressions from a Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 used in May 1974. The design, in the same style as that used for Papua New Guinea, shows the name BRITISH / SOLOMAN ISLANDS and POSTAGE PAID over the value box, short horizontal lines at the right and a large Crown between the box and townmark circle. Townmark shows O.H.M.S. / HONIARA B.S.I.P. and the value as w0.01. The number is shown below the central Crown as PB 5909 D.

CAMEROONS. Yet another change of title. Michel de Wailly shows us Havas P 22626 with name as "Republique Unie / Du Cameroun" (Unie instead of Fle) used from Douala on 15 3 74.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

CEYLON. Roneo-Neopost Model 205, still with the old name of the country (GRP). Mr Lapham also shows us RN 062, the same as this but at least with the address on the envelope showing Sri Lanka.



CHILE. Two machines for Registered Post, one showing some fancy design work each side of the town name.

We have shown the Pitney Bowes in two sizes, large (frank 28 mm wide) and figures of value as w00.01 and small (18 mm wide and with figures as 0.01). Mr E. S. Lapham now shows us an impression from a Series 5000 machine, number P.B.212 which has figures as w0.01 and is in an intermediate size, with the frank 25 mm wide. Like the others it is undated.

COLUMBIA. Michel de Wailly shows us a Hasler in a design new to us. This has a plain perforated frame with CORREOS at top and COLUMBIA at bottom, large coat of arms at the left and value, as z0.01 at the right. Outside the perforated frame at the bottom left in small capitals HASLER and at the bottom right ?L.C.1.120 Townmark has BARRANQUILLA at top and AERO at the bottom. Used on 20.4.74

He also shows us the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 number P.B.837 and value as w0.01 used from "CARTAGENA / L.C.837 AEREO" on 28.1.75

FINLAND. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 in the usual Posthorn design. (J. Fowler)

The Pitney Bowes Series 5000 are also numbered in the 7000 series, Mr Lapham shows us 7180 with value as w001

Francotyp Cc machines are usually numbered in the series running from 1201 upwards but now Michel de Wailly reports one used from Helsinki on 06.1.75 with a number 102263

FRANCE. In MSB 108 we speculated on the number of a machine used at Val de Marne, S1 94953, and suggested that it was a Post Office machine.

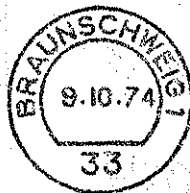
Michel de Wailly writes to tell us that it is a Post Office machine and the number is arrived at as follows :

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - France.

S1 = the old SP  
 94 = Department No (Val de Marne)  
 953 = Machine Number

(94 is of course the first two digits of a post code for this area)  
 He tells us that C.A.M.P. machines now have the same system.

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 BRAUNSCHWEIG-  
 FLUGHAFEN

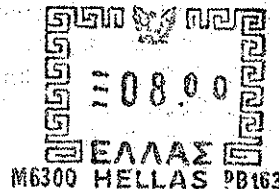
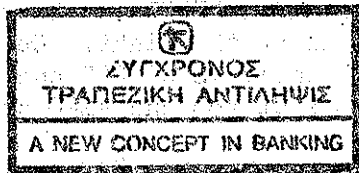


GERMANY. Is this the Roneo-Neopost Model 505 ? (ESL)

GERMANY (DDR) Adrema Pitney Bowes from Dresden 801 on 30.10.74 and with "Deutsche Post" in one line at the top of the frank. (MdeW)

GREECE. George Pearson shows us a Universal MV with "Hellas" at the bottom of the frank, the top is not clear so we do not know whether this particular one, dated 12 XII 74, has the phoenix or not, nor have we a record of it with a Crown.

Pitney Bowes Model 6300. (J. Fowler) Note that this tells us the model in the same way as recent Italian models.



P. O. BOX - 356  
 F. N. C. B.  
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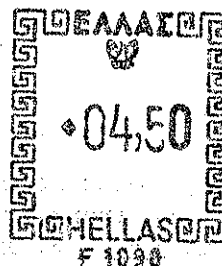


Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - Greece.

Pitney Bowes Automax with Phoenix symbol, also the old type Hasler 14858 with lowered townmark, 5 figure registration number and figures of value as xxx00.oi similarly fitted with a Phoenix. (WHB)

We illustrated what we thought was a Roneo-Neopost Model 205 recently and now Mr Lapham shows us another similar one, this time slightly wider and with figures of value as 00.oi (or it could be 00.io) but the name of the country at the top is much smaller.

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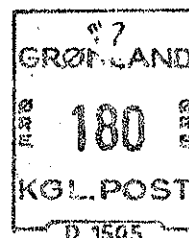


Francotyp with Phoenix symbol, the final zero, much thicker than the other figures, may be fixed. (GRP) also F 1054 from Mr Lapham, similarly the final zero thicker and looking fixed.

Mr K. B. Millar shows us F 1216 used on 17.12.74 by a Government Dept. (and thus probably up to date with the latest design requirements!) which has no symbol at all. It has an unengraved townmark apart from stars at the left and right.



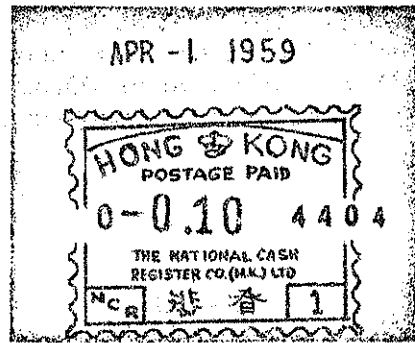
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GREENLAND. We illustrate the Francotyp, which was reported some time ago, thanks to a non-member, Mr R. Carpenter.

INDIA. Werner Simon reports an unusual Automax, B-4226, used from Bombay on 15 VII 74. This has "universal" type figures (the "O" has thicker vertical strokes for instance) as O.oi (no "="), bottom left square unengraved and the right bottom square with a "K", day and year in seriffed figures.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)



HONG KONG. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 (this has the number in a 6000 series at the bottom of the frank, the 5000's have it at the lower left), shown us by John Fowler, Mr K. B. Millar also shows us P.B.6033 used from a new "town" to us, MONGOK/HONG KONG.

We recorded the existance of this National Cash Register machine, used by the local branch of the makers, some years ago. George Pearson shows us this one which is printed in red on bright yellow-orange paper with the centre value line in magenta.

ITALY. We have mentioned several times the fact that some of the machines used for Registered Post have a device such as a small square or a triangle included in them. Mr Lapham shows us two from No 397, one with a square and one with a triangle. Could these be devices to identify the operator?

Werner Simon also confirms that these machines can print either device, he is not sure of the significance.



JAPAN. Francotyp, now with three vertical lines at the right. (ESL)

In MSB 100 we showed a Postalia with the vertical lines at the right, Michel de Wailly shows us a copy of PF 489 which is similar except that it has figures of value 4-bank, as 0001

The year of the date, mentioned in our note in MSB 109, is based on the years of the Emperors' reign and 47 is the equivalent of (our) 1972.

(We will carry on from where we left off next time)