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SECRETARY'S NOTES.  
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Membership. Two new members to welcome with this issue, they are :

(257) Mr K. C. Betten, Argentiniedreef 119, Utrecht, NETHERLANDS.

(258) Mr E. V. Goodacre, 222 Wood Lane, Dagenham, Essex, RM9 5ST

and one member who has rejoined,

Mr G. Cowlin, 17 Pine Walk, Weybourne, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7HJ

in addition, two changes of address,

Mr W. H. Thomas, now 59 Lingfield Avenue, Great Barr, Birmingham,  
B44 9TX

Mr E. C. Kettenbrink, 3939 Tanglewood, Apt 115, Odessa, Texas,  
79762, U.S.A.

Meters for Sale, Etc.

Mr W. H. Bogue ("Woodward", 17 South Beach Road, Biggar, Lanarkshire) has a cardboard box crammed with GB GvR strips, including many squared circles.

He offers this at £5 postage paid. Please write direct.

Jonathan Jay, a dealer in postage stamps of Canada, USA and UN, has metered covers (opened on three sides) for sale, all recent, at £1 for 400 plus postage.

From a random sample about 15% were Ireland, 13% USA, 8% Germany, 8% Canada and varying smaller proportions of about 40 countries. There is some duplication.

Write direct to : 91 Houghton Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Gifts of Meters. With the last issue of the bulletin we noted that we were including a copy of Great Britain RM 1, compliments of George Pearson. In the event, we enclosed for some members copies of an old 2-bank Universal MV, U 871, compliments of Mr Bogue.

With this issue we hope to include either (or both, depending on weight step for postage available) a USA "fractional" rate or an internal Japanese cover with PO machine impression.

G. B. NOTES.

Pitney Bowes Series 5000. Michael Richards shows us a machine used in Belfast (by the Ulster Timber Co.) on 18 IV 75 and this has no trace of the Crown at the top or the number and suffix at the bottom, the "P B." is there

Roneo-Neopost Model 605. Mr K B. Millar shows us an impression from TN 230, London, W.C.1. on -2.6.75 with the value as w5 $\frac{1}{2}$  (i.e. with three wavy lines preceding the figure.)

The "London FS" Townmark. For many years a Universal MV machine, UB 52, was used to "validate" official mail going overseas. Mr Lapham shows us PBT 741 J similarly inscribed in the townmark and probably replacing the earlier machine, Universal MV's did not survive decimalisation.

"Highest Numbers". Thanks to reports from, among others, Mr Lapham, Mr Bogue and Mr Woodward-Clarke we now have :

Hasler. HGB 1212 \*2012 \*3045 \*4010 \*5034 6023  
HAS 1102 (i) \*6009 \*7003 \*8003

Francotyp. \*AC.A 40 Friden. \*G 1097

Pitney Bowes. \*PBA 91 G PBL 851 P \*PBC 045 A  
\*PBR 029 A \*PBS 15 J PBT 1997 F  
PBR 522 A \*PBS 434 P

Roneo-Neopost. J 57 F \*N 689 M NX 737  
W 493 B RM 2198 TN 396

(i) this represents a very large jump, from 1015 to 1102, Mr Bogue suggests these are numbered in series with the HGB prefix, he also has HAS 1079.

MAILOMATS AGAIN !!

Employees of Pitney Bowes at Stamford, Connecticut, recently asked the Company if it was possible to make a coin-operated meter available for their use.

The Company was able to re-construct one of the old machines dating from around 1942 and it has been placed in the personnel lobby.

Alfred Kanzler shows us a copy from May -1'75 with value as w01: and numbered 51146 so thus in the original series of numbers. The design is the usual one, without P.O. in the townmark.

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IRISH NOTES



Roneo-Neopost Model 605. Mr K. B. Millar shows us this interesting impression, the old design (C) but decimal currency. The three wavy lines (which we abbreviate as "w") are new, as is the style of the townmark.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. NP 222 (Our type 28 - design (C) with decimal currency) has simple values shown as 06- (i.e. additional to the 6 and 06 already recorded.) Seen used thus from B.A.C. on 5 XII 74 (ESL)

Pitney Bowes Series 5000. We have noted PBT 1049K and 1111K, these might be one of the usual groups of machines as Mr Lapham shows us 1134K as well but 1061K is in the Isle of Man.

FRAMA and SAFAG

Several times in recent years we have shown some confusion over these two manufacturers and have had to apologise in the bulletin.

Heiner Durst has been in touch with Frama in Switzerland and they write to confirm that there is no connection between the two. Safag ceased manufacturing many years ago and the Frama machine when introduced was a completely new design. There is no connection between the Companies.

METERS and COMPUTERS - GERMANY

Werner Simon writes recently to tell us that a system of "electronic computer postage" was introduced in Germany on 1 Jul 1970. In a similar was to the Parcelmatic machine in the USA which we described in a recent bulletin these are designed to produce rapid records and an address label for parcels, a system like this is suitable for large mailers such as mail order firms.

The address labels for the parcels are pre-printed with a box showing the town name and the postal code number plus the usual posthorn and "DEUTSCHE BUNDESPOST". When the device is operated and the necessary calculation has been made the computer prints into the box the date, the postage and a small posthorn device as proof of the licence to the user. This small posthorn is supplied by the Post Office and it must be returned if use is discontinued. At the left of the impression appears a description of the mailing such as "PACHCHEN" (small parcel) etc.

We have not seen a copy for illustration.

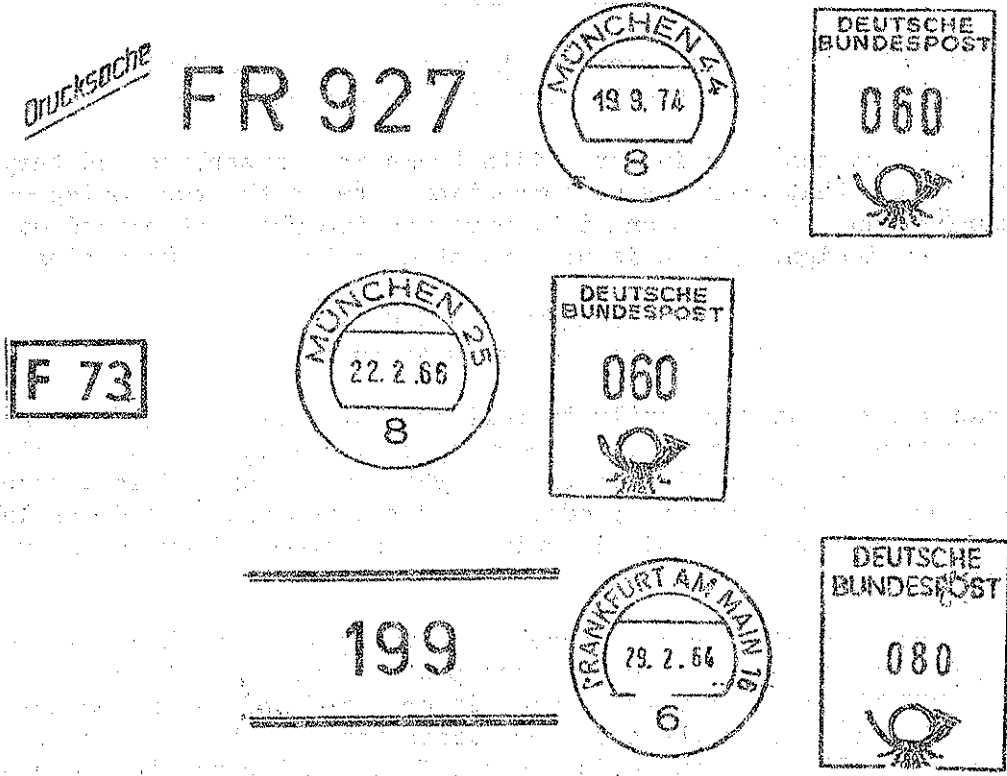
GERMANY - Temporary Numbers.  
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(Based on notes received from Mr E S. Lapham.)

The regulations for the use of meters in this country provide that users must use a slogan by which they can be identified, approved by the local postmaster. This is necessary of course as machines in Germany (both the Federal German Republic and the German Democratic Republic and the pre-1945 Germany, together with Austria, do not show in their impressions any licence number that would otherwise serve as identification.

One exception is made however when machines are supplied and used on a trial basis and then, for a maximum period of four weeks, it is possible for the user to show an identifying number instead of a distinctive slogan.

Impressions with these numbers have never been very common but from the examples seen it looks as if there is one set of numbers for all makes (these must of course also be read in conjunction with the date of use) but as some of the numbers shown have prefixes then presumably they are allocated to that particular manufacturer and used over and over again.

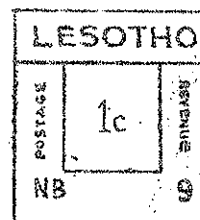
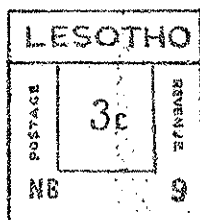
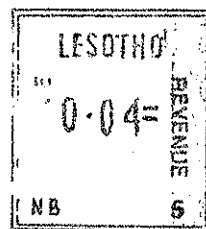
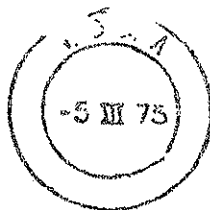


We show the Frama, Francotyp and Postalia with the numbers, the narrow setting Francotyp and the wide setting Postalia also exist.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

With thanks, as always, to our faithful reporters.

The University of Botswana,  
Lesotho and Swaziland  
Roma,  
Maseru,  
Lesotho,  
Southern Africa.



LESOTHO. We show the Roneo-Neopost Model 305, NB 5, which has been noted before, and the Roneo-Neopost Model 105, NB 9 (GRP)

LUXEMBOURG. Frama, number 221, shown us by Michel de Wailly. Usual heavy figures as 00.01 in square frame and used from Luxembourg on 15.1.75 211 also seen.

MALAGASY REPUBLIC. CAMP machine with solid un-engraved bar at the bottom right and at the bottom left. Used from Tananarive on 01 VII 74 (ESL)

MALAYSIA. We have recorded two types for the Automax, with the P.B. and number either above or below POSTAGE. Mr K. B. Millar shows us P.B.55 used from KUCHING / SARAWAK on 7 XI 68 (value in Cents) with no "postage" at all.

MALTA. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 used from Valetta on 12.8.74 Design of simple perforated frame, maltese cross at top left. MALTA at top and P.B.50 at bottom Value as 001 (WHB)

MAURITIUS. Apart from a brief reference to the Automax many years ago we have never mentioned this country. Thanks to notes from Mr K B. Millar and Mr W H. Bogue plus a search through our own material and help from Mr Peter Ibbotson we can list the following :

Universal MV, U. prefix, figures of value either 3-bank as 0oi or 0.oi and also 4-bank as 00oi

Pitney Bowes Simplex, S prefix, values 0.05, 0.15 and 0.35

Pitney Bowes Automax, P B. prefix, value as =0.oi

Roneo-Neopost Model 205, RN prefix, value as 001

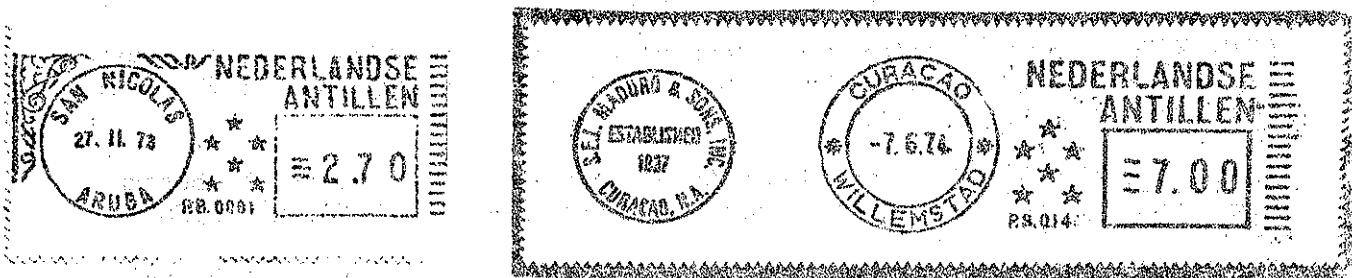
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

MONACO. Michel de Wailly reports the "NE" prefix, in usual French style design, NE 2863 used -7 2 75



NETHERLANDS. This Roneo-Neopost Model 205 seems a much more complicated design than RN 531 which we illustrated when reporting the machines introduction. There are now horizontal lines at the sides to "square off" its frank, the posthorns are slightly smaller and we have NEOPOST at the bottom and also ? the R-N symbol at the bottom right. (MdeW)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. The Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000, PB 0001, which we have already reported and the (GB) version, PB 014 (ESL)



All the meters we have seen from this country have been either from the islands of Aruba or Caracus, which together with Bonaire make up the group off the coast of Venezuela. There are three other islands though, about 500 miles away near Puerto Rico, and these are Saba, St. Eustatius and part of St. Martin (the other part is French).

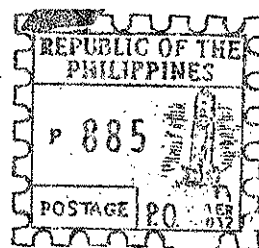
Mr Lapham shows us Postalia P.S.0043 used from PHILIPSBURK/ST.MAARTEN, the first we have seen from this northern group.

NEW ZEALAND. Additional values from Mr Lapham are :

Neopost	-	N	4c
Mailmaster	-	Y	21
Regent	-	Z	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

NORWAY. Hasler 2375 with a lozenge instead of a star in the figures of the value, ? the Model F66 (ESL)



PHILIPPINES. This, presumably Post Office, Postalia, has 3-bank figures of value, we have previously recorded a 4-bank machine of this make.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Mr J. M. Beard shows us an impression from Pitney Bowes Series 5000 number PB 6970 D in the "Bird of Paradise" design but now without the "&" in the name and just P.N.G. at the bottom of the townmark. Used from "University/P.N.G." on ?? 10.9.84, presumably an error for 1974.

A make not recorded by us before is the Simplex, shown us by Mr Bogue. P.N.25 (? , the number is rather faint), used from PORT MORESBY / T.P.N.G. on -9 III 73 with values of .10 and .20 in a rectangular design with Birds of Paradise at the left and right. Name of country at bottom.

According to an article by Mr T. M. Garwood in "Stamp Collecting" of London on 31 July 1975 the first franking machine in the territory was licenced on 5 Aug 1958 and was followed in the next few months by seven more machines.

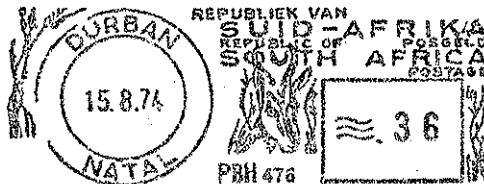
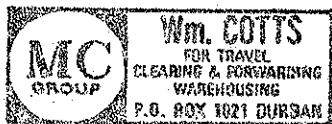
The "Meter Bulletin" (Australia) reports the Satas and the Roneo-Neopost Model 205.

PANAMA (REPUBLIC). Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 reported by Mr Lapham. The design of this is broadly similar to the (USA) version we showed as long ago as MSB 90, with a tower, but now with a double-circle townmark and date larger with Roman month figures. P.B.No.313 used from Panama/R.deP. on -5 II 75 and figures of value as w0.01

RHODESIA. The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 comes in two sizes of frank. George Pearson shows us impressions from NE 19 with a frank overall size 25mm x 25mm and NE 30 27mm x 27mm (the difference is quite surprising), the latter also has POSTAGE PAID at the sides larger, 12mm long instead of 9mm long.

SIERRA LEONE. Mr Lapham shows us an impression from Simplex S 4 used from Freetown on 23 X 74 This now has decimal value as 18 and the frame has been modified since it was illustrated in MSB 63 by the removal of the Crown and EiiR from the bottom and its replacement by "CENTS", POST and PAID have now been included in the frame at the left and the right instead of above the value. It still has the same slogan.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)



SOUTH AFRICA. This Pitney Bowes Series 5000 seems to be a bit of a hybrid. The die is the usual GB type but the machine has USA style value figures (note the long wavy lines). (ESL)

He also shows us a Model 6300 on a "tape" inscribed in the usual ovals "PITNEY BOWES / TR 290 L". We do not know the significance of the number, the machine is PBL 218. Another machine, in this case a (GB) Series 5000, PBH 350, has a tape with "PITNEY BOWES / TR 123 L" (alternate rows of ovals have the wording inverted).

George Pearson tells us that a comma has officially replaced a stop in the value shown on meters. He shows us Francotyp's F 1884 and F 2103 (wide and narrow settings respectively) with values as 0,01 and Hasler HA 1 with the value as 0,01

SOUTH WEST AFRICA. Like South Africa, values are now being shown with a comma instead of a stop. Mr Pearson shows us Francotyp F 46 with value as 0,01

ST. LUCIA. There were at least six machines in use by August 1973, in addition to PB 1 and PB 2 we can confirm that PB 5 is an Automax.

SWAZILAND. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 in a very simple design. Plain rectangle with KINGDOM OF / SWAZILAND and POSTAGE PAID at top, value, as 0.04 at the centre and very small number with "N" prefix at bottom. Used from KWALUSENI on 10 XII 74 (GRP)



SWITZERLAND. An unusual framed "slogan" underneath the die. (K. Millar).

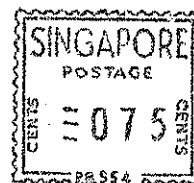


Notes and News from Overseas (Contd - Switzerland)

We recently illustrated a Hasler used for Postage Due in a very simple design with a "T" at the right. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us another similar machine but this has "PP" at the right and is apparently used for underpaid foreign mail on the "Dutch" system (where the Post Office franks the letter with the deficiency and then asks the sender for it - the success rate is quite high and this way the sending office gets the money).



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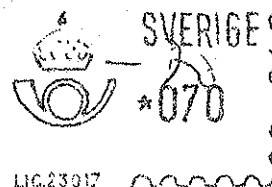


SINGAPORE. Pitney Bowes Series 5000 from Mr Bogue.

TAIWAN (FORMOSA). Pitney Bowes Model 6300. Horizontal design, figures of value w01.0 and numbered A 1167 (MdeW)

U.S.S.R. The "name" of the previously anonymous Russian machine is apparently the "MM18". It was reputedly being re-designed and modernised in 1973 but remains something of a mystery.

ZAIRE. Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 with what looks like an "unengraved fixed zero" at the right of the value. (MdeW)



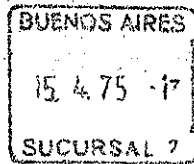
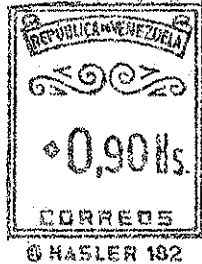
SWEDEN. Satas Model R from Mr Lapham.

He also shows us Francotyp 2674 in the posthorn design but with no trace of the "Sverige".

BARBADOS. Roneo-Neopost Model 505. Horizontal design with ? bananas at the sides similar to the Model 205. Figures of value 4-bank as 0001 and with an RV prefix. RV 3 used from Bridgetown on 10 VIII 73 (K. B. Millar).

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

VENEZUELA. Hasler 182, which has 20.01 figures of value instead of \*0.01  
It may be the Model F66 (ESL)



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CERTAEREA

ARGENTINA. The receipt half of a Francotyp TME impression used for Postage, not showing the name of the country. (ESL)

AUSTRALIA. Richard Peck reports the introduction of the Roneo-Neopost Model 105-2, N 31 seen used from Osborne Park WA 6017 on 4 VI 75. It is fitted with a large "floral emblems" die and has an "N" prefix. Values taken from a specimen machine were 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 20 and 25 - i.e. 10 different values on one bank and no "1/2", although of course the "bank" with - or 1/2 may still be inside the machine itself. The one seen has a distinct .10 (with a stop in front of the figures).

Perhaps we should remind members that we had classified this machine as a 2-bank MV but if versions such as described by Mr Peck have only the one value wheel then it would, under our scheme of classification, become an LV capable of 10 different values.

Alternatively, if the different values on the first bank can be a range of differing figures (possibly related numerically to each other but not just 1 to 10) and the second bank has for instance - or 1/2 then perhaps we should describe it as an LV-10 + LV-2 machine.

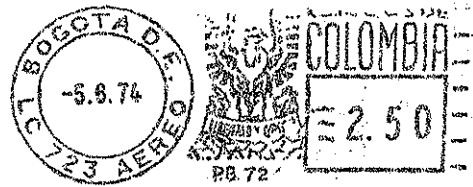
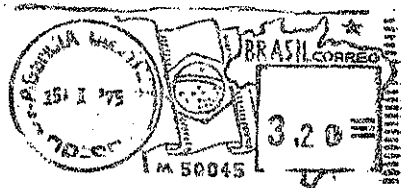
BULGARIA. Another new type from Michel de Wailly is this? Krag - it certainly has a design similar to recent Norwegian machines. Note that the whole of the inscription is in Latin characters.



BURUNDI. A definitive design has now arrived, the Francotyp shown to us by Michel de Wailly.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

BRAZIL. A Pitney Bowes Model R without Cr~~z~~ in the frank and with an unusual 3 straight lines after the value. (ESL)

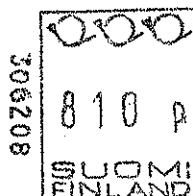


COLUMBIA. The Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 in a similar design to the (USA) version but with a double-circle townmark and the usual larger value and date figures. (ESL)

CZECKOSLOVAKIA. This is a country we do not often mention and we do not remember writing about the Universal MV machines before. Barfoot-Simon listed, as No 57, the Model O with value as \*Ooio (i.e. with fixed zero at the right). Mr Lapham shows us two recent impressions, one is from Bratislava on 15 XI 74 with the value as either \*Ooi or OOoi, two large and two small figures, and one from Praha 23 on 5 III 75 with four large figures, either \*001 or 0001

There has of course been at least one currency revaluation since the Universal was introduced in 1949.

DENMARK. We have mentioned and illustrated the Pitney Bowes Series 5000 in two varieties, P.B.34 with a large Crown central and P.B.121 with a smaller Crown placed higher. Each of these had figures of value as w001. Mr Lapham now shows us P.B.1753 with the smaller Crown, a larger DANMARK and figures of value as w0001 (an extra "bank")



FINLAND. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 with the number, unusually for Finland, vertically between the townmark and the die. (ESL)

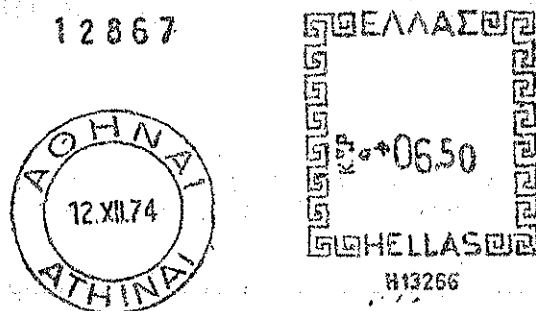
Mr Lapham shows us Frama (new make for this country) 700067 and remarks that machines now seem to have a 6-figure number with the first figures indicating the maker as follows :

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|--------|---|---------------|
| 100000 | - | Francotyp     |
| 300000 | - | Roneo-Neopost |
| 600000 | - | Krag          |
| 700000 | - | Frama         |

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

FRANCE. The Havas machines, with a "P" prefix, seem to have a new series of numbers. Mr Lapham shows us P 70784 (3-bank) and P 70149 (4-bank) and says that his previous "highest" was P 22912

GREECE. Mr Lapham shows us Automax PB 34 with a Phoenix on 13 VIII 74 and without one on 31 X 74 - the former variety has been noted but not the latter.



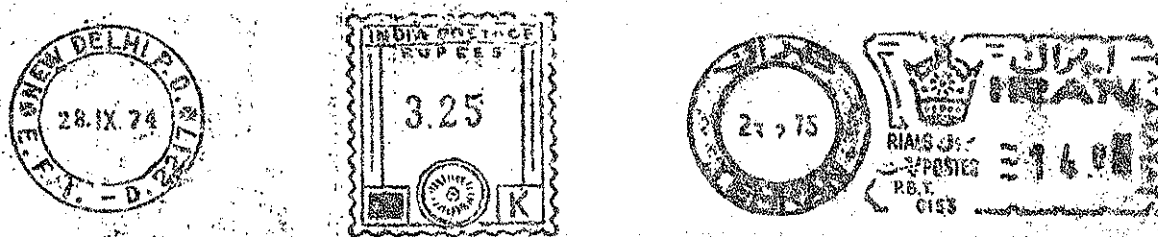
He also shows us this Hasler without Crown or Phoenix but still with the charity tax symbol reading upwards at the left but no charity "value" between the symbol and the postal value.

Mr K. B. Millar shows us Francotyp F 1154 with no symbol but this one, as opposed to F 1216, does have a complete townmark. Used from Athens on 01.7.75

IRAQ Michel de Wailly shows us a new type, possibly Hasler. Square design with number L/1 at bottom and value as 001

INDIA. Additional values for the Stampmaster Type 15.2 are the 4.00 and the 25.00 from Mr Lapham.

He also shows us this, D-2217, with a "K" at the bottom right but we are not sure of the make, can anyone identify it with certainty.



IRAN. Pitney Bowes Series 5000 with a solid block at the right of the value. (MdeW)