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(There are no Secretary's Notes for this issue of the Bulletin.)

VALUES - That ever thorny question.

We have recently been helping to produce what we hope will be new definitive listings of the meters of the Central African and Malaysian areas and once again have been considering the "value" of meters.

Some of our members have very pronounced views on the subject of placing what amounts to a monetary value on what they collect and they are not alone in this as many collectors of relatively specialised fields have exactly the same view, not only stamp collectors and philatelists.

We recently came across the following in the new Italian magazine "Il Nuovo Corriere Filatelico" and without claiming to agree or disagree with what is said feel that it is worth repeating here as one of the possible arguments in favour of values being placed on material such as we like.

"However unmercenary collectors may be and however much they may dislike the influence of those that buy stamps only as an investment, some method of determining value is an essential ingredient in the successful development of a new field of collecting.

This is so for three reasons in particular

First, without some notion of value it is difficult for collectors to exchange pieces among themselves; this is particularly true if the collectors are friends and do not wish disputed estimates to damage their relations.

Secondly, serious collecting often involves quite considerable expenditure, so family men of modest means would find it difficult to justify without some hope that at least part of the cost will eventually be recovered by their children or by themselves, if necessary later on

Thirdly, unless there is some general agreement on values the stamp trade will not take the risk of searching for and acquiring material with the consequence that a useful source of additions to a collection will be denied to the philatelist"

What do members think ?

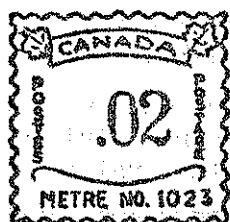
SWISS "FRANCO" MACHINES USED IN CANADA - based on  
a study by Ross W. Irwin.

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On the 3 Mar 1932 Mr E. R. Green of the Postage Meter Co., Ottawa, demonstrated to the Post Office Department a machine produced by Franco A.G. Lucerne, Switzerland. The Postage Meter Co. held the Canadian rights and proposed to build the machines in England.

This was a multi-value type with gummed tape facility and the name of "Multi-valor" was assigned and approved on 11 Apr 1932, it had a capability of all values from 1c to \$9.99

A bilingual impression similar to that used for the Model H was approved on 19 Apr 1932, however difficulty was experienced in producing an overall design since the Multi-valor required a larger hole for the value than the Model H. The answer to the problem was to adopt a larger die, 28mm x 28mm instead of the former 22mm x 22mm.



The meter was approved on 12 Sep 1932, the first one being leased to the Canadian Bank of Commerce and authorised for use

from 14 Sep 1933. This was "METRE 1021". It was fitted with a double-circle townmark, the outer circle 23mm and the inner 16mm dia. Later machines were fitted with townmarks of 28mm and 18mm dia.

Metre 1021 was not used for long and was replaced by 1022. Jamming was a problem and a partial list of transfers of postage in the records shows :

12 Sep 1934	-	1022 to 1024	21 Dec 1934	-	1024 to 1022
7 Jan 1935	-	1022 to 1024	16 Apr 1935	-	1024 to 1022
16 May 1935	-	1022 to 1025	23 May 1935	-	1025 to 1024

On the 28 May 1935 the Post Office Department suggested that the meters be replaced but the Postage Meter Co. stalled until the newer Model J became available in early 1936.

There were only two users, both with townmarks reading TORONTO ONTARIO, The Canadian Bank of Commerce using 1021 (with small townmark) and 1024 and Lever Bros. Ltd using 1022, 1023 and 1025. The second users machine was also replaced with a Model J in late 1936.

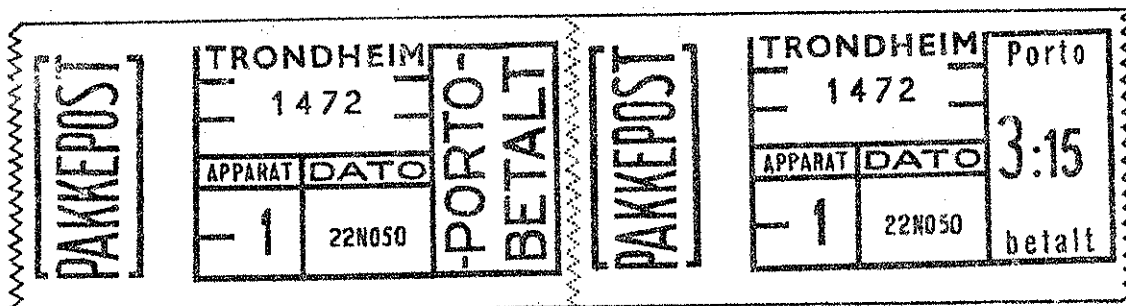
The dates of use appear to be from SEP 14 '33 to OCT 16 '36

(Editors note : These appear to be the only MV machines manufactured by Franco A.G.)

"TIM" ABROAD.

In recent issues of the bulletin we have listed the machines used for Parcel Post in Great Britain manufactured by Ticket Issuing Machines Ltd. A similar machine, LV 12 and producing a label of similar design and size was also given trials in New Zealand in 1950 but was not adopted, one of the reasons being that parcel rates were changing and there were thus difficulties in arranging for new values on an imported machine. Some machines again were used in Eire, these are noted in our catalogue.

The Barfoot-Simon catalogue lists and illustrates another type of machine from the same manufacturer issuing a much larger label in two parts, one as a receipt. We show a specimen taken from an advertising leaflet, full size, of one that was actually used in Norway from 16 Jan 1950 to 14 Apr 1950 and then returned to the makers.



This is in fact a "TIM 8" and although described as a Fixed Value (FV) model in the catalogue is in fact a 3-bank MV with the final digit capable of 0 or 5 only, thus giving a range from 0.05 to 9.95 in steps of 0.05 (plus of course a completely zero value of 0.00)

We have recently been in touch with a correspondent in Trinidad who is compiling a history of meters there (we will let members have publication details as soon as we have them) and were surprised to hear that four of these machines were supplied to the Post Office in Trinidad in 1957 and 1958, again for parcel post.

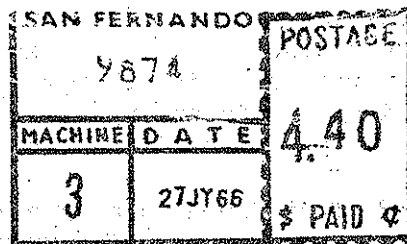
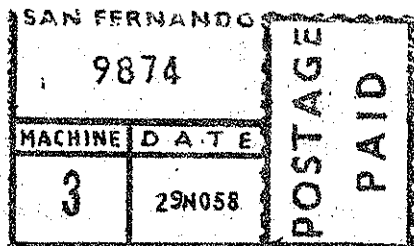
They were numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. Number 1 was inscribed Port-of-Spain, 2 and 3 San Fernando and 4 Scarborough and again we show a specimen (note that there are two different dates on this, presumably each would have had to be set separately), and that the right hand portion on these is slightly smaller than the other part.

We look forward to further details of this interesting "discovery".

(the illustration of the Trinidad machine is on the next page)

"TIM" Abroad (Contd)

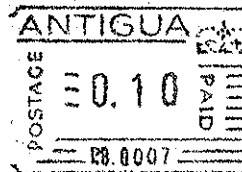
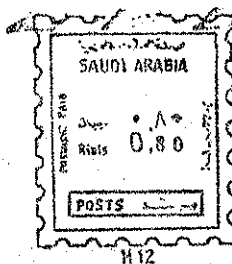
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO  
PARCEL POST



TWO NEW COUNTRIES.

Many years ago, in bulletin number 65, we reported that meters were under consideration in Saudi Arabia, following the successful introduction of cancelling machines there.

A favourable decision must have been made at last, as Mr Woodward-Clarke shows us this Hasler, with a very unusual double townmark to cater for the two forms of date.



He also shows us these two from Antigua, a Roneo-Neopost Model 305 and a Pitney Bowes Model 6300, our first reports from this country.

and just in case members feel that there is not much else new to report regarding meters except new designs from various countries we have

A NEW MAKER ?  
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Werner Simon shows us this Japanese made machine, we do not know anything regarding the manufacturer.

He tells us that he believes it to be coin-operated and so probably a Post Office one.

It might be worth while recalling the fact that recent trials in the USA for meters among other things and in Great Britain for many odd uses other than postage have involved machines that can "read" and if necessary give change for notes instead of or as well as coins, and in these days of inflation and ever increasing postage rates it would seem almost a necessity that any new machine would have this capability.

G. B. NOTES.  
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"Highest Numbers" (we put this first this time only to fit it in). As we always do we thank our reporters, amongst whom are Mr Blakeston, Mr Stelfox, Mr Woodward-Clarke and Mr Bogue. The latest state is as follows :

Hasler HGB \*1244 \*2018 \*3052 4018 \*5035 \*6023

HAS 1160 \*2001 \*3005 \*4003 \*6009 \*7003 \*8003

Francotyp

\*AC.A76

Singer

\*G.1097

Pitney Bowes

\*PBA 99 G PBL 859 U (ii) \*PBC 045 A PBC 0017 (iii)

\*PBR 045 A

\*PBS 15 J

PBT 1241 L (iv)

PBR 649 A

\*PBS 434 P

PBR 166 F

Roneo-Neopost

J 359 K (i)

\*N 689 M

\*NX 863

W 36 C

RM 2901

RR 1103

TN 453

(i) We have not seen suffix "J", "I" was probably not used.

(ii) Not far to go on three digits - look out for four digits as Series 5000 !

(iii) We repeat this as we do not know where it fits in.

(iv) We have not seen suffix "K".

\* indicates no change since our last report.

(some of these series seem almost dormant lately, can members make a special check in time for the next bulletin, we may be able to drop recording some).

G. B. Notes (Contd)

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. When we noted the use of a P prefix (following JZ---- and preceding J---A etc and only running from P 1 to P 869) we also mentioned that at about this time the local government in Northern Ireland had purchased 25 of these machines. George Stelfox tells us that he has specimens from 18 "P" machines in Northern Ireland and of these at least 13 are used by the Housing Executive there.

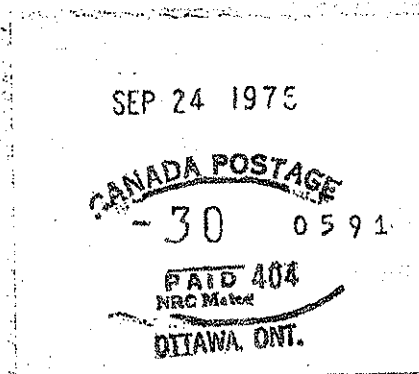
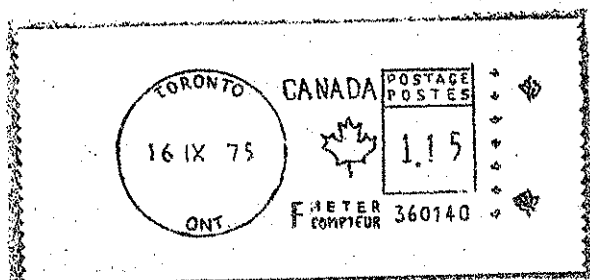
We did suggest that the P dies were being gradually withdrawn, P 632 (Kilkeena, Newry, Co. Down) and P 635 (Belfast) were still using the dies in February 1976.

Pitney Bowes Model RT. We mentioned in the last bulletin that we had seen several machines with an "F" suffix. Mr Blakeston reports also PBR 100 F and PBR 118 F - we have for the moment included this suffix in our reports of "highest numbers".

Isle of Man. Michel de Wailly shows us the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 with number as PBL 813 J (in GB series, as other types) and in a design similar to the Series 5000. Used from Douglas 18.12.75

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

===== With, as always, our thanks to those members who have sent us reports, where appropriate we have indicated them with their initials. As promised last time, we carry on from the "C's".

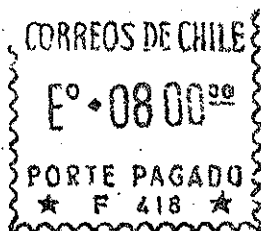


CANADA. We show the Maple-Leaf design for the Friden and an NCR machine used for parcel post without the fancy ornaments at each side of the Canada Postage and the bottom corners. The print is in black with the value line in violet, orange paper. Note that the prefix is NRC instead of NCR !!

Mr Lapham also shows us an additional value of .14 on an old Pitney Bowes Model CV, B/S Type 42. This is still using one of the old hand-cut townmark dies first introduced some 50 years ago.

Ross Irwin tells us that all Canadian machines must now use the special fluorescent ink that will activate automatic sorting machines.

Notes and News from other countries (Contd)

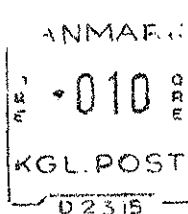


CHILE. The Francotyp with two small additional zeros at the right of the value (ESL)

CYPRUS. Mr Woodward-Clarke shows us the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 in a horizontal design used from Nicosia on 24.3.76, value as w001. Does anyone know what is happening with meters in that part of the island controlled by the Turkish Post Office ?

DENMARK. Michel de Wailly shows us a Hasler (B 1425) with the figures of value 5-bank, as \*0001 used on 28.10.75

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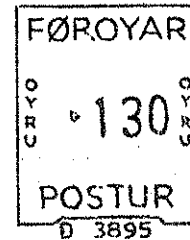
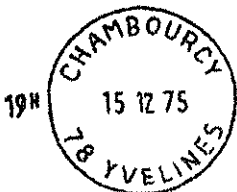
We illustrate, thanks to Mr Woodward-Clarke, the machine used at Copenhagen for underpaid foreign mail noted in Bulletin 93.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Pitney Bowes Model R number M.F.N<sup>o</sup> 101 has the townmark inscribed SANTA DOMINGO instead of SANTO

FRANCE. When Postalia machines were first introduced they were numbered with a T prefix, the four-bank running from T1001-T3000 (the three-bank machines used T3001 upwards). Having reached 3000 they then used T1 to T1000 and they are now using a series starting at T60000 - the size of the T and the number has been varied, being larger now. Mr Lapham shows us T-60063. The 3-bank machines also have a new series, he shows us TW-12316.

Notes and News from other countries (Contd) - France.

Michel de Wailly shows us this new prefix, KX, on a Post Office machine. The number, in two parts, looks as if it is arranged in the same way as some other makes with the 78 being the department number and the 133 the machine number. Note that the time is (? for the first time) to the left of the TM.

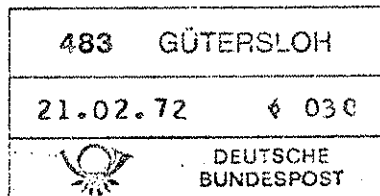


FAROE ISLANDS. We now show the definitive design. Mr R. L. Woodward-Clarke confirms that the machine previously used by this licensee in the normal Danish design had the same number (as well as the same townmark and slogan).

GERMANY. Werner Simon tells us that he has one of the Roneo-Neopost machines (it has a Neopost slogan) with a GEBUHR BEZAHLT slug between the townmark and the frank.

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WARENSENDUNG



In Bulletin 112 (XIV/3) we mentioned a system with a computer-linked meter. Werner Simon shows us this example. It will be seen that the computer printed information is contained in one line, "WARENSENDUNG" (Merchandise), the date, small posthorn device and value.

The remainder of the impression has been pre-printed, in this case as an address label, and the name and address of the consignee has also been printed by the computer.



Notes and News from other countries (Contd)

ITALY. The Pitney Bowes Series 5000 in a slightly simplified frame design (sans serif letters and smaller ornaments at the sides) (MdeW)

BANCA  
INDUSTRIALE  
GALLARATESE  
GALLARATE



PB 5000 OR 12255 0



HONG KONG. Mr Lapham shows us the Pitney Bowes Model R.

We are not sure how many "towns" there are in the territory, the great majority of machines have Victoria, but we have seen Kai Tak Airport and Mongkok. Mr Millar shows us Yau Yat Tsuen (N 330) and Sha Tin (P.B.6038) and the one from Mr Lapham above is Beaconsfield House. There may in any case have been some changes as Mr Millar also shows us N 002 which we had already reported as from Kowloon.

ICELAND. Pitney Bowes Model 6300, design similar to Series 5000 but number, (PB 138) now included in the frame, used 17.7.75 (ESL)

INDIA. Jan Dekker shows us an impression from one of the "K" machines - we still do not know the maker of these - which is inscribed "SERVICE / POSTAGE INDIA" in two lines at the top, an unengraved rectangle at the bottom left, the usual Wheel of Asoka at the bottom and a "K" at the bottom right. Value as 2.00 and used on 13 VIII 75

Additional values from Mr Lapham for the Neopost LV, our Type 10.1, are the 0.55, 1.80 and 5.00

He also shows us a value of 0.85 on the Stampmaster Type 15.2 and this suggests that a new standard range of values is in use.

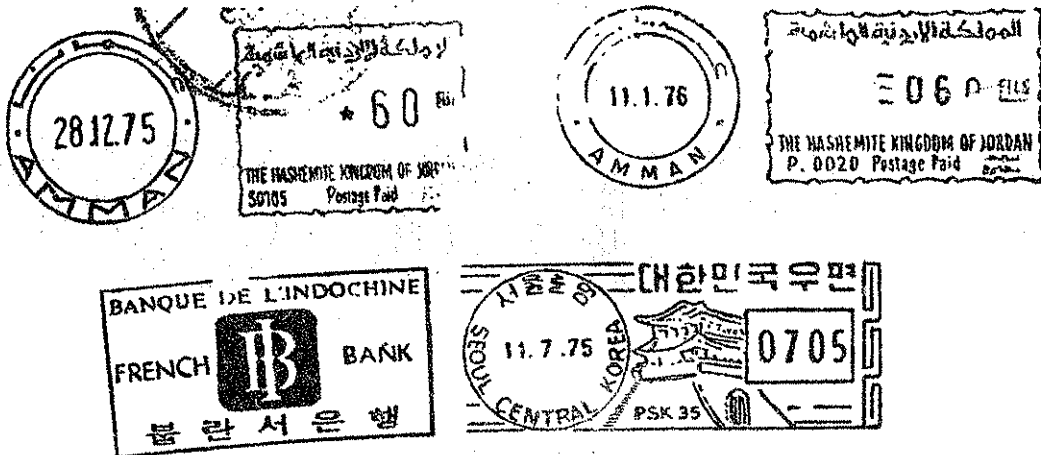
INDONESIA. Michel de Wailly shows us the Pitney Bowes Series 5000. Fitted with a rectangular "perforated frame" design with REPUBLIK INDONESIA at top, value as w001 and a tine "Rp" at the bottom right. Double-circle townmark with JAKARTA at top and 3 "Swiss style" crosses at the bottom. Numbered P.B.057 between townmark and frank and slogan of private user at left.

IRAQ. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 seen used on -2.7.75 with an unengraved townmark and a solid block (? instead of number) at bottom of frank. Usual style of design with REPUBLIC OF IRAQ at bottom. (ESL)

JORDAN. The Satas and the Pitney Bowes Model 6300, both from Mr Woodward-Clarke, the latter looks as if it is numbered in the same series as the Pitney Bowes Series 5000 machines.

(Illustrations for these two overleaf)

Notes and News from other countries (Contd) - Jordan.



KOREA (SOUTH) A new prefix, PSK, appears on this Postalia impression shown us by Michel de Wailly. The four figures of value are in the normal size compared with KP 118 we reported in Bulletin 109 (XIII/68)

LUXEMBOURG. We have illustrated both the Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 and the Model 6300 and both of these show the final, fixed, zero of the value well into the design of the frame. Michel de Wailly shows us a Series 5000, P.B.526 which has the final zero replaced by a solid block. Used on 13.2.75

MALTA. Heiner Durst shows us the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 in decimal currency with figures of value as 00.1 NE 3 used on 16 VI 75 from Valetta.

MARCCO. Satas Model R in a French-type design with Arabic name over Maroc and the value as \*001 (MdeW)

MAURITIUS. Werner Simon records two extra values for the Simplex, 0.60 and the 1.20 and Mr Woodward-Clarke shows us the Roneo-Neopost Model 505, with figures of value as 00.01 and numbered RN 2

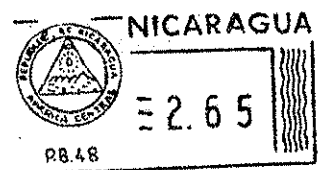
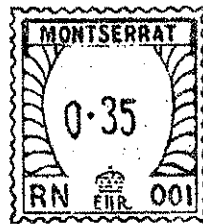
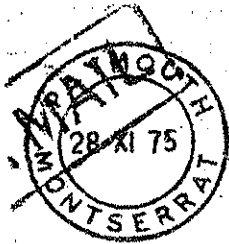
MEXICO. We have already mentioned that Pitney Bowes machines now have a "I" in front of the number, Werner Simon tells us that Postalia now have a "5".

NETHERLANDS. Michel de Wailly shows us the Krag used on 18.8.75 in the design we showed in Bulletin 110 (XIII/79). This is numbered KR 126 and has "SPUL 10A" instead of "POSTBUS --" between the horizontal lines below the "3/4 townmark".

NEW HEBRIDES. An additional Satas machine reported by Michel de Wailly is the SP (SP 100)

Notes and News from other countries (Contd)

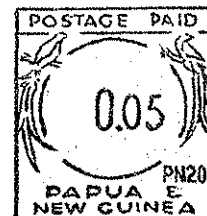
MONTSERRAT. We illustrated in our last report a mutilated Barbados die, RN 82, and noted that a definitive design had been introduced but not seen. Mr Woodward-Clarke now shows us this.



NICARAGUA. Pitney Bowes Series 5000 with a square townmark, Ernst Muhr thinks that this is a Post Office machine.

NIGERIA. The Automax has appeared in a horizontal design with palm trees at the sides. Mr K. B. Millar shows us P.B.A 111 with value as =0.01 used on 21 I 74

PANAMA. Mr Lapham shows us the Postalia, P46973 - this sounds like a machine number - used on 7.IV.75 in a design of double-circle townmark with horizontal lines, tower in centre and value at right, all enclosed in a rectangular frame. The value is actually shows as B/. 01.6 and he suggests that the decimal point seems to be misplaced one digit to the right.

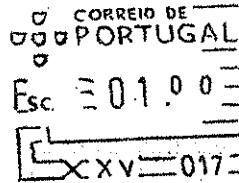
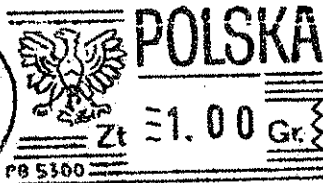
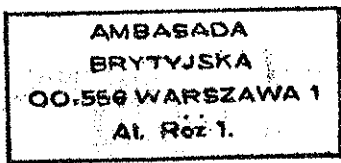


PAPUA NEW GUINEA. We mentioned the Simplex in decimal currency recently. Werner Simon tells us that he has PN 1, 12 and 18 with £sd currency and that an Automax also exists in £sd with the same design of a rectangle with Birds of Paradise at left and right - we had previously only recorded the Automax in an "Australian Flag" type design with the Bird replacing the Flag.

Reverting to Decimal currency, the Simplex has appeared without the T (for Territory) in the townmark and both he and Mr Lapham report the Automax similarly with values as 0.01 (PN 28), 0.01 (PN 20) and =0.01 (PN 21).

Notes and News from other countries (Contd)

POLAND. The Pitney Bowes Series 5000. The Model 6300 also exists. (WS)



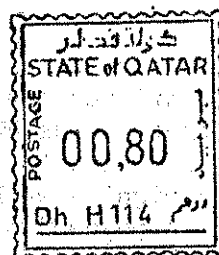
PORTUGAL. Pitney Bowes Model 6300, using an XV prefix and in a more conventional layout. The final zero, from its position in the frame, looks as if it is fixed. (MdeW)

REUNION. In addition to the Satas SJ, Michel de Wailly shows us SR 9823 and reports the SP, all of course in the normal "Republique Francaise" design for this overseas department.

He also tells us that since July 1975 the letters "CFA" have been removed from the machines used there. They represented a special form of currency.

SUDAN. Universal MV number U 22 was being used with a blank double-circle townmark on 13 I 76, it is actually at Khartoum. (Jan Dekker)

QATAR. Hasler, from Mr Woodward-Clarke. Is this the first entry for this manufacturer into the fast growing middle eastern area?

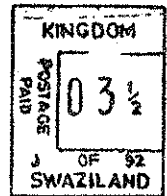
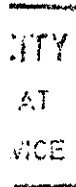


Notes and News from other countries (Contd)

ROUMANIA. C.A.M.P. machines in use, usual style of design with POSTA ROMANA in two lines at the top, value as \*001 and LEI at the bottom. Number at bottom of townmark 1001 and time between townmark and frank. Seen used from Bucuresti 1 on 23 03 68 (ESL)

SIERRA LEONE. Michel de Wailly shows us a Roneo-Neopost Model 305 with an unengraved townmark and an unengraved rectangle at bottom right instead of a number. The user has a slogan from Freetown. Figures of value 0.01=

ST. KITTS, NEVIS, ANGUILLA. This Roneo-Neopost Model 305 has the first name of the territory as "St. Christopher" instead of "St. Kitts" previously noted on the Model 205. We are not sure which one is actually correct as it will be seen that the townmark on this shows "St. Kitts" as does the return address on the cover. (R. L. Woodward-Clarke).



SWAZILAND. This, from Werner Simon, appears to be yet another version of the Roneo-Neopost Model 205. First of all we had a plain SWAZILAND on J 279 (probably in the South African series), then plain design with KINGDOM OF / SWAZILAND and POSTAGE PAID at top and numbered with N prefix, now this with POSTAGE PAID at the side and a J prefix but much lower number.

SWITZERLAND. The Frama has appeared with a smaller die in the new design (posthorns at bottom corners) measuring 32 x 24 mm.

What may be the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 has a small frank in the same design, figures of value level with the date as 00. 01 (space between the decimal point and the third digit) and number enclosed within frame. Arabic month figures in the date.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. Roneo-Neopost Model 505, numbered RV 9, figures of value as 00.01 and used on 12 IV 76 from Port of Spain (Mr R. L. Woodward-Clarke)

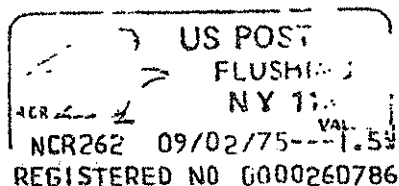
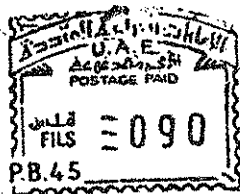
TUNISIA. Michel de Wailly reports the Satas Model J.

Notes and News from other countries (Contd)

TAIWAN. In Bulletin 112 (XIV/9) we noted the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 with figures of value w01.o

Mr Lapham shows us two more, A.1141 and A.1149 and from these it is apparent that the value is in fact w00.i (in other words the last figure is not a fixed zero). He also points out that the dies must be individually engraved as there are quite distinct differences in the details.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. This is the first machine we have seen with a definitive die for this "new country", so far we do not know whether it was originally fitted with a Dubai die. (R. L. Woodward-Clarke). Mr Lapham also shows us a similar one.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The NCR Post Office machines when used for Registered Mail have an additional line of information. (ESL)

VATICAN. The Barfoot-Simon catalogue shows the introductory date for meters as 1934 but Karl Topf tells us that the only one he has is dated a year earlier, in 1933.

VIET NAM. Michel de Wailly shows us a recent impression from Satas S 5005 (dated 19 11 75) and this has had the townmark lettering altered from the old SAIGON/VIET NAM to read VIET NAM at the top with stars at each end and TRANH-PHO HO-CHI-MINH I at the bottom, following the change of name of the former capital of the southern part of this country. The value now has only VN preceding it (the  $\phi$  has been removed) and an X (? for Xu) afterwards.

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That is as far as we can go with this issue, so we will continue again next time with the remainder of the "U's" and then start the alphabet again.

The little space remaining does give us an opportunity to remind our members that what we print as news in the Bulletin depends on what you tell us about, keep the reports coming in, even if you have to wait a little time to see them appear in these pages it helps us when we have reports from more than one source to unravel some of the little mysteries that seem to crop up.

Next issue will be in September.