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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Membership. We are sorry to record the death earlier this year, at the age of only 26, of Ian Donald, Hove, East Sussex.

Tim Richards tells us that he has had to give up meter collecting so he has resigned from the Group.

We welcome two new members with this issue :-

- (271) Mr Albert Spencer, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305, U.S.A.
(272) Mr Richard W. Stinchcomb, 216 Pinewood Trail, Trumbull, CT 06611, USA.

and have one change of postcode to report,

Jan Dekker, now, Plantage Parklaan 11, Amsterdam, NL 1018 ST, NETHERLANDS.

Wants and Offers. Mr A. Spencer, address as above, wants slogans with any connection with Shakespeare, Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner, etc. from all countries.

Mr Wim Bosman, Zoeterwouda, Loethe 3, 2381 BK, Netherlands, is looking for meters and/or meter slogans with connections with either cricket as a sport or with the word "Mill" - the latter includes windmills and the like as well as places with mill in the name. He offers Dutch material for exchange.

CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP IN GERMANY

In a letter to Henry Durst of the 3rd May 1978 Francotyp GmbH in Berlin tell him (we have altered the wording slightly) :-

"Since the 1st April 1977 both ourselves and Postalia are 100% owned by Deutsche Telefonwerke in Berlin, which is part of Bergmann-Electricitats-Werke, of which a substantial part is owned by the Siemens-Werke".

WE naturally wonder if in the future we may see some coming together of the two manufacturers and even a rationalisation of products.

There are Names and Names !
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Mr Lapham recently sent us an example from Hasler 2324 which has, above the JAPAN the name of the town in six Japanese characters and in European letters as FUKUOKAHAKOZAKIMATUBARA (a total of 23 letters). He wonders if anyone knows of a longer one-word name on a meter, mind, there would have been some difficulty in showing a space between the letters given the total available on the frank.

CONTINUED GROWTH OF METERS
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Although in fact only referring to one manufacturer, the continued growth in the use of meters can be seen from the fact that in their report for 1977 Pitney Bowes note an increase in the number of postage meters in service in the USA, Canada and the UK from 783,573 to 825,571 or about 5%

G. B. NOTES.

..... In fact, we do not have any notes regarding individual machines, so will go straight on to our usual

"Highest Numbers" Thanks to reports from among others Messrs Stelfox, Wood, Lapham and Blakeston we now have :- (" means no advance)

Hasler HGB 1330 "2019 "3058 "4025 "5040 "6031 "7005
HAS 1229 "2019 "3018 "4011 "5011 "6012 "7007 "8003

Francotyp "AC.A 40 Singer Model 410/420 "G.0697
Model 9010/9020 "G.1099

Pitney Bowes PBL 1425 B "PBR 744 A PBT 1821 T
"PBR 018 G

Roneo-Neopost "J 660 M "W 93 C TN 566
"N 693 M "NX 996 RR 11438
2N 648 H "PX-40 (i) RR 23151

(i) We wonder if the PX series is a continuation of NX when the latter reached NX 999 ? If so it would seem logical ! to omit OX, use PX and at some later stage go on to QX, RX etc.

IRISH NOTES
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"Highest Numbers" We have occasionally in the past mentioned various groups but have never recorded the highest numbers seen in Eire on a regular basis as we have done for Great Britain. The position is of course slightly complicated (as it is somewhat in reverse) by the fact that some series are common to both countries.

Irish Notes (Contd)

George Stelfox has recently given us his complete up to date list and we hope to bring it up to date from time to time - if you do have a source of Eire meters keep a note of them for us.

(a) For the series common with Great Britain, the Pitney Bowes, he has

PBA 094 G	PBL 145 Z	PBR 674 A
	PBS 072 J	PBT 1861 K
	PBS 035 S	

- there is probably no movement in the "S" suffix, remember one forward from A for new machines and one backward from Z for conversions.

(b) For the exclusive Irish prefixes, Roneo-Neopost, he has :-

Model 205	-	NP 1263	
Model 305	-	NV 540	
Model 505	-	RV 248	and RV 1070
LV and/or Model 105	-	N 1218	and N 3031

He remarks that the Model 505 and the LV/105 seem to each have two distinct groups. With the former it may be that the 1000 plus numbers were introduced to show the different types of base as in GB but with the latter we cannot see any obvious reason. We do not seem to have seen the Model 2205. Back in the north now, one group we never saw many of was the "P" prefix. Mr Stelfox, at 38 Annadale Avenue, BELFAST BT7 3JJ can let members have one - Stamped Addressed Envelope or IRC please !

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES


..... We are starting this time at the letter "Y" and then beginning the alphabet again at "A". Our thanks go of course to our faithful reporters.

YUGOSLAVIA.

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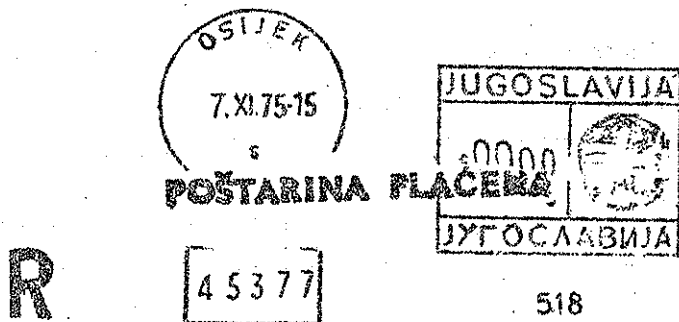
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Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd) - Yugoslavia.



(On page 45) Hasler 114 used for Registered Post, note that this has the time included with the date (ESL)

Another machine, 518 (? make) comes from Mr K. B. Millar, in this case on a cover with no other indication of postage having been paid except the handstamped POSTARINA PLACENA (Postage Paid), but another similar one, 511, was used over the required value in adhesive stamps. Both have zero value.

Mr Millar also shows us a series of covers franked with normal machines covering most of the types we have recorded in recent years. One fact which becomes apparent is that whereas in the past the name of the town was often shown in both Roman and Cyrillic letters in the townmark - the name of the country also appears in most cases in both on the frank - when a postcode is included at the bottom of the townmark circle the name of the town is only shown in Roman letters.

The whole business of multi-lingual townmarks and franks is becoming complicated though, because Mr Lapham shows us one with PRISHTINE-PRISTINA at the top of the town circle, 38001 at the bottom (all Roman letters) and JUGOSLLAVIA (possibly Slovenian) and JUGOSLAVIJA (? Croatian) at the top and bottom of the frank, again all in Roman letters. Even the slogan on this Postalia is bi-lingual when it was used in 1976.

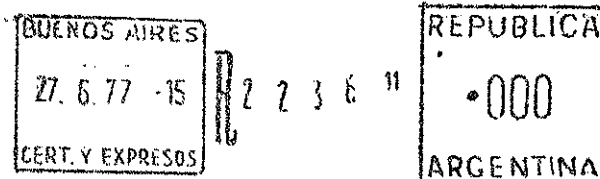
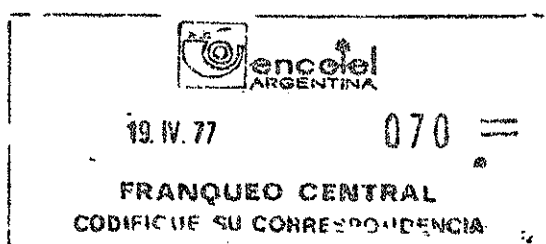
Frama, in the design with the PTT symbol at the right (in this case it is much smaller). Value as 00,01 from Belgrade on 03.11.77 (ESL)

ABU DHABI. Michel de Wailly shows us a Pitney Bowes Series 5000 but now inscribed United Arab Emirates, so presumably Abu Dhabi is, as far as meters are concerned, a "dead" country.

AFFARS & ISSAS. Just before it disappeared to become Djibouti - see later on - we can report the Satas PO machine SP 3005 with time between townmark and frank. Actually used as long ago as 12 9 72 (ESL)

ALGERIA. Michel de Wailly shows us a C.A.M.P. machine, usual French style design with ALGERIE at the bottom, value as *001 and time between frank and single-circle townmark. This was actually used by the philatelic section of the Posts and Telecommunications.

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd)



CERTAEREA

ARGENTINA. Michel de Wailly and Ernst Muhr show us new style impressions with a new "Encotel" inscription and logo on them, together with "Franqueo Central" etc. Ernst tells us that Encotel is the new name for the Posts/Telephone Corporation but we are not sure why central franking.

Another group of machines which seem to come in an almost endless series of varieties is the Francotyp TME's, mostly used for Registered Post.

This one, from Ernst Muhr, has no "machine number" or initial letter at the left of the frank, nor any gap in the frame.

Two recent impressions from the Hasler "Female Head" design, again from Ernst Muhr, have no "Ley No" and the left hand side of the frank frame is made up of a \$ sign and two stylised cross ornaments. 889 on 6.VII 77 had value as 0000oi (or 0000io) and 707 on 20.VII.77 had value as 0,000= (there is no trace of any = at the right on either) but, a recent Roneo-Neopost Model 505, N 137 on 8 VII 77 had the value as 0000:=-

Yet another version of the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 comes from Mr Lapham, this is still in the design we have shown before but now without any "Ley No" and has the figures of value 4-bank, probably 0010 (with fixed zero at the right). The particular one he shows us is N 1578 used on the 31 III 77

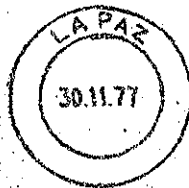
A Postalia, Permiso 368, used on -6.VI.77 has the "Ley No" and a value as 0001.= (the zero is centrally spaced and the = raised and so far to the right that it may be fixed to the frame). Presumably this is also one of the group with the value ending with = that we have mentioned.

A Francotyp in the old B/S Type 6 - Franqueo Pagado Permiso 130 used in May 1977 - has no "Ley No" but the value z0001+ (i.e. in this case with a single - over a stop.

AUSTRALIA. As long ago as the end of 1976 the "Meter Bulletin" (Australia) reported that in New South Wales the "Department of Railways, NSW" was changing its name to "Public Transport Commission of NSW". Quite a large number of machines are used in Australia for prepayment of charges on rail parcels and of course use a distinctive design. New dies will only appear when replacements are needed or new machines introduced.

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd)

AUSTRIA. We mentioned a 5-bank Postalia with "Schilling" at the bottom instead of "Groschen" as long ago as MSB 93, this one, from Mr Lapham, has the usual post code for a Post Office machine. We assume that the figures of value are 000.10 (i.e. with a fixed zero at the right)



BOLIVIA. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 (ESL)

We showed a Francotyp TME in MSB 120 (XV/7) but for some reason omitted the usual directional slogan beneath the townmark. Ernst Muhr shows us a series of impressions from T01, T02, T05 and T06 and these have CERT. AEREA. There are probably others available apart from the CERTIFICADA already noted. (In fact Ed Lapham has also shown us "CERT. EXPR. AEREA")

BANGLADESH. Michel de Wailly shows us a rather faint impression of a Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000 used from Dacca on 22.7.77 in a design which has ? pillars at each side. Value as w0.01 and double-circle townmark DACCA/G.P.O. so presumably a Post Office machine.

BELGIUM. We do not appear to have ever mentioned the Simplex before. Werner Simon tells us he has S 102 used from Ixelles 3 in 1958 with the value as 250

BERMUDA. Pitney Bowes Model R. Small two part design, single circle townmark at left, perforated frame die at right and number, P.B.1091 between them at the bottom. Used 19 I'77 (ESL) (We wrongly described this as a Series 5000 in MSB 120)

BRUNEI. A Roneo-Neopost Model 505 number RE 197 shown us by Mr Bogue has differences from the NE 68 we showed in MSB 113 (XIV/19). Cents at each side have been replaced by ¢ and ¢ , the name of the country is smaller and the prefix itself is changed.

CAMEROONS. Another machine with the title as "Republique Unie/Du Cameroun" is SR 8221 used from Younde on 22 9 77 (WHB)

CAPE VERDE. We have mentioned a Pitney Bowes (CB) Series 5000 machine but have not recorded the form of the figures of value. From an example of PB 002 shown us by Michel de Wailly it can be seen that the final zero is fixed, giving w00.io

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd)



CANADA. Most machines in Canada show the date in the form of Day, Month, Year, with the month in Roman figures, and this of course removes any of the difficulties that may arise because of the two official languages, English and French. Quebec has in recent years been moving towards the more exclusive use of French and we might eventually find this reflected in their meters but at least one machine, shown us by Ross Irwin was using French for the month in the date as long ago as 1952. This is a variety not listed in his catalogue of Canada.

CHILE. Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 in new currency, with ¢ (one vertical line) before the figures of value w0.01 P.B.282 (all in one line between the frank and the double-circle townmark) used from Santiago on 20.1.77 (ESL)

COMORO ISLANDS. The only report we have ever had from this country was of Satas SJ-9934 with "TERRITOIRE/DES COMORES" at the top of the otherwise usual French-style design.

There was what can be described as "constitutional turmoil" in the islands during 1975 and 1976 and in a report in "Stamp Collecting" (London) Dr Randall Baker notes that Mayotte, one of the islands which disagreed with moves towards independence by the rest of the group, was now using stamps of metropolitan France. He goes on to say that the Satas machine SP 913 which was inscribed "MAYOTTE COMORES" - we have never noted this one - has been replaced by Satas SP 1890 which has MAYOTTE POSTES. The townmark on this latter has "98 Dzaoudzi Mayotte", the 98 being the departmental number. Michel de Wailly shows us this latter, so we have a "new country".

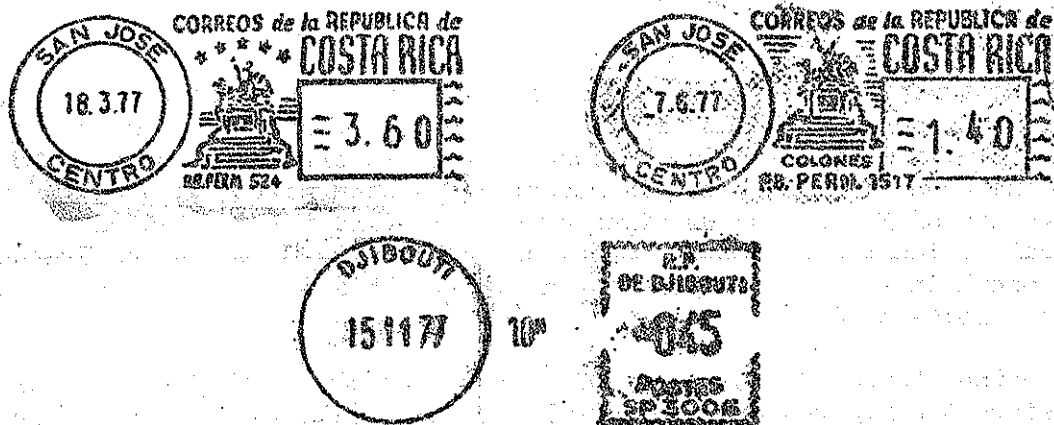


CYPRUS. This ? Satas used for Registration, with in this case a zero value, comes from George Pearson.

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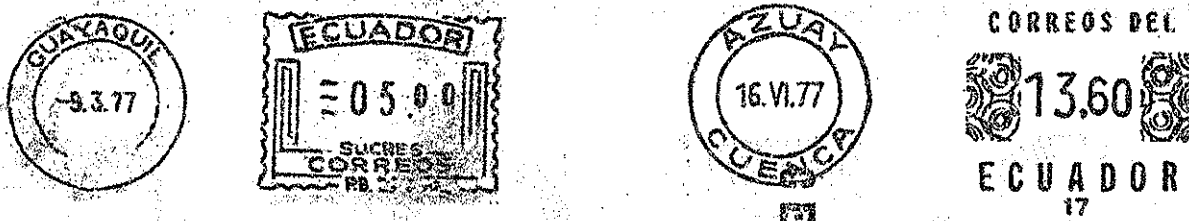
CONGO (KINSHASA) In MSB 117 (XIV/70) we illustrated some Universal MV's, in a plain design. Werner Simon tells us that another similar design has figures of value 5-bank, as 000oi and with the Fr and Ct below the figures.

COSTA RICA. There are two distinct types of the Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000. P.B. Perm 524 has five stars over the monument, as does the (USA) version, whereas 1517 has COLONES underneath instead. (ESL)



DJIBOUTI. Michel de Wailly shows us this Satas from the renamed Territory of Afars and Issas, he also shows us Satas SR 2190 with figures of value as #001 and Satas SC 2054 with value as #001F (i.e. still with "F" at right)

DUBAI. Mr Bogue shows us an impression from Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number N 027 which has just POSTAGE at the bottom instead of RIYALS/POSTAGE.



ECUADOR. Pitney Bowes Model 6300, PB prefix as the Universal MV and Automax have had in the past (ESL). Mr Bogue shows us P.B.203 from Quito.


Attractive design for the Hasler, ? F66 (ESL)

Another arrangement for the value on the Universal MV is 4-bank, as 00oi and still another for the Automax is =00.oi Automax PB 0086 has solid unengraved blocks in the townmark circle at left and right. (WS)

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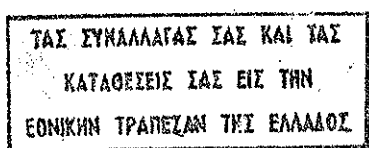
FRANCE. The numbers on Post Office machines continue to show up in changed form including the postal code. Mr J. M. Beard shows us a S.E.C.A.P. with Pl 75724 - i.e. Pl replacing the PR instead of the P3 already recorded.

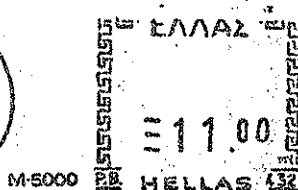
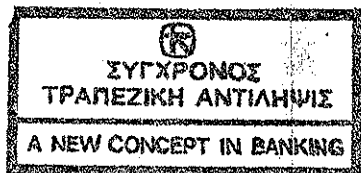
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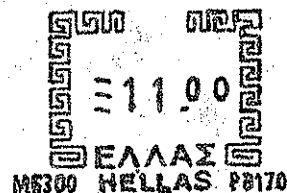


Michel de Wailly sends us this prototype machine on trial at the Post Office at Aubergouville between at least 9 Dec 1976 and 28 Jul 1977. Printed in magenta on a white gummed label it looks exactly like the new Frama machine we have noted recently from Netherlands and Switzerland.

Another impression he shows us is from a previously (to us) unrecorded prefix, SG 00001, usual design with single-circle townmark used from 75 Paris 17 on 20 VI 68, value as #001. He describes it as a unique example of a Satas model.





GREECE. Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 PB 432 with "M-5000" between the frank and the townmark instead of "M-5357" we reported earlier and also the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 now without the Phoenix. (ESL)

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd)

GUATEMALA. Pitney Bowes Model 6300, P.B.6031, used with figures of value 0.01 on 10.1.77 (ESL)

GUYANA. Roneo-Neopost Model 505 numbered RV 001 has now had the EiiR at the bottom replaced by the National Shield. (WHB)

HONG KONG. Thanks to Mr C. Gower of the Hong Kong Study Circle, we have one or two additions to what we have recorded in the past.

Additional values for the Midget are 25c and 75c (both used on M6 in 1941)

Another version of the NCR machine, for which we now know of :-

- (a) "WT. AMOUNT" under value, "POST PAID" over "VICTORIA" at bottom, seen used on JUN 26 1951
- (b) "WT. PAID" under value, "VICTORIA" at bottom, ribbon round country name, seen used on DEC 20 1951.
- (c) Perforated frame added, "THE NATIONAL CASH / REGISTER COMPANY" below the value.
- (d) Inscription at bottom now "THE NATIONAL CASH / REGISTER CO. (H.K.) LTD" - see illustration in MSB 111.



A make we have not seen before is this, the Postalia.

HUNGARY. We have mentioned several design varieties for the Postalia, most recently one with 5 figures of value and with wavy lines at each side of FILLER. Werner Simon tells us that this was in fact the original frank design but that the first machine had figures of value as 001

Mr Bogue shows us the Pitney Bowes Model 6300 used from Budapest on the 30.9.77 Usual style of design but in a "horizontal" form, figures of value, level with the date figures, as w0010 (i.e. fixed zero at right) and with Pt 4 I3 in the townmark. Note that in this case the date is shown in the "western" form of Day, Month, Year.

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(The Bulletin is a couple of pages smaller this time, we still have plenty for the next issue though)