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Two Unique Ballons Montes

By Ernst M. Cohn

If the expression "rather unique" strikes you as being incongruous, the title of this piece must have made you wince. On second thought, however, isn't just about every old cover unique? Nevertheless, these two are unique (ha!) than most others.

The first one (Fig. 1) will look familiar if you have a photographic memory and have seen page 87 of the 1970 CENTEX catalog. It is the stampless cover from the collection of Emile Antonini. What makes it unique? The red oval cachet of the Second Battalion of the Guerillas of Paris, Administrative Council. It is the only guerilla (franc-tireur) cachet known to have been used to obtain military free franking. By a stroke of bad luck, the soldier mailed it on the morning of September 27, when the *Journal Officiel* announced that that privilege had been withdrawn.

The writer of the letter, E. Prost, a quartermaster corporal of the first company, was housed in one of the waiting rooms of the North railway terminal (Gare du Nord). That's where balloon builders Dartois & Yon moved about one month later. Did the guerillas help with balloon building and launching?

The "50" is the Swiss postage-due marking, presumably applied on October 16. Were the Swiss so well informed about the Paris postal regulations for siege mail that they knowingly stamped the due marking on the front of this cover? I am inclined to think that it was done in error, even though it turned out to be proper after all. This statement is not made without some reason: A balloon monté, mailed only three days earlier, was correctly endorsed by ink as a military frank, marked with the French "30" due stamp, which error was then corrected by canceling the "30" with the "1622" lozenge of Gap. If the French were confused on October 18, why not the Swiss on October 16?

I'd like to take the poetic license of ascribing the cover to balloon No. 12, the "William Tell," because it was addressed to Vevey in Switzerland. Unfortunately, the real balloon is indeterminate.

The other unique cover (Fig. 2) dates from December 30, according to

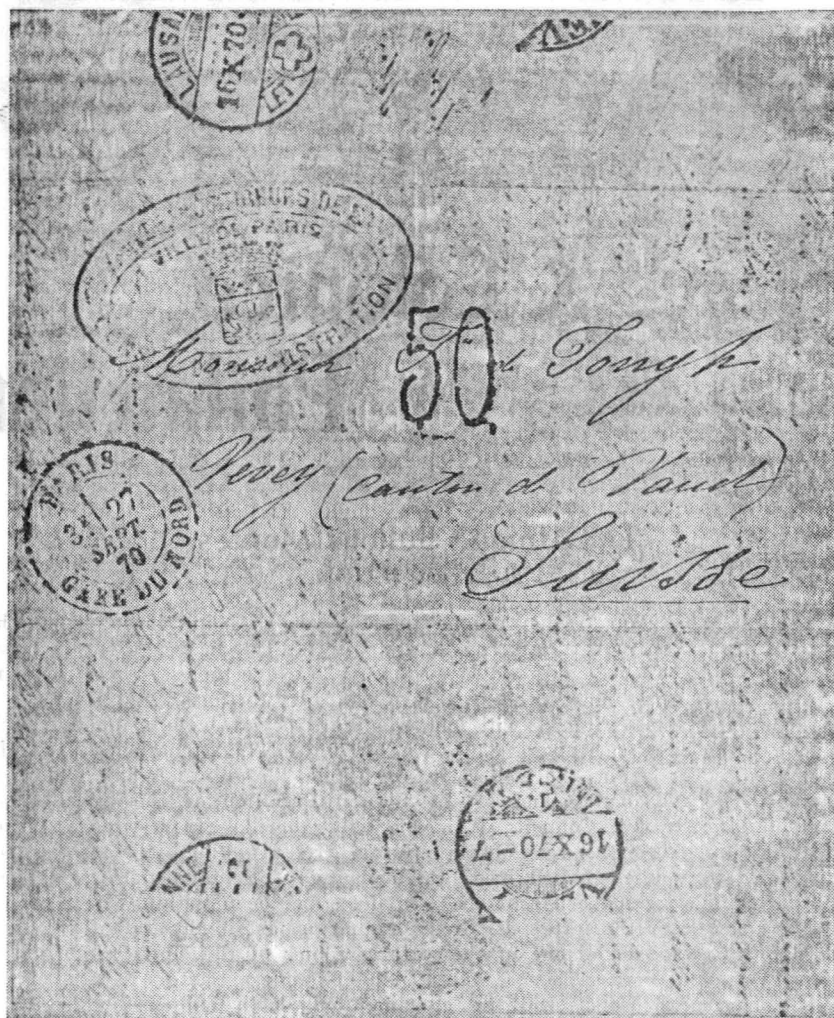


Fig. 1

the handwritten date and the red Paris SC postmark. It is the only SC cover known without a stamp, excepting crash mail, of course. It must owe its existence to some sort of oversight. Hubert Cappart has advanced the following hypothesis, which appears quite plausible: Some V.I.P., perhaps a minister, took a bundle of letters to the SC window at the main P. O., rue Jean Jacques Rousseau. One of the letters had remained unfranked by mistake. The postman who applied the SC stamp did not dare put a postage-due mark on it because of the importance of the personage who had handed in that mail. In transit and upon arrival, nothing was changed by any of the postmen, because a red postmark indicates official or registered mail in France. And so it slipped through free.

The balloon that took this letter was most likely the "Armée de la Loire," which left Paris on December 31. There remains a small but finite possibility



Fig. 2

that the cover missed that balloon and went via the "Newton." The Bordeaux à Irun train marking of January 6 is perhaps barely compatible with the second of those balloons. Here again, the statement is based on some known prece-

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dent: Though SC mail, particularly, was claimed always to have been forwarded by the very next mail balloon, at least one provable exception has been uncovered thus far—some SC mail that could have been flown out via "Ville d'Orléans" ended up in the Bryher Mail of the "Jacquard," as described in "Nine Days in the Siege of Paris," by Cohn and Cappart (The Airpost Journal, Vol. 45, No. 7 and 8, April and May 1974).

Oh well, mistakes will happen.

The Regular Issues of France Since 1876

By Stanley J. Luft (#915)

(continued from FCP #154, p. 90)

X. The Fourth Republic: New designs of 1945 for lower denomination stamps

A. The "Broken Chains" issue of 1945-1947

Scott type A145: Designed by Arnaud, engraved by Cortot.

10c

The 10c black-brown (Scott 524, Yvert 670) was issued 3 March 1945, to replace the 10c Mercures (Sc 455 and 499, Yv 546 and 657) and the provisional Coq (Sc 477, Yv 630) and Arch of Triumph (Sc 2N2, Yv 621).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 5 Jan. 1942) as pairs=20c:

Newspapers, from 50 to 100 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, to 50 gm, non-bulk rate

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

*Newspapers, increments of 50 gm, between 100 and 200 gm, bulk rate;

*Newspapers, to 50 gm, bulk rate within Department of origin.

Printed in sheets from 2 plates, 5 Feb. 1945-4 March 1946; issued 3 March 1945-23 Aug. 1947; about 116.33 million stamps printed.

Used concurrently with the 10c Marianne of Dulac (Sc 505, Yv 632) and Arms of Corsica (Sc 562, Yv 755) and eventually replaced by the latter beginning in late June of 1946.

30c

The 30c green (Sc 525, Yv 671) was issued 3 March, 1945, replacing such 30c values as the Mercures (Sc 456 and 500, Yv 547 and 658) and the Coq d'Alger (Sc 477, Yv 630).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 5 Jan. 1942):

*Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, to 50 gm, non-bulk rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

*Newspapers, from 150 to 200 gm, bulk rate within Department of origin;

*Daily newspapers, to 50 gm, non-bulk rate;

*Newspapers, increments of 50 gm between 100 and 200 gm; and of 100 gm, above 200 gm, "ordinary" (individual) rate.

Printed in sheets from 1 plate between 6 Feb. 1945 and 17 April 1946; issued 3 March 1945-23 Aug. 1947; about 68.15 million stamps printed.

Used concurrently with the 30c Marianne of Dulac (Sc 505, Yv 682) and Arms of Alsace (Sc 563, Yv 756) and eventually replaced by the latter beginning in late June of 1946.

40c

The 40c rose-lilac (Sc 526, Yv 672) was issued 1 Feb. 1945, replacing the 40c

Mercurus (Sc 457 and 501, Yv 548 and 659) and the Coq d'Alger (Sc 479, Yv 632).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 5 Jan. 1942):

*Newspapers, to 50 gm, individual rate;

*Newspapers, from 150 to 200 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 50 to 100 gm, non-bulk rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

*#Newspapers, from 50 to 100 gm, bulk rate;

*#Newspapers, from 200 to 300 gm, bulk rate within Department or origin;

#Newspapers, from 100 to 200 gm, non-bulk rate within Department of origin.

Printed in sheets from 1 plate, 28 Dec. 1944-17 Jan. 1945; issued 31 Jan. 1945-11 May 1946; about 21.7 million stamps printed.

Used concurrently with the 40c Marianne of Dulac (Sc 507, Yv 684), and suppressed 11 May 1946.

50c

The 50c deep violet (Sc 527, Yv 673) was issued 12 Feb. 1945, replacing the 50c Mercurus (Sc 458 and 502, Yv 549 and 660) and Coq d'Alger (Sc 480, Yv 633).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 5 Jan. 1942):

Printed matter, to 20 gm (until 28 Feb. 1945);

Newspapers, from 200 to 300 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 50 to 100 gm, individual rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

*Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, to 50 gm, non-bulk rate.

Printed in sheets from 3 plates, 9 Jan. 1945-1 March 1946; issued 12 Feb. 1945-3 July 1947?; 234.84 million stamps printed.

Used concurrently with the 50c Marianne of Dulac (Sc 508, Yv 685) and Arms of Lorraine (Sc 564, Yv 757) and eventually replaced by the latter beginning in the summer of 1946.

B. The Cérès de Mazelin Issues of 1945-1949

Scott type A146: designed by Charles Mazelin, engraved by Cortot

60c

The 60c ultramarine (Sc 528, Yv 674) was issued 19 Feb. 1945, replacing the 60c Marianne d'Alger (Sc 481, Yv 634).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 5 Jan. 1942):

#Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm, individual rate;

Postal cards and visiting cards "of 5 words" (until 28 Feb. 1945).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 March 1945):

*Printed matter, to 10 gm, special bulk rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

*Newspapers, from 150 to 200 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, to 50 gm, individual rate.

Printed in sheets from 2 plates between 30 Jan. 1945 and 25 Feb. 1946, issued 19 Feb. 1945-3 May 1947; precancels (Yv 87), for the special bulk rate, printed from the first plate between 8 March and 15 Nov. 1945, issued April-Dec. 1945; about 29.5 million stamps printed.

Precancels rendered obsolete by Tariff of 1 Jan. 1946 and retired from sale.

Ordinary stamps used concurrently with the 60c Marianne of Dulac (Sc 509, Yv 686) and Arms of Nice (Sc 565, Yv 758) and eventually replaced by the latter beginning in late June of 1946.

80c

The 80c bright green (Sc 530, Yv 675) was issued 12 Feb. 1945, replacing such 80c values as the yellow-green Iris (Sc 376, Yv 649) and Marianne d'Alger (Sc 483, Yv 636).

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Feb. 1942) (until 28 Feb. 1945 only):

Printed matter, per 50 gm (printed in UPU green);

Visiting cards.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 5 Jan. 1942):

#Newspapers, from 200 to 300 gm, individual rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 March 1945):

*Printed matter, to 20 gm (until 31 Dec. 1945).

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

*Newspapers, from 200 to 300 gm, bulk rate;

Newspapers, from 100 to 150 gm; non-bulk rate.

Printed in sheets from 2 plates, 8 Feb.-13 Dec. 1945, issued 12 Feb. 1945-23 Aug. 1947; precancels (Yv 88) printed from first plate 23-24 March 1945, issued April-Dec. 1945; 88.63 million stamps printed.

Precancels rendered obsolete by Tariff of 1 Jan. 1946 and retired from sale. Ordinary stamps used concurrently with the 80c Marianne of Dulac (Sc 511, Yv 688), neither of which was replaced by another 80c stamp.

90c

The 90c dull green (Sc 531, Yv Préo 89) was issued only in precancelled form on 11 March 1946.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1946):

*Printed matter, to 10 gm, special bulk rate.

Printed from 1 plate between 18 Feb. and 27 Aug. 1946, issued 11 March-31 Dec. 1946; about 147.8 million stamps printed.

Rendered obsolete by Tariff of 1 Jan. 1947 and suppressed.

1F

The 1F rose-red (Sc 532, Yv 676) was issued 31 Jan. 1945, replacing the 1F turquoise Iris (Sc 379, Yv 650) and Marianne d'Alger (Sc 484, Yv 637). First issued as a complementary value.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 March 1945):

*Postal cards and visiting cards "of 5 words".

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Oct. 1945):

#Newspapers, from 300 to 400 gm, bulk rate;

#Newspapers, from 50 to 100 gm, individual rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 Jan. 1945) (until 31 Dec. 1946):

*Printed matter, to 20 gm.

Printed in sheets from 20 plates, 12 Jan. 1945-10 Dec. 1948, issued 31 Jan. 1945-11 March 1949; precancels (Yv 90) printed from 4 of the plates, 5 March 1946-5 June 1947, issued 6 April 1946-7 July 1947; 762.55 million stamps printed.

Foreign usage (Tariff of 1 Feb. 1946):

Newspapers mailed by publisher, to 50 gm, reciprocity rate.

Domestic usage (Tariff of 1 March 1947):

*Printed matter, to 20 gm, special bulk rate.

Precancels retired from sale 1 Jan. 1947, returned to service 1 March 1947, rendered obsolete by Tariff of 8 July 1947 and suppressed. Ordinary stamps retained for newspapers and as a complementary value until replaced by the 1F Arms of Savoie (Sc 618, Yv 836) in May 1949.

(to be continued)

A Siberian Episode of French Postal History

By J. Desrousseaux

The Siberian mail between France and the French post offices in China is rather common, because that way was faster than the sea-line Shanghai-Saigon-Marseilles, at least from the North of China.

At the beginning of World War I, the line Moscow-Berlin-Paris was cut off, and the Russian, British and French allies reestablished a way around Germany: Petrograd, London and Dieppe, a port of France with the censor marking No. 8.

On November 6, 1917, Lenin took the power in Russia. On December 15 Trotsky signed the armistice of Brest-Litovsk with Germany. From this date the mail was suspended between London and Petrograd, and the Siberian route, otherwise very slow in 1917, disappeared. The last cover known left Paris on November 12, 1917, and reached the Shanghai French post office on January 31, 1918, after an 80-days trip.

Counter-revolutionary Government of Siberia.—Established in 1918 by Admiral Koltchak, the Government of Omsk, Western Siberia, was helped by the Czecho-Slovak Legion which protected the Siberian railway. This Government issued some postage stamps, known as "Siberia postage stamps."

The French and British decided to help Koltchak, and to send forces to strengthen the Allied Japanese troops of Eastern Siberia.

But Koltchak had to take refuge in Irkoutsk, Central Siberia, in October 1919. The Czecho-Slovaks retired from the hostilities; Koltchak resigned January 4, 1920, the Czecho-Slovaks gave him up and the Soviets shot him on February 7, 1920.

The Allied operating forces left Siberia meantime, but the Japanese remained.



Fig. 1



Fig. 4

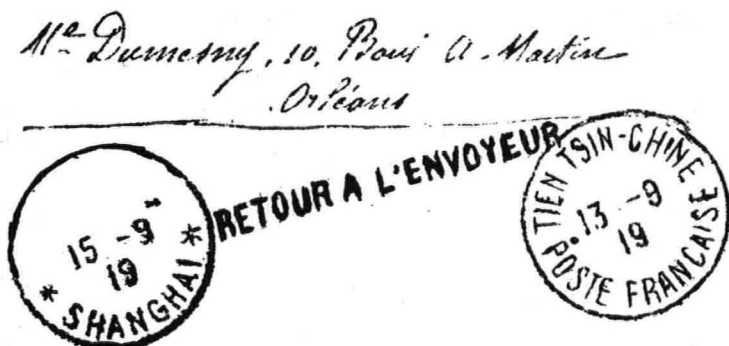


Fig. 2

Government of Far-Eastern Siberia.—Under control of the Japanese, a new Russian Republic was established in Achita, near the western frontier of Manchuria. This Republic issued the so-called "Far-East postage stamps." Small Allied military missions remained in Vladivostok. The French military mission had the responsibility of repatriating the Czecho-Slovak legion.

From 1921, only the Japanese remained in Eastern Siberia. But they were censured by the international conference of Washington, and they finally evacuated Siberia in October 1922. The Soviets immediately took over. It was the 5th anniversary of the Revolution, and they overprinted the Far-East postage stamps with "1917 7-XI 1922".

On September 6, 1923, the USSR reestablished a Siberian postal service for all countries except Japan, who were kept in postal disgrace until October 1, 1924.

The French Mission of General Janin.—The French operating Force arrived in August 1918, and was based in Vladivostok. It comprised a battalion of colonial troops, "Marines" and some gunners, taken out of the French concessions in China, about 1,000 men. The name of the battalion was the "Siberian Colonial Battalion," a curious denotation because "colonial" is for the French synonymous with "hot."

The general military right to free-franked letters during World War I, lasted up to October 23, 1919 for the French troops. But, for the overseas territories, they maintained this right, so that the French in Siberia sent post-free letters until the end of the Mission.

1) For several months, the French post offices of China took charge of the mail, carried by military means between Vladivostok and Shanghai or Tientsin. Then the French sea-line Shanghai-Marseilles forwarded this mail.

For certifying the post-free right, the covers bear some manuscript endorsements and a military marking. Fig. 1 reproduces the marking of the Battalion post-orderly, with the "anchor" of the colonial troops, and also an artillery marking.

The first postmark used was generally the military mark of French post offices reading "CORR-D' ARMEE SHANGHAI", but sometimes "TIEN-TSIN-CHINE / POSTE FRANCAISE", this office having no military postmark. Fig. 2 reproduces the verso of a cover sent to a member of the Mission who had already started off, then returned to sender so that both postmarks of TIEN-TSIN and SHANGHAI are side by side. The small-ring type of Tien-Tsin is scarce on cover, the "scooped-out" type of Shanghai is rather scarce.

Many French steamers were torpedoed during the war, so that the line Marseilles-Shanghai was very irregular and slow from 1917 to 1920. The

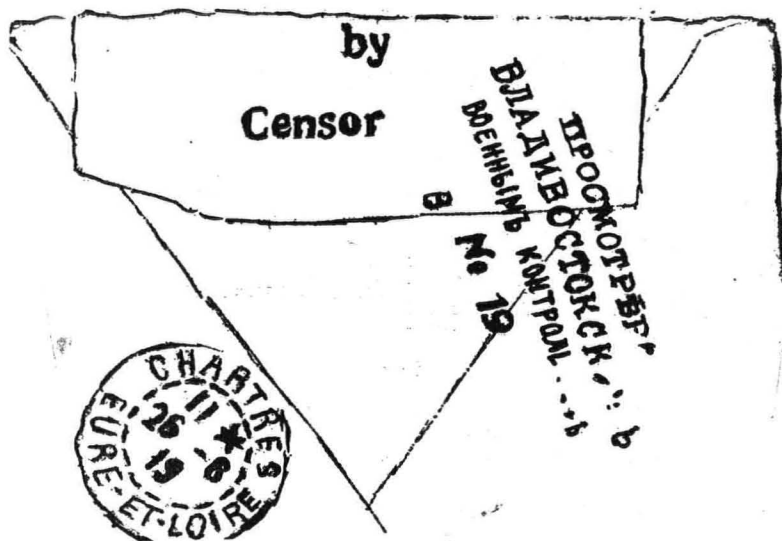


Fig. 3

military post-free mail was forwarded by the French line, but many French civilians of Indochina and China sent letters "via U.S.A." That is why you can find covers sent to France, at that time, by the U. S. post office of Shanghai. From Siberia, the French soldiers sent since 1919 stamped letters by the Russian post offices "to France via U.S.A." These letters bear various censor markings of Vladivostok. Fig. 3 shows the verso of a cover sent from Vladivostok, May 12, 1919, with 70kop postage stamps, which arrived in 45 days. Notice the British censor label, with the Russian censor marking also.

2) At the end of 1919, when the French had to organize the repatriation of the Czecho-Slovak Legion, the condition of the fleet hindered using the French sea-line. That is why they had to promote a whole organization via the Pacific and the Atlantic, crossing the States. Of course, they availed themselves of this organization for sending their mail more quickly. In consequence, the always post-free letters passed in 1920 through the States. But according to the international postal regulations the foreign posts do not have to take charge of such post-free letters. Thus the French had to assume the transport from Vladivostok to New York, where they could deliver the mail to post-offices-on-board of French mail steamers. Therefore the post-free letters of 1920 bear a marking of the French Mission of Vladivostok (Fig. 4) or a marking of the French Air Service, that was in a rear base in Tokyo, and an octagonal post-mark of the steamer line "NEW-YORK AU HAVRE".

3) For crossing the U.S.A., the French had to establish a chain of rest stops for the passing Czecho-Slovak and French, and also for the military mail. The postal service depended on the central military office of Paris, the "B.C.M." The rest-stop service received mail of the passing people, put on a military marking and forwarded it. We know the military markings of Sacramento and Omaha.

Fig. 5 shows a postcard sent to France by a French officer rejoining the Siberian mission, when he passed by Omaha. The Siberian marking of Omaha does not have the anchor of the first Siberian Colonial Force, but the "sitting Republic" of the French offices. On the left of the postcard, you see the

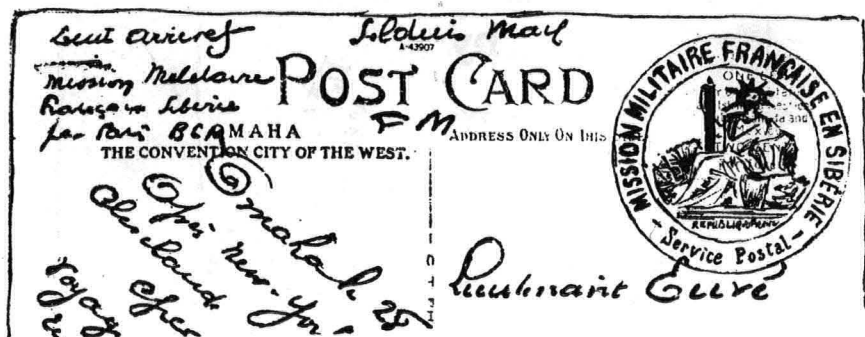


Fig 5

address of the mission: "Mission militaire Française Sibérie par Paris B.C.M." On the postcard, the officer makes mention of his stopping-places, New York, Cleveland, Rochester, Chicago and Omaha.

I intended to describe the French military post in Siberia, but I have gone on to speak about a French military post in the U.S.A., which is not only curious but probably even less known.

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON FIRST DATES OF ISSUE OF THE REGULAR ISSUES OF FRANCE SINCE 1960 THAT WERE PRODUCED IN MORE THAN ONE FORMAT

(Based on Data Available Through December 1973)

By Stanley J. Luft

A preliminary draft of this tabulation was submitted to M. Pierre de Lizeray who, in turn, brought it to the attention of M. Bernard Mignon. They have corrected and added to much of the information given here, for which invaluable assistance the writer wishes to express his gratitude.

Where a hyphen separates two dates, the first is the official first day of issue (the one on First Day Covers), and the second is the official first day of general (over-the-counter) sale to the public. Roman numerals within parentheses signify the die types.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0.20 Semeuse: | (II) booklets of 8: late Aug. 1960 |
| (I) sheets: 2 Jan. 1960 | (II) postal cards (ACEP 201): 1965 |
| (I) postal cards (ACEP 200): 1960 | |
| (II) coils: Jan. 1961 | |
| 0.25 Marianne à la Ner: | 0.20 Marianne de Cocteau: |
| (I) sheets: 2 Jan. 1960 | (I) sheets: 23 Feb. 1961 |
| (I) booklets of 20: 12 Jan. 1960 | (II) sheets: Summer? 1966 |
| (I?) coils: Jan. 1960 | 0.25 Coq: |
| (II) booklets of 8: Jan. 1960 | sheets: 10-12 March 1962 |
| | booklets of 8: Feb.? 1963 |
| | coils: Feb.? 1963 |
| 0.25 Marianne de Décaris: | 0.10 Troyes: |
| (I) sheets: 15-18 June 1960 | sheets: 12-14 Jan. 1963 |
| (I) booklets of 20: July 1960 | sheets (Ph): 14 March 1970 |
| (I?) coils: Jan. 1961 | |

- 0.30 Coq:
 sheets: 15-18 Jan. 1965
 booklets of 20: 18 Jan. 1965
 booklets of 10: 18 Jan. 1965
 coils: 18 Jan. 1965
- 0.30 Paris:
 sheets: 15-18 Jan. 1965
 booklets of 20: 22 Feb. 1965
- 0.40 Ronchamps:
 (I) sheets (TD-3 presses): 6-8 Feb. 1965
 (II) coils (TD-6 presses): early? 1971
- 0.05 Auch:
 (I) sheets: 22-24 Jan. 1966
 (II) coils: early? 1969
- 0.25 Mont-de-Marsan:
 sheets: 22-24 Jan. 1966
 coils: July (or earlier) 1967
- 0.20 St.-Lo:
 sheets: 17-19 Dec. 1966
 sheets (Ph): 1 Feb. 1972
 coils: Dec. 1966 or later
- 0.25 Repub. de Cheffer:
 sheets (TD-6 presses): 4-6 Nov. 1967
 coils (TD-6): late 1967?
- 0.30 Repub. de Cheffer (lilac):
 sheets (TD-6): 4-6 Nov. 1967
 sheets (TD-3): Jan. 1968
 booklets of 20 (TD-6): Dec. 1967
 booklets of 10 (TD-6): Dec. 1967
 coils (TD-6): Dec. 1967 or later
- 0.30 Repub. de Cheffer (green) (recess):
 sheets (TD-3): 11-13 Jan. 1969
 sheets (TD-6): 11-13 Jan. 1969
 booklets of 20 (TD-6): 19? May? 1969
 coils (TD-6): Spring? 1969
- 0.40 Repub. de Cheffer:
 sheets (TD-6): 11-13 Jan. 1969
 sheets (TD-3): 11-13 Jan. 1969
 sheets (Ph) (TD-6): 14 Mar. 1970
 booklets of 20 (TD-6): 14 Jan. 1969
 booklets of 10 (TD-6): 14 Jan. 1969
 coils (TD-6): 1 Feb. 1969
- 0.30 Repub. de Cheffer (green) (typographed):
 (I) sheets: 7? July 1969
 (I) sheets (Ph): 14 March 1970
 (II) postal cards (ACEP 202): late March 1969
 (II) postal cards (ACEP 203): mid-March 1973
- 0.50 Marianne de Bequet:
 sheets (TD-6): 2-4 Jan. 1971
 sheets (TD-3): later in Jan.? 1971
 sheets (Ph) (TD-6): 4 Jan. 1971
 booklets of 20 (TD-6): Feb.? 1971
 booklets of 10 (TD-6): Feb.? 1971
 booklets of 20 (Ph) (TD-6): late Jan. 1973
 booklets of 10 (Ph) (TD-6): late Jan. 1973
 coils (TD-6): 1971
 coils (Ph) (TD-6): March 1973

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Reminder: enter RIPEX, last Sunday in September at Providence, R. I., and get a good award. Write Ray Gaillaguet, 15 Fletcher St., Rumford, R. I. 02916.

The recent new French issues were: 10-11 May 3.00 Golfe Saint Florent; 25 May 0.40 Le Bison (revised date) and 1.00 General Koenig; 4 June 0.59 Colmar (for 47th Congress of FSPF); 8-9 June 0.45 30 anniv. débarquement en Normandie and 1.00 21st Olympic chess games; 15-16 June 0.46 tricen. of founding of L'Hotel des Invalides and 1.00+0.10 villes "Compagnons de la Libération"; 22-23 June 0.65 Salers (Cantal) touristic series reg. issue; (29-30 June scheduled st. for Copernicus was deferred to 14 Oct.)



The schedule for new issues for the rest of the year has been announced as: 20-21 July 0.50+0.10 Francis Poulenc 1899-1963; 2 Sept. 0.60 turbotrains TGVOO14; 9 Sept. 1.10 Vallée du Lot (reg. touristic series); 16 Sept. 2.00 original work of Miro (Arphila 75 series), also CFA surch. 100F; 23 Sept. 0.65 Surrégénérateur Phénix; 7 Oct. Cent. of UPU (also CFA); 14 Oct. 2.00 Basilica de St. Nicolas de Port (reg. touristic series); 14 Oct. 0.90 500th anniv. of birth of Nicolas Copernic 1473-1543; 21 Oct. 2.00 Gobelin tapestries; 21 Oct. 0.65 tatou de la Guyane; 25 Nov. 1.00 Médaille de la Résistance; 12 Nov. 2.00 work of Sisley "Bords du Loing"; 18 Nov. Jean Girardoux, and Barbey d'Aurévilly; 2 Dec. two red-cross subjects. For Andorre: 23 Sept. le Bouvreuil, and le Venturon Montagnais; 7 Oct. Cent. UPU.

Our member Raymond Sailles, the noted author of "La Poste Maritime," along with Dr. J. Fromageat the empire issues specialist, signed the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists," at a ceremony at the Musée Postal on May 11. Mon Salles has also been awarded the Crawford Medal of the R.P.S. for 1972-73. Our congratulations to them. The Roll now has 86 signatures, incl. 28 Americans and 14 French.

The French domestic airpost service "L'Aéropostale de Nuit" is replacing its Fokkers with Transall C160s leased from the French Air Force (through Air France), and in July last made considerable changes in the schedules.

Réné Bath, president of the SOCOCODAMI since 1961 and well-known expert on coin datés, died on 11 Dec. last at 75 years of age.

Pierre de Lizeray delivered a serious complaint in the January Le Monde about the choice of colors on French stamps. It is a point that the stamp artists and various philatelists have brought up from time to time before. But DeLizeray emphasizes the crass illogic of having the Minister of Posts decide on the colors (from color trials submitted) after the engraving has been completed and accepted, and without consideration of the artists' intentions. If the engraver knew what colors would be used (they rarely follow his wishes or suggestions) he would adjust the depth and spacing of lines ac-

cordingly (—a yellow color needs thicker lines, e.g.). How come the Minister is a better judge than the artists who are products of the Beaux Arts and winners of Prix du Rome? Also DeLizeray notes with a wry twist that immediately after the Cicogne d'Alsace stamp was awarded the grand prix at the Salon d'Automne the PTT proceeds to withdraw it from sale. The 50c Marianne de Cheffer, he thinks, is just about the ugliest of recent issues—the most used stamp ought to be the best. The coming Arphila stamp (now out) is also unfortunate. And finally he notes the architecture of the new Musée Postal building is passé—1925 Arts Deco style! We are sure DeLizeray will get some echoes from all that.

In March France got a new Minister of PTT, M. Jean Royer, a former Mayor of Tours and Deputy from Tours, and recently Minister of Commerce and Artisanat. In a statement to the philatelic press he indicated his position on philatelic matters: would continue the annual stamp program (though only 40% of French mail now bears adhesives) but would try to have the program announced earlier in advance (than Nov.), that helio printing will be used for certain subjects that particularly lend themselves to that method (blasons, etc.), that he will decentralize the administration to permit quicker decisions and production of stamps, that he will fully support the Arphila 75 Expo, Musée, etc.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie announced in May that it was "désolés" to have to raise the annual subscription price, from 36 to 44F/yr (foreign subscribers)—the 149% jump in paper costs, etc., did it. Le Monde also has announced it is raising its single-issue price to 4F and will raise the annual subscription too before long.

J. Robineau (with J. Pothion) is auctioning the enormous and unusual collection (of a Mon. D.) of marques postales and cancellations of all the Departments of France, which will extend over a long series of sales. The first catalogue (May) covered only Depts. in the first 3 letters of the alphabet. The ensemble of catalogues will form a valuable reference work. If you are interested contact the auctioneers—5 rue Drouot, F75009-Paris.

The PTT has given its blessings to a competition for designs for four stamps to be issued in the first half of 1973 in relation to the ARPHILA 75 Expo, and which will be combined later into a souvenir sheet (block feuillet) to be sold at the Expo (as part of the admission?). Two designs are open for international competition and two for only national. The theme has to be that of the Expo: "Art et Philatelie." The Arphila Organizing Committee is handling the contract.

Mon. Rouques of Paris, well known philatelic student, is asking if anyone knows the exact meaning and origin of the adjective "camée" applied to the Semeuses camées. stamps. The replies range from the dictionary obvious to the guess. It is pointed out that cameo is not an adjective but a noun added to indicate it has the character or semblance of a cameo, having the effect of an engraving in relief. On the other hand the term perhaps implies that the stamp design is copied from the French coins bearing the sower in relief.

The Paris magazine "Figaro" of 9-10 March had an article about stamp forgery in which it was stated that fakes sell for more than the originals. P. Langlois, Pres. of the FSPS, replied that the claim is absurd. However, it is a fact that many (if not most) counterfeits are actually scarcer than the originals and it would only take a moderate increase in demand to make the price of some of them higher than the genuines—not outside the realm of possibility.

Mon. Y. Vartan has started a serial of a book in Le Monde titled "Les Souvenirs d'Un Timbre Poste," which is an imaginative account by a French postage stamp telling the story of its vicissitudes from 1849 on. Like the proverbial cat he allows his stamp about nine lives, which doesn't happen to many.

The C.S.N.E.T.P. syndicate of French stamp dealers and experts has notified the PTT that it is opposed to the sale of the Musée Postal souvenir sheets by PT temporary P.O.'s at philatelic events, as it is unfair and illegal competition with stamp societies and dealers. Also the syndicate refused to partake in the operation of the 19 "journées philatéliques" to be held in the Grand Hotel in Paris.

The magazine "Philatélie" publ. by the Thiaude firm, in a recent issue (March) charged a group of prominent philatelists, dealers and editors (Langlois, Dubus, Yvert, Robineau, Vitalyos, Fanget, and North) with being incapable, complaisant, demagogues, etc., etc., because of their support to the PTT in issuing the controversial "Documents Philatéliques" of the Musée Postal (see FCP #155 p. 8, #156 p. 39). Naturally, this has generated considerable steam and some strained dignities.

A club has been going for some years in West Germany devoted to the study of French philately: the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Frankreich im Bund Deutscher Philatelisten. It publishes a Bulletin (now over 100 issues out) and a newsletter. Write for info to: Alfred Busotti, 8000 Munchen 81, with reply coupon.

The Organizing Committee for ARPHILA 75 Paris has published a Brochure No. 1 (in French) of 43 pages giving preliminary information on the Expo to be held 6-16 June 1975 at the Grand Palais et Galeries National. The booklet includes the Committee organization and personnel, the various applicable FIP regulations and special Arphila regulations for exhibiting, the program of special stamp issues for the Expo, services to be provided, and a request for filing provisional application for entry of exhibits. An English version of this brochure is to be issued shortly and presumably copies can be obtained through the U. S. Commissioner, Marc W. Martin, 290 West End Ave., New York, N. Y. 10023. The later Brochures (nos. 2, 3 and 4) will only be sent to those who have applied for entry of exhibit.

NEW BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND CATALOGS

- "T.A.A.F. — Adélie Land — Austral Islands: Philately and Postal History" (translated title), By Henri Tristant. To appear by Sept. 1974. 300 pp, coated paper, 24x16 cm format, 8 maps, 65 illustr., 152 photos on 76 plates, with captions in both English and French. Limited Edition. Information and terms of subscription from the author, 1 rue de la Mission Marchand, F75016-Paris. (This will be an exceptional documentation of hitherto unpublished information; a guide and a working reference indispensable for all specialized TAAF collectors; as well as a work of high quality for philatelic bibliophiles.)
- "Nomenclature des Bureaux de Postes Français Petites et Gros Chiffres 1852-1876." By J. Pothion. 1974 Ed. 108 pp. 40 Fr p.p. La Poste aux Lettres, 17 Faubourg Montmartre, F75009-Paris (all petites and gros chiffres and suppl. bureaux listed and priced—some prices greatly increased this year.)
- "Les Timbres Français de 1959-1960-1961 (Notices Officielles des P.T.T.)." 88pp. 1974, Le Monde Brochure No. 159. 17.30Fr p.p. Le Monde, 11 bis Blvd. Haussmann, F75009-Paris CCP Paris 18 382 12. (Reprint of PT notices describing all the stamps issued during 1959-61.)
- "Les Vignettes d'Aviation en 1914-1918." By Pierre Muller. 12 pp, 1974, 7.10Fr p/p/ Le Monde Brochure No. 160 (see above).
- "Le General deGaulle dans la Philatélie." By A. Doroszlai. 10pp, 1974, 7.10Fr p.p. Le Monde Brochure No. 161 (see above)
- "Supplément 1974 à 'La Poste de L'Ancienne France' et 'La Poste aux Armées'," By L. Lenain, 13 Chemin des Semestres, F13200-Arles (new data to suppl. his two previously published books).
- "Les Ballons du Siège de Paris." By Victor DeBuchy. 430 pp., 1974. Editions France-Empire, 69 rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, F75001-Paris (a history).
- "Les Timbres-Poste de Syrie et du Liban." By M. Gebara. 1974. 336 pp. Price ? The author, B P 2443, Beyrouth, Lebanon (In French, English and German; includes mandates, occupations and precursors)
- "Stanley Gibbons Overseas Vol. 2 Stamp Catalogue: D-J Countries." London, 1974, 682 pp. 3 pounds 50p. Stanley Gibbons, 391 Strand, London WC2 R OLX.
- "Le Catalogue 1974" 6Fr+1.25 post. Empire Philatélie. 49-50 Galerie Monpensier, Paris 1. (Price list of FDC, max cards, encarts, deluxe sheets, FD cancelled blocks, etc. of Fr. Andorre, Monaco, CFA, TAAF, UN, Europa, colonial sets, deGaulle issues, etc.)
- "Le Argus du Timbres-Poste 74." 54 pp., 1974, 9.00Fr p.p. Alba Editions, F06170-Cros-de-Cagnes (1974 ed. of annual Argus cat., incl. two articles and a "gift"; issues prior to 1973 not illustr. but publ. will give purchaser of 1974 cat. a copy of the 1973 ed. containing the illustr. for the prior years for 1.65Fr additional.)
- "Catalogue No. 10 des Cartes Maximum et Enveloppes 1er Jour." March 1974, 12Fr+1Fr post. Ed. Bourgogne, rue Pasteur, F21150-Les Laumes (Fr., Monaco, Andorre, Reunion, Vatican, flammes, fancy cachets, etc.)

- "Catalogue des Enveloppes 1er Jour 1974." Editions Jean Farcigny, 1974, 12.50 Fr p.p., 39 rue d'Estienne-d'Orves, F92000-Courbevoie (Price list of available FDC's issued by this firm.)
- "1974 International Stamp Directory" New Ed. 1974, 1 £50p. Harris Pubs., 42 Maiden Lane, Strand, London, WC 2 E 7LW.
- "Vietnamese Postage stamp Catalogue." 2nd ed. 1974. \$2. Philatelic Publ. Co., P O Box 62, Saigon/Cholon, N. N. (Cat. of So. V. N. stamps in English and VN)
- "Catalogue des Daguins avec Flamme." 2nd ed. 1974. Price? Publ. by Le Club "LeMeilleur," B. P. 21, F77330-LeMée (Lists the Daguin cancels alphabetically by p.o., for each Département.)
- "Catalogue des Recettes Auxiliares de Paris." By P. Lux. 1974. 42Fr p.p., the author, 60 Ave. Alexandre-Dumas, F91550-Paray-Veille-Poste.
- "Les Entiers Postaux de France et de Monaco." By J. Storch and R. Francon. 1974 (ready 1 July), 150 illustr. 49 Fr. p.p. Limited edition. From R. Francon, 17 rue Franki Kramer, FO7100-Annonay. (A cat. classed by types of the vignettes, priced at current market.)
- "Catalogue Spécialisé Arthur Maury, France 75." June 1974. Order from A. Maury, 6 Blvd. Montmartre, F75009-Paris (Price.)
- "Timbres de la Libération. Emissions de Cursay, Poitiers, et Tours-Gare." By Georges Barbe. 1974. 48 pp. (Place? Price?)
- "Precurseurs des Cursives." By M. E. Gutekunst, 1974. S.P.A.L., la rue des Ballis-Robertson, F67000-Strasbourg.
- "Handbook of the Mail in the Concentration Camps—1933-1945." By Sam Simon. 1974. 140 pp. illustr. (175 Fr). Mimeogr. (Contains some disc. of camps in France and No. Africa, and camps in Fr. for Spanish Civil War refugees.)

Review

Stamp Collectors Guide to Europe. By Jon L. Allen and Paul H. Silverstone. 1974, 320 pp. illustr. Paper \$3.95, cloth \$5.95 + 30c postage. Arco Publishing Co., 219 Park Ave So, New York 10003.

Here is an original idea for a useful guide for travelling collectors. It is well carried out, well printed in attractive format (the Carré Marigny in Paris on the cover!), good photos, straightforward non-commercial text, and quite up-to-date. The authors visited all the 34 stamp-issuing countries of Europe a number of times and gathered notes from various sources for a brief essay on each, which following a fairly systematic outline, cover: the history and nature of the postal system, the official philatelic services, points of special interest for a philatelist to visit (museums, etc.), the stamp market (bourses, etc.), the leading stamp dealers (location, hours, types of material handled, languages spoken, publications, etc.), the philatelic organizations (clubs, address, meetings, publications, etc.), chief annual catalogues published on that country (name of publisher, scope, price), periodicals (address, price), and sources of additional information. For the last four categories, the coverage includes clubs and publications in other countries that deal with the country being discussed. Photos of postal buildings, streets, museums, special cancels, etc., are interspersed through the text. We are naturally interested to see what they say under "France" (pp. 57-71). The bit on postal history is mostly about the pre-1815 period; more on the later era would have been appropriate. The streets where most of the leading dealers are clustered are

pointed out. Museums are thoroughly reviewed. The list of 12 stamp dealers, mainly in Paris, by no means includes all the ones that have shops with considerable stock, but it covers most of the better ones, and they all seem to speak English (it says); the primarily auction firms are not mentioned. The section on organizations only describes the FSPF and our own Society (for which we are of course grateful), but certainly the Académie and a half-dozen or so others ought to have been honored. Under annual catalogues all worthy of note are included, but among the periodicals the excellent Feuilles Marcophiles, Bulletin de la Société des Amis du Musée Postal, and Le Collectionneur Lyonnais are missing. Something should have been said about the extensive catalogue-publication ventures of the Pothion firm and the Storck-Francon team, and the "Encyclopédie." Sources of additional information are only tourist offices and embassies. Nevertheless the treatment of France should be very helpful to the visitor who had not been to Paris before, whose French is not too viable, and who has not had extensive prior relations with various French dealers, collectors and organizations. The tone of the text is one of first-hand and quite-recent experience on the scene. Naturally this type of information may go out of date rather rapidly. We hope the authors can revise the book every several years and the future editions will fill in some of the gaps we have noted, as well as give some attention to the scene in the provinces (Marseille, Lyon and Strasbourg at least).—R.G.S.

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Le Monde des Philatélistes (CC, SI)

#263, March 1974: Cont. of serials by: Baudeloque, Bourgeois, Musée Postal, Tschanhenz, Danan, Rykner et Gobillot, Dumont, Rouquès, Lebland, Melot, DeLizeray, "La Femme," Tristant, Savélon, Wirth, Joffre, Prugnon.

#264, April 1974: Gavault: "Timbres ferroviaires françaises et colis postaux—nomenclature, tarifaire des entiers postaux et des timbres" (begin); "La Fr. en Thém.—Dauphiné et Savoie"; Brun: "Experts et expertise (V)"; Vartan: "Les souvenirs d'un timbre poste" (begin). Cont. of serials (see March and earlier).

#265, May 1974: cont. of serials (see March and April).

#266, June 1974: Julien: "Faux, réparés, et regommés"; Frybourg: "L'automation du courrier"; Rouques: "Les coins datés en typographie"; cont. of serials by Vartan, "Musée Postal," Rykner et Gobillot, Danan, Joffre, DeLizeray, Baudeloque, Gavault, Prugnon, Lebland.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie (CC, APRL, SI) (44Fr/yr)

#1443, April 1974: Bufflier: "Cachets et oblitérations des Bureaux Postaux militaires des forces Fr. en Allemagne 1969-74"; Auger: "Un vrai chopin"; Tristant: "Les oblitérations des agences des TAAF" (end); DeLizeray: "Les types isolées"; cont. of arts. by Lordet, Brijon; SATA: "Philatélie polaire."

#1444, May 1974: Fallot: "Les franchises modernes" (begin); DeLizeray: "20c Cérés—planches de 1848-49, planches du Siège de 1870"; cont. arts. by Lordet, Schutz.

Les Feuilles Marcophiles (CC) (40Fr/yr)

#196, 2nd Trim. 1974: Tristant: "La marine nationale dans la desserte postale des TAAF"; Nantille: "De la poste maghzen à la poste

chérifienne"; Bruno: "La poste par chemins de fer en Vendée 1869-1969" (end); L'Huillier: "L'Armée Révolutionnaire de Paris—9 Sept. 1793-18 Avril 1794—sa marque postale"; Gachot: "Les demandes d'avis de réception de chargements en Alsace entre 1860 et 1870"; Blondelle: "L'automatisme du tri du courrier, son incidence en marcophilie"; Chapier et Lejeune: "Les oblitérations mécaniques"; notes, studies, new discoveries.

Supplement, Information 1, Feb. 1974: Parlange: "Camerone"; Lejeune: "Le facteur-boitier"; Lejeune: "1914-18, le vaguemestre d'étapes"; "Cachets à date des bureaux de direction."

Documents Philatéliques (CC, SI)

#59, 1er Trim 1974, Tome XIII: Dreyfuss: "Taxes dentelées 1893-1943", Staff: "Précurseurs de la carte postale"; Germain: "25c Cérés de 1871 (5eme additif)"; DeFontaines: "La 27e Division Militaire—ci-devant Piémont—1801-1803"; DeLizeray: "La coupe des dents des roulettes."

#60, 2nd Trim 1974, Tome XIII: Guiraud-Darmais: "Deboursés de Mazamet"; Gachot: "Double affranchissement des imprimées 1871-72"; DeFontaines: "Marque française avec décorations"; DeLizeray: "13 Blanc ardoise types IB+IA+II"; Germain: "25c Cérés de 1871" (cont.) Pannetier: "Corrections à l'Encyclopédie"; Pothion: "9e Supplement à l'Encyclopédie."

La Philatélie Française (CC, SI)

#243, March 1974: "Le Musée Postale—Maison de la Poste et de la Philatélie"; Joany: "Nomenclature—7e Per." (cont.); "Les marques postales 1700-1850" (Phil. Educ. #2).

#244, April 1974: "Histoire des Timbres Poste Françaises" (cont.); Vigne: "Les oblitérations des entrepôts d'Oléronais"; Harnould: "Sites et monuments de Fr." (cont.); DeWailly et Michel: "Cat. des empreintes de machines à affranchir Fr." (cont.); cont. of arts. by Joany, Delbrel, Storch et al

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Le Collectionneur Lyonnais

#21, Jan. 1974: Storch: "Les semeuses de 1907, les 25c bleu clair et bleu foncé"; Guiraud-Darmais: "A propos des essais des semeuses de 1907"; Francon: "Réponse"; Camboulives: "Petits Postes, postes de banlieue, postes rurales"; Kinné: "Les petits cachets hexagonaux a trait continu des bureaux d'Algérie" (cont.); Reaux: "Guerre 1939-40, Odyssée d'un maréchal des logis"; Bonneville: "Marques administratives des bâtiments de la Marine Fr."; Camboulives: "Les levées exceptionnelles de Lyon."

Bulletin de la Société des Amis du Musée Postale (CC)

#44, 1st Trim. 1974: Gachot: "Les premières étiquettes de recommandation en Alsace-Lorraine 1870-75"; DeFontaine: "Quand l'administration des postes liquide ses rébus"; Eve: "Petite histoire du Télégraphe à Guéraude"; R. B.: "Mini-carte postale."

Journal of the France and Colonies Philatelic Society (CC)

Wh. #126, v. 23, #4, Oct.-Dec. 1973: Holder: "The Poste Marque Page, 'Service Rural'" ; Bister: "Definitive issues of Hourriez" (cont.); Cooper: "Forgeries of the 1st airmail stamps—airplane surch. on Merson"; Barker: "Bureaux de distribution postmarks type 24 bis" (cont.); France P. O. nos. (cont.)

Postal History International (CC, SI, APRL)

v. 3, #5, May 1974: Vollmeier: "I bolli postali per l'inoltro della corrispondenza tra stati Sardi et stati limitrophi" (transl.)

The Airpost Journal (CC, SI, APRL, SM)

Vol. 45, #1 7 & 8, April and May 1974: Cohn and Cappart: "Nine days in the Siege of Paris."

French Polynesia Newsletter (CC)

#77, April 1974: Bailey: "Touring around Fr. Polynesia" (begin); notes, news, new issues; Houwink: "Stamps and postal history of Wallis et Futuna" (cont.)

Forces Postal History Society Newsletter

#13, 1973: Bowen: "French military hospital VR 76, WWI."

Indo-China Philatelist (CC, SI, APRL)

#15, v. IV, #1, Feb. 1974: Bich: "Nguyem-Hue—the peerless General"; Chapier: "French Indo-China and its postage stamps" (transl.)

Philao

#5, March 1974: Drillien: "Etude sur Luang-Prabang"; Chreveux: "Pavot drogue et Interpol"; Desrousseux: "Bur. de poste du Laos" (cont.)

#6, May 1974: Dutrieux: "Les chiffres de tirage et de destruction des timbres du Laos"; Phonebo: "Le role actuel de la langue francaise en Laos."

Postes et Télécommunications

#220, April 1974: "Les Boules de Moulins—point de vue de l'administration."

Bulletin de l'Union Philatélique Libournaise

Dec. 1973: Labrousse: "Le traversées aériennes de l'Atlantique Sud par Air France de 1930 à 1940"; Charvé: "Les oblitérations dit 'jour de l'an'; Savina: "Les courriers accidentés"; blonde: "Le ballon General Faidherbe en 1871."

Diligence d'Alsace

#10, 1973: Charbon: "Les messagers postaux de Mulhouse"; Kauffmann et Richard: "La Dynastie des Zimmermanns, maitres de poste"; Gutekunst: "La Petite Poste de Strasbourg."

Balasse Magazine (CC, SI)

#212, Feb. 1974: Fromaigeat: "Le ballon monté 'Le Montgolfier'."

Bulletin de l'Association des Collectionneurs de Timbres de la Libération

#24, Jan. 1974: Duvergey: "L'Emission Libération du Bordeaux"; Mayer: "L'Emission de Bazoches-sur-Hoesne"; "Essai de classement des timbres de la France libéré."

Chronicle of the U. S. Classic Stamps

Sept. 1973: Hargest: "To Argentina by American and French Packets."

Quarterly Circular of the Egypt Study Circle

#7, 1973: "French naval air forces in Egypt WWI"; "French campaigns in Egypt 1798-1801."

Mexicana

#21, 1972: "French postal service in Mexico 1862-65."

The Philatelist

vol. 38, 1972: "Madagascar Local Posts."

Pacifica

#10, 1972: "New Caledonia Post offices and agencies 1972."

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Notices and Notes

The Tape/Slide Program #3, "The Sower Issues of France 1903-41" (from material contributed by Ray Gaillaguet) is now available from the Corresponding Secretary for home viewing and use with your local stamp club. Running time is 55 minutes, and the total of 166 slides includes much material especially suitable for home study.

Our past-President Marc Martin has been appointed by A.P.S. as U. S. Commissioner for ARPHILA International Expo in Paris June 6-16, 1975.

The special meeting of the Society held in Boston May 5 at the stamp show was very well attended (22 members and guests). John Lievsay went up as the representative of the New York Chapter taking along the new tape/slide show on the Sowers which he presented.

We hope you have noticed that the April Philatelist had four extra pages; these were generously contributed to us by our printer Mr. Harlan Miller, who didn't like to see all that good material laying over till summer—or so he says. Anyway the Board is very grateful to him for all this along with his extra exertions in getting out the Luft handbook at a time when his schedule was very tight and his helper (Mrs. Miller) not well—even Luft has not found any errors in the book.

Board member Luft has finally joined the select group of our members who belong to the Union Marcophile—R. G. Stone was his 'parrain' (a sort of godfather, note small "g"). Now if he (and a few more) will sign up with the Amis du Musée Postal everything in Paris will be fine.

Past President's Letter

The past three years have been busy and productive for the Society. Projects previously begun have been completed: Index, Membership List, Correlator Supplement, and expansion of the Philatelist to 24 pages. New projects, assisted by membership response to our questionnaires, have begun, notably the tape/slide programs and additional publications such as the Glossary and Luft handbook. Our business organization has been improved, and our financial base is secure. Affiliation with A.P.S. should contribute to the further growth of the Society.

None of this would have been possible without the efforts and contributions of all your officers and Directors. It has been a cooperative endeavor; and now it is time to express my personal thanks for the assistance and encouragement which you have each given. I am sure that you will enjoy working with our new President, a knowledgeable philatelist and personable gentleman—Dr. Martin F. Stempien, Jr.—J.E.L.

Meeting of May 7th

Jacques Musy, a founding member, was in town from Florida and for this honor he was invited to call the meeting to order.

Charles Meyer showed portions of his extensive collection of the Marianne de Gandon issues of France (Scott designs A147 and A148). Each denomination was shown mint, used and on cover. In addition, a large selection of color, paper, perf, and gum varieties, essays, trial printings, proofs, plate flaws, cancels, coin datés, booklets, etc., were presented. These represent

many long hours of sorting through literally hundreds of copies of each denomination. The attractively presented ten-frame exhibition is a fine example of the sort of specialized study that can be made using one of the inexpensive modern designs of French stamps.

Following the talk, the annual election of officers was held. The slate presented by the Board of Trustees was unanimously elected

Pres.—Dr. Martin F. Stempien, Jr.

Vice President—Ira Seebacher

Treasurer—Beatrice Berner

Recording Secretary—John Thomas

Corresponding Secretary—Walter Parshall

Stanley Luft and Peter Blank were elected to two-year terms on the Board of Trustees.—M.F.S.

The Banquet and Meeting of May 18

The annual banquet on May 18 was as always a happy affair, with good food, wine and conversation (not all on stamps), attended by all the old stalwarts of these events. Treasurer Bea Berner was on hand feeling fine in spite of a recent hospital tour, and Peter Blank, our newly elected Board member. Martin Stempien, the new President, took over the Chair, for his first time and very steadily. On behalf of the Board he presented John Lievsay with a gift token of the Board's appreciation for his years of devoted and most fruitful service to the Society. It was announced that the Gerard Gilbert Award for 1973 was being given to our member Jacques Desrousseaux for his masterly article on the postal history of French Indochina published in the Indo-China Philatelist. An auction of material, consigned and donated, was "cried" by Ira Zweifach, netting the Society exchequer a useful profit. The purchasers appeared to go away happy, or maybe it was just the wine.

Meeting of June 6th

The last meeting of this season was treated to another of Ruth and Gardner Brown's studies on the Franco-Prussian War Period. They showed a series of covers carried by various means which were caused to be detoured on their way because of enemy action. Their study represents a new way of studying covers from this period. With the exception of balloon mail, most people collecting this period are not primarily interested in the minute details of how a letter got from A to B. With each of their covers, the Browns have tried to trace the exact route taken by each to its destination as they skirted around or were smuggled through enemy lines. In addition to those carried by land, a number of the more exotic types carried by balloon were included. Ruth Brown's interesting description of the exhibit was accompanied by slides which will become the basis of a new slide show which they are preparing for the Society.—M.F.S.

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- 1417 HELTON, Kathleen, 907 S. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, Col. 80537
- 1446 SIEGEL, Abraham, c/o Kover King, 120 West 44th St., Suite 617, New York, N. Y. 10036

- 1453 GUARDIOLA, Pedro, PCS 6268, Holloman AFB, N. Mex. 88330
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- 1050 SCHWEITZER, Rev. Eugene R., Holy Cross Rectory, 17 Van Dyne Ave., Wayne, N. J. 17470

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- 1503 SASAKI, Katsuji, Nakajima, Fujisaki-Machi, Minimitsugarugun, Aomori-ken, 038-38—Japan — (General France, all major varieties used. Modern France used; Sowers; Philatelic literature)
- 1504 ALEVIZOS, George, P. O. Box 5159, Santa Monica, Cal. 90405
(Postal history France: Used Abroad, Offices and CFA; Offices Abroad. Dealer full time.)
- 1505 KENNEY, Rachel M., 166 New Boston Rd., Fall River, Mass. 02720
(French art on stamps)
- 1506 SCHAFFNER, Dr. Bertram, 220 Central Park South, New York, N. Y. 10019 — (Topical: League of Nations; Mandates; U. N. Trust Territories; UPU; France: Military posts, Postal history in general. Franchise Militaire; Occupations (by France) issues. Offices abroad: Levant, Beyrouth, French Levant; French Mandates under League of Nations. Philatelic literature; Exchange.)
- 1507 YVERNAULT, Gerard, 50 Sagamore Rd., Apt. A-8, Bronxville, N. Y. 10703 (General collector 19th Century. Maritime Posts. Classics 1849-1876: mint, used, on cover; 1870-1871 issues, balloons.)
- 1508 SEAY, Albert, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Col. 80905
(General France all major varieties mint and used. Modern France: mint and used; Blanc, Mouchon, & Merson types, Sowers, other types (Gandon). Semi-postals; Air Mails; Booklets; Coils; Coin Datés; Maximum Cards; First-Day Covers; Miniature Sheets; Dues; Franchise Militaire; Precancels; CFA. Philatelic Literature; Exchange)
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- 1511 MEHL, Alain, 521 Hazel, Missoula, Mont. 59801
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- 1512 MASCIERI, Russell, Danam Stamp Co., Box 273, Springfield, Pa. 19064
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