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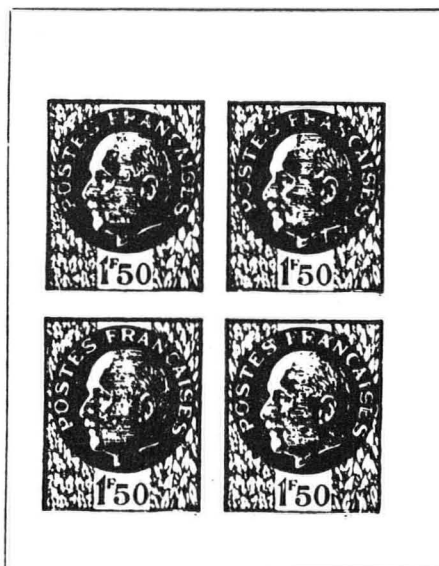
The
Bruxelles
1945
Souvenir
Sheet
of the
Faux
Petain

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member
William
J.
Hayes

Story
on page



Ateliers des Faux
" DÉFENSE DE LA FRANCE "



Timbre utilisé par la Résistance Française

Exposition à Bruxelles

12 au 24 Novembre 1945

" Comment les Français
ont bafoué les Nazis "

The Bruxelles 1945 Souvenir Sheet
of the Faux Petain

Celebrating the complete restoration of the occupied countries after World War 2, a show of Resistance and Underground doings, mementos, and achievements was held at Bruxelles, Belgium, in November 1945. For this, a special sheet with a block of four of the Faux Petain 1f.50 stamp of the Underground affixed, was prepared. Not many of these sheets have come to America.

Thanks to the well known American stamp man, Charles R. Higby, residing in Belgium, one copy has come into the possession of our member, Wm. J. Hayes of Omaha. The photograph of it which forms our cover page is furnished by him. This photograph does not show the perforations, nor the sheet margins at top and right, very clearly but, as your editor has seen the negative, the presence of them can be stated.

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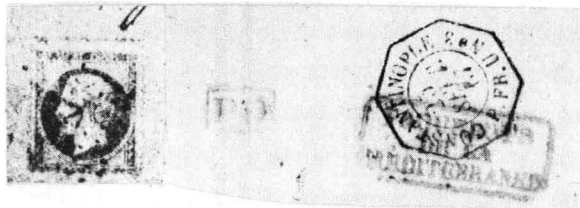
Factories of Forgeries
DEFENDING FRANCE

Stamp used by the French Resistance
EXPOSITION AT BRUXELLES
November 12th to 24th 1945
"How the French
Misled the Nazis."

Says Mr. Hayes:

"The originals were typographed, printed in dull red brown and perforated 14 x 13½. These counterfeits are lithographed and perforated 1½. They were used to frank clandestine journals and newspapers from February to June, 1944, causing embarrassment to the Petain government and proclaiming to the people of France and elsewhere that Marshal Petain, once hero of France during World War 1, surrendered his country to the Nazi Government in 1940 and formed a collaboration government at Vichy."

See further our treatment of this with the other Underground issues in No. 69, May-June 1953 number, and references there given.



1867 Usage from French Office at Istanbul.

By courtesy of our Malden Chapter, we show the four features from the front of a cover to Paris from the French post office at what then was called Constantinople, now Istanbul. In red, the 13 x 28 boxed mark, Paquebots de la Mediterranee (smaller size of this mark) is applied when the letter arrived at Marseille en route. Boxed PD in black indicated "paid to destination." On stamp is anchor postmark in dots; stamp is 40 c empire perf., not laureate. Town mark is octagon of French office at Istanbul indicating sending via a particular packet route. It is in black, as usual.

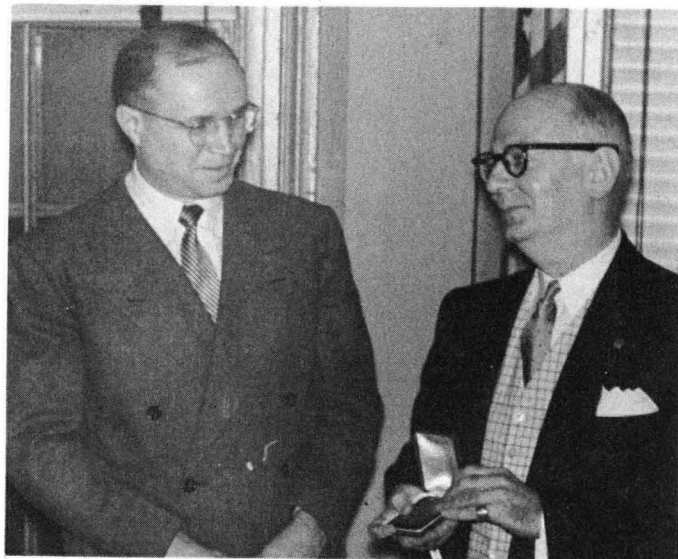
See Nos. 21 and Vol. 3 No. 4 of this journal, for the boxed Paquebot mark, and "Les Paquebots" by Bourselet et al. for the town mark.

Presentation of
C. C. P. AWARD
for 1953

to
CHARLES NEIDORF

of the France & Colonies Group

for his serial on the Tour Hassan Issue, of French Morocco.



Mr. Neidorf
(Boutrelle photo)

Mr. Britt
President of the
Collectors Club

LES GOR AWARDS 1954
Charles Neidorf takes Grand Award

Nine members competed in the annual Lesgor Contest for 1954. The showing and judging were held at the Group's meeting on March 2nd, 1954. The judges, all members of the Collectors Club, were Stanley R. Rice, chairman (also representing Aerophilatelist Inc.), Albert H. Higgins (also representing the Essay-Proof Society) and Mrs. Paulatte Neumann (also member of this Group).

The Grand Award, for most original research, went to Charles Neidorf, of New York, N.Y. for an excellent study of the Algerian Gallic Cock and Marianne issue of 1944-45.

First General Award went to Cecil G. Sullivan of New York, N.Y. for his showing of France Type Mouchon

Merson.

Second, to Louis Lamoureux, of Toronto, Ont., for his exhibit of 10 centimes Sower Type of France.

Third, to Earl Hunnewell of Malden, Mass., for his collection of France 1929-33 Reims, Mont St. Michel, La Rochelle and Pont du Gard designs.

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Parent Chapter (New York). Contact
via Secretary Chas. Bretagne
Chicago Chapter: inactive at the moment.
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Earl Hunnewell.
Philadelphia Chapter: inactive at the
moment
(The former Milwaukee Chapter no longer
exists).

Chapters are named, not numbered.

This list is compiled from the mailing address
plates used for the Philatelist. If any name is
omitted, will that member please notify us, so
that addition can be made.

Please note: This list is NOT to be used, even
by members, for circularization or solicitation
of business. Will any member who receives any
communication apparently so arising, please let
the Secretary have full information thereon.

Members with numbers up to 264 joined before
end of 1946.

Members with numbers 265 to 418 joined from
start of 1947 to end of 1949.

Members with numbers 419 to 481 joined from
start of 1950 to end of 1951.

Members with numbers above 586 joined in 1954.

French Stamps used in Martinique

Mr. J. Hatfield, Springfield, Ohio, long one of
our members, sends a short list of French stamps
known to him used in Martinique since that isle
ceased having its own issues. With thanks, the
list he gives is now published. This result is
from Mr. Stone's article and our request in No.
73.

The stamps known, identified by Martinique's
postmarks on them, are:

Marianne Type, Scott type A147:

3f lilac rose
5f green
15f red
15f blue

Ceres-Laureated Type, Scott type A146

1f rose red
2f green

Progressive Break on the 5f Type Merson

Mr. George Tisserant, shortly before failing
sight led to his abandoning stamps, was kind
enough to give your editor four copies of this
stamp, all used in 1923. Near southeast corner, a
short break begins under 3 of FRANÇAISE near the
corner, becomes longer, takes on a break under E
with thin line between the two, and finally be-
comes a large single break.

Book Review

Essai sur "les Semeuses". By Louis Barrier.
Montpellier, 1951, Bulletin Philatelique du Midi,
paper, 231 pp.

(This review was prepared in 1952, but was
misfiled in correspondence instead of in the
file of copy for the F. & C. P. Found only
in February 1954, it is hastened into print, with
appropriate editorial regrets for the delay).

Mr. Barrier's book does the very much needed
task of bringing information on the Sower Type
of France, and all overprintings on them, up to
date. Much information not hitherto in print at
all, and much so scattered as to be useless, has
been assembled as well as coordinated.

The introductory chapters are of great use
because they include not only biographies of
Designer Roty and Engraver Mouchon, but a full
treatment of such matters as methods of printing
used for this issue, origins of varieties, and so
forth. Technically skilled expert knowledge in
printing has been utilized fully. The reader may
however be baffled by the French terms used in
the printing trade, which are used with exactude
calling for more understanding of them than we
mostly have. Beware of sloppy translations that
give wrong impressions or confuse words having
sharp but slight differences in meaning.

Dating of shades by millesimes, datings for
various printings, and descriptions of various
sheets, coils and booklets, are most accurate and
complete. The precancels are treated in consid-
erable detail. Under each stamp and again in a
separate chapter, the stamps surcharged for use,
outside France, are reported in full.

Mr. Barrier seems to have gone well beyond all
that is given by de Vinck and others about this
group of stamps. How accurate his pictures of the
types, such as of the 10c, are, is hard to decide.
They seem to be careful drawings. Yet a casual
experiment with a few used 25c Sower stamps was
disconcerting. Three out of the five copies in
hand could not be placed accurately as to type,
by use of Mr. Barrier's figures. The three are
intermediate between his types.

Let not the minor flaws blind anyone to the
great usefulness of this work.

(1954 addition: See No. 70 of this journal--
the pictures will help when used with Barrier's
book. Also, it seems queer that dating of the
shades by postmark dates is not included as a
method)

S.G.R.

Article on French Booklets

The first consecutive, comprehensive treat-
ment of French booklets of stamps, in English,
appeared in the S.P.A. Journal of April, 1954.
It is an article by Harry H. Moskovitz, of Forest
Hills, N.Y. The magazine is 35 cents per copy,
from Editor (and F. & C.G. member of many years'
standing) J. Elmer Zinsmeister, 340 North Pine Av.
Chicago 44, Ill.

WERE TELLING YOU

ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

Plans are under way for our annual
Spring Dinner

in the French manner.

At the April meeting this was discussed, and all present favored it. I have been asked to make the arrangements and will be able to give complete details at our next meeting May 4th.

Tentative date is Saturday evening May 29th. We hope to make reservations at our usual and favorite dining place, Au Gaulois, 351 West 57 St., New York.

We are endeavoring again to keep the price around the \$5.00 mark, to include a pre-prandial cocktail and a glass of "ordinaire" with the dinner.

It will be necessary to know how many we are to plan for. Please send reservations to me at 71 Washington Square South, New York 12, N.Y. And please send your reservation now--while you remember to do so.

A.R. Fernald

MEMBERS' APPEALS

Want and exchange notices only; members only; one or two insertions only; no charge. Those who reply will please offer only what is asked.

Wanted: Paris Star cancellation with Numeral 31. Mercer C. Walter, 2014 Scroggins Rd., Alexandria, Va. (Member 476)

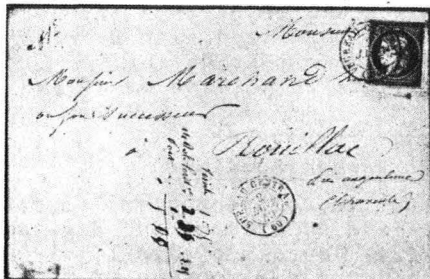
Wanted to buy: French Oceania: used only, pairs strips and blocks of all issues to 1927. Dr. H. M. Barnhart, 2185 Huntington Drive, San Marino, Calif. (Member 392)

Wanted: unused copy of Jaipur No. 33 (not a French country but maybe someone among us can find it). Submit with price, please. S.G. Rich, P.O. Box B, Verona, N.J. (Member 2)

Wanted to buy: Early France and Colonies, (General Issues) on and off cover, only very fine. A.S. Juliard, "Green Acres," Narberth, Pa. (Member 438)

Your Secretary can supply you with all back numbers of the Philatelist, from No. 1 to date. No. 1 \$1.00; other numbers \$1.00 per volume of 6 consecutive numbers or single numbers 20c each. Charles Bretagne, Secretary, P.O. Box 67, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (Member 357)

Wanted: World War 2 covers with Free French military postmarks, 1942 to 1946. Please describe in detail and price each item, or send on approval. Everel Keys, 14742 Center Ave., Harvey, Ill. (Member 246)



A remarkable cover bearing France 1c. vermilion obliterated in red on second day of issue.

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* SECRETARY'S REPORT * Jan. 15 to March 15, 1954

NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME:

- 570 Welsch, Russell L., 4 Clydehurst Drive..... Webster Groves 19, Mo. (France & Cols)...
- 571 Cremona, R.M., 68 Avenue des Francasi..... Beyrouth, Lebanon (France & Lebanon).....
- 572 Rantz, Mrs. Lowell A., 3108 Jackson St., San Francisco 15, Calif. (France & Cols.)....
- 573 Meyerson, Dr. Noah, 428 - 59th St., West New York, N.J. (France).....

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

- 14 Kagan, Alexandre to: 1118 Marion St., Denver, Colorado.....
- 89 Morris, Stanley N. to: 5921 West Ohio St., Chicago 44, Illinois.
- 192 Cunningham, Miss H.T., to: 751 South Cook.. St., Barrington, Illinois.....
- 462 Robbins, Elsie, to: 1204 Wakefield Road, Philadelphia 18, Penna.....

Many thanks to all the members who did send in their 1954 dues while I was in Europe. I am now still collecting all 1954 dues. Please do send in (\$1.00 non-resident members, and \$2.00 resident members). I will deeply appreciate it.

Respectfully submitted
Charles Bretagne, Sec'y.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Group will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 1954, at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35 St., New York, N.Y., starting at 8 p.m.

The election of officers for the next year will be the main business. Any other matters which members wish to bring up and which properly may come before the annual meeting, will be in order.

This is the notice to all members required for this meeting

A nominating committee will bring in a slate, and floor nominations will of course be asked, in addition (if there are any).

The usual feature program of Parent Chapter, the feature exhibit, will follow this session.

Brainerd Kremer, President

Because of demands on my time in business, it is impracticable for me to continue as president.
Brainerd Kremer.



Railway Post Office in Reunion

By Ben L. Cash

This small island colony of France, located in the Indian Ocean has a railroad almost all the distance around its coast. There is a traveling letter car which uses this postmark. There are four postmarks used, all alike, except for the key numeral following the word, "Convoyeur".

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