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Don't know what else to put here. No significant messages I can think of. Hope to see a lot of you in Chicago at the convention.

Major feature of next issue is "The small shields of the French Zone 1945-46" by Abelardo Claudio. Good! Hope to see more from the French Zone group.

OBLITERATED NAZI ISSUES SUBGROUP ***

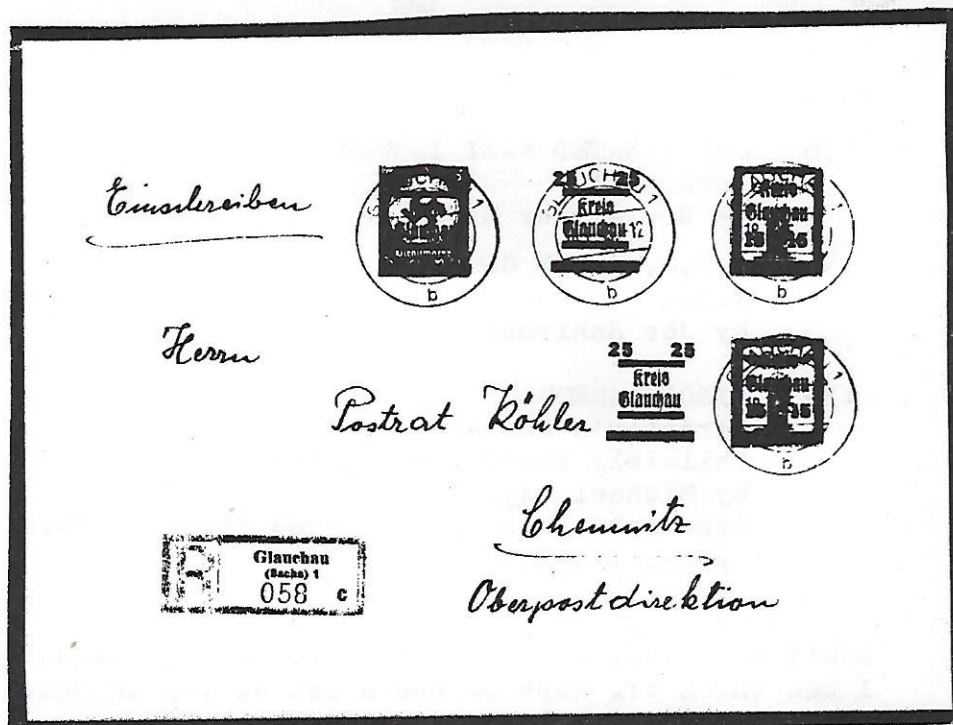
BEWARE!!!

(or Even Material from seemingly Impeccable Sources should
be looked at critically)

based on information supplied by

Dr. Werner M. Bohne

The following cover was offered by the firm H.B. Zierer (a Bundesprüfer)



with the description:

"Bedarfs registered cover with uncommon mixed franking Partei and Behörden official stamps from Glauchau to Chemnitz to the Oberpostdirektion, good shape, geprüft Zierer BPP (then price)"

It is the opinion of Dr. Bohne (and a knowledgeable Glauchau collector) that:

1. This is not a Bedarfsbrief
2. There is no return address
3. The cover is not to the Oberpostdirektion but rather to an employee of the Oberpostdirektion
4. One stamp is not cancelled
5. The cover is overfranked, the correct postage is 75 or 90Pfg.
6. The registry labels with "c" identifier were not in use on the cancel date
7. The cancelling device used was not used for general postal traffic.

When something appears "not quite right", question it. There are people around who can often help.

A.M.G. STUDY GROUP REPORT

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Recently, your Editor completed arrangements with the German AMG Study Group, "ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT AM-POST" who also published the excellent AMG newsletter, "Der AM Post Sammler"; for a mutual exchange of AMG information. In future issues of both newsletters, various articles will be re-published. Members are asked to submit articles to me for possible re-publishing in Germany. I will handle the translation into German. So if any of you feel you have something to say regarding AMG that would interest our German friends, please let me know.

The Germany Philatelic Society will hold a convention in Chicago at the Exposition Center on 2,3,& 4 October 1981. Our Study Group President, Al Heinz, will hold a meeting and he asks that members try and attend. See you all there.

Most AMG collectors are aware that there are few good catalogs or handbooks available for use. The few that are available from the US & Germany, while basically good, are still out-dated, have various omissions, and some errors that were discovered since their publication. Discussions with their publishers/editors all center about the same fact, costly and time consuming to update. And this is exactly why, for over 7 years now I have been gathering AMG data for my proposed catalog/handbook/ in order that eventually, you AMG collectors will have some type of a standard reference work to refer to. So this is why I continually ask to send me AMG data...please remember that nothing is too trivial, nothing is too basic--everything is important.

Dr. Harry Wilcke, one of our AMG members has done a series of AMG articles on postal stationery--mainly postal cards. Harry tells me that Linn's will be running his articles sometime during August & September. Your Editor had the pleasure of doing a small bit of editing for Wilcke, and all of us should find his writings enlightening.

Why are AMG collectors reluctant to share their knowledge and findings with others?? I have tried to solve this mystery for over 7 years now...many collectors contact me for information; many tell me they have no data while others say what they have I would not be interested in?? I wonder. If you think you can write an article, if you wish to share your find and knowledge with other AMG people; please send your efforts along to me--I'll edit and polish and get it to the right people. Believe me, it is a good feeling to share with others....AMG needs the help of all members; not just a few.

Have you noticed the sky high prices for all AMG materials in recent US auctions (when it is available)?? In German auctions the prices are made even higher by the 15% added charge (whatever you choose to call it). Apparently right now, collectors seem to have more cash than philatelic sense.

In future issues, we will cover various phase of the 3 AMG printings....papers, gums, perforations and plate varieties. Also we intend to cover booklet panes; trial & proof printings; fakes & forgeries, specimen sheets; literature; etc. There is much work to be done in these areas, and it can be handled far easier, if you AMG members will cooperate by sending along AMG data...nothing is trivial--all is important.

A recent auction of AMG materials shocked me no end as to the prices realized. While there were but 22 lots of Germany AMG items out of a total of 73 AMG items offered; the overage prices realized for these 22 lots was a staggering \$2,027.50. I had figured that if the materials brought \$8/1100 it would be high...but apparently people are now looking at buying AMG like they do various US., Canada, etc. issues. It seems to me that collectors now apparently have more cash than philatelic sense if you know what I am driving towards. I have also noted that in various German auctions the rapid increase of AMG costs have almost doubled. Add to the is the usual 15% most house charge and you have prices that are surely to not only get out of hand, but will not be in the range of the average collectors. Next thing, they will be buying the gum and not the stamps like they do with so many other issues.

Those of you who have not paid your dues for 1981, please do so. It would also help our financial situation, if you could also pay your 1982 dues now. The dues are a modest \$5.00--send them along to the Newsletter Editor, Don Slawson. Remember that it costs to print and mail your newsletter.

Miscellaneous Editor's Comments

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This is the first series of articles from this subgroup under the bulletin's new reorganization plan. I would like to take this inaugural issue to encourage you readers to try your hand at writing-it isn't really that hard! I am trying to solicit further articles, on any subject not covered by the other subgroups. Please don't limit your ideas to just the immediate post world war II years. Very little is written about the Federal Republic since 1950 and almost nothing about DDR. If you have auction realizations that would be of interest, send them in (Please be sure you have written permission from the auction house to print them for publication), want lists, material for sale, etc. Also if your are seeking information about a cover or a stamp you have send in a photo-copy and I will publish it.

I would also be willing to help someone organize and write an article, if you are timid about your writing skills or not sure that what you have to say would be interesting enough to others - I'm sure it will be of interest - take a chance.

For the creative-types, any ideas for a more distinguished subgroup name - drop me a line.

Now for the first issue - good reading!

PHILATELY EQUATOR REVISITED

BY

Michael Layne

In the July/August, 1979 issue of the bulletin I described a set of cacheted covers made in Germany at the end of World War II by a company called "Philately Equator." On a recent visit to the Philatelic library in Munich I was able to obtain some additional information which I wish to share in this article.

Philately Equator operated out of Hamburg, however, it also had business offices in Lugano, Switzerland. Both city names appear on their correspondence. It published a philatelic news magazine called "Equator". A similarly named magazine was published in Berlin prior to the outbreak of World War II. The name F-Behle Neubold was associated with both, possibly as writer and editor.

I found only 4 issues of "Equator" magazine, a sample copy issued in February, 1948 probably sent out to attract advertisers and/or subscribers, and 3 regular issues published in January, February, and March, 1949. Fig. 1 shows the front-piece of issue 3, March, 1949. It is all in color and quite striking (I wished it could be reproduced!). The magazine's editorial policy was to shy away from research and technical kinds of philatelic articles, but to concentrate instead on articles attractive to the general collector. It contained stories on recent new issues, both German and non-German, many of which were illustrated in color. Philatelic ads, letters to the editor, etc. were also part of the contents. Why the magazine was so short-lived is a mystery, perhaps a lack of subscribers (each issue cost one mark), or lack of advertisers, (although there were plenty of ads) or production costs at that time which were too prohibitive for such a magazine.

In the March, 1949 issue I came across an ad which listed "German First Day Covers-U.S. format with colored vignettes." These are the "Philately Equator" covers. In Tables I and II I have listed all the covers described in the ad plus their original selling price. I have rearranged them into commemorative and first day covers. My comments appear after each cover to help in identification. Following the tables are illustrations of the cachets and covers which I have coded to the numbers in the Tables, thus, helping further in the identification process. I ask readers to send me copies of covers which I have not included so I can update the list in future bulletins.

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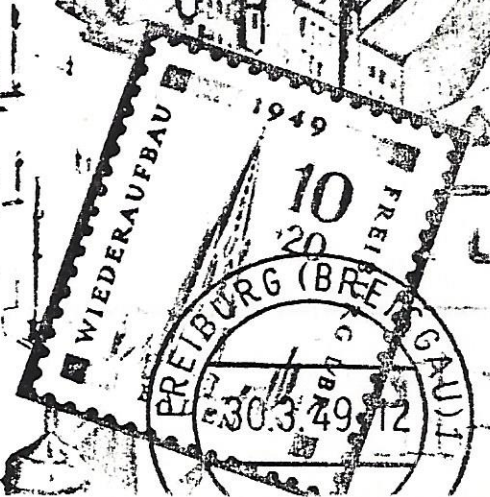
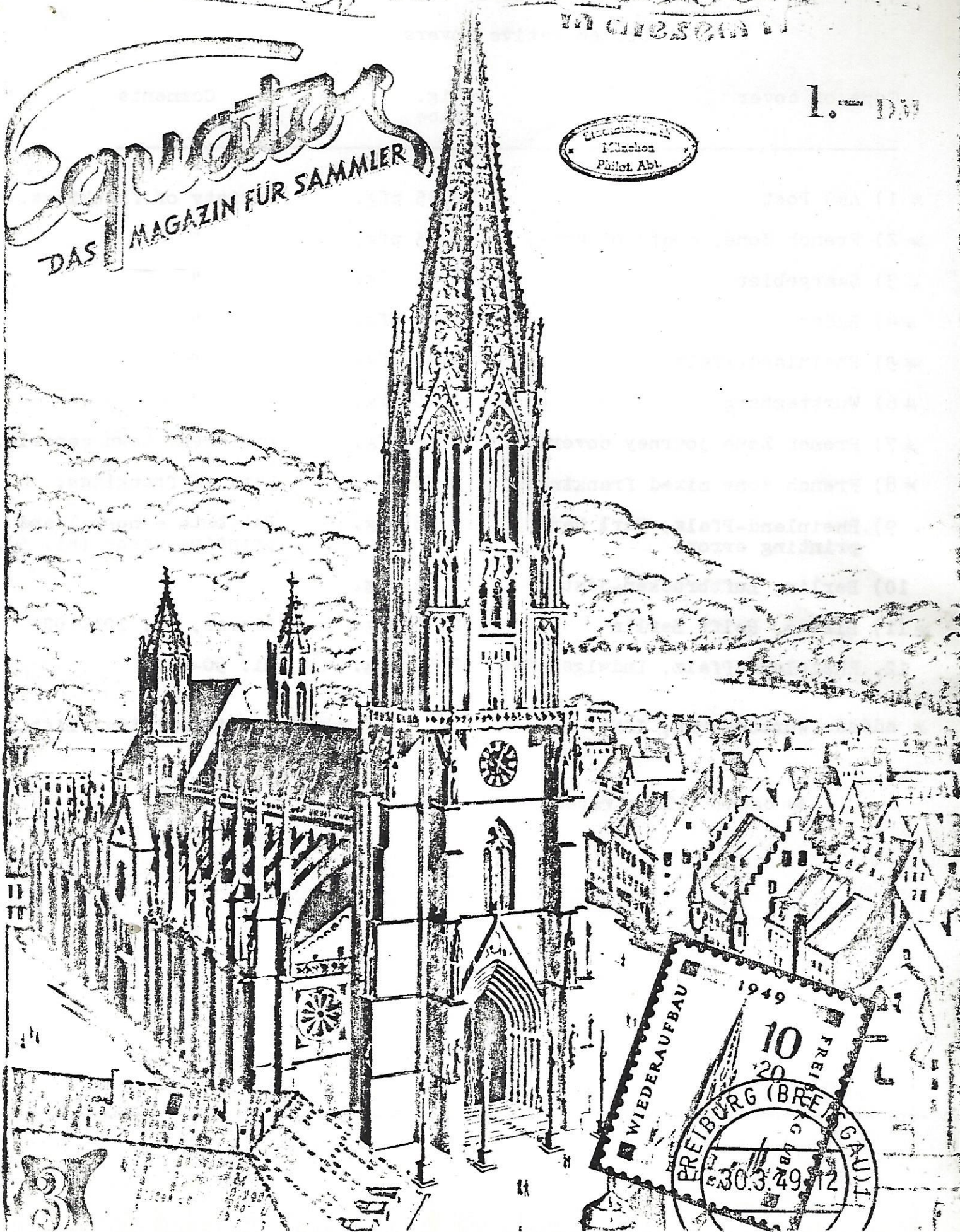


Table I

Commemorative Covers

Type of cover	orig. price	Comments
* 1) AMG Post	0,45 pfg.	variety of frankings.
* 2) French Zone, coats of arms.	0,45 pfg.	"
* 3) Saargebiet	0,65 pfg.	"
* 4) Baden	0,45 pfg.	"
* 5) Rheinland-Pfalz	0,45 pfg.	"
* 6) Wurttemberg	0.45 pfg.	"
* 7) French Zone journey covers.	1,25 pfg.	Different town cancels.
* 8) French zone mixed frankings.	0,75 pfg.	Var. of frankings.
9) Rheinland-Pfalz, Karl Marx printing error.	0,85 pfg.	Has both a normal and printing error (M1. 5).
10) Berlin, Luftbrucken-Sdst.	0,95 pfg.	
* 11) Bizone, Helft Berlin	0,75 pfg.	Bizone, M1. 101-102
12. Rheinland-Pfalz, Ludwigshafen	2,50 pfg.	M1. 30-31.
* added: Wurttemberg, ISNY	?	Not in original list.

* cachet illustrated

Table II
First Day Covers

Type of cover	orig. price.	comments
* 1) Heinrich v. Stephan	0,65 pfg.	Mi. 963,964
* 2) Leipzig, Fruhjahrsmesse 1947.	3,75 pfg	Mi. 941,942
* 3) Leipzig, Herbstmesse, 1947..	0,95 pfg.	Mi. 965,966
* 4) Bizone, First day regist- ered covers.	0,75 pfg.	Variety of registry markings.
* 5) Baden	0,95 pfg.	"First day" refers to the type of cachet, not the cancel. check carefully!
6) Rheinland-Pfalz	0,95 pfg.	
7) Wurttemberg	0,95 pfg.	
* 8) Second Interim period issues, Control council.	0,75 pfg.	Workers series- issued Feb. 1, 1948. 5 values only.
9) Leipzig, Fruhjahrsmesse, 1948..	0,75 pfg.	Mi. 967,968
* 10) Export-Messe, Hannover.	0,65 pfg.	Mi. 969,970
11) Export-Messe, Block of 4.	3,75 pfg.	Mi. 969-70 Zusammendrucke.
* 12. Last day of worker's series.	0,75 pfg.	
* 13. Bizone, currency reform.	0,65 pfg.	Ovp. worker series.
14. Kolner Dom	3,75 pfg.	Bizone, Mi. 69-70
15. Leipzig, Herbstmesse, 1948.	0,75 pfg.	SBZ, Mi. 198-99.

*cachet illustrated

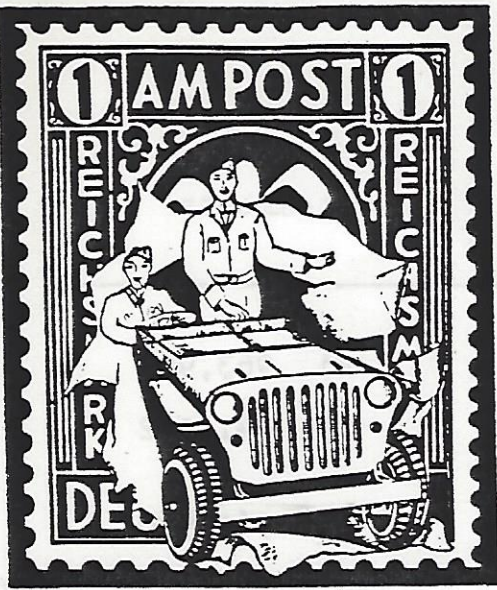


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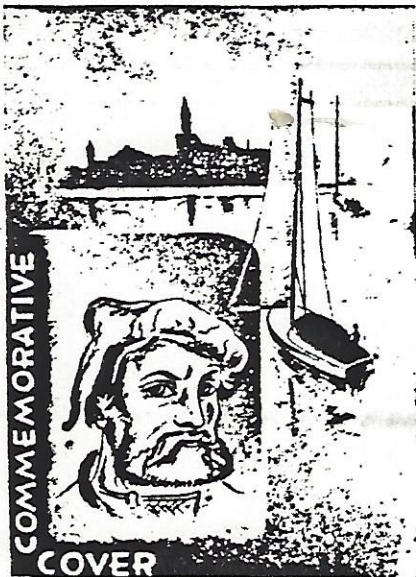


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FRENCH ZONE COVER

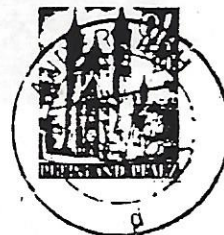


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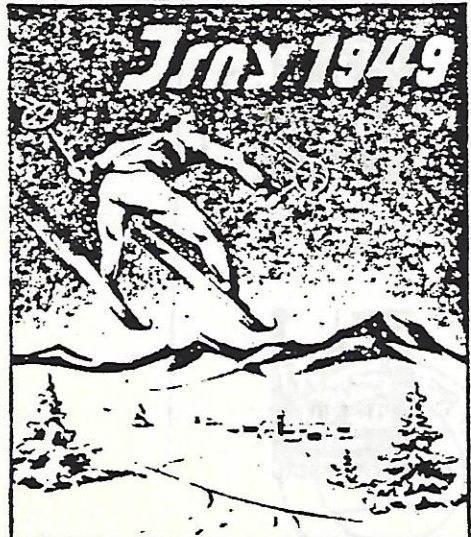


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SOUVENIR COVER
ERINNERUNGS BRIEF

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SOUVENIR COVER



ERINNERUNGS BRIEF



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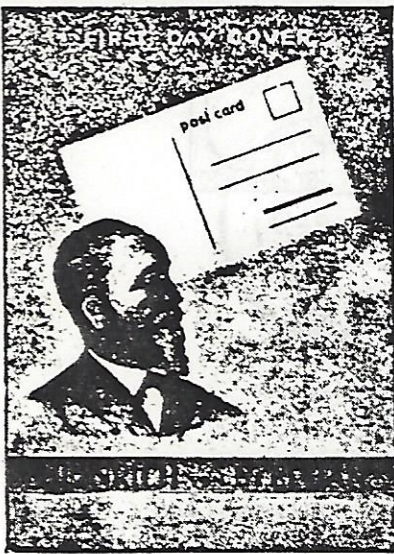


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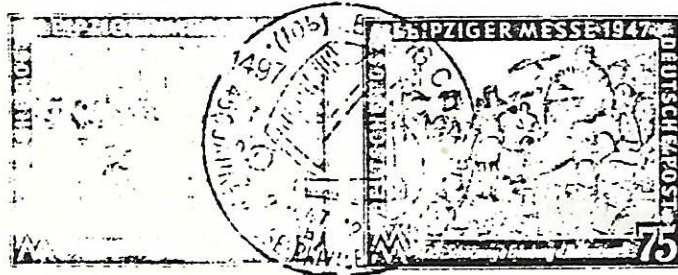


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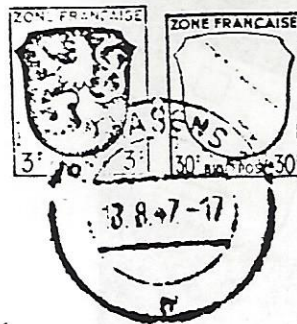
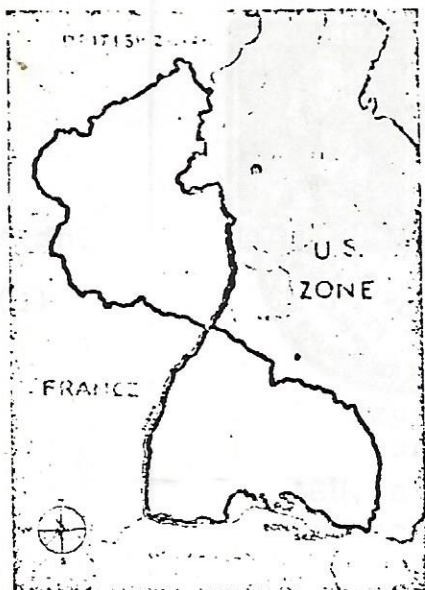


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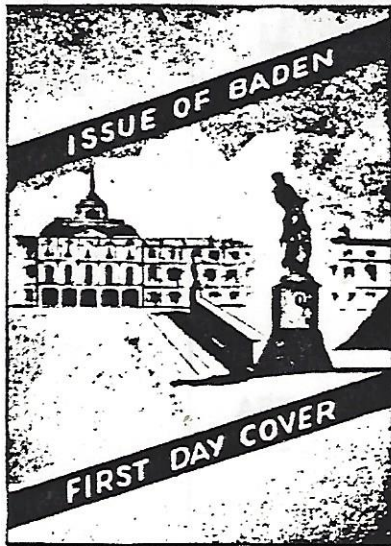


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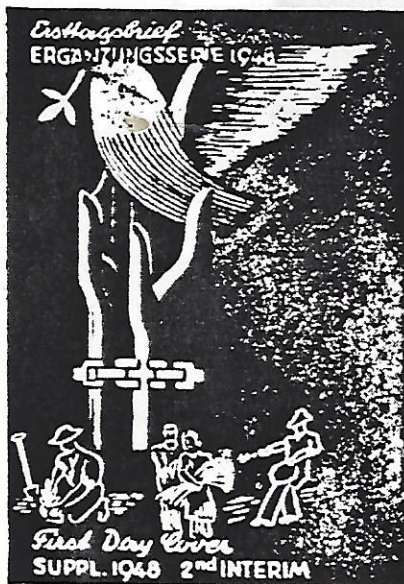


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LAST DAY COVER
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FIRST DAY COVER

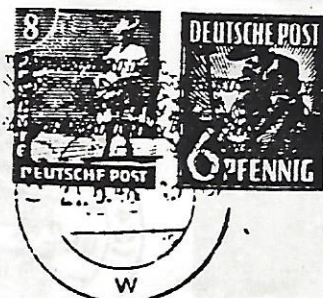
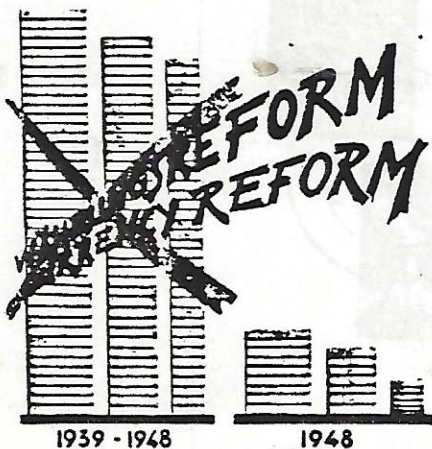


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