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LOCALS DO NOTHING FOR 6 MONTHS

Well, I usually start out with a headline, and the above is the only appropriate thing I could think of. Perhaps it should instead have been HELP, for that is what I need. I'm sure some of you out there must be doing some research while you're collecting, getting off-beat material, etc. Write it up for the rest of us. We need material for the bulletin. I'm hoping to get permission to reprint a couple of articles from DBZ which I already have translated, but other than this the future is looking pretty bleak. If somebody is following German auctions and gets the prices realized we could use this information too.

We have a reciprocal agreement with the German Locals study group regarding using material in each others bulletin. I have copies of their bulletins, but cannot read them. Can anybody devote a pretty good chunk of time to looking at these and translating anything that seems interesting?

FINANCIAL REPORT 1970

**Gebühr
bezahlt**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	71.50	Envelopes	4.99
Donation	7.50	Postage	30.02
Sale of		Mimeo	
back		materials	20.85
issues	10.25	New page 1	22.48
	<u>89.25</u>		<u>81.34</u>



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	<u>Balance</u>	
Income 70	89.25	
Expense 70	<u>81.34</u>	

7.91 carried foreward

Dues rec'd for

71	<u>17.00</u>
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24.91 cash on hand

IF YOU HAVE NOT
ALREADY DONE SO PLEASE
PAY 1971 DUES

(will be waved if you'll
write articles or translate)

AUCTION REPORT

Ha! Ha! I've had one letter from Myron, about 2 months after the last bulletin. He reported absolutely no business. I'm sure he would have written me if conditions changed, so feel certain the status is the same. Well, with nothing to sell there are no auctions (a brilliant observation on my part).

PLUG FOR THE 1971 CONVENTION

Looks like this is going to be another pretty good affair - on the order of Brunswick. Think it will be a lot of fun, so try to make it if you can. Also in the back of my mind is trying to get together a quorum so we can go over some of these items like the auction, a survey of literature in our field, and any of the other topics which require participation by a large number of group members in order to succeed. Anyway, if you attend I believe you will find it worthwhile.

FDC of the 8 Rpf First Series of the French Zone
by Benjamin R. Beede

Until recently I congratulated myself upon having a commercial first day cover with the 8 Rpf of the "Shield Series" from the French Zone. According to the Michel Katalog the first day of issue was Jan. 12, 1946. However, upon further checking it is apparent that Michel must be in error. There are three covers in my collection bearing the 8 Rpf with dates from January 7th to 11th. G. Castel in Marques Postales Timbres-Postale: Allemagne et Autriche Occupation Interalliee 1945-1946, p. 16, states the 8 Rpf went on sale January 7, 1946. It may therefore be that I do have a FDC for this stamp. Castel says that the 1,3,5,15, and 24 Rpf. also came out on the 7th, not the 12th of January. It would

be interesting to hear if other members have additional values of this set used with dates before the 12th:

Plate Flaws of the AMG Issue
by Harold Peter

WASHINGTON PRINT, Pane I 3 Pfennig value-3rd issue Mi # 1z
Scott # 3N2a

I have examined six sheets of plate # 45865 Pane I. The Thirkell position finder was used to identify the position of the flaw in stamp design; however, description to find position for anyone without this tool is given also. All major flaws, the ones that are easy to find, are underlined and capitalized letters are used. The minor flaws, the fly speck category, are listed for the serious student.

CONSTANT FLAWS: All sheets show the last digit of the plate number with a cut off bow and a color dot outside of the bow. The following positions all show a colored dot in the line under PO: 5,9,11,15,17, 45,49,50,65,66,75,76,85,86,88,90,91,92 and 96.

Pos. 2	G - 4	Faint color dot in oval ring over C
" 5	B - 1	Faint color dot in left outside line, left of P
" 12	A - 1	Faint color dot in left 3
" 17	A - 1	Faint color dot in line, left of left 3
" 18	G - 2	COLOR DOT IN LINE OVER U
" 21	C - 2	COLOR DOT IN UPPER LEFT ORNAMENT, RIGHT OF F
" 22	G - 5	Faint color dot in lower right ornament over A
" 23	H - 1	COLOR DOT IN LINE UNDER DE
" 32	D - 7	Nicked right line in height of NE of right Pfennig
" 33	F - 7	Broken right line in height of NI of right Pfennig
" 34	DE- 1	Nicked left line in height of 1st N of left Pfennig
" 42	C - 1	BROKEN LEFT LINE, LEFT OF LEFT P
" 44	CD- 1	Faint broken left line; left of left FE
" 48	B - 2	COLOR DOT IN LEFT UPPER ORNAMENT, RIGHT OF P
" 50/1	D - 1	COLOR DOT IN LEFT E
" 50/2	E - 6	COLOR DOT IN RIGHT 2nd N
" 51	A - 5	Faint color dot in line over S of Post
" 52/1	D - 1	Faint color dot in left outside line, left of 1st N
" 52/2	E - 7	Faint color dot in right outside line, right of 2nd N
" 57	D - 2	COLOR DOT IN OVAL RING, LEFT SIDE, RIGHT OF 1st N
" 60	FG-1/6	FLAW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, LEFT OF LEFT G, IN ORNAMENT, OVAL RING, IN ORNAMENT AND RIGHT OF G
" 71	F - 0	OUTSIDE LEFT SIDE THICK SPOT MAKING LINE THICKER
" 75	A - 7	COLOR DOT RIGHT SIDE, OUTSIDE OF RIGHT 3
" 76	C - 1	LEFT LINE BROKEN, LEFT OF LEFT FE
" 77/1	A - 4	Faint color dot in P of Post
" 77/2	C - 7	COLOR DOT OUTSIDE, RIGHT SIDE
" 77/3	G - 7	COLOR DOT OUTSIDE, RIGHT SIDE
" 78	G - 2	Faint color dot in lower left ornament, above UT
" 85	EF- 5	Colored line in oval ring left of right NI
" 86	D - 4	COLOR DOT IN MIDDLE STROKE OF BIG M
" 92	C - 3	Upper left stroke of big M with fine colored line
" 94	B - 7	COLOR DOT OUTSIDE OF RIGHT SIDE, RIGHT OF P

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PARTIAL FLAWS: These are plentiful and most of them I have not listed as they have no particular value. Due to the printing process used (offset) they appear and disappear quickly. Any dirt, dust, or paper particles will be printed and therefore are part of the stamp design. However as soon as any cleaning is done the "flaws" disappear. Many stamps show weak and broken vertical lines on the left or right side of the stamp. Some of the partial flaws I have listed are:

- Pos. 1 G - 5 White scratch above LA
- " 27 H - 7 Colored line after last D
- " 33 D - 4 White spot between big M on right side
- " 51 A - 6 Color dot in line left of right 3
- " 94 C-F/4 White vertical scratches in big M, right side
- " 97 B - 1 Fine colored line in left P of Pfennig

Answers to some of the Berlin Questions raised in the Last Issue
by Richard S. Zerbe

The Hönnow post office would be a local rate. There are several clues to back this up. First the listing is "Hönnow Nord über Berlin-Mahlsdorf". I rather suspect that this would be a post office like the two "Zehlendorf" offices which were actually in Teltow. That is, they were listed as "Berlin-Zehlendorf N" (I use "N" in place of the actual numbers, neither of which I am sure at this moment) but actually outside the city limits, and yet administered from a larger post office (in this case Berlin-Zehlendorf 1) within the city limits. This is not too odd a situation. Just off hand I can think of several offices which were handled this way - for instance, Gross-Ziethen (two offices), Glienicke (West and Ost), and of course Zehlendorf. The currency reform finished this arrangement, at least for Zone offices served from West Berlin post offices. Secondly, in checking maps, I find that Hönnow shares a common border with Berlin.

The earliest cancellation I have is August 15, 1947, and, like yours, the cancellation is Berlin-Charlottenburg 2.

MEMBER'S CORNER

Clinton Mc Glamery, 710 So. Waverly Drive, Dallas, Tx. 75208 has written asking about a booklet "Cancellations of the Third Reich" by James N. Holt, 1953. Can anybody help?

That's it for this issue. Hopefully next one within two months.