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NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM — Maps of the Islands — Part II

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The designs, by Leslie Curtis, follow the same format as Part I with the maps and local items inside a keyhole outline. The 25FNH value was printed by The House of Questa and the remaining values of Part II were printed in lithography by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd. French and English versions of each stamp have been produced with CA watermarked paper use for the English values and unwatermarked paper for the French values.

The subjects are as follows:

15FNH — Espiritu Santo

This is the largest island with three summits, including the highest summit of the archipelago. The island has lush valleys and many coconut trees. The main town is Luganville, formerly known in English as Santo. Inset is a picture of some local beef cattle which give high quality meat as a result of the fine pastures.

25FNH — Malakula

This is a large island with diverse cultures and some heavily populated off-shore islands. Some headaddresses are illustrated in the lower portions of the design.

30FNH — Aoba and Maewo

Aoba is more densely populated than some of the islands and is the headquarters of the Anglican Church with the Bishop at Lolowai. Pigs are bred on this island and the inset item is a pair of curved pigs tusks. Maewo has a waterfall and some caves.

40FNH — Tanna and Aniwa

Tanna is perhaps the richest island. On Tanna is 'Yasour', a volcano emerging from a bed of ashes and surrounded by a lake in the middle of lush vegetation.

The inset item is the Prophet John Frum's Red Cross. The fortified village practices cargo-cult and adores the Prophet John Frum who will bring them vast wealth. The Red Cross can be photographed but not touched and is the emblem of this religion whose origin is unknown.

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM—

New Definitive Series Part II

15 FNH., 25 FNH., 30 FNH., 40 FNH.

The new definitive stamps are described elsewhere in the Gazette.

Joachim Dill

NEUE HEBRIDEN: Okt.: "Definitives"/II (Inseln), 15, 25, 30, 40 FNH. in engl. und franz.Version. - 1 IAS=15 FNH.

Le Monde des Philatelistes



L'Echo de la Timbrologie

NOUVELLES-HÉBRIDES.

— Courant octobre une série complémentaire « cartes des îles » sera mise en vente et comprendra les valeurs suivantes : 15, 2*, 30, 40 FNH (versions anglaise et française).

Dessinée et gravée par Claude Haley une série sur l'espace sortira le 10 octobre :

Poste aérienne

100 f., 200 f., 300 f.

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

Maps of the Islands

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The designs, by Leslie Curtis, follow the same format as Part I with the maps and local items inside a keyhole outline. The 25FNH value was printed by The House of Questa and the remaining values of Part II were printed in lithography by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd.

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This is the largest island with three summits including the highest summit of the archipelago. The island has lush valleys and many coconut trees. The main town is Luganville, formerly known in English as Santo. Inset is a picture of some local beef cattle which give high

quality meat as a result of the fine pastures.

25FNH — Malakula

This is a large island with diverse cultures and some heavily populated off-shore islands. Some headdresses are illustrated in the lower portions of the design.

30FNH — Aoba and Maewo

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40FNH — Tanna and Aniwa

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The inset item is the Prophet John Frum's Red Cross. The fortified village practises cargo-cult and adores the Prophet John Frum, who will bring them vast wealth. The Red Cross can be photographed but not touched and is the emblem of this religion, whose origin is unknown.



Das Kondominium der Neuen Hebriden bekam jüngst eine neue Währung, den sogenannten neuen Hebriden-Franken (FNH), der den bisherigen Internationalen Goldfranken (GF), die künstlich geschaffene Verrechnungseinheit des Weltpostvereins, an die sich die Neuen Hebriden anlehnten, mit Wirkung ab 1. Juli 1977 ablöste. Zunächst überdruckte man die laufende Dauerserie aus dem Jahre 1972 mit neuen Wertangaben (13 Werte: 5, 10, 15,



20, 25, 30, 35, 65 gc sowie 1,—, 2,—, 3,—, 5,—, und 10,— GF mit Überdruck 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 70, 100, 200 und 500 FNH, Ersttag 1. Juli 1977). Nunmehr erscheint in mehreren Tranchen eine neue (endgültige) Dauerserie, die die Proviso-

rien ersetzt. Die ersten fünf Werte (5, 20, 25, 50 und 100 FNH) kamen im September 1977, die vier Marken von Teil 2 (15, 30, 40 und 200 FNH) im Oktober 1977 heraus. Die Marken zeigen in Form eines Schlüssellochs Landkarten der verschiedenen Inseln der Neuen Hebriden sowie eine lokale Szene bzw. heimisches Kunsthandwerk. Außerdem findet man natürlich auf jedem Wertzeichen die Symbole der beiden „Schutzmächte“ Frankreich und Großbritannien, die sich die Herrschaft über das Kondominium teilen. Mit der Pflicht zu wahren, gibt es von jeder Marke eine französische und eine englische Version, die sich vor allem durch die Beschriftung „Nouvelles Hebrides“ bzw. „New Hebrides“ unterscheiden.

NEW HEBRIDES — New Definitive Series Part III depicting 'Maps'
Details of the values are awaited.

Stamps (USA)



NEW HEBRIDES — Four definitives 23rd November 1977 depicting various islands in the group: 15 FNH, Espiritu Santo; 25 FNH, Malakula; 30 FNH, Aoba and Maewo; 40 FNH, Tanna and Aniwa; English version with CA Crown w/m; French version without watermark; the 25 FNH stamp was printed by House of Questa; the other three values by Waddington Ltd.; des. by Leslie Curtis; lithography; panes of 25. Three stamps were issued 8th December 1977 as a Christmas set: 10 FNH, Madonna Tempi by Raphael in the Pinakothek, Munich; 15 FNH, Flight into Egypt by Gerard David, in the Prado, Madrid; 30 FNH, Virgin and Child by Pompeo Batoni, in the Borghese, Rome; English version with CA crown w/m; French version, no w/m; des. by Waddington Studios Ltd.; litho. by Cartor SA, France; panes of 25. (Phila. Bulletin, Port Vila.)

La Philatelie Francaise

NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES
23.11.77 : Nouvelles valeurs types cartes des îles
15, 20, 30 et 40 FNH (séries française et anglaise)

Crown Agents Trade Circular

Part II

Release date : October 1977 (exact date to be advised)

Values : 15FNH 25FNH 30FNH 40FNH

Cost per 25 sets : £19.25 approx.

First Day Cover prices are awaited for both Part I and II.

Edgar Lewy (London)

NEW HEBRIDES: October: Definitives (II): 15 Fr.NH: Espiritu Santo islands, and local cattle; 15 Fr., Malakula island, and custom headdresses (transferred from Definitives 1st part); 30 Fr., Aoba and Maewo islands, and pigs tusks; 40 Fr. Tanna island, and Prophet John Frym's Red Cross; des. Leslie Curtis; multicolour offset printed by John Waddington td., exc. 25 Fr., by House of Questa; issued in English and French language versions.

Barclay Group Philatelic
Society Magazine

New Hebrides - Part 2 of the definitives is to be released during the month, values being 15FNH,

25FNH, 30FNH and 40FNH, all values being of a standard design with different insets and being produced both in English and French.



Crown Agents Trade Circular

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM - New Definitive Series Part 2

The 15FNH, 25FNH, 30FNH and 40FNH stamps were released on 23 November 1977 as Part 2 of the New Definitive Series featuring Maps of the Islands. Technical details appeared in TC 11/77.

First Day Covers are priced at 120FNH, 84p approx and the minimum order is 20 covers.

L'échangiste Universel

NOUVELLES HEBRIDES

Oct. : 2^e partie de la série d'usage courant. 4 valeurs : 15, 30, 40 et 200 FNH.

Bulletin Mensuel

L'Echo de la Timbrologie

NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES

1977. — Série courante. Cartes des Iles des Nouvelles Hébrides. Sujets divers dans un même cadre ovale. Dentelés 14.



486 15 fnh.	gris, lavande, vert et brun	»	»	»	»
487 25 fnh.	jaune foncé, turquoise, vert et brun	»	»	»	»
488 30 fnh.	bistre-brun, lavande, vert et brun	»	»	»	»
489 40 fnh.	vert foncé, lavande, vert et brun	»	»	»	»
N ^{os} 486 à 489 (4 val.) .		11	25	»	»

Id légende anglaise.

490 15 fnh.	»	»	»	»	»
491 25 fnh.	»	»	»	»	»
492 30 fnh.	»	»	»	»	»
493 40 fnh.	»	»	»	»	»
N ^{os} 490 à 493 (4 val.) .		11	25	»	»

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492 30 fnh.	»	»	»	»	»
493 40 fnh.	»	»	»	»	»
N ^{os} 490 à 493 (4 val.) .		11	25	»	»

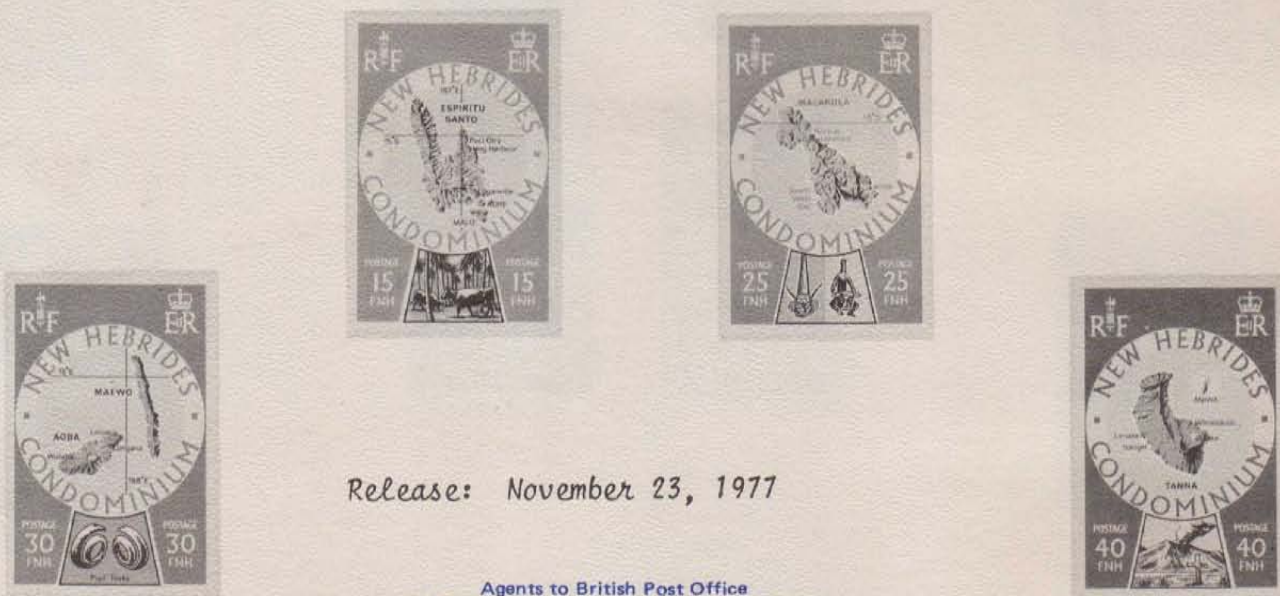
New Hebrides

Definitive Part 2

Cost per one set - U. S. \$1.43

Please note: We inadvertently supplied the 25 FNH stamp with part 1, when it should have been correctly distributed with part 2. However, we did not charge customers for this stamp.

Consequently, when you receive your supplies of part 2, you will just receive three values, but will be charged for four. This will correct matters. Part 1 was released on September 7, 1977.



Release: November 23, 1977

Agents to British Post Office
and Territories Represented by Crown Agents.

Holsteinischer Courier

NEUE HEBRIDEN: Dem am 6. September erschienenen ersten Teil der neuen Dauerserie folgt im Oktober der zweite Teil mit Werten zu 15, 25, 30 und 40 FNH. Die Werte des ersten Teils betragen 5, 20, 50, 100 und 200 FNH. S-Z

NEW HEBRIDES: It-tieni parti tas-serje definittiv gdid hareg fin-New Hebrides matul dan ix-xahar stess. Infakkar li d-disinji ta dawn id-definittivi juru mapep ta xi whud mill gzejjer li jiffurmaw in-New Hebrides flimkien ma xeni lokali. Il-valuri li hargu matul dan ix-xahar huma ta 15, 30, 40 u 200 FNH. Iddisinja Leslie Curtis u stampaw bil-process tal-Litografija The House of Questa fil-kaz tal-valur ta 200 FNH, u John Waddington of Kirkstall Limited fil-kaz tal-valuri l-oħra.

Buckinghamshire Free Press



AT long last the New Hebrides Post Office has sorted out its currency problems. For nearly 40 years anyone wanting to buy a stamp there paid in either British or French money to buy something whose face value was based on a third currency — the non-existent Gold Franc.

Now a solution has been found. The stamps have face values based on New Hebridean Francs.

But there will still be both English and French versions of each stamp.

Philatelie (France)

NOUVELLES HEBRIDES

23 novembre. Emission d'une nouvelle série de valeurs, versions anglaise et française, dans le motif « Cartes des Iles » : 15 - 25 - 30 et 40 FNH.

Cote des 4 val. vers. française 10,00

Cote des 4 val. vers. anglaise 10,00

Filatelija



Australian Stamp Monthly

N. Hebrides Condominium NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES PART II

The confirmed release date of Part II was November 23, 1977.

Yushu(Japan)

▶⑨〜③普通切手(2次) 11月23日, 4種。
15f アスピリトゥ・サント島 Espiritu Santo とヤシ林のなかの牛, 25f マラクラ島 Malakula と髪飾り, 30f オーバ島 Aoba とマエウォ島 Maewo と豚の骨の細工, 40f タンナ島 Tanna と予言者フラムの十字架, 原図は L. Curtis, 25面。 (Nh-49 (4) *780)
(Nh-48・49 s 低額(5, 15, 20, 25 f) (4) *470)

Malaysian Philatelist



NUOVE EBRIDI



6/9/77
SERIE DEFINITIVA (I)

Soggetto: 5, 20, 50, 100 e 200 FNH mappe
delle isole e scene locali

5 valori L. 5.000

Filatelica Szemle

CJ-HEBRIDÁK

A forgalmi sorozat második része három bélyeget tartalmaz. Méret: 28,45X42,58 mm.



NEW HEBRIDES

MAPS OF THE ISLANDS (II)

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The Australian Stamp Monthly, October, 1977

NEW HEBRIDES:

October: Definitives (II):

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15 Fr. Malakula island, and custom headdresses (transferred from Definitives, 1st part).

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Des. Leslie Curtis; multicolour offset printed by John Waddington Ltd., exc. 25 Fr., by House of Questa; issued in English and French language versions.

N. Hebrides Condominium

New Definitive Series Part II

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Le Journal Indépendance (Belgium)

NOUVELLE HEBRIDES

Le 23 novembre, il est paru une série de 4 timbres de la série d'usage courant. Valeurs: 15 FNH. Carte de l'île Espiritu Santo; 25 FNH. Carte de l'île Malakula; 30 FNH. Carte des îles Aoba et Maewo; 40 FNH. Carte des îles Tanna et Aniwa.

Robert J. Ostenhoff (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES- This nation released its first group of stamps in a definitive series on Sept. 7th. The entire set of twelve stamps depict various island groups of the New Hebrides while the thirteenth stamp depicts the entire archipelago. The first group consisted of five stamps; the 2nd segment, of which one of the stamps is illustrated above, was scheduled for release in October. The values will be available in both English and French versions, and will be issued in the new New Hebrides francs (FNH) instead of the previous gold franc denominations.



NOUVELLES HEBRIDES



Dans le courant d'octobre, émission de la deuxième partie.

Sammler Dienst

NEUE HEBRIDEN

(16/77) Oktober 1977: 3 Dauererienwerte (II): 15 fnh, Espiritu-Santo-Inseln, Vieh; 30 fnh, Aoba- und Maewo-Inseln, Wildschweinzähne; 40 fnh, Tanna-Insel, Kreuz des Propheten John Frum. — Entwurf: Leslie Curtis. Herstellung: John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd., Mehrfarbenoffsetdruck, CA-Wasserzeichenpapier (englische Ausgabe), Papier ohne Wasserzeichen (französische Ausgabe), Bogen zu 25 Stück, Größe 28,45 x 42,58 mm. Ersttagsbrief.



Neue Hebriden



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NEW HEBRIDES



October. New Currency definitives: Part II: The 200 FNH value of the new definitives in the revised currency has been deferred for inclusion in Part II of the issue and, therefore, was not released with 5 FNH, 20 FNH, 25 FNH, 50 FNH and 100 FNH. Part II of the issue now comprises the following, the designs maps of the islands named, together with a local scene or handicraft: 15 FNH, islands of Espiritu Santo and local cattle, 30 FNH, islands of Aoba and Maewo and drawings of boars' tusks, 40 FNH, island of Tanna and the Prophet John Frum's Red Cross, 200 FNH, islands of Anietyum and drawings of decorated baskets. Designer was Leslie Curtis. Printers of the 200 FNH were The House of Questa; all other values, John Waddington of Kirkstall. All are in lithography. The English set has CA watermark; the French set, no watermark.

The first part of this definitive issue was released on 7th September and not 6th September as previously announced by the Crown Agents.

NUOVE EBRIDI



23 novembre
Emissione definitiva di posta ordinaria. In ogni francobollo è raffigurata un'isola dell'arcipelago delle Nuove Ebridi. Off-set policromo in fogli di 25. Ge.

15 Fnh. (Espirito Santo, la più grande delle isole, con la montagna più alta dell'arcipelago, 1811 m.); 25 F. (Malakula, la seconda più grande isola del gruppo. È l'isola dove il cap. Cook sbarcò per la prima volta nelle Ebridi); 30 F. (Aoba e Maewo, isole con numerosi vulcani spenti e trasformati in laghi); 40 F. (Tanna e Aniwa, turisticamente le più attraenti per i loro vulcani attivi e facilmente accessibili).

La serie di 4 valori L. —

Emissione già segnalata

8 dicembre

Natale, n. 21, pag. 46.

Western Stamp Collector (USA)

New Hebrides: Nov. 23,
Definitives (15fr, 25fr, 30fr, 40fr);

NEW HEBRIDES. The 25 franc definitive which was originally scheduled to be released in Part I of the new series made its appearance in Part II of the new definitives, issued in October. The subjects and values of the four new definitives are 15f (Espirito Santo and local beef cattle), 25f (Malakula and head-dresses), 30f (Aoba and Maewo, plus curved pigs' tusks), and 40f (Tanna and Aniwa, plus Prophet John Frum's Red Cross). The designs follow the keyhole format of Part I, with the island pictured above and their local symbols in the inset. — *Crown Agents Gazette.*

American Philatelist

New Hebrides: October, four stamps in a definitive series. Designs (issued in English and French-language versions): 15 francs, Espiritu Santo Islands and local kettle; 25 francs,

Malakula Island and custom head-dresses; 30 francs, Aoba and Maewo Islands and pigs' tusks; and 40 francs, Tanna Island and Profit John Frum's Red Cross.

Briefmarken Spiegel

NEUE HEBRIDEN

23. 11.: Dauerserie (II), Werte: 15, 25, 30, 40 F

8. 12.: Weihnachten: Werte: 10, 15, 30 F

Briefmarken Spiegel

NEUE HEBRIDEN

Oktober: Neue Dauerserie Teil II, Werte: 15, 30, 40, 200 FNH

Le Monde des Philatelistes

Advertiser (Kentville, USA)

NOUVELLES - HEBRIDES

● Nouveau rectificatif
concernant les valeurs
d'usage courant :
— 6 sept. 77 : 5, 20, 50,
100, 200 FNH.
— Oct. 77 : 15, 25, 30,
40 FNH.





Definitive series

The New Hebrides Condominium will release the second segment of its new definitive series in October, according to the British Crown Agents. Featuring the maps of various islands plus some aspect of local history, the values will be available in both French and English versions, as is traditional. The 15-franc New Hebrides value shows the islands of Espiritu Santo and local cattle, 25frNH - Malakula and headdresses, 30frNH - Aoba and Maewo and pig tusks, and 40frNH - Tanna and the prophet John Frum's red cross. The 25frNH denomination was announced to be released on July 7 (Linn's June 13, page 14), but has been postponed. The designs are credited to Leslie Curtis.

NEW HEBRIDES

French Issues



Espiritu Santo
and Cattle
A53

Designs: 5fr, Erromango Island and Kaori tree. 20fr, Efate Island and Post Office, Vila. 25fr, Malakula Island and headdresses. 30fr, Aoba and Maewo Islands and pig tusks. 40fr, Tanna Island and Prophet John Frum's Red Cross. 50fr, Shepherd Island and canoe with sail. 100fr, Ambrym Island and carvings. 200fr, Anietyum Island and decorated baskets.

1977		Litho.	Perf.	14
249	A53	5fr multicolored	14	14
250	"	15fr	"	42 42
251	"	20fr	"	56 56
252	"	25fr	"	70 70
253	"	30fr	"	85 85
254	"	40fr	"	1.12 1.12
255	"	50fr	"	1.40 1.40
256	"	100fr	"	2.80 2.80
257	"	200fr	"	5.60 5.60

Nos. 249-257 (9)

13.59 13.59

Issue dates: 15fr, 25fr, 30fr, 40fr, Oct., others, Sept. 7.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie

NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES

1977. — Série courante. Cartes des îles des Nouvelles Hébrides. Sujets divers. Dent. 14.



476	5 fnh. bleu, turquoise, vert et brun.	"	"	"	"
477	20 fnh. lilas-rouge, turqu., vert et brun.	"	"	"	"
478	50 fnh. lilas, turquoise, vert et brun.	"	"	"	"
479	100 fnh. vert pâle, turqu., vert et brun.	"	"	"	"
480	200 fnh. rose carminé, turqu., vert et br.	"	"	"	"

Nos 476 à 480 (5 val.) . 38 25

id. Légende anglaise.

481	5 fnh.	"	"	"	"
482	20 fnh.	"	"	"	"
483	50 fnh.	"	"	"	"
484	100 fnh.	"	"	"	"
485	200 fnh.	"	"	"	"

Nos 481 à 485 (5 val.) . 38 25

Philatelie (France)

Octobre. Série complémentaire
cartes des îles - dans les valeurs
suivantes : 15 - 25 - 30 et 40 FNH
(versions anglaise et française)
(Voir Philatélie de Juillet-août).

Cote de la 1^{re} série version fran-
çaise _____ 31,00
Cote de la 1^{re} série version an-
glaise _____ 31,00

Cote de la seconde série version
française _____ 9,00
Cote de la seconde série version
anglaise _____ 9,00

L'Echangiste Universel

Courant octobre, une série complé-
mentaire « Cartes des îles » sera
mise en vente et comprendra les va-
leurs suivantes : 15 - 25 - 30 - 40
FNH (version anglaise et version
française).

Edgar Lewy (London)

Philatelie (Netherlands)

NIEUWE HEBRIDEN

Oktober '77. Tweede gedeelte nieuwe ge-
bruiksserie.

15 fnh. Eiland Espiritu Santo en plaatselijk
vee.

30 fnh. Eilanden Aoba en Maewo en teke-
ning van verschillende slagstanden van
varkens.

40 fnh. Eiland Tanna en Rode Kruis.

200 fnh. Aneityumeilanden en tekening
van versierde manden.

Alle zegels zowel in Franse als in Engelse
versie.

Sammler Express



NEW HEBRIDES: Nov. 23: Definitives (II): Maps and views: 15 Fr., Espiritu Santo island;
25 Fr., Malakula; 30 Fr., Aoba and Maewo; 40 Fr., Tanna; des. Leslie Curtis; multi-
colour offset printed by J Waddington Ltd (15, 30, 40 Fr) and House of Questa (25 Fr)

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- 30Fr. Aoba and Maewo.
- 40Fr. Tanna.

Des. Leslie Curtis; multicolour offset printed by J. Waddington Ltd (15, 30, 40Fr.) and House of Questa (25Fr.).

SFT Sweden

NYA HEBRIDERNA: Fyra märken i kartserien med valörerna 15, 25, 30 och 40 fnh.

Philatelic Magazine

New Hebrides: The second part of the new definitive set was issued on November 23rd. The 25 FNH value was printed by Questa and is perf. 14. The other three values (15 FNH, 30 FNH, and 40 FNH) were printed by Waddingtons and are perf. 13¼ x 13. The first part of the new definitives, issued September 7th, were printed by Waddingtons and were perf. 14. Make sure of getting these stamps without delay and also the later parts of this set when issued. Subsequent printings could produce different perfs. or printers and will be well worth watching.



Sammler Dienst

NEUE HEBRIDEN

[4/78] Oktober 1977: 4 Dauerserienwerte: 15; 25 fnh, Malakula-Insel, Artefakte; 30; 40 fnh. Näheres Heft 19 und 21/77, Abbildung 29.

Australian Stamp Monthly

N. Hebrides Condominium
NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES

Part II depicting maps of the islands.

New Hebrides

Part II of New Hebrides Condominium new definitives again feature maps of the islands in the shape of keyholes, with drawings of local scenes or craft items beneath them.

Issued through the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, the stamps were designed by Leslie Curtis. There are four values in this part of the issue, one of which, the 200 FNH, was printed by the House of Questa. The others were printed by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd.

The designs are as follow: 15 FNH, the islands of Espiritu Santo and local cattle; 30 FNH, the islands of Aoba and Maewo and drawing of a pig's tusks; 40 FNH, Island of Tanna and the Prophet John Frum's Red Cross (see picture); 200 FNH, Island of Aneityum and decorated baskets.



Holger Philipsen

NY HEBRIDERNE, oktober,
II.del af ny dagligserie: 15, 30,
40 200 F NH'

Mijn Stok Paardje

Okt.'77. Deel II der nieuwe frankeerserie met 15,
25, 30 en 40FNH.



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LE MONDE DES PHILATELISTES



NEW RELEASES

Nouvelles émissions. Le condominium anglo-français des Nouvelles-Hébrides présente une chaîne irrégulière en forme de Y, de douze îles importantes et de soixante petites îles sur une distance d'environ 500 miles dans la région du sud-ouest du Pacifique, éloignées de 600 miles à l'ouest de Fidji et de 200 miles au nord-est de la Nouvelle-Calédonie.

D'origine volcanique et corallienne, avec des volcans en activité sur plusieurs îles comme celles d'Ambrym, Lopevi et Tanna.

La plupart des îles sont recouvertes d'épaisses forêts avec quelques bandes côtières étroites de terres cultivées.

Le sommet le plus élevé, sur l'île d'Espiritu Santo, atteint plus de 6 000 pieds. Le 6 septembre a vu l'émission de la première partie

d'une nouvelle série d'usage courant intitulée « Cartes des îles ».

Les dessins montrent les cartes des différentes îles

à l'intérieur du contour d'un trou de serrure.

Les cartes occupent la partie supérieure du trou de serrure, tandis qu'un dessin d'une scène locale ou d'un objet d'artisanat est représenté au-dessous. Les valeurs de la première partie sont 5, 20, 50, 100, 200 FNH dans les émissions anglaises et françaises.

La deuxième partie de cette série est prévue pour ce mois-ci.

Les dessins sont semblables à ceux de la première partie,

avec les valeurs 15, 25, 30, 40 FNH. Dessinés par Leslie Curtis,

les timbres sont imprimés en lithographie par la Maison Questa

(5, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200 FNH) et par le Studio John Waddington's (15, 30, 40 FNH).



Egalement émise ce mois-ci, la première partie d'une nouvelle série d'usage courant des SEYCHELLES. Dessinés par Gordon Drummond, les timbres représentent une variété de sujets sur le thème général de l'histoire naturelle. La première partie comprend quatre valeurs : 40 c, Re 1, Re 1.25 et Rs 5

représentant respectivement un corail,

un fody de Madagascar, une sterne et une roussette.

Ces timbres sont imprimés en lithographie

par Walsall Security Printers Ltd.

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Nuova edizione dalle Nuove Hebrides



I francobolli comprendono sei valori di 5FNH, 20FNH, 25FNH, 50FNH, 100FNH e 200FNH, e quelli delle Nuove Ebridi illustrano le cartine delle isole. I disegni assumono la forma di un buco di serratura in cui la cartina occupa l'area superiore e al di sotto vi è una riproduzione di una scena locale o particolare.

I francobolli, che sono disegnati da Leslie Curtis, sono stampati in litografia dalla House of Questa. La loro emissione è prevista in settembre.

DISEGNI

- 5FNH Le isole di Erromango e un albero Kaori.
- 20FNH Le isole di Efate e il nuovo ufficio delle poste e telecomunicazioni a Vila.
- 25FNH Le isole di Malakula e copricapo locali.
- 50FNH Le isole Shepherd e una canoa con vela.
- 100FNH Le isole di Ambrym ed alcune sculture in legno.
- 200FNH Le isole di Aneityum e cestelli con motivi ornamentali.



NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM— New Definitive Series Part I

The Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides forms an irregular Y-shaped chain of twelve main and sixty smaller islands some 500 miles long in the south-western Pacific about 600 miles west of Fiji and 200 miles north-east of New Caledonia. They are of coral and volcanic formation with active volcanos on several of the islands including Ambrym, Lopevi and Tanna. Most of the islands are covered with dense forest, but there are narrow coastal strips of cultivated land. On the island Espiritu Santo, the highest peak rises to over 6,000 feet.

In September the Condominium will issue, in English and French versions, the first part of a new definitive series entitled 'Maps of the Islands'. The stamp denominations are expressed in the New Hebrides Franc and not the New Hebrides Gold Franc which has been used on recent issues and also on the last definitive series issued in July 1972. There are approximately 138 New Hebrides Francs to £1 sterling.

The designs show the maps within an outline shape similar to a keyhole. The maps occupy the top part of the 'keyhole' and a drawing of a local scene or craft item is shown beneath. The Royal Cypher and the letters 'R^F' appear at the top left and right-hand corners of each stamp.

Part I comprises six stamps as follows:

5 FNH—Erromango.

This is a forest island with a very small population. A Kauri tree is illustrated beneath the map design.

20 FNH—Efate.

This is the island on which stands Port Vila, and the new Vila Post Office is shown beneath the map.

25 FNH—Malakula.

This is a large island with diverse cultures and some heavily populated off-shore islands. Some head-dresses are illustrated in the lower portion of the design.

50 FNH—Shepherd Islands.

There are three main islands in this group which is centrally situated in the chain. A drawing of a local canoe with a sail is included in the design.

100 FNH—Ambrym.

There are three active volcanos in this group and one volcano is shown beneath the map. In front of the volcano a slit-gong and carvings from the 15 g.c. definitive stamp are featured.

200 FNH—Aneityum.

The islands of Aneityum and Futuna are small but relatively important. Decorated woven baskets from Futuna are shown below the map.

The designs were prepared by Leslie Curtis and the stamps were printed by The House of Questa in lithography. CA watermarked paper was used for the English version stamps and the French version were printed on unwatermarked paper.

Part II of this series is scheduled for release next year and will comprise seven stamps, six showing maps of the islands and the seventh illustrating the whole chain of islands.



6 September 1977
NEW HEBRIDES — New definitive
(Part I)
 5FNH, 20FNH, 100FNH, 200FNH

**NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM—New
 Definitive Series Part I**

5 FNH, 20 FNH, 50 FNH, 100 FNH,
 200 FNH—English and French versions

The new definitive series depicts maps of
 the Islands and drawings of local items,
 scenes and artifacts all within a keyhole
 design.

Part I was featured in the July Gazette and
 in our August issue the unusual currency
 position which existed in the Condominium
 until recently was explained fully.

Barclay Group Philatelic Society Magazine

New Hebrides - Stamps from this area were
 overprinted with the new currency on 1st July.
 New Hebrides Francs appear on stamps as FNH.
 A completely new set of definitives is to be
 issued, half in September and the remainder in
 October, when an illustration will be
 available.

Stamps (USA)

**NEW HEBRIDES — Six stamps 7th July
 1977** as first portion of the new **definitive
 series**; denominations now are in New
 Hebrides francs (not gold centimes or gold
 francs as in past years): 5frNH,
 Erromango island and kaori tree; 20fr,
 Efate island and new post office at Vila;
 25fr, Malakula and native headdress; 50fr,
 Shepherd Islands and sailing canoe; 100fr,
 Ambrym Island and carvings; 200fr,
 Aneityum Islands and decorated baskets;
 des. by Leslie Curtis; litho. by Questa Ltd.;
 panes of 25; English version on CA w/m
 paper; French version no w/m. (StanGib
 Ltd., Garden City, N.Y.)

Richmond Times Dispatch (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES — This
 condominium of islands in the
 South Pacific, jointly ad-
 ministered by the British and
 French, again has issued a dual
 set, this being Part I of a new
 definitive series. The stamps
 feature maps of the islands.
 Values: 5 francs, 20f, 25f, 50f,
 100f and 200f.

7 July 1977

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM—New definitive series: Part I
5FNH, 20FNH, 25FNH, 50FNH,
100FNH, 200FNH

Hans W Peterson



Neue Hebriden: Im von Frankreich und Großbritannien verwalteten Kondominium tritt an die Stelle des Goldfrancs, der Verrechnungseinheit des Weltpostvereins, der Neue-Hebriden-Franc (NHF). Erforderlich wurde damit eine neue Gebrauchsserie, deren erste Lieferung sechs Stufen umfaßt. Ihre Zeichnungen sind im Schlüssellochmuster gehalten, dessen Kreisrund mit Landkarten verschiedener Inseln geschmückt ist, während unten Kaoribaum, Postamt in Vila, Frisuren, Segelboot, Holzschnitzereien und Körbe zu sehen sind. Nennwerte: 5, 20, 25, 50, 100 und 200 NHF; Ausgabetag: 7. Juli. Entwurf: Leslie Curtis; Druck: Mehrfarbenlithografie in zwei Versionen mit englischer und französischer Beschriftung; Format: 28,45 x 42,58 mm; Schalterbogen: 25; Wasserzeichen: CA bei englischer Fassung.

New Hebrides Condominium New Definitive

The first part of a new definitive series is to be released on the 7 July 1977 in both French and English by the New Hebrides. Twelve stamps feature maps of the islands and the thirteenth the whole archipelago. From the history of the New Hebrides stems a French and English cultural tradition.

First sighted by Mendaña and named by James Cook, the islands were visited by almost every name famous in Pacific exploration. Neither the British nor the French wanted to annex these islands. The Australian States tried to force Britain's hand but the settlers would have preferred French dominion, as the French colonial laws were less demanding. Violence and death came to many settlers either from their rivals or from the natives, and in 1886 French troops were landed—illegally, as even the French admitted—to put a stop to the carnage. In 1887, the home governments of Britain and France signed an

agreement whereby a Joint Naval Commission was set up, presided over alternately by British and French naval commanders and charged with the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of both nations. Thus began the dual tradition of government by both the French and English.

The New Hebrides form an irregular Y-shaped chain of islands with a total land area of about 5,700 miles. Six stamps are being released designed by Mr L Curtis and printed by the lithographic process by The House of Questa.

Each stamp has the same basic design: a keyhole with an island inset and a local feature. The Royal Cypher appears in one corner and RF in the opposite corner. There are two versions of each stamp, one printed in French and the other English. The English version is printed on CA watermarked paper, and the French version on unwatermarked paper.



5 FNH

A map of Erromango and a drawing of kauri pines.

20 FNH

Efate and the new Vila Post Office.

25 FNH

Malakula and inset cotton head-dresses.

50 FNH

Shepherd Island, and a canoe with straw sail.

100 FNH

Ambrym, and inset a volcano and slit gongs.

200 FNH

Aneityum, with woven baskets inset.

The second part of the series is planned for October. Seven stamps will be released then with values of 10 FNH, 15 FNH, 30 FNH, 35 FNH, 40 FNH, 70 FNH and 500 FNH.



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NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM - New Definitive Series Parts
I & II

The recent alterations in the composition of Parts I and II of this Definitive Series has led to some confusion. In order to clarify the position the values and prices are repeated below.

Exchange Rate : FNH1 = £0.007

Part I

Released : 6 September 1977

Values : 5FNH 20FNH 50FNH 100FNH 200FNH

Cost per 25 sets : £65.63 approx.

Berner Briefmarken Zeitung



Stamps (USA)

London Free Press (Canada)



NEW HEBRIDES — Slight changes in the issuance of the new definitive series: **Part I** will consist of 5, 20, 25, 50, 100FNH; **Part II** is due sometime in **October 1977**: 15, 30, 40, 200FNH; des. by Leslie Curtis; Questa will prepare the 200FNH; Waddington Ltd. will prepare the balance of the series; panes of 25; English version on CA w/m paper; French version no w/m. (StanGib, Garden City, N.Y.)

NEW HEBRIDES — Maps of the islands of the New Hebrides are featured in the first part of a new definitive series issued in July. Denominations in this issue are in New Hebridean francs (FNH). Values and subjects: 5FNH, the island of Erromango and a drawing of a kaori tree; 20FNH, island of Efate and drawing of the new post office in Vila; 25FNH, island of Malakula and head-dresses; 50FNH, the Shepherd Islands and a canoe with sail; 100FNH, island of Ambrym and carvings; 200FNH, island of Aneityum and decorated baskets. As usual there are English and French language versions of all stamps.

The London Free Press

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM - New Definitive Series
Part I

Release date : 7 July 1977
 Values : 5FNH 20FNH 25FNH 50FNH 100FNH 200FNH
 Designer : Leslie Curtis
 Printer : The House of Questa
 Process : Lithography
 Pane : 25
 Stamp size : 28.45 x 42.58mm
 Watermark : English version stamps - CA
 French version stamps - Nil
 Exchange Rate : FNH1 = £0.007
 Cost per 25 sets : £70 approx.

Designs : The new definitive series will feature maps of the islands and the designs take the shape of a keyhole, with the map occupying the top area and a drawing of a local scene or item beneath.

- 5FNH The islands of Erromango and a drawing of a Kaori Tree.
- 20FNH The islands of Efate and a drawing of the New Post Office in Vila
- 25FNH The islands of Malakula and a drawing of Custom-headaddresses.
- 50FNH The Shepherd Islands and a drawing of a canoe with sail.
- 100FNH The islands of Ambrym and a drawing of some carvings.
- 200FNH The islands of Aneityum and a drawing of decorated baskets.

First Day Covers will be available price to be advised.

Part II of the New Definitive Series will comprise seven values and is planned for release in October 1977.

Edgar Lewy (London)

NEW HEBRIDES: July 7: Definitives (I): (Now expressed in New Hebrides Fr., not in gold francs as previously. NH Francs circulate concurrently with Australian dollars, the exchange rate being: 100 NH Fr. = \$A 1.13) 5 Fr., Erromango islands and Kaori tree; 20 Fr., Efate islands and Vila Post Office; 25 Fr., Malakula island and costume headaddresses; 50 Fr., Shepherd Islands and sailing canoe; 100 Fr., Ambrym Island and local carvings; 200 Fr., Aneityum island and decorative baskets; des. Leslie Curtis; multicolour offset printed by House of Questa. Another 7 values, due October, will complete the set.

These stamps exist in English & French versions

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New Definitive Series, part I

July 7, 1977

Designer: Leslie Curtis

Printer: The House of Questa

Process: Lithography

DESIGNS & VALUES

Pane: 25

Stamp Size: 28.45 x 42.58mm

Watermark: English Version-CA

French Version-Nil

The new definitive series features maps of the islands.

- 5FNH - the islands of Erromango and a drawing of a kaori tree.
 - 20 FNH- the islands of Efate and a drawing of the new Post Office Vila
 - 25 FNH- the islands of Malakula and head-dresses
 - 50 FNH- the Shepherd Islands and a canoe with sail
 - 100FNH- the islands of Ambrym and carvings
 - 200FNH- the islands of Aneityum and decorated baskets
- English and French versions - New Hebrides Franc

Captain James Cook named the islands "New Hebrides" in 1774. Travelling south through many new islands, "which exhibited a most delightful prospect, being spotted with woods and lawns", the natives made signs inviting Cook and his men ashore. But they sailed on until Erromango.

At Erromango, the ship's boat went ashore with Cook, to be met by a huge multitude of natives. Cook held a green branch in one hand. The meeting began peacefully, but developed rapidly into a shoot-out. Fortunately, no serious injuries were incurred by either group.

Erromango or Erromango Island is 35 miles long by 25 miles wide in the southern part of the New Hebrides. There are several mountain ranges, with the highest point of 2600 feet above sea level. There are bays with excellent anchorages, especially Dillon Bay. The largest bay is Cook's Bay on the east coast. Located on Erromango is the Martyrs' Memorial Church wherein lies the memorial for the missionaries who died on the island.

Efate or Vate (French) Island is located in the center on the New Hebrides. It is 26 miles long by 14 miles wide. Here rests the capital of New Hebrides, Vila. This is the seat for the British-French Condominium government. Efate was formerly known as the Sandwich Island, named by Cook after the Earl of Sandwich. There are good harbors in Vila and in Havannah.

Malakula, Malekula, or Mallicolo Island is the second largest island in the New Hebrides. It is 45 miles long and 23 miles wide. The French Administrative headquarters are at Port Sandwich on the southeast coast while the British headquarters are at Bushman's Bay on the northeast coast. The highest peak is Mt. Penot at 2925 feet. Both Port Sandwich and Port Stanley are good harbors.

Shepard Islands are a small volcanic group of islands, 35 miles north of Efate. The largest island of the group is Tongoa, with the second largest, Mai. The islands were named

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by Cook, after the astronomer, Dr. Anthony Shepherd of Cambridge.

Ambrym or Ambrim Island in the New Hebrides is 25 miles long and 15 miles wide. Mt. Benbow continues as an active volcano which had a disastrous eruption in 1913.

Aneityum Island is the most southerly of the New Hebrides Islands. Its central peak rises to 2788 feet. The coastal lands are fertile and there is a fine harbor on the south coast.

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NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

New Definitive Pt. 1

Release: 7th July 1977

Designer: Leslie Curtis

Printer: The House of Questa

Process: Lithography

Designs:

Cost per one set (English) U.S.\$4.90

Cost per one set (French) U.S.\$4.90

Values: 5FNH, 20FNH, 25FNH, 50FNH,
100FNH, 200FNH

Pane: 25

Size: 28.45 x 42.58 mm

Watermark English: CA

Watermark French: Nil

The new definitive series features maps of the islands.

- 5 FNH- The islands of Erromango and a drawing of a kaori tree.
- 20 FNH - The islands of Efate and a drawing of the new Post Office Vila.
- 25 FNH - The islands of Malakula and head-dresses.
- 50 FNH - The Shepherd Islands and a canoe with sail.
- 100 FNH - The islands of Ambrym and carvings.
- 200 FNH - The islands of Aneityum and decorated baskets.



Regular listeners to this programme may remember that I have a favourite currency: the gold francs and gold centimes of the New Hebrides Condominium, a group of islands in the Pacific which are administered jointly by France and Britain. It has always delighted me to think that such a fair-tale coinage could actually exist, especially when I knew that the "gold" centime was worth about one twenty-fifth of 1p. I was driven to the conclusion that there was not much gold in them thar centimes - or even in the francs. Now, a great change has come over the islands. They have a new currency called the New Hebrides franc which is worth about one-thirtieth of the old "gold" franc, and ten of these new francs are worth 7p. It sounds sadly as though the "gold" centime has disappeared for ever. That's another illusion shattered for no longer shall we see that coin mentioned on the stamps of the New Hebrides.

La Philatelie Francaise

NOUVELLES-HÉBRIDES

7. 7.77 : Mise en service de la première partie de la nouvelle série générale en francs néohebridaux (FNH.) annoncée le mois dernier par notre fidèle lecteur de Port Vila : Monsieur J. MEROT.

Cette série reproduit des cartes des îles
 5 FNH Ile d'Erromango et arbre kaori
 20 FNH Ile d'Efate et nouveau bureau de poste de Port-Vila
 25 FNH Ile de Malkula et coiffure locale
 50 FNH Ile Shepherd et canoë à voile
 100 FNH Ile d'Ambrun et sculptures
 200 FNH Ile d'Anelityum et paniers décorés

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7 July. New Definitive Series Part I. The new definitive series features maps of the islands. 5FNH the islands of Erromango and a drawing of a kaori tree. 20FNH the islands of Efate and a drawing of the new Post Office, Vila. 25FNH the islands of Malakula and head-dresses. 50FNH the Shepherd Islands and a canoe with sail. 100FNH the islands of Ambrym and carvings. 200FNH the islands of Anelityum and decorated baskets. (English and French versions). Designs by Leslie Curtis. Printed offset by The House of Questa.

As regular listeners to this programme may remember I have for long had a special regard for the stamps issued by the New Hebrides Condominium, a group of islands in the Pacific fairly near - by Pacific standards - to Australia. The islands are administered jointly by Britain and France. For me the great charm of the stamps from the New Hebrides has always been the currency shown as the face value of the stamps which was in gold francs and gold centimes. Two or three weeks ago I reported to you that that wealthy-sounding currency was being changed to "New Hebrides francs (F.N.H.)". Now I have some further information on the subject which comes from an overprinted definitive issue and some publicity material with it. In the material the truth - which I had always feared - comes out. It seems that the gold francs and gold centimes had been used for thirty-nine years as the nominal standard coinage. The material says: "Most readers will realise that there are no gold francs in circulation in the New Hebrides or, indeed, anywhere else". In fact, they were a useful symbol for a country which had two currencies, one British and one French - and even these did not agree with each other because of changes in their values. Anyone wan-

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM: Xi gimgħat ilu kont tkellimt dwar l-użu ta flus godda li bdew jintużaw fin-New Hebrides Condominium, u li naturalment wasslu wkoll għall hrug ta bolol godda bil-valutazzjonijiet tagħhom jikkonformaw mal-flus il-godda tat-territorju.

Wara li kienu hargu serje ta bolol definittivi overprinted bil-valuri l-godda fuq id-definittivi kurrenti, issa hargu d-definittivi regolari.

L-ewwel parti ta-sett definittiv għid tikkonsisti f'sitt bolol u ^{suw jthorqn} ~~lewnu hargu fix-7~~ ^{xahm} ~~ta Lulju~~ ^{Settembru} 1977. Il-valuri tagħhom huma ta 5, 20, 25, 50, 100 u 200 New Hebridian Francs. Id-disinji tagħhom juru whud mill gzejjer li jiffurmaw il-kondominju flimkien ma xi xona lokali minn kull gzira rispettiva.

Huwa mifhum li t-tieni parti ta dawn id-definittivi l-godda ser tohrog matul ix-xabar ta Ottubru li gej u jien nittama li nkun nista nghati t-igharif dettaljat fil-waqt opportun.

Il-bolol tal-ewwel parti ta dawn id-definittivi gew disinjati minn Leslie Curtis u stampati bil-process tal-Litografija.

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The release date was altered to 6 September 1977. The 25 FNH value was postponed and will now be released with Part II in October.

NEW HEBRIDES



1977 (7 Sept) Designer, L. D. Curtis.
Printers (litho) J. Waddington Ltd. Perf 14.
Wmk D. (5 x 5).

Designs, 5 FNH (Island of Erromango and a Kaori Tree); 20 FNH (Island of Efate and the New Post Office at Vila); 50 FNH (Shepherd Islands and a Canoe with Sail); 100 FNH (Island of Ambrym and Carvings); 200 FNH (Island of Aneityum and Decorative Baskets).

76	5 FNH multicoloured	..	7	7
79	20 FNH multicoloured	..	22	25
84	50 FNH multicoloured	..	55	60
86	100 FNH multicoloured	..	1.10	1.20
87	200 FNH multicoloured	..	2.20	2.30

NUOVE EBRIDI FRANCESI



7/9 Definitiva 1ª parte,
5v. L. 8.000

NUOVE EBRIDI INGLES



7/9 Definitiva 1ª parte,
5v. L. 8.000

Yushu (Japan)

ニュー・ヘブリデス諸島 (New Hebrides)

▶ ㉔～㉘ 普通切手 (1次) 9月7日, 5種。
中央の円形に島の地図, その下にその地方の
風景, 5f エロマンガ島 Erromango とカオ
リの木, 20f エファータイ島 Efate とビラの
郵便局, 50f シェパード島 Shepherd と帆の
あるカヌー, 100f アンブрым島 Ambrym と
彫刻を施した木の柱, 200f アーナイチュ
ム島 Aneityum と装飾を施した籠, 原図は
L. Curtis, ケスタ社の平版, 25面シート。

ニュー・ヘブリデス諸島では, 7月1日よ
り新しくニュー・ヘブリデス・フラン FNH
を, 英領, 仏領ともに用いるようになった。
これが最初の普通切手で, これまでのものは
FNHと加刷される。 (Nh-48 (5) *2,600)



New Hebrides drops gold franc

by CLYDE CARRIKER

Rumors became fact when the *Philatelic Bulletin* of the New Hebrides Condominium announced on May 31 that the international gold franc will be dropped from its stamps June 30.

The fluctuating price of gold and "the cumbersome nature of what should be a simple transaction" — the posting of letters — were cited as reasons for the change. Although all gold franc stamps were withdrawn from post offices on June 30, the current gold franc stamps will continue to be valid at the current rate of exchange until July 31.

Replacing the gold franc will be the New Hebrides francs (FNH) which are set, according to the announcement, at 29 FNH equals one gold franc. The changeover was scheduled for July 1 with 13 values of the 1972 definitive series surcharged in FNH. Four values from the art forms, five from the birds Charolais values, and four from the shells issue were to be surcharged.

This set of surcharged values is scheduled to be replaced with a

new definitive series of 13 stamps featuring maps of the various islands of the New Hebrides. Five stamps will be released in the first group in September.

For collectors of New Hebrides issues, this is another in a series of changes within this fascinating condominium. In 1908, two sets of stamps were first issued, one in English on Fiji stamps and the other in French on New Caledonia stamps. The British issues used shillings and pence and the French issues francs and centimes.

In 1911, the first "Idols" sets emerged with the arms of Britain on the right hand panel, the RF monogram on the left, and printed in English. The French issues bore francs and centimes with the emblem positions reversed.

When the 1925 "Idols" series was issued, both English and French stamps carried the values in both currencies. Britain's going off the gold standard in 1929 complicated matters and a solution had to be found to determine the actual value of New Hebrides stamps, although to this day, the collector has to read New Hebrides stamps

rather closely to determine if they are English or French issues!

According to the *Philatelic Bulletin*: "The method adopted was the use of the international gold franc, divided into 100 gold centimes, for both the French and English versions of stamps. The first gold franc issue was released on June 1, 1938, and this produced the unique situation whereby post office customers in the New Hebrides rendered one or the other of the official currencies in payment for stamps bearing values in a third currency."

Perhaps, too, it should be pointed out that only in the New Hebrides could this serio-comic condition be tolerated by the inhabitants; other areas would have long since voted out such a problem. Or perhaps this anachronism had its own charm for New Hebridians until the actual fluctuating value of the gold franc became intolerable.

For further information on first day covers, new stamps, and other philatelic matters write to the Posts and Telecommunications Department of the New Hebrides, Port Vila.

Edgar Lewy (London)

NEW HEBRIDES: Sept 7: Definitives, 5, 20, 50, 100, 200 Fr. (release date confirmed).

Neue Hebriden: Wie durch ein Schlüsselloch betrachtet werden die Inseln der Neuen Hebriden auf Dauermarken in englischer und französischer Version wiedergegeben, die im September und Oktober dort herauskommen. Sie haben die Nennwerte 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 100 und 200 Neue-Hebriden-Francs.

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U.P.U. Magazine

Nouvelles-Hébrides (Condominium anglo-français)

Timbres-poste 5; 20; 25; 50; 100; 200 francs
néo-hébridais, polychromes, série courante
(1^{re} partie); cartes des îles; émission 7 sep-
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NOUVELLES-HÉBRIDES

7. 9.77 : Mise en vente de la série **Cartes des îles** et complétons notre information d'avant les vacances.

5 FNH Erromango

Une des îles du sud (48 km de long et 32 de large)

NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES (suite)

sur laquelle débarqua le capitaine Cook. Dillon bay, qui offre un refuge sûr, porte le nom d'un explorateur venu plus tard.

20 FNH Vate

L'île sur laquelle est construite la capitale, Port Vila, a 48 km de long sur 35 de large. Située au centre de l'archipel, on exploite le minéral de manganèse sur la côte Est à Forari. Les îles de Moso et de Lelepa qui sont au large forment un excellent port naturel, qui fut utilisé pendant la dernière guerre comme base navale par les américains.

50 FNH Epi les Shepherds

Groupe d'îles situées au nord d'Efate. On voit aussi sur le timbre une pirogue à voile très particulière.

100 FNH Ambryn (43 km de long, 32 de large)

Plusieurs volcans assez actifs s'y trouvent. On voit aussi sur le timbre un tambour sculpté.

200 FNH Futuna et Anatom

Anatom couvre une superficie de 16 km sur 13. Elle est située au sud du groupe. La forêt dense comprend des bois durs et du pin kaori. Le climat assez frais permet la culture des oranges. On y fabrique des forts jolis paniers comme celui qui illustre le timbre.

Courant oct.77 : Nouvelles valeurs cartes des îles :
15, 25, 30 et 40 FNH.

Stamps (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES — Still another change
in the definitive series: issued 6th

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September 1977: 5, 20, 50, 100, 200 francs
NH; due in October 1977: 15, 25, 30, 40
francs N.H. (Crown Agents.)

NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES

1977. — Série courante. Cartes des îles des
Nouvelles Hébrides. Sujets divers. Dent. 14.



476	5 fnh.	bleu, turquoise,					
		vert et brun,	"	"	"	"	"
477	20 fnh.	lilas-rouge, turqu.,					
		vert et brun.	"	"	"	"	"
478	50 fnh.	lilas, turquoise,					
		vert et brun.	"	"	"	"	"
479	100 fnh.	vert pâle, turqu.,					
		vert et brun.	"	"	"	"	"
480	200 fnh.	rose carminé,					
		turqu., vert et br.	"	"	"	"	"
Nos 476 à 480 (5 val.)							38 25

id. Légende anglaise.

481	5 fnh.	"	"	"	"	"	"
482	20 fnh.	"	"	"	"	"	"
483	50 fnh.	"	"	"	"	"	"
484	100 fnh.	"	"	"	"	"	"
485	200 fnh.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nos 481 à 485 (5 val.)							38 25

Philatelie (France)

NOUVELLES
HEBRIDES
(Condominium des)

7 septembre. L'émission « cartes des îles » prévue pour le 7 juillet a été reportée à cette date et comportera les valeurs suivantes: 5-20-50-100 et 200 FNH (versions anglaise et française) (Voir Philatélie de juillet-août).

— NEW HEBRIDES —



247. Map of Erromango Island and Kauri pine.
1977, July 7. Definitives;
T247, maps of islands; litho by Questa; perf 14, wmk K6, multicolored.

247	5f	Erromango	15
248	20f	Efate	60
249	25f	Malakula	75
250	50f	Shepherd Island	1.50
251	100f	Ambrym	3.00
252	200f	Aneityum	6.00

Stamp Journal

— NEW HEBRIDES —

1977, July 1. Provisionals; #200-211 and #241 optd with new values in New Hebrides Francs (FNH).

262	5f on 5c	Headress	15
263	10f on 10c	Ducula	30
264	15f on 15c	Slit gong	45
265	20f on 20c	Erythrura	60
266	25f on 25c	Cribraria	75
267	30f on 30c	Olivia	90
268	35f on 35c	Halcyon	1.05
269	40f on 40c	Strombus	1.20
270	50f on 50c	Carving	1.50
271	70f on 70c	Vini	2.10
272	100f on 100c	Headress	3.00
273	200f on 200c	Turbo	6.00
274	500f on 500c	Bull #241	15.00

Stamp Journal



275. Erromango Island,
1977, July 7. Definitives;
T275, maps of islands;
litho by Questa; perf 14,
multicolored.

275	5f	Erromango	15
276	20f	Vate	60
277	50f	Shepherd Islands	1.50
278	100f	Ambrym	3.00
279	200f	Anatom	6.00

NEW HEBRIDES

British Issues



Erromango and
Kauri Tree
A44

Designs: 15fr, Espiritu Santo Island and cattle. 20fr, Efate Island and Post Office, Vila. 25fr, Malakula Island and head-dresses. 30fr, Aoba and Maewo Islands and pig tusks. 40fr, Tanna Island and Prophet John Prum's Red Cross. 50fr, Shepherd Island and canoe with sail. 100fr, Ambrym Island and carvings. 200fr, Aneityum Island and decorated baskets.

Lithographed

1977	Perf. 14	Wmk. 373
230 A44	5fr multicolored	14 14
231 "	15fr "	42 42
232 "	20fr "	50 50
233 "	25fr "	70 70
234 "	30fr "	85 85
235 "	40fr "	1.12 1.12
236 "	50fr "	1.40 1.40
237 "	100fr "	2.80 2.80
238 "	200fr "	5.60 5.60
Nos. 230-238 (9)		13.50 13.50

Issue dates: 15fr, 25fr, 30fr, 40fr, Oct., others, Sept. 7.

Stamp Monthly

NEW HEBRIDES



F 59 Erromango and Kauri Pine

(Des. L. Curtis. Litho Questa)
1977 (7 Sept). Maps of the Islands. Type F 59 and similar vert designs. Multicoloured. P 14.

F247 5 FNH Type F 59
F250 20 FNH Efate and Villa Post Office
F255 50 FNH Shepherd Islands and canoe
F257 100 FNH Ambrym and carvings
F258 200 FNH Aneityum and baskets

Remaining numbers to F259 have been reserved for additions to this set

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November 1977

Lithographed

1977		Perf. 14	Wmk. 373
230	A44	5fr multicolored	14 14
231	"	15fr "	42 42
232	"	20fr "	56 56
233	"	25fr "	70 70
234	"	30fr "	85 85
235	"	40fr "	1.12 1.12
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NEW HEBRIDES



- 107 *Island of Erromango and Kaori Tree*
109 *Islands of Efate and New Post Office, Vila*
113 *The Shepherd Islands and canoe*
114 *Islands of Ambrym and carvings*
115 *Islands of Anietyum and decorated baskets*

Sept 7, 1977. Definitives (Part 1). Islands of the New Hebrides.

Des: Leslie Curtis. Litho ptd by The House of Questa. Sheets: 25. Wmk: CA Spiral (upright). Perf: 14.

158	107	5FNH	blue, light green, pale blue, red-brown	10	12
160	109	20FNH	bright mauve, light green, pale blue, red-brown	35	40
164	113	50FNH	dull violet, light green, pale blue, red-brown	90	1-00
165	114	100FNH	pale green, light green, pale blue, red-brown	1-75	2-00
166	115	200FNH	cerise, light green, pale blue, red-brown	3-50	4-00

Australian Stamp Monthly

Stamp Wholesaler (USA)

N. Hebrides Condominium NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES PART I

September 29, 1977

5 FNH, 20 FNH, 25 FNH, 50 FNH, 100 FNH, 200 FNH — English and French versions.

The new definitive series depicts maps of the Islands and drawings of local items, scenes and artifacts all within a keyhole design.

Part I was featured in the July Gazette and in our August issue the unusual currency position which existed in the Condominium until recently was explained fully.

NEW HEBRIDES. Five new definitives were issued September 7, instead of the six which were to have been issued in July. The five values are 5 francs, 20f, 50f, 100f, and 200f, and they carry the islands of Erromango, Efate, the Shepherd Islands, Ambrym, and Anietyum. — *Philatelic Bulletin*.

Three additional values, 15f, 30f, and 40f, were scheduled for October release. — *Andre for the Unusual*.

Philatelic Magazine

NEW HEBRIDES

7 September. New definitives: Part I: Last month, Part II of this series was recorded. The details of Part I (issued on 7th September) are as follows: 5 FNH, Erromango, one of the southern islands on which Captain Cook first landed; 20 FNH, Effate, the island on which the capital is situated (included in the design is an illustration of the new post office at Port Vila); 50 NHF, Spi and the Shepherds islands; 100 NHF, Ambrym, an island noted for its two active volcanoes. Printing and design details as for Part II.

L'Echangiste Universel

NOUVELLES - HEBRIDES

L'émission « Cartes des Iles » prévue pour le **7 juillet** dernier a été reportée au **7 septembre** et comprendra les valeurs 5 - 20 - 50 - 100 et 200 FNH (version anglaise et version française).

El Eco (Spain)

L'Echangiste Universel

NOUVELLES HEBRIDES

Série définitive. 1^{re} partie le 6 septembre : 5, 20, 50, 100 et 200 FNH. 2^e partie en octobre : 15, 25, 30 et 40 FNH.

NUEVAS HEBRIDAS

La nueva serie de uso general, en sus dos versiones (inglesa y francesa) reproduce los mapas de las diversas Islas. Primeramente aparecieron cinco valores: 5 Fr. Erromango; 20 Fr. Efate; 25 Fr. Malakula; 50 Fr. Shperd; y 100 Fr. Ambrym, el 6 de septiembre. Y en el mes de octubre, una segunda parte compuesta por: 15 Fr. Espíritu Santo; 30 Fr. Aoba y Maewo; 40 Fr. Tanna; y 200 Fr. Anatos. Todos los sellos son policromados.

Sammler Dienst

NEUE HEBRIDEN

(19/77) 7. September 1977: 5 Dauerserienwerte (I): 5; 20; 50; 100; 200 fnh. Näheres und Abbildung Heft 12 und 14/77.

sammlerdienst, Coburg, 21/1977

Oktober 1977: 4 Dauerserienwerte (II): 15; 25; 30; 40 fnh. Näheres und Abbildung Heft 19/77.



AT long last the New Hebrides Post Office has sorted out its currency problems. For nearly 40 years anyone wanting to buy a stamp there paid in either British or French money to buy something whose face value was based on a third currency — the non-existent Gold Franc.

Now a solution has been found. The stamps have face values based on New Hebridean Francs.

But there will still be both English and French versions of each stamp.

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New Hebrides. Part I of the new definitives (23rd June), announced for release on 6th September, comprised 5f., 20f., 50f., 100f. and 200f., all lithographed by Questa. Part II, tentatively scheduled for October, will comprise: 15f. Espiritu Santo islands and cattle; 25f. Malakala island and head-dresses; 30f. Aoba and Maewo islands and pigs' tusks; 40f. Tauna island and Prophet John Frum's Red Cross. The 25f. is lithographed by The House of Questa, the others by Waddington.

Mijn Stok Paardje

NIEUWE HEBRIDEN

7Sept.'77. Deel I der nieuwe frankeerserie met 5, 20, 50, 100 en 200FNH., gemeld in MSt. 7/8 met emisiedatum 1juli.

NEUE HEBRIDEN Anschluß an Nr. 14

Zur 1. Serie der neuen Dauermarken meldeten wir auch den Höchstwert zu 200 FNH in neuer Währung, dessen Ausgabe aber zusammen mit den Marken zu 15, 30 und 40 FNH auf Oktober zurückgestellt wurde, also auch erst dann auf dem neuen Ersttagumschlag in Erscheinung treten wird. Der Sammler hat leider nach wie vor zwei Serien zu berücksichtigen, denn einmal ist die Bildinschrift französisch und einmal englisch, ferner treten die Hoheitszeichen „RF“ bzw. „E II R“ in wechselseitiger Stellung auf und auch die Wasserzeichen sind verschieden.



Stamp News (Australia)

NEW HEBRIDES (7/7/77) New Definitives 1 — Island
Maps and Scenes. 5, 20, 25, 50, 100 and 200 FNH.

Toronto Star

New Hebrides: Six stamps on July
7 with maps of the main islands.

Joachim Dill

Neue Hebriden: Durch Aufdruck neuer Wertziffern und der Abkürzung "NHF" wurden 13 Briefmarken der Neuen Hebriden von der Verrechnungswährung des Weltpostvereins, dem Gold-Franken, auf Neue-Hebriden-Francs umgestellt. Die am 1. Juli erschienenen neuen Wertstufen in englischer und französischer Version sind 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 70, 100, 200 und 500 Neue-Hebriden-Francs.

JD

STAMPS

Keyhole view of island way of life

LAST WEEK I mentioned that The Gambia were issuing a new set of definitive stamps. The New Hebrides Condominium will be doing the same thing later. However, their subject will be based on maps of the islands and the designs take the shape of a keyhole, with the map occupying the top area and a drawing of a local scene or item beneath.

The first six stamps in the series feature the following islands: Erromango and a drawing of a kaori tree, Efate and a drawing of the new post office in Vila, Malakula and a drawing of a custom headdress, Shepherd Island and a drawing of a canoe with sail, Ambrym and a drawing of some carvings and the islands of Aneityum with a drawing of decorated baskets.

The second part of the series will be issued sometime in October and will consist of seven values.

One of the finest sets of bird stamps that I have seen for some time, have been issued by Papua, New Guinea, and they feature the pigeon

issuing the first part of their new definitive stamps in July. They are to use a variety of subjects under the general theme of natural history. The first four stamps feature a coral scene, a Madagascar fody, a fairy tern and a flying fox. A further two parts are planned for release later this year.

The inauguration of the Republic of Ireland and Tobago will be marked during July by three stamps showing the flag of Trinidad and Tobago, the coat-of-arms and government house.

A souvenir sheet incorporating the three stamps will also be released. The actual date of the inauguration of the new republic was 1st August, 1976.

Linn's Stamp News U.S.A.



Definitives

The New Hebrides Condominium will introduce the first part of a new definitive series on July 7. The designs of Leslie Curtis feature maps of the islands, i.e., Erromango Islands and a kaori tree, 5 francs; Efate Islands and new Vila Post Office, 20fr; Malakula Islands and headdresses, 25fr; Shepherd Islands and a sailing canoe, 50fr; Ambrym Islands and carvings, 100fr; and Aneityum Islands and decorated baskets, 200fr. Lithography is employed by the House of Questa to produce the items. Traditionally, both English and French versions are forecast, according to the British Crown Agents.

Michel Rundschau

Neue Hebriden

7. Juli 1977:

Freimarken, 6 Werte (5, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200 C.) englische und französische Ausgabe

of the Library Committee
chaired its management
and after re-organisation,
member of the local ap-
peals tribunal, Mr Work-
man was also on the
Board of Governors of
Reid Kerr College for six
years. And he has been
chairman of the Scottish
Section of the British
Railways Superannuation
Association for the last
three years.

NEW HEBRIDES

The local agent of the Australian United Steam Navigation Company, Mr. W. Le Couteur was appointed Postal Agent in Vila on 1 July 1892 and was provided with a proper postal canceller, inscribed VILA/NEW HEBRIDES. Prior to this date postage stamps were either unmarked or pen-cancelled with a cross.

The A.U.S.N. Co. withdrew its steamer services at the end of 1892 and the Australian New Hebrides Company took over responsibility for the local postal service. Up until 1897 their duties were primarily concerned with external mails. Although they ran a local shipping service the inhabitants were averse to using N.S.W. stamps and the collection of local postage in cash was more trouble than it was worth. To overcome this problem the Australian New Hebrides Company issued its own postage stamps.

These stamps, in denominations of 1d and 2d, were released on 17 March 1897 and became valid for local postage from 1 May, 1897. They were designed by the prominent Australian philatelist, Mr. A. F. Basset-Hull and depicted the harbour of Port-Vila. They were lithographed in sheets of 120 by J. Sands and Co. of Sydney.

Though inscribed INTER ISLAND POSTAGE the stamps were also valid for use on mail to Sydney and their use on covers addressed to Fiji has also been recorded.

A distinctive canceller was employed, inscribed PORT-VILLA POST/ A.N.H. Co. Ltd, round the solidus with the date and NEW HEBRIDES in the centre.

The A.N.H. Company went into liquidation at the end of 1897 and their assets, including the Postal Agency, were taken over by Burns Philp & Co., who are now one of the leading commercial firms in the New Hebrides.

Postal Agencies of New Caledonia were opened in 1903 and 1905 and these agencies used New Caledonian postage stamps. The stamps of New South Wales and New Caledonia continued in use at their respective agencies until 1908. Following the establishment of the Condominium Post Office in October of that year, distinctive sets of stamps were released on 29 October, 1908, superseding the N.S.W. and New Caledonia issues. These distinctive stamps consisted of two sets in English and French, and twin series have been current simultaneously in the New Hebrides from that date. The first English set used the contemporary series of Fiji overprinted at Suva NEW HEBRIDES/CONDOMINIUM in denominations of 1d, 1d, 2d, 2½d 5d 6d and 1/-. The 1d, 1d, 2d and 2½d stamps were subsequently released in December 1910 with overprints applied by De La Rue; the latter overprints have the initial letters in larger capitals than the overprints done in Suva.

The French version consisted of the contemporary series of New Caledonia stamps overprinted NOUVELLES HEBRIDES in November 1908, in denominations of 5c, 10c, 25s, 50c and 1 fr. In 1910 they were released with the addition of CONDOMINIUM overprinted.

De La Rue were awarded a contract to produce distinctive definitive sets showing local artifacts in the centre, flanked by the emblems of Britain and France. These were released between July 1911 and 1912; the "sterling" series was inscribed in English with the arms of Britain in the right hand panel and the RF monogram in the left. The "centimes" series was inscribed in French with the positions of the emblems reversed. This practice has continued to the present time.

(to be continued)

Rheinische Post

Neue Hebriden: Am 7. 7. der erste Teil einer neuen Dauerserie (Landkarten). 5, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200 FNH. Englische und französische Version.

Wiltshire Gazette

New Hebrides Condominium — Definitive. Overprint. The unique arrangement whereby the New Hebrides Condominium uses the international gold franc for its postage stamps will terminate on June 30, 1977 after a period of 39 years. On and after July 1, 1977, stamps will carry the values in New Hebridian Francs (FNH). The changeover coincides with the introduction of the new postage rates. The current exchange rate is one gold franc=29 FNH; 1 FNH=£0.007. The 1972 definitive series is being surcharged in FNH and will be released on July 1, 1977.

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Stamp Collecting Weekly

NEW DEFINITIVES FOR NEW HEBRIDES

The first part of a new definitive series is due from the New Hebrides Condominium on July 7th. This has the denominations in New Hebrides francs and not in gold francs and centimes as hitherto, 100 FNH being 70p. The designs, by Leslie Curtis, feature maps of the islands and they take the shape of a keyhole, with the map occupying the top area and a drawing of a local scene or artifact below. Printing is in lithography by The House of Questa in sheets of 25. The English version is on CA (unspecified) watermark, the French one on unwatermarked paper: 5 FNH, Erromango, and a kaori tree; 20 FNH, Efate, and a drawing of the new Post Office, Vila; 25 FNH, Malakula, and head-dresses; 50 FNH, Shepherd Is., and a canoe with sail; 100 FNH, Ambrym, and carvings; 200 FNH, Anietyum, and decorated baskets.

Sammler Dienst



sammlerdienst, Coburg, 12/1977

Het Laatste Nieuws (Belgium)

NIEUW HEBRIEDEN. — Het eerste gedeelte van een gloed-nieuwe reeks voor dagelijks gebruik is gepland voor begin volgende maand. De eerste zes waarden van een reeks van dertien zien er uit als volgt. Alle zegels dragen landkaarten van de eilanden, samen met folkloristische taferelen: 5 FNH., kaart van het eiland Erromango en een Kaoriboom; 20 FNH., het eiland Efate met het nieuw postgebouw te Vila; 25 FNH., het eiland Malakula; 50 FNH., het schapeneiland en een kano; 100 FNH., eiland Ambrym en weergave van lokale houtsnede; 200 FNH., eiland Aneityum met versierde manden. Het tweede deel van de reeks is voorzien voor oktober 1977.

NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

✉ Aux timbres surchargés, annoncés dans notre numéro 300, vient s'ajouter la valeur de 200 FNH, représentant des coquillages.

✉ Les surcharges annoncées dans le n° 300, pour les 5, 10 et 15 FNH, sont de deux types : locales (imprimées à Port-Vila, ne seront pas vendues à Paris et à Londres) et françaises (faites à Périgueux). Nous reviendrons plus en détail sur ce sujet dans le n° 302.

✉ « Cartes des Iles ».
— 5 FNH, Erromango ;



— 20 FNH, Efate ;
— 25 FNH, Malakula ;
— 50 FNH, Sheperd ;



— 100 FNH, Ambrym.

Initialement prévue pour le 7 juillet, cette première partie d'une série d'usage courant en FNH a été reportée au 6 septembre 1977.

La deuxième partie, émise en octobre, comprendra :

— 15 FNH, Espiritu Santo ; 30 FNH, Aoba et Maewo ; 40 FNH, Tanna ; 200 FNH, Anatom.

Polychromes. Dessins de Leslie Curtis. Impression litho (The House



of Questa pour le 200 FNH, John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd. pour les autres valeurs). Format 28,45 x 42,58 mm. Feuilles de 25.

Im

Septembre sollen dann die ersten Werte



einer neuen Dauerserie «Landkarten der Inseln des Archipels» folgen: 5 F, Karte der Insel Erromango, 20 F, Insel Efate, 25 F, Malakula, 50 F, Sheperd, 100 F, Ambryn, 200 F, Aneitym.

Philatelic Trader

New Hebrides Condominium: New Definitive Series Part I. Release date: 7th July, 1977. Designer: Leslie Curtis. Printer: The House of Questa. Process: Lithography. Designs: The new definitive series features maps of the islands. 5FNH, the islands of Erromango and a drawing of a kaori tree; 20FNH, the islands of Efate and a drawing of the new Post Office, Vila; 25FNH, the islands of Malakula and head-dresses; 50FNH the Shepherd Islands and a canoe with sail; 100FNH, the islands of Ambrym and carvings; 200FNH, the islands of Aneitym and decorated baskets (English and French versions).

Philatelie (France)

NOUVELLES HEBRIDES

7 juillet. Emission de 6 valeurs représentant diverses cartes des Nouvelles Hébrides et de ses différentes îles 5, 20, 25, 50, 100 et 200 FNH (voir rubrique Expression Française).

NUEVAS HEBRIDAS

Los siguientes valores de uso general han sido sobrecargados en Q la nueva moneda FNH (Franco de Nuevas Hébridas):

Formas de Arte: 5 FNH sobre 5 c.; 15 FNH sobre 15 c.; 50 FNH sobre 1 Fr., y 100 FNH sobre 3 Fr.

Aves: 10 FNH sobre 10 c.; 20 FNH sobre

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20 c.; 35 FNH sobre 35 c.; 70 FNH sobre 2 Fr.; y 500 FNH sobre 10 Fr.

Conchas: 25 FNH sobre 25 c.; 30 FNH sobre 30 c.; 40 FNH sobre 65 g., y 200 FNH sobre 5 Fr.

Estos sellos se han puesto en venta el primero de julio.



NEW HEBRIDES — A new definitive series, part I was released on July 7, for this Condominium which is jointly governed by England and France.

The new designs feature maps of the islands. The values are:
5F — Erromango and drawing of a Kaori Tree.

20F — Efate and the new Post Office Vila.

25F — Malakula Island and head-dresses.

50F — Shepherd Islands and a Canoe with sail.

100F — Ambrym and carvings.

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200F — Ancityum and decorated Baskets.

The stamps come in English and French versions.

The capitol of New Hebrides, Vila is located on Efate of Vate Island, formerly known as the Sandwich Island.

Le Monde des Philatelistes



Sammler Express

● Neue Dauererienwerte in neuer Währung — „Landkarten verschiedener Inseln“

5 Fnh Eromanga; Kauri-Kiefer
20 Fnh Efate; Postamt Vila
25 Fnh Malekula; Kopfschmuck
50 Fnh Shepard-Inseln; kleines Segelboot
100 Fnh Ambrym; geschnitzte Figuren
200 Fnh Anietyum; Korbwaren
Die Marken erschienen wie gewöhnlich in englischer und französischer Ausgabe.
E: L. Curtis — M: 28,45 x 42,38 mm, Hochf.
Ausgabetag: 7. Juli
Abb. der Werte zu 50 und 200 Fnh (33, 46)



Standard Times & Echo.

NEW HEBRIDES
8. September. Part I,
5, 20, 50, 100, 200 FNH.
Part II due October 15,
25, 30, 40 FNH.

THE NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

Last month we featured Part I of a new definitive series which is planned for release in September 1977.

However, on 1 July 1977 all the values of the current definitive series were issued, overprinted and surcharged in New Hebrides Francs. The changeover coincided with the introduction of new postage rates. The unique arrangement whereby the New Hebrides Condominium used the international gold franc for its postage stamps terminated on 30 June 1977 after a period of 39 years. Most readers will realise that there are no gold francs in circulation in the New Hebrides, or indeed anywhere else. The history of the gold franc commences in 1802 when it was established under French law as the French franc. Postal and Telecommunications Administrations adopted this currency, which was then known as the Geminal franc, for their international accounting. The Universal Postal Union, which was established in 1874, also adopted the Geminal franc as the unit for international postage rates. The Geminal franc was defined as the weight of 0.290323 grammes of gold of a fineness of 0.90.

After 1914, the value of the French franc started to change in relation to gold. The Geminal franc however remained in being as the Swiss franc until 1936. Although no longer available as a national currency, Administrations retained the Geminal franc as the monetary standard for their international services, now known as the gold franc, and still continue to use it.

The reasons which led up to the use of the gold franc for New Hebrides stamps arise from the use of two currencies within the Condominium. British sterling and French francs both used to circulate but the de facto British currency is now the Australian dollar and since 1940 the official French currency has been the New Hebridean franc.

When postage stamps were first issued by the Condominium Post Office in 1908, they consisted of two sets of stamps, one in English and the other in French. The English version utilised the stamps of Fiji in denominations of shillings and pence, overprinted 'New Hebrides', whilst the French version used the contemporary series of New Caledonia francs and centimes, overprinted 'Nouvelles-Hebrides'.

A New Hebrides definitive series was produced in 1910. The shillings and pence denominations and the name of the country were inscribed in English with the arms of Great Britain on the right-hand panel and the R F monogram on the left. The francs and centimes denominations were inscribed in French on the Nouvelles Hebrides version, with the position of the emblems reversed.

The use of the two languages and the transposition of the two emblems has continued until the present day, but in 1925 a new dual currency series was issued. The English and French versions of the stamps each carried values in both currencies. The value of the stamp was printed under the French emblem in francs and centimes and under the British emblem in shillings and pence.

This issue soon ran into difficulties because of a gradual change in value between the pound and the franc. Further complications arose

when Britain went off the gold standard in 1929. As the dual currency series did not represent equivalent amounts of postage, it became necessary to seek an alternative solution to the problem of the actual value of the New Hebrides stamps.

The method adopted was the use of the international gold franc, divided into 100 gold centimes, for both the French and English versions of stamps. The first gold franc issue was released on 1 June 1938 and this produced a unique situation whereby Post Office customers in the New Hebrides tendered one or other of the official currencies in payment for stamps bearing values in a third currency. The local population learned to live with this quaint situation and accepted philosophically that posting letters could be a complicated time-consuming matter. However, the increasing business at Post Office counters, and in particular the growth of tourist traffic, has highlighted the cumbersome nature of what should be a simple transaction. There is a further complication in that the market price of gold is no longer pegged; it is not a standard any more but a commodity whose price fluctuates daily.

Posts and Telecommunications Administrations are finding that floating currencies are an added problem. Some countries have ceased to quote an exchange rate for their own currency and the gold franc and consider that it should be replaced as an accounting unit. A possible replacement is the SDR (special drawing rights) used by the IMF, which is related to the average value of a basket of sixteen major world currencies.

Now that the gold franc has lost its precision its continued use on the stamps of the New Hebrides creates more problems than those it was intended to solve. It has been decided therefore that Condominium stamps will henceforth bear values in New Hebridean francs (FNH).

The overprinting was carried out by the French Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the stamps of the 1972 definitive series have been surcharged, to accommodate the new postal rates, as follows:

Art forms	Birds/Charolais	Shells
5G.c.—5FNH	10G.c.—10FNH	25G.c.—25FNH
15G.c.—15FNH	20G.c.—20FNH	30G.c.—30FNH
1.00G.F.—50FNH	35G.c.—35FNH	65G.c.—40FNH
3.00G.F.—100FNH	2.00G.F.—70FNH	5.00G.F.—200FNH
	10.00G.F.—500FNH	

An official First Day Cover was produced for the overprinted issue and was designed to carry one of the above groups of four or five stamps. The 35 Gc. aerogramme (Concorde) was overprinted locally with a value of 15FNH.

Although all gold franc stamps were withdrawn from sale at Post Offices in the New Hebrides on 30 June 1977 they were valid for postage until 31 July 1977.

Past definitive issues showing changes in currency that have taken place



New Hebrides Condominium
New Definitive Overprint
English and French Series
Release: 1st July 1977

Cost per one set (English) U.S. \$13.53
Cost per one set (French) U.S. \$13.53

Values:

Art Forms

5gc - 5FNH
15gc - 15FNH
1.00GF - 50FNH
3.00GF - 100FNH

Birds/Charolais

10gc - 10FNH
20gc - 20FNH
35gc - 35FNH
2.00GF - 70FNH
10.00GF - 500FNH

Shells

25gc - 25FNH
30gn - 30FNH
65gc - 40FNH
5.00GF - 200FNH



The New Hebrides Currency Puzzle

THE unique arrangement whereby the New Hebrides Condominium used the international gold franc for its postage stamps terminated on June 30th, 1977 after a period of 39 years. Since July 1st stamp values have been in New Hebridean francs (FNH). The present exchange rate is 1 gold franc = 29 FNH; 1 FNH = £0.007

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The issue soon ran into difficulties because of a gradual change in value between the pound and the franc. Further complications arose when Britain went off the gold standard in 1929. As the dual currency series did not represent equivalent amounts of postage, it became necessary to seek an alternative solution to the problem of the actual value of the New Hebrides stamps.

The method adopted was the use of international gold franc, divided into 100 gold centimes, for both the French and English versions of stamps. The first gold franc issue was released on June 1st, 1938 and this produced the unique situation whereby Post Office customers in the New Hebrides

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One of the NFH
new currency
provisionals

rendered one or other of the official currencies in payment for stamps bearing values in a third currency.

The local population learned to live with this quaint situation and accepted philosophically that posting letters could be a complicated and time-consuming matter. However, the increasing business at post office counters, and in particular the growth of tourist traffic, has highlighted the cumbersome nature of what should be a simple transaction. There is a further complication in that the market price of gold is no longer pegged; it is not a standard any more, but a commodity whose price fluctuates daily.

Post and Telecommunications Administrations are finding that floating currencies are an added problem. Some countries have ceased to quote an exchange rate for their own currency and the gold franc and consider that it should be replaced as an accounting unit. A possible replacement is the special drawing rights (SDR) used by the International Monetary Fund, which is related to the average value of a basket of 16 major world currencies.

Now that the gold franc has lost its precision its continued use on the stamps of the New Hebrides creates more problems than those it was intended to solve. It has been decided, therefore, that Condominium stamps will henceforth bear values in New Hebridean francs (FNH). The current exchange rate is 29 FNH equals 1 gold franc. The changeover will coincide with the introduction of new postage rates and is scheduled for September.

The initial issue will consist of the 1972 definitive series surcharged in FNH. The overprinting is being carried out by the French Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in France and will consist of the following 13 values:

Art forms	5 G.c.—	5 FNH
	15 G.c.—	15 FNH
	1.00 G.F.—	50 FNH
Birds	3.00 G.F.—	100 FNH
	10 G.c.—	10 FNH
	20 G.c.—	20 FNH
	35 G.c.—	35 FNH
	2.00 G.F.—	70 FNH
Shells	10.00 G.F.—	500 FNH
	25 G.c.—	25 FNH
	30 G.c.—	30 FNH
	65 G.c.—	40 FNH
	5.00 G.F.—	200 FNH

The existing aerogramme, 35 G.c. (Concorde), will be overprinted locally with a value of 15 FNH.

Official First Day Covers

An official first day cover is being produced for this issue. The cover is approximately 185 x 96 mm and is designed to carry one of the above groups of four or five stamps. The price of a fully serviced FDC is 10 FNH plus the face value of the stamps. (Continued on page 1945)

New Hebrides Currency Puzzle *(continued from page 1943)*

Withdrawal of Gold Franc Stamps

All gold franc stamps, including the 1972 definitive series and the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee commemorative set, were withdrawn from sale at Post Offices on June 30th, 1977. However, gold franc stamps continued to be valid for the payment of postage, at the current rate of exchange, until 31st July, 1977 and were also on sale from the Philatelic Bureau in Port Vila until that date.

New Definitive Series

A new definitive series is in course of production. The issue will consist of a set of 13 stamps featuring maps of the various islands of the New Hebrides. The first group of five stamps is scheduled to be released in September 1977.

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STAMP COLLECTING, August 11th, 1977

Stamp News (Australia)

Gold Franc disappears

The unique arrangement whereby the New Hebrides Condominium used the international gold franc for its postage stamps, terminated on June 30, 1977 after a period of 39 years of use. On and after July 1, 1977 stamps of the Condominium carry values expressed in New Hebridean francs (FNH).

Since June 1, 1938 post office customers in the New Hebrides rendered one or other of the official currencies in payment for stamps bearing values in a third currency, making the act of posting letters quite complicated, and often time-consuming. Increasing business at post office counters, and the growth of tourist traffic highlighted the cumbersome nature of what should be a simple transaction.

Now that the gold franc has lost its precision (due to the fluctuating price of gold), its continued use on New Hebrides stamps created more problems than it was intended to solve. The introduction of the new system of New Hebridean francs (FNH) coincides with the introduction of new postal rates. Current rate of exchange is FNH 29 = 1 gold franc.

Stamp Wholesaler (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM. The new definitives scheduled for issue in July will not be available until September. Instead, the 1972 definitive series was issued in overprinted form on July 1. Since New Hebrides went off the gold franc June 30, the stamps were surcharged with the new franc values (which incorporated the new postal rates). The gold values and their corresponding New Hebrides franc values are as follows: 5 gold centimes to 5 francs; 10gc to 10f; 15gc to 15f; 20gc to 20f; 25gc to 25f; 30gc to 30f; 35gc to 35f; 65gc to 40f; 1.00gf to 50f; 2.00gf to 70f; 3.00gf to 100f; 5.00gf to 200f; and 10.00gf to 500f. — *StanGib Ltd; Philatelic Bulletin.*

Stamp News (Australia)

NEW HEBRIDES (1/7/77) New Currency Overprints — Previous Definitives surcharged in New Hebridean Francs: 5FNH on 5c, 10 on 10, 15 on 15, 20 on 20, 25 on 25, 30 on 30, 35 on 35, 40 on 65, 50 on 1Fr, 70 on 2Fr, 100 on 3Fr and 500 on 10Fr. NOTE. The issue date for the new definitives has been postponed to September.

NEW HEBRIDES



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July 1, 1977. Change of Currency

Nos. 83-94 and No. 124 surcharged with Type 106 in New Hebrides Francs (FNH).

November 1977

145	48	5FNH on 5c		
		multicoloured	15	20
146	49	10FNH on 10c		
		multicoloured	20	30
147	50	15FNH on 15c		
		multicoloured	30	35
148	51	20FNH on 20c		
		multicoloured	35	40
149	52	25FNH on 25c		
		multicoloured	40	50
150	53	30FNH on 30c		
		multicoloured	50	60
151	54	35FNH on 35c		
		multicoloured	60	75
152	55	40FNH on 65c		
		multicoloured	75	1.00
153	56	50FNH on 1Fr		
		multicoloured	1.00	1.25
154	57	70FNH on 2Fr		
		multicoloured	1.25	1.50
155	58	100FNH on 3Fr		
		multicoloured	1.50	2.00
156	59	200FNH on 5Fr		
		multicoloured	3.00	3.50
157	85	500FNH on 10Fr		
		multicoloured	7.00	8.00
145-157		Set	15.00	17.50

NEW HEBRIDES — This English and French Condominium issued on July 1st, a new Overprint on the Definitive set.



The Art form values are:
5gc - 5FNH; 15gc - 15FNH;
1.00GF - 50FNH; and 3.00GF
- 100FNH.

Birds / Charolais: 10gc - 10
FNH; 20gc - 20FNH; 35gc -
35FNH; 2.00GF - 70FNH and
10.00GF - 500FNH.

Shells: 25gc - 25FNH; 30gn -
30FNH; 65gc - 40FNH; 5.00GF
- 200FNH.

The 1972 Definitive Series has
been overprinted in New Heb-
rides Francs as the New Heb-
rides ceased using the interna-
tional gold franc on June 30.

They were surcharged at the
same time to accommodate new
postal rates on July 1, 1977.

New Hebrides Condominium har ju i många år varit känt för att ha både fransk och engelsk valutabeteckning på sina frimärken. Nu är det emellertid slut med denna egenhet eftersom man från den 1 juli övergick till en ny myntenhet, New Hebrides francs. Den gamla guldfrancen motsvarar 29 franc av den nya valutan. Den reguljära serien från 1972 har övertryckts i de nya valörbeteckningarna och den äldre serien dras in inom kort. Bäst att skaffa innan priserna stiger.

RFD News (USA)

Stamps, Covers, and Postal Markings

R.F.D. News
Bellevue,
Ohio

ARTHUR W. LEE

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The "New Hebrides Condominium" versions or English types of the thirteen 1972 definitives of that South Pacific condominium were surcharged with the newly adapted New Hebridean francs (FNH). This was as of July 1. All gold francs stamps were withdrawn from sale the preceding day but will be valid for payment until July 31.

firefly. On May 18 a butterfly was shown on a like value for a conservation stamp.



NIEUWE HEBRIDEN

- 01-07-77 Nieuwe muntsoort: de internationale goudfrank wordt verwisseld voor de frank van de Nieuwe Hebriden (F.N.H.), opdruk op bestaande zegels, reeks 1972 : 5 fnh op 5 gc, Yvert 326 ; 10 fnh op 10 gc : Vogel, Yvert 327 ; 15 fnh op 15 gc, Yvert 328 ; 20 fnh op 20 gc : Vogel, Yvert 329 ; 25 fnh op 25 gc : Schelp, Yvert 330 ; 30 fnh op 30 gc : Schelp, Yvert 331 ; 35 fnh op 35 gc : Vogel, Yvert 332 ; 40 fnh op 40 gc : Schelp, Yvert 333 ; 50 fnh op 1 gfr, Yvert 334 ; 70 fnh op 2 gfr : Vogel, Yvert 335 ; 100 fnh op 3 gfr, Yvert 336 ; 200 fnh op 3 gfr : Schelp, Yvert 337 ; 500 fnh op 10 gfr : Stier, Yvert 403 ; Zegels zowel met Engelse als met Franse legende.

News Journal (USA)

New Hebrides Condominium has issued a new definitive overprint series of 13 stamps in English and French. The new values are New Hebrides francs.

The stamps include four art forms, five birds and four shells which all were part of the 1972 definitive series.

They were overprinted in NHFrancs because New Hebrides ceased using the international gold franc on June 30, 1977. Meanwhile, a new definitive series, part one, has been issued. It features maps of the islands and the values range from 5FNH to 200.

Sunday News (Detroit)

With the introduction of new postal rates on July 1, New Hebrides Condominium, after 39 years, terminated the use of the gold franc for its stamps. New issues will carry values in New Hebridean francs (FHN). The initial emission is the overprinting of the 13-value 1972 definitive series featuring art forms, birds, shells and a charolais bull.

Stamps (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES — The six stamps comprising **Part I of the new regular series** previously announced (5, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200) for **7th July 1977** now have been postponed until sometime in **September 1977**. The 1972 definitive series has been o/p'd in **New Hebrides francs** inasmuch as use of the international gold franc was discontinued 30th June 1977. The stamps were o/p'd at the same time to provide for new postal rates and were released **1st July 1977**; o/p and surcharging by the French Min. of P.T. The 35gc **Concorde aerogram** was o/p'd locally with new value of 15FNH. (Crown Agents.)

Original and surcharged values with new denominations are as follow: **Art Forms**: 5gc-5FNH; 15gc-15FNH; 1.00gf-50FNH; 3.00gf-100FNH; **Birds**: 10gc-10FNH; 20gc-20FNH; 35gc-35FNH; 2.00gf-70FNH; 10.00gf-500FNH; **Shells**: 25gc-atFNH; 30gc-30FNH; 65gc-40FNH; 5.00gf-200FNH one gold franc equals 29FNH; about 40c U.S.

Nouvelles-Hébrides. 7 juillet. La série surchargée en Franc Nouvelles-Hébrides «FNH» a été également sortie pour l'administration anglaise. — 6 septembre. Cartes des Iles: 5 FNH. (Erromango), 20 FNH. (Efate), 25 FNH. (Malakula), 50 FNH. (Shepherd), 100 FNH. (Ambryn), cette série est, comme d'habitude, également sortie pour l'administration anglaise. (Fig. 6)

La Philatelie Francaise

NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

1.7.77 : Treize figurines ont été surchargées en francs néonébridais. Il s'agit des n° Yve, t suivants : 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337 et 408 qui ont reçu respectivement les valeurs ci-après : 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 70, 100, 200 et 500 FNH. Ces surcharges portent sur les versions française et anglaise de ces valeurs.

The unique currency of NEW HE-BRIDES is finally being replaced by the New Hebrides Franc. This changeover is the result of the fluctuating currency, since it was formerly based on the "gold franc." The "free" market in money has made it necessary since there has been a fluctuation of the value of the monies of the world.

The "floating" exchange for pounds, dollars and whatever has brought much difficulty to the postal charges of the Condominium governed by French and English. Three issues of stamps have been surcharged with the new FNH (New Hebrides Franc) and are available from the Philatelic Section, Condominium Post Office, Port-Vila, New Hebrides.

The art set is \$2.24, birds at \$8.36 and shells at \$2.21 and these are the approximate values (to be safe include a few extra cents if you order). All stamps in gold francs are not now usable for postage.

A new definitive series was released July 7 and it features maps of the islands. There are six stamps in the set and the values are five, 20, 25, 50, 100 and 200 FNH.

Fine Arts Philatelist (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES 1 Jul 77/Scott 155-156, 196 now issued in new currency: 29 FNH (New Hebrides francs) = 1 (old) gold franc. (New Hebrides P0)

The unique arrangement whereby the New Hebrides Condominium has used the international gold franc for its postage stamps terminated on June 30 after 39 years. Consequently, the 13 stamps of the 1972-74 definitive series (birds, shells and traditional art forms) have been overprinted with new values in New Hebridean francs (FNH).

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When postage stamps were



With the change in currency from international gold francs to New Hebridean francs, the South Pacific Condominium of the New Hebrides has overprinted



the 13 stamps of its 1972-74 definitive series with new values in New Hebridean francs. Four of the stamps are illustrated.

first issued by the Condominium Post Office in 1908 they comprised two distinct sets, one in English and the other in French. The English version utilized the stamps of Fiji with denominations in shillings and pence, overprinted New Hebrides. The French series used the contemporary stamps of New Caledonia in francs and centimes, overprinted Nouvelles-Hebrides.

A definitive New Hebrides series produced in 1910 was actually two separate sets — one printed in English with values in shillings and pence, the other in French with values in francs and centimes.

The use of the two languages continued to June 30 this year, but in 1925 a new dual currency series was issued. English and French versions of the stamps each carried values in both currencies. This ran into difficulties when a gradual change took place between the value of pounds and francs.

A problem existed and the solution was the use of international gold francs, divided into 100 gold centimes. The first gold franc issue was released in 1938 and produced the unique situation whereby Post Office customers paid in one or another of the official island currencies for stamps bearing values in a third currency.

However, the gold franc has lost its precision in recent years and its continued use on stamps has created more problems than it was intended to solve. It has been decided therefore that Condominium stamps will henceforth bear values in New Hebridean francs. The current exchange rate is 29 FNH to each gold franc.

The 1972-74 definitive issues ranged from five gold centimes to 10 gold francs. The new overprinted stamps will range from five to 200 FNH.

American Philatelist

New Hebrides: July 1, with the change in currency in the condominium, the 1972 definitive series has been surcharged in New Hebridean francs. There are thirteen stamps in the series.

Echophil Periodique Mensuel

Nouvelles Hébrides

1 7 77 : les valeurs courantes seront surchargées non plus en faciale Couronne Or mais en Francs Nouvelles Hébrides soit F.N.H. 12 valeurs surchargées.

Toronto Star

New Hebrides: On July 1 new definitive overprints on art, shell, bird and charolais cattle stamps.

Neue Hebriden: Wie die Briefmarken der Neuen Hebriden wurde am 1. Juli auch ein Aerogramm von Gold-Franken auf Neue-Hebriden-Francis umgestellt. Sein Wertstempel lautete ursprünglich auf 35 Gold-Centimes und wurde mit der neuen Wertangabe 15 FNH überdruckt. JD

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NEUE HEBRIDEN

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NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM —

On 1st July 1977 the 1972 definitive series was released and **surcharged in FNH** (New Hebrides francs): 5gc will be 5 FNH; 10gc to 10 FNH; 15gc to 15 FNH; 20gc to 20 FNH; 25gc to 25 FNH; 30gc to 30 FNH; 35gc to 35 FNH; 65gc to 40 FNH; 1.00gs to 50 FNH; 2.00gs to 70 FNH; 3.00gs to 100 FNH; 5gs to 200 FNH; 10.00gs to 500 FNH. (StanGib, Garden City, N.Y.)

Neue Hebriden: Die Währung des britisch-französischen Kondominiums wurde am 1. Juli geändert. Anstelle des Goldfrankens zirkulieren jetzt Neue-Hebriden-Franken. Dies bedingte Aufdrucke in neuen Francis auf den laufenden Freimarken: 5 F auf 5 Gc, 10 auf 10, 15 auf 15, 20 auf 20, 30 auf 30, 35 auf 35 und 40 F auf 65 Gc, 50 F auf 1 GF, 70 F auf 2 GF, 100 auf 3, 200 auf 5 und 500 F auf 10 GF.

Le Monde des Philatelistes

Sammler Express

NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

• 1er juil. 77. — Surcharge de la série d'usage courant de 1972 en francs neo-hebridais.

5 FNH. sur 5 c.
10 FNH. sur 10 c.
15 FNH. sur 15 c.
20 FNH. sur 20 c.
25 FNH. sur 25 c.
30 FNH. sur 30 c.
35 FNH. sur 35 c.
40 FNH. sur 65 c.
50 FNH. sur 1 F.
70 FNH. sur 2 F.
100 FNH. sur 3 F.
200 FNH. sur 5 F.
500 FNH. sur 10 F.
L'aerogramme de 35 c. a été surchargé 15 FNH.

NEUE HEBRIDEN

66/77

• Wertaufdrucke in der neuen hebridischen Währung auf Dauerserienwerte (der hebridische Franc löste den bisherigen Goldfranc ab):

5 Fnh auf 5 c
10 Fnh auf 10 c
15 Fnh auf 20 c
20 Fnh auf 20 c
25 Fnh auf 25 c
30 Fnh auf 30 c
35 Fnh auf 35 c
40 Fnh auf 65 c
50 Fnh auf 1 Fr
70 Fnh auf 2 Fr
100 Fnh auf 3 Fr
500 Fnh auf 10 Fr
Ausgabetag: 1. Juli

Condominium stamps bear values in New Hebridean francs starting July 1

By Postal Department
New Hebrides

The unique arrangement whereby the New Hebrides Condominium uses the international gold franc for its postage stamps was to terminate on June 30, 1977, after a period of 39 years. On and after July 1, 1977, stamps will carry values in New Hebridean francs (FNH).

Most readers will realize that there are no gold francs in circulation in the New Hebrides, or indeed anywhere else.

The history of the gold franc commences in 1802 when it was established under French law as the French franc. Postal and telecommunication administrations adopted this currency, which was then known as the Géminal franc, for their international accounting.

The Universal Postal Union, which was established in 1874, also adopted the Géminal franc as the unit for international postage rates. The Géminal franc was defined as the weight of 0.290323 grams of gold of a fineness of 0.90.

After 1914, the value of the French franc started to change in relation to gold. The Géminal franc, however, remained in being as the Swiss franc until 1936.

Although no longer available as a national currency, administrations retained the Géminal franc as the monetary standard for their international services, now known as the gold franc, and still continue to use it. The reasons which led to the use of the gold franc for New Hebrides stamps arose from the use of two currencies within the condominium. British sterling and French francs both used to circulate, but the de facto British currency is now the Australian dollar and since 1940 the official

French currency has been the New Hebridean franc.

When postage stamps were first issued by the Condominium Post Office in 1908, they consisted of two sets of stamps, one in English and the other in French.

The English version utilized the stamps of Fiji in denominations of shillings and pence, overprinted "New Hebrides", while the French version used the contemporary series of New Caledonia in francs and centimes, overprinted "Nouvelles-Hebrides."

A definitive New Hebrides series was produced in 1910. The shillings and pence denominations and the name of the country were inscribed in English with the arms of Britain on the right hand panel and the RF monogram on the left. The francs and centimes denominations were inscribed in French on the Nouvelles-Hebrides version, with the position of the emblems reversed.

The use of the two languages and the transposition of the two emblems has continued until the present day, but in 1925 a new dual currency series was issued.

The English and French versions of the stamps each carried values in both currencies. The value of the stamp was printed under the French emblem in francs and centimes and under the British emblem in shillings and pence.

This issue soon ran into difficulties because of a gradual change in value between the pound and the franc. Further complications arose when Britain went off the gold standard in 1929.

As the dual currency series did not represent equivalent amounts of postage, it became necessary to seek an alternative solution to the problem of

the actual value of the New Hebrides stamps.

The method adopted was the use of international gold franc, divided into 100 gold centimes, for both the French and English versions of stamps.

The first gold franc issue was released on June 1, 1938 (Scott Type A5) and this produced the unique situation whereby post office customers in the New Hebrides rendered one or the other of the official currencies in payment for stamps bearing values in a third currency.

The local population learned to live with this quaint situation and accepted philosophically that posting letters could be a complicated and time-consuming matter. However, the increasing business at post office counters, and in particular the growth of tourist traffic, has highlighted the cumbersome nature of what should be a simple transaction.

There is a further complication in that the market price of gold is no longer pegged; it is not a standard any more, but a commodity whose price fluctuates daily.

Post and telecommunications administrations are finding that floating currencies are an added problem. Some countries have ceased to quote an exchange rate for their own currency and the gold franc, and consider that it should be replaced as an accounting unit.

A possible replacement is the SDR (special drawing rights) used by the IMF, which is related to the average value of a basket of 16 major world currencies.

Now that the gold franc has lost its precision, its continued use on the stamps of the New Hebrides creates more problems than those it was in-



This 10 gold franc definitive stamp of the New Hebrides, issued in 1975, was to have been overprinted "500 FNH" to reflect the Condominium change of currency designation to be implemented on July 1. The entire definitive series has been overprinted.

tended to solve. It has been decided, therefore, that Condominium stamps will henceforth bear values in New Hebridean francs (FNH).

The current exchange rate is 29 FNH equals 1 gold franc. The changeover was to coincide with the introduction of new postage rates scheduled for July 1 1977.

The initial emission will consist of the 1972 definitive series (Scott 155-66,196) surcharged in FNH. The overprinting is being carried out by the French Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in France.

The existing 35 G.c. aerogram

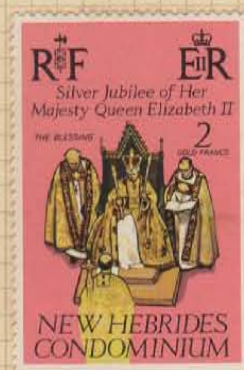
(Concorde) will be overprinted locally with a value of 15FNH.

An official first day cover has been produced for this issue. The cover is approximately 185 by 96 millimeters, and is designed to carry one group of four or five stamps (Art Forms, Birds/Charolais, or Shells). The price of a fully serviced FDC is 10FNH plus the face value of the stamps.

All gold franc stamps, including the 1972 definitive series and the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee commemorative set were to be withdrawn from sale at post offices on June 30. However, gold franc stamps will continue to be valid for the payment of postage, at the current rate of exchange, until July 31, 1977. They will also be on sale from the Philatelic Bureau until that date.

All orders should be addressed to the Philatelic Section, Condominium Post Office, Port-Vila New Hebrides, accompanied by a remittance sufficient to cover return postage and registration (if required).

Postage is charged on all orders, at the airmail rates in force, but is considered to have been paid whenever sufficient stamps "canceled to order" are enclosed. Remittances should be in the form of a bank draft or airmail transfer to one of the banks operating in the New Hebrides.





SILVER JUBILEE 1977

Next month twenty-four countries will be releasing stamps which, although of an omnibus nature, constitute an entirely original concept of design, theme and interpretation. The traditional method of presentation of an omnibus set with stamps of common design only differing in colour, country name and value, having been rejected in favour of a completely fresh approach.

For this unique set each participating Postal Authority will issue stamps of three denominations. One of these shows a Royal connection with the country concerned; the second an item of the Coronation regalia or related subject whilst the third depicts a scene from the Coronation Ceremony arranged in an alphabetical/chronological sequence. Thus the Ascension Island highest value stamp shows Her Majesty leaving Buckingham Palace in the golden Coronation coach, that for Barbados depicts the Queen leaving the coach at Westminster Abbey and so on until, finally, the Turks & Caicos Islands' 55c. value completes the picture by illustrating the Royal Family waving to the crowd from the balcony of Buckingham Palace at the conclusion of the Ceremony. A truly splendid series of stamps showing the Coronation from beginning to end and we are pleased to be showing all the stamps in full colour in our February edition.

In producing the stamps the services of several well known stamp designers and security printers have been used.

Two features are common to all of the stamps in the omnibus set, namely the size, 48.26 x 31.75mm and the type of lettering. The latter was produced specifically for the occasion by Miss Jennifer Toombs FRSA NDD, and combines a high degree of clarity with a dignified appearance wholly appropriate to the event being commemorated.

With one exception the Omnibus will be released on Monday, 7 February 1977. The exception being the Pitcairn Islands who intend releasing their set on Sunday, 6 February, the actual Anniversary of the Accession.

First Day Covers will be available for all issues. The covers are a uniform size, 190 x 110mm, and the individual design for each Postal Authority is die-stamped on high quality, light grey, grained paper. Illustrations of some of the First Day Cover designs are to be found on page CA6.

ASCENSION ISLAND

- 25p—The Queen in the golden Coronation coach leaving Buckingham Palace on her way to Westminster Abbey.
- 12p—General view of the Palace as the Coronation procession passes through the gates.
- 8p—HRH Prince Philip on Ascension in 1957.

BARBADOS

- \$1—The Queen leaving the Coronation coach to enter the Abbey.
- 50c.—A view of the Abbey as the Coronation coach arrives.
- 15c.—The Queen Knighting Garfield Sobers during a Royal Visit in 1975.

BELIZE

- \$2—The procession through the Choir of the Queen with the Bishops of Bath and Wells and of Durham—supporters of Her Majesty by ancient right—on either side.
- 35c.—A portrait of the Queen and the Rose Window in Westminster Abbey.
- 10c.—A scene from a Royal Visit in 1975.

BERMUDA

- \$1—The Queen seated in Her Chair of Estate after ascending the Theatre, which was a platform erected in the centre of the Abbey. See No 1 on the diagram overleaf.
- 20c.—The St Edward Crown.
- 5c.—The Queen at Queen's View Bermuda in 1975.

BOTSWANA

- 40t.—The Recognition Scene. The Queen stands in the centre of the Theatre while the Archbishop speaks to the people at all four sides.
- 25t.—The Coronation coach in procession.
- 4t.—The Queen and the President of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

- 33p—The Queen before going to the Altar to take the Oath.
- 11p—Part of the wording to the Coronation Oath on a parchment scroll.
- 6p—HRH Duke of Edinburgh in the Antarctic 1956/7.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- 60c.—The Presentation of the Holy Bible to the Queen by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
- 30c.—The Holy Bible.
- 8c.—The Queen visiting the Agricultural Station at Tortola 1966.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 50c.—The preparation for the Anointing which takes place when the Creed has ended. The Queen rises from her devotions having been disrobed of her crimson robe by Lord Great Chamberlain and goes before the Altar where she is to be anointed.
- 30c.—A portrait of the Queen against a background showing the procession down the Nave of the Abbey.
- 8c.—HRH Prince of Wales during a visit to the Cayman Islands in 1973 while serving on HMS Minerva.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

- 33p—The Queen seated in King Edward's Chair before the Altar where she is to be anointed. Four Knights of the Garter hold over her a rich pall of silk, or cloth of gold. See No. 2 on the diagram.
- 11p—The Ampulla and Anointing Spoon.
- 6p—HRH Duke of Edinburgh horseriding in the Falklands in 1957.

FIJI

- 30c.—The Queen in the Cloth-of-Gold Supertunica.
- 25c.—King Edward's Chair.
- 10c.—The Queen receiving a bouquet during her visit in 1970.

The Queen with regalia (basis of the Turks and Caicos Islands 25 c. value)



THE GAMBIA

- D1.25—The Archbishop presenting the Sword to the Queen.
- 50b.—The Spurs and the Jewelled Sword.
- 25b.—A scene from the Queen's visit to The Gambia in 1961.

GILBERT ISLANDS

- 40c.—The Queen in the Coronation Robes.
- 20c.—HRH Prince Philip during a visit in 1959.
- 8c.—HRH Prince Charles during a visit in 1970.

HONG KONG

- 20c.—The Presentation of the Orb. The Orb set under the Cross is a reminder that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer.
- \$1.30—The Queen dotting the eye of a ceremonial dragon during her visit in 1975.
- \$2—The Orb.

MAURITIUS

- R5—The Presentation of the Sceptre with the Cross and the Rod with the Dove.
- 75c.—The Queen with the Sceptre and Rod.
- 50c.—The Queen at the Mauritius Legislative Assembly in 1972.

MONTSERRAT

- \$1—The Archbishop places the St Edward Crown on the Queen's head.
- 45c.—The Firing of Cannons at the Tower of London.
- 30c.—The Queen's arrival on Montserrat in 1966.

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- GF2—The Queen receives the Blessing from the Archbishop.
 - 70gc.—The Imperial State Crown.
 - 35gc.—The Queen during the Royal Visit in 1974.
- These designs have also been produced with the inscriptions in French.

PITCAIRN ISLANDS

- 50c.—The Enthronement of the Queen. See No. 3 on the diagram.
- 20c.—The Chair of Homage.
- 8c.—HRH Prince Philip's arrival on Pitcairn in 1971.

ST CHRISTOPHER NEVIS ANGUILLA

- \$1.50—The Archbishop and Bishops paying homage to the Queen.
- 55c.—The head of the Sceptre with Cross.
- 50c.—The Queen planting a tree during a visit to St Kitts in 1966.

ST HELENA

- 28p—HRH Duke of Edinburgh kneeling and Paying Homage.
- 15p—The Queen's Sceptre with Dove.
- 8p—The Royal Visit to St Helena in 1947.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

- 45c.—The Queen kneeling at the altar for the Communion.
- 35c.—The Communion Plate.
- 6c.—The Queen receiving a necklace during a Royal Visit in 1974.

SOUTH GEORGIA

- 33p—The Queen and retinue in procession after the Coronation.
- 11p—The Queen with regalia against a Westminster background.
- 6p—HRH Prince Philip visiting the Shackleton Memorial in 1957 during a visit to South Georgia.

SWAZILAND

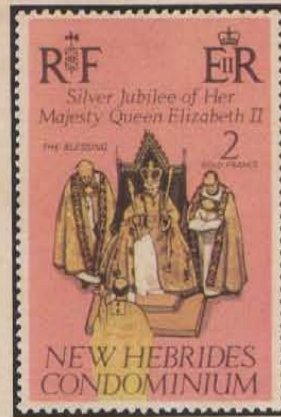
- 50c.—The Queen seated in the coach after leaving the Abbey.
- 25c.—The coach in procession at Admiralty Arch.
- 20c.—Portraits of the Queen and King Sobhuza II of Swaziland.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

- 25p—The Royal Family.
- 15p—The Royal Standard.
- 10p—The Royal Yacht Britannia.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

- 55c.—The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles and Princess Anne on the balcony at Buckingham Palace.
- 25c.—The Queen with regalia.
- 6c.—The Queen presenting the OBE to Mr E T Wood, Grand Turk 1966.



Joachim Dill

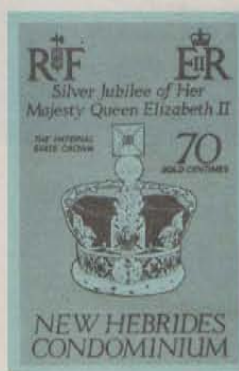
Neue Hebriden: Die Begrüssung von Einwohnern der Neuen Hebriden durch Königin Elizabeth bei deren Staatsbesuch im Jahr 1974 zeigt eine der Sondermarken, die dort zum Regierungsjubiläum der Queen erscheinen. Sie werden am 7. Februar in englischer und französischer Version mit den Nennwerten 35 und 70 Centimes sowie 1 Franc verausgabt.

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NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

Values : 35gc 70gc GF2 English and French versions
 Designer : BG Studio
 Printer : Walsall Security Printers Ltd
 Process : Lithography
 Pane : 25
 Stamp size : 31.75 x 48.26mm
 Watermark : English version - CA
 French version - Nil

Designs : 35gc - HM The Queen during the Royal Visit in 1974
 70gc - The Imperial State Crown
 GF2 - The Blessing



Stamp Magazine

Mijn Stok Paardje

New Hebrides

35gc—The Queen during a Royal Visit in 1974.

70gc—The Imperial State Crown.

GF2—The Blessing.

Designed by BG Studio. Lithographed by Walsall Security Printers Ltd.

English and French versions will be issued of this set.

NIEUWE HEBRIDEN

7Feb.'77. Zilveren jubileum. Ontw. BG-Studio. Lithografische druk Walsall. 35c. Koninklijk bezoek (1974). 70c. Staatskroon imperium, 2F. Koningin ontvangt de zegen. In Franse en Engelse zetting.

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM
(French and English)

Cost per one set = U.S. \$1.20
Cost per one FDC = U.S. \$1.50

- 35gc - HM The Queen during the Royal Visit in 1974
70gc - The Imperial State Crown
GF2 - The Blessing



Agents to British Post Office
and Territories Represented by Crown Agents.

Joachim Dill

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Weue Zeit

NEW HEBRIDES:

February 7: Silver Jubilee:

35c. Royal Visit, 1974.

70c. Imperial State Crown.

2 Fr. The Queen receiving the Blessing; issued in English and French language versions.

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM: 7. Februar — Drei Sondermarken „Silver Jubilee 1977“, 35 Gc — Königin Elizabeth II. während eines Besuches im Jahr 1974, 70 Gc — Krone, 2 GF — Segnung der Königin.

Yushu (Japan)



Stamps U.S.A.



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NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

Postes britanniques

◆ (7 fév.) 25^e anniversaire de l'accession au trône de la reine Elisabeth.



77/1. 35c or .. 1,05 1,05
77/2. 70c or .. 2,10 2,10
77/3. 2F or .. 6,00 6,00

NEW HEBRIDES — Two sets of stamps 7th February 1977 for Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, Great Britain; des. by BG Studios, London depict The Queen during a visit; the Royal Crown; and the Coronation; panes of 25; CA w/m for the English series; no w/m for the French; six-color litho. by Walsall Sec. England; 35 gold centimes; 70gc; and 2 gold francs. (Phila. Sec., Vila.)

New Hebrides to join in silver jubilee salute

The U.S. Bicentennial — \$2 Condominium will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the accession to the throne by Queen Elizabeth II with a trio of stamps forecast for Feb. 7, according to the Philatelic Section, Condominium Post Office, Port Vila, New Hebrides, South Pacific.

As part of the British Crown Agents' omnibus issue, the stamps of the New Hebrides join those of 24 other nations in the sequential presentation of the coronation scene.

The New Hebrides trio will be released in both an English version as well as a French version, as is traditional.

The 35 gold centimes value depicts Queen Elizabeth during a visit to the islands in 1974, while the 70gc denomination features the imperial state crown, and the 2 gold franc emission is devoted to the blessing of the queen during the coronation ceremony.

Designed by the B.G. Studio



The New Hebrides Condominium will join in the British omnibus series commemorating the 25th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne of the British Commonwealth of Nations. These three values, to be released in both English and French versions, will debut on Feb. 7.

of England, the series is lithographed in six colors by the Walsall printing firm of England in the following quantities:

35gc: English - 218,250,
French - 123,750;
70gc: English - 258,250,
French - 113,750;
2gr: English - 245,750,
French - 108,750.

A special first day cover, bearing either the English or

French set, is available at 4.05gfr each (\$1.46 U.S.). International Money Orders from the U.S. and Canada are acceptable as payment.

The New Hebrides Post Office offers a standing order account system through which customers can obtain their postal requirements on an automatic basis. Full details from the aforementioned address.

Australian Stamp Monthly



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Neue Hebriden: Frankreich und Großbritannien verwalten gemeinsam die aus rund 40 Inseln bestehende Gruppe im südlichen Pazifik als Kondominium. Alle Postwertzeichen tragen sowohl das Emblem der Republik wie das der Königin. Von jeder Marke gibt es eine Version in französischer und eine in englischer Sprache. So liegt auch die Serie zum Silberjubiläum der Queen in doppelter Ausführung vor. Gemeinsam ist die Zeichnung mit dem Besuch von Elizabeth II. im Jahre 1974, Krone und Einsegnung. Nennwerte und Hintergrundfarben: 35 Goldcentimes grün, 70 GC blau und 2 Goldfrancs rosa; Ausgabetag: 7. Februar.

Druck: Lithografie; Format: 31,75 x 48,25 mm; Zähnung: K 14 : 13 3/4;

Schalterbogen: 25; Wasserzeichen: CA bei englischer Fassung.

Stamp Monthly

NEW HEBRIDES



80. Royal Visit, 1974.

Des. BG Studio. Litho. Walsall.
 1977 Feb. Silver Jubilee. Type 80 and similar
 vert. designs. Mult. W w.14. P 13½.
 *217 35 c. Type 80
 *218 70 c. The Imperial State Crown
 *219 2 f. The Blessing

Genaralanzeiger Bonn



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RFD News

The silver Jubilee stamps of the New Hebrides Condominium of Feb. 7 had the St. Edwards Crown on the 70c values and depicted Her Majesty during the Coronation on the 2 Fr denominations. The 35c stamps depicted Queen Elizabeth II meeting the people of the New Hebrides during her visit in 1974.

Allgemeine Zeitung Hildesheim



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1977, 7. Febr. 25 Jahre Regentschaft von Königin Elisabeth II. Odr.; gez. K 14:13¼.



hr-hr I) Königin Elisabeth auf den Neuen Hebriden, 1974



hs-hs I) Königs-krone



ht-ht I) Krönungszeremonie in der Westminster Abtei

Englische Ausgabe (mit Wz. 5)

441.	35 C. mehrfarbig	 hr	—55	—55
442.	70 C. mehrfarbig	 hs	1.10	1.10
443.	2 Fr. mehrfarbig	 ht	3.20	3.20
	Satzpreis (3 W.)		4.85	4.85

Französische Ausgabe (ohne Wz.)

444.	35 C. mehrfarbig	 hr I	—55	—55
445.	70 C. mehrfarbig	 hs I	1.10	1.10
446.	2 Fr. mehrfarbig	 ht I	3.20	3.20
	Satzpreis (3 W.)		4.85	4.85

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NUEVAS HEBRIDAS

1977.—XXV aniversario de la ascensión al trono de S. M. la Reina Isabel II. Motivos diversos. Denda 14.

444 35 c. Visita real 1974
445 70 c. Corona Imperial
446 2 f. La bendición

Núms. 444 a 446 (3 sellos) 9.20"

Id. leyenda británica con Fil. A de Antigua.

Nuove Ebridi

Parigi e Londra hanno un condominio in Melanesia: le Nuove Ebridi. Si tratta di un arcipelago ricco di vulcani e ricoperto da una lussureggiante vegetazione che si trova a 2000 km dalla costa orientale



Nuove Ebridi: il « Silver Jubilee »...

dell'Australia. Su 14746 kmq vivono oggi circa 85 mila persone, in prevalenza melanesiani, fedeli ancora alla tradizionale venerazione degli antenati e dei crani.

Francia e Gran Bretagna amministrano congiuntamente queste isole dagli inizi del secolo: due bandiere, due lingue ufficiali, due governatori e, per non scontentare nessuno, anche emissioni filateliche

parallele ma distinte. I francobolli delle serie corrispondenti — emesse, però, sempre separatamente — pur avendo in comune soggetto, facciale e data di emissione, recano iscrizioni rispettivamente in francese e in inglese.

Ora, dopo circa settanta anni di condominio anglo-francese, si parla sempre più insistentemente di indipendenza. A volerla è soprattutto la popolazione anglofona organizzata intorno al National Party, il quale gode dei favori del governo laburista inglese preoccupato per le forti spese arretrate all'erario britannico dal mantenimento di un governatore a Port-Vila (la capitale, 1500 abitanti) e dal conferimento della quota per l'amministrazione. All'indipendenza si oppone la parte francofona, in minoranza, che teme l'accentuarsi del predominio della popolazione di parte anglofona. In realtà a sostenere queste resistenze è Parigi che teme il nascere di una reazio-



...e il « 25ème Anniversaire »...

ne a catena nei possedimenti che ancora conserva in Oceania. Tutto è ancora da definire: se ne riparerà a fine anno, ma per l'indipendenza è ormai solo questione di tempo.

With the Collectors

New Hebrides Salutes Royal Event

By George N. Constable

New Hebrides Condominium's philatelic salute to the Silver Jubilee, a celebration proclaiming the 25th year of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne of Great Britain, is a six-stamp issue.

As usual the Condominium's stamps are released in both English and French, thus the six stamps, three in each language. They are part of the splendid omnibus postage stamp issue involving 24 countries. Each has, or will, release a set of three stamps, each reflecting a different Royal touch.

The New Hebrides' jubilee stamps are in the values of 35 and 70 gold centimes and 2 gold francs. The low-value stamp depicts Queen Elizabeth during the Royal Visit to that country in 1974. The base color is green. The Queen wears a yellow dress and carries a yellow umbrella.

The Imperial State Crown is featured on a blue background in the 70-gold centimes stamp. The gold francs stamp depicts the newly crowned Queen receiving The Blessing after she was crowned at Westminster Abbey. Background color of this stamp is coral. The three duplicate adhesives have the French language.



Bulletin Mensuel

NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES

1977. — 25^e anniversaire de l'accession au trône de sa Majesté Elizabeth II. Sujets divers. Légende SILVER JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II. Dent. 14.



- 444 35 c. (La Visite royale 1974) * * *
- 445 70 c. (La couronne impériale) * * *
- 446 2 f. (Le Sacre, la Bénédiction) * * *
- Nos 444 à 446 (3 val.) * 9 20 * *

Id. Légende britannique avec F.H. A. d'Antigua.

FILATELIA

GAMBIA: Diseños de "PAD Studio", papel sin filigrana: 25 b.: Durante su visita al país africano, en 1961. 50 b.: Espuelas y espada. 125 D.: Oblación de la espada. **ISLAS GILBERT:** Diseños de John Cooter. 8 c.: El Príncipe Carlos durante su visita en 1970. 20 c.: El Príncipe Felipe en su visita de 1959. 40 c.: Con la túnica de la Coronación. **HONG KONG:** Diseños de Estudios Waddington. 20 c.: Presentación de la Esfera Mundial. 1.30\$: La Reina en el Ceremonial del Dragón durante su visita de 1975. 2\$: La Esfera mundial, con su Cruz. **MAURICIO:** Diseños de Leslie Curtis. 50 c.: La Reina en la Asamblea Legislativa de la Isla, en 1972.



Santoral

Santos: Eutimio, Eulogio, Firmo, Gorgonio, Heraclio, Zósimo, Cándido, Piperión, Trófimo, Talo, Sofrínio, Benito, Fermín, Constantino, Ramiro, y Aurea, abadesa.

75 c.: Con el cetro, en el sillón real. 5 Rs.: Presentación del cetro y la vara de mando. **MONTSERRAT:** Diseños de G. L. Vasarhelyi. 30 c.: Después de bajar del "Royal Yacht Britannia", en 1966. 48 c.: Cañones y Torre de Londres. 1\$: La Coronación. **NUEVAS HEBRIDAS (Condominio franco - británico):** Diseños de "BG Studio". En

la versión francesa, papel sin filigrana; impresión en hojas de 25. 35 fc.: Durante la visita real de 1974. 70 gc.: La Corona Real. 2 CF.: La Bendición.



Manuel Esteban Gómez

EL CORREO GALLEGO -
VIERNES, 11 DE MARZO DE 1977



NEUE HEBRIDEN

(20/76) 8. November 1976: 3 Werte „Weihnachten 1976“ — Gemälde: 35, 70 c, 2,50 fr. — Herstellung: CA-Wasserzeichenpapier, (englische Ausgabe), kein Wasserzeichen (französische Ausgabe), Bogen zu 25 Stück, Größe 31,75 x 48,26 mm. Ersttagsbrief. Näheres und Abbildung Heft 20/76.
7. Februar 1977: 3 Werte „25 Jahre Thronbesteigung von Königin Elisabeth II.“: 35 c. Königlicher Besuch 1974; 70 c. Staatskrone; 2 fr. Segnung. — Entwurf: B. G. Studio. Herstellung: Walsal Security Printers Ltd., Mehrfarbenoffsetdruck, CA-Wasserzeichenpapier (englische Ausgabe), kein Wasserzeichen (französische Ausgabe), Bogen zu 25 Stück, Größe 31,75 x 48,26 mm. Ersttagsbrief. Abbildung 1 bis 3.



Malaysian Philatelist

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Il Collezionista (Italy)



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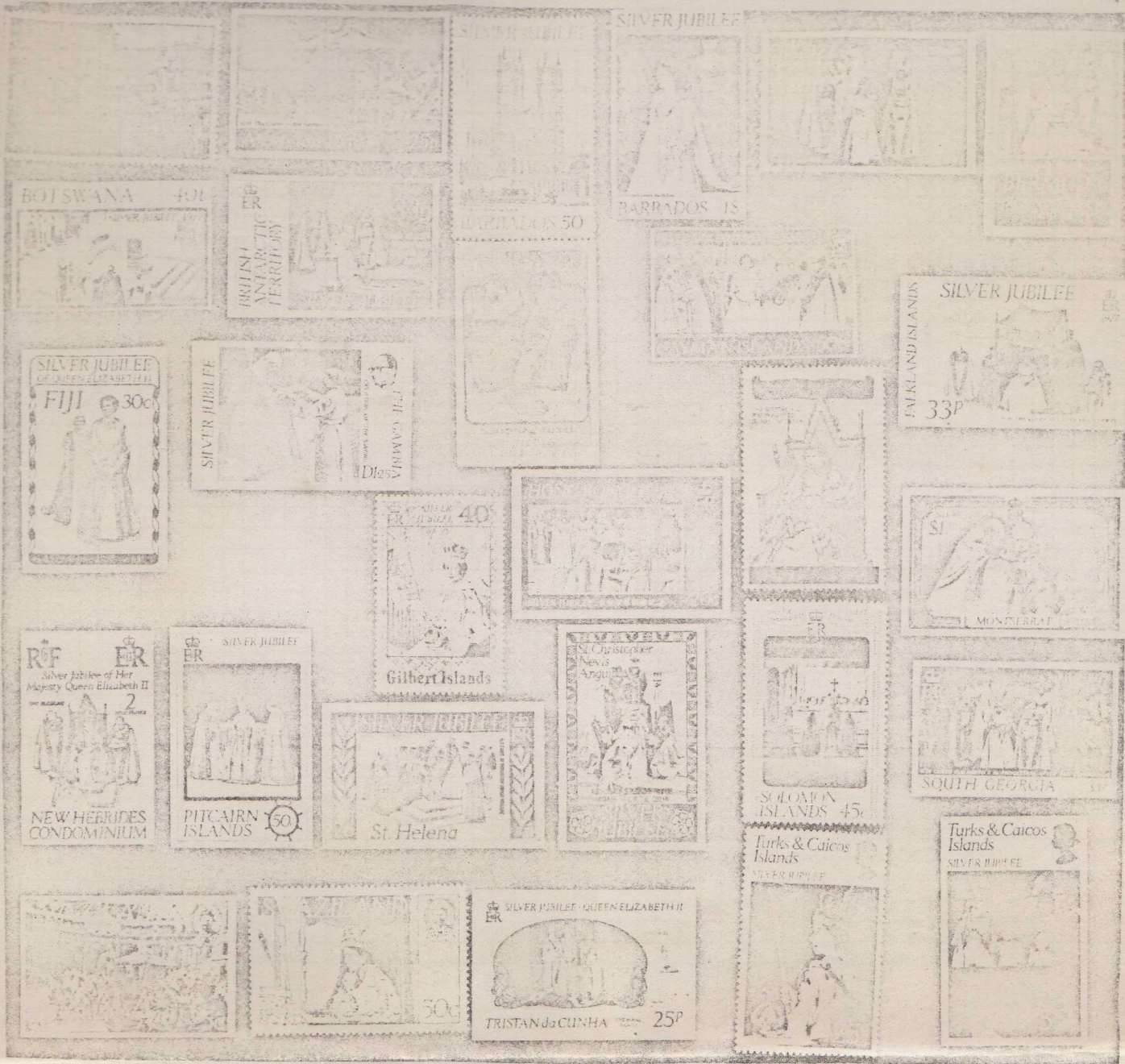
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35 c. (Visite de 1974).
 70 c. (La Couronne).
 2 d. (La bénédiction).

Queen's Coronation ceremony on stamps



TOMORROW 24 countries will release sets of stamps which, although of an omnibus nature, constitute an entirely original concept of design, theme and interpretation, the traditional method of presentation of an omnibus set with stamps of a common design only differing in colour, country name and denomination, having been rejected in favour of a completely fresh approach.

For this unique philatelic commemoration, each participating Postal Authority will issue stamps of three values. The first value shows a Royal connection with the country concerned;

Silver jubilee issues by 24 countries

by Nick A. Cutajar

the second depicts an item of the Coronation regalia or related subjects, whilst the third value illustrates a scene from the Coronation ceremony arranged in alphabetical/chronological sequence, right from Her Majesty

leaving Buckingham Palace in the golden Coronation coach, through the whole ceremony to the Royal Family waving to the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. A truly splendid series of stamps, showing the Coronation ceremony from beginning to the end.

In producing the stamps, the services of several well-known stamp-designers and security printers have been used. Two features are common to all the stamps in the omnibus set, namely the size and the type of lettering. The latter was produced specifically for the occasion by Miss Jennifer Toombs, and combines a high degree of clarity with a dignified appearance appropriate to the event.

With one exception, the omnibus will be issued tomorrow. The exception is Pitcairn Islands, who chose to release their set today, the actual anniversary of the Queen's accession to the Throne.

Our Salon will be open all day on Wednesday, February 9 on account of Thursday February 10 being a public holiday when we shall be closed.

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Stamp Wholesaler (USA)

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM. On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, six stamps will be released on February 7th. The Blessing on the 2 franc stamps, the Imperial Crown on the 70 centime, and the Queen on "walkabout" in 1974 on the 35c complete the series. — *StanGib Limited.*

Philatelie (Netherlands)

NIEUWE HEBRIDEN

7-2-'76. Zilveren regeringsjubileum koningin Elizabeth.

35 gc. Koningin tijdens bezoek, 1974.

70 gc. Keizerlijke staatskroon.

2.— gfr. Zegening.

Nordisk Filateli

NYA HEBRIDERNA

(engelsk och fransk version)

35 guldcentimes (drottningen på besök 1974), 70 gc (kejsarkronan), 2 gfr (välsignelsen).

Deutsche Zeitung



NEUE HEBRIDEN Anschluß an Nr. 23
Werte: 35 und 70 GC sowie 2 GF. Entwurf:
GB-Studio. Druck: Walsall.

THE WASHINGTON STAR (USA).
PHILATELIC NEWS

Silver Jubilee Year

By Belmont Faries

Special to The Washington Star

The Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain will be the big philatelic event of 1977.

The British Empire is no more, and the Commonwealth of Nations is smaller than it once was, but even so nearly 50 postal administrations will issue stamps marking the Queen's 25 years as monarch.

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As on similar occasions in the past, there will be an omnibus issue for the 25th anniversary, but this time the stamps will not be in a common design differing only in color, country name and denomination.

Twenty-four of the postal administrations represented by the Crown Agents will issue stamps of an omnibus nature, but with an entirely original concept of design, theme and interpretation.

The theme will be the Coronation pageantry of June 2, 1953 when the Queen was formally crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Westminster Abbey.

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Michel Rundschau

Neue Hebriden

7. Februar 1977:

25 Jahre Regentschaft von
Königin Elisabeth II., 3 Werte
(30, 70 C., 2 Fr.), englische und
französische Ausgabe.

MICHEL-Rundschau 1/1977



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NEW HEBRIDES

Feb 7, 1977. Silver Jubilee.

Des: BG Studio. Litho ptd by Walsall
Security Printers Ltd. Sheets: 25.
Wmk: CA Spiral (upright). Perf: 13½ x
13½.

- 35c multicolour. The Queen
during the Royal Visit to
the New Hebrides in 1974.
- 70c multicolour. The Imperial
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- 2F multicolour. The Blessing
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Each participating postal administration will issue stamps in three denominations. One will picture some royal connection with the country concerned, in most cases a royal visit. For Bermuda, for example, there will be a 5c stamp showing the Queen during her visit of February 1975 observing the panoramic view from Gibb's Hill, a spot now known as "Queen's View."

A second denomination will use an item of the coronation regalia or a related subject. For Bermuda, it is a 20c stamp showing the King Edward Crown, used in every coronation since that of Charles II.

The third denomination of each set will picture a scene from the coronation pageantry arranged in chronological and alphabetical sequence. Thus the Ascension Islands 25p high value shows the Queen leaving Buckingham Palace in the golden coronation coach. Bermuda's \$1 value has her sitting her Chair of Estate in Westminster Abbey, and Turks and Caicos Islands, at the end of the line alphabetically and chronologically, has the royal family back home after the ceremony, waving to crowds from the balcony of the palace.

Two features are common to all of the stamps in the omnibus set. All are the same size, 48.26 by 31.75, and all use the same style of lettering, developed especially for the series by Jennifer Toombs. There are 13 different design credits, and four security presses printed the stamps. All are lithographed.

Twenty-three of the administrations serviced by the Crown Agents and their American agent, StanGib, Ltd., will issue their sets on Monday, Feb. 7: Ascension Islands, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Antarctic Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Fiji, The Gambia, Gilbert Islands, Hong Kong, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Hebrides Condominium (sets in both English and French), St. Helena, St. Kitts, Solomon Islands, South Georgia, Swazi-

land, Tristan da Cunha and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Pitcairn Islands will issue theirs on Sunday, Feb. 6, the actual anniversary date.

An American agency, Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp. of New York, will distribute Silver Jubilee sets of 12 postal administrations, Antigua, Bahamas, Dominica, Gibraltar, Grenada and its Grenadines, Guernsey, Jersey, Maldives, St. Lucia, Seychelles and Togo. The sets will have two to five denominations and all except Guernsey and Jersey also will have souvenir sheets.

There will also be non-omnibus issues from the Isle of Man, Anguilla, St. Vincent and its Grenadines, Tonga, Tuvalu, Western Samoa and Cook Islands and its post offices in Aitutaki and Penryhn. St. Vincent will have the biggest of the Silver Jubilee issues, with one stamp showing a step in the coronation ceremony and 11 others picturing all of the rulers of England from the days of William the Conqueror, three or four to a stamp. There will also be a souvenir sheet with the 12 stamps and all 42 rulers.

Great Britain itself has announced a set of four stamps, but they will not be issued until May, to coincide with the nationwide Jubilee tour of the Queen starting that month. The four stamps will be on general sale at least until mid-June and supplies will be adequate for them to be on sale at places visited by the Queen until her tour ends in mid-August.

Canada will issue a single stamp, with the Queen's portrait, Australia two stamps with pictures of the Queen and the Queen with Prince Philip taken on her last visit, and New Zealand plans of souvenir sheet with five different portraits of the Queen.



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(43/1/71)

Unhinged

Which of the 35 Commonwealth countries will not be issuing a commemorative stamp for the Queen's silver jubilee this year? The Crown Agents' stamp bureau has persuaded 24 member states and dependencies to take part in an omnibus issue with a common theme, and has word that several other nations, from Australia to Seychelles, will be producing their own designs.

But there is no word from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia or Singapore, and the Crown Agents have doubts about Uganda. It is not just because those places have their own rulers: the Swaziland 20c commemorative shows the Queen casting a sidelong glance at the bearded head of King Sobhuza II, and the Gambia 50 butut shows the head of President Jawara and no Queen at all.

Colin Freeman, marketing manager of the Crown Agents'

stamp bureau, at the launching of the omnibus issue on Tuesday night, said that it was an attempt to get away from previous Commonwealth commemorative issues, in which all the stamps were of identical design. This time the low-value stamps show a local connexion with Royalty—Prince Philip with a beard in Ascension, or the Queen knighting Gary Sobers in Barbados.

The designers obviously had a spot of bother with St Helena, local connexions with the Royal Family being sparse; the best they could do was a picture of the Royal visit of 1947, before the present reign even began. And on the New Hebrides Condominium 35 centimes the Queen is shown holding an umbrella, apparently to shield herself from the République Française monogram in the top corner.

NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES (Condominium des)

« 25^e anniversaire du règne d'Elisabeth II ». Trois timbres-poste :



35 c. La visite de la reine en 1974 -



70 c. La couronne impériale - 2 F.



La bénédiction. Ces trois valeurs seront également émises en version anglaise. Premier jour et enveloppes le 7 février à Port-Vila.

Linns Stamp News (USA)

