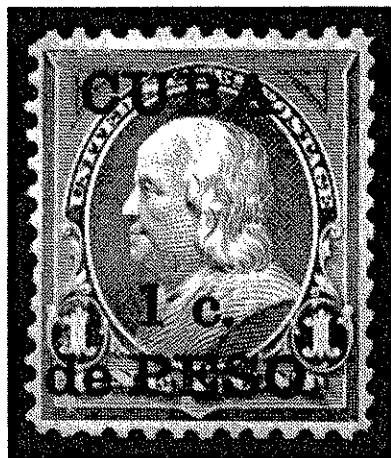


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It is believed that a series of misunderstandings seems to have played the largest role in allowing matters to go as far as they did. During early discussions, the acceptance of preliminary designs by one party seems to have meant acceptance of the concept of the stamp issuing program by the other party. This problem was brought on by the language barriers which existed among the primary parties who spoke Chinese, Marshallese, Japanese, and English and rarely had a precise understanding of what was actually being said in another language.

## NOTICE USPPS Meeting

There will be a regional meeting of the USPPS in San Francisco on Saturday April 12 from 3-5 PM. The meeting will be held at San Francisco's annual WESTPEX stamp show, this year on April 11-13, at the Jack Tar Hotel at the corner of Geary St. and Van Ness Ave. USPPS President Geoffrey Brewster will host the meeting. The program will include a discussion of some interesting stamps and covers. All members and non-members are welcome to attend, and are urged to bring any items that they would like to discuss or have identified.

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## Juhring Puerto Principe Again

By Geoffrey Brewster

In November 1979, Sotheby, Parke, Bernet of New York offered 74 lots of Puerto Principe stamps in their Sale No. 39. A large number of these stamps were also in the Juhring sale of a year earlier, the Stanley Gibbons of Frankfurt, Germany auction that I reported on in *Possessions* Whole No. 2. In the Sotheby sale many of the Juhring stamps sold for about the same or less than in the Gibbons sale. And this despite the supposed bull market in Puerto Principe stamps. Incidentally, this past summer many of the Philippines and other Possessions that were also in the Gibbons Juhring sale were offered in the U.S. at auction and at private treaty, often at prices well below those reportedly realized in the Gibbons sale. I find all of this most interesting and curious, but will let the reader draw his own conclusions.

## Scott Vol. IV Catalogue

Reviewed by Gilbert N. Plass

The Scott 1980 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue appeared on schedule this fall. It is of particular interest to U.S. Possessions collectors as two important countries in our area of interest are listed only in Vol. IV: Ryukyu and Trieste. In addition all of the issues of the Philippines and Puerto Rico are listed in this volume including the Spanish issues and those of the independent Republic of the Philippines. For the first time this year (at least as far as your reviewer has observed) some prices of the U.S. issues from the Philippines and Puerto Rico have been changed between Vol. I and Vol. IV. Thus Vol. IV has the very latest prices. As an example, Philippines No. 433b, the "WEALTH COMMON-" error, is listed at \$1500 in Vol. I, but is raised to \$2250 in Vol. IV.

Ryukyus has been completely repriced. Many issues are increased in price, typically the 10-20% range, while only a handful have been slightly reduced in price. A few examples with the 1979 Catalogue price in parenthesis: Scott No. 1-7, \$16 (\$13); 1a-7a, \$220 (\$196); 8-13, \$34 (\$28); 14, \$28 (\$25); 16, \$7 (\$6); 16a, \$17 (\$15); 16b, \$23 (\$20).

Trieste Zone A has also been completely repriced with almost every stamp from the lowest to the highest priced increasing in value. This reflects the recent interest in these stamps issued under the Allied Military Government of the United States and Great Britain. We can only give a few