Vatican Notes

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A 1972 ANNOUNCEMENT
OF A 1954 DISCOVERY.

HOW DO THEY MISS THEM ???

Several years ago our National Treasurer, Fred Levitsky, came into possession of a vertical strip of one of the values of the Council of Trent issue with all sorts of perforation varieties, not listed in any catalogue. Submission of the strip to Diena brought its inclusion in the Bolaffi Catalogue.

Recently we received, via Wally Smith, our National Secretary, a photo from member Leo A. Brand of Indianapolis of a pair of #182, L.10, with the margin stamp imperforate at the right, which appears on page 1, this issue. He secured this and another from a friend who purchased the whole sheet at the Vatican Post Office in 1954. One copy he sold to a Detroit dealer, who promised to publicize it (an empty promise). Linns printed the photo and a small article which generated no inquiries or interest. No catalogue has picked it up and listed it or inquired about it. The stamp was issued May 29, 1954, and here it is more than 18 years later, and apparently none of these stamps have come to the attention of Bolaffi, supposedly the ""BIBLE"" of Vatican Stamps.

After this photo is returned from the printer your editor will send the photo to Bolaffi's Catalogue, and another to Diena, hoping to achieve the success for Mr. Brand that Fred Levitsky achieved for himseld and his Trent strip.

Bolaffi gives the printing as 275,000 complete sets. Since Bolaffi has not picked up notice of this variety it would seem to be extremely rare. It would seem that even a small Vatican article in Linns, which has so large a circulation, would have caught the eye of one of the editor of the Bolaffi establishment in Turin (S.C.O.T.), before so many years had passed. Go through Bolaffi's Catalogue and note how few errors and varieties are listed from after the Basilica Issue (122-31/E11-12) to date. Dont tell me that the I.P.S. which prints the stamps is becoming as perfect as THEE and ME (and I have my doubts about THEE). Or is Bolaffi not quite the catalogue for Vatican that WE have thought it to be ? When it came out in English (was it 1958 ?) there was nothing specialized in Vatican. Our first president, Bill Wonneberger, was beginning such a project in Vatican Notes, when Bolaffi's Italian Catalogue had its section on Vatican translated into English for the U.S.A. trade, and it fulfilled a need in the U.S.A. But what now brown cow ?

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MINT and USED STAMPS
FIRST DAY COVERS; MAXIMUM CARDS; FOLDERS; ACTAS; ETC.
FINE SILK CACHETS - GOLDEN SERIES - KIM

CHRISTMAS IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY - HAVE YOU COMPLETED SHOPPING?

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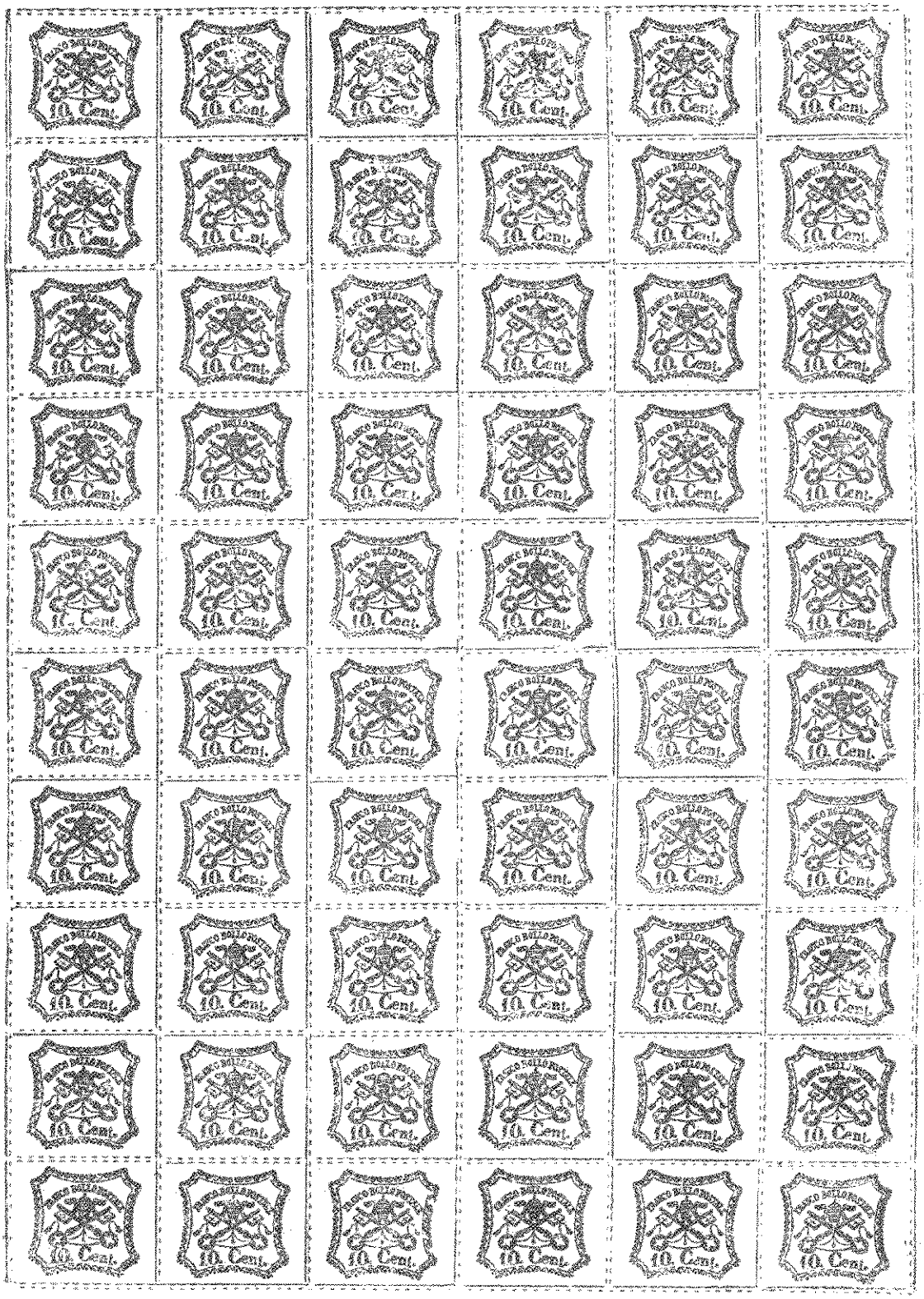
Notes on: THE PONTIFICAL STATE ISSUES OF 1867 & 1868 AND THEIR REPRINTS, (CONT.).

10 CENTESIMI: Reprint- Author Unknown:

Setting:	Seen only in single panes of 60 stamps (6 x 10), with margin 15-20 mm on all sides.
Color:	Vermilion.
Glaze:	High gloss as Gelli & Tani, higher than genuine.
Gum:	Streaked; color- either white colored by age or off white.
Perf.:	Imperforate and perforated 11 1/2 x 11 1/2, large holes; perforation running through all margins to edge of paper.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THE EVERY-DAY CANCELLATIONS OF VATICAN.

(Cont.)

Cancellation I/21:-

CITTA del VATICANO *
Date in numerals: Day, month, year, hour.
Arabic numeral "2" in upper moon.
Stars used as dividers.
Recorded usage: 1-4-33 to 3-5-50
Black ink only. Small "del"

Cancellation I/22:-

CITTA del VATICANO *
Date in numerals: Day, month, year, hour.
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Recorded usage: 23-5-35 to 6-8-48.
Black ink only. Small "del".

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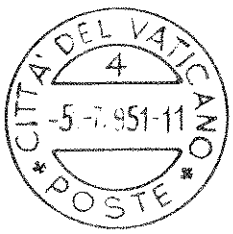

CITTA DEL VATICANO +
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Arabic numeral "4" in upper moon.
Maltese crosses used as dividers.
Recorded usage:- 24-12-49 to 7-12-54.
Black ink only. Large "DEL".

Cancellation I/24:-

CITTA DEL VATICANO +
Date in numerals: Day, month, year, hour.
Arabic numeral "5" in upper moon.
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Recorded usage: 1-12-50 to 25-2-58.
Black ink only. Large "DEL".

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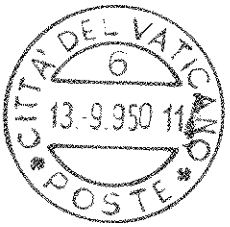

CITTA DEL VATICANO +
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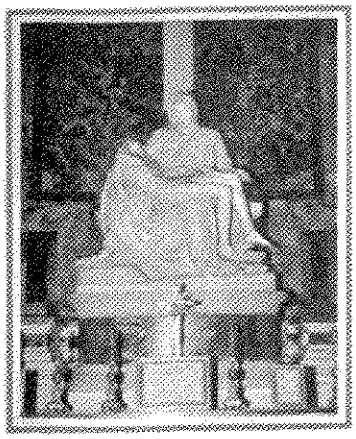
Recorded usage: 12-11-49 to 9-7-51.
Black ink only. Large "DEL".

VATICAN COLLECTORS



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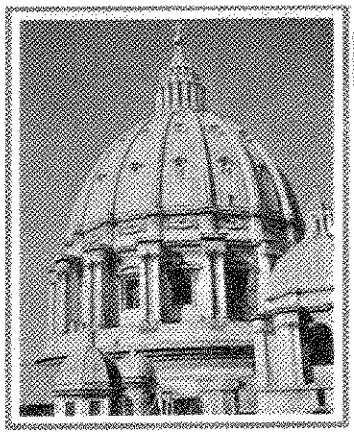

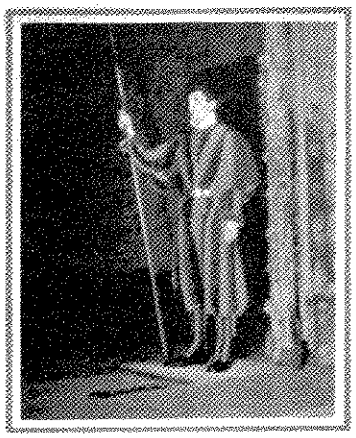

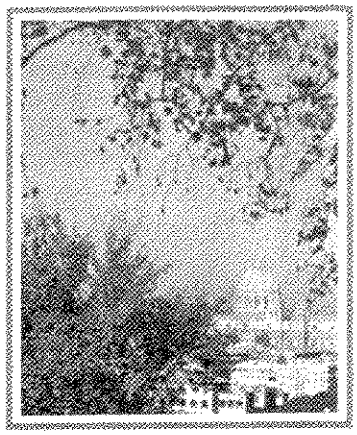

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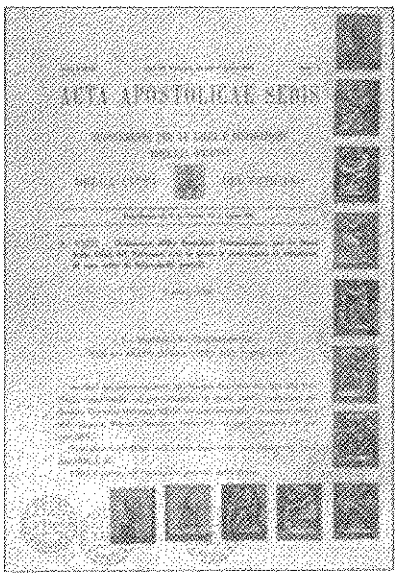
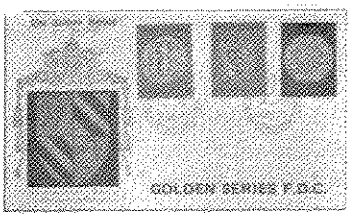
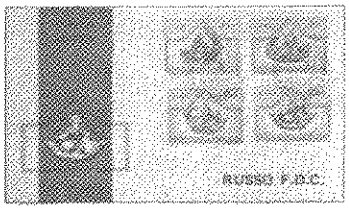
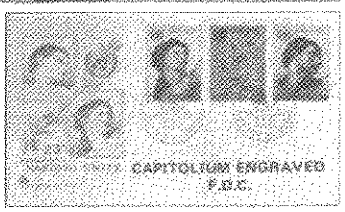


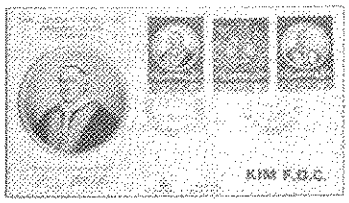
VATICAN CITY COINS

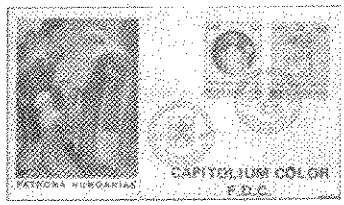
SETS ISSUED EACH YEAR











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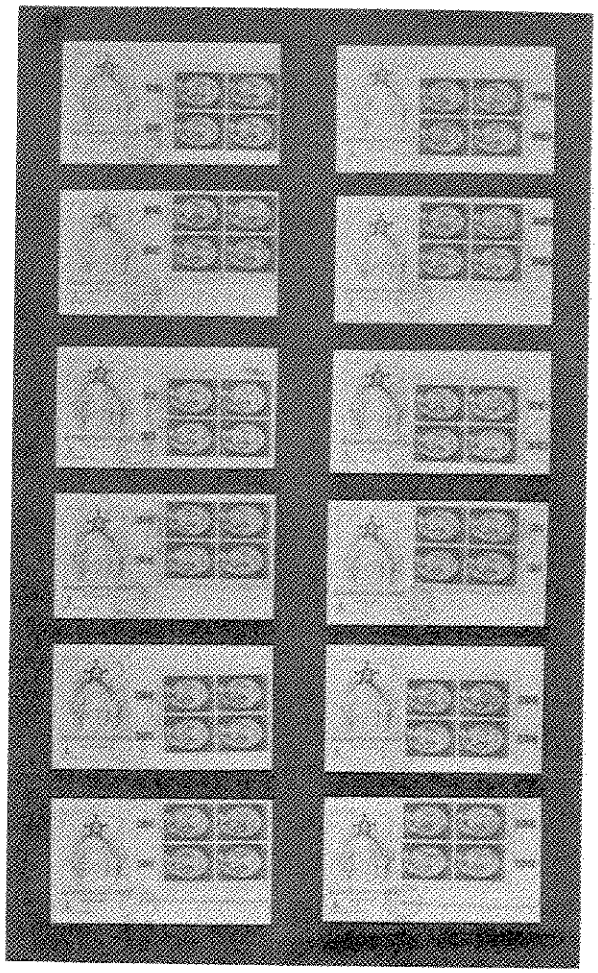

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FIRST DAY CANCELLATIONS OF VATICAN CITY (Cont.)

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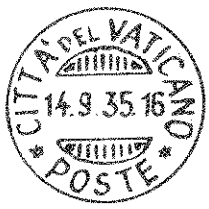

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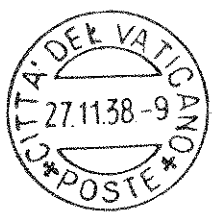

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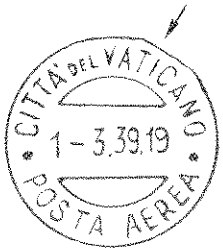

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II/2

4th International Christian Archeological Congress (55-60) Oct. 12, 1938

We have no FDC.
Current Cancels:-
I/8 18-12-30 to 3-2-48
I/14 29-12-31 to 12-5-48
I/15 3-4-33 to 26-5-39
I/16 19-3-37 to 2-2-43
I/20 8-1-32 to 7-3-49
I/21 1/4-33 to 21-2-46
I/22 23-5-35 to 6-8-48
II/1A 22-6-38

Sede Vacante (61-67) Feb. 20, 1939.
Our FDCs: I/7 3-3-30 to 20-2-39
I/12 7-2-30 to 20-2-46
I/14 29-12-31 to 12-5-48
I/16 19-3-37 to 2-2-43
Current Cancels - dates above
I/8
I/15
I/20
I/21
I/22
II/1 20-2-39 to 7-8-39

Coronation of Pope Pius XII. June 2/39
We have no FDC. (68-71)
Current Cancels:-
I/8 dates above
I/14
I/16
I/16A 3-6-39 to 1-9-42
I/20
I/21
I/22
II/1

Regular issue. March 12, 1940 (72-76)
Our FDC I/12A 31-5-33 to 12-3-40
Current Cancels:-
I/8 dates above
I/12
I/14
I/16
I/20
I/21
I/22
II/1

Prisoner of War I, Sept.1, 1942 (77-79)
Our FDCs I/18 1-9-42 to 31-1-44
I/16A 3-6-39 to 1-9-42
Current Cancels:-
I/8 dates above
I/14
I/17 27-2-40 to 12-9-50
I/20
I/21
I/22
II/2 29-3-40 to 28-12-43

FORGERY OF THE 3 BAJ. (3 Baj. #2)

1. Wavy lines in TIARA pointed.
2. N of FRANCO broken.
3. Top of "3" tilted up.

1.

2.

3.

Genuine 3 Baj.

1. Wavy lines of TIARA rounded.
2. N of FRANCO well shaped.
3. Top of "3" is level.

1.

2. N

3. 3

POSTAL CARD # 17.

This card has a long top address line. There were two printings:- 1- on grayish white paper. The black vertical line is 76 mm or 2 15/16 inches long. 2- on white paper. The black vertical line is 72 mm or 2 7/8 inches long.

Issued May 17, 1950, under ordinance LIX of May 17, 1950. At top right framed in imitation perforations (black) is the stamp imprinted in red. It shows through in white POSTE VATICANE, the general papal coat of arms and L.35. Below are three black address lines of EQUAL length, which have below another address line, shorter and double. The top line is of dots and the bottom line heavy and solid. Beneath this double line is printed POLIGLOTTA VATICANA, indicating that the cards were printed at the Vatican Polyglot Press.

Occupying most of the left side of the card is the Dome of St. Peters Basilica with part of the ballustrade in multicolored printing. The black vertical line to the right of the picture is 76 mm or 72 mm long depending on the printing.

At top left of the card in black is STATO DELLA CITTA DEL VATICANO, below which is CARTOLINA POSTALE (postal card) in smaller heavier black capitals. Memory seems to indicate the the L.35 was the rate for the card outside Italy.

ERRORS & VARIETIES

By Fred Levitsky.

Constant Plate Flaw:

L.10 (Scott #90) ISSUE COMMEMORATING THE FOURTH CENTENARY OF THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF THE VIRTUOSI OF THE PANTHEON.

A plate flaw, consisting of a diagonal dash in bistre under the first "I" of DOMINI in the ribbon under the picture. This is a constant plate flaw, a variety appearing in all copies of the fourth row of each sheet.

First Printing #17 Grayish white paper. Vertical line 76 mm long.

Second Printing #17 White Paper Vertical line 72 mm long.

VATICAN VARIETIES AND ERRORS

23a Imperforate, marginal horizontal pair - $95.00; marginal block of 4 - $190.00; bottom right corner block of 4 - $210.00

36a Small figures, perfect used copy, photo certificate signed A. Diena - $900.00

70 Broken outer frame line at lower left, used, thin - $20.00

74 Imperforate bottom margin - $10.00

77 Thin paper, block of 4 - $2.00

99 Imperforate bottom margin - $9.00

99 Imperforate left margin - $9.00

99 Imperforate right margin - $9.00

100 Imperforate top margin - $9.00

101 Image of Redeemer light and dark on two singles - $2.00

104b Vertical pair, imperforate between, II printing - $75.00

109 Offset of basic border on back - $10.00

110 Imperforate bottom margin - $6.00

111 Imperforate bottom margin - $6.00

112 Vertical strip of 5, imperforate horizontally (8 strips known) - $225.00

113 Imperforate bottom margin - $6.00

114 Imperforate bottom margin - $6.00

118 Center shifted right 1 mm - $2.00

118 Imperforate bottom margin - $7.00

119 Imperforate top margin - $7.50

119 Imperforate bottom margin - $7.50

120 Imperforate left margin - $9.50

154 Paper thick - $10.00

154 Watermark upright, usually inverted - $10.00; block of 4 - $40.00

159 Black dot before ROMANO - $2.50

253 Watermark sidewise (two sheets found) - $10.00; block of 4 - $40.00

C 4 Watermark sidewise (one sheet found) - pair $20.00; block of 4 - $40.00

J 1 Overprint misplaced left into next stamp - $2.50; block of 4 - $10.00

J 11 Imperforate bottom margin - $6.00

J 12 Imperforate bottom margin - $6.00

Collection of 160 variety and error items (includes all above except 36a) including 38a, 92a (two sheet bottom rows of 10 containing twelve stamps imperforate vertically), 95a, 101a, 112 (horizontal strip of eight stamps with the five left stamps imperforate vertically - 5 strips known), 114a, 115a, 117a. This is an unusual collection and would be impossible to duplicate. List retail is $2,980.00. The net price is $2,750.00. Terms available if required.

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