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EDITORS' COMMENTS

This issue sees a further portion of our postmark 'typology' study for BB and BP offices and agencies starting with the letters 'Ma'. As this takes up about half of this issue we are holding over other items for Runner Post 15 which will contain a larger selection of shorter articles and items of general interest.

Next BBS Auction

The closing date for the submission of lots for the next BBS (UK) postal auction is 31st May. Would members with material they would like included please send it to our Hon. Auctioneer, Tony Chilton, 56 Framfield Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL, along with a description and reserve/estimate. An auction list will then be included with the June Runner Post.

'Lost and Found'

The two 'lost' items from BBS South African auction Number One (reported in the Treasurer's accounts in Runner Post No.13) have happily been traced, exonerating postal authorities in South Africa and elsewhere. Please remember when bidding by post to make adequate arrangements for the receipt of lots if you will not be at home when they arrive!

Mike George

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY  
HELD AT STAMPEX, NEW HORTICULTURAL HALLS  
ON SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 1989, COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM

Members present: Rodney Crouch, Jim Catterall, Alan MacGregor, Brian Trotter, Philip Cattell, Harry Brush, John Inglefield-Watson, Dennis Firth, Mike George, Aubrey Glassborow, Tony Chilton, Roy Setterfield and Arnold Berman.

Visitor: Gren Eaton.

Apologies for absence: Roger Howard, Philip Kaye and Bill Hart.

Mike George took the Chair, and he said how honoured he felt to have been elected Chairman of the Society and apologised for being absent from the last meeting because of illness.

Members stood in silence for three members who had recently died, our President Bob Holmes, Commander 'Bill' Collins and Bernard Martin.

The Chairman welcomed Dennis Firth and Brian Trotter to the Committee, and Tony Chilton and Rodney Crouch who were attending their first meeting.

As the minutes of the previous meeting had been published in the Runner Post, they were taken as read.

A meeting of the Committee had been held prior to the Ordinary meeting, and the following recommendations were made and agreed by the members attending the Ordinary meeting:

- 1) The first meeting of 1990 would be held during the 'Stamp World' International Exhibition, instead of during Stampex.
- 2) The experiment of holding one meeting a year on a Saturday would continue, to see whether this would encourage more members to attend. Two members at the Ordinary meeting indicated that they could only attend Saturday meetings.
- 3) The Chairman and Secretary would write to the members in Botswana who had not paid their subscriptions.
- 4) It was reported that Bob Holmes' book on the Bechuanalands was now available for borrowing from public libraries, and the Society copy would not be available for borrowing by members

Treasurer's Report. Aubrey reported that there was £384.47 in the bank, £112.00 of this was subscriptions paid in advance. It was anticipated that the next issue of the Runner Post, and other incidental expenses would cost £140.00, leaving £132.00 plus any outstanding subscriptions received to be carried forward to next year.

Society Auction. Tony Chilton said he had received a handful of lots towards the next auction, and it was agreed that a request be made in the next issue of the Runner Post for members to provide further lots.

Proposal by the South African Branch of the Society regarding disposal of their surplus funds. The following proposal was made by Hamish Campbell and seconded by Howard Cook:-

That the South African Branch of the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society be empowered to offer each member of the Society the cost of one frame (R25) as a token grant towards their exhibiting collections of Bechuanaland or Botswana material or of collateral interest at Wanderers 101 Exhibition, being held at Johannesburg 6-9 September 1989.

A grant of R25 each for up to six members was agreed, i.e. a total expenditure of R150.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 18th October 1989.

The main display of the afternoon was provided by Dennis Firth, who showed items from his collection ranging from stamps of the Stellaland Republic to Botswana. Included were transfer flaws on four values of Stellaland stamps, stamps and postal markings on and off cover of British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana, some proofs of the 1887 issue, specimen stamps and varieties, airmail covers, covers posted on special Touring Trains, and Rhodesia Railway Parcels stamps used in Botswana.

John Inglefield-Watson produced covers dated 1982 with Botswana Postage Due perforation 14 stamps on them, showing that these stamps appear to have been issued at least two years earlier than the date of 1984 shown in the catalogue.

Mike George showed a pane of SG 9 showing the tall second I on Row 9/1 on the upper pane. Does anyone have a lower pane of SG 9?

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### HENRY ROBERT HOLMES

It was with great regret that we heard of the death on January 22nd of our distinguished President at the age of 92 years.

"Bob" Holmes had been a philatelist all his life and won his first medal at the London International Exhibition in 1912. He went on to become a member of the Royal Philatelic Society in June 1929, was elected a Fellow of the Society, and went on to become its President. For many years he served as a juror at most important International exhibitions.

In 1953 he was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. In 1988 the 50th Congress of the South African Philatelic Federation elected him to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Southern Africa (RDPSA).

His important work 'The Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery and Postmarks of the Bechuanalands' was published in 1971 and this provided an incentive for many of us to study the Bechuanalands.

In 1985 Mr Holmes graciously accepted our invitation to become President of the 'Bechuanalands and Botswana Society' and in 1986 some of our members were privileged to entertain him to a 'tea party' on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

On a personal level I corresponded with Mr Holmes for some years on Bechuanaland matters and was fortunate enough to visit his home on two occasions to see parts of his collection. He was unfailingly courteous and patient with queries.

Henry Robert Holmes was a giant of Philately.

Jim Catterall

## Member's Comments

Tall second 'I' in 'BRITISH' on ½d vermilion, SG 9.

Mike George can confirm from four upper panes he has of the ½d vermilion (SG 9) that the tall 'I' variety (RP 10, page 164) occurs on Row 9 stamp no. 1.

Does anyone have a large multiple of the lower pane of this stamp which confirms that the variety occurs there as well?

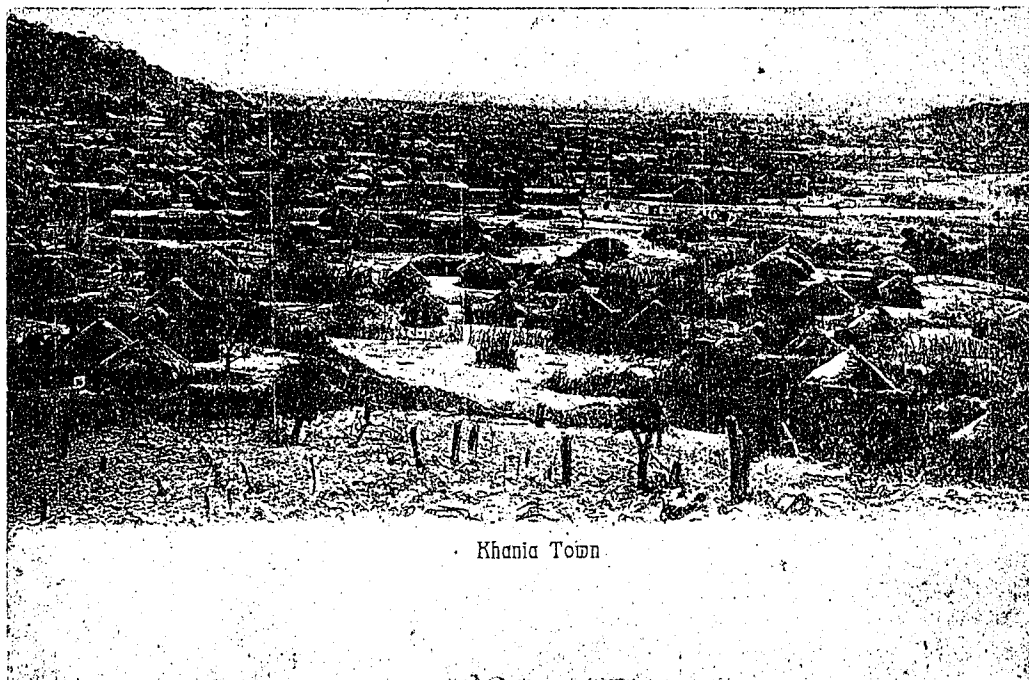
## Bechuanaland Picture Postcards

Howard Cook writes: "The early picture postcards of Bechuanaland depicted in Runner Post No. 12 are of great interest, especially to those of us who have a particular curiosity in these items.

Of the few which I have managed to obtain is one showing a landscape view of numerous native huts and which has KHANIA TOWN inscribed below in red. As I cannot find a reference to such a place in Southern Africa, my supposition is that it should have read KANYE TOWN. Can anyone confirm this, or has anyone seen this spelling elsewhere ?

The card was printed by P.S & C Box 1205 Cape Town (Card No. 1268) and an indication of the period is the Cape Town AP 5 09 cds on the reverse."

Roy Setterfield can add the following: "In the 1892 postal lists it is listed as KANYA and also appears thus on some maps. The derivation of KANYE is from KANYA which means struck down or destroyed - (the village was destroyed by Boers in 1854 (Sillery))."



## Items of Interest

### MOREMI / MOREME

We have recently seen, by courtesy of Mrs Birgit Sten Jensen, a part strike of the scarce MOREME postmark, as illustrated, Type 2 B 14. The M and part O are missing, 'REME' is clear, as is the remaining portion of the date - V ■ 61. This agency had only a short life: Putzel states "1958-1968 (H.O. Palapye): P.A. opened before 1955 (POG); PA 1963; PA closed before 1968, no longer listed." Other dates given for closure are 1963 (Inglefield-Watson) and 1969 (Postmaster, Palapye).



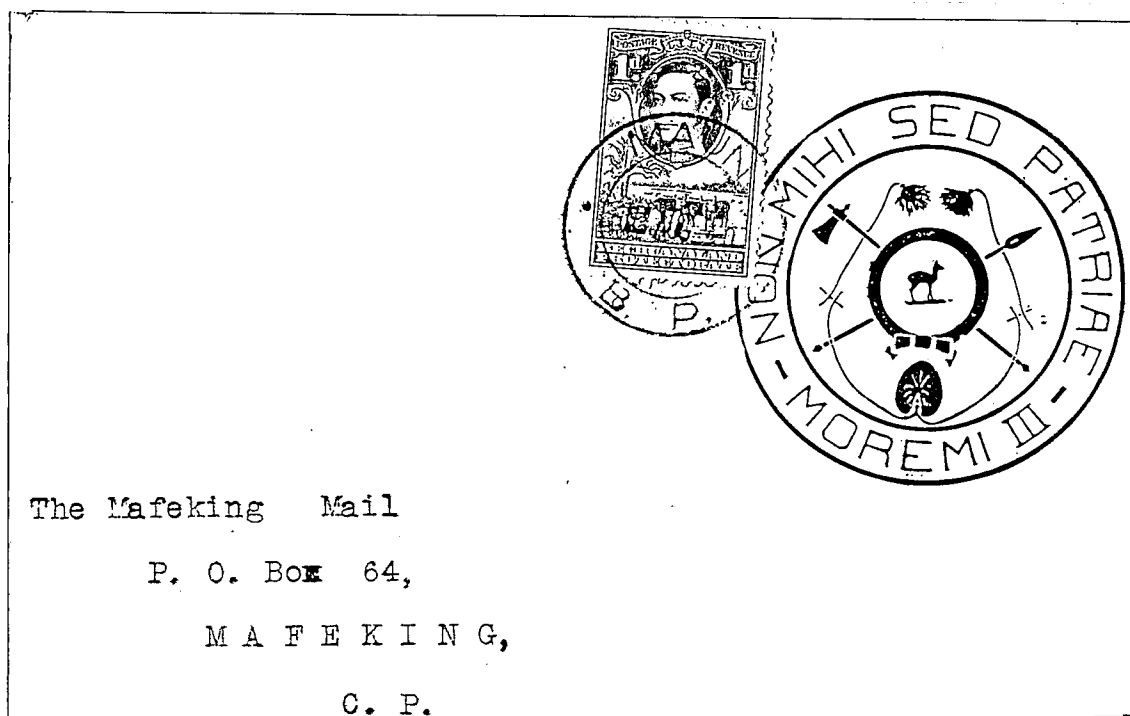
MOREME

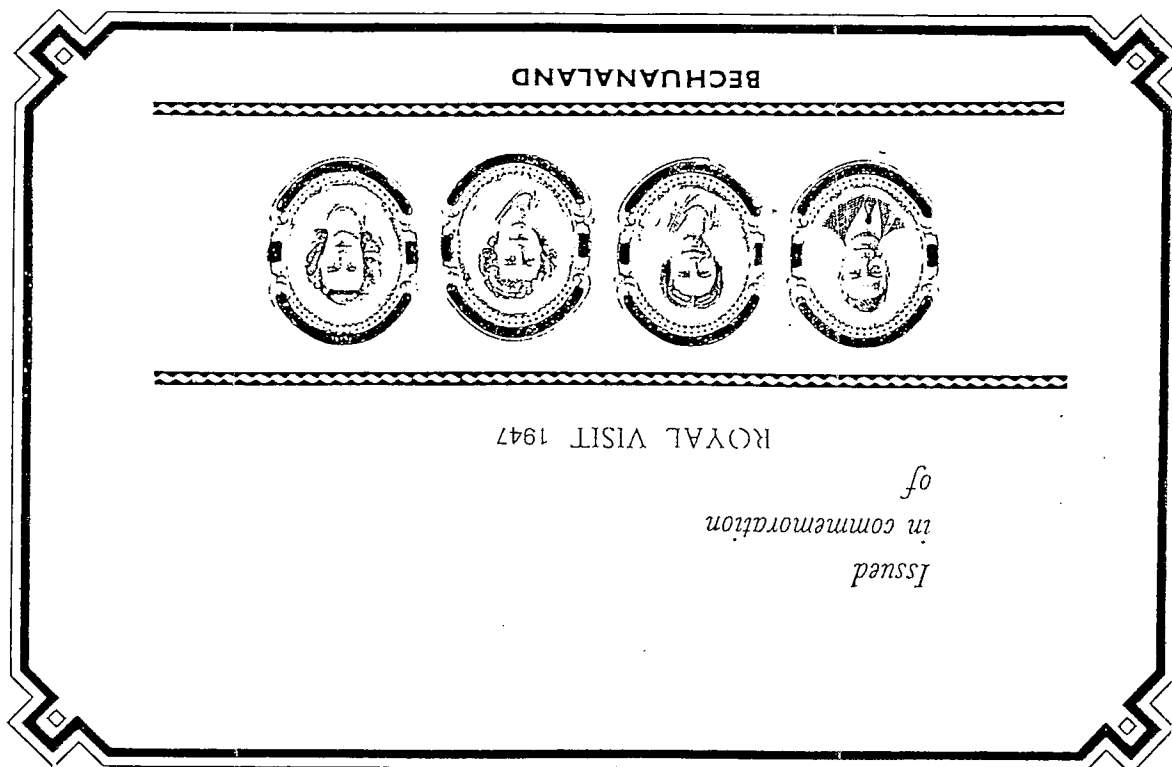
This agency was north of Maun, and it seems curious that it should have been sub. to Palapye, a long way off and a difficult road, when Maun is so much nearer, and already controlled by Francistown, with easier access.

Also illustrated is an attractive cover 'front' posted at Maun in August 1940 to Mafeking, bearing the seal (?) of Moremi III, chief of the Batawana tribe, whose tribal administrative base was Maun.

Moremi III was educated at Tiger Kloof, Vryburg, and inducted Chief of the Batawana in 1936. The Moremi wildlife Reserve was created by the Tawana people on their tribally-owned land north of Maun in the Okavango Delta.

We have a map of approximately 1905-06 which shows MOREMI in the place of MAUN.





BECHUANALAND	BECHUANALAND
	<p>The protectorate occupies an area of about 275,000 square miles between the Zambesi and Molopo rivers in South Africa. It is dry plateau land, with the Kalahari Desert in the south.</p>
<p><i>Issued in commemoration of</i></p>	<p>tribes include the Bamangwato, who have their capital at Serowe; and the Bakgatla, Bakwena, Bangwaketse and Batawana. The administrative headquarters of the protectorate are at Mafeking, in the Cape Province</p>
ROYAL VISIT 1947	<p>Production and Trade: Stock-breeding and dairy farming are the chief occupations. Some gold is mined. Food crops are grown where the rainfall permits.</p>
	Edition limited to 1000 copies of which this is number
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### Items of Interest (Cont.)

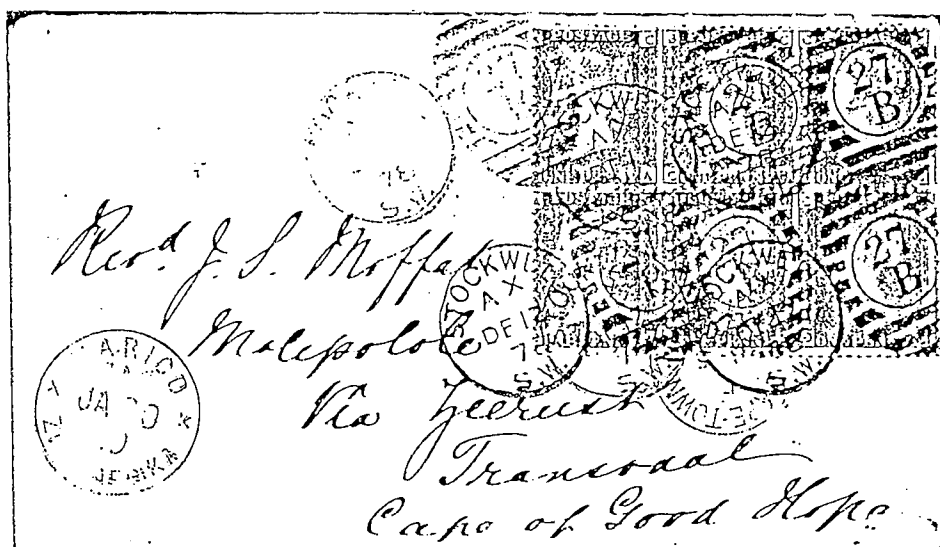
#### 1949 Royal Visit Presentation Pack.

Dave Matthews records a previously unknown(?) presentation folder of the 1947 Royal Visit issue. The folder (illustrated above) is printed in light green and held the four issued stamps in manilla strips. Although there is no indication of the printer, the use of the portrait vignettes may indicate official or semi-official preparation. Can anyone throw light on this - was the folder an official Post Office production? If so, were others produced during the KG6/QE2 period? One interesting fact emerges: this was a limited, numbered edition of 1,000 - so where are the other 999?

## In The Auction Room

When Stephan Welz's Auction House in Johannesburg was offered six covers for auctioning, from two different sources, all of them addressed to the Reverend J. Moffat, they did not think them unduly scarce, and accordingly estimated them at fairly modest prices. However, enthusiastic bidding by members of the BBS and others soon brought the prices up to levels reflecting their true rarity.

Illustrated below are some of the six covers along with full descriptions (the prices realised include buyers premium):



Lot 266

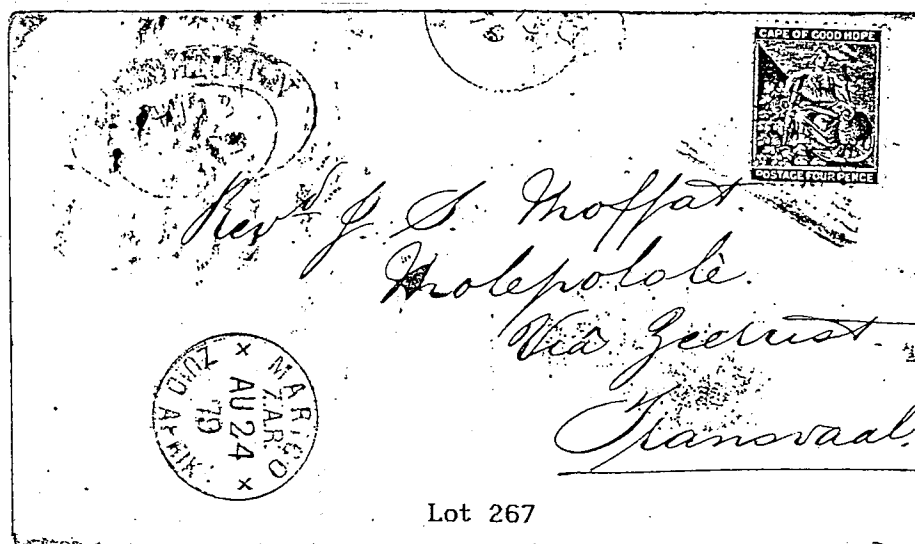
### Bechuanaland

Lot 266 1878/79 Incoming Mail cover ex U.K. addressed to the Revd J.S. Moffat (4th son of Robert Moffat) at Molepolole franked 1858/79 1d red plate 216 block of 6 tied Stockwell 'DE 12 78' duplex strikes, Cape Town and Marico transits, backstamped faint Potchefstroom c.d.s., fine, scarce and of historical significance.

Est. R300-400 Realised R1944.00

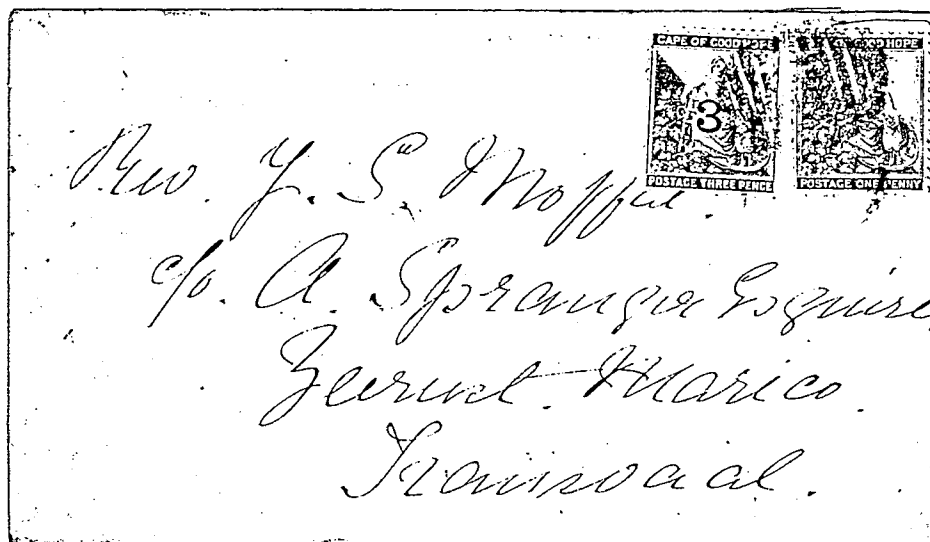
Lot 267 --- 2 covers ex C.G.H. (Sept 1879) also to Revd. J.S. Moffat at Molepolole each franked 1871 Hope seated 4d tied faint triangular defacer, faint Glenlynden oval handstamps, Bedford, Kimberley, Marico (on 1 cover only) and Potchefstroom transits, average condition, scarce and historical (2).

Est. R200-250 Realised R1728.00



Lot 267





Lot 374

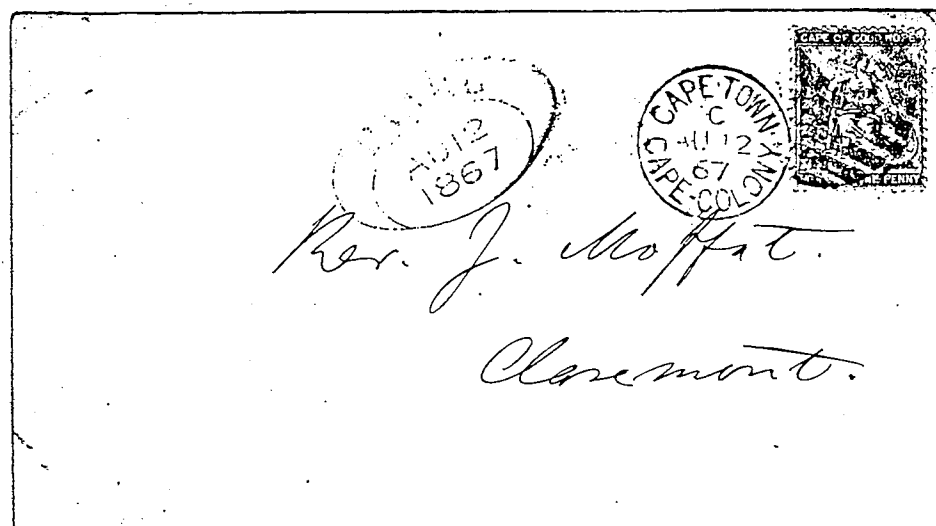
# **Cape of Good Hope**

Lot 374 1880 Correspondence 3 covers ex Grahamstown (Sept 1880) all addressed to the Revd J.S. Moffat at Zeerust-Marico, first franked 1871/76 issue 1d plus 1880 3d, second with 1d same issue plus '3' on 3d (SG 37) last cover with 1d same issue plus '3' on 3d (SG 38), tied faint barred numerals, also Grahamstown 'SP 3', 'SP 21' and 'SP 24' resp. strikes plus Potchefstroom c.d.s. on reverse, average condition and of historical interest. Est R300-400 Realised R1944.00

What is particularly interesting about these covers is the way that they are addressed. The 1878 cover ex the U.K. has "Molepolole/Via Zeerust/Transvaal/Cape of Good Hope", while the two covers ex the Cape in August 1879 have dropped the line "Cape of Good Hope". The three 1880 covers are all "c/o A Spranger Esquire/ Zeerust-Marico/Transvaal". As there was no official post in Bechuanaland at this time it would be reasonably safe to assume that these letters were forwarded by the Missionaries at or near Zeerust. The canceller 'MARICO' (which incidentally is a very scarce Transvaal mark), is believed to have been a forerunner of the Zeerust cancel and used at that site, the name 'Marico' is thought to refer to an area rather than to a specific place. These covers represent mail into Bechuanaland almost ten years before the official 1888 Runner Post was inaugurated.

The extent of bidding on these items prompted the auctioneer, Danny Swart, to announce before the first cover was offered that they "had got the estimate a bit wrong" and went on to explain their true significance.

In one of those strange coincidences, I came across an attractive cover at the last Stampex, which I hesitated buying - until I read the name of the addressee - none other than the Rev J. Moffat, but this cover was dated 1867 and was posted from Paarl in the Cape to Claremont, a suburb of Cape Town.



# BRITISH COMMONWEALTH QEII OMNIBUS ISSUES

## FOR BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE - FLAWS AND VARIETIES

by John Inglefield-Watson

It has taken over 50 years for some of the 1935 Silver Jubilee constant flaws and varieties to attain catalogue status. Others still remain unlisted. In contrast, flaws and varieties of some more recent omnibus issues have appeared relatively quickly in specialized QEII catalogues, though again there are others that have not achieved this recognition and may never do so. However, most of them were recorded at the time, notably in articles in the now defunct 'Philatelic Magazine' and 'Stamp Collecting'.

Some collectors may dismiss such flaws and varieties as unimportant or as 'fly-speck philately' but others may consider them worthy of specialised study. Certainly the available information should not be allowed to become 'lost' in the mists of time. It is therefore collated in this article but the listing is not necessarily comprehensive.

All the issues listed were printed in sheets of 50 (10 rows of 5). Sheet positions of the flaws and varieties are shown together with catalogue numbers, if any. The flaws and varieties are said to be constant.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Recorded Values</u>	<u>Cat. No.</u>
<b>1. <u>Red Cross Centenary</u></b>			
10/4	Break at bottom of 2nd 'O' of 'PROTECTORATE'.	2½c from Plate 1a 1a but not Plate 1 1	-
10/5	Flaw across right hand vertical of 'N' of 'CENTENARY'. (not confirmed as constant).	2½c from Plate 1 1 but not Plate 1a 1a	-
<b>2. <u>1964 Shakespeare</u></b>			
6/2	Dot under 'c' of '12½c'.	12½c	(SG 185V3 CW S24a)
7/1	Re-touch between 'E' and 'S' of 'SHAKESPEARE'.	12½c	-
<b>3. <u>International Cooperation Year</u></b> Two different plates used for the 12½c value are distinguishable only by marginal sheet markings.			
6/4	Break in leaves of left hand wreath.	1c 12½c	SG 192VII SG 193VII
7/1	'V' for 'Y' in 'YEAR' - bottom of 'Y' missing. (From different plate to other listed 12½c flaws).	12½c	(SG 193V10 CW S32a)
10/2	Break in right hand wreath above 2nd 'O' of 'CO-OPERATION'. Also non-constant coloured dot flaw in top of 2nd 'A' of 'BECHUANALAND'	12½c	-
10/4	Coloured flaw at left side of Queen's chin.	1c	-

#### 4. 1966 Churchill Commemoration

1c value from Plate 1B 1B 1B 1B, other values from Plate 1A 1A 1A 1A.

##### Plate 1A

1/4	Circular blemishes, one above the other, in background just below 'LL' of 'CHURCHILL'.	2½c, 12½c, 20c	-
5/4	Circular flaw in red background immediately below right hand pinnacle of St. Paul's.	2½c, 12½c, 20c	-
9/2	White flaw on left of Sir Winston's head.	2½c, 12½c, 20c	-

##### Plate 1B

4/1	Small white spot on Sir Winston's forehead.	1c	-
4/2	Lack of shading on Sir Winston's forehead.	1c	-
4/5	Diagonal coloured line from over Queen's left temple through bottom of ear across neck to bottom of background panel.	1c	-
9/5	Plate scratch horizontally across Sir Winston's neck.	1c	-
10/3	Circular white flaw containing red dot just above left hand pinnacle of St. Paul's.	1c	-
10/5	Minor blemish below 2nd 'CH' of 'CHURCHILL' and coloured line diagonally across Queen's ear.	1c	-

NOTE: In my opinion these Churchill flaws, except perhaps for the 1c, position 4/5, are in the 'fly-speck' category.

It will be seen that three other QEII omnibus issues are not represented in the above listing: 1953 Coronation, 1963 Freedom from Hunger and 1965 I.T.U. Centenary. I cannot find any record of Bechuanaland flaws and varieties for these issues. Overall they seem to have been relatively fault-free as there are very few catalogue entries for other territories. Only one variety seems to merit mention with a view to establishing whether or not it exists for Bechuanaland as it has been recorded on 11 of the 17 decimal currency issues for other territories:

##### 1965 I.T.U. Centenary

5/2 Broken 'U' showing as 'J' in TELECOMMUNICATION'.

# CHECKLIST OF BECHUANALAND POSTMARKS; THE LETTERS 'MA'

Jim Catterall & Brian Trotter

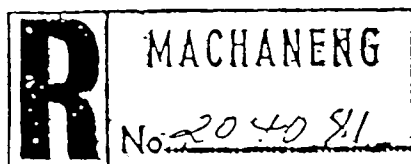
This checklist covers all postal markings so far recorded for post offices and agencies in the Bechuanalands that began with the letters 'Ma'.

## MACHANENG



No. 1 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 18mm & 26mm  
Earliest recorded date : Dec 2, 1957  
Latest recorded date : Feb 24, 1965  
Codes recorded : A, E, F, G  
Number recorded so far : 15



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 22mm x 57mm  
Earliest recorded date : Dec 1, 1964  
Latest recorded date : Dec 1, 1964  
Number recorded so far : 1

## MACLOUTSI



No. 1 Type 1 D 53

Circle diameter : 22mm  
Earliest recorded date : June 10, 1891  
Latest recorded date : Jan 16, 1899  
Codes recorded : None  
Number recorded so far : over 50

BONC No 968 was allocated to this office. No recorded so far: 5

No. 2 Type 1 A



Circle diameter : 22mm  
Earliest recorded date : Dec 18, 1892  
Latest recorded date : Sep 10, 1900  
Codes recorded : None  
Number recorded so far : 25

Note: MacLoutsi is now spelt MacLoutsie.

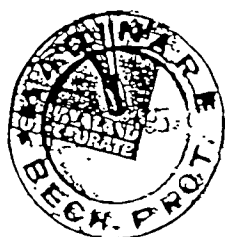
Day and month are sometimes transposed (In 6 of the 25 recorded date-stamps).

MADINARE

No. 1 Type 2 E 61

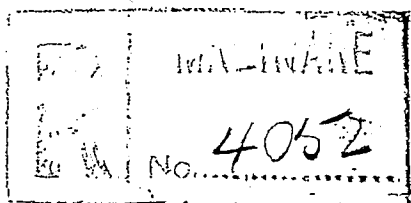
Circle diameters : 19mm & 30mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 5, 1938  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 5, 1962  
 Codes recorded : B, E, ■ and none  
 Number recorded so far : 8

The two latest recorded datestamps have the month in Roman numerals instead of letters, and are the only items recorded so far with the code letters 'B' and 'E'. The next latest recorded date is December 12, 1959. This is the only datestamp with a 'block' code. The others are all before 1943, and have no code. The 'breaks' on the inner circle (see illustration) may be constant.



No. 2 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 21mm & 30mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov ?, 1963  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 21, 1965  
 Codes recorded : A, none  
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 26mm x 54mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 13, 1955  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 13, 1955  
 Number recorded so far : 1

MAFEKING

No. 1 Type 1 B 2

Circle diameter : 22mm  
 Earliest recorded date : July 8, 1886  
 Latest recorded date : May 3, 1896  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : over 50



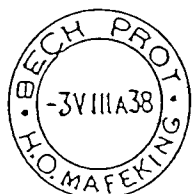
No. 2 Type 1 D 51

Circle diameter : 22mm  
 Earliest recorded date : July 4, 1893  
 Latest recorded date : Sept 27, 1897  
 Codes recorded : A, B  
 Number recorded so far : 16



No. 3 Type 4 B 4

Circle diameter : 21mm, square  
ca. 26mm  
Earliest recorded date : Nov 12, 1894  
Latest recorded date : Dec 14, 1895  
Codes recorded : A  
Number recorded so far : 27



No. 4 Type 2 C 37

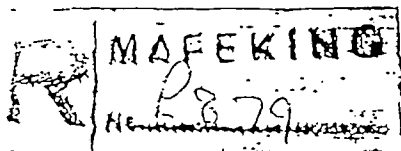
Circle diameters : 18mm & 26mm  
Earliest recorded date : Nov 27, 1935  
Latest recorded date : Feb 22, 1957  
Codes recorded : A, B  
Number recorded so far : over 50



BONC

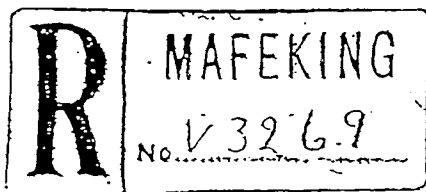
Earliest recorded date : Dec 31, 1890  
Latest recorded date : June 23, 1894  
Number recorded so far : 10

Note: Many more BONC 638's from Mafeking have been noted (No. recorded: over 50), the above only refers to BONC's on cover or card in combination with a clear datestamp.



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 19mm x 58mm  
Earliest recorded date : April 29, 1936  
Latest recorded date : April 22, 1937  
Number recorded so far : 3



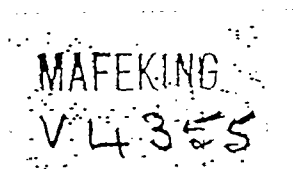
No. RG 2

Box dimensions : 25mm x 59mm  
Earliest recorded date : Jan 13, 1937  
Latest recorded date : Jan 2, 1946  
Number recorded so far : 9



No. RG 3

Word dimensions : 3mm x 20mm  
Earliest recorded date : Nov 27, 1936  
Latest recorded date : Nov 27, 1936  
Number recorded so far : 1



No. RG 4  
 Word dimensions : 5mm x 25mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 1, 1938  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 22, 1946  
 Number recorded so far : 2

MAGALAPYE



No. 1 Type 1 B 5  
 Circle diameter : 25.5mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 22, 1914  
 Latest recorded date : July 23, 1918  
 Codes recorded : "O" or broken "O"  
 Number recorded so far : 6



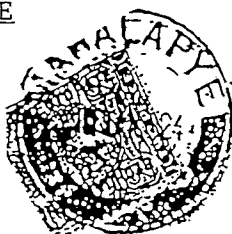
MAGALAPYE  
 No 160

No. RG 1  
 Large "R" and typed name  
 Earliest recorded date : July 23, 1918  
 Latest recorded date : July 23, 1918  
 Number recorded so far : 1

MAGGWE

No Bechuanaland postmarks recorded.

MAHALAPYE



No. 1 Type 2 E 61  
 Circle diameters : 20mm & 30mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 2, 1920  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 1, 1924  
 Codes recorded : block, none  
 Number recorded so far : 3

Both earliest and latest recorded dates are a single day-digit plus a block, so it could be Dec 2 as indicated, or somewhere between Dec 20 and Dec 29. Similarly, Jan 1, or Jan 11 to 19.



No. 2 Type 2 D 51  
 Circle diameters : 19mm x 30mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 17, 1921  
 Latest recorded date : June 21, 1929  
 Codes recorded : A, block  
 Number recorded so far : 5

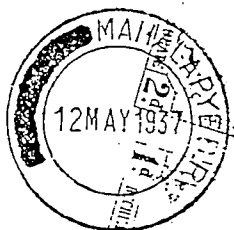
This was first thought to possibly be No. 1 with the killer arc improperly removed as they sometimes appear 'dirty' and have the non-uniform 'blob' at base, but is now believed to be a separate datestamp. The mark under the second 'A' of Mahalapye appears on both illustrations provided.



No. 3 Type 2 E 61

Circle diameters : 17mm & 26mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 19, 1932  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 13, 1966  
 Codes recorded : A, B, D, E, F, G, N  
 Number recorded so far : over 50

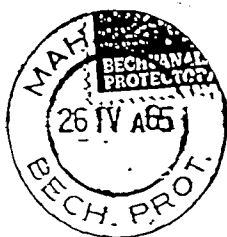
Datestamps used in the 1960's have the month in Roman numerals rather than letters (earliest recorded date with Roman numerals is September 8, 1963, and latest recorded date with month in letters is Jan 7, 1958.) Datestamps with the month in letters appear to have a stop after the month in most cases.



No. 4 Type 2

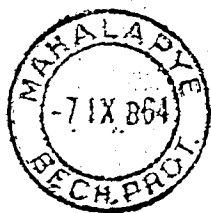
Circle diameters : 20mm & 30mm  
 Earliest recorded date : 12 May, 1937  
 Latest recorded date : 12 May, 1937  
 Codes recorded : None  
 Number recorded so far : 1

This cancel was first recorded in Runner Post 11, page 184. The original wording (if any) under the 'bar' is unknown, as is the existence of an 'unaltered' cancel.



No. 5 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 20mm & 31mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 26, 1965  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 26, 1965  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 6 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 18mm & 27mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 10, 1948  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 5, 1966  
 Codes recorded : A, B, D  
 Number recorded so far : 32



No. 7 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 21mm & 28mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 27, 1962  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 3, 1965  
 Codes recorded : A, B  
 Number recorded so far : 7





No. 8 Type 2 B 2

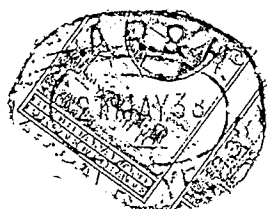
Circle diameters : 17mm & 26mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 11, 1963  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 26, 1965  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. R 1 Type 1 F 73

Circle diameter : 24mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 2, 1938  
 Latest recorded date : July 30, 1960  
 Codes recorded : None  
 Number recorded so far : 2

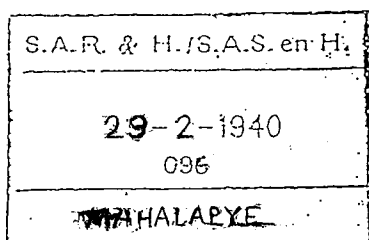
Note the varying size of the numerals.



No. RL 1

SAR & H Double Oval

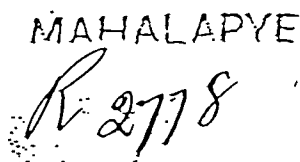
Earliest recorded date : 29 Jan, 1936  
 Latest recorded date : 21 May, 1938  
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. RL 2

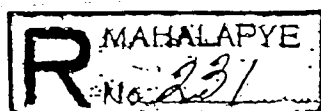
SAR & H Rectangular Box

Earliest recorded date : 29 Feb, 1940  
 Latest recorded date : 29 Feb, 1940  
 Number recorded so far : 1



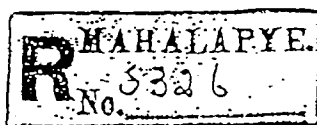
No. RG 1

Word dimensions : 4mm x 38mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 17, 1926  
 Latest recorded date : June 17, 1926  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. RG 2

Box dimensions : 14mm x 45mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 10, 1910  
 Latest recorded date : June 14, 1911  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. RG 3

Box dimensions : 15mm x 44mm  
Earliest recorded date : Mar 12, 1935  
Latest recorded date : Feb 16, 1949  
Number recorded so far : 3

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MAHALAPYE SIDING

No. 3 Type 1 C 33



Circle diameters : 25mm  
Earliest recorded date : July 17, 1898  
Latest recorded date : Apr 13, 1918  
Codes recorded : None  
Number recorded so far : 43

Day and month sometimes transposed (6 out of the 43 recorded)

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MAKALENG

No Bechuanaland postmarks recorded.

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MAKGOBIS STADT

No. 1 Type 2 A



Circle diameters : 17mm & 25.5mm  
Earliest recorded date : May 2, 1933  
Latest recorded date : Mar 21, 1955  
Codes recorded : C, D, E, G, H  
Number recorded so far : 20

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MANKGODI

No. 1 Type 2 A



Circle diameters : 20mm & 30mm  
Earliest recorded date : Oct 26, 1964  
Latest recorded date : Mar 3, 1965  
Codes recorded : C, F  
Number recorded so far : 3

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MARIBOGO

No. 1 Type 1 B 4



Circle diameters : 24mm  
Earliest recorded date : Sep 1, 1894  
Latest recorded date : Oct 10, 1896  
Codes recorded : None  
Number recorded so far : 16



BONG No 209

Earliest recorded date : Oct 31, 1894  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 17, 1895  
 Number recorded so far : 11

Note: BONG 209 has a different configuration and thinner lines than those generally used in Bechuanaland.

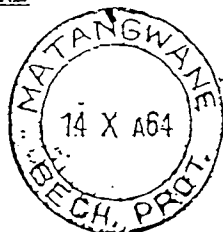
MARITZANI

No Bechuanaland postmarks recorded.

MARTIN'S DRIFT

No Bechuanaland postmarks recorded.

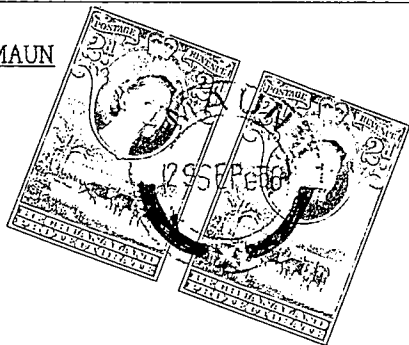
MATANGWANE



No. 1 Type 2 B 4

Circle diameters : 21mm & 30mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 14, 1964  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 23, 1965  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 4

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No. 1 Type 2 E 62

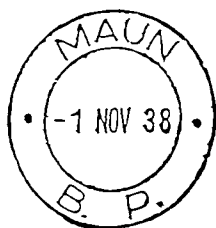
Circle diameters : 16mm & 26mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 8, 1922  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 1, 1960  
 Codes recorded : A, C, H, block  
 Number recorded so far : 31



No. 1a Type 2 E 62

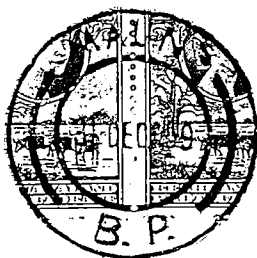
Circle diameters : 16mm & 26mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 27, 1960  
 Latest recorded date : July 28, 1966  
 Codes recorded : A, B, D  
 Number recorded so far : 13

Note: No 1a is a sub-type of No 1 with the month in Roman numerals rather than letters.



No. 2 Type 2 B 18

Circle diameters : 19mm & 29mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 21, 1938  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 4, 1966  
 Codes recorded : None  
 Number recorded so far : 40



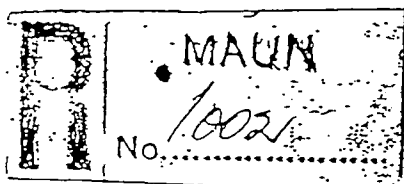
No. 3 Type 2 B 19

Circle diameters : 20mm & 32mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 31, 1959  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 31, 1959  
 Codes recorded : Block  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 4 Type 2 B 2

Circle diameters : 21mm & 31mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 10, 1965  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 10, 1965  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 23.5mm x 56mm  
 Earliest recorded date : July 8, 1961  
 Latest recorded date : July 8, 1961  
 Number recorded so far : 1

MAUNATLALA



No. 1 Type 1 A

Circle diameters : 20.5mm & 31mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1938  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1938  
 Codes recorded : B  
 Number recorded so far : 1

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