

Odd Goings-On In Jordanian PO

According to a recent item in the Jerusalem Times, "The (Jordanian) Ministry of Communications has issued commemorative stamps in order to extol the progress achieved by space scientists. The stamps, of which 30,000 have been printed, are presently on sale at post offices in Amman and Jerusalem".



So far as can be discovered, according to a usually reliable correspondent in the area, first day of sale was March 27 with a limit of one pair to a customer. This is in the form of two triangular 20 fils values constituting a square almost two inches to a side.

The denomination "is not a common value", to quote the informant, since 20f. does not of itself pay any postage rate. As for the design, it shows in the upper stamp a U. S. space capsule and in the lower U. S. astronaut Walter Schirra.

Printing in multi-color was reputedly by a Beirut, Lebanon firm, reported to be in sheets of 40; whether other space men of the U. S. and/or Russia are shown is not presently known.

Further, a rumor exists that an American concern obtained upwards of 75 per cent of the entire issue, and another is making the rounds that Jordan's Papal Visit set has been counterfeited, but in colors reversed from the original green of the 15f. and red of the 35f.

The Papal stamps can still be purchased at the Jerusalem post office, and occasionally some of the Abdullah issue are offered. Not all regularly used values (and air-letter sheets) are always available, due to "poor distribution to clerks," according to Linn's informant.