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FOUR men who were identified with developments in aeronautics in the nineteenth century are portrayed on airmail stamps which Liechtenstein has in preparation for release in July. One of them, Otto Lilienthal (1848-1896), German engineer, on 1-franc sepia, is a philatelic familiar. The other three, new to philately's gallery, are:

Etienne Gaspard Robertson (1763-1837), on 40-rappen blue. A Frenchman, he ascended a mile and a half in 1804 in a gigantic French military gas balloon which he had constructed.

William Samuel Hensen (1805-1868), on 50r greenish blue. He was an English inventor who in 1842 contrived a design for an airplane. A model was built and was tested without success.

Salomon August Andrée (1854-1897), on 2fr red. A Swedish engineer, he and companions set out in a balloon in 1897, starting at Spitzbergen, on a proposed flight to the North Pole. The adventurers never returned and their craft was not found. Andrée's frozen body was recovered in 1930.

News from other foreign countries follows:

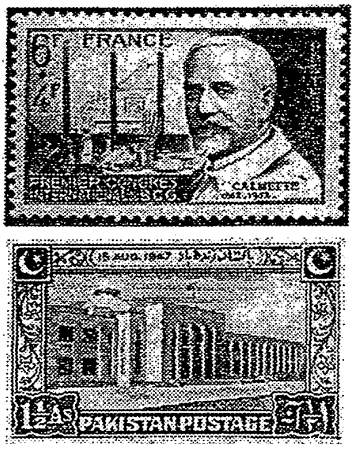
Canada—From Ottawa comes word that the bicentenary of the founding of Halifax in 1749 will be postally commemorated next year.

Egypt—A first-day (June 15) cover received by J. & H. Stolow carries a 10-milliemes green picturing helmeted troops marching toward Gaza during the assault upon Palestine last month. Gaza's position is indicated on a map. The stamp commemorates the Egyptians' arrival in Gaza on "15 Mai 48."

Eritrea—Contemporary British stamps are being overprinted "B.M.A." (British Military Administration) and surcharged with new values for use in this former Italian possession in Africa. Similar provisionals are being provided for circulation in Somaliland and Tripolitania.

France—Curt Lenz has received the promised 6-francs plus 4fr green commemorating the "Premier Congrès International du B.C.G." (First International Congress of B.C.G.). The stamp brings philately's first likeness of Leon Charles Albert Calmette (1863-1933), the French physician who developed the B.C.G. vaccine against tuberculosis.

Pioneers in Aeronautics To Be Memorialized By Liechtenstein



From France and Pakistan.

Great Britain—London's Stamp Collecting says: "Coupled with the official announcement that an addition to the Royal Family may be expected toward the end of the year is the statement that a special stamp has been authorized in honor of the event."

New Zealand—From Wellington comes word that a series is being prepared in London to mark the arrival of King George, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margar t Rose next year. "Royal Visit 1949" is inscribed on 2-pence, Waitangi Treaty House and medallion heads of George and Elizabeth; 3p, H.M.S. Vanguard; 5p, group portrait of the three persons, and 8p with tentative design of crown, scepter, kowhai tree and rose.

Pakistan—The Consulate in New York has received photographs of the first definitives, which are inscribed "15 August 1947" and commemorate Pakistan's independence. Values, colors and designs: 1½-anna blue, Constituent Assembly Building in Karachi; 2½a green, gate of Karachi airport; 3a sepia, entrance to Lahore fortress, "representing continuity of Moslem rule during 1,000 years"; 1-rupee, a leaf pattern with crescent and stars.

Spain—Leon Monosson has received 35-centimos black with portrait of Hernan Cortes (1485-1547), conquistador who subdued Mexico; and 70c brown-violet with likeness of Mateo Alemán (1547-1609?), novelist. Both men are new to philately.

Turks and Caicos Islands—The centenary of the separation of this Jamaica dependency from the Bahamas is being commemorated with seven values from ½-penny through 10-shillings, the designs including a portrait of Queen Victoria, who was on the British throne at the time.

U.S.S.R.—New York Stamp Company has received 30-kopecs green, 60k red and 1-ruble violet marking the 125th anniversary of the birth of Alexander N. Ostrovsky (1823-1886), dramatist. Promised are three stamps for "the twenty-fifth anniversary of the U.S.S.R."; ten to propagandize "the five-year plan of agriculture"; six devoted to communistic training of children; three for the 225th anniversary of the founding of Sverdlovsk (formerly Ekaterinburg).

STUDY GROUP ORGANIZED

Specialists interested in the 1851 and 1857 United States 3-cent stamps have formed a national organization with W. W. Hicks, Rosemont, Pa., as president, and Warren C. Stewart, 10439 N. E. Fargo Street, Portland, Ore., secretary-treasurer.

NEW ENGLAND DEALERS

Peter G. Keller, executive officer of the American Stamp Dealers Association, announced last week the formation of a New England chapter with Douglas Sweetser, Lexington, Mass., president, and M. S. Shribman, Boston, secretary.

FROM WASHINGTON

President Truman has signed two more Congressional bills directing the Postoffice Department to expand further the 1948 stamp-issuing schedule. One of the issues will honor William Allen White, Emporia, Kan., newspaper editor. Another will pay tribute to the American Turner Society, the United States affiliate of the old Deutsches Turnverein. These are the twenty-first and twenty-second stamps authorized for release this year.

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