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NEWS AND VIEWS

New Member We are pleased to have Mr. Vincent A. Sgier as a new member of our Study Circle. He became aware of our group through the efforts of our member, Mr. Albert DeLisle of Sun City, Arizona. Mr. Sgier is an engineer with Chevron, is 39 years old, married with no children. While collecting for a number of years, his interest in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi dates back just two years. When time permits he also is interested in Albertville, Stanleyville, Katanga and Kasai issues.

Mr. Sgier is interested in obtaining literature and developing his own library. Any member who can be of assistance will be greatly appreciated. As we do not publish addresses of members, contacts can be made either through the Secretary or the Editor.

AMERIPEX Your Editor has just returned from Chicago with all kinds of good feelings concerning this remarkable International Show. It was by far the largest exhibition ever put on for philately and with so many events, it was hard to decide just how one should spend one's time.

The only Congo showing brought a Large Bronze, and considering one is judged by what one does not have, your Editor feels he was very fortunate in getting this recognition.

In the field of page preparation, your Editor scored two Large Golds on collections he had assisted on - one a study of the U.S. Black Jack and the other showing the classic stamps of Nepal.

THE SECOND ISSUE 5 CENTIMES

In Bulletin No. 59 I reported a cover with this stamp used on a date earlier than the date of issue as recorded in the catalogues. Several members have written to me on this point.

According to the Abbe Gudenkauf, M. Kuck, a prominent dealer in Congo stamps of three generations ago who was well connected with the postal authorities, recorded that the 5c stamp was issued in May 1889 (as opposed to the catalogue date of 1.1.91) and the 10c in December 1889 (as opposed to 1.1.91) but it is not clear if the Kuck dates were those when the stamps were on sale at the Congo post offices or at the philatelic bureau in Brussels. Sheets of both stamps are found with the marking 'DEPOT 1889' indicating that was the year of printing.

R. H. KEACH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 10 MAY, 1986.

Only five members were able to attend the meeting, held at Whittlesford, with apologies from six others, including our President, Mr. Arthur Heim. We were, however, delighted to welcome Mr. G. J. Donegan from Washington, D.C., who was attending his first Study Circle gathering. Perhaps due to the small number present, the business of the AGM was transacted with extreme expedition, which allowed extra time for a most enjoyable lunch at a local pub.

In Mr Heim's absence, the chair was taken by our Vice-President Mr. Keach, who introduced the meeting and, on Mr. Heim's behalf, thanked all the officers of the Study Circle for the fine way in which its affairs had been administered.

The reports of the various office-bearers were then taken. The Secretary noted that the membership currently stood at 80, excluding several members who had failed to respond to reminders about the non-payment of subscriptions. One or two of the latter also owed money for books and photocopies purchased, but it was impractical to take action to recover such debts, as these were overseas members. It was agreed that all those still in arrears had forfeited membership and would receive no further Bulletins. In general, however, the Study Circle had had another successful year.

The accounts for the year had already been distributed and the Treasurer noted that he had received no queries, nor were any raised at the meeting. Once again, sales of books and documentation had provided a significant part of the Study Circle's income, thanks to the Abbe Gudenkauf's second book. The Treasurer pointed out that, with the purchase of the third "Lado" book after 31 March 1986, the available funds had been largely used up, but the situation would improve as the sales of this book started to produce new income.

No formal report was made by the Bulletin Editor, but it was noted that Mr. Jacquemin was prepared to continue in the post. Those present again commented on the excellent job that Mr. Jacquemin was making of the Bulletin, despite a continuing problem of lack of material for publication. Only a few members had submitted material and others should be encouraged to make a greater contribution.

The Sales Secretary reported a relatively quiet year, although the commission earned represented sales of material valued at well above £ 3000. The meeting thanked Mr. Keach for his continuing efforts in this department.

Mr. Hudson, the Exchange Packet Secretary, reported that the 1985 packet was quite successful. Stamps priced at £ 452 from six vendors were circulated in 17 booklets to 10 recipients and sales totalled £ 225. There would be a further packet in autumn 1986.

The Expert Committee had had another slow year, with only a few of the members making use of the service. Costs of photographs were

rising and it was considered necessary to revise our prices for the issue of certificates in the future. It was agreed that any submissions received prior to this notice would be handled at the previous rates, but all future certificates would be subject to new fees, as follows:-

Genuine - Stamp or pair	£ 1-50
Larger pieces	pro-rata
Cover or postcard	£ 4-00

Not genuine - 50% of the above rates.

A discount of 20% for 5 or more items received from the same member in a single batch would continue to apply.

As before, members will also be charged return postage as applicable.

The meeting then turned to the election of Officers. Mr. Heim's Presidency still had a year to run, while the other Officers had all signified their willingness to continue if desired. All were immediately re-elected by acclamation. The current list of Office-Bearers is thus:-

President	A. I. Heim
Vice President	R. H. Keach (life appointment)
Secretary/Treasurer	P. S. Foden
Bulletin Editor	R. E. Jacquemin
Sales Secretary	R. H. Keach
Exchange Packet Secretary	B. P. Hudson
Secretary to Expert Committee	R. H. Keach

The other members of the Expert Committee, who also continue in office, are Abbe G. Gudenkauf and P. S. Foden.

The Treasurer stated that it should not be necessary to increase the subscription rates for 1986/87 and it was agreed that these should remain:-

Members in U.S.A.	\$11, payable to R. E. Jacquemin
Members in Belgium	400 Belgian Francs, payable to Abbe G. Gudenkauf
Other Members	£ 5, payable to the Secretary/Treasurer

Subscriptions for the coming year will become due in September, 1986.

The meeting then discussed the programme of meetings for 1986/87. As usual, there will be two meetings of the Study Circle, as follows:-

18 October, 1986 - Air Mails, led by Mr. P. S. Foden, and to be held

at 25 Kingswood Road, Tadworth, the home of Mr. R. H. Keach.

6 June, 1987 - The 5 centimes Mols value, led by Mr. R. H. Keach. Venue to be advised. Preceded by the Annual General Meeting.

There will be the annual joint meeting with the Belgian Study Circle at Ter Helme, in Belgium, on the week-end of 13-14 September, 1986. Details have already been sent to those members requesting them, but a limited number of places are still available for others who wish to attend. Further, in 1987, it is expected that the joint meeting will take place in Bournemouth in mid-July.

There being no other business, the AGM was closed.

In the afternoon, the meeting re-convened for a presentation of the Mols 3, 3,50, and 10 francs values, led by Mr. P. S. Foden, using material from his own and Mr. Keach's collections. Those present had the opportunity to view a comprehensive display, which included the known die proofs from the Waterlow records, as well as several plate and "publicity" proofs. At the close of the display, a vote of thanks was given by Mr. A. G. Wood.

#### THE EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT

Our charges for Certificates of Authenticity have remained unchanged since we introduced the service in 1978. In that period the cost of photographs has increased substantially and it is regretted that it is necessary to increase our charges although they will still be small fractions of those of the more generally recognised authorities.

For the new rates refer to the AGM report dated 10 May 1986.

For items on which the Committee disagrees or feels itself unable to adjudicate, no charge is made.

Items for which certificates are required should be sent to R. H. Keach, 25 Kingswood Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5EE, UK. Because of the photographs it is necessary to accumulate enough items to justify processing of a batch and it is advisable first to send a list of the items for which certificates are required and I will then call for the stamps at the appropriate time.

Used stamps should, prior to submission, have adhering paper and heavy hinges removed so that they may be submitted to a thorough examination.

Every possible care is taken of stamps submitted but the Study Circle and its officers cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss while in their care.

R. H. KEACH

NEW POSTAGE RATES FROM ZAIRETARIFS POSTAUX (valables a partir du 20.09.85)

CATEGORIE	INTERNE	ETRANGER
1. Lettres		
- jusqu'a 20 grammes	7.00 z	15.00 z
- de 20 grammes a 50 grammes	11.00 z	18.00 z
- au-dessus de 50 g par 50g	7.00 z	15.00 z
2. Cartes postales	7.00 z	15.00 z
3. Imprimés		
- jusqu'a 20 grammes	5.00 z	10.00 z
- de 20 g a 50 g	10.00 z	14.00 z
- au-dessus de 50 g par 50 g	5.00 z	10.00 z
4. Imprimés sans adresse (par 25 g)	3.00 z	
5. Journaux et écrits périodiques		
- jusqu'a 50 g	3.00 z	15.00 z
- au-dessus de 50 g par 50 g	3.00 z	10.00 z
7. Petits paquets		
- jusqu'a 100 g	5.00 z	10.00 z
- au-dessus de 100 g par 100 g	10.00 z	15.00 z
8. Poste restante	10.00 z	10.00 z
10. Taxe fixe de recommandation au depot	7.00 z	7.00 z
11. Taxe fixe de'expres	5.00 z	5.00 z
12. Taxe de remise en main propre	5.00 z	5.00 z
15. Taxe d'avis de reception	5.00 z	5.00 z

SUR TAXES AERIENNES	Lettres/Cartes post. Autres objets	
	par 5 grammes	par 20 g
1. Afrique		
- pays limitrophes	3.00 z	3.00 z
- autres pays	5.00 z	5.00 z
2. Europe (tous pays)	10.00 z	7.50 z
3. Asie		
- Proche Orient	10.00 z	7.00 z
- Moyen orient	15.00 z	10.00 z
- autres pays	20.00 z	?

4. Amerique		
- Amerique du Nord	45.00 z	35.00 z
- Amerique Centrale et Sud	35.00 z	30.00 z
5. Oceanie	50.00 z	45.00 z

J. P. NOEL

BATEAU POSTE NO. 7

Since publishing his book "Mailboat Steamers on Congo Rivers & Lakes (1896-1940)" - copies available from P. S. Foden - the Abbe Gudenkauf has discovered that the Bateau Poste No. 7 cancellation was applied on the "ARCHDUCHESS STAPHANIE".

R. H. KEACH

PUBLICATIONS STILL AVAILABLE

Limited numbers of copies of the following publications are still available from the Secretary (prices shown exclude postage, which will be added as incurred):-

"Du Congo Belge au Congo, du Ruanda-Urundi aux Rwandi & Burundi, - La Philatelie de Transition" by G. Celis (£ 3)

Les Timbres du Congo Surcharges a Boma en 1922-1923 by Abbe G. Gudenkauf (£ 1)

"Mailboat Services from Europe to the Belgian Congo (1879-1922)" by Abbe G. Gudenkauf (£ 4)

"Mailboat Steamers on Congo Rivers & Lakes (1896-1940)" by Abbe G. Gudenkauf (£ 4½)

Full Circle Protractor on acetate (for cancellation measurement) (£ ½)

NATIVE SAVINGS BANK STAMP

Illustrated is an item provided by one of our U.K. members. From the inscription it appears to be a native savings bank stamp, but we can find out no more about it. For the record, it is 23¼ x 35mm frame size, perf. 14 x 13¼, and printed by lithography in red-orange. If any member can provide further information, we should be most grateful.

UNITED NATIONS MAIL FROM THE CONGO

Official United Nations mail from the Congo to European countries that I have seen has been franked with normal Congo - or Katanga - stamps with the overseas rate of postage.

I have recently been given two United Nations covers addressed to Canada and these are quite interesting. Both are addressed to Technical Assistance Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal.

The first is an envelope bearing the UN insignia and 'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES AU CONGO' and has typed on it 'VIA NEW YORK POUCH'. It also has a cachet with the words 'Certifying Officer' in a large frame and there is an undecipherable signature. The cover bears a United Nations 4c stamp cancelled UNITED NATIONS - NEW YORK dated 27 July 1962.

The second has the UN insignia and 'NATIONS UNIES - UNITED NATIONS - BUREAU de l'ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUE ET FONDS SPECIAL - B.P. 1490 - USUMBURA - BURUNDI'. This cover bears an 8c United Nations stamp cancelled UNITED NATIONS - NEW YORK dated 8 April 1963.

It would appear that mail for Canada, together with similar mail for the USA and maybe to other American countries was sent in bulk to New York and posted there. This obviously was an economical measure.

Perhaps one of our American members can confirm that this was the normal procedure.

R. H. KEACH

ON THE CENSORSHIP TAPE REPORTED IN BULLETIN NO. 58, DECEMBER 1985

Our American member, Dr. Paul J. Phillips of Knoxville, TN has written to provide information on the censor tape reproduced in Bulletin No. 58.

"There is a cover in my collection bearing the same tape. In this case the edge of the envelope is 11cm long and there is no sign of a second imprint. It was also used in Albertville and dated 20.8.41. The cover is registered No. 114A to Nairobi and bears a 1Fr definitive and 7Fr in air mail stamps. Backstamps are Kigoma 21.8.41, Dar es Salaam 23.8.41 and Nairobi 25.8.41. There is some printing on the back of the label - really nice professional printing of a notice or invoice or something which I cannot see properly without removing the label. It appears that the censor printing, which is rather poor, was of local origin on available sheets designed for some other use and that labels were cut out for censorship purposes. I think some of the smaller words in the printing include "Katanga" and "..emine" "Danse.." and in large letters "..egr..". "



### A CURIOUS 'SMALL CIRCLE' DATE STAMP

Small circle date stamps with one part, usually the month, inverted are common enough and examples have been seen with day, month and time all inverted.

Dr. G. R. Hoffman has kindly sent for inspection a much more curious error, the date data set at 90 degrees to its normal position. It is a strike from the Leopoldville 1.10 canceller with date 29 AOUT 9-10 1910 on a travelled post card and similar examples may well exist.

In Bulletin No. 29 (April 1977) was included William Thrasher's careful drawing of an actual similar date stamp and it is clear that the opening for the day, month and time slugs was square so that the three elements could be inserted at 90 degrees to their correct positions although the retaining thumb screw might have had difficulty in retaining all three elements in place. Careless clerks in other post offices may have produced similar results and they are well worth looking for.

R. H. KEACH

### CENZAPOST - A REPORT BY MR. J. P. NOEL

To mark the occasion of the centenary of the first issue of stamps of the Congo Free State, together with that of its postal administration, the Office National des Postes et Telecommunications du Zaire (ONPTZ) organised a philatelic exhibition which was held in the great hall of the General Post Office of Kinshasa from 22 to 29 February, 1986.

About 1500 people attended each day and were able to admire a display covering these 100 years of stamps and postal history of Zaire. The most spectacular section comprised the collection of Mr. Jacques Du Four, which, in a score of frames, presented the issues and postal markings of the Free State in a most comprehensive manner. This was supported by several frames from Dr. Stibbe which outlined the postal history of the same period. Aerophilately was equally represented by Mr. J. P. Noel, who showed covers from the pioneer period 1922-35. Finally the Rodan Agency presented the periods of the Belgian Congo, Congo Republic and Zaire.

To further mark the event, ONPTZ also issued a stamp (identical in design to that issued by Belgium on 25 January, 1986) commemorating the first postage stamp, as well as a series of 5 values and miniature sheet for the centenary of the post office. These items were available at the exhibition.

The exhibition was open each day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a temporary post office was established there to receive mail from the visitors and general public. On 22 February, the mail was obliterated with a

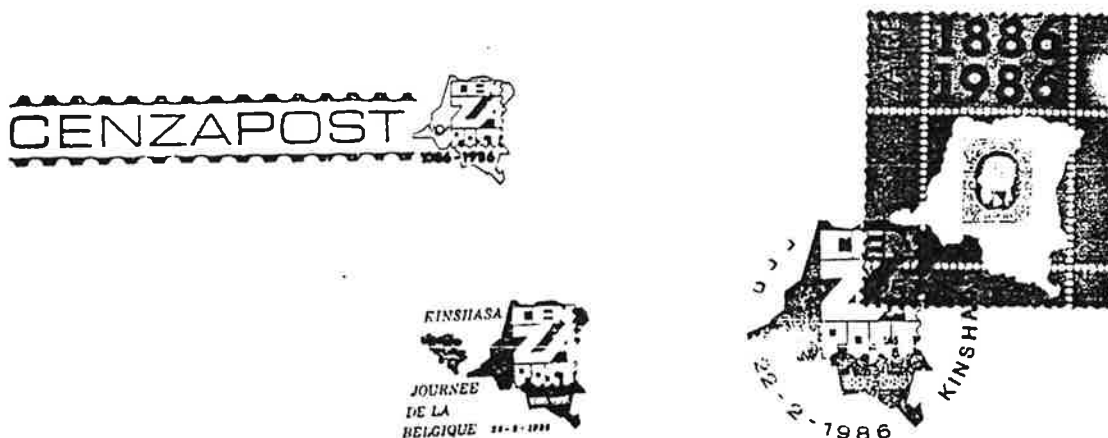
special first day postmark, an undated "CENZAPOST" cachet, and a dated cachet commemorating Belgium Day. On the other days, the normal philatelic service datestamp was used, together with the "CENZAPOST" cachet, and a further dated cachet denoting each of the special "Days" included in the programme. Elsewhere the administration had also put into use four cachets commemorating the role of the post office and these can also be found on mail from the exhibition.

During Philately Day, the public could attend any or all of a series of four conferences:-

- "The First Postal Issues of the Congo Free State" by Mr. Jacques Du Four, President of the Chamber of Belgian Postage Stamp Dealers;
- "The Role and Purpose of a Philatelic Commission" by Mr. Gerard Windels, Inspector General and President of the Belgian Philatelic Commission;
- "The Evolution of Philatelic Societies in Zaire" by Mr. Jean-Paul Noel, secretary of the Kinshasa Philatelic Circle (CEPHIK)
- "History of the Philately of Zaire" by Mr. Andre Schittecatte, Director of the Philatelic Agency and Member of the Zaire Philatelic Commission.

The exhibition was officially opened on 21 February, in the presence of the President and Director General of ONPTZ, Citizen N'Dokay Kolokp Wo, The Secretary of State for the Belgian PTT, Madame Paula D'hondt, and the Commissioner of State for the Zaire PTT, Citizen Mukuku Afuka W'Etonda. The invited guests received a philatelic souvenir comprising the Belgian and Zaire centenary stamps cancelled with the respective first day cancels.

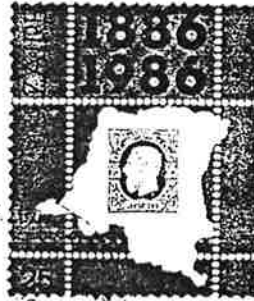
Further information can be obtained from CEPHIK, BP 437, Kinshasa 1, Zaire.



CENZAPOST

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JOURNEE  
DE LA  
JEUNESSE 23-2-1986

KINSHASA  
23-2-86  
SERVICE PHILATELIQUE



CENZAPOST

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DES  
POSTIERES 23-2-1986

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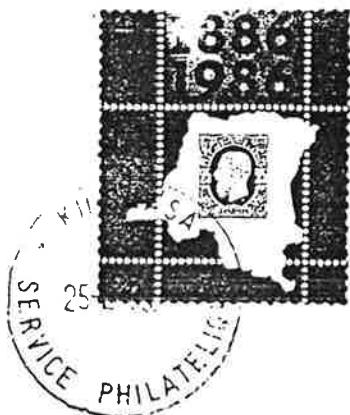
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1886 - 1986

CENZAPOST

KINSHASA  
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CENZAPOST  1966-1986

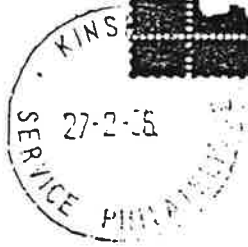


CENZAPOST  1966-1986



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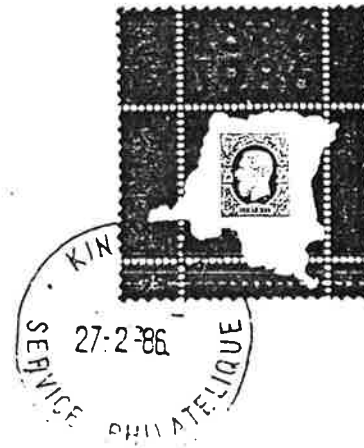


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Centenaire de la Poste et du 1<sup>er</sup> timbre au Zaïre

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# POSTE

UN FACTEUR DE COHESION ET  
D'UNITE NATIONALE



# POSTE

AGENT DE DEVELOPPEMENT ECONOMIQUE  
CULTUREL ET SOCIAL



*Avec mes meilleurs  
 compliments*

*[Signature]*  
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(Editor's Note: Please do not use address on cover. All correspondence to Editor should be addressed to 4132 E. Minnezona, Phoenix, AZ 85018 U.S.A.)

### THE NEW POSTAL STATIONERY CATALOGUE

At long last a new priced postal stationery catalogue covering Belgian Congo, Ruanda Urundi and the independent states has been issued. 'LES ENTIERS POSTAUX DU CONGO ET DU RUANDA-URUNDI' by Dr. J. Stiffe with its 71 pages is an excellent specialised production, better and in more detail than its predecessor, the Davo catalogue of nearly forty years ago.

Prices quoted are in much more detail than in earlier catalogues and are realistic, approximating those currently asked on the Belgian market.

Our Hon. Secretary, Peter Foden, has stocks available and requests for the book, indispensable to postal stationery collectors, should be made to him. (Editor's note: The Secretary will be sending out notices on the catalogue and the new edition of Catalogue Officiel.)

A year or two ago I undertook for the Study Circle to produce a specialised postal stationery listing and I have been gathering together information for such a document. The new catalogue has undermined the project and rendered it largely unnecessary. However, I propose, in an article in a future Bulletin, to record, as an addendum to the book, such information as I have.

R. H. KEACH

### A NEW PHILATELIC EXHIBITING ORGANIZATION

One of the better seminars held at AMERIPLEX '86 was conducted by Mr. Randy L. Neil, who is one of the founders of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. This new organization was formed to help those who aspire to exhibiting. From the response given at this meeting, there are a goodly number of experienced exhibitors and a like number who would like "to try the waters".

Your Editor has joined this organization and would certainly urge those who have an interest in exhibiting to sign up. The dues are \$10 per year for American members, \$20 for oversea's members and applications may be obtained from AAPE, P. O. Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041, USA.

### REQUEST FOR COVER INFORMATION

Our member, Philippe Lindekens, has kindly sent copies of covers from his collection, and wishes to correspond with anyone who can give him further information. Photocopies are reproduced on the following pages. Perhaps some of our Katanga specialists can explain the use of Katanga due half-stamps!!



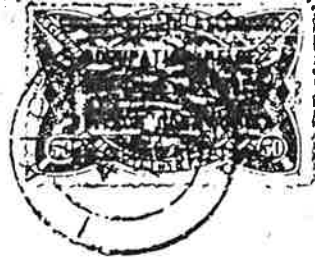
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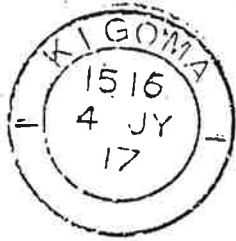
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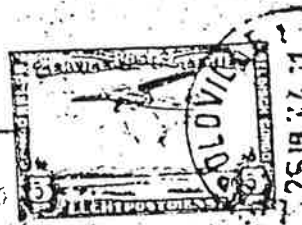


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 ET RETOUR | EN TERUG  
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*en rouge*

Monsieur CHARLES VAN DER HAEGHEN

8, Avenue Giele

-JETTE (BELGIQUE)

**PAR AVION**

DEPART DE LEOPOLDVILLE  
 LE 26 DECEMBRE 1934

RAID RUBIN  
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 BELGIË - CONGO | BELGIQUE - CONGO  
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*Madame [redacted]*

**PAR AVION  
 PER Vliegtuig**

*Leopoldville  
 Congo belge*





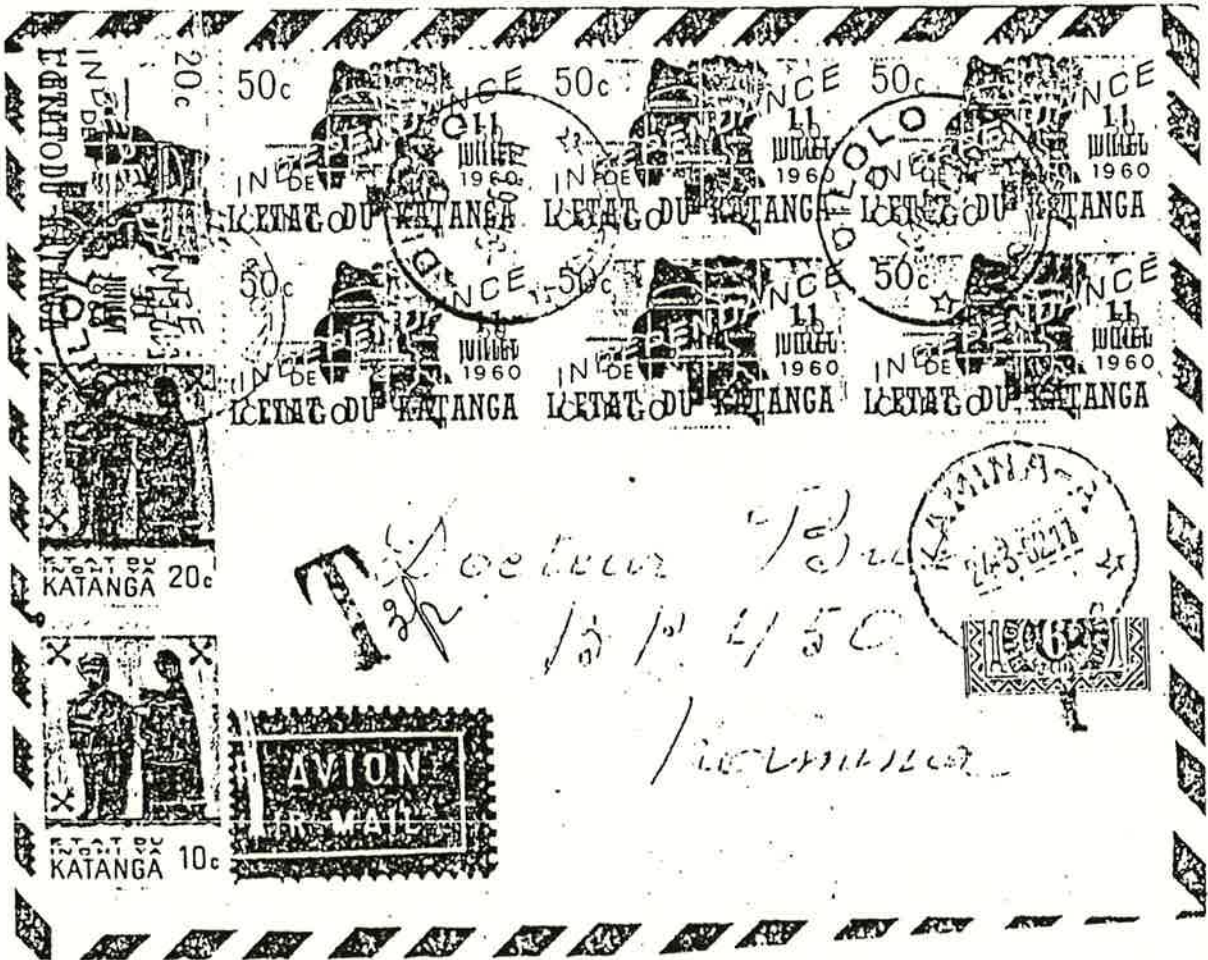
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HOTEL DE LA GARE KAMINA

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ETATS DU KATANGA 10c

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