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FAO Money and Medals: Newsletter 14

Dear Collector,

Concurrently with this Newsletter we are making despatches of FAO Money Album 3, pages 11-14 in a green binder. Because of the continuing Italian postal paralysis, despatch is being made either by registered surface mail direct from our Los Angeles manufacturer or, in the case of overseas developing countries, through the FAO pouch services.

2. Album Pages 11-12 are complete with coins, pages 13-14 empty. Persons who have paid for Pages 13-14 will automatically be sent the 16 coins, once we receive the last three, those of Swaziland, promised by the British Royal Mint in January. Album Page 13 was illustrated in Newsletter 13: Page 14 is illustrated on the back of this letter. If you have not yet paid for Pages 13-14, please send as soon as possible the all-inclusive amount of \$40 or equivalent. We will maintain this \$40 price to 31 December 1974.

3. The 16 coins will be accompanied by an updated tabulation of technical specifications of all 108 items contained in pages 1-14. Meanwhile, on the inside of this Newsletter, we list by quantity and value the 1,539,197,435 coins so far issued or planned for issue by 75 countries. The coins have a cash exchange value of some \$69,899,262 and, if placed rim to rim, would carry our Food for All ideal for some 32,000 kilometers, from Los Angeles to Rome to Bombay to Jakarta to Tongatapu.

FAO Money Albums I and 2: Pages 1-10

4. This will be the last time we offer for sale FAO Money Album I. Pages 1-2 have long been sold out, and this will soon be the case for Pages 3-6. However, in this last offer, we are including Pages 1 and 2 empty, for collectors to complete with coins to the extent they can.

5. This will similarly be the last time we offer Album 2 at the all-inclusive price of \$80. From 1 December 1974, the price will be \$90, for any of the several hundred Albums 2 still remaining.

Repeat Issues

6. FAO Money Page 14 contains the current Grow More Food 50 ngwee of Zambia struck in 1972, as distinct from the commemorative 1964-1969 issue struck for the country's fifth anniversary of independence and included in FAO Money Page 3. This brings to 7 the repeats in the Album as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Year-Date</u>	<u>Album Pages</u>	<u>Reason for Repeat</u>
Algeria	5 centimes	1969-73, 1974-77	5 10	Successive Four-Year Plans
India	20 paise, 10 rupees	1970, 1971	4 7	Rarity of 1971 issue
Indonesia	10 rupiah	1971, 1974	5 14	Different design and size
Tanzania	5 shillingi	1961-71, 1972	7 7	Commemorative/Current Issue
Turkey	10 kurus	1971, 1974	5 14	Different weights
Zambia	50 ngwee	1964-69, 1972	3 14	Commemorative/Current Issue

7. The above coins, with the exception of India, have a different Yeoman catalogue number. We included the India 1971 issue because the silver coin of the pair was issued in only 25,569 pieces (including 5,969 proofs). Indeed even for the brass coin, the legend

was spread in Bombay that it contained gold, so it too disappeared from sight. (Other stories about FAO coins include those of Rwanda where the 16 scallops on the 2 franc piece were said to represent the toothmarks of the hungry, and of Poland where a brill or flatfish was substituted in the fish design for an earlier, leaner cod which was thought to look too hungry).

8. Some seven other coins have been reissued with later year-dates, those underlined not being included in the Albums:

Burundi	1968, <u>71</u>	Korea	1972, <u>73</u> , <u>74</u>	Tanzania	1961-71, <u>72</u> , <u>73</u>
Iran	1972, <u>73</u> , <u>74</u>	Sudan	1972, <u>73</u>	Turkey	1971, <u>72</u> , <u>74</u>
Jamaica	1971, <u>72</u> , <u>73</u> , <u>74</u>				

In response to many requests, we are trying to make these up into a new page, probably an optional one for the green binder.

#### Other Varieties

9. In addition to the year-dates, the following 11 countries have between them issued 27 FAO coins in proof condition, those of:

Barbados	Cyprus	India (2,2,3,3)	Order of Malta (2)	Somalia
ECCA (7)	Guyana	Iraq	Panama	Sudan
				Uganda

Only in the case of Panama we have put the proof (rather than the uncirculated) variety in the album pages, while we issued an additional page (6a) for the proof ECCA coins. The album pages also contain the proof coins of the Order of Malta (3 tari and 2 scudi) and Sudan (25 piastres) which were struck only in proof, while the ten coins of India included in the album are in intermediate, 'proof-like' condition.

10. Lastly a number of countries have struck 'essais', presentation coins, and patterns. 'Essais' are trial coins made in the Paris Mint with the word 'essai' struck on them. This practice applies to most coins struck in Paris and, as concerns the FAO coins, 'essais' were struck for the 10 and 20 franc pieces of Madagascar and the 50 franc piece of the West African Monetary Union. Presentation, non-saleable, FAO coins have been struck for Poland, in proof nickel; for Tanzania, in proof cupronickel; and for Uruguay, in proof silver and gold. Patterns have also been struck for Uruguay, the bronze 1000 pesos included in Album Page 9; and for Poland, the two additional 10 zlotych coins contained in Page 7.

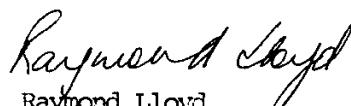
#### FAO Money Panel 1A

11. As promised in Newsletter 13, we also illustrate on the back page of the present letter FAO Money Panel 1A, the second in our restricted issues, manufactured in 1,500 copies only. Money Panel 1A contains the 7 ECCA coins in Album Page 6, and the high denomination items of Bhutan, Egypt, Honduras, India and Jamaica in Album Pages 11-13. This means that Panel collectors will now be able to own 90 of the 100 items contained in Album Pages 1-13, the irretrievable exceptions being the coins of the Order of Malta (2) and the Vatican (8).

#### Ceres Medals

12. The final illustration in this Newsletter is the Ceres medal featuring the French resistance leader and ethnologist Germaine Tillion, who has been working recently as an FAO consultant on the improvement on the nomadic living conditions in Niger, a sub-Saharan country very badly affected by prolonged drought. The reverse of the medal commemorates the important intergovernmental World Food Conference to be held in Rome from 5 to 16 November 1974, and features a wheat charm, kept in the house till the next harvest. The World Food Conference inscription is in French, English and Arabic, the last language in recognition of Germaine Tillion's work in North Africa and the fact that the Conference was first called for at the Algiers meeting of non-aligned nations in September 1973.

With all good wishes,

  
Raymond Lloyd  
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FAO MONEY AND MEDALS

Stock and Pricelist effective 16 October 1974

Money Albums: contain all FAO coins

Colour of pages and binders	Pages contained in binder	Total Coins (Crowns: silver)	Edition limited to	1974 Yeoman US\$ Valuation	Availability	Prices*				Indian Rupees
						US\$	Lire	UK£	FF	
1. Red	Pages 1-2	Empty	(10,000)	(64.90)	Immediate	85	56,000	36.50	420	745
2. Red	Pages 3-6	33 (19:2)	10,000	91.45						
3. Blue	Pages 7-10	34 (10:6)	7,000	90.05	Immediate	80	52,000	34.00	395	700
4. Green	Pages 11-14	32 (5:4)	5,000	-	Dec. 1974	80	52,000	34.00	395	700
5. Green	Pages 13-14 only)	16 (4:3)	5,000	-	Jan. 1975	40	26,000	17.00	200	350
6. Pages 1-14 (incl. 1-2 empty)		99 (34:12)	(5,000)	-	As above	245	160,000	104.50	1210	2145

Money Panels: display edition of most FAO coins

7. Panels 1,2: E,F,G <u>or</u> I:	35 (16:3)	10,000	{99.25}	Immediate	75	49,000	32.00	370.	655
8. Panel 3: E,F,G <u>or</u> I:	19 (0:0)	13,000		Immediate	25	16,500	10.50	125	220
9. Panel 4: English	19 (0:0)	15,000(+)	-	Dec. 1974	20	13,000	8.50	100	175
10. Panel 1A: English	12 (10:2)	1,500	-	Dec. 1974	60	39,000	25.50	300	525
11. Panel 2A: English	15 (10:6)	3,000	81.00	Dec. 1974	65	42,500	27.00	320	570
12. Panels 1,1A,2,2A,3,4	100 (36:8)	(1,500)	-	Dec. 1974	245	160,000	103.50	1215	2145

Ceres Medal Panels      Metal      Ceres(see list below)

13. Medal Panel 1 (green)	bronze	A,B,C,D <u>and</u> E	Immediate	75	49,000	32.00	370	655
14. Medal Panel 1 (green)	bronze-gilt	A,B,C,D <u>and</u> E	Immediate	95	62,000	40.50	470	830
15. Medal Panel 1 (green)	silver	A,B,C,D <u>and</u> E	Immediate	300	198,000	128.00	1480	2625

Individual Medals

16. 63 mm diameter	bronze	H,K,N,O <u>or</u> P	Immediate	16	10,500	7.00	80	140
17. 63 mm diameter	bronze-gilt	H,K,N,O <u>or</u> P	Immediate	20	13,000	8.50	100	175
18. 63 mm diameter	silver	925-950 H,K,N,O <u>or</u> P	Immediate	65	42,500	27.00	320	570
19. 22 mm diameter	gold 917**	A,B,C,D,E,H,K <u>or</u> N	Immediate	80	52,000	34.00	395	700

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A Olave Baden-Powell	13, 14, 15, 19	above	H Attiya Inayatullah	16, 17, 18, 19	above
B Angela Christian	13, 14, 15, 19	"	K Matsuyo Yamamoto	16, 17, 18, 19	"
C Indira Gandhi	13, 14, 15, 19	"	N Idealized (G. Simon)	16, 17, 18, 19	"
D Coretta Scott King	13, 14, 15, 19	"	O Michèle Morgan	16, 17, 18	"
E Sophia Loren	13, 14, 15, 19	"	P Germaine Tillion	16, 17, 18	"

\* Prices are determined in US \$. Equivalentents in other currencois may therefore be subject to fluctuations in exchange rates.

\*\* Orders for gold medals are limited to 5 of each medal per collector, The basic US dollar prices for medals are valid until further notice, although the FAO Money Office reserves the right to alter the prices for gold and silver medals if necessitated by considerably increased bullion costs. Gold medals will be delivered to US collectors only after 1 January 1975, when the private ownership of gold is legalized.