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FAO MONEY AND MEDALS: Newsletter 27

Dear Friend,

We regret very much that for reasons beyond our control Newsletter 26 of 19 November 1979 was actually received by the majority of our collectors nearly three months after the date of issue. This was particularly unfortunate since, due to the soaring price of gold and silver in the meantime, we were forced in January to increase the price of the Jayaprakash Narayan and Decade for Women medals announced in the Newsletter.

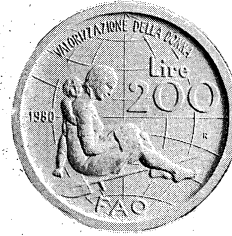
2. For some time worldwide attention has been focused on the plight of the Cambodian refugees. To symbolise its efforts to provide food for the people of Kampuchea, FAO will shortly be releasing a Ceres medal featuring on the obverse a woman Cambodian refugee with rice plants, while the reverse will show Cambodian children and the inscription 'Food for Kampuchea' - 'Cibo per la Cambogia'. The medal, which was designed by the noted Italian sculptor Jorio Vivarelli, is being struck at the Picchiani and Barlacchi Mint in Florence.

3. FAO will also be releasing shortly an Agricola medal featuring Dawda Kairaba Jawara, the President of Gambia, who has made an outstanding contribution in drawing attention to the food problems of some of the poorest countries of the world. In his capacity as Chairman of the Interstate Committee for the Control of Drought in the Sahel, President Jawara won worldwide acclaim for his dynamic actions to ameliorate the plight and living conditions of the Sahelian people. The obverse of the medal features Dawda Jawara with wheat and the inscription 'Agricola FAO Rome', while the reverse features the map of Africa set in a cogwheel perimeter representing science and technology, with an African axe and hoe highlighting the Sahel region, representing the present level of agricultural technology there, and the inscription 'Solidarity toward Food Sufficiency for Humankind'. The medal, by Vito Berardi, will also be struck at the Picchiani and Barlacchi Mint.

4. An order form illustrating these medals is attached: we will guarantee the price for orders received by 31 May, even if there should be a significant rise in the price of bullion.

5. The probable composition of pages 4-6 of the 1979/80 Money Collection is:

<u>Page 4</u>	<u>Page 5</u>	<u>Page 6</u>
Brazil 5 cruzeiros 1980	Cook Islands 50 cents	Brazil 1 centavo 1979
Cook Islands 10 cents	Burma 50 pyas 1979	India 10 paise 1980
Italy 100 lire 1979	Fiji 50 cents 1979	Nepal 10 paise 1979
Italy 200 lire 1980	San Marino 200 lire 1979	Tonga 1 pa'anga 1980
Maldives 10 rupees 1979	Tonga 2 pa'anga 1980	Turkey 1 kurus 1979 al.
West Africa 25 francs 1980	Turkey 1 kurus 1979 bronze	Tonga 20 pa'anga gold



5. Illustrated above is the new 200 lire coin of Italy. Released on 8 March 1980 - International Women's Day - the coin features on the obverse the head of Maria Montessori, Italy's first woman graduate doctor and great educator who, among other things, taught children to appreciate plants and animals and who lived part of her life in what is now called the 'third world'. The symbol used for International Women's Year and the Decade for Women appears after the inscription 'Repubblica Italiana'. The reverse shows a woman studying botany against the meridians of the globe, with the inscription 'Valorizzazione della Donna' (Women's Advancement) and 'FAO'. The mintage of the 24 mm bronzital coin will be 50,000,000, and it will be included in a forthcoming page of the 1979/80 FAO Money Collection.

6. The first gold coins to be included in the FAO Money Collection are the 10 and 20 pa'anga of Tonga, of 10 and 14 mm respectively. The 10 pa'anga coin represents a 'first' in numismatics in that, at 0.4 grs, it is the lightest coin ever struck, while the 20 pa'anga weighs 0.5 grs. These coins, illustrated below, will also be included in forthcoming pages of the 1979-80 Money Collection.



7. Thirteen years ago the Food and Agriculture Organization first contacted Ministries of Finance to obtain their support for an international money issue highlighting the need to increase food production to feed a hungry, ever-increasing world population. During this period 90 countries have used their coinage to promote food and agricultural development, together with other vital issues such as the advancement of rural women. The FAO coins in daily circulation throughout the world number 5.5 billion with a cash exchange value of some \$250,000,000. The originator of this plan was Raymond Lloyd, who has guided the Programme since its inception; Mr. Lloyd has now left the Food and Agriculture Organization to continue his work for development in another framework.

FAO MEDALS

FOOD FOR KAMPUCHEA

Gold: 28 mm 12.9 grs

Silver: 50 mm 40 grs

Bronze: 50 mm



DAWDA KATRABA JAWARA

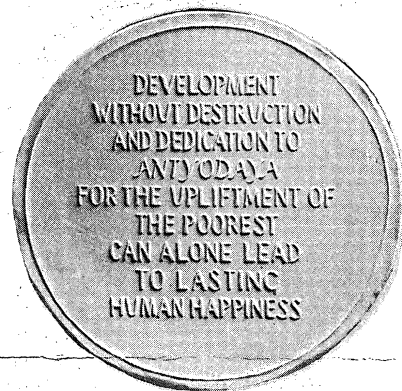
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JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

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<u>1979/80 FAO Money Collection</u>	<u>US\$</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>UKL**</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>FF****</u>	<u>FS</u>	<u>Indian rupees****</u>
Binder with 3 pages: 18 coins	80	68,500	39	2,280	336	135	656
Pages 4-6: 18 coins	50	41,500	24	1,425	210	85	393
<u>Earlier FAO Money Collections</u>							
Panels 1-4	150	132,000	69	4,650	667	277	1,207
Panels 1-6	210	184,000	97	6,510	934	388	1,690
Panels 1-8	300	264,000	138	9,300	1,335	555	2,415
Panels 3A and 4A	120	105,500	55	3,720	534	222	966

M E D A L S

Food for Kampuchea	Gold	300	264,000	138	9,300	1,335	555	2,415
	Silver	70	61,500	32	2,170	311	129	563
	Bronze	20	17,500	9	620	89	37	161
Dawad Kairaba Jawara	Metals and prices as 'Food for Kampuchea'							
Jayaprakash Narayan	Silver	70	61,000	32	2,170	311	129	563
Decade for Women	Silver	70	61,000	32	2,170	311	129	563

* Prices determined in US\$. Prices in other currencies subject to exchange fluctuations
 ** Excluding VAT
 *** Les chèques en francs français doivent être établis à l'ordre du 'Service Philatélique de L'Unesco'
 **** Payment in rupees should be by demand draft payable to FAO of the UN, New Delhi

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Britain:	Crown Agents Coin Bureau, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1EL
France:	Service Philatélique de l'Unesco, Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris
India:	FAO Administrative Office, Mr. G. Singh, 55 Lodi Estate, New Delhi 110003
Switzerland:	Société de Banque Suisse, 2 rue de la Confédération, 1211 Geneva 11
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