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Marshal Petain not forgotten

Hero-traitor stirs French passions

ISLE D'YEU, France (Reuter) — The remains of a man who divided the conscience of France is once more stirring passions beyond his Atlantic island grave.

Feeling still runs high over the historical status of Marshal Philippe Petain, hero of the French victory against Germany at Verdun in the First World War and the "traitor" who headed the Vichy collaboration regime under German domination in the Second World War.

Should France rehabilitate the marshal? Should Frenchmen be asked to forget his shame and remember only his courage at Verdun?

As Petainists continue to

trek to his tomb on this tiny island of southern Brittany, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing seems to have gone further than his predecessors toward forgiving Petain.

In a speech at Verdun last month marking the 60th anniversary of the battle, the president blamed the marshal's Second World War conduct mainly on the frailty of old age.

"May time work for him so that his memory is that

held of him by soldiers who fought under his orders and shared his victory," the president said.

FIERCE OUTCRY

The outcry from anti-Petain forces was fierce.

"Indecent," roared the Communist daily *l'Human-*

ite, recalling the great sacrifices made by French Communists in the resistance against Vichy and the Germans.

Petain was imprisoned here after he was found guilty of treason for heading the Hitler-aligned Vichy government, which administered part of France not physically occupied by the Germans after their invasion.

In 1951 he died here, a prisoner, at the age of 95.

He wanted to be buried in the national cemetery at Douaumont Verdun, alongside soldiers who died under his leadership. But successive French governments rejected this proposal.



REGULAR MEETING: Lower floor of the Calgary
 Central Library, MacLeod Trail at 7th Ave. S.W.
 Nov 2 7:30 Trading & Circuits
 8:10 Business Meeting
 8:20 Programme
 "Exhibit Preparation and
 Judging"
 9:00 Trading & Circuits
AUCTION MEETING: C.U.P.E. HALL, 104- 13 Ave.S.E.
 Nov 16 7:30 Viewing
 8:00 Auction
 9:00 Trading & Circuits

The program of the Nov. 2 meeting will deal with exhibition preparation and judging. We will have a speaker to discuss what a judge must look for in exhibits. Members are welcome to bring exhibits or collections to the meeting so that they may be judged or suggestions will be given as how to improve them. Adjudication sheets will be handed out to members and they will have the opportunity of being a judge. This should be a lively program and all members are urged to attend.



EXAMPLES OF
 GREAT BRITAIN
 CRICKET GROUND
 POSTMARKS

Officially he is still "the traitor of Vichy" who collaborated, believing an early surrender would soften German terms.

The Germans deported him in 1944 as underground resistance to the Nazis waxed and support for Petain waned. He returned after France's liberation, surrendered and went on trial.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

The death sentence was

later commuted to life imprisonment in a fort of this fishing island.

Supporters who believed he saved thousands of lives by collaborating stole his body from its simple white grave here in 1973.

They wanted to install his remains at Douaumont but the body was recovered in Paris. Five men were charged with desecrating a tomb.

a right-wing magazine devoted to "travail, famille et patrie" (work, family and country), the slogan Petain substituted during the Vichy government for the traditional French motto "liberte, egalite, fraternite" (freedom, equality, brotherhood).

His supporters still run

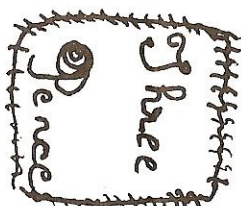
THE CALGARY HERALD



A "Warship" built on land is featured on the above stamp of Malta. It is the "H.M.S. St. Angelo" a navy land fortress which is ranked as a warship, and guards the naval base at Grand Harbour, Valetta.

A POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL 1851

On March 14, 1851, an official notification was circulated to all Provincial Postmasters informing them that control would pass to them on April 6, 1851. The Postmaster of New Carlisle, Gaspe followed the examples set by U.S. postmasters and on his own initiative prepared a small stock of pre-stamped envelopes ready for use on taking over responsibility.



Rough example of postal marking.

IMPORTANT AUCTION ETIQUETTE

The well known London auction firm Robson Lowe Ltd., once provided for collectors proposing to attend a philatelic auction for the first time these handy hints on auction room etiquette.

"Ladies and gentlemen of breeding will note that, as in church, admission is free and they may come and go during the ceremony if they do so with quietness and decorum. Gentlemen should remove their hats and refrain from smoking, reading newspapers and making ridiculous bids. Ladies in addition, may keep their hats on, if these are not more than one foot high.

The presence of children under bidding age, while not prohibited, is countenanced only on the assumption that they will stay next to their mothers and not make loud remarks or climb on things. Dogs, cats, parakeets, goldfish and other portable or ambulatory fauna are not allowed in the sale room. Luncheon may not be consumed (even surreptitiously) in the sale room, under penalty or instant expulsion.

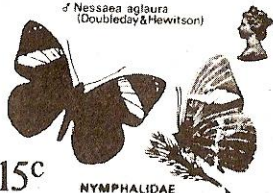
Bidding may be conducted either by husband or wife, but not by both at once. While it is usual to raise the hand or catalogue slightly, the bidding may also be advanced, if greater privacy be desired, by nods, winks or other contortions, as arranged with the staff, who will be surprised at nothing.

A man of distinction signing a card after a successful bid should print his name and not assume (a) that anyone can read his handwriting or (b) that he is so well known that this does not matter. Ladies should not gesticulate to attract the attention of friends entering the doorway of the sales room, as this not only distracts the auctioneer but causes him automatically to repeat the standard joke on this practice which everyone had heard before.

Laughter is in order only in certain well-defined situations. These are in general (a) when the auctioneer utters a witticism, especially if it is a new one (b) if one of the bidders inadvertently bids in shillings not having noticed that the lot is advancing in pounds. Applause is discouraged in the case of lots knocked down at less than a thousand pounds.

BELIZE

BELIZE 15c



The German *sammler-dienst* fortnightly has an intriguing article on "Belize, alias British-Honduras", map and all, by E. C. Ehrmann, which goes to show that the name chosen for this Crown Colony in 1882 was an outright blunder by the Victorian Colonial Office, since the territory has absolutely nothing to do with the independent republic of Honduras from which it is separated by a 50-miles wide slice of Guatemala; moreover, its proper and hitherto exclusive name of Belize traces back to the Maya culture of a thousand years ago. There are now 16 different consulates and some 45 official and private landing places and airstrips; Belize is also served by 50-odd post offices.

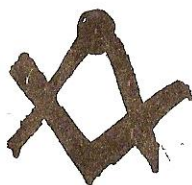
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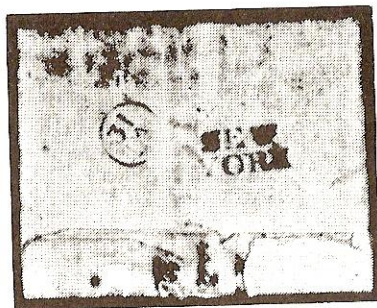
BEECHVILLE



BOWMANVILLE



GREAT BRITAIN: "POST-OFFICE TESTING STAMPS"
IN 1936 AND 1937, THE BRITISH POST OFFICE OFFICIALLY USED CERTAIN "TESTING-STAMPS" IN ORDER TO CHECK THE NEW "AUTOMATIC STAMP VENDING MACHINES" WHICH WERE THEN IN USE. ALTHOUGH NOT ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR POSTAL USE, SOME OF THESE WERE ACCIDENTALLY SOLD FOR SOME MACHINES, AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE G.P.O. BY ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF THE TIME, ALLOWED THESE TO BE POSTALLY USED, AND VALID ON MAIL. AFTER THIS, THE COLOUR OF THE STAMPS WAS CHANGED, AND INSCRIBED "For Testing Purposes Only". THE STAMPS WERE NICKNAMED "POACHED EGGS" BECAUSE OF THEIR STRANGE OVAL DESIGNS. "POACHED-EGGS" WERE ONCE AGAIN USED IN 1957, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCOUT JAMBOREE ISSUE, FOR USE WITH A NEW G.P.O. POSTAGE STAMP MACHINE. 1



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