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A NOTE ON LEPIDOPTERA ON POSTAGE STAMPS

I was interested in the article "Philatelic Lepidoptera" in the *News*, since I am also a stamp collector/lepidopterist. To add to the stamps listed in this article as picturing Lepidoptera, French Equatorial Africa issued two series of Postage Due stamps, all values of which had the numeral of value superimposed on a butterfly. The 1937 set consisted of 11 values (5 centimes to 3 francs), and the 1947 set had 10 values (10 centimes to 20 francs).

The validity of the items listed in the article as being issued by the Republic of Maluku Selatan in the Moluccas as postage stamps has been questioned in the philatelic press, but still the items are colorful representations of six beautiful insects.

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MORE PHILATELIC LEPIDOPTERA

Following the appearance of my article on philatelic Lepidoptera in the *Lepidopterists' News* (Vol. 8: 13-16; 1954), Dr. TEISO ESAKI of the Entomological Laboratory of Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan, kindly called my attention to several Lepidoptera on stamps which should be added to the list. Further additions by other readers would be very welcome. Here are Dr. Esaki's additions with his comments:

"Hawaii, 1890-1891, #52, 2 c. The hair ornament of the queen is a butterfly. [This therefore becomes the earliest stamp, to my knowledge, which depicts Lepidoptera, antedating by more than ten years the Dutch colony stamps mentioned in the original article.—M.E.S.]

"Japan, 1916, #154, 10 s. At the sides of the frame surrounding the Japanese denomination at the bottom are small stylized butterflies.

"Hungary, 1924, B 77, 300 k. A child looking at a flying butterfly. [I would consider this a dove, judging from illustrations, especially since the stamp is listed as depicting emblems of peace; however, I have not seen the original. — M.E.S.]

"Manchukuo, 1940, #136, 2 f. A *Papilio*-like butterfly is figured at the bottom.

"Korea recently [June, 1954 — M.E.S.] issued a stamp of 10 w., on which a noctuid moth and the Korean flag are depicted. This moth may be identified as *Metopta rectifasciata* Ménétriers, which has a curious round marking on the fore wings which is similar to the circular device of the Korean flag. It is said in Korea that the 'butterfly' appears on the occasion of national auspicious events. Actually, it is common throughout China, Korea, and Japan."

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