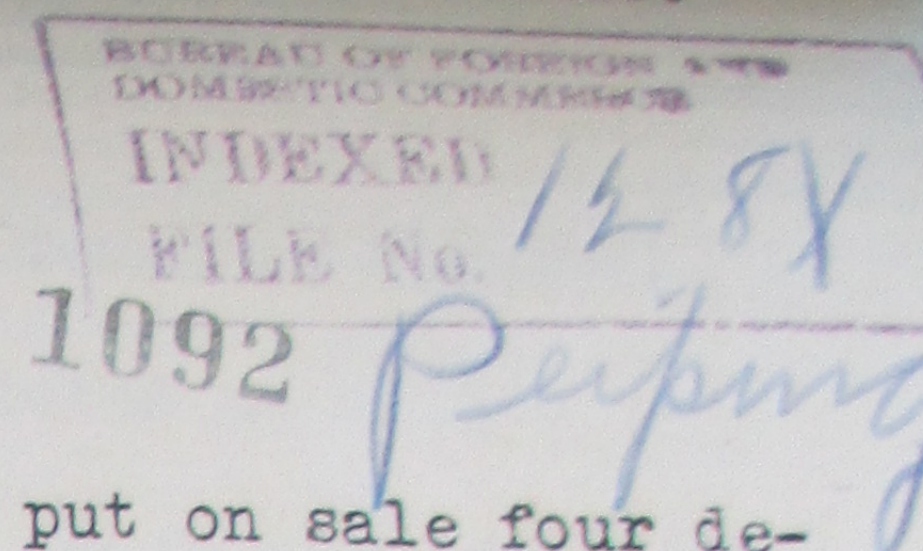


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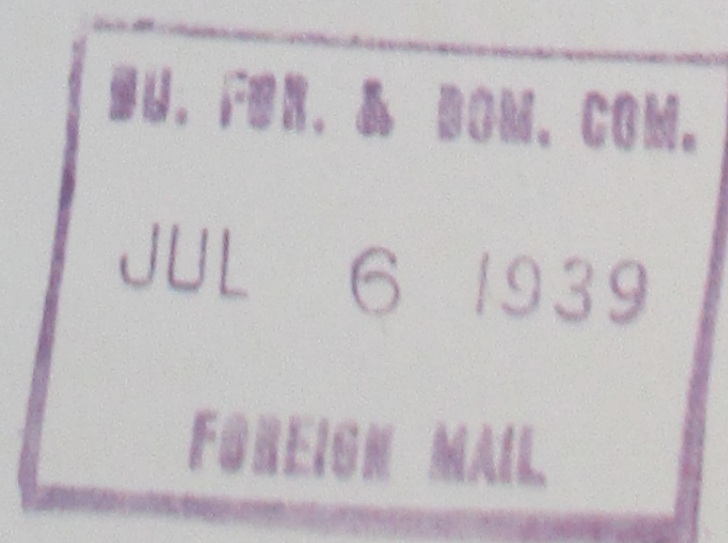


The Chinese Postal Administration has recently put on sale four denominations (5¢, \$1, \$2, and \$5.) of a new Sun Yat Sen design, somewhat similar to that of the 1932 issue, though having more elaborate framework.

Plans for the issuance of a stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Constitution which was expected to be ready about April 15th, have been changed. The Chinese Government has now decided to issue 2 million sets of a special postage stamp in celebration of the 150th anniversary of American Independence on July 4. Each set will be made up of four denominations:--5 cents (light green), 25 cents (blue), 50 cents (dark brown) and \$1. (red). One million sets will be sent to the United States and the remaining million placed on sale in China.

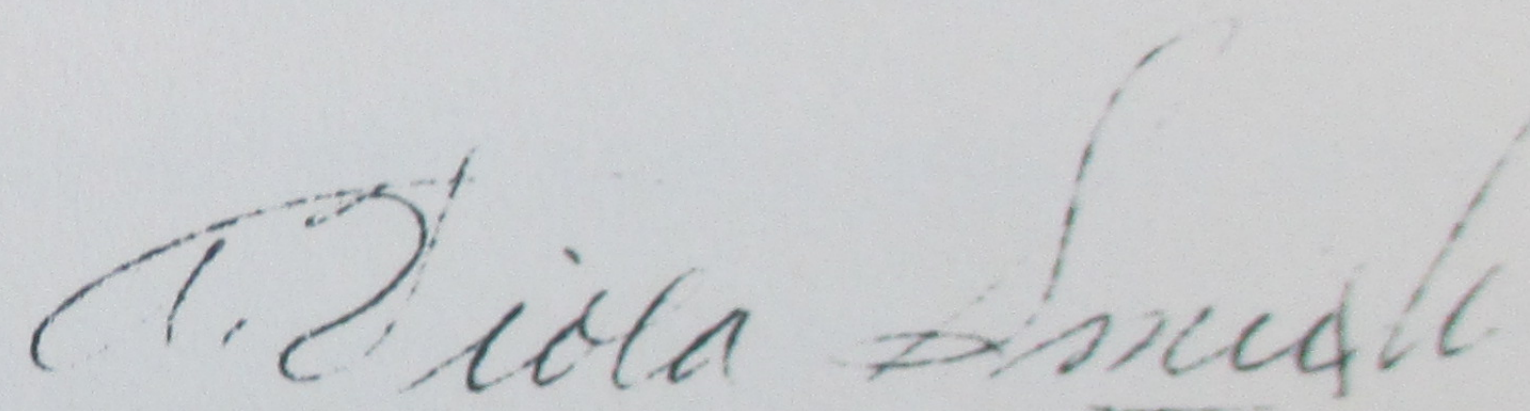
The center of the stamp will bear a map of China; on the top left corner will appear a Chinese national flag with the stars and stripes below; while across the entire top of the stamp Chinese characters will occur signifying "China Celebrating America's 150th Independence Commemoration Stamp."

All stamps listed on Page 35 of FCN No. 4, dated February 24, 1939, are still on sale.



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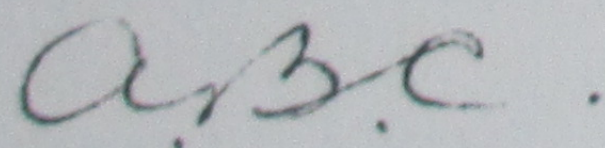
A new philatelic journal which made its initial debut in Shanghai on June 1, 1939, styled as "The Asia Stamp Journal" is expected to fill a long felt need of philatelists in this part of the world. It is published by A.F. Kerneck, 352 Avenue du Roi Albert, (P.O.Box 4047) Shanghai, China, annual subscription price \$4.00 per annum American currency, including postage.



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