More Jordanian Stamp "Activity"

Stamp activity — though not necessarily of the "Cloud 9" variety —continues in Jordan, according to recent news items appearing in that country.

A November 19 account in "Falastin" states: "The government decided to put on public sale the postage stamps it issued on the occasion of t h e Tokyo Olympic Games; the day for doing that was the next Saturday (November 21), but despite that, anybody can at present find these stamps on sale downtown . . .

"They were even on sale in Beirut on November 7, and in other parts of the world before that . . . The Minister of Communications promised . . . investigations . . ."

Another news item, source not known, advised on November 20: "Ali Raouf, Under Secretary of Communications said the ministry has decided to print its future postage stamps in London."

In Jerusalem only the 2 fils value was available at the post office on November 23; it is a purple triangle, with Olympic Torch and Rings.

Amman's "Al Jihad" of November 21 had this to say: "The Minister of Communications, Nizam Sharibi, answered a question about the 'infiltration' of postage stamps (Olympic Games design) to t h e market before (the officially designated day of issue), by saying that there isn't anything called 'infiltration'.

"This issue is this," he added. "The Middle East Stamps Co. had received its share of the new issue from London where these stamps were printed; this was a violation of the agreement by the printing (firm) which had orders not to give the Company anything, and that the Company has to receive its share (of new issues) from the Ministry in Amman. The Company . . . circulated the stamps before the scheduled time; it, however, admitted the violation. The Minister said these new (stamps) will be put on public sale starting from today."

Values are understood to be 1f. reddish brown, 2f. purple, 3f. pale green, 4f. brown, 5f. pale reddish brown, 35f. black, 50f. olive green, and 100f. blue.