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The society has never had to publish an airpost stamp catalogue: there are several already on the market and these are recommended. It has, however, appointed a catalogue committee to assist the editors of the



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