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WASHINGTON — (AP) — The
mint is trying to call a halt
to the issue of special money
commemorating famous men or events.
Nellie Taylor Ross, direc-
tor of the mint, takes the view
that a dime ought to look like a
dime and a half-dollar like a
half-dollar.

Believes—and she has sup-
ported in high places—that the spe-
cial coins minted in limited num-
bers confuse the public, encourage
hoarders and, sometimes, are
issued for private gain.
Since 1892, when Congress
authorized a special 50-cent piece
to commemorate the Columbian
exposition, the mint has been
asked to turn out "special"
dimes and silver dollars, quarters,
half-dollars, and other odd coins.

President Truman said recently
he would look unfavorably
upon future proposals of Con-
gress to mint special coins in
honor of famous men and events.
He made the comment in signing
a bill authorizing special 50-cent
pieces to commemorate Iowa's
centennial and the life and teach-
ing of Booker T. Washington,
a Negro educator. He said
he would have been better
off if he had emphasized that she
had no objection to either of these
special coins, but that the treas-
ury for years has opposed com-
memorative coins.
The late President Roosevelt
had opposed commemorative
coins, and the two authorized this
bill will be the first issued since
1906, she said.

Ross pointed out that the
new 10-cent piece is not a
commemorative coin but is "the
dime" and will remain so for
25 years at least. It has re-
placed the Liberty head dime, al-
though they still circulate, and she
says that regular issues of
dimes may not be changed often
each 25 years.

Since 1892, more than a bil-
lion pieces of special money com-
memorating all sorts of things
have been turned out by the mint.
The last Congress, coins have
been minted to commemorate 49
states, people or places.
There were 1892 and 1893 50-
cent pieces and a quarter for the
Panama Exposition. The Pana-
ma-Pacific Exposition in 1915 had
kinds of \$50 pieces, a \$2.50
piece, a dollar, and a half-dollar.
Annals of Illinois, Maine,
Massachusetts, Missouri, Arkansas,
Wisconsin, and many cities
celebrated with special

commemorative coins are
issued for organizations, which sell
them for more than their
value, to persons who keep
them as collectors' items or for
monetary value. But they are
not worth their face
value when in circulation. The
majority of special issues
are 10-cent pieces.

Another objection Mrs. Ross
made to the commemorative coins is
sometimes the organizations
that sell all they order, and
are returned to the mint to
be melted down and used for
other coins, at a loss.

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Biedson, is visiting him from
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