

## **About Anillo Restrikes**

Before you wrinkle up your nose at the word RESTRIKE, please read this:

Anillo restrikes are uniface aluminum restrikes of tokens and medals, made by Anillo Industries of Orange, Calif. in 1968.

Anillo Industries had bought out all the dies of the Los Angeles Stamp and Stationery Co. (formerly the Los Angeles Rubber Stamp Co.) and planned to go into the token and medal making business. So, they took about 3,500 of the old dies and struck 25 sets of uniface tokens which they planned to mount in salesmen sample books. Only four books were made up.

The sets ended up being sold to token collectors for about \$150 per set. The dies used for the restrikes were mostly California trade tokens and medals. Most of the restrikes look just like the original tokens, but the Anillo restrikes can be easily identified by being aluminum and uniface.

Some collectors are now paying \$1.00 to several dollars each for most of these restrikes (especially those of rare tokens). But, these restrikes are frequently offered for sale as original old tokens or die trials at high prices, so beware!