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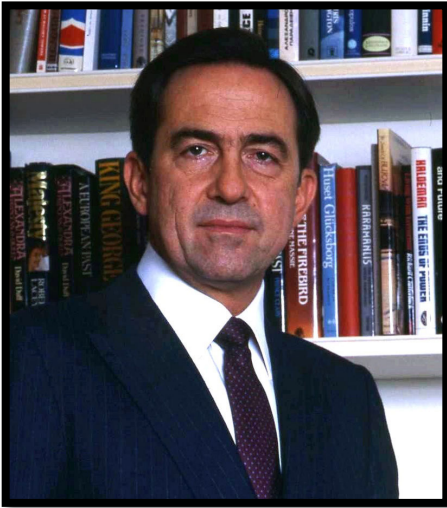


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GREECE

1967 CONSTANTINE II GOLD OFF-METAL STRIKE DRACHMAI NGC PR67+ CAMEO



Constantine II reigned as the last King of Greece, from 6 March 1964 until the abolition of the Greek monarchy on 1 June 1973. Constantine is the only son of King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece. As his family was forced into exile during the Second World War, he spent the first years of his childhood in Egypt and South Africa. He returned to Greece with his family in 1946 during the Greek Civil War. King George II died in 1947, and Constantine's father became the new king, making Constantine the crown prince. He acceded as king in 1964 following the death of his father, King Paul. His reign saw political instability that culminated in the Colonels' Coup of 21 April 1967.

On 13 December 1967, Constantine was forced to flee the country, following an unsuccessful counter coup against the junta. He remained (formally) the head of state in exile until the junta abolished the monarchy on 1 June 1973. The 1973 Greek republic referendum on 29 July, ratified the abolition.

KM-Unl, cf. Karamitsos-221 (unlisted in gold), Divo-128 (same). 3.48gm. An intriguing issue, likely a Pattern for the copper-nickel business strike, seemingly uncatalogued by the major Greek references. Perhaps a presentation piece, we were only able to locate a single specimen sold in the last 20 years, offered by Künker in September 2020 (Auction 339, Lot 2232), which was previously sold in 2008. Showing a premium gem grade and eye-appeal to spare, it's a piece to integrate into the most complete Greek type collections. **Very Rare**

