



OBJECT ID	2014.1.50
OBJECT NAME	Coin
DATE CREATED	1964
MATERIAL	Silver
OBJECT ENTITIES	Constantine, (is related to) Maria, Anna (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	bust coin couple double headed eagle Money Profile rulers Silver

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Greek silver coin:

Obverse: "Konstantinos and AnnaMaria, Rulers of Greece" written in greek characters surrounding the profile bust of the ruling couple

Reverse: a double headed eagle topped with a crown surrounded by the date:1964, and 30 DP

ORIGIN

He succeeded his father Paul in March 1964, being styled His Majesty Constantine II, King of the Hellenes. Although the accession of the young monarch was initially regarded auspiciously, his reign soon became controversial: Constantine's involvement in the Apostasia of July 1965 created unrest among sections of the population and aggravated the ongoing political instability that culminated in the Colonels' Coup of 21 April 1967

The coup was successful, leaving Constantine, as head of state, little room to manoeuvre as he had no loyal military forces to rely on. As a result, he reluctantly agreed to inaugurate the putschist government on the condition that it be made up largely of civilian ministers. On 13 December 1967, he was forced to flee the country, following an abortive counter-coup against the junta. He remained the head of state in exile until 1 June 1973, when the junta abolished the monarchy.

This abolition was confirmed after the fall of the junta by a plebiscite on 8 December 1974, which established the Third Hellenic Republic. Constantine, who was not allowed to return to Greece to campaign, accepted the results of the plebiscite.

CITATION

Coin, 1964, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/19/24.