

## SYNOPSIS

### SEVENTY YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE

#### UNITED NATIONS FIRST DAY OF CANCEL POSTAL STATIONERY

**History/Updates:** Showed at UNEXPO2017, October 27-28, 2017 in Bellefonte, PA as “Sixty Years in the Service of Peace” exhibit. Received Bronze, 59 points. Prepared for Philatelic Show: New Title Page, rewrite all pages, Added FDC’s for following 10 years: Added Synopsis.

**Abbreviations:** NY-New York Office, G-Geneva Office, V-Vienna Office; UX-Postcards, U-Pre-stamped envelopes, UXC-Airmail postcards, UC-Airmail pre-stamped envelopes and Aérogrammes; A-Large; a/b/c-Reprints; p-page; issued/sold: yyyy.mm.dd. Scott Catalog was used for numbering.

**Purpose:** This exhibit presents Postal Stationery (PS) (Postcards, Pre-stamped envelopes, Airmail postcards, Airmail pre-stamped envelopes, and Aérogrammes) issued by United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) since the first until the last one during the first 70 years of activity. The PS bears First Day of Issue (FDI) or First Day of Cancel Use (FDCU). FDI and FDCU are First Day of Cancel (FDC) in this exhibit. UNPA is postal agency of the United Nations (UN).

**Organization:** The exhibit presents UN FDC PS chronologically as a single issuing country [1-4]. It starts with first “2 ¢ Headquarters Postcard” 1952.08.18 (p 2) and ends with “49 ¢ UN Headquarters and Emblem + 6 ¢ Surcharge Envelope” 2019.02.01 (p 112). It is revised, updated, developed, new, and completed all times. UNPA was established at NY on 1951.10.24, starting issuing postage stamps [5]; first PS was on 1952.07.18. G started to issue postage stamps and PS 1969.10.04 [6]. V issued the first postage stamp 1979.08.24 and PS 1982.04.28. PS has stamp printed on them) [6], more information and varieties as there are of adhesives and exposes new paths. PS is older than the adhesive stamps [6].

**Exhibit Flow and Balance:** All PS’s are my property. The exhibit contains PS from the cheapest “4 ¢ Wing Airmail Postcard” 1957.05.27 (p 4) to the most expensive “4 ¢ Wing + 1 ¢ Airmail Postcard” 1959.06.08 (p 7). The exhibit should be examined in a left to right from top to bottom for each page, starting with the Title page (p 1) and to continue to the last page (p 112). to see the dates and PS names. Every item is presently entirely: paper, color, shade/s, text/cachet, and imprinted stamp or additional value if any. Under PS is added description of the image on the backside. The UNPA applied FDI cancel on every new issue, not on reprints and revalued PS, on which was applied FDCU. Some reprints and revalued items have FDI cancel applied on affixed postage. The exhibit was mounted in my 50 years of UN collecting. I attended many stamps shows in USA between 1974 to 1977, bought some items from recognized stamp dealers, and directly from NY/G/V. The exhibit contains 218 PS’s, starting with a “FDI NY Postcard” 1952.07.18 (p 2) and ending with a “NY Revalued Envelope” 2019.02.01 (p 112).

**Importance:** The UN is considered the preeminent international civil service organization worldwide. All independent countries of the world are UN members: 193 countries out of 233 countries and territories, with a population of 7.2 billion out of 7.7 billion on the Earth. The Post of such number of people over the Globe is very important. It bears messages of Peace and other necessarily to maintain it, to help people for a better life, and for understanding each other. A main part of this service is made by PS. PS bears pictures of UN Headquarters of NY/G/V, symbols of Peace, Freedom, Fight Against

Hunger and understanding, and much more. These are of great importance for the people and the world.

**Knowledge and Personal Study:** This exhibit started in 1972, I added additional items when I went to USA, Notre Dame University as a Fulbright-Hays scholar in 1974. The material presented in this exhibit has been extraordinary difficult to acquire, most of the UNPA activities were not well documented, and very few information of the reprints from the period exist and have survived. I had to go in Stamp Shows across the USA to find the difficult rare and scarce ones. I studied philatelic magazines to get the knowledge about the issues. It was hard to obtain these items being in Europe. I had to watch when new revalued ones appeared on the market.

**Condition and Rarity:** All PS's are in pristine and excellent condition. The exhibit is comprised of the most complete collection of UNPA FDC PS including new issues, reprints, and revalued ones. The UNPA new issues have FDI cancel, the others have FDCU. The reprints are very rare with FDCU, some in number of 200 for UNPA archives. Some of this very limited number of FDCU reached the market latter. The revalued items with FDCU are rare ones, the sell day was not announced in advance. This amount is infinite low compared to great need of the large number of Globe's population, so FDC copies of the issue is extremely small, hard to find and the price on the market is exploding.

I have a story for almost any FDC PS. I mention just a few:

- "10 ¢ Emblem and Birds Airletter" 1952.07.29 (p 2) did not have "Aéogramme" text on it. A new one was printed with this word and issued 1954.08.09. UNPA did not apply FDI cancel (p 4).

- "4 ¢ Wing + 1 ¢ Surcharge Airmail Postcard" 1959.06.08 was not announced in advance. A mere FDC of 1,200 was done for UNPA archives stock, only (p 7).

- "8 ¢ Emblem Airmail Envelope S1 (2<sup>nd</sup> printing)" 1967.01.23 got a FDI cancel for affixed stamps "United Nations Development Program", issued in the same day. Very few FDC (p 16).

- The same for "11 ¢ Bird Aéogramme (4<sup>th</sup> printing)" 1967.01.23. FDI was applied for affixed "5 ¢ Regular Stamp". Very few FDC (p 16).

- "5 ¢ Weathervane Envelope S1 (2<sup>nd</sup> printing)" 1968.02.01 had a "1 ¢ Regular Stamp" affixed to fulfill the new postal rate at the day it was sold.

**Highlights** are reprints and revalued FDC PS. Most hard to find are mentioned in the table:

p	PS / Copies	V. F. – Very Few (under 1,000)
4	10 ¢ Emblem and Birds Air/Aéogramme	1,200
5	3 ¢ Embossed Emblem Env Sr (2 <sup>nd</sup> print)	1,300
7	4 ¢ Wing + 1 C Surcharge Air Postcard	1,200
9	10 ¢ Flag Aéogramme (2 <sup>nd</sup> printing)	200
10	11 ¢ Bird Aéogramme (2 <sup>nd</sup> printing)	/W.F.
14	11 ¢ Bird Aéogramme (3 <sup>rd</sup> printing)	/ W.F.
16	8 ¢ Emblem Air Envelope S1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> print)	/ W.F.
16	11 ¢ Bird Aéogramme (4 <sup>th</sup> printing)	/ W.F.
49	S 11 Flying Birds + S 1 Surcharge Aéro	/ 9,633
52	F.s. 0,50 UN Emblem + F.s. 0,10 Surcharge	/V.F.

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