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## Journal Deadlines

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Issue	Deadline
February	January 1
April	March 1
June	April 15
August	June 15
October	August 15
December	November 1

## Cover

Front: Commemoratives issued on March 13, 1987, by the United Nations to mark the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH), around logo for IYSH.

Back: Selected lots for UNP Journal Auction #1

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By B. Clement, Jr.

With this issue of the *Journal*, we begin our *Journal Auction*, organized by Alex Bereson. We will continue this new type of auction as long as you, the members, support it by submitting and bidding on lots.

The *Annual Auction*, under Dave Martin, will be sent to you with the June issue of the *Journal*. Dave reports that he is in the process of organizing the large amount of varied UN material which was submitted to him. I know we are all looking forward to seeing the auction catalog. Your support of both of these auctions will not only help you to add to your collection, but will help UNP financially as well.

UNP has made arrangements to hold its 1987 annual meeting on Saturday, September 19 at Stamp Festival '87, which is being held in New York City in the Penta Hotel near Madison Square Garden. The UNPA is having the first day of its Flags issue in conjunction with the show on September 18. Resolve now to attend.

A number of us who are interested in the Universal Postal Union (UPU), one of the UN's specialized agencies, were once members of the *UPU Collectors*, a specialized group which is now inactive. With a Universal Postal Congress planned to be held in Washington, D.C. in 1989, it seems a pity not to have a UPU collectors group in this country. UNP can fill this need, if there is enough interest by forming a UPU Study Unit. If you are interested in forming such a unit, please write me.

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Grüezi mitenand

By Richard Powers

By the time you read this message I shall have established a European location for the Editorial Office of the *Journal*. Instead of emanating from my dining room table in Pasadena, the *Journal* will be originating from my abode in Basel, Switzerland for the next six months (assuming I have resolved the problem of shelter for this temporarily homeless editor). I have

been invited to resume my work with the experimental nuclear physics group at the University of Basel. Effective March 24, 1987 my address will be:

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This explains the presence of a new by-line - "Grüezi mitenand" - which means "Hi y'all" in Swiss dialect.

I am quite excited about this opportunity to return to Europe to spend the spring and summer. Aside from having the chance of renewing friendships in France, Belgium, England, Germany and Switzerland and to resume work in a project which I find quite satisfying, I plan to spend a non-negligible amount of time attending European stamp shows and haunting local stamp shops for UN-related material.

By the way, if any of you plan to visit Europe before the end of September, you might consider a side-trip to Basel to say hello. It is centrally located in Europe near both the French and German borders and only about two hundred miles from Geneva. I would be happy to show you around. Drop me a line if you think you might want to visit the European Editorial Office of the UNP. You will be welcome whether you come bearing an article or not!

Speaking of articles - I hope that I can count on you to continue sending me material even if the postage is a bit more. You may even get responses via the UNPA in Geneva. (But no promises!) Because of the increased mailing times I am asking contributors and advertisers to send me material two weeks earlier than usual for the next three issues, that is six weeks before the first of the month indicated on the issue. Thus I will need material for the June issue by April 15th. The theme for that issue will be "Say No to Drugs". I am tentatively planning to feature articles on "Exhibiting UN stamps" in the August issue.

I am particularly anxious to receive announcements anticipating and reports afterwards concerning meetings of UNP chapters. I would like to see the section CHAPTER NEWS grow and flourish. I am confident that attendance at these meetings can be enhanced by an advance notice in this *Journal*. Occasionally visitors from outside the regions normally served by the chapters will be able to make "one-shot appearances", travel plans permitting. But they need to know about the meetings in advance. And it is of interest to those of us living in regions of this vast country not presently served by a chapter to find out what is going on in United Nations philately in other parts of the country.



## A SIMPLE PROPOSITION

By Don Bakos

Within the realm of U.N. philately there comes to mind a question which actually applies to all areas of our specialty. The question is really quite simple and it goes like this: HOW MANY DO YOU THINK ARE OUT THERE?

In this particular case, I would like to narrow that down to something specific. Since my major collecting interest involves the early United Nations issues including those early issues postally used on cover (no F.D.C.'s, please), my proposition concerns a simple census.



A census sample: Scott # 13, a 3 cent Human Rights Day, nicely cancelled on December 23, 1952.

If you will respond to this call, a rough idea of cover survival might be ascertained. If you have any commercially-used covers in your possession within the range of the following catalogue numbers, simply state the catalogue numbers and the quantities of each and forward this information on to me.

There is no need to include your name and address but, if you wish, any comments you might offer would be heartily welcomed. The Scott catalogue numbers of interest run from # 12 through # 38. I am interested in singles, pairs, blocks, M.I. blocks or the souvenir sheet itself. Please include the date of cancellation. I am only interested in dates no later than 1956. If at all possible, photocopies of the material would be ideal.

As this information comes in, I will tabulate it and any results of this census will be published in a later issue of the *Journal*.

Please try.

Send your census count to:

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## NEWS FROM OUR

## COLLEAGUES ABROAD

### Auction Plans

For you eager auction bidders whose wallets allow more activity and excitement than the six auctions per year that the UNP plans to organize, there are also yearly auctions run by three European societies of UN collectors.

Once a year the United Nations Study Group (UNSG) organizes a major auction. This year they have already had an 862-lot auction with a closing date of January 31, 1987. I am sorry that word did not reach me until the February issue had gone to press. But if you wish to be put on the mailing list for next year's auction, you should write to the following address:

Mr. John McDougall  
8 Ball Avenue  
Wallasey, Merseyside L45 9JT  
Great Britain.

In April or May of this year, the Dutch UN-Europa organization VN-VE will arrange a mail auction of both United Nations and Europa material. Interested parties should write to:

Mr. A. Ritmeester  
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The Netherlands.

Finally the German-language United Nations group *Internationale Vereinigung für UNO-Philatelie* prepares a yearly auction usually in the fall in conjunction with its annual meeting. I have not yet seen an announcement soliciting lots for this year's auction, but I presume that it will again be organized by Mr. Wolfgang Wagener. Would-be participants should write him at the address below:

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Good luck in your bidding but please save some funds for your UNP auctions.



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## UNITED NATIONS UPDATE (XIX)

### "Shelter for the Homeless" and "Portrait of Hope"

By David S. J. Alexander

The United Nations Office of Public Information has been preparing a film on the subject of homelessness with scenes from Brazil, Sri Lanka and New York City. In a previous column I mentioned the fact that as we approach U.N. Headquarters in New York, we invariably see a goodly number of homeless men and women lying on benches or on the sidewalks, some of them there by choice. According to an article in *The New York Times* of December 29th, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations voiced objections that the script of the film did not mention the basic American tenet of "individual rights". It is true that there are some homeless people who do not wish to be picked up and placed in shelters, preferring their way of life, say in the hallways of Grand Central Station. But that applies to a very small number of the homeless and it seems regrettable that a fuss was made about this, because as a result, the U.N. Office of Public Information, which is sensitive to reactions in this country and does not wish to antagonize Congress, decided to cut out the New York scenes altogether.

Fortunately, the stamps on this subject are not affected by this kind of politicking. In denominations of 22 and 44 cents, S.Fr. 0.50 and 0.90 and S.4.00 and 9.50, they all show scenes of building new houses in the country. The six stamps will be issued on March 13th, to coincide with Interpex in New York City.

In my view the six designs do not compare with those of some recent issues, when the UNPA really reached the realm of excellence. They are all the more disappointing because they are somewhat repetitive and do not really focus on the tragic plight of the homeless in the big cities. I cannot visualize how some of those unfortunate millions could be re-settled in the environment depicted on the stamps. The set is more a set of stamps on "housing" than anything else - and it is only in the countryside. Perhaps if the Stamp Design Committee had used the products of more than one artist, as it normally does, the subject would have been treated better. My main criticism is that the stamps do not seem to get the message across and that is what UN philately needs. The man in the street must come to realize in looking at UN stamps that the United Nations is really tackling the main problem of our time.

The U.N. General Assembly, after discussing the problem of homelessness, recommended that there should be an International Year for the Shelter of the Homeless - 1987, when nations would apply them-

selves to try and solve some of the problems involved. There are two major objectives: 1) to achieve a measurable improvement in the living conditions of some of the world's poor; and 2) to improve, on a broader scale, the techniques for better living conditions. The two objectives are to be carried out in three phases, ending in the year 2000.

It is more than likely that a number of countries will issue stamps on the subject and we shall probably have another mini-omnibus series on our hands. But, let us admit that it is a topic that no one can shrug his shoulders about; it ought to interest a lot of people and, hopefully, cause some to start collecting U.N. stamps. I firmly believe that what we faithful U.N. collectors should aim at this year is to get new people interesting in collecting U.N. stamps.

One of the most satisfying actions of the UNPA this past year has been the release of a 22-minute film entitled "Portrait of Hope". It deals with refugees and shows how the Swiss artist Hans Erni went to Africa to get his inspiration for the scenes that he then depicted on the six stamps of the 1985 Refugee set. We see him pondering and sketching among babies crying in their mothers' arms, old men gazing at nothing and wondering: What next?, mothers asking themselves where the next bowl of rice or tumbler of milk for their children will come from. Those are scenes we are accustomed to see on our TV screens and in such telecasts as those of *World Vision*. We tend to get used to them. Yet Erni drew them with such skill that he enables us to grasp the idea behind his design. Then we see the designer discussing his artwork with René Gavard, the Chief of the UNPA in Geneva. The designs are approved, printed by Courvoisier S.A. at la Chaux-de-Fonds, a small Swiss town buried under snow in the Jura mountains. They are perforated, checked, crated and shipped to New York, Geneva and Vienna. The film ends at a reception at U.N. Headquarters on the occasion of the day of issue. Erni is there; he is asked to speak a few words. As he speaks against the background of enlargements of his creations, the film flashes back to the African scenes. Hans Erni's simple words: "I can now go back to my country, Switzerland; perhaps refugees will also, one day" ring out as a bell that continues to echo long after the film has ended. I saw the film at the Christmas meeting of the Allegany Stamp Club at Houghton, New York. I feel it is a must for all U.N. collectors to see and to get the clubs to which they belong to view it also.

## UNESCO METERS

By Jack I. Mayer

The past two years have been interesting ones for UNESCO meter activity. The usual new slogans at the beginning of the year was only part of the activity.

For some time UNESCO has had subordinate offices at other Paris locations. The post office location is noted in the townmark as "75 PARIS 15, Rue d'Alleray 15e" rather than the headquarters location of "75 PARIS 41, Av. de Saxe 7e". Without knowledge of what has been happening there, we base our conclusions on what is known philatelically. As long ago as February 1985, we noted the UNESCO office, Conseil International de la Musique (International Council of Music) using meters ND 6710 with another believed to be NA 43248, both with the "PARIS 15" townmark.

As early as July 4, 1985, we noted a shift of locations of two old-time meter machines, T-1473 and T-2544, from "PARIS 41" to "PARIS 15" (Fig. 1). Following that, in September 1985, a new machine

T-87856 was introduced at the same location. Each of these machines was given the current International Youth Year (IYY) slogan. But when the new UNESCO 40th Anniversary slogan was introduced in March 1986, only one of these (T-87856) got a new slogan (Fig. 2). The other two meters retained the IYY slogan.

About the same time as this last addition at the "PARIS 15" office, the "PARIS 41" office acquired two new machines: T-94805 (with slogan) and T-94919 (without slogan). Meter T-92843 also continues there without a slogan. Why some machines rate slogans and others do not remains a mystery. The accompanying table shows in more detail the actual known usages of the various meters and slogans. Since the early part of the year is when UNESCO makes slogan changes, perhaps we shall be starting to see another such event soon.

Meter #	No Slogan		Education For All	International Youth Year		40th Anniversary	
	Paris 41	Paris 15	Paris 41	Paris 41	Paris 15	Paris 41	Paris 15
F 1226	EKD: 13 Mar 84 LKD: 13 Jun 84 EKD: 14 Jan 85 LKD: 30 Aug 85			EKD: 27 Mar 85 LKD: 25 Jul 85			
FW 1088				EKD: 24 Mar 85 LKD: 23 Aug 85			
T-1473			EKD: 16 Mar 84 LKD: 14 Jan 85	EKD: 21 Jan 85 LKD: 28 Jun 85	EKD: -9 Jul 85 LKD: current		
T-1645			EKD: -5 Apr 84 LKD: -7 Jan 85	EKD: 23 Jan 85 LKD: 18 Feb 86		EKD: 14 Apr 86 LKD: current	
T-1752			EKD: 16 Mar 84 LKD: -7 Jan 85	EKD: 21 Jan 85 LKD: 18 Feb 86		EKD: 13 Mar 86 LKD: current	
T-1762			EKD: 19 Mar 84 LKD: 16 Jan 85	EKD: 18 Jan 85 LKD: 29 Jan 86		EKD: 20 Mar 86 LKD: current	
T-2544		EKD: 27 Mar 86 LKD: ?	EKD: 16 Mar 84 LKD: -8 Jan 85	EKD: 13 Feb 85 LKD: -3 Jun 85	EKD: -4 Jul 85 LKD: current		
T-87856					EKD: -5 Sep 85 LKD: -6 Feb 86		EKD: 14 Mar 86 LKD: current
T-92843	EKD: 28 Jul 82 LKD: current ERROR: 11 Apr 80) 14 Apr 80) should be 86						
T-94805				EKD: 30 Aug 85 LKD: 17 Feb 86		EKD: -3 Mar 86 LKD: current	
T-94919	EKD: -3 Sep 85 LKD: current ERROR: 20 Jan 85) should be 86						



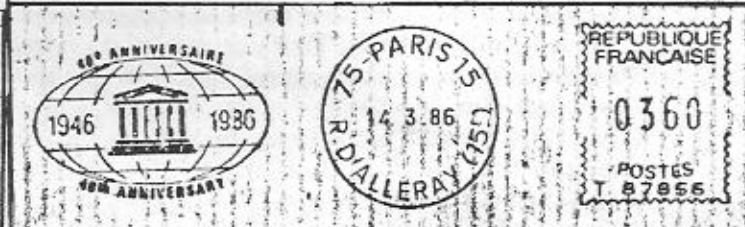
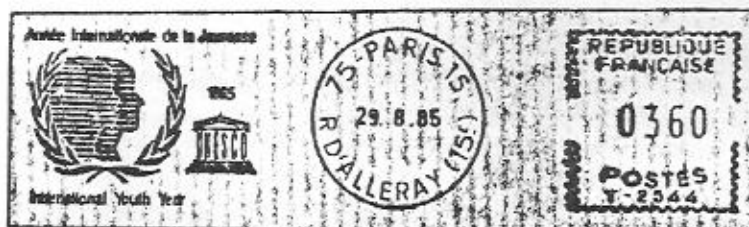
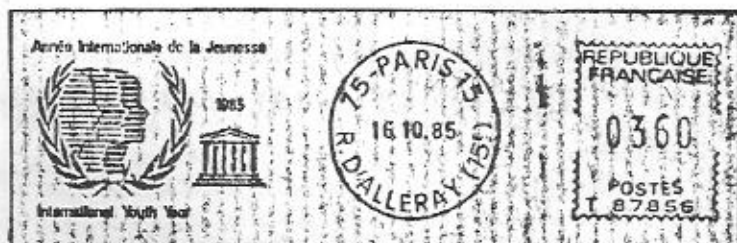
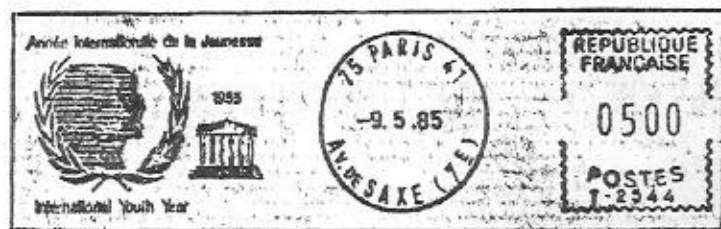


Fig. 1 The change in townmark on meter T-2544 from "PARIS 41" to "PARIS 15".

Fig. 2 The newly installed meter T-87856 with the change in slogans from IYY to 40th Anniversary.

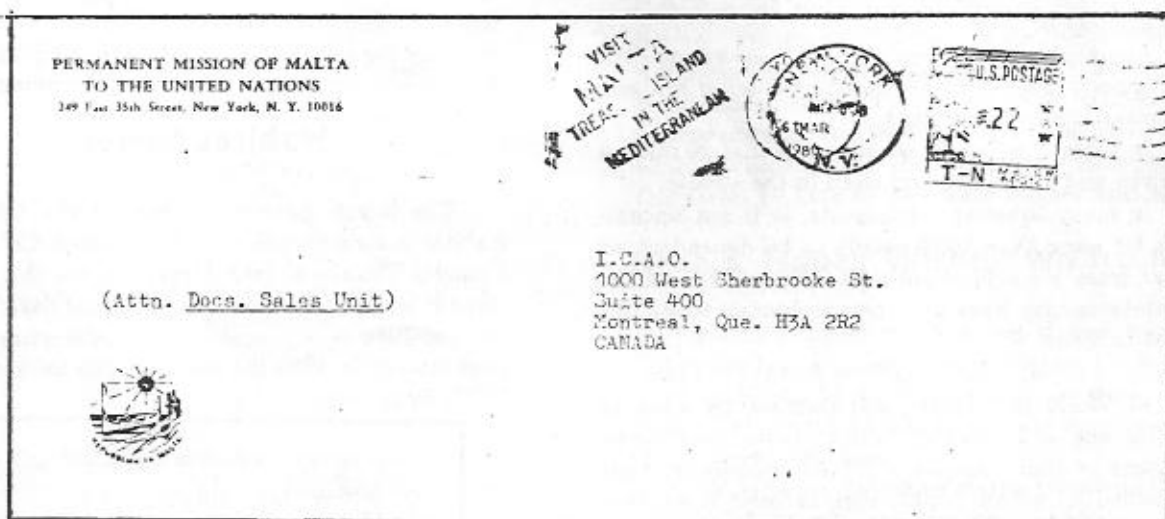
## MISSION METERS

### And Now a Word from Our Sponsor...

By Jack Mayer

Collecting covers can be fun! The illustration to the right shows a mailing from the offices of the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations. Its Postalia meter impression includes the slogan "Visit

Malta, Treasure in the Mediterranean". Delegation covers are generally franked with stamps and are seldom seen with meter imprints. The use of slogans is quite rare.



# INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

UNPA Press Release

In 1982 the United Nations General Assembly designated 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH). The thrust behind the International Year is to secure renewed political commitment and effective action within and among nations to help the millions of poor all over the world to build or improve their shelters and neighborhoods and, by so doing, make it possible to integrate them into the process of economic development. Thus, the IYSH will highlight the co-ordinated world-wide effort to meet the basic shelter needs of the homeless throughout the world – pavement dwellers, those made homeless by natural and man-made disasters, the hundreds of millions who do not have access to safe water and sanitation, who do not have security of tenure and personal safety and because of their poverty are confined to live in slums and shanty towns, far from centers of employment, education and health.

Although adequate shelter has been universally recognized as a basic right for more than a quarter of a century, the over-all condition of shelter and basic services for more than one billion of the poor and disadvantaged in developing countries – and for a significant number in industrialized countries – is deteriorating alarmingly.

Today, approximately one quarter of the world's population does not have adequate shelter and lives in extremely unsanitary and unhealthy conditions.

In the past 24 hours, more than 50,000 people have died from malnutrition and disease, much of it linked to inadequate shelter, water supply and sanitation. Most of them children.

Approximately 100 million people have no shelter whatsoever. They sleep in the streets, under bridges, in vacant lots and doorways.

In Latin America, it is estimated that 20 million children and youth live and sleep in the streets.

In many squatter settlements, it is not uncommon for more than 1000 people to be dependent on water from a single stand-pipe. Up to 90% of the inhabitants may have no access to human waste disposal facilities.

By the year 2000, if present trends continue:

a) World population will increase by approximately one and one-half billion; more than three-quarters of that increase – 1.2 billion people – will be added to urban populations in little more than fifteen years.

b) In the developing countries, the percentage of

the population living in urban areas will rise from 28% (1975) to 44%. This signifies a growth from 830 million to 2.15 billion.

c) In Africa the urban population will more than double from 160 million to 350 million.

d) In Latin America 75% of the population, 455 million, will live in cities.

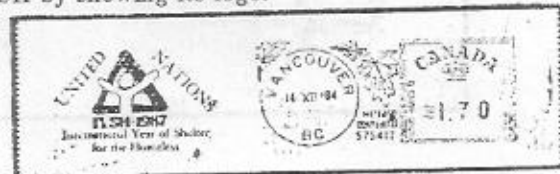
Today, homelessness is a world-wide problem. Despite improvements in general housing standards over recent decades, few governments can claim to have national policies that effectively meet the shelter and related needs of their people – especially those of the poor.

Nevertheless, because of the IYSH, 363 projects around the world have been established to assist the homeless population. Of this total, 124 projects are in Africa, 96 in Asia and the Pacific, 54 in Latin America and the Caribbean and 16 in the Middle East. Developed countries have designated 70 IYSH projects, some of them through their international aid departments. Canada, for example, has projects in 21 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. The United States, through its Agency for International Development has registered 12 housing projects in three continents. The Governments of France, Denmark, Australia, Finland, Norway, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom also have projects.

The principal UN unit concerned is the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNHCS), also known as Habitat with headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The necessary co-ordination expenditures made by the UNHCS on behalf of the IYSH have come from voluntary contributions by governments.

## Habitat Meter

The North American Office of the UNHCS or Habitat is located in Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada. Thanks to Jack Mayer, we are able to document it postally with the meter cancel dated December 14, 1984 shown below. It is interesting to note that already in 1984 the meter slogan anticipates the IYSH by showing its logo.



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## UNPA

### Shelter for the Homeless

#### Commemoratives

By Richard Powers

On March 13, 1987 the UNPA issued a set of six commemoratives elaborating on the theme "Shelter for the Homeless". The designs of the stamps illustrate the different phases of the establishment of a settlement in a rural area from the planning stages to the housewarming. The New York issues show people surveying and studying blue-prints (22 cents) and men cutting lumber (44 cents). The Geneva issues show brick-layers and cement-mixers in action (F.S. 0.50) and interior decorators and installers at work (F.S. 0.90). The Vienna stamps depict one family looking at the newly-built community (S 4) and another one entering their new home (S 9.50). The stamps are shown on the back cover of this journal.

The designers of the three first day cancels have all incorporated the symbol of the IYSH, which depicts a man standing in front of a stylized A-frame shelter, into the design of the cancellations, which are shown below.



New York



Geneva



Vienna

These stamps are also featured in the design of the souvenir card issued on this day, the thirty-first in the series.

## More Minature Sheets Promised

In the most recent bulletin of the UNPA in Vienna is an announcement that the United Nations Day stamps to be released on October 23rd will be issued in miniature sheets of twelve. The horizontally formatted stamps will be arranged in three rows of four stamps each. The three lower denominations (22 cents, F.S. 0.50 and S 5) all feature groups of young people of various nationalities in scenes near the UN headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna with appropriate views of the Hudson River, Lake Geneva and the Danube River respectively. The higher denominations (39 cents, F.S. 1.70 and S 6) show young people of various nationalities in native dress dancing. As usual the token American (or Canadian or Australian) is dressed like a cowboy.



## "Africa in Crisis" Issue

### Not Withdrawn from Sale

Contrary to what was expected, the "Africa in Crisis" series was not withdrawn on January 30, 1987 but remains on sale in view of its special character. As mentioned on the occasion of the issue, the income produced by its sale is directly destined for the emergency situation in Africa. It is this particular objective, which led the United Nations to request that this series be kept on sale until further notice.

## Recent Issues Withdrawn from Sale

March 13, 1987 was the last day of sale of the commemorative series "Development Program" issued on March 14, 1986. However, the stamps of this series will remain on sale during one more year in the 1986 souvenir folders.

The 18-cent definitive stamp issued in 1974 was removed from sale on December 2, 1986.

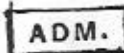

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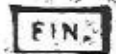
By B. Clement, Jr.





Origin cachets used by the United Nations at Geneva were listed in the December 1985 issue of the *Journal*. Since that time, a number of additions has been found. Thanks to Jack Mayer and Hans Renesse for their input.


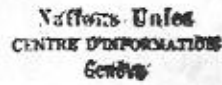
Readers are urged to submit further additions, with photocopies. The numbering system used in the original listing is retained. Where necessary, new items are inserted by using an added "A", "B", etc. to the nearest item.

Add directly to previous listing:	D5 a. Add Violet-black Add 1977	I11. Add 1986	U2. Add 1972,75,86
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C3. Add Black Add 1986	E1. a. Add 1949,61,68	S1. Add 1975	U5.a. Add Violet Add 1973
C4. Add 1986	f. Add Purple Add 1986	S2. Add Purple Add 1981	U7.b. Add Blue-violet Add 1973
C18. Add: 1964: Conference of 18-Nation Committee on Disarmament, Jan. 21-Sept. 17	g. Add 1972	S5. Add 1985	c. Add Blue Add 1979
C19. Add: 1965: Unidentified	17. b. Add Blue Add 1947	S8.b. Add Purple Add 1967	U8.b. Add 1977
	e. Add 1978	T5. Add Violet-black Add 1963	U9. Add 1970
	18. Add 1986		U21.b. Add 1986

A3.	Administration Section
	a. 22 mm x 9 mm Black, Violet, Blue-black 1947,59,64
a.	b. 20 mm x 8.5 mm (No period) Black 1968
	b.

F3.	a. Box 14.5 x 9.5 Legend 9 Add 1974
	a.
	b. Box 27 x 8.5 Legend 11.5 Add Black Add 1972
b.	c. Box 17 x 8 No period Add 1986
	c.
	d. Box 27 x 8.5 Legend 13.5 Black 1972
d.	e. Box 17.5 x 8.5 Period Red 1974
	e.

	f. Box 25.5 x 8 Legend 14.5 1966
	g. Box 14.5 x 10 Legend 10 1966
F5A.	UNICEF Blue 1985
	
H2.	UN High Commissioner for Refugees Blue 1985
I6A.	(Printed Matter), UNICEF Blue 1985
	
I16A.	Unidentified a. Black Undated b. Violet-black Undated

	b.
N1A.	UN Information Centre Violet 1947
	
N1B.	NATIONS UNIES DISTRIBUTION ET VENTES CH-1211 GENEVE 10 IMPRIME A taxe réduite P.P. CH-1211 GENEVE 10 CHD
	Distribution and Sales (All one imprint) Black 1984,85
N2A.	NATIONS UNIES SERVICE DE DISTRIBUTION Distribution Service Violet 1947
N2B.	Non-Governmental Liaison Service NGLS Blue 1986

<p>P1. Personnel Division</p> <p><b>PERS. DIV.</b> a. 31.5 x 8 Black, Violet a. 1956, 60, 61, 65</p> <p><b>PERS. DIV.</b> b. 26 x 8 Purple b. 1961, 62</p>	<p>T2. a. 23.5 x 8 <b>T.A.B.</b> Red, Purple a. 1952, 69</p> <p><b>T.A.B.</b> b. 21.5 x 8 Black b. 1962, 63</p>	<p>USB. UNICEF Internal Division</p> <p><b>UNICEF - ID</b> Black 1984, 85</p>
<p>R1. Registry Section</p> <p><b>REG</b> a. Purple 1958</p> <p><b>REG</b> b. 16 x 9.5 Violet 1962</p> <p><b>REG.</b> c. 18 x 11.5 Blue-black 1964</p>	<p>T3. a. 23.5 x 8.5 <b>T.A.O.</b> Purple a. 1960, 62, 69, 75</p> <p><b>T.A.O.</b> b. 31 x 10 Violet 1973</p>	<p>USC. <b>UNICEF</b> PALAIS DES NATIONS CH - 1211 GENÈVE 10</p> <p>Violet 1985</p>
<p>S15. Narcotics Division (Stupefiants)</p> <p><b>STUP</b> a. 22 x 8.5 Black, Blue-black 1958, 70, 71, 75</p> <p><b>STUP.</b> b. 45 x 14.5 Violet 1969</p>	<p>U6A. UN Fund for Population Activities</p> <p><b>UNFPA</b> Violet Undated</p> <p>USA. <b>UNICEF DEV/ED CENTRE</b></p> <p>UNICEF Development and Education Centre Red 1985</p>	<p>USD. <b>UNIDO Liaison Office of Geneva</b> Palais des Nations CH-1211 Geneva 10.</p> <p>Purple 1985</p> <p>USE. <b>UNIDO Liaison Office at Geneva</b> Villa le Bocage Palais des Nations CH-1211 Geneva 10.</p>

## CHAPTER NEWS

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Coming Attractions?

Thank you very much for your labors as Editor of the Journal and from the looks of Vol. 10 No. 2 the chief writer...

Some things I would enjoy reading include:

1) How others store or mount covers. Even basic instructions by collectors both general and specialized would be interesting.

2) Ways for collectors themselves to obtain European show cancels.

3) How others mount souvenir folders. Some years ago in the *Journal* Vol. 1 No. 6 there was an article by Peter W. Skwarczynski about mounting souvenir folders. Perhaps could have an update as to the success of storage over eight years.

Ray E Ward  
Russellville, Arkansas

Volume 10, Number 4, April, 1987

The Western Arm of the United Nations Philatelists will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with WESTPEX '87 in San Francisco, California on April 25, 1987 at 10 AM.

Jack I. Mayer, immediate past president of the UNP, will be the featured guest speaker at this event. His presentation will include vignettes from over twenty-five years of U.N. philatelic activity. In addition, member Mark Corrinet will detail plans for a Chapter Census of U.N. material.

If you are among our membership or reside in the San Francisco Bay Area or are simply interested in U.N. philately, please COME JOIN US! We welcome you to our celebration!!

You will find our members to be among the most knowledgeable and amicable philatelists in their chosen field of endeavor. Have a question that needs answering? Why not stop by?

Don Bakos, President  
The Western Arm



# THE NEXT UPU CONGRESS – Washington, D.C. – 1989

By Richard Powers

In the course of the last Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in Hamburg, West Germany in 1984, it was announced that the USA would organize the following Congress, the twentieth in the series. It will be staged in Washington, D. C. at the Convention Center from November 13 until December 15, 1989.

To get an idea of the magnitude of this Congress, which takes place every five years, one need only recall that at the last meeting nearly one thousand delegates from among 166 member states registered.

Such meetings can affect the stamp collector in many ways. First there are the decisions taken, which affect the flow of international mail, such as tariffs, regulations governing the size and shapes and types of mailable objects, and allowed subject matters on stamps which see international postal duty.

In addition most host countries issue attractive stamps commemorating the presence of the UPU Congress within their borders. The West German Post Office issued in 1984 a very interesting souvenir sheet consisting of three stamps. The 120 pfennig stamp shows a portrait of Heinrich von Stephan (1831-1897), the Postmaster-General of the German Reich, who was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the UPU in 1874. To the left of Stephan's portrait is a 60 pfennig stamp, which depicts mail sorting in the good old days. To the right is a 80 pfennig

stamp, which shows elements of a modern mail-sorting machine with an automatic address scanner. Fig. 1 shows a copy of the cover of a German Post Office presentation booklet containing a copy of this souvenir sheet (insert) cancelled in Bonn on the day of issue June 19, 1984, the second day of the Congress. These booklets were distributed to the attendees of the annual meeting of UNOP (the German-language UN Collectors Club) in November 1984 by a representative of the German Post Office.

The last time that the United States hosted the Congress – in 1897 – the U.S. Post Office overprinted thirty-four of some of its most beautifully engraved stamps and twenty-two different items of postal stationery with the legend "Universal Postal Union". Fig. 2 shows such a 2-cent envelope. In my 1954 specialized Scott's United States Stamp catalogue this item is listed as having a value of \$3.00. Today at auction one would be lucky to walk away with a copy



Vom 18. Juni bis zum 27. Juli 1984 findet im Congress Centrum Hamburg der XIX. Weltpostkongress statt. Es ist der erste Weltpostkongress auf deutschem Boden – 110 Jahre nach Gründung des Weltpostvereins, der seit 1948 Sondersorganisation der Vereinten Nationen ist.

Der Kongress, zu dem sich viele Hundert Delegierte aus den 166 Mitgliedsländern des Weltpostvereins angemeldet haben, wird vom Bundespräsidenten feierlich eröffnet.

Durch die Gründung des Weltpostvereins wurde der internationale Postdienst vereinheitlicht. Grundlage dafür sind die Verträge des Weltpostvereins, ohne deren ständige Erneuerung das internationale Postwesen seine Aufgaben nicht angemessen erfüllen könnte. Während der Kongresswochen wird es darum gehen, leistungsfähige, moderne und weltweite Postbeziehungen zu erhalten und weiter auszubauen.

Das Portrait des Generalpostmeisters Heinrich von Stephan aus der Zeit kurz nach der Gründung des Weltpostvereins steht im Mittelpunkt des Briefmarkenblocks: auf dem der „Briefverteilung Gestern“ an herkömmlichen Verteilungswegen die „Briefverteilung Heute“ symbolisiert durch Elemente einer modernen Briefverteilungs- und automatischen Anschriftenleser, gegenübergestellt ist. So wird ein Bogen über 110 Jahre geschlagen, in denen sich das Postwesen immer auf der Höhe des Standes der technischen Entwicklung gezeigt hat.

Mit freundlicher Empfehlung überreiche ich einen dem XIX. Weltpostkongress gewidmeten Briefmarkenblock.

Bonn, im Juni 1984

*Gerhard Stolte*

Bundesminister für das Post- und Fernmeldewesen

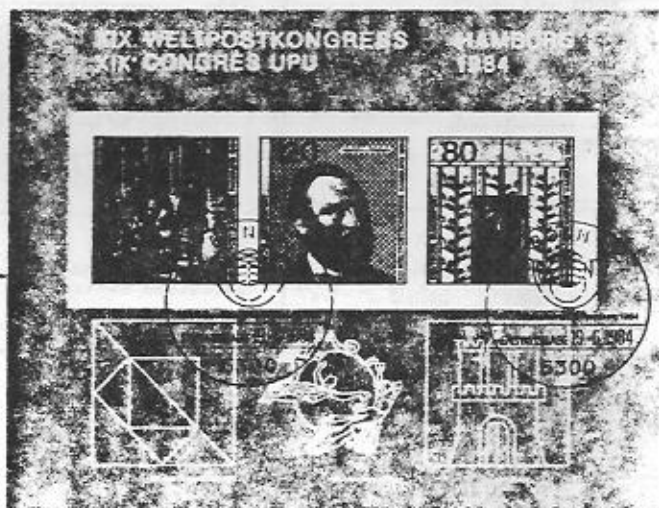


Fig. 1 Presentation booklet cover for the souvenir sheet (insert) issued by the German Post Office in honor of the nineteenth UPU Congress in Hamburg in 1984.

for less than \$50. It will be interesting to see what the U.S.P.S. has in store to honor the 1989 event.

What fascinates me the most though are the Congress-related cancellations, which are used for delegate mail during the Congress. In Fig. 3 is a delegate cover from the last Washington Congress dated June 10, 1897 and bearing a one-cent Columbian stamp cancelled with an extravagant flag cancel bearing the

legend "Congrès postal Universal". According to the Gaines Catalogue this machine cancel was used at a postal station open only to delegates and that the postage was affixed by the U.S.P.O.D. free of charge to delegates. The Gaines' estimated value for such a cover is \$300. I wonder what the value of such covers from the 1989 Congress will be worth in the year 2079.

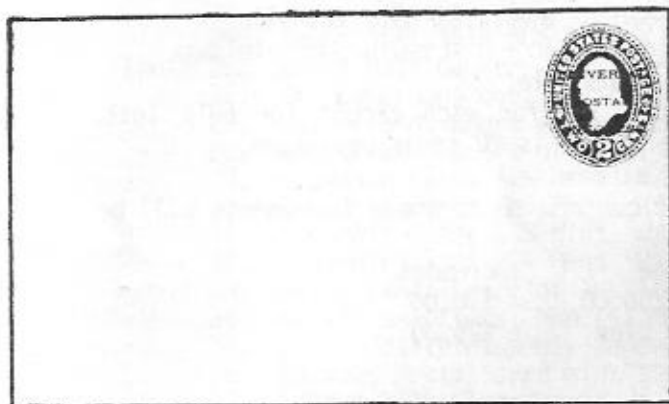


Fig. 2 Two-cent envelope overprinted in honor of the fifth UPU Congress in Washington, D. C. in 1897.



Fig. 3 Delegate mail with special conference cancel from the fifth UPU Congress.

## U.N. FORERUNNERS

### American Commission to Negotiate Peace

By Clay Wallace

Covers from the German delegation to the 1919 Paris Peace Conference have been known for some time and last year two covers from the Turkish delegation came onto the market. Here is a cover from the American delegation, which was located in the Hotel Castellion in Paris, France during this conference (APO 975), according to the *History of the A.E.F. 1919-1923*.



### UNP Journal Auction #1

Closing date for bids is May 1, 1987

All bids should be sent to the Auction Chairman:

Mr. Alex Louis Bereson

458 Woodrow Street

Daly City, CA 94014

#### Bidding

1. All bids are per lot as numbered in the listing. Please check your bids. Bidders are responsible for their mistakes. All bids are held confidential.
2. The highest bidder shall prevail. Lots are sold at one advance over the second high bid. If only one bid, the lot is sold at the minimum bid indicated. If identical bids are received on the same lot, the lot is awarded to the first bid received.
3. The minimum bid is indicated by "MB". No bids are accepted below the minimum.
4. The right is reserved to remove any lot from the sale.
5. Photocopies are available for 20 cents and a SAE for each except for bulk lots. Where more than 1 sheet is necessary for a lot the charge is 20 cents per sheet.
6. Catalog numbers are Gaines unless specified otherwise.
7. Bidding increments are as follows. Bids not conforming to these increments will be reduced to the appropriate one.

Price Range	Increment	Price Range	Increment
\$10.00 to 20.00	\$1.00	\$100.01 to 250.00	\$10.00
\$20.01 to 50.00	\$2.00	\$250.01 and over	\$25.00
\$50.01 to 100.00	\$5.00		

#### Payment

8. Successful bidders will be notified by mail and must remit in full before any lots are sent. Buyers are expected to remit payment immediately upon receipt of the notice. Payment must be sent to the Auction Chairman, payable to him. Failure to remit payment promptly will disqualify the bidder from future sales.
9. All payments must be in U.S. dollars.
10. All postage costs for mailing lots, including insurance for registration, will be changed to the bidder.

#### Authenticity

11. This auction is sponsored for the benefit of collectors of United Nations philately. To the best of the Chairman's ability every effort has been made to ensure that all lots are of good quality and have been correctly described. Any buyer wishing to contest a lot's condition or description must do so within five days of its receipt. The entire lot must be returned via insured or registered mail. The lot must be in the same condition as originally sent.
12. The placing of a bid constitutes acceptance of the foregoing conditions of sale.
13. Prices realized will be published in the UNP Journal as space permits.

Note: Because of the small number of lots they have not been sorted. I am sure it will be worth your effort to peruse the entire list. We have a large variety of material: Swiss fore-runners, blue cards, conference covers, caravan cards, etc. All proceeds from the three donated lots (75-77) go to UNP (no minimum bid on the donated lots). Thank you for your participation.

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- Photo 1. NY #10 UL MI4, partial cut-out, 5th ptg., NH, MB \$25  
Photo 2. NY #10 UL MI4, 4th or 5th ptg., NH, MB \$20  
Photo 3. SF Opening UNCIO, PentArts FDC, #928 PB, Dual Cancel 30th Anniv, MB \$10  
4. Geneva MNH MI4s, 15, 17-21, (6) Retail \$18, MB \$10  
5. Geneva MNH MI4s, 30-40 (6) Retail \$29, MB \$15  
6. Geneva MNH MI4s, 48-51, 55-57, 59-60, 62 (11) Retail \$25, MB \$13  
7. Geneva MNH well mixed stock in complete sets, 500 SF face (\$325 US), MB \$210  
8. Blue cards 1978 #61-72 (12) Ret \$65, MB \$20  
Photo 9. As above except each card also tied by foreign stamp w/show cancel MB \$28  
10. Blue cards 1979 #73-80 (8) Retail \$30 MB \$11



11. Geneva VF MNH Sheet of 50 #18 MB \$30
12. Geneva VF MNH Sheet of 50 #21 MB \$32
13. Geneva VF MNH Sheet of 50 #27 MB \$38
14. Vienna, Folders, Mint 1979-82 (4) MB \$10
15. Vienna, Folders, Mint 1979-82 (4) MB \$10
16. XXV Anniversary special folder 1976, NY + Geneva MNH MB \$16
17. Haiti RA 1-4 MNH blocks (4) First "UN" stamps Gaines p. 2251, MB \$10
18. Belgium #222-4 MLH 1930 ILO Set Gaines p. 1048 MB \$17
- Photo 19. UNESCO France 206-8, Imperfs (2 with large tabs) MB \$30
20. Swiss Officials 2031A-2034A VF Used MB \$20
21. Swiss Officials 3083A-3093A MLH MB \$28
22. Swiss Officials 4023-8 MLH MB \$12
23. Swiss Officials 501-5 MLH MB \$10
24. Swiss Officials 506-25 MLH MB \$75
- Photo 25. WFUNA Dali Cachet #1 autographed by stamp designer Olav Mathiesen, MB \$20
26. Br. Cameroons ovpt set cmlpt, #66-77, MNH Br. Mandate Gaines p. 1702 MB \$13
27. Netherlands Court of Justice (ICJ) 016-9 MLH MB \$80
28. Netherlands Court of Justice (ICJ) 025-6 CTO set MB \$10
29. Souvenir cards #21 Mint, NY, Gen, Vienna (4) MB \$10
30. Souvenir cards #22 Mint, NY, Gen, Vienna (4) MB \$10
31. Souvenir cards #23 Mint, NY, Gen, Vienna (4) MB \$10
32. Souvenir cards #24 Mint, NY, Gen, Vienna (4) MB \$10
33. Netherlands Court of Justice (ICJ) 020-6 CTO two complete sets MB \$13
34. NY IYC sheetlets, MNH (4) MB \$28
35. World Health Assembly Geneva 1948 addr cover WHO Interim Commission MB \$12
36. Caravan postal card mint 1966 Hamburg MB \$15
37. London 1945 Slogan cover r, 12/20/45 on official gov't env wo/o stamp MB \$20
38. World Health Assembly 1958-80 (7 covers) MB \$10
39. Same, New Delhi 1961 rec dater rec-2 oficial Br. govt env MB \$12
40. Same, Minneapolis 1958 rec. dater from UNNY MB \$10
41. UPU Conference cover 1954/1 MB \$10
42. UNESCO Conference, The Hague, 1954, Type A on addr card MB \$12
- Photo 43. ESCAFE Conference Australia 1959 cancel 15.1 on spec color env, delegate mail inc. MB \$20
44. UNIFIL Aerogrammes (5) from Nepalese forces in Lebanon 1981-82 MB \$10
45. Belgium #467-76 c15-20 on 6 Rodan cachet FDCs MB \$12
46. Belgium #467-76 c15-20 on 5 Rodan cachet FDCs MB \$15
47. WRY Cocteau FDC 9 different Europe MB \$12
48. WRY Tree cachet FDC 11 different Afro-Asia MB \$20
49. Geneva MNH sheet of 50 #86 \$22
50. Geneva #52 (10) MNH (5) CTO OGNH FD cancel MB \$11
51. NY #262 (15) MNH (5) CTO OGNH FD cancel MB \$11
52. NY #5-6 cut-out blocks of 10 (6) & MI 10 (8) total (14) MB \$10
53. Geneva MNH 93 francs face mixed MB \$45
54. NY MNH MI4s 51-2, 55-6, 59-62, 65-8, 71-2, 95-9, 110-17, 133, 160, 180-2, MB \$10
55. NY MNH MI4s 65-6, 110-7, 119-24, 137-8, 141-4, 175-6, 185-6, 190-1, MB \$10
56. NY MNH MI4s 27-28 MB \$15
57. NY MNH MI4s 21-2, 41-2 MB \$11
58. Souvenir cards mint 2-5, 11-12, 19-20, 23-24 MB \$16
59. Souvenir cards NY FDC #2-5, 7-12, 23, MB \$16
60. Souvenir cards Geneva FDC #2-8, 10-12 MB \$16
61. Souvenir cards (4) #17 mint, NY, Geneva, Vienna MB \$35
62. NY mint, some hinged, \$46.55 face MB \$20
63. NY MLH 13-20, 21-2(2), 23-4(2), 25-6, 31-4, 39-42, 43-4(2) MB \$15
64. NY MNH Blocks (68), some dups, #47//398 face \$51.48 MB \$40
65. NY MI4s MNH (11) sets 190//261 face \$8.52 MB \$10
66. Geneva Artcraft FDCs Unadd., Gaines cat \$59.55, some dup MB \$30
67. World's Fair S. folder 1964 MB \$10
68. Folders, NY 1967-72 (6) MB \$15
69. Folders, Vienna 1981 (3) 1982 (3) total (6) mint MB \$18
70. Folders, Geneva, 1969, 1971-75, 1981 (7) mint MB \$35
71. Folders, NY 1958, 1985 (2) MB \$22
72. NY FDC #1-11 singles, typed addr., no cachet, MB \$10
73. NY NY Artcraft FDCs Unaddr, singles 13-16, 19-32 MB \$12
74. NY Combo FDCs most Artcraft, all but 2 unadd, incl. 21-2, 29-30, 35-7 (50) MB \$10
75. NY Show Cachets, cards/covers (24) -- donated -- no MB
76. UN related world-wide FDCs 14 diff 1953-59 -- donated -- no MB
77. UN related topical FDCs 28 diff 1950-70 -- donated -- no MB



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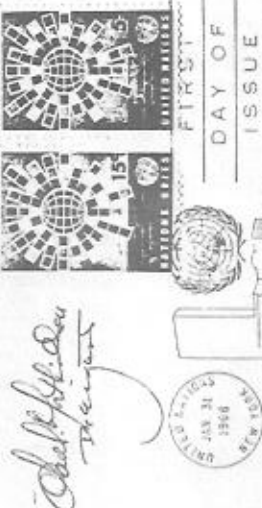
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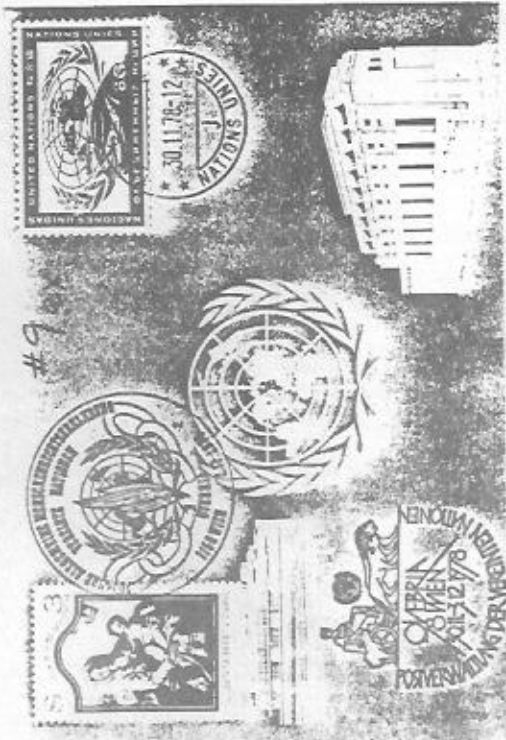
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