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## President's Page

Once again it is time to nominate a new slate of officers. To achieve that end, I have asked Mr. Charles Berg, Mr. Ben Cohen and Dr. Ben Ramkissoon to serve on the nominating committee. They have graciously accepted. All three gentlemen are extremely active in U.N. philately. Mr. Berg is currently a UNP Director and Secretary of the UNCC (the "Oldest Continuously Operating USA Club Devoted to UN Philately"). He is also very active at the national level having participated in 1986's Ameripex, Compex, and as the Chairman of World Columbian Expo.

Mr. Cohen is currently the UNP's attorney. He is also very active in the UNCC as Treasurer and is a delegate to Compex. Dr. Ramkissoon is the Editor of UNCC's monthly Bulletin and is an internationally known exhibitor of Trinidad & Tobago. Obviously, their qualifications are impeccable and I've only scratched the surface of their involvements and accomplishments.

Please direct nominations for any office to Dr. Ben Ramkissoon at P.O. Box 606, Hinsdale, IL 60522-0606. I have forwarded all nominations that I have received to date directly to him. Note that the Office of the Vice President will remain vacant until the new slate of officers begins its term on July 1, 1994. Having served two terms as President, I am no longer a candidate for any office. I will serve on the Board of Directors as the Immediate Past President, but I am looking forward to my "retirement" to devote more time to writing.

Speaking of the UNCC, at a recent meeting they voted to donate \$250 toward the new Editor's computer/printer. Their generosity and faith in the future of the UNP is commendable. My sincere thanks. If you have not yet renewed, please take a moment to send Alex a check for your 1994 dues. A renewal form is on the outside wrapper of the Journal. We need your continued support.

### COVER DESCRIPTION

Front: Artwork for UNNY# Lot 1 1994A

Back: right pane 15c flag issue (Dewey article)

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### *Cachet for USPS Year of the Rooster by Herby Lam*



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER  
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## Editor's Corner

Me again! I hope that Dick Powers will take over the reins beginning with the next issue. Since the wheels of our bureaucracy are turning slowly, please continue to send all correspondence regarding editorial matters to me; I will either act on your comments and/or pass them along to Dick. I am pleased to report that we are nearly "on schedule" with delivery of this issue (and hopefully forever more!). Thanks for the encouraging words regarding last month's issue, I hope you find this edition even more enjoyable.

Mr. J.L. Emmenegger of Switzerland inaugurates a new column in this issue, "Military Mail Corner" Many thanks to our other contributors this month, Tony Dewey, Blanton Clement, Steve Cohen and yours truly. I am heartened by the increase in member participation as of late and hope we can strengthen this trend in 1994.

The back wrapper of this issue has the renewal form for 1994. For those procrastinators, please take a moment now to complete the form and return it with your check payable to "UNPI" to Don Bakos. Otherwise this will be your last Journal.

Remember that your membership benefits include publication of your "wants" in the Nic-Nacs section. Send your ad to the Editor.

I am pleased to announce that the UNPA first day ceremony for the Refugee issue (and definitives) will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco during WESTPEX, the largest SF stamp show. WESTPEX is a three day show, April 29th through May 1st.

I have requested a meeting room for UNPI and while this won't be our annual meeting, it would be an opportunity for members to meet. I am hopeful that some type of presentation (talk, slide-show, etc.) can be scheduled. I have been discussing UNPI participation with Bill Oliver, the WESTPEX show

planner. At present they are considering a non-competitive exhibition area for a small but choice display of UN philately. I don't know yet how many frames we will be allotted, but interested exhibitors are welcome to contact me, preferably in late February. Herby Lim, one of our very artistic members, has agreed, in principle, to produce an UNPI first day cachet. Other activities are planned. Stay tuned.

We are tentatively the hosting club for WESTPEX 1995, so our successful participation this year would bode well for 1995 (the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations). I would be glad to offer any information and assistance to members visiting the San Francisco Bay Area. Further details will be in the April Journal.

## From your Auction Chairman

Do you have a specialty area that is under-represented in the auctions? Please let me know so I can publish a "most wanted" list for consignors.

This auction will close March 15th. It's a little smaller than usual (71 lots) and therefore easier to peruse. Now that the Journal is back on schedule, I'd like to close the auctions on the fifteenth of the month following publication. This would allow sufficient time for foreign bidders and immediate publication of the prices realized in the subsequent issue.

Note that since we normally sell in the range of 50-60% of the auction lots that means that a large percentage of lots are returned unsold to the consignors. It also means that if you missed the deadline you still have some time (two weeks after the close date) to contact me and see if any of the lots you have interest in are still available (at the minimum bid).

The current auction has a great variety of material including original artwork, military covers and WFUNA graphics.



## **Inverted Perforations**

by Anthony F. Dewey

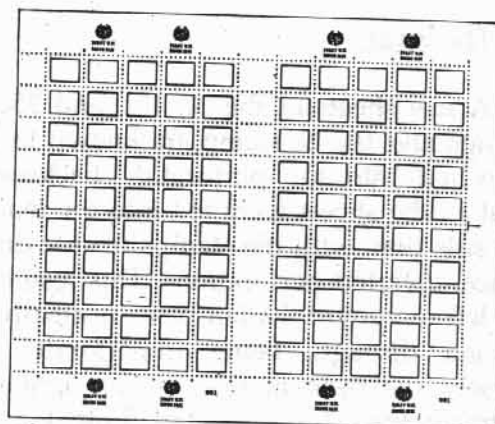
In Herman Herst, Jr.'s book *Stories to Collect Stamps By* (1968, Philatelic Book Publishers, Inc.) there is a short piece of fiction titled "John's Other Collection." Though not the subject of the story, John's main collection was one of inverted perforations of Bosnia, which along with John himself, was the butt of many jokes at the fictional Uppermost Stamp Club. Inverted perforations may sound ridiculous, but such a phenomenon does indeed exist in the first printing for several stamps of the UN first issue printed by Thomas De La Rue and Sons, London, England.

By definition, an invert is created when one (or more) of the processes in producing a stamp is performed rotated 180 degrees from its normal orientation. So, to get inverted perforations, the sheet was oriented so that the top of the sheet was at the bottom in relation to the perforator. The following description of the press sheet layout and the perforation process will explain how this error was created.

### Press Sheet Layout

The press sheet for the De La Rue issues (1c, 3c, 10c, 15c, 20c, and 25c) was laid out so that it contained two post office panes of 50 stamps, arranged 5 stamps across by 10 down, set side by side. The panes were separated by a space, or gutter, exactly the width of one stamp. Marginal inscriptions, consisting of the UN emblem and the words "FIRST UN/ISSUE 1951", appear over stamps 2 and 4 and under stamps 47 and 49 of each pane. Two perforation guide marks in the form of a small cross with a dot at the intersection of the lines appear on the press sheet. One is to the right and between stamps 25 and 30 of the right pane while the other is to the left and between stamps 21 and 26 of the left pane. Figure 1 shows the layout for the first printing of the De La Rue issues.

### The Perforation Process



**Figure 1: press sheet layout**

Following printing, the press sheet was perforated. Both Enschede (printer of the 1.5c, 2c, 5c, 50c and \$1 denominations) and De La Rue used the comb perforation technique, in which three sides of a stamp are perforated at each stroke of the machine. For the De La Rue issues the "spine" of the comb made the vertical perforations down one column of stamps with one extra punch hole above and below each column. The "teeth" of the comb made the horizontal perforations between the stamps of the column as well as above the top stamp and below the bottom stamp. Sheets were perforated from right to left, the same direction that the sheets were printed.

The dot of each perforation guide mark was punched out and the sheet was placed on the bed of the perforating machine so that positioning needles of the perforator passed through the holes of the guide marks. This ensured that the perforations would be positioned correctly in relation to the stamps. The first stroke of the machine perforated the sheet along the right side and between the stamps of the right-most column. Before the next stroke of the machine the paper was moved to the right by the width of one stamp. The process continued through the rest of the right pane, the gutter, the left pane, and off the sheet. This left the right margin of the right pane imperforate while both margins of the left pane as

well as the left margin of the right pane perforated through.

### The Error

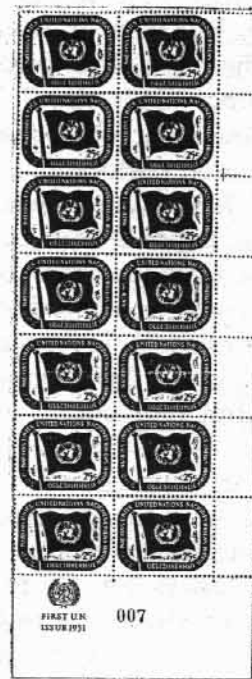
A few sheets of the 3c, 15c, and 25c flag stamps and the 1c stamp are known to have been fed into the perforator "backwards." That is, the sheets were fed into the machine left side first, with the stamps upside down - hence, inverted perforations. This resulted in the left margin of the left pane, normally perforated through, being imperforate. Conversely, the right margin of the right pane, normally imperforate, was perforated.

The imperforate left margin version of this error is usually collected as an MI block of 4 stamps or as a margin block of 4 stamps that shows the perforation guide mark. However, any multiple with an attached imperforate left margin will do as well since no normally processed pane of the first issue printed by De La Rue had an imperforate left margin. This is true for the first printing and all subsequent printings.

On the other hand, the corresponding right pane with a perforated right margin is not as easily recognized, nor is it as easy to collect. Whereas lack of perforations in the left margin is self-evident proof of the error, one must show evidence that the perforated right margin comes from the right pane of the first printing. In the first printing the right margin of the left pane was always perforated. On subsequent printings both panes were produced with perforated right margins.

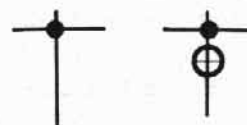
Aside from collecting whole panes to show this error you can use marginal markings, such as control numbers and perforation guide marks, as well as plate varieties to identify a piece as having inverted perforations. For all denominations a right-hand margin strip consisting of stamps 24, 25, 29, 30, 34, 35, 39, 40, 44, 45, 49, and 50 (figure 2) provides sufficient proof for identification. The perforation guide mark in the right margin shows that the piece is from a right pane and the con-

trol number proves it to be a first printing. (The extra column of stamps, not adjacent to the selvage, is not necessary, but adds aesthetic balance.)



**Figure 2: rt-hand margin strip w/ guide mark**

For the 3 cent stamp a margin block that includes the Type F perforation guide mark (as designated by Goodey) will do. A Type G mark was used on the second and third printing of this stamp. See figure 3 for a comparison of the two types. A lower-right MI block may also suffice. Stamp 45 (row 9, column 5) is known to have a plate variety that appears as a small line extending from the inside edge of the upper left corner of the frame towards the top of the flag pole (figure 4). While the variety only appears on right panes, it does not occur on all sheets since the plate flaw developed during printing.



**Figure 3: Perf guide marks used by DeLaRue for first definition Type F(left) Type G(right)**

The lack of a plate variety could prove a lower-right MI block of the 25 cent flag stamp

to be from the right pane. On left panes of the first printing a plate flaw can be seen next to the lower-right marginal inscription appearing as a very faint horizontal line just to the left of the tip of the second leaf from the top of the emblem. This variety does not occur on right panes.



**Figure 4:** plate variety on stamp #45 only occurs right pane. From an exhibit page from the collection of Larry Davidson.

#### Conclusions

In his definitive work, A Study of the First United Nations Regular and Airmail Postage Stamps 1951 - 1966, Ray Goodey states that while the number of panes with inverted perforations is not known, the error is most frequent for the 25 cent stamp and is least frequent with the 15 cent stamp. At the time that the study was published the inverted perforation on the 1 cent stamp had not yet been reported. The 1 cent error is by far the most scarce. Gaines lists the price for an MI block with an imperforate left margin for the 1c, 3c, 15c, and 25c issues as \$100, \$20, \$50, and \$25 respectively. The right pane of the 3 cent flag stamp with a perforated right margin is listed at \$135. No corresponding listings are given for the other values although they do exist. An example of the right pane of the 15 cent flag stamp is illustrated on the back cover of this issue.

While the inverted perforation error is listed for only four of the six De La Rue issues, the potential exists for the other two issues to have this error. It may pay for a collector to carefully scrutinize all blocks and sheets of the first issue.

#### NIC NACS

**WANTED TO BUY:** Non-philatelic (official or commercial) use of UN first issue (#1-11, C1-4) posted between October 24, 1951 and March 31, 1967. Send photocopies and asking price to: Tony Dewey, 157 Warrenton Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105.

**WANTED:** UPU Delegate Folders (1947 or earlier). Contact: Alex Bereson, 18 Portola Dr., San Francisco, CA 94131

#### UN News Issues:

April 29th, 1994 REFUGEES. Three stamps (50c, 1.20 francs, 12 schillings.). Sheets of 50.

April 29th, 1994 DEFINITIVES. Five stamps (10c, 19c, \$1.00, 50 centimes, and 4 schillings). Sheets of 50.

May 27th, 1994 INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION. Three stamps (29c, 60 centimes, 6 schillings). Sheets of 50.

## THE WFUNA PROGRAMME

by Alex Bereson

The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) philatelic program officially began in 1966 with the Salvador Dali cachet (and graphic) for the WFUNA issue NY#154-5. issue. A couple of years ago the Salvador Dali print sold in our auction for \$1250. Beginning in 1973 (the Joan Luby Drug Abuse issue.) a graphic reproducing the cachet artwork was produced with each new issue. The graphics are limited edition (varying from 500-2500) prints of the artwork used for the WFUNA FDC cachets.

The art is donated by artists to WFUNA and the proceeds used to promote WFUNA's mission: publicizing UN activities throughout the world. WFUNA is composed of UN Associations in more than eight countries. The driving force behind the programme is Mrs. Annabelle Wiener, the Deputy Secretary General. She also signs all the letters of authenticity that accompany each numbered print.

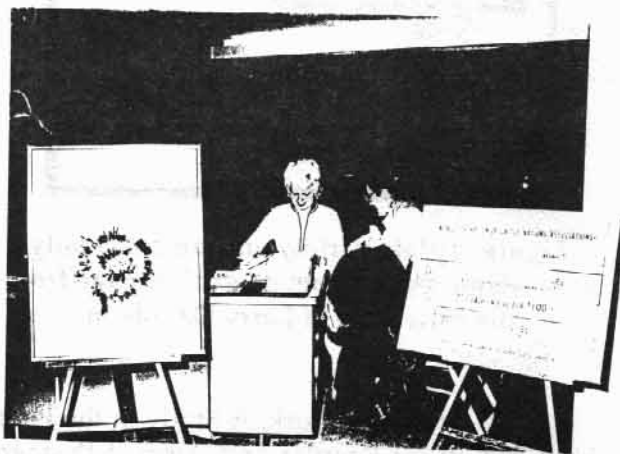


**Figure 1:** Hans Erni, Swiss master painter with Mrs. Wiener in the garden adjoining his studio in France.

Most of the 100+ graphics which have been produced were hand-signed by the artist and were reproduced in a 8-1/2 x 11-3/4" format. The graphics are sold in two formats, mint, and cancelled first day in New York, Geneva, and Vienna.

Over the years the artists have included many well-known artists and celebrities such as Alexander Calder, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali, Anthony Quinn, Norman Rockwell, Sophia Loren, Jacques Cousteau, Princess Grace, Frederico Fellini, Gloria Swanson, Tony Curtis, Leroy Neiman, Mohammed Ali, Keith Harin, Victor Vasarely and Andy Warhol. Other graphics have been created by prolific UN designers such as Hall Groat and Chaim Gross. The prints represent all art styles and have been executed in many mediums including watercolor, oil, pressed flowers, photography, and mixed media.

Artists are normally present at the first day ceremonies. Autographed WFUNA FDCs is a very popular specialty among UN collectors.



**Figure 2:** Mrs. Mildred Weiss creator of the Peace Atoms design autographing covers at the WFUNA sales counter at the UN.



**Figure 3:** Mildred Weiss autographed FDC



Many graphics command a significant premium above the new issue cost from WFUNA, and a few retail above one thousand dollars. I was first attracted to collecting these graphics by their beauty and very low cost. WFUNA charged all of \$12.50 for the first issues.

While the new issue price has risen, and in fact now varies by the artist, the prints are still a great bargain. I have seen nicely matted and framed WFUNAs selling in galleries for far above dealer retail prices. While I certainly do not tout these graphics as an investment (nor any philatelic products for that matter) they have given me a tremendous return in terms of enjoyment and an opportunity to become acquainted with many foreign artists such as Hunterwasser, Folon, Erni and Glazanov.



**Figure 4: first day ceremony for the IYC issue. From left to right, Miss Piggy, Mr. Tony Fouracre, Chief UNPA, Miss Heather Henson, designer of the artwork, Miss Alissa Duffy & Miss Nicole Della Legnani, designers of the 30c and 70c NY stamps, Mrs. Anna-belle Wiener, Deputy Secretary-General WFUNA, Kermit the Frog, and Mr. Per Sjogren, Director office of General Services.**

For issues no longer available from WFUNA contact your favorite UN dealer. The UNPI Auction also has graphics periodically.

To obtain information regarding new issues and available back issues of graphics and WFUNA FDCs contact:

WFUNA  
Room DC1-1177  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10007

The WFUNA artwork for the February 4th, 1994, International Year of the Family issue by Ting Shao Kuang entitled "Motherhood" is illustrated in figure 5 below:



**Figure 5: "Motherhood"**

The following page illustrates a sampling of autographed WFUNA FDCs.

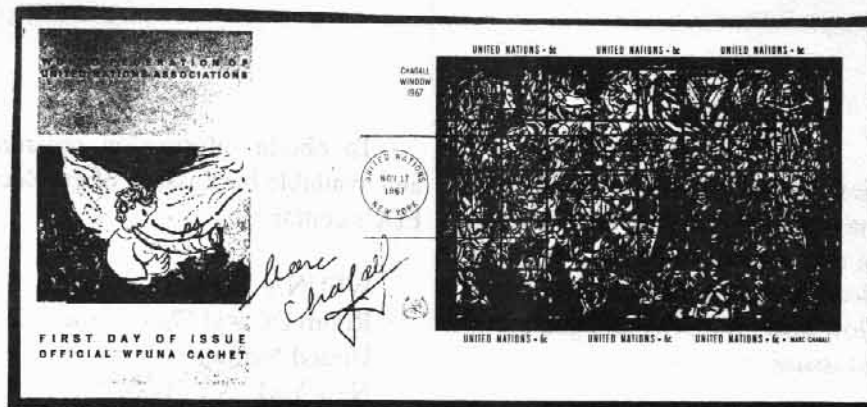


Figure 6: Marc Chagall



Figure 7: Jacques Cousteau



Figure 10: Hans Erni

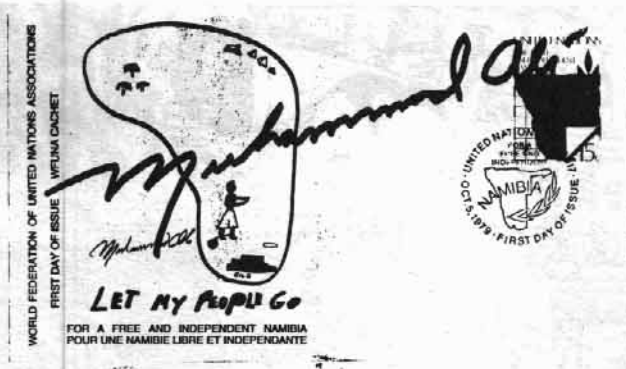


Figure 8: Mohammed Ali

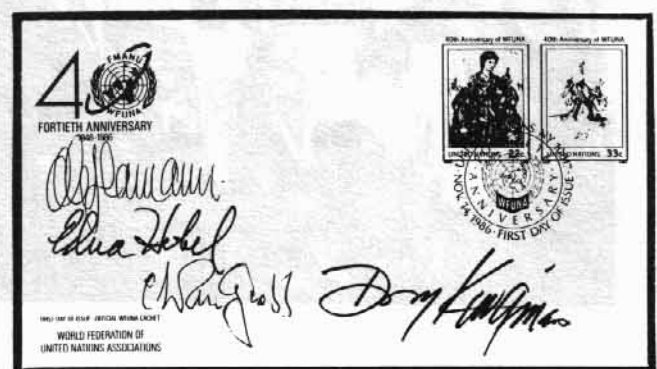


Figure 11: Ole Hamann, Edna Hibbel, Chaim Gross, Dong Kingman



Figure 9: Princess Grace

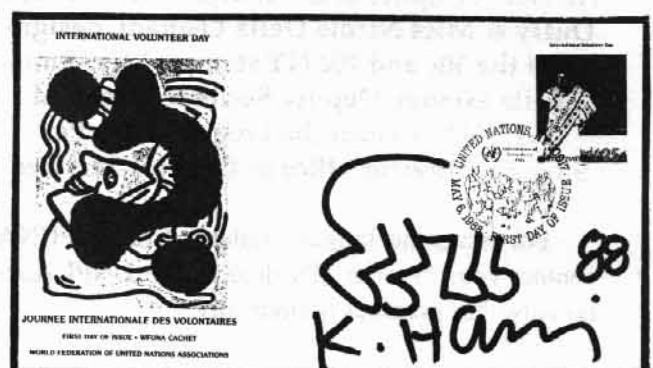


Figure 12: Keith Haring

## CONFERENCE NEWS

by B. Clement Jr.

The Earth Summit, the UN Conference on Environment and Development, was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 3-14, 1992. First day cancellation and origin cachets used by the conference secretariat were illustrated in the February 1993 *Journal*. In connection with the Conference, a Global Forum was held for non-governmental organizations. A special cancellation, shown in Figure 1, was used at the Forum. Thanks to *UNOPOST* for this information.



Figure 1:

An International Conference on Nutrition was held in Rome, Italy, December 5-11, 1992. Meters noting the conference were used by FAO-Rome, and an origin cachet used by the conference secretariat were illustrated in the February 1993 *Journal*. The first day cancellation for the Italian stamp honoring the conference is shown in Figure 2, thanks to *UNOPOST*. The conference cancel is shown in Figure 3.



Figure 2:



Figure 3:

The 46th World Health Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from May 3-14, 1993. The special postmark for the assembly is shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4:

The 30th Assembly of ICAO, the International

Civil Aviation Organization, was held in Montreal, Canada, from May 25-26, 1993. A special constellation, shown in Figure 5, was used. Also the ICAO Staff Association issued a special cacheted envelope for the assembly.



Figure 5:

The 80th session of the International Labor Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 2-22, 1993. A special cancel, shown in Figure 6, was used.



Figure 6:

The World Conference on Human Rights was held June 14-25, 1993, in Vienna, Austria, at the Austria Center Vienna. UNPA-Vienna used a special postmark for the conference, as seen in Figure 7. Austria also used a special postmark, with numbers from 1 to 10, as shown in Figure 8.



Figure 7:



Figure 8:

The 37th session of the IAEA (the International Atomic Energy Agency) General Conference was held in Vienna, Austria, at the Austria Center Vienna, from September 27 to October 1, 1993. UNPA-Vienna used the special cancel shown in Figure 9 at the conference.



Figure 9:

The UPU (Universal Postal Union) Executive Council met in Berne, Switzerland, in late April through early May 1993. The usual special cancel was used.

The International Congress on Obesity Management, sponsored by WHO (World Health Organization) and the Ministry of Health of Flanders was held September 18-22, 1993. The organization staff used special stationery with the corner card shown in Figure 10.



Figure 10:

The 27th General Conference of UNESCO, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was held in Paris, France from October 25 to November 12, 1993. UNESCO used the cachet shown in Figure 11 on mailings at the conference. The conference used the special postmark shown in Figure 12.



Figure 11:



Figure 12:

The International Conference on Population and Development will be held in Cairo, Egypt, September 5-13, 1994. The conference secretariat will use special stationery with the corner card shown in Figure 13.

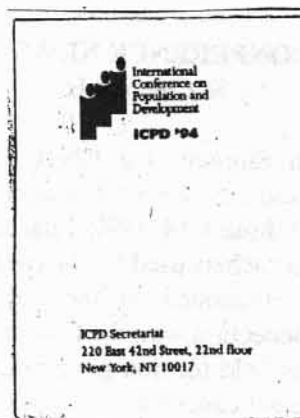


Figure 13:

Lastly, "discoveries" continue to be made. Bob Malch, Editor of the *Globe Union*, found a listing for a cancel for the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) 11th European Regional Conference, held in Lisbon, Portugal, October 2-7, 1978. This cancel is shown in Figure 14.



Figure 14:

A World NGO Forum in Launching the International Year of the Family (1994) was held in the Mediterranean Conference Center Valletta, Malta, from November 28th to December 2nd, 1993. A special cancellation (Figure 15) was used to commemorate the occasion. This Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) meeting was sponsored by the UN Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA).



Figure 15:



## Military Mail Corner by J.L. Emmenegger

For a few years, a column was published in the Journal written by Steve Cohen and myself. For different reasons, our comments could not be published regularly. Now, we will try to provide, in each issue of the Journal, information about this most interesting topic.

This first column will be devoted to literature and research aspects, because many interesting articles have been published in Europe recently about UN Forces Mail. We will provide a list of the articles, with their title, author, magazine name, language, and topic.

- "Le courrier des casques bleus," by Gerard Schmidt, L'Echo de la Timbrologie, in french, mail of the French troops in Cambodia and ex-Yugoslavia, November 1992.

- "Le courrier des casques bleus" by Gerard Schmidt, L'Echo de la Timbrologie, in french, mail of the French UNPROFOR troops, September 1993.

- "La posta dei Caschi blu", by Maurizio Fumagalli, Cronaca Filatelica, in Italian, mail from the UNPROFOR contingents, March 1993.

- "Phnom Penh, la posta dei Soldati Blu", Maurizio Fumagalli, Cronaca Filatelica, in Italian, mail from the UNTAC contingents, December 1993.

- "Faltpost from Svenska Styrkor Utomlands", by Lars Lindblad, in Swedish, Svensk Filatelistik Tidskrift, mail of the Swedish troops with UN Operations.

Should you want copies of any of these articles, please send \$2 per article + \$2 for the air mail postage costs to J.L. Emmenegger.

A special congratulations must be given to Dr. Harold Gass of Austria who is the author of an excellent study about the mail of UNIKOM (Iraq-Kuwait) operation. This research study is really a "must" for every UN Forces collector!

Title: United Nations Irak-Kuwait Observation Mission" (58 pages)

Author: Dr. Harold Gass

Order Address: Arge Militaria Austriaca, POBox 903, A-1011, Vienna, Austria.

Price: 80 Austrian schillings

- "United Nations Mission in Laos": this is a sender's address we found on two covers from Vientiane, Laos in 1959, one from the Tunisian delegate (Figure 1) and one from the Italian delegate. Does anyone know something about this mission? Please contact us!



**Figure 1: Tunisian mission**

New operations: the last few months, The UN has initiated many new UN Forces and Observation Missions. Based upon the information we have, these new operations have taken (or will take) place in the following countries: Liberia, Haiti, Rwanda, Uganda-Rwanda border, Tadjikistan and South Africa. The most recent action was decided on January 13th, 1994 (the day I wrote this column) in Geneva: there will be a UN Force in Georgia, with an important mission blue helmets contingent and UN Forces observers.

Should you have any questions regarding UN Forces and Missions Mail, please write to us at P. O. Box 110, 1009 PULLY, Switzerland.

## ERRATUM:

Correction of text from Dick Power's Nansen Mission Cover Update from last Journal issue: The entire translation of the cover text (Russian):

Line 1: KRANSNOARMEYSK (RED ARMY CITY)

Line 2: (SARPETA)

Lines 3 & Line 6: Dr. Niedlispach

Lines 4,5: Swiss Committee for Child Relief

## USE OF UNEF CANCEL IN UNOGIL

by Steve Cohen

While there was no free mail privilege for the military, the staff could write to other peacekeeping missions by free inter-forces mail. For example, if a staff member wanted to contact another staff member in UNEF, he could post the letter with the UNEF Post Office in Beirut, where the UNEF cancel would be applied. It would then be forwarded to UNEF headquarters in Gaza (see figure 1). Note the date, it is a month after UNOGIL closed! The cover is from the security officer and it was his duty to close the mission.



Figure 1:

Figure 2 shows the rare UNOGIL Program used only a few months. I know of only six specimens using the UNEF cancel. Sadly, this is only a front.



Figure 2:

Figure 3 shows how a UNOGIL staff member sent a letter home. At the time you could send mail via the UN, where the field service put it in a pouch to the BPO, where a UNOGIL mail handler would pick it up for delivery.

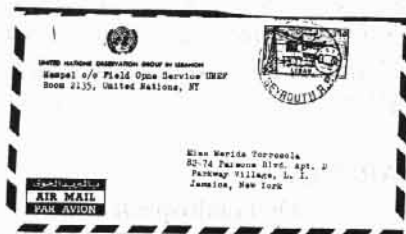


Figure 3:

Military cover collectors tend to shy away from covers sent by non-military personnel, but nowadays civilians are playing key roles such as election observers and humanitarian aid staff. Some of the election staff are present for very short periods, often only a month, so very few covers exist. Some observers from Asian countries send only postcards so covers are hard to obtain.

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Dear Collector:

Best wishes for a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year. I hope that your holiday season was filled with joy and happiness.

Over the past couple months, we have been slowly selling off our stock with the intention of going to an all United Nations mail auction format. We do have the largest all United Nations commercial auctions in the world. Our most recent auction had 499 lots with almost 80% of these lots going to 70 successful bidders in 15 countries. Since we do consider ourselves to be part-time, we have decided to leave the servicing of the beginner collector to the full-time dealers. We have found our niche in offering the intermediate and advanced specialists an opportunity to add to their collection.

We are sold out of many items on our price lists. We are also offering a 50% discount on any material we have in stock. We have also been sending back refund checks to customers that have orderd out of stock material during the past couple months.

SOLUTION: Between now and March 31, 1994 we are holding a want list sale with no up front money. Here is how it works:

1. Go through our price lists and see what you need. The current active price lists are the 1993 Basic Price List, The blue 1993 Supplemental Price List, the pink 1993 First Day Cover Price List, and the white Cancel and Cover list.
2. Add up your want list and take a 50% discount on this amount.
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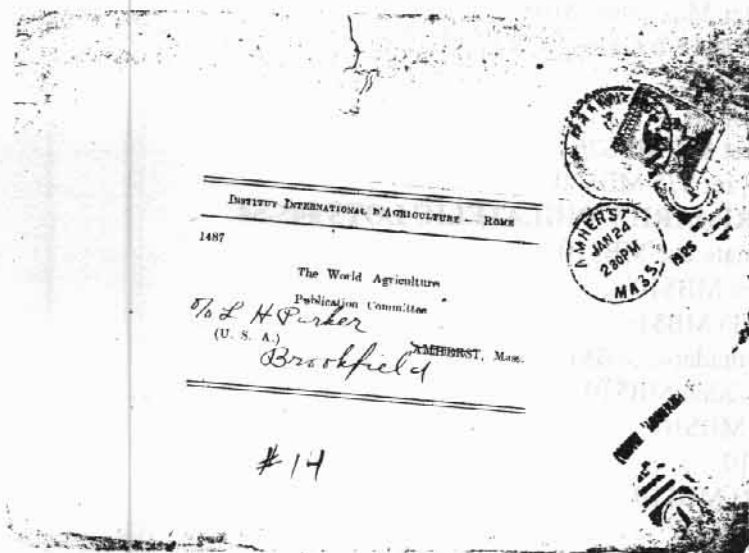
**UNPI 1994A AUCTION LOTS**

- 01 - UNPA original artwork for the 1963 issue, Development Through Science and Technology' 5x7" signed on the reverse by retired UNPA stamp designer Rashid Ud Din. Note that the final artwork varied in the colors, lettering and in the position of the denomination. It is colored brown and two shades of blue on a light orange background. Illustrated on the Journal front cover MB\$100
- 02 - UN Disarmament publications (26) as new. Mid 1970's-80's. world-wide symposiums, special sessions, studies, etc. A wealth of research material and very interesting reading. Well worth MB\$75
- 03 - Souvenir Cards Mint (16) #1-6,8,10-13,15,31,32,37,38 MB\$10
- 04 - UNTEA cover with circular BPO-UNTEA-BIAK UN cancels addressed to Kaimana franked by UNTEA overprints 1c,2c,7c VF MB\$20
- 05 - Souvenir Cards (19) GenFD #2-5,8,11,14-6,18-21,38; ViennaFD #18-21,38 MB\$10
- 06 - Souvenir Cards (16) NYFD #2-5,7-8,11,13-16,18-21,35; Mint (6) 1-2,4-5,10,38 MB\$10
- 07 - Swiss PTT 8-1/2"x12" specialty binder with publication in German, French & Italian containing illustrations for all Swiss (& Liechtenstein) slogan cancellations from 1920 to mid-1970's very fine MB\$10
- 08 - UNESCO #2021-3 MNHVF tab margin imperforate set MB\$30
- 09 - Swiss officials VFMNH complete set #3083-93 MB\$50
- 10 - Swiss officials VFMNH complete sets #4023-39 MB\$40
- 11 - Swiss officials VFMNH complete set #601-8 MB\$85
- 12 - Souvenir cards MINT collection #1-21 retail \$45 MB\$15
- 13 - Souvenir card collection FDNY #2-25 FD (23) MB\$14
- 14 - Food & Agricultural Org. (FAO) forerunner cover, Intl. Institute of Agriculture Rome to World Agriculture Publication Committee in Brookline, Massachusetts 5"x7" cover with 1" tear at top, fuzzy cancel, Amherst receiving cancel 1/24/35 Gaines p 1441 cat \$300 MB\$30
- 15 - Swiss official #3044 (or #3044g) on F/VF 4"x6" large cover piece with complete ILO corner card and Berne addressee, cancelled Geneva 9/5/38 Gaines \$82 (on cover) MB\$15
- 16 - Cocteau 1960 Refugee Year FDC complete European set (22) VF UA MB\$40
- 17 - WFUNA graphic #1 Joan Luby FDNY MB\$24
- 18 - WFUNA graphic #2 Carol Christian FDNY MB\$26
- 19 - WFUNA graphic #3 Chaim Gross FDNY MB\$34
- 20 - WFUNA graphic #4 Norman Rockwell FDNY MB\$22
- 21 - WFUNA graphic #17 Philip Brandon FDNY MB\$90
- 22 - WFUNA graphic #18 Alexander Calder FDNY MB\$90
- 23 - WFUNA FDC 1980 flags (16) all M14s VF UA MB\$10
- 24 - NY #310-11 G84-5 IYC Mini-sheets of 20 VFMNH MB\$18
- 25 - NY #15-6 official cachet VF UA FDC MB\$12
- 26 - NY #17-8 official cachet VF UA FDC UPU MB\$10
- 27 - Flags of the UN Fleetwood Deluxe padded albums(2) containing VFMNH flag sheets 1980, 1981 (8) plus descriptive booklets high new issue cost MB\$20
- 28 - Hundertwasser Human Rights sheetlets VFMNH NY#415-6, Gen #119-20 Vienna #37-8 MB\$36
- 29 - Souvenir folders 1982 set (3) NY, Vienna, Geneva MNH MB\$15
- 30 - Souvenir folders 1985 scarce set (3) NY, Vienna, Geneva MNH MB\$25



- 31 - UNICEF IYC souvenir cards blue + white, mint + FD (4) complete VF MB\$12
  - 32 - ONUC Congo forces legitimate cover form Irish 39th battalion corporal to wife in Clonmel, Ireland, ONUC official UN cancel 1963 VF MB\$10
  - 33 - Mint postal stationary collection 30+ all different, postcards, stamped envelopes, aerogrammes MB\$5
  - 34 - UN Diplomatic pouch covers collection of (9) all diff countries inc. Laos, Afghanistan, Thailand, Senegal, Camerouns, Beijing(UNDP, ECOSEC, UNCTAD) nice group VF \$12
  - 35 - NY World's Fair souvenir folder franked with the US World's Fair stamp cancelled 7/1/64 Flushing, New York (not addressed) MB\$10
  - 36 - IYC Osaka Japan IYC souvenir folder + 1967 Expo '67 MB\$10
  - 37 - Autographed FDC collection (20) diff signed by stamp or cachet designers (mixed cachet makers) includes WFUNA FDC signed by cachet artist (Doonesbury cartoonist) Gary Trudeau MB\$36
  - 38 - NY#41-2 LLMI4;s VFMNG "1A" & "1B" imprints (4) MB\$10
  - 39 - Presentation Folders (3) PF12A, NY#219 G18, PF12A NY #231 wreath cancel 10/27/72 (not in Gaines), Earth Summit 5/23/92 NY se-tenant Peter Max issue. MB\$10
  - 40 - WFUNA Jumbo FDC VFUA Hundertwasser NY#415-6 G119-20, V37-8 MB\$5
  - 41 - Souvenir Card FD Geneva #27-33,35-38 (11) MB\$20
  - 42 - Souvenir Card FD Vienna #27-33,35-38 (11) MB\$20
  - 43 - Souvenir Folders NY 1965-1980 stamps MNH ret \$60 MB\$26
  - 44 - Souvenir Folders Geneva 1969-82 stamps MNH ret \$75 MB\$30
- MILITARY COVERS - ALL VF PRIMARILY PHILATELIC LOTS #45-54**
- 45 - Korea Belgian Forces airletter FPO #734 legitimate use MB\$10
  - 46 - UNMOG (India & Pakistan) (6) Canadian covers MB\$10
  - 47 - UNOSOM Somalia Canada(4) France(1) USA (1) MB\$10
  - 48 - UNDOF Golan Heights Poland(2) Austria(2) Canada(4) MB\$10
  - 49 - UNIFIL Lebanon (4) Finland, Italy, Norway, Sweden MB\$10
  - 50 - UNPROFOR Canada(4)Finland (1) Holland(1) MB\$10
  - 51 - UNTAC Canada(4) France (1) Poland (1) MB\$10
  - 52 - UNIKOM Kuwait Canada(4) Britain (1) USA (1) MB\$10
  - 53 - UNFICYP Canada(4) Sweden (1) Austria (1) MB\$10
  - 54 - MINURSO - Canadian contingent Western Sahara 5/1/93 CFPO 5047 MB\$10
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- 55 - Mint collection of tab margin (w/UN emblem) singles or multiples for NY#1//617 (missing flag issues) #C1-23, Gen #1-225, Vienna #1-140. 1951-1992 complete + 1993 issues for all offices mnh singles. Also extras including MI4 of NY#29 (Scott \$45) + NY#149 Bundesdruckerei MI6 (Scott \$20) all housed in three blue binders on Hagner sheets MB\$200
  - 56 - UNNY #149 (Bundesdruckerei mnh sheet of 50 + NY#179 Chagall sheet of 50 Scott\$45 MB\$15
  - 57 - UNNY #597-8, G207-8, V120-1 UNPA 40th Anniversary sheets of 25 Scott \$192 MB\$45
  - 58 - Vienna #7 missing bottom inscription variety sheet of 50 Scott \$101 MB\$25
  - 59 - UNNY Gaines #61(a)iii Printer's Proof, completed design with control # Gaines \$300 MB\$150
  - 60 - Unaccepted design proof for UNNY#102-3 anti-malaria issue 8.5x11" size multi-colored MB\$100
  - 61 - Unaccepted design proof for UNNY#102-3 anti-malaria issue done by Claude Bottiau (designer of NY#38) 7x9" size multi-colored tiny tear in glassine overleaving MB\$175
  - 62 - Souvenir Cards comprehensive collection complete through year-end 1993 inc NY#1,1A,2-44 mint, NYFD 1,1A,1 (subtype 2 + 2A), 2-44 + #29 Chicago + #35 Washington DC, Geneva FD2-44, Vienna 17-44 (165 cards) great opportunity to buy entire group, very fine Gaines \$483 MB\$175
  - 63 - 1967 Expo lot including full sheets of 50 of Scott #170-4, 27 FD covers w/last day, inverted cancel errors, geneva FD MI4's + autographs, both folders w/cancels + souvenir brochure MB\$45
  - 64 - UNESCO Presentation sheet #543 w/UNESCO #2041-42 MB\$12
  - 65 - UNESCO Presentation sheet #549 w/UNESCO #2043-44 MB\$10
  - 66 - International Geophysical Year (IGY) collection of 66 cacheted FDC and specialty covers, many deal-

- ing with arctic explorations and bases 1957-8 MB\$40
- 67 - UNPA event invitations, including Ameripex, Univ. Declaration of Human Right, 40th Anniv of UNPA, some mint/some with show cancellations (7) MB\$10
  - 68 - UNTEA letterhead stationary w/note to Norris Robinson MB\$10
  - 69 - handwritten note from U. Thant to Ralph Bunche + personal note from Trygvie Lie's daughter w/article MB\$10
  - 70 - rare early (Sept. 1951) UN letter of appointment signed by Trygvie Lie. Tear in upper section not affecting any writing (Sanders \$130) MB\$50
  - 71 - Special UN issue of Illustrated magazine (March 9, 1946) with front cover photo of Trygvie Lie. Nice early article about the first secty. general with several photos and biographical data. Heavy wear with 2" tear in upper right corner MB\$10
  - 72 - UN picture documents (2) showing the newly designed UN flag and UN symbol (rare) MB\$30
  - 73 - Mystery Lot (big!) MB\$75

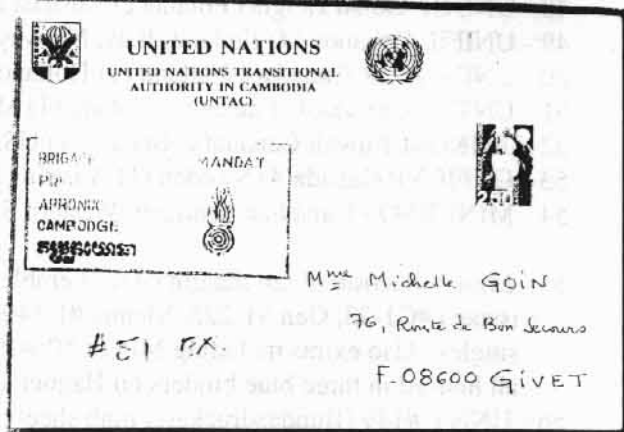
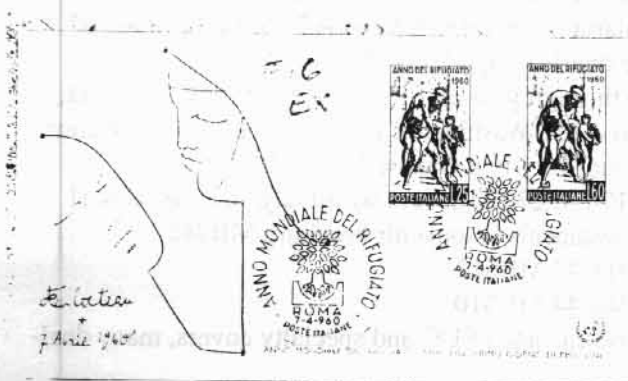


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