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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The first weekend in January I took advantage of a cheap one-way airfare between Los Angeles and Phoenix ($19) to attend **Aripex 96**, the annual exhibition organized by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs in nearby Mesa.. This is one of the twenty-four shows this year, whose grand award winners are eligible to compete in the American Philatelic Society's Champion of Champions competition.

My prime motivation for the trip was to attend the annual meeting of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society (AHPS) of which I have been member for nearly ten years. This year the 400-member society was able to attract more than 10% of its membership to its annual meeting. Maybe the attraction was the fact that the only corner of the country to have civilized weather that weekend was Arizona and Southern California. (Apparently Pasadena's magic at arranging ideal weather for the Rose Bowl Parade extends as far east as Phoenix and lasts at least a week.) But I suspect that it had more to do with the fact that the group organized a fascinating weekend for its members. I would like to report the activities of that weekend in hopes of inspiring UNP to do likewise at **Capex 96**.

The day before the show actually began, the AHPS organized a four-hour roundtable discussion. Fourteen specialists came prepared to discuss practically all aspects of Swiss philately. One after another each specialist would present a ten to fifteen minute talk with a few transparencies on preannounced topics. Members were encouraged to come armed with questions and items to show, which might complement these short presentations. For many members it was the opportunity of a lifetime to meet with colleagues with similar interests with whom they had communicated only via the AHPS journal *Tell* or via letter or via telephone. Even a rank amateur of Swiss philately such as myself was infected with the fever of exploiting the presence of a captive panel of experts to get some of my questions concerning League of Nations philately answered.

After the roundtable all were invited to a complimentary wine and cheese reception in the hotel. The comradeship of the moment was enhanced by the presence of spouses and family members. Most of the members who attended the reception then went out for an evening of Cajun dining (in Arizona?).

On the opening day of the show it was every collector for himself as each member stalked the fifty dealers present. The following day (Saturday) at the actual business meeting there was plenty of time for members to compare treasures that they had discovered the previous day. One of the more significant decisions taken at the meeting was the selection of the site of the 1997 annual meeting, which will be in San Francisco at **Pacific 97** (probably the site of UNP's annual meeting next year). On the final day (Sunday) two hours were set aside for buying, selling and trading among members.

I hope that UNP's meeting at **Capex 96** can be at least as successful as the AHPS meeting in Mesa. But the first step involves your necessary decision of making travel plans for Toronto in June. I would like to ask those members who intend to go to come prepared to talk for a few minutes about some item or items of which they are particularly proud. And to write me so that I can act as a clearinghouse of information. Ideally I should be able to publish in either the April or June issue of the *Journal* a preliminary agenda for a session of presentations either in conjunction with the business meeting or within a day or so of that meeting. The business meeting is scheduled for June 9th. Will you be there?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! 1996 is an election year for the club. The current term for officers expires on June 30, 1996. Helen Benedict of Pasadena, California has helpfully assisted as Nomination Chairperson. The following persons have been nominated for the 1996-1998 term:

Don Bakos: President
Tony Dewey: Vice-President
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If you are interested in running for office, it is not too late. All you need is a petition signed by six UNPI members (specifying the office you desire) to be placed on the ballot. Send the completed petition to the UNPI Secretary Blanton Clement by March 15th. The remaining details regarding the election are as follows: The official ballots will appear on the rear wrapper of the April *Journal*. Each member is entitled to cast one vote for a candidate for each office and three votes for the directors. A member's vote for the directors may be cast for a single candidate (3 votes) or split among 2 or 3 candidates. (I don't write these rules!) I will select an election committee, whose job is to collect and count the ballots and announce the winners. Lest I forget, many thanks to outgoing officers Bernie Kosmoski and Clay Wallace for their efforts.

Regarding club meetings, I have reserved a room for the second day of the **Capex 96** international show June 9th in Toronto. I also have a request in for a meeting room at **Pacific 97** in San Francisco. I look forward to renewing old friendships and making some new acquaintances. As far as I know, **Capex 96** will be our first "foreign" meeting.

UNPA REPRINTS THE 15-CENT DEFINITIVE AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS

By Duane E. Lamers

It is more typical of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) to replace its definitive stamps after they have been around for a few years. Thus, we might have expected a new design for a 15-cent stamp. The current issue (Scott UNNY No. 306) has been with us since 1979. To this writer, it is an attractive stamp. Like so many of the earlier definitives, it employed the five official languages of the UN in the border inscription.

Things have changed at the UN since 1979, including the addition of Arabic as one of the official languages. This is another reason why we might have expected a new design, one that employs all the languages or is limited to the English usage.

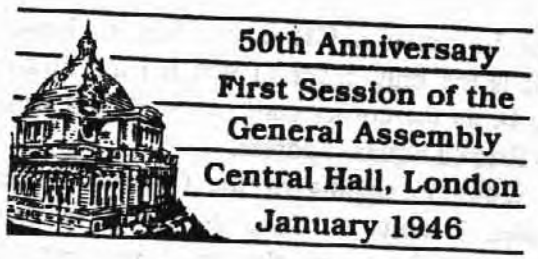
Nonetheless, the print in a quantity of 300,000, has been with us since its release on October 9, 1995.

There is no mistaking it for the original printing. The reprint is on very glossy paper. The background blue is almost a blue-gray by comparison to the deep blue of the original. The gum is bluish and slightly glossy (satiny) compared to the matte white gum of the first printing. The ultraviolet lamp gives us a hibrite paper this time, in contrast to the heavily mottled paper of 1979. The gum of the original, however, is hibrite, unlike the new gum, which is quite dull.

Why no new stamp? Perhaps the flood of new issues in the past few months has found the staff with little time to replace the 1979 issue. With stocks of the original printing dwindling, perhaps UNPA had little choice but to order up the new printing.

IN LONDON FIFTY YEARS AGO

By Richard Powers



As 1945 drew to a close and during most of 1946, the focus of the organizers of the United Nations turned to London since it had been selected in San Francisco to be the venue of the First General Assembly Meeting of the United Nations. But London had already served as the site of the United Nations Information Organization (UNIO) since its establishment on May 18, 1944 by the eighteen United Nations governments. At that time the term United Nations referred to the anti-axis coalition, which was actively combatting Germany, Japan and Italy and its allies in Europe, Africa and Asia during World War II. The parallel New York office known as the United Nations Information Board (since November 1942) had been founded in New York in September 1940 under the name of the Inter-Allied Information Committee. The Board had been founded to serve as a clearing house for information on the United Nations. According to W. J. Barnes in his monograph entitled ***Britain, the League and the U.N.***, the UNIO had its offices at 38, Russell Square, London until February 28, 1946 when they were taken over by the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC). Figure 1 shows a cover from the UNIO dated August 22, 1946 addressed to the temporary secretariat of the United Nations at Hunter College in New York, which had already moved to Lake Success. Incidentally the receiving cancel (Gaines LS/REG-1) on the rear of this cover is dated September 5, 1946 and is one of the earliest (if not the earliest) use of this dater for incoming mail. By the time the envelope in Figure 1 was posted, the functions of the United Nations Information Organization had been taken over by the United Na-

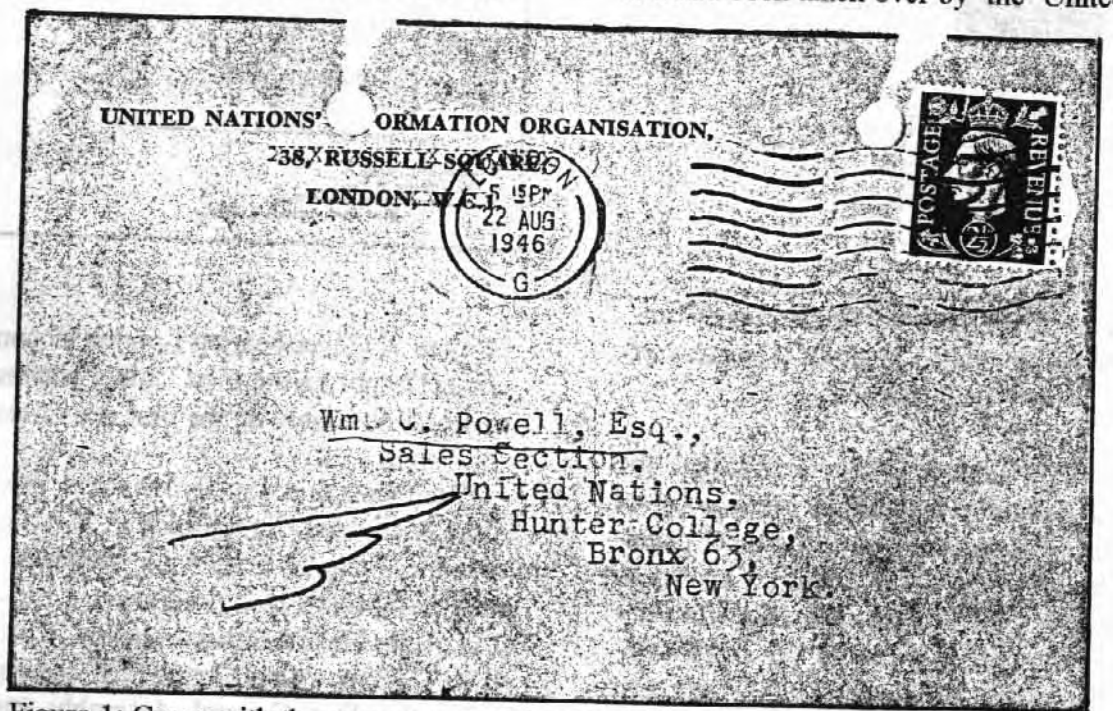


Figure 1: Cover with the corner card of the UN Information Organisation in London.

tions Information Office at Church House. This is the only cover of which I am aware that bears the corner card of the UNIO with the Russell Square address.

With the signing of the Charter of the United Nations on June 26, 1945 in San Francisco, there was also an Agreement on Interim Arrangements establishing a Preparatory Commission, which would draw up detailed plans for the functioning of the principal organs of the United Nations. The Executive Committee of the Preparatory Commission met in London for seven weeks beginning August 16, 1945. The next meeting began on November 24, 1945. Figure 2 shows a cover with the imprint of the Preparatory Commission in London.

Figure 2: Cover from the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations. (Courtesy of W. J. Barnes.)

The British Post Office anticipated the General Assembly meeting in London by issuing a commemorative slogan cancel beginning December 1, 1945. Figure 3 shows an official government cover (from the Collector of Taxes) on the first day of use of this slogan. The slogan announces 1945 as the year but the General Assembly did not meet for the first time in London until January 10, 1946. It adjourned on February 14th.

Figure 4 shows an interesting cover on official United States Forces stationery bearing the name of E. R. Stettinius, Jr. at the United Nations (General) Assembly in care of the American Embassy in London. In November 1944 Mr. Stettinius had been appointed Secretary of State by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In this capacity he did much to prepare the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco. He was subsequently made the first permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations. The cover postmarked January 2(?), 1946 in London was addressed to his office in the White House.

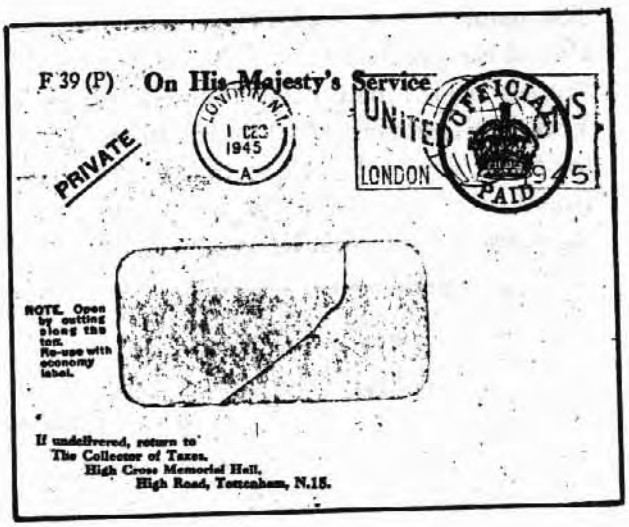


Figure 3: Cover bearing London slogan cancel honoring the First United Nations General Assembly on the first day of use.

The General Assembly meeting convened in the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster (London). Figure 5 shows a maximum card picturing Central Hall produced on the occasion of the United Nations stamps (Scott UN 45-46) issued April 14, 1958 commemorating the first General Assembly session. The first United Nations Secretariat was offi-

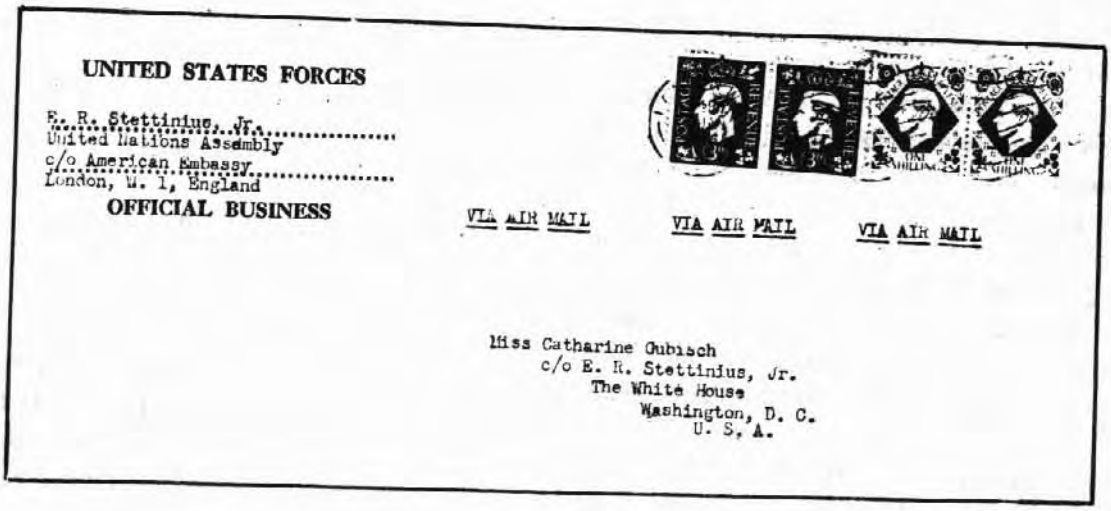


Figure 4: Cover from the first US ambassador to the UN Edward R Stettinius, Jr. during the first Session of the General Assembly in London in January 1946.

Figure 5: Maximum card showing Central Hall site of the 1st Session of the General Assembly

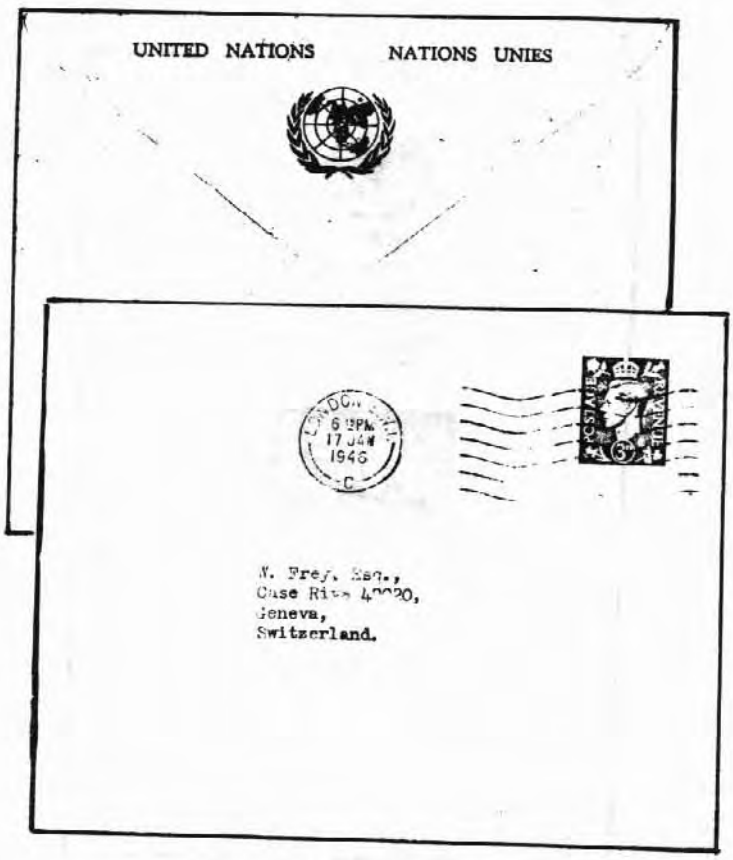


Figure 6: Official UN envelope postmarked on the first official day of operation of the United Nations Secretariat in London.

cially established in London at Church House on January 17, 1946. Figure 6 shows a cover on official stationery postmarked on this date. Its Secretariat partially remained in London here near Central Hall through 1946 although most of its functions were transferred to New York and to Geneva by later summer of that year. Figure 7 is a photograph of Church House.

I have never seen a cover with a printed Church House corner card of the United Nations. But official correspondence paper does exist as witnessed by Figure 8, which shows a philatelic item bearing a Swiss commemorative cancel in use during the Fifth Session of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Council (UNRRA) in Geneva on August 3, 1946. Incoming mail to the Secretariat as seen in Figure 9 is relatively common. The illustrated cover on UNRRA stationery bears a British cancel from field post office No. 782 dated May 12, 1946.

London was also the birthplace of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Its constitution was drafted in London during a conference between November 1 -16, 1945. Its first home was at 49, Grosvenor Square in London until May 1946. It then moved to 46-47, Belgrave Square, London, where it remained until September 1946. At that time the staff of the Preliminary Commission for UNESCO and the Executive Secretary moved to Paris, where it officially came into being on November 4, 1946. Figure 9 shows a letter from the executive secretary Julian Huxley from the final London address dated August 8, 1946.

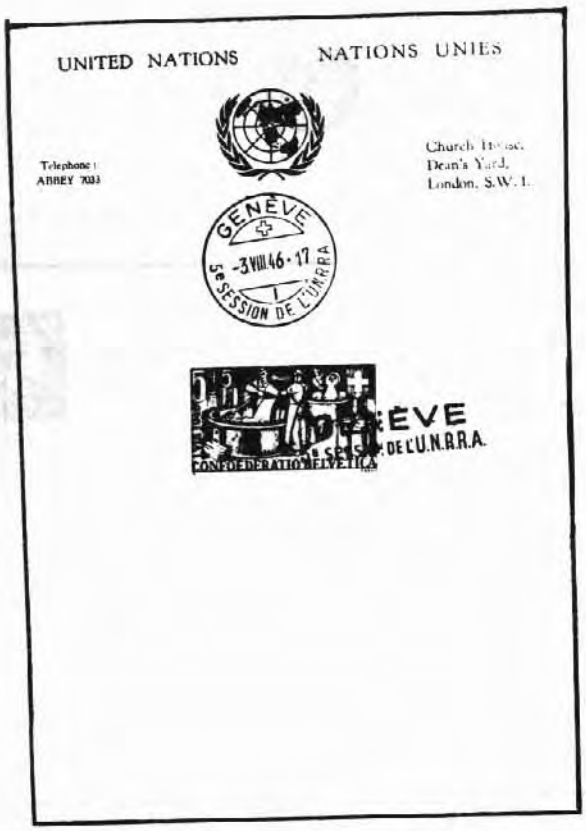


Figure 8: UNRRA cancel in Geneva on philatelic piece tied to UN Secretariat stationery with London address.

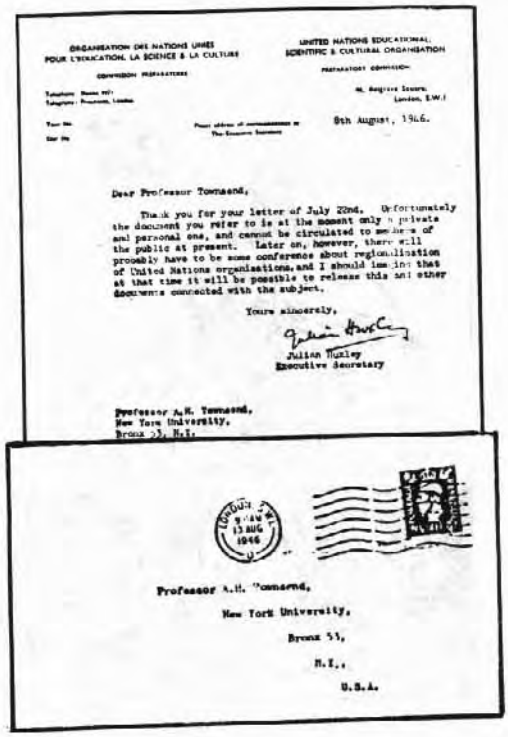


Figure 10: Letter and cover from the London office of the Preparatory Commission for UNESCO. (Courtesy of W. J. Barnes.)

Figure 7: Church House in London, the first home of the United Nations Secretariat. (Photograph courtesy of the United Nations Information Office.)

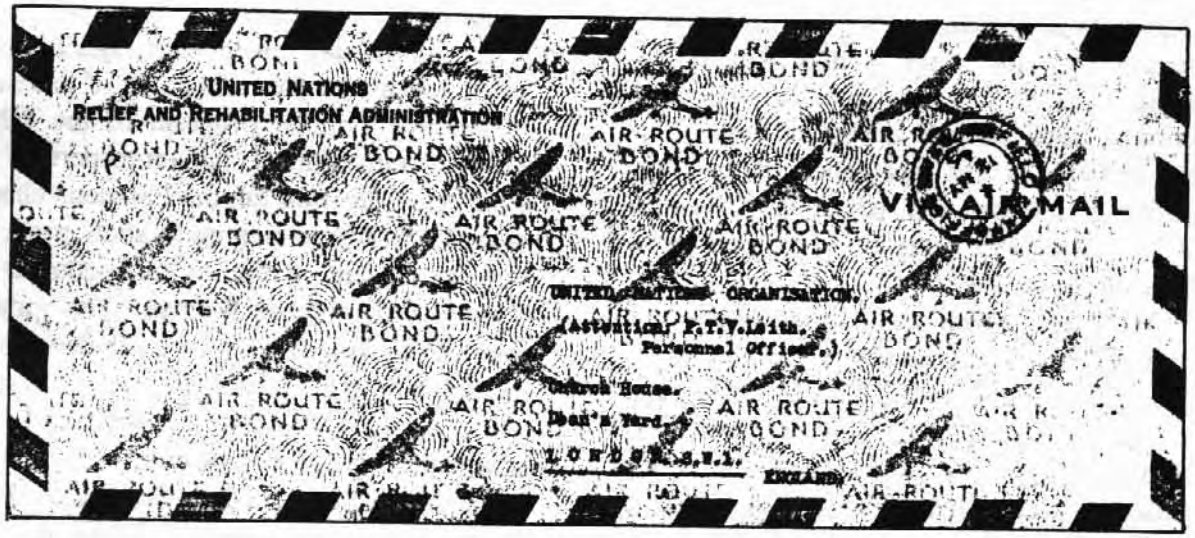


Figure 9: Cover from the UNRRA Mission in Greece addressed to the United Nations Secretariat at Church House in London postmarked May 12, 1946. (Courtesy of G. Galletti.)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

From a UNPA Press Release

On February 2, 1996 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of three commemorative stamps (which appear on the back cover of this issue) and a souvenir card on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

WFUNA is the only international non-governmental organization (NGO) that devotes itself entirely to the support of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. It has a membership of United Nations Associations (UNAs) established in some ninety countries.

WFUNA was founded in Luxembourg on August 2, 1946 as a people's movement for the United Nations. Its founders were both idealists and realists, who were convinced that the future of the world depended upon a strong United Nations, while realizing that this strength could develop only with the support of public opinion in the Member States.

WFUNA's family of UNAs operates as an independent network which promotes public awareness and understanding of the comprehensive activities of the United Nations and its agencies. UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali recently described this WFUNA network as "the incarnation of the compelling declaration with which the Preamble of the UN Charter begins: 'We the peoples of the United Nations'".

WFUNA, which has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, is headquartered in Geneva and maintains an office at UN Headquarters in New York as well as regional offices for Africa in Accra, Ghana and for Asia and the Pacific in Calcutta, India. The Federation also enjoys consultative and working relations with many of the specialized agencies and programs of the United Nations system.

All major projects and programs of WFUNA concern UN-related issues and are designed to study and to popularize the multifaceted work of the United Nations. Working for disarmament, teaching about the United Nations, educating for international understanding and universal respect for human rights, promoting the status of women and combatting racism and racial discrimination are among the many activities in which WFUNA has been actively involved.

WFUNA's efforts to raise public awareness of these issues have been enhanced by the establishment in 1966 of the distinctive **WFUNA Art and Philatelic Programme** through which WFUNA produces limited edition art prints and first day cover envelopes to accompany each United Nations stamp issue. This program began with a bang with the artwork of Salvador Dali, entitled ***The United Nations***, which was used as the first WFUNA cachet produced for the commemoratives (Scott UNNY No. 154-5) honoring the twentieth anniversary of WFUNA.. A first day cover, autographed by the artist, appears on the front cover of this issue.

Another popular program of the UNAs involves international person-to-person encounters. This past fall the Pasadena chapter organized a trip to Beijing to allow participation by citizens at the NGO Forum at the World Conference on Women. This spring it sponsors a three-week tour of Turkey on the occasion of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (**HABITAT II**), which takes place in Istanbul from June 3rd through the 14th. This **City Summit** will focus on the problems of urban development and will build on the recommendations made at **HABITAT I** in Vancouver in 1976.

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

By Richard Powers

Almost thirty years before the establishment of WFUNA, an analogous organization was created in Geneva to solicit public support of the League of Nations. In 1918 the International Union of League of Nations Associations and its member national organizations, which promoted the League's goals and programs, were established. This was essentially the forerunner of WFUNA.

Figure 1 shows a cover from the Union headquarters in Geneva postmarked September 10, 1937. Interestingly enough there was even a League of Nations Association Office in New York, although the United States never joined the League of Nations. Figure 2 shows a cover from the New York office sent on January 15, 1935 to Mexico City.

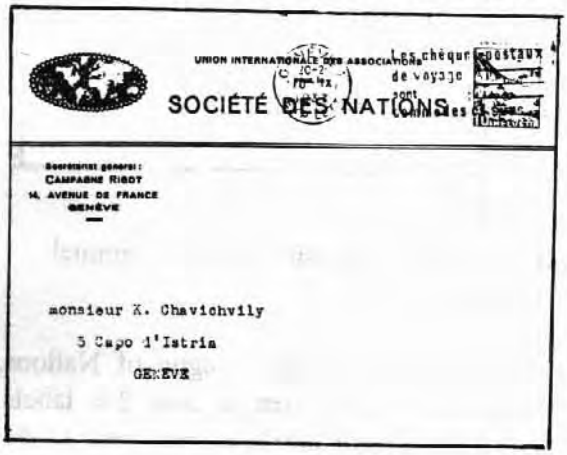


Figure 1: Cover from the Secretariat of the International Union of League of Nations Associations .

Correspondence from the League of Nations Association of Japan indicates typical activities. Figure 3 shows a wrapper postmarked June 13, 1929 containing a circular announcing publication of ***The Year Book of Japanese Art (1928)***, the second volume in a series prepared by the Japanese National Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations Association with the "hope of providing information upon various aspects of the modern art of Japan, which had not heretofore been available to Occidental peoples in any systematic form".

Jack Mayer sent me photocopies of two postcards sent by the Japanese League of Nations Association three years earlier. One announced an appearance by Albert Thomas, the Director of the International Labor Office, who would address members at the University Club (Gakushi-kai Kan). The other, which appears in Figure 4, shows the agenda for the annual meeting of the Foreign Section of the Association, which took place on May 22, 1926 at the Japan Industrial Club (Kogyo Kurabu). Although the choice of German music as part of the entertainment portion of the program may have been fortuitous, it is interesting to note that Germany had been ac-

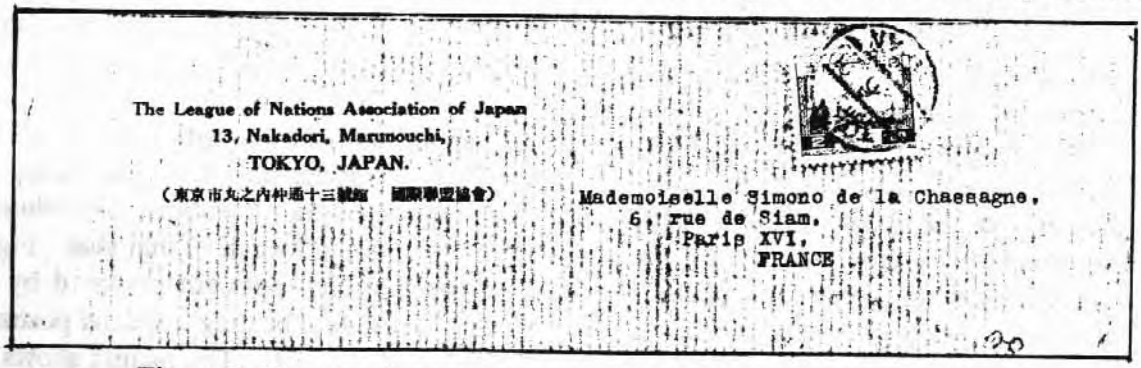


Figure 3: Wrapper from the League of Nations Association of Japan.

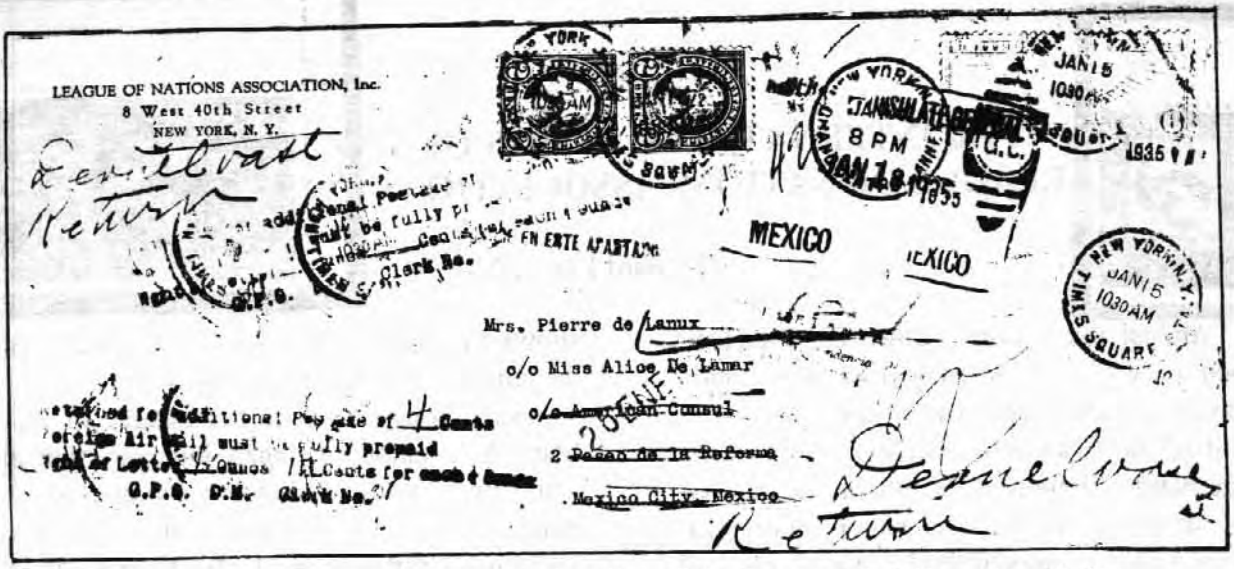


Figure 2: Cover from the New York office of the League of Nations Association.

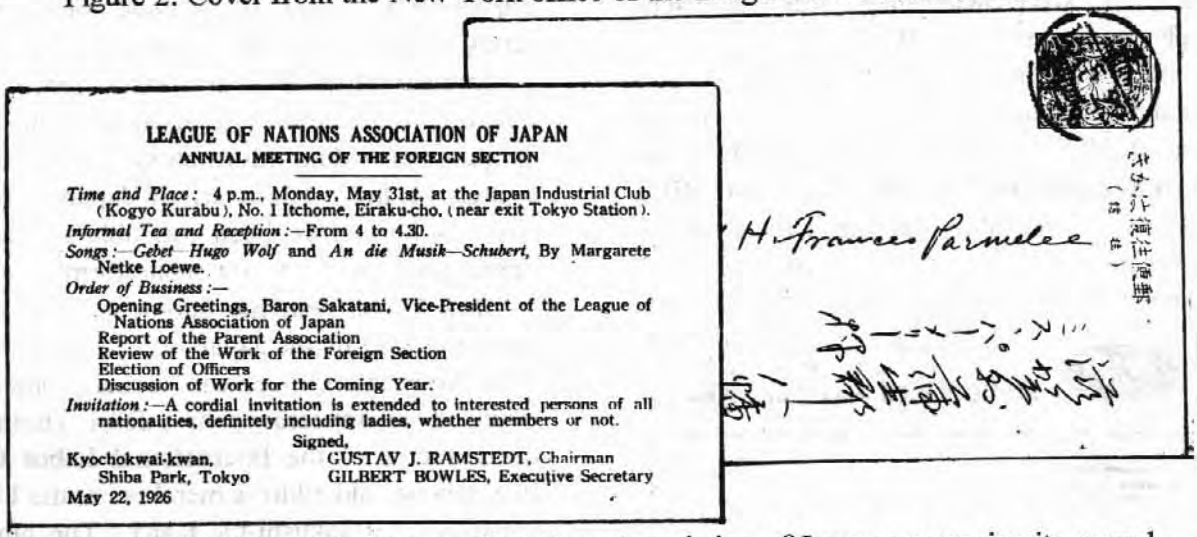


Figure 4: Postcard from the League of Nations Association of Japan announcing its annual meeting of the Foreign Section.

cepted for admission to the League of Nations barely two months earlier. Undoubtedly during this critical period of the League's brief operation, there was close collaboration between the League and the German Association for the League of Nations. Figure 5 shows a League of Nations service cover postmarked April 22, 1926 addressed to the German national office in Berlin.

The national office of the United Kingdom was very visible from the "philatelic" point of view. On the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the League of Nations, the League of Nations Union in London issued a series of five labels in booklets as a fund-raising device. Viscount Cecil, the first representative of the United Kingdom to the League of Nations, appears on the 1½ pence and 2/6 labels. Two of these five labels appear next to the title of this article. A cover (Figure 6) from the League Association office in London, which was sent to the Nansen International Office for Refugees in Geneva, was identified by the logo on the rear (Figure 6 inset).

In 1930 the Dutch Union for the League of Nations and Peace arranged with the PTT to obtain a special postmark advertising the Peace and League of Nations Exhibition in the Hague during March of that year. Figure 7 shows a special postcard prepared by the Dutch Association bearing a special postmark dated March 1, 1930. The picture shows the chest in which Hugo de Groot was rescued

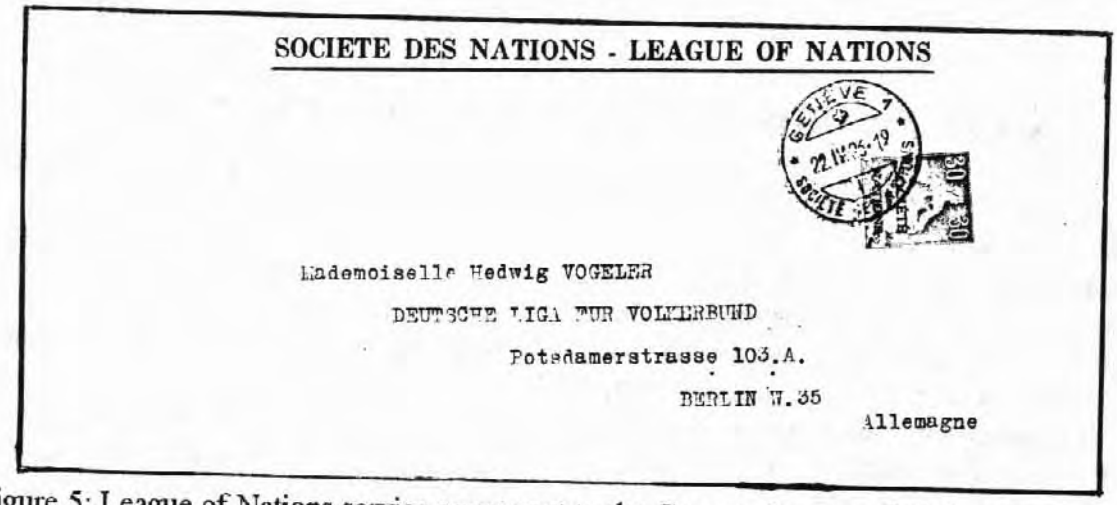


Figure 5: League of Nations service cover sent to the German League of Nations Union.

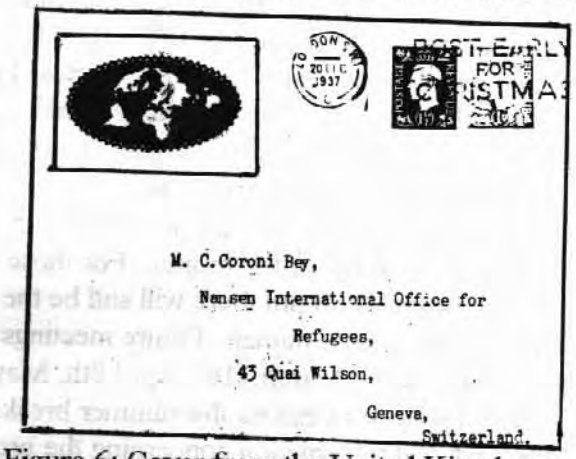


Figure 6: Cover from the United Kingdom League of Nations Union.

from prison in Loevestein in 1621 and escaped to Gorinchem. De Groot was a seventeenth-century legal scholar, who tried to systematize law existing at that time. He is considered by some to be the Father of the International Court of Justice.

In closing I solicit your help in identifying the League of Nations Union label printed in Brussels, which appears in Figure 8. I suspect it may have been prepared at the office in Geneva. The design echoes the logo on the cover of the Union Internationale des Associations shown in Figure 1. The label bears the text "World Federation - League of Nations Unions" and "Si vis pacem para pacem". According to my rusty high school Latin, this means "If you are looking for peace for the sake of peace."

Figure 8: Label of uncertain origin publicizing the World Federation of League of Nations Unions.

Figure 7: Commemorative postcard and cancel honoring the League of Nations exhibit.

SHOW AWARDS

According to *Linn's Stamp News* two United Nations-related exhibits were honored at the Philadelphia National show held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania from September 29th through October 1st. The Philadelphia National is sponsored by the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Inc. UNP-member Anthony Dewey's exhibit ***First U.N. Issue: 1951*** received a gold award and the post-1940 medal of the American Philatelic Society. Meir Kasirer won a bronze award for his entry ***U.N. Polish Contingent in UNDOF-Golan and Sinai.***

Three weeks later, Thamespex. sponsored by the Thames Stamp Club, took place in New London, Connecticut. Anthony Dewey's entry ***First UN Issue: 1951*** received the Thamespex 95 grand award as well as the American Philatelic Society award of excellence.

A United Nations-related exhibit received two awards at the American Stamp Dealers Association's Postage Stamp Mega-Event, which took place in New York City, November 2nd through the 5th. Here Anthony Dewey won a gold award and the post-1940 medal of the American Philatelic Society for his exhibit ***First U.N. Issue: 1951.***

CLUB NEWS

UNCC Meeting Location Changed to Stamp King

At the November meeting of the United Nations Collectors of Chicago, it was decided to change the location of the monthly meetings from downtown Chicago, where it had been held for many years. The new location appears to be somewhat more central and accessible to many members.

The new venue is at the facilities of Stamp King, a stamp shop known to most Chicagoland philatelists and is made possible through the courtesy of Mr. Richard Drews. It is located at 7139 West Higgins Road in Chicago not far from O'Hare airport.

As usual meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month. For those arriving around 6:00 pm there will still be the option of ordering a dinner. Future meetings are scheduled for March 11th, April 8th, May 13th and June 10th before the summer break. More detailed information concerning the programs can be obtained from the UNCC President: Dr. Ben Ramkissoon
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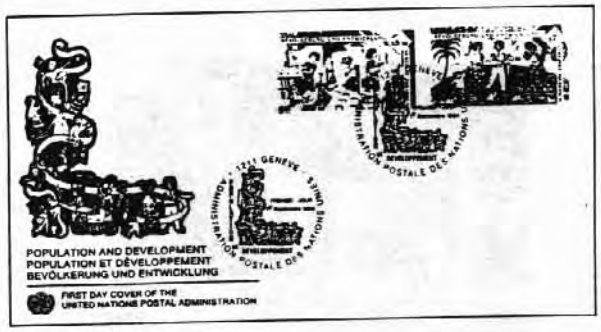
CONFUSED FDC: Vienna UN Stamps with Geneva Cancel

According to the latest issue of *Unopost* (1-95), the UNPA has been caught in the act of cross-cultural franking. The UN-specialized dealer Klaus Posch sent in the illustration to the right of a September 1994 combo FDC of the UN issue honoring Population and Development bearing stamps from Vienna with a Geneva cancel. This cover turned up in Norway, presumably prepared by the UNPA office in Geneva. Has anybody come across any other such covers?



First Day Cover of UNVienna Population and Development stamps with UNGeneva cancel!

1996 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(Subject to changes of date of issue, denomination and title.)

February 2

50th Anniversary of WFUNA

32¢, F.s. 0.80, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
Souvenir card.

Definitives

32¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.40, F.s. 0.70, S 1, S 10 stamps.
(Sheets of 50 stamps.)

March 14

Endangered Species

32¢, F.s. 0.80, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 16 stamps.)
Set of 3 maximum cards.
1996 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder.

June 3

City Summit (Habitat II)

32¢, F.s. 0.60, S 6 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
Conference philatelic souvenir pack.

July 19

Sport and the Environment

32¢, 50¢, F.s. 0.60, F.s. 1.00, S 6, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
Set of 3 souvenir sheets.
Set of 6 maximum cards.

September 27

50th Anniversary UNICEF

32¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.60, F.s. 1.80, S 5.50, S 8 stamps.
(Sheets of 9 stamps.)
Souvenir card.

October 25

To be announced

32¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.80, F.s. 1.00, S 7, S 10 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
1996 Collection of United Nations stamps.

NEW SLOGAN CANCELS

January 2 **50th Anniversary - First Session of the General Assembly**
April 1 **Healthy Cities for Better Life**

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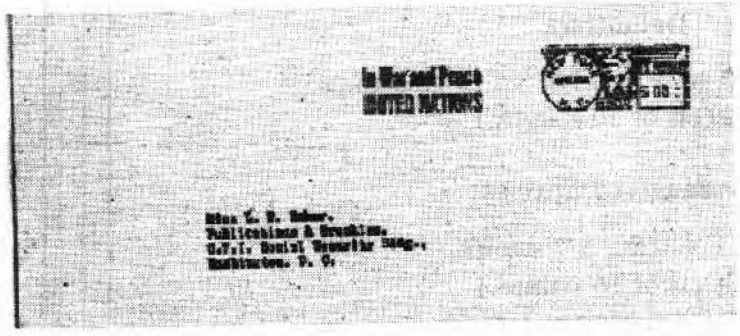
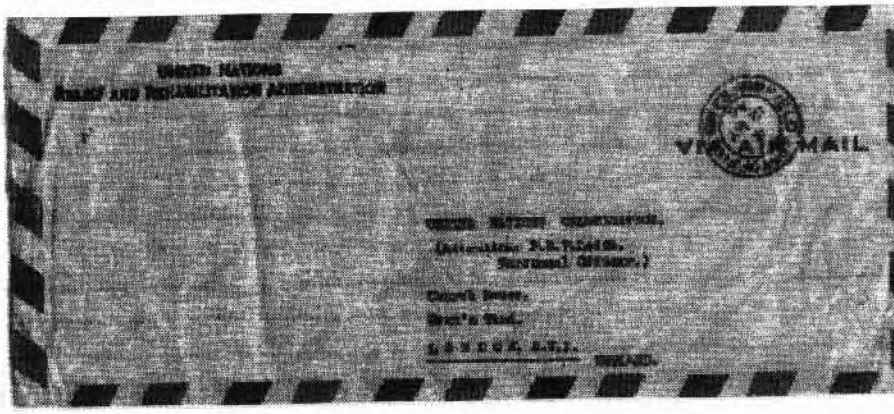


UN Information Office 310 Fifth Avenue (preprinted return address on reverse flap) official service cover bearing forerunner meter "In War and Peace" (Gaines slogan type 1) dated Oct 14, 1944, PB 108314 to Office of War Information Washington D.C. Extremely superb clean cover. (Gaines $300) net:$200

UN Lake Success airmail service cover bearing UN forerunner slogan machine cancel "Courrier of the United Nations" (Gaines LS/C.1) dated Jul 25, 1947) to Canada. net:$35

UN conference on International Organization - San Fransisco 1945, Airmail cover (Gaines E.3b) w/ conf. cancel (Gaines C.1c) w/ state department and forwarding markings. Opened roughly at right not affecting stamp or cancel (Gaines $450) net:$275



UNRRA Service cover 1946 bearing Fieldpost CDS from Greece mission (typed return address on reverse flap) to Unied Nations Organization Church House, London England. A wonderful London period UN forerunner. net:$150

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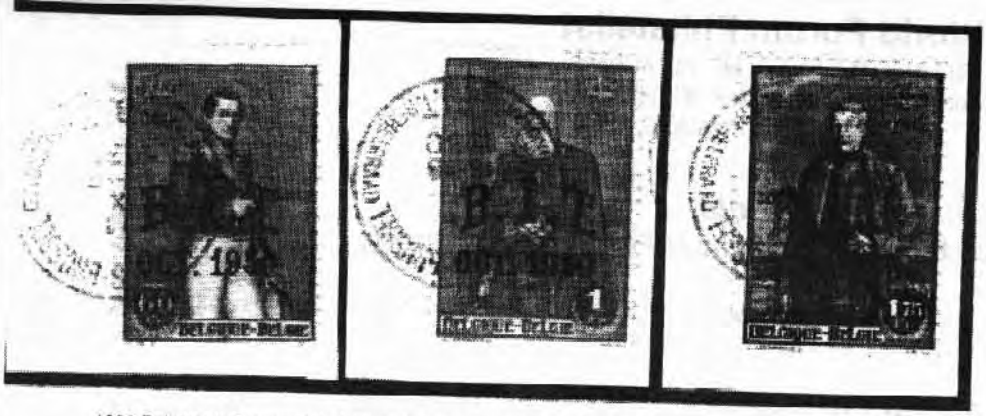
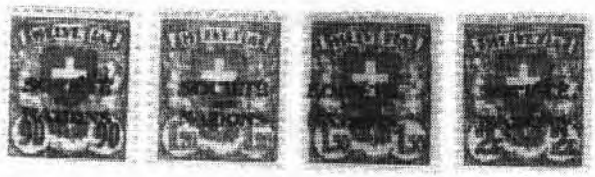


1930 Belgium ILO overprints full set of 3 (Scott 222-224) each tied to piece by special ILO conference cancel for governing body (Gaines 1930/2) net:$75

League 40c 1st prt. HFLVETICA error (Zumstein #8ii) CTO OG LH net:$120

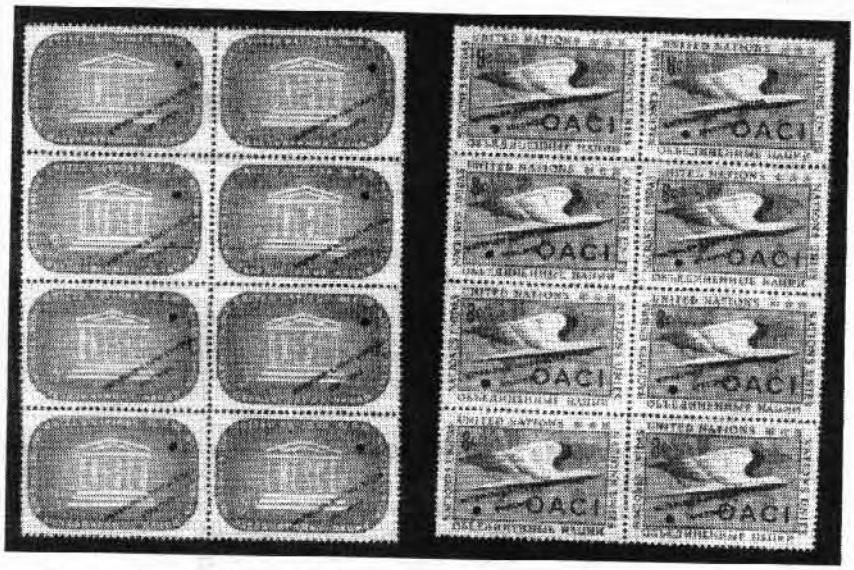


League overprints (Zumstein #2023a-26a) 1st prt. Mint Hinged. Nice overprint shift of 1.50fr issue. net:$225

UN housing issue missing brown (Gaines 100(d) net:$150

UN 1 1/2c 1951forgery precancel LR MI6 w/ control number. Excellent reference piece at a fraction of the genuine. net $125

note: additional precancel mterial available on request



Waterlow&Sons Specimens - highly unusual large multiple blocks of 8 (Gaines 32a, 33a) postoffice fresh, MNH superb. net:$600

American Banknote Co. Die Proof 3c Central Hall issue w/o legend, blue full size on card (Gaines 61a(l) net:$ 290

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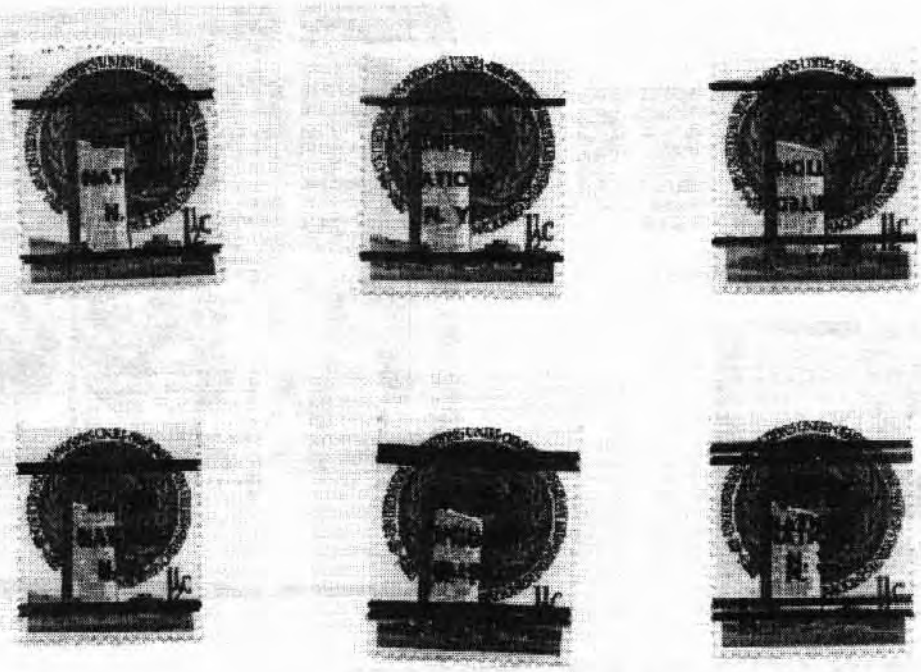

Specimen 1 bears strong impression of overprint especially noticeable on gum side suggesting production from and offset device.

Specimen type 2 bears an extremely weak if any impression suggesting it was produced by means other than offset, possibly lithography.

Specimen 3 - inverted overprint

Specimen 4 - double overprint - moderate shift

Specimen 5 - double overprint - one inverted

Specimen 6 - double overprint - dramatic shift

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1 UNMIH (Haiti) (3) - US Navy, French Navy,1 Canadian Navy service covers vf MB$10
2 UNPROFOR (4) - Canada, Holland, Italy, Nigerian Civil Police covers vf MB$10
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4 UNFICYP (Cyprus) (6) - Canada (3), Austria(2), Turkey covers vf MB$10
5 UNTAG (4) - Canada(2), Bangladesh, SWAfrica vf MB$10

UPU DELEGATE BOOKS

(Delegate Books distributed to postal delegates at Congresses)

6 1964 Canada beautiful hardbound book with 140 mint stamps all in blocks of 4 (usually only one or two of the stamps affected by hinging to book) with descriptive text and photos. Highlight Scott #411 block very nice! MB$75
7 1969 Israel w/25 MNH stamps all tabs MB$18
8 1989 UPU Director General illustrated 12pg book containing 22 MNH issues from Swiss UPU, ITU, WHO, BIT & French UNESCO vf MB$22
9 1989 Belgium 38 stamps MNH MB$12
10 1989 Brunei definitive set MNH MB$7
11 1989 Ethiopia 29 mint stamps in hardbound book with slipcase MB$12
12 1989 Greece 13 stamps MNH & souvenir sheet MB$12
13 1989 Oman 38 MNH stamps & souv. sheet in book with slipcase MB$24
14 1989 Surinam hardcover book containing all MNH issues 1984-1988 (182 MNH stamps) MB$40
15 1989 Qatar 36 MNH stamps in hardbound book with slipcase MB$24
16 1989 Turkey 34 MNH stamps + souv. sheet MB$14

WFUNA ART GRAPHICS

17 #16 Hal Groat Peacekeeping FD cancelled MB$15
18 #18 Alexander Calder WFUNA mint MB$140
19 #19 Tei Yamamoto UNCTAD FD cancelled MB$15
20 #20 Jessie Oonark Habitat FD cancelled MB$14
21 #21 Ole Hamann XXV Anniv FD cancelled MB$20
22 #22 Benjamin Levy Food FD cancelled MB$18
23 #23 Benino Gomez Security Council FD cancelled MB$20
24 #28 Hal Groat Atomic Energy FD cancelled MB$14
25 #57 Sophia Loren FD cancelled MB$75
26 #32 Ole Hamann ICAO FD cancelled MB$17
27 #68 Hans Ernie Refugees mint MB$80
28 #101 Keith Haring Fight AIDS mint MB$190

WFUNA DESIGNER AUTOGRAPHED FDC

(all very fine, unaddressed)

29 NY#221 block 4 Ole Hamann MB$4
30 NY#222 block 4 Olav Mathiesen MB$4
31 NY#223 block 4 Robert Perrot MB$4
32 NY#240-1,G34 combo Chaim Gross MB$4
33 NY#267-71 combo Philip Brandon MB$4 **PHOTO**
34 NY#269,280,G63 combo Benjamin Levy MB$4
35 NY#274-5, G58 combo Tei Yamamoto MB$4
36 NY#285-6 combo Benino Gomez MB$4
57 NY#289-90 combo Hal Groat MB$4
38 NY#294-5 combo Liam Roberts MB$4
39 NY#296-7, G76 combo Mohammed Khalil MB$4
40 NY#316-7 singles(2) both signed by Chaim Gross MB$5

UNICEF

41 1980 UNICEF Art lithographs 9x12" each tied by respective flag stamp in original folder orig. cost $96 MB$24
42 1980-1985 (5 years complete) 80 UNICEF FDCs in official albums (5) with deluxe color photos and text original cost approx. $200 MB$50
43 IYC UNICEF souvenir card blue with English text mint MB$5

UNNY STAMPS

44 NY#4,5 3 and 5 cent VFMNH sheets of 50 unfolded MB$6
45 NY #63 Bradbury Wilkinson name blocks of 4 VFMNH (3) retail$9 MB$4
46 NY #108-11 M110's VFMNH low printing sets MB$5
47 NY#125-8 VFMNH complete sheets of 50 unfolded MB$35
48 NY#149 25cent definitive VFMNH unfolded sheet of 50 MB$15
49 NY#226 95cent definitive VFMNH unfolded sheet of 50 MB$40

50 1980+1981 se-tenant Flag blocks of 4 (from center of sheetlets) VFMNH MB$10
51 1980, 1982 flag sheets vf mnh MB$10
52 1981 flags sheets vf mnh ret$18 MB$9
53 1982 flags sheets vf mnh ret$20 MB$10
54 1984 flags sheets vf mnh ret$37 MB$19
55 1987 flags sheets vf mnh ret$37 MB$19
56 1989 flags sheets vf mnh ret$34 MB$16

COVERS

57 Geneva/Austria Colorano silk cachet FDCs many sets vf ua all 1982 (8) MB$7
58 slogan cancellation collection all first and last days, mostly unad. vf 1969-1980 all Geneva (102 covers/cards) many cachets and additional markings MB$34
59 Vatican City UN issue FDC for visit to UN Headquarters by Pope Paulus VI autographed by Cardinal Spellman MB$10 **PHOTO**
60 Staehle cachet US FDC #928 for SF conference scarce cachet MB$15 **PHOTO**
61 1948 Paris Gen Assembly off. airmail cover franked with stamps inc. Scott #605-6 paying correct rate to Long Island, NY headquarters MB$25 **PHOTO**
62 (2) diff numbered FD covers for founding of the UN Topical Philatelists MB$5 **PHOTO**
63 registered cover bearing first usage of UNPO box type markings with strips of 3 of #2(2), #47 & #48 cancelled w/oval handstamp Nice piece of postal history MB$10 **PHOTO**
64 NY#29-30 off HQ cachet FDC fine ua combo ret$25 MB$7
65 Cocteau FDCs vf ua (4) Turkey, Sweden, Switzerland, France MB$5
66 NY #C1-4 blocks on vf ua Artmaster FDC MB$6
67 Geneva FDC #1-14 off Geneva cachet (14) singles complete vf ua (14) ret$34 MB$12
68 Geneva #16-40 vf ua off. Geneva cachet singles (25) vf ua ret$25 MB$10
69 NY#278-9 MI4 FDC uncacheted XXV anniversary issue - blocks applied upside down to cover. Oops! MB$5
70 Caravan cover 1966/22 London vf Gaines$10 MB$5
71 WHO (6) items, assembly covers, PTT sheets, Swiss 1959 inaugural assembly invitation MB$7
72 NY #170-4 combo FDC WFUNA cachet vf ua MB$6

MISCELLANEOUS & LATE ARRIVALS

73 FDC off Geneva cachet all MI4 vf ua Geneva#15-16, 18-28, 32-38, 41-4, 48-9, 53-4 ret$55 MB$16
74 UNPA folder for NY#278-9/G61-2 XXV Anniv. MB$15
75 (10) diff early 1950's-70's maximum cards complete sets vf MB$10
76 (12) diff items relating to UN Peackeeping Forces, inc covers, autographs, etc., MB$15
77 Marienwerder Scott #36-39 League Mandate stamps vf mint MB$10
78 UNNY#2A MI4 precancel forgery mint MB $40 **PHOTO**
79 Two historical letters including routing slips relating to the design and approval of UNNY#73-4 each w/note from Dag Hammarskjold about the issue. rare! MB$75
80 UNPA Presentation folder Gaines PF2C/49-50 signed by R Tvedt, UNPA Chief Gaines $80 MB$30
81 UNPA Stop Drug Abuse issue folder MB$5
82 UNPA brown presentation folder for 50th anniversary of UN issue 4/24/95 MB$10
83 SF 50th anniv. luncheon ticket, menu, program, special poetry insert and special presentation folder (which has ink markings on back) MB$25 **PHOTO**
84 Charter ceremony ticket and special presentation booklet (engraved blue folder w/gold inlay) only available at ceremony. Beauty! MB$25
85 (4) UNPA folders (2 blue/2 white covers) MB$15
86 UNPA NY show cancel #1 on UNPA postal card MB$5
87 Nicely written up 12 pages on UNPA meters with 30 examples of covers/strips showing history of early meters from late 1950's to 1960's. Includes some nice error examples MB$25
88 Stampex 195 + /1975 (2) early UN cinderellas MB$5
89 (19) diff souv. covers, cards, and sheetlets from various stamp shows all relating to UN or UN operations, some unusual items MB$15
90 Papua New Guinea airletter issued for special WHO conference 9/5-10/1963 cancelled w/conf. marking on FD MB$5 **PHOTO**
91 Australian airletters mint and FD issued for UN Economic Conf. in Asia MB$7
92 NY #392-8, 417-420 vf MNH MI4s ret$27 MB$14
93 NY #468, 473-6 MNH MI4s ret$29 MB$12
94 Br. Cameroons Scott #66-77 special overprint MLH set for League Mandate MB$10
95 UN Philatelic Literature (4) The Fourth 101 Articles by Herb Conway, The UN Conference Study Parts I and II, the UN In Austrian Philately 1946-1979 MB$15
96 ILO Service cover with ILO corner card franked by 6Fr.60c proper rate for 295grams air to AFL, Washington, DC 1950 (2) 3 Franc #3080 and one #3072 - rare legitimate usage of high values, envelope fine with some wrinkling common to large 8-1/2" x 11" covers Gaines page 1037-8 MB$100
97 UNPI back issue Journals 20 different all before 1992 MB$12
98 France UNESCO IMPERF matched set decorated

tab singles Scott #2021-3 retail $63 MB$38 **PHOTO**
99 Netherlands International Court of Justice #O16-9 1st printing MINT LH vf set complete MB$45
100 (3) fake precancels NY#2a, 2 diff regular varieties and one double overprint variety mint MB$40 **PHOTO**
101 Netherlands ICJ used O27-35, O38-43 f/vf MB$5
70 First Day Slogan cancel cover collection all cacheted slogans #3-10,14,16,19,21,25,26,28-9,31-33 vf ua or pencil addr. (20) MB$7
121 Vienna stamps MI4 vf MNH #11,17-23,28-34,39-41,44-51,55-7,62-3 ret$115 MB$34
122 NY stamps #417-9,423-4,441-3 Gen#121, 126-8 vf MNH MB$6

SWISS OFFICIALS

123 #2017, 2022 f/vf used MB$5
124 #2054A a beauty! VFMNH f/vf Gaines $375 MB$170
125 #4019-21 mint hinged vf MB$18
126 #4029-39 VFMLH MB$25
127 #4029-39 used all matching tab margin singles VF MB$32
128 #506-25 VF mint VLH ret$150 MB$110
129 #5019, 5022, 5024 high values mint hinged vf MB$6
130 #601-8 vf MLH MB$65
131 #708, 7014, 7017 vf used MB$7

132 MYSTERY LOT - covers, paraphernalia, etc., you name it, it's in here! a bargain at MB$60

Note from the Auction Chairman

To save room we haven't been printing the terms of the auction very often. Just a reminder of the important points... Lots are sold at one advance over the second highest bid. For example, if the minimum bid (MB) is $20 and two bids, $20 and $40 are received, the high bidder wins at $21.

Why do we use minimum bids? Honestly, they are for the protection of the consignor. As you know we typically sell around 65% of the lots offered. What can you surmise about the remaining unsold lots? Were the minimum bids too high? Perhaps. But very often, especially if the material is specialized, there may be no bids or only one bid received. Would you consign your collection of specialized Schleswig 1920 Mandate covers without a reserve? It might be worth $1000 to the right party...

I encourage all consignors to set low minimum bids so the material will sell. Desirable material may sell at multiples of the minimum and many lots that sell at the minimum are still bargains. For example, in the last auction, lot #77 (1974 UPU Director General Delegate Book) sold at the minimum bid of $350. In the December 5th, 1995, Apfelbaum's auction (lot #2311) , the identical item sold for $625 PLUS a 15% premium! The "bottom line" for a bidder is to bid what you feel comfortable with, and realize that your bid will be executed at one bid above the second highest bidder. If anyone has questions, please contact me.

The prices realized for auctions 1995F and 1996A will appear in the next Journal. 1996A was a large auction with a great mix of material, similar to the current auction. The military covers and Swiss officials sold very well. The big surprise was the Swiss Specimens. Only one lot sold! A year ago, we had a similar group of specimens, and each lot garnered four or five bids. Go figure!

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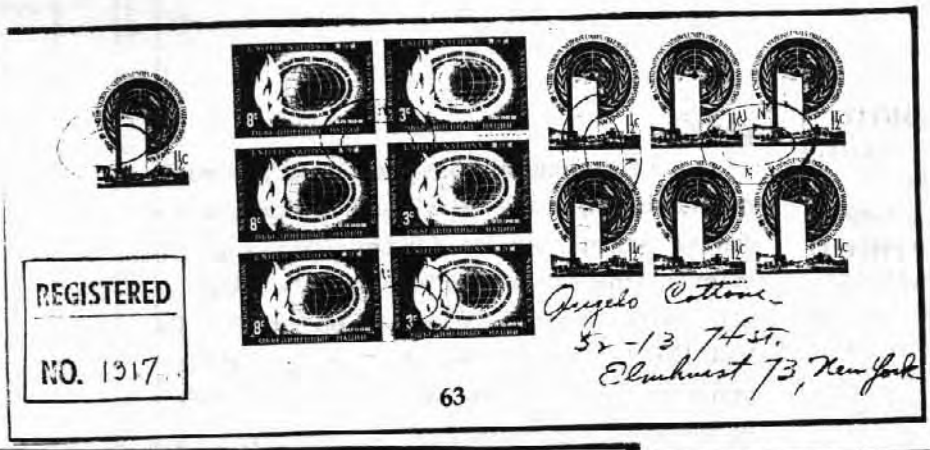
A club member may consign up to 20 lots per auction. The lot limit ensures that we offer a variety of material and that different members have an opportunity to sell their wares. We have been stretching the limit of 100 lots per auction recently, so if necessary, I may have to hold material for the subsequent auction if we are over-subscribed. At the latest, lots should be received one month prior to the *Journal* date, i.e., for inclusion in the April *Journal*, lots should be received by March 1st. Each lot should be individually packaged (glassine, envelope, etc.) and described with a minimum bid specified. An inventory sheet should be included. Consignments should be sent to the auction chairman by insured mail. Be sure to wrap protectively to guard against the rigors of the USPS. Consignors are paid about one month after the auction closes. The only fees are a ten percent commission to the UNPI and any return postage fees for unsold lots.



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