

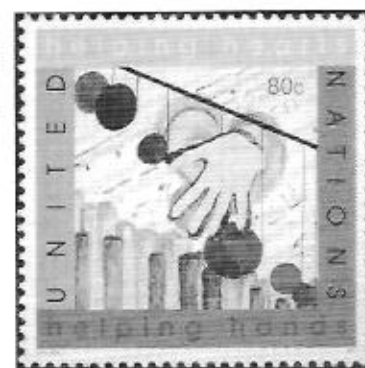
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Rear cover: 1981 service cover from the Geneva headquarters of the UN Volunteer Program.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

On Volunteerism

The recent commemoratives featured on the cover of this issue of the *Journal* has inspired me to digress slightly from normal messages, which deal with the activities of the club and its journal. This was not the first time that volunteerism has been dealt with by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) philatelically. In 1988 International Volunteer Day was honored with six commemoratives (UNNY 524-5, G167-8, A82-3) with realistic depiction of such volunteer activities as teaching, farming, election monitoring and health care.

I feel particularly touched by these reminders of the opportunities for doing volunteer work, which surround us. In my case, I was inspired by a French lady whom I met in the course of my more than seven years spent working abroad. In the early 1970s Françoise had reached that certain age when her children had become independent and she looked outside her household for opportunities to satisfy her need to nurture. At first she considered working with Chilean refugees, who were flooding France as a result of political turmoil back home. But her volunteer activity began to take off when she directed her attention to the needs of the visiting international nuclear scientists who were spending a year or two at the neighboring research center. This was where I met her. She had sent her daughter Leticia to the Laboratory Hostel, where I was staying, to invite interested scientists to come to their home to learn French and to meet the neighbors. This first step blossomed into an active FSL (French as a Second Language Program) housed at the local Community Youth Center where visiting professionals from outside France had a chance to meet other visiting professionals and their French counterparts, as well



as to learn French and partake of French hospitality. I returned to California with an awakened need to do something similar.

I did not have to wait long. Within a few months my eye was drawn to an announcement in the municipal power bill concerning a training course for persons interested in teaching English (ESL) to people living in Pasadena. Since 1982 I have been spending one or two evenings a week giving English classes at the Villa Parke Community Center in Pasadena. My first two students were Polish, who arrived during the early days surrounding the establishment of the first free labor movement Solidarity in Poland. Then came the boat people from Viet Nam, after North Viet Nam conquered the south. Today the vast majority of my students are Latinos, many of whom have lived in the U.S. for years in barrios where people can survive without a mastery of English. Often the turning point in their lives occurs when they realize that they are being "victimized" by their own ten-year children who serve as their contact (translators) with the English-speaking world at their children's schools or with city government.

But such volunteer activity is not purely altruistic. Often I receive more than I give. I have the opportunity to meet dynamic people who have been forced to leave their homelands. They bring with their meager belongings an opening to the world at large. Twice a year we organize potluck dinners to recognize the efforts of the teachers and the progress of the students. The caterers are the students themselves. I have learned to appreciate Chicken molé (with lots of chocolate) and champurada. I can hardly wait until I retire in few years so that I can become a full-time volunteer!

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

From a UNPA Press Release

On March 29, 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "International Year of Volunteers".

The designs of the six stamps are based on works of art which were created for "One Heart, One World - International Exhibition of the Heart". The exhibition opened at United Nations Headquarters in New York on April 5, 2000. Subsequently the exhibition was shown in Sao Paulo (Brazil), Paris (France), Hanoi (Viet Nam), Sydney (Australia) and Tokyo (Japan), ending its long run with a nation-wide tour of Japan.

The "One Heart, One World" exhibition consists of a compilation of 100 poems and 100 works of art. The poems were written by people with disabilities regarding their feelings, desires, hopes and prayers, as well as the obstacles they overcome in their daily lives. Each artwork corresponds to one of the poems and was created by individuals active in a variety of fields who share in the goals and aspirations of this exhibition. This collaboration of poems and artwork was born out of a public goodwill campaign and the desire and work of the Japanese public broadcasting company NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) to realize a state of normalization within society, a situation in which all individuals, with or without so-called disabilities, can live freely without impediment.

With the year 2000 being designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Year for the Culture of Peace, this truly noble project has been turned into a genuinely global event through the combined and selfless efforts, support and sponsorship of both local and international bodies, such as the United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations.

The Artists and the Paintings

34¢ stamp: Jose Zaragoza (Brazil) produced a painting (executed in acrylic paint and terracotta on recycled paper measuring 417 mm 0215 423 mm) which reflects the poem "Weather" by Fabrizio de Francisco, a 21-year old resident of Sao Paulo, who has a developmental disability.

80¢ stamp: John Terry (Australia) created a 450 square-mm piece of art using mixed media of opaque watercolor, water-based crayon, pastel, oil pastel, colored ink and colored pencil on drawing paper. Ms. Katherine Annear, a 26-year old resident of Adelaide, South Australia, authored the poem "The Electric Dance" that was complemented by this painting.

F.s. 0,90 stamp: Ernest Pignon-Ernest (France) produced a work in cinnabar on drawing paper, which measures 400 sq. mm. It was made to correspond to the poem "Ignored Olympiads" by Michèle Delmond-Gaudard (France), who has a physical disability.

F.s. 1,30 stamp: Paul Siché (France) created a painting in gouache on illustration board, which measures 400 sq. mm. Simone-Amélie Boinot (France), who is visually impaired, is the author of the corresponding poem "Poetry, my sweetness. .".

S 10/€ 0,72 stamp: Nguyen Thanh Chuong (Viet Nam) executed in oil on canvas a work measuring 435 mm x 444 mm, based on "Bridges" by Tran Quoc Minh (Viet Nam), who has a physical disability.

S 12/€ 0,87 stamp: Ikko Tanaka (Japan) created a computer graphic measuring 400 sq. mm, reflecting the message of the poem "Hands" by Shiho Ogasawara, a 16-year old Japanese with a developmental disability.

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

From a UNPA Press Release



On November 20, 1997, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers (IYV 2001). The main objectives of the Year are recognition, promotion, facilitation and networking of volunteer contributions worldwide. The proclamation of IYV represents an important message by the community of nations about the impact of volunteer activity on the welfare and progress of all nations and about the vital role volunteers play in every culture. IYV 2001 proclaims the centrality, importance and relevance of volunteerism.

The United Nations Volunteer Program (UNV), under the auspices of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) is the only United Nations program concerned exclusively with volunteering. It supports sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism and the mobilization of volunteers. The program is universal and embraces volunteer action in all its diversity. UNV places more than 4,000 volunteers supplied from over 145 countries to over 150 countries every year.

When the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed by consensus IYV 2001, it also designated UNV as the international focal point for the year 2001. Therefore, the UNV program is supporting the development of a network of Governments, international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities and associations, as well as a large knowledge base on the field of volunteerism.

Volunteer service has been a part of virtually every civilization and society. Defined as non-profit, non-wage and non-career action that individuals carry out for the well-being of their neighbors, community or society at large, it takes many forms, from traditional customs of mutual self-help to community responses in times of crisis, and efforts for relief, conflict resolution and the eradication of poverty. The

concept includes local and national volunteer efforts, as well as bilateral and international programs, which operate across borders. Volunteers have contributed significantly to the welfare and progress of industrialized and developing countries and within national and United Nations programs of humanitarian assistance, technical cooperation and promotion of human rights, democratization and peace. Voluntary service features prominently in the activities of NGOs, professional associations, trade unions and civic organizations. Many campaigns in such areas as literacy, immunization and protection of the environment are crucially dependent upon volunteer effort.

The need for increased volunteer effort is greater today than ever, given the adverse impact of global problems, such as environmental degradation, HIV/AIDS and drug abuse on the more vulnerable sectors of society, given the concern of the international community to focus on addressing such problems, with special attention to developing countries in general and poverty eradication in particular, and given the contemporary trend for civil society - in partnership with Governments and the private sector - to assume ever greater responsibilities in the development process. The need was reflected in the emphasis accorded by the World Summit for Social Development to the importance of new players - particularly individuals and organizations of civil society - taking the initiative at international, national and local levels. The Copenhagen Declaration and Program of Action call for reinforcement of the means and capacities for people to participate in social and economic programs.

The premise underlying IYV 2001 is that voluntary service is called for more than ever before to tackle areas of priority concern in the social, economic, cultural, humanitarian and peace-building fields and that more people are needed to offer their service as volunteers.

SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBERS OF 2000 UNITED NATIONS STAMPS

Date of Issue	Item
January 1	International Year of Thanksgiving 33¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51 stamps New York 772, Geneva 351, Vienna 268
April 6	Endangered Species 33¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51 stamps. New York 773-6a, Geneva 352-5a, Vienna 269-72a
May 30	Our World 2000 33¢, 60¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,10, S 7/€ 0,51, S 8/€ 0,58 stamps New York 777-8, Geneva 356-7, Vienna 273-4
June 2	Hundertwasser Memorial Postal Card S 7/€ 0,51(S 10/€ 0,72 selling price) Vienna UX13
July 7	55th Anniversary of the United Nations 33¢, 55¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,40, S7/€ 0,51, S 9/€ 0,65 stamps New York 779-80, Geneva 358-9, Vienna 275-6 88¢, F.s. 2,30, S 16/€ 1,16 - Souvenir Sheets New York 781, Geneva 360, Vienna 277 \$2 UNISPACE III Souvenir sheet with World Stamp Expo overprint New York 763a
September 15	International Flag of Peace 33¢ stamp New York 782 The United Nations in the 21st Century 33¢, F.s. 0,50, S 3,50/€ 0,25 stamps New York 783a-f, Geneva 361a-f, Vienna 278a-f
October 6	World Heritage - Spain 33¢, 60¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,20, S 4,50/€ 0,33, S 6,50/€ 0,47 stamps New York 784-5, Geneva 362-3, Vienna 279-80 {3 Prestige Booklets with 3x(5¢,15¢,F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,20, S 1/€ 0,07, S 2/€ 0,14)} New York 786a-f, Geneva 364a-f, Vienna 281a-f
November 9	Refugees 33¢, F.s. 0,80, S 7/€ 0,51 stamps New York 787, Geneva 365, Vienna 282 \$1, F.s. 1,80, S 25/€ 1,82 - Souvenir Sheets New York 788, Geneva 366, Vienna 283 Souvenir card 55

2001 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of March 15, 2001 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

January 9

Stationery

Surcharged 1997 50¢ aerogram revalued to 70¢

February 1

Endangered Species

34¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51

(3 Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)

Set of 3 maximum cards.

2001 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

March 29

International Year of Volunteers

34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, S 10/€ 0,72, S 12/€ 0,87.

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps.)

Souvenir Card

May 25

2001 Flag Series

(Slovenia, Palau, Tonga, Former Yugoslav Rep. Macedonia, Croatia, Kiribati, Andorra, Nauru)

8×34¢

(2 Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4)

Definitive stamps and Stationery

7¢, 34¢

(2 Sheets of 20 stamps.)

34¢ pre-stamped envelope (small and large), 70¢ postal card, 70¢ air letter

August 1

World Heritage - Japan

34¢, 70¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, S 7.00/€ 0,51, S 15/€ 1,09

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(5¢, 15¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,20, S 1/€ 0,07, S 2/€ 0,14)}

September 18

Dag Hammarskjöld

80¢, F.s. 2,00, S 7/€ 0,51

(3 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 18 50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration

34¢, F.s. 1,30, S 7,0/€ 0,51.

(3 sheets of 20 stamps)

\$2.40, F.s.3,50, S 28,00/€ 2,04 - Souvenir Sheets

3 Maximum cards

November 8

Climate Change

34¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51

(3 Sheets of 24 stamps with 6 se-tenant strips of 4)

2001 Annual Collection Folders

2001 Flag Series Folder

2001 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

February 5

International Year of Volunteers

August 6

Fifty Years of United Nations Stamp 1951-2001

MESSAGE FROM THE PRODUCTION MANAGER

You are not imagining things, if you believe that you are seeing faint paw prints on the outside of the UNP mailings. It seems that I have acquired a new volunteer to help with the publication mailings. Her name is Kitty Diddy. She is 9½ weeks old and loves the taste of stamp adhesive. This is evidenced by her fanatical desire to lick the sponge with which I moisten the postage to be applied to our mailings. If she cannot get close enough to reach the sponge from the outside of the water bowl in which it sits, she just climbs right in! Herein lies the explanation for paw prints on the outside of our envelopes or wrappers.

She is a managerial type of help. She loves to supervise, and has determined that the best place to observe is to pluck herself down on whatever current mailing piece on which I am applying postage. So if you notice paw prints, munch marks on the edges or light gray hair sticking out from underneath the applied stamps, do not worry. As Paul Harvey used to say, "You now know the rest of the Story."

SHOW AWARDS

UNP-member Anthony F. Dewey received two awards at the **Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition**, which was held October 7, 2000 in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. This show is sponsored by the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. Tony received a silver award for his exhibit *Swiss Official Stamps for the United Nations*. He also received the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) presentation award.

Tony received a gold award for this exhibit at **Thamespex 2000**, which was held in Waterford, Connecticut on October 22,

2000. This show is sponsored by the Thames Stamp Club.

Two UNP members won awards at **SAN-DICAL 2001**, which was held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds near San Diego, California from January 26th through the 28th. UNP-President Greg Galletti received a vermeil award for his exhibit: *A History of the League of Nations*. Greg also received the AAPE "Award of Honor".

Jack Mayer won a single-frame gold award and the single-frame Grand award for his exhibit: *United Nations Genesis: United Nations European Office 1947-50*.

CORRECTION

In Larry Davidson's report on UNP exhibits at **World Stamp Expo** in the December issue of the *Journal* (page 16) a few unfortunate typos crept in during the editing process. In particular, Greg Galletti's award at **NAPEX** was not only good, it was also **GOLD**. The editor regrets the downgrading of this outstanding exhibit.

POSTAL TARIFF UPDATE

The United States Postal Service was not the only mail organization changing postal tariffs recently.

In Switzerland the surface rate for mail (postal cards and letters up to 20 g (3/4 oz)) to the United States has increased to F.s. 1,40; a letter weighing up to 50g (almost 2 oz) would cost F.s. 2,00. The airmail rate is F.s. 1,80 for up to 20 g; F.s. 3,00, for up to 50g.

In Austria, the surface rate to the United States has increased to S 14. for postal cards or letters weighing up to 50g; a letter weighing up to 100g would cost S 21. The airmail rate has become S 15 for the first 20g. Letters weighing up to 50g would cost S 20.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA - VI

By Richard Powers

On December 28, 2000 I received a shipment of special covers with "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations) on specially prepared cacheted envelopes issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna during the previous year. These included special items issued between November 18, 1999 and June 3, 2000. This year's shipment cost \$15.57 plus a \$2.50 mailing fee, for which I received A.S. 25 in canceled UN-Vienna stamps with first day cancels. Below is a summary of the nine covers which I received.

On November 18, 1999 the UNPA issued a commemorative cover at the 1999 Senior Fair honoring the International Year of Senior Citizens. The cover bears a special UN-Vienna cancel tying the 1999 A.S. 6,50 UPU-Anniversary stamp which pictures a senior citizen with his lap-top computer. A similar design appears in the cachet. Underneath the UN stamps is the 1999 Austrian commemorative on the theme "To a Society for all Ages" tied to the cover (Figure 1) with a hand cancel which echoes the same theme.



Figure 1: 1999 Senior Fair cover.

On November 26, 1999 the UNPA issued a cover noting its participation in the Stamp Show **Weihnachtsphila** in Vienna. The cover (Figure 2) bears a A.S. 7 Education stamp from 1999.

On the same day the UNPA also issued a commemorative cover noting its participation

in the Stamp Show **Pinkabria**, which took place in Pinkafeld from November 26th through the 28th. The cover (Figure 3) bears an A.S. 14 "In Memoriam" stamp issued that year.

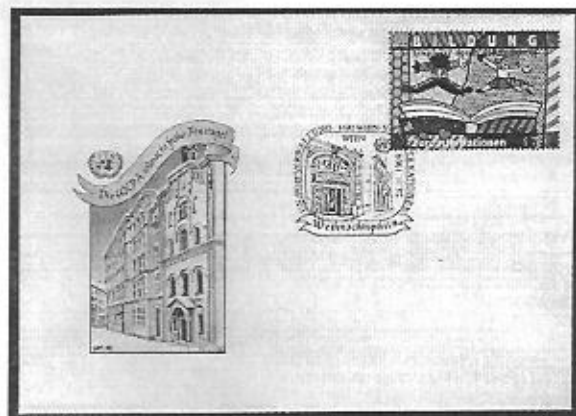


Figure 2: 1999 Weihnachtsphila cover.

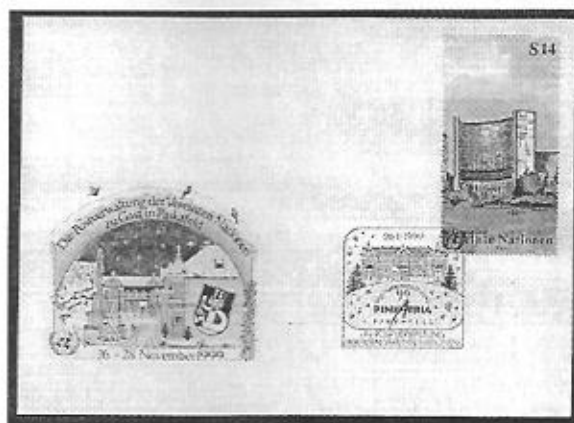


Figure 3: Pinkabria cover.

At the fifth annual Vienna Christmas Stamp and Coin Show **NUMPHIL-ALPHA** the UNPA issued a special cover. A A.S. 7 definitive is tied to the cover with the postmark December 8, 1999. The cachet of the cover (Figure 4) shows a stained glass window

The last special cover of 1999 commemorated the first Special Mail Delivery provided by Water Buffalo on December 18, 1999. My cover (Figure 5) bears the A.S. 1999 Endangered Species stamp featuring a orangutan.

On the occasion of the program **Senior AKTUELL 2000** at the Vienna StadtHalle,

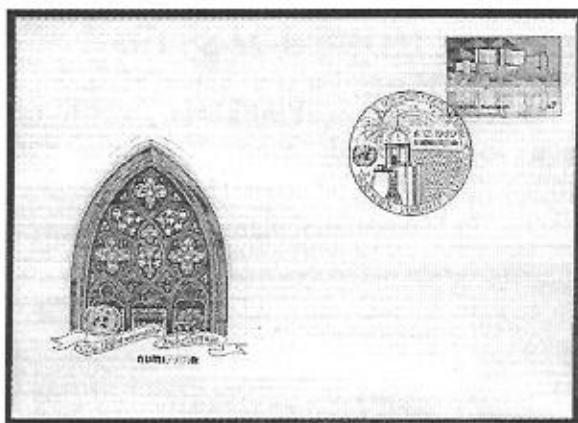


Figure 4: NUMIPHIL-ALPHA cover.



Figure 5: First Water Buffalo Mail Delivery

which took place from April 11th through the 15th last year, the UNPA released a special cover (Figure 6) bearing a 2000 Endangered Species stamp featuring a South Andean deer tied by a special cancel dated on the first day of the program.



Figure 6: Senior Aktuell 2000 cover.

The Vienna International Postage Stamp Exhibition (WIPA 2000), which took place from May 30th through June 4th at the Austria Center in Vienna, saw the release of three special covers by the UNPA. I have already reported on the release of the UN Day cover on June 2, 2000 in the August 2000 issue of the *Journal* (page 2). The following day two special flight covers to UNPA offices in New York and in Geneva were sent. The New York cover (Figure 7) bears a A.S. 13 Education stamp. The New York cancel features the Statue of Liberty and UN Headquarters in New York. The Geneva cover (Figure 8) bears a A.S. 7 Our World 2000 stamp. The Geneva cancel shows UN European Headquarters at the Palais des Nations. Neither cover carries a receiving cancel on the rear.



Figure 7: Flight cover to UNNY.



Figure 8: Flight cover to UN Geneva.

As a postscript to this article, I would like to mention the very interesting cardboard shipping envelope. The front side is generously sprinkled with full-color reproductions of recent United Nations stamps, which seem to pop off the surface. However, what struck my eye was the pre-paid bulk mailing indicia in the upper right corner, which was printed on a stamp-like label. Normally the UNPA

in Vienna indicates that the postal fees have been paid by placing the following legend in a rectangle either printed or hand-stamped on the envelope:

1400 WIEN
VEREINTE NATIONEN
P.P.

The letters P.P. acknowledge that the postage has been paid (in French, Port Payé). Gaines discusses this on page

599.1 of his Catalogue.

This is the first time that I have seen a separate label used. Apparently the label covers a preprinted indicia, which states "Postentgelt bezahlt", the German equivalent of P.P. Presumably international postal regulations require that all such information be given in French. The presence of such a label begs the question: Is this a new category of postage stamp? Hm?!



UNITED NATIONS POST OFFICE IN BANGKOK

By B. Clement, Jr.

In the December 1999 and April 2000 issues of the *Journal*, Dr. Gale J. Raymond and Richard Powers discuss the United Nations postmark from Bangkok, Thailand. Below are four covers which add to the information on the UN post office in Bangkok.

Figure 1 shows a cover with the UN postmark #2 from 1995 (Thai year 38). In addition the cover was sent Registered and received a violet registry imprint, also #2.

Figure 2 illustrates a cover with the UN postmark #2 from 1996 (Thai year 39). This cover bears the corner card of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Office, which indicates it is located in Maliwan Mansion and not in the UN Building.

Figure 3 shows a cover with UN postmark #3 from 1995 (Thai year 38). This cover has the corner card of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Its address is the UN Building, where the UN post office is located.

Figure 4 shows a cover with UN postmark #4 from 1993 (Thai year 36). This cover has

the corner card of the UN Development Program (UNDP), with its location shown as the UN Building.

In addition in an Editor's note to an article on the UN International School (UNIS) by Jack Mayer in the April 1998 issue of the *Journal*, he shows a cover with UN postmark #4 from 1994 (Thai year 37). The corner card on that cover is for the UNIS in Hanoi, Viet Nam, c/o UNDP-Hanoi, Box 618, Bangkok.

Thus it appears that the UN post office in the UN Building in Bangkok, serves personnel from a number of UN agencies, some of which are not located in the UN Building itself or even in Thailand. Cancel numbers 2,3 and 4 have been observed, suggesting that there is also a cancel #1 and perhaps others.

One interesting question is why the "United Nations" designation has not been observed in meters used by the agencies in the UN Building. At least meters observed from the ESCAP in 1994 used Bangkok 2 in the dater circle and has a slogan with the UN emblem and "ESCAP" under it.

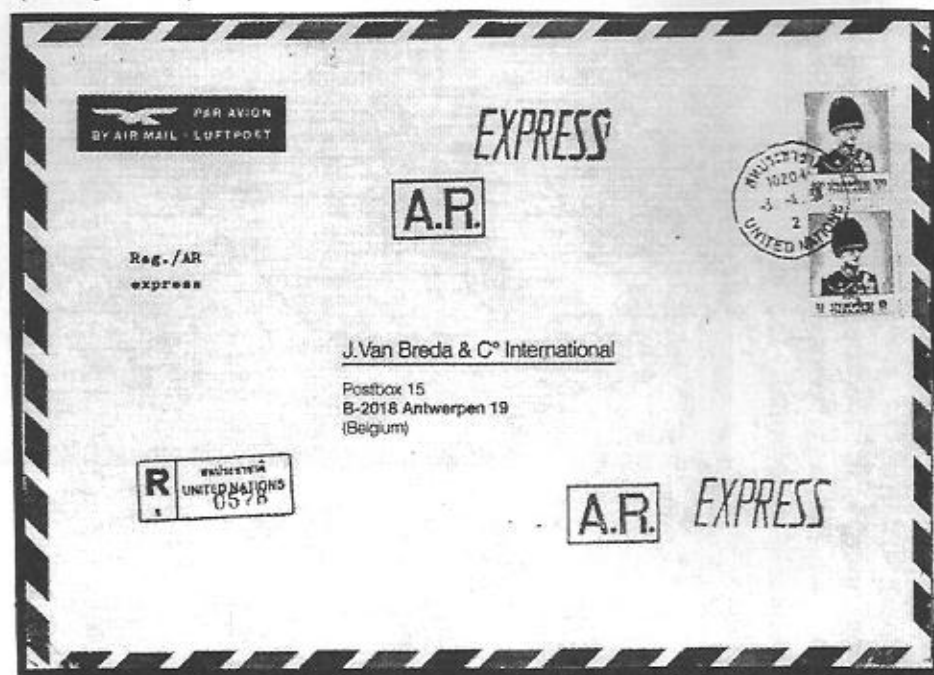


Figure 1: Registered cover bearing UN postmark from Bangkok.

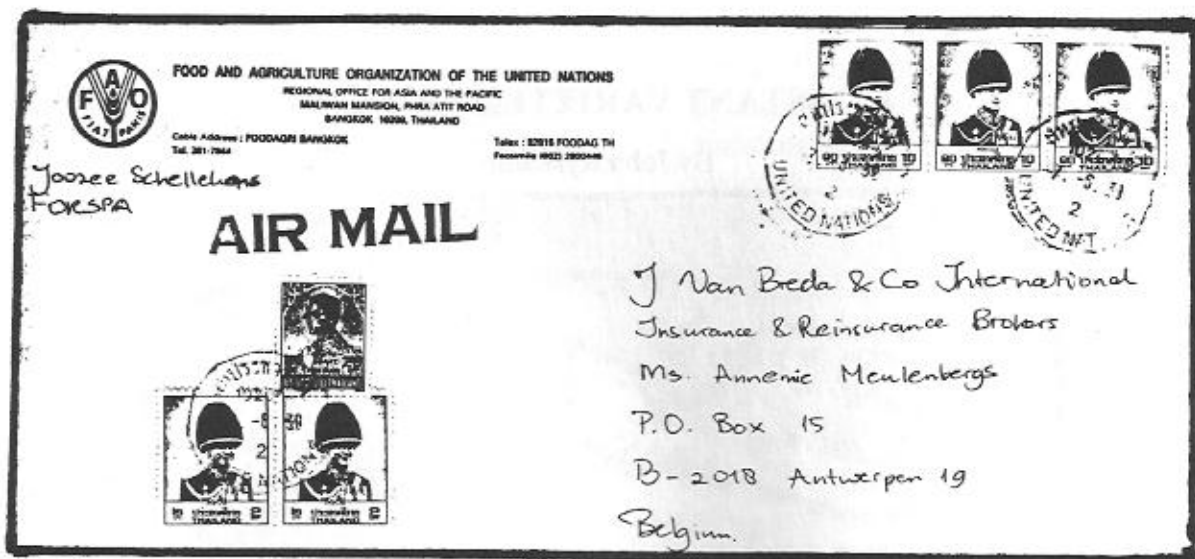


Figure 2: FAO service cover postmarked at the UN post office in Bangkok.

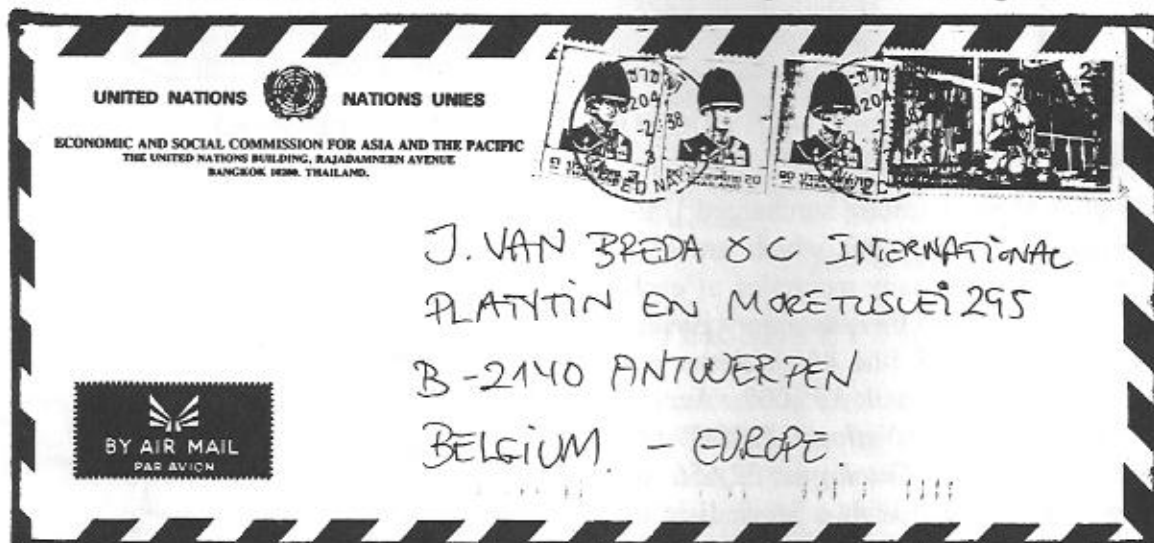


Figure 3: ESCAP service cover postmarked at the UN post office in Bangkok.

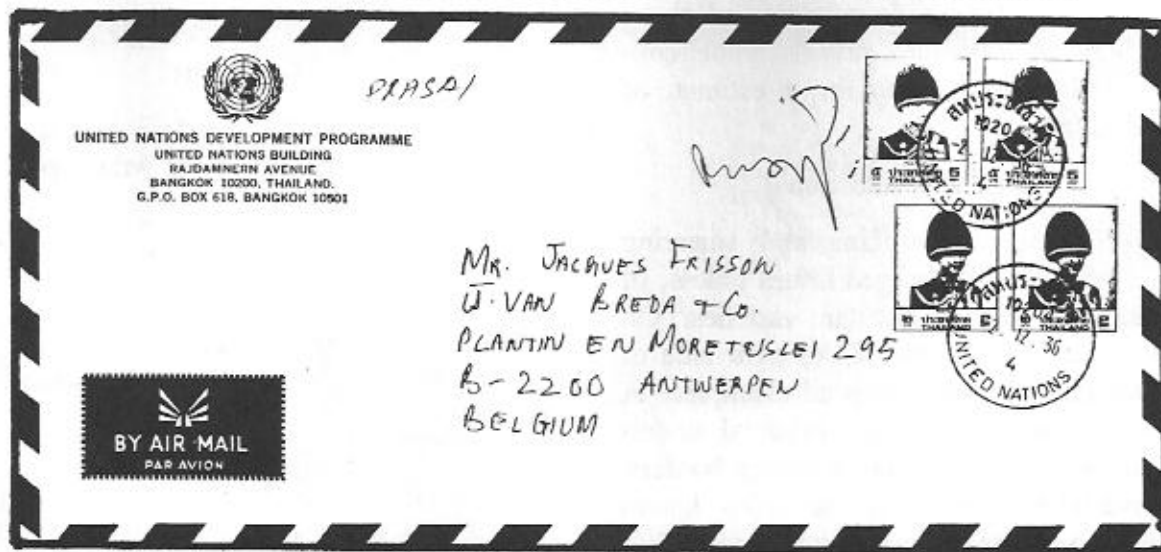


Figure 4: UNDP service cover mailed at the UN post office in Bangkok.

CONSTANT VARIETIES OF UC19

By John Ryskamp

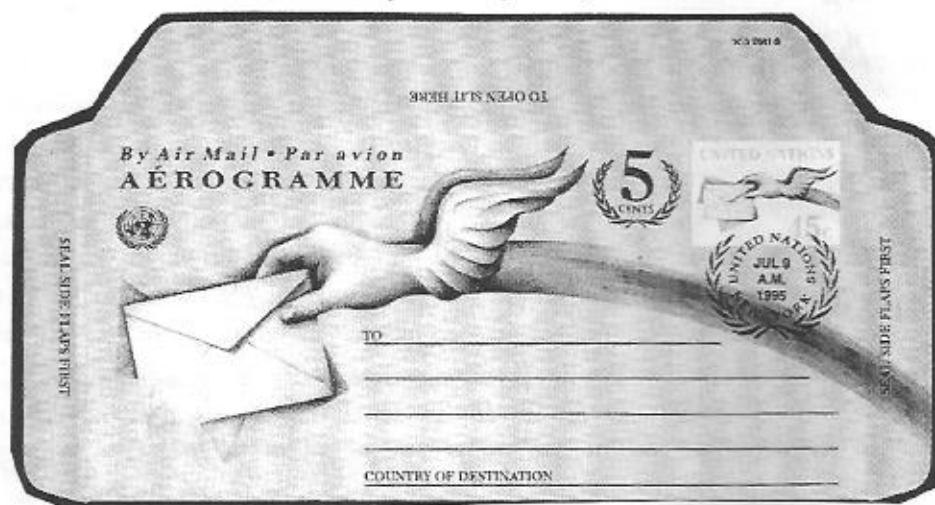


Figure 1: UNNY UC19 with cancel of first day of issue.

Varieties abound among surcharged United Nations stationery, but which are collectible? And how many examples of each exist? Compared to other stationery issues, the printing of UC18 (the 45¢ airletter released in 1992) was small: 185,000. According to the *United Nations Postal Administration Stamp Catalogue* 32,656 of these were surcharged with a 5¢ indicia to create UC19 (Figure 1) and released in July 1995. Of these, 9000 copies were canceled on the day of issue. Examination of about two hundred examples reveals some constant varieties and allows for an estimate of their numbers.

Superb Condition

Overinking, underinking and smearing are the bane of surcharged issues unless, of course, they produce constant varieties. On this issue, underinking of the right side of the wreath exists on almost all examples. A superb example will have minimal underinking, which does not break design borders. In overinked examples, the palm leaves bleed into one another. A superb copy (Fig-

ure 2) will have no smears or bleeding and will not exhibit any of the constant varieties mentioned below. Estimated quantity: 100.



Figure 2: Superb copy of the indicia.

Left Shift

Significant shifts (Figure 3) to the left of the indicia touch the lower wing tip. Estimated quantity: 100.



Figure 3: Left-shifted indicia.

Many right-shifted copies (Figure 4) approach the stamp impression to varying degrees. But none touch it. Estimated quantity: 300.



Figure 4: Right-shifted indicia.

Downward shift

A constant downward shift (Figure 5) has the entire design below the level of the lower wing tip. Estimated quantity: 300.

Overinked

Many examples of UC19 exhibit heavy embossing (even on the back flap) although they may be normally inked or even under

inked. Constant overinked varieties (Figure 6) exhibit heavy embossing, as well as smearing at the top of the "5". There is no underinking in any part of the surcharge design and bleeding in at least four pairs of leaves. Estimated quantity: 200.



Figure 5: Downward -shifted indicia.

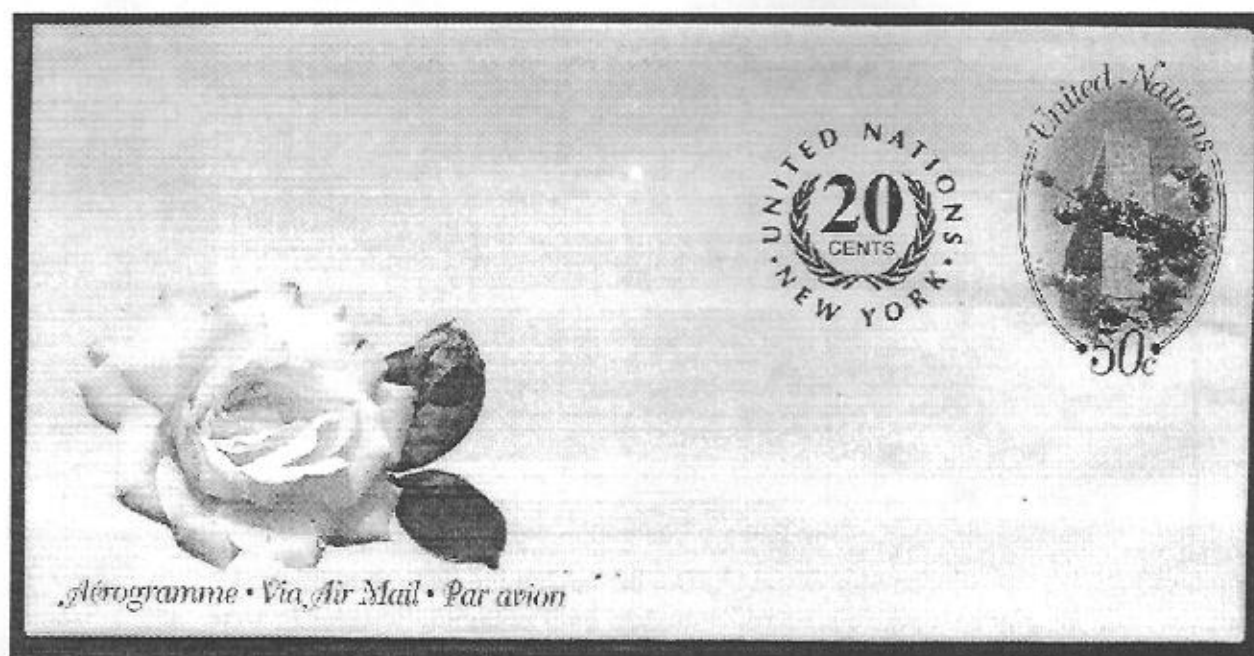


Figure 6: Overinked indicia.

NEW SURCHARGED AIRLETTER SHEET FROM UNNY

On January 9, 2001 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in New York released a surcharged airletter sheet to conform to the new postal tariffs in the United States effective January 7, 2001. It

released a version of the 50¢ airletter (Scott #UC20) bearing an additional 20¢ indicia next to the original 50¢ image. Presumably this item will be catalogued by Scott as UC22.



ILO CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

The postal history of the International Labor Organization (ILO) continues to be written, with the discovery of seven, previously unlisted cachets and an unlisted conference corner card, all from the period from 1972 to 1983.

You can find these newly unearthed items below.



Figure 1: Third Session of the ILO Interamerican Advisory Committee, held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 1972. The cachet is blue.



Figure 2: Fifteenth Session of the ILO Asian Advisory Committee, held in Bangkok, Thailand in 1973. The cachet is blue.



Figure 3: Fifth Session of the ILO Interamerican Advisory Committee held in Quito, Ecuador in 1976. The cachet is violet.

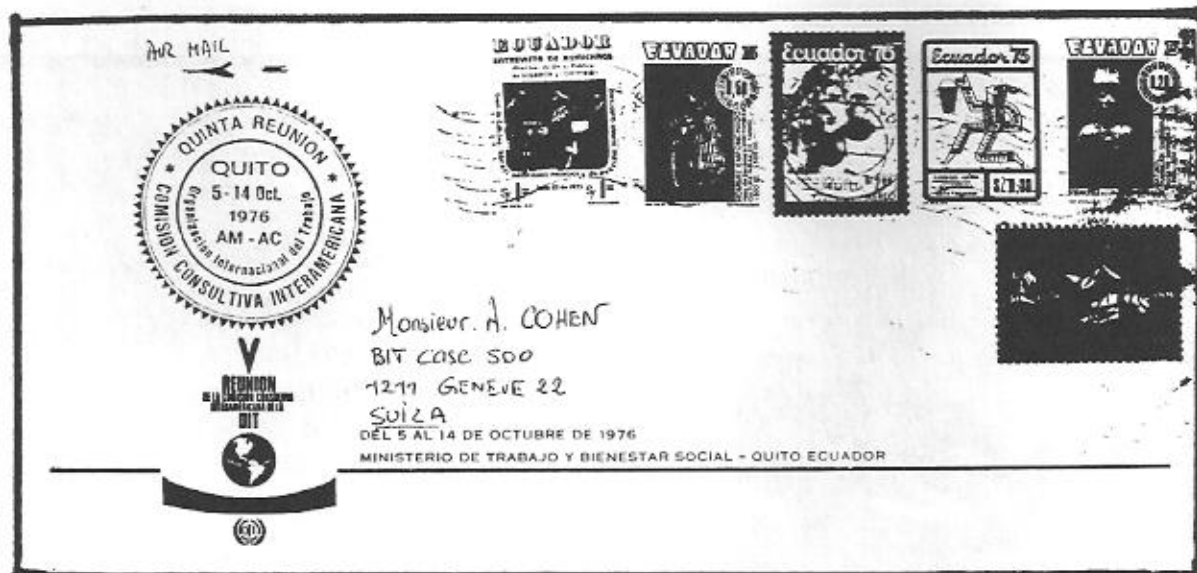


Figure 4: Cover sent to the ILO in Geneva from the Fifth Session of the ILO Interamerican Advisory Committee, held in Quito, Ecuador in 1976.



Figure 5: Fifth ILO African Regional Conference held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in 1977. The cachet is green.



Figure 8: Sixth ILO African Regional Conference, held in Tunis, Tunisia in 1983. The cachet is violet.



Figure 6: Eleventh Regional Conference of the American States in the ILO, held in Medellin, Colombia in 1979. The cachet is violet.



Figure 7: Ninth ILO Asian Regional Conference, held in Manila, Philippines in 1980. The cachet is blue.

If you have unlisted conference cachets, cancels, corner cards or other postal history, please photocopy the items and send them to me with the cachet color and date indicated. This information will be used in the planned UNP monograph on the "Postal History of Conferences of the UN, its Agencies and its Predecessors". Your contributions will be acknowledged. Please help.

UPU CONFERENCE

A session of the Council of Administration of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) was held at UPU Headquarters in Bern, Switzerland October 9-20, 2000. A special cancel, (Figure 9) was used for the session. These sessions are held in Bern each fall, except in years when a UPU Congress is held.



Figure 9: UPU Council of Administration special cancel used in October 2000.

IN SEARCH OF AUTOGRAPHS AT THE UNCIO

By Richard Powers

In the April 1999 issue of the *Journal* there appeared an article dealing with the efforts of an autograph hunter, D. Marino, to obtain the signature of the Secretary-General Trygve Lie at the end of 1946. I also have evidence that this autograph hunter was very active at the United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO) in San Francisco in 1945.

Figure 1 shows a registered conference cover sent May 16, 1945 by the Czechoslovak Delegation from its headquarters at the Fairmont Hotel. Figure 2 clearly indicates the purpose for this letter. It was written by the secretary to Mr. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister and head of the delegation to the conference. Apparently a request for an autographed "commemorative envelope" (FDC? of the U.S. UNCIO commemorative stamp Scott #928, which is much in evidence on their own envelope).

The letter seems to imply that the original request had been for more than just the autograph of Mr. Masaryk but I am sure that D. Marino was satisfied with the autograph of the chief delegate, who appears in Figure 3.



Figure 3: Czechoslovak delegate J. Masaryk.

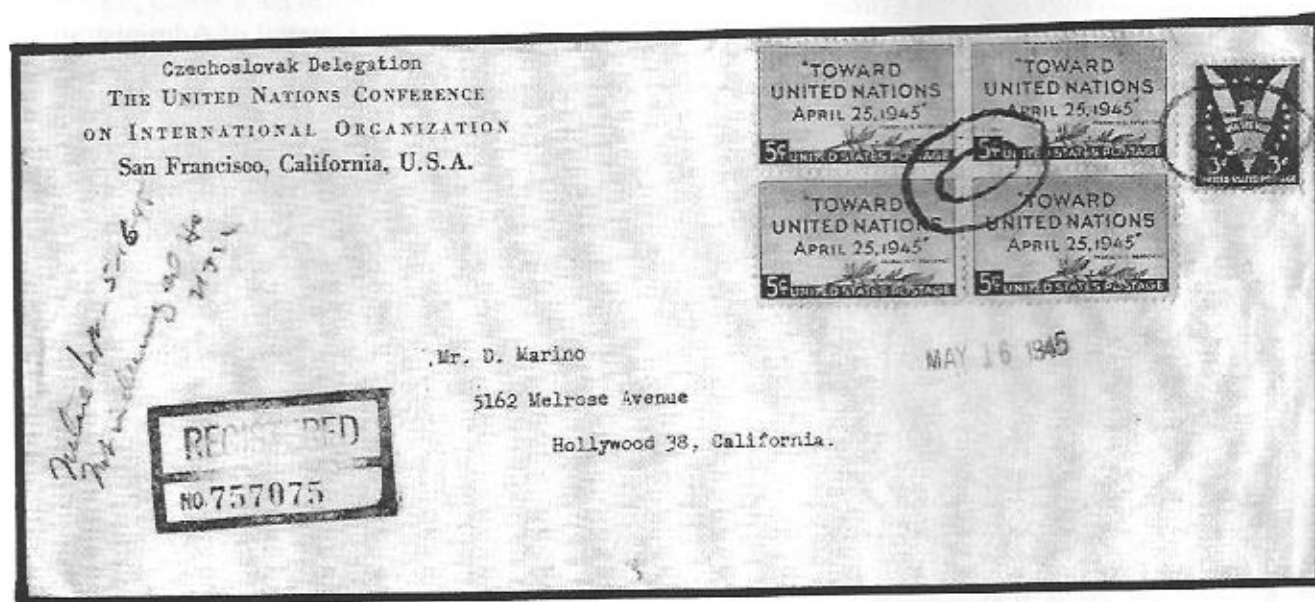


Figure 1: Registered cover from the Czechoslovak Delegation to the UNCIO

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Czechoslovak Delegation
Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco

May 14, 1945

Mr. D. Marino
5162 Melrose Avenue
Hollywood 38, California

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of May 9
addressed to Mr. Jan Masaryk, you will find enclosed the
commemorative envelope which bears the signature of Mr.
Masaryk. I regret that it is difficult to obtain the
signatures of the other members of the Czechoslovak Dele-
gation, and trust the one signature will suffice.

Sincerely,


to Mr. Masaryk

Encl.

Figure 2: Cover letter accompanying autographed cover.

ORIGIN CACHET DISCOVERIES

Update to the UNP Monograph: *Origin Cachets of the UN, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors*

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

The UNP Monograph *Origin Cachets of the United Nations, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors* was sent to the membership in June 2000. It was published in loose leaf form to allow easy updating as new information is found. In a short time, since the monograph came out, sixteen previously unknown cachets have been discovered. In addition, numerous new observations of unlisted colors and dates have been made. I am grateful for the contributions of new information from Larry Davidson, Fran Adams, Greg Galletti, Dick Powers, Clay Wallace, Jack Mayer and UNOPost.

My plan is to announce periodically new discoveries in *The Journal*. Then when appropriate, newly revised pages will be issued to update the monograph. My intention is, as far as possible, to retain the original cachet identifying numbers and page numbers. New numbers will not be assigned until the revisions are made.

League of Nations - Worldwide

Figure 1: League of Nations Health Organization - Singapore - violet, 1941.

WEEKLY FASCICULUS
LEAGUE OF NATIONS
HEALTH ORGANISATION
EASTERN BUREAU
SINGAPORE

United Nations - New York

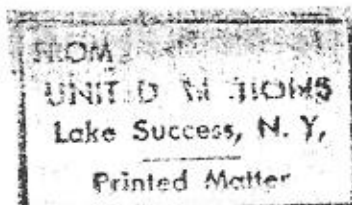


Figure 2: Lake Success - red, 1948.

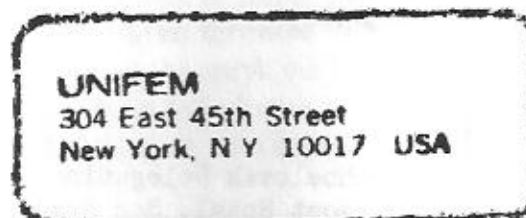


Figure 3: UNIFEM - red-violet, 2000

UN - New York - Delegations

DELEGATION OF CHILE

TO THE
UNITED NATIONS
6320 EMPIRE STATE BLDG.
350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Figure 4: Chile - red-violet, 1956

COLOMBIAN MISSION TO U. N.

205 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Figure 5: Colombia - black, 1958

Economic Commission for Africa:

Other Offices



Figure 6: Senegal - black, 1966

Food and Agriculture Organization Worldwide



Figure 7: Thailand - blue-black, 1987

International Civil Aviation Organization
Worldwide



APARTADO POSTAL; 2002 5-377
MEXICO 6, D. F.

Figure 8: Mexico, red, 1964

International Labor Office - Geneva



Figure 9: New type of C2, page 116
blue, 1967

I.L.O. STAFF UNION
SYNDICAT DU PERSONNEL
DU B.I.T.
G E N E V A

Figure 10: I.L.O. Staff Union -blue black,
1962

M. CLARK

Figure 11: violet-black, 1969



Figure 12: Staff Pension Funds - black, 1971

UN Children's Fund - Worldwide



Figure 13: Ecuador - violet, 1972

UNICEF Area Office for
Central America & the Caribbean
Apartado 525
Guatemala, Guatemala

Figure 14: Guatemala - blue, 1954

UNICEF;
5. QUEENS AVENUE,
COLOMBO 3
SRI LANKA;

Figure 15: Sri Lanka - black, 1990



Figure 16: Tanzania - red, 1991

Even though you don't collect origin cachets as a UN collector, you probably have one or more covers with origin cachets on them. To help make UNP's listing as complete as possible, you are urged to take the time to compare what you have with what is shown in the monograph. If you have an unlisted cachet, please photocopy it and send it to me with the color and date indicated. If you have a cachet in a different color or in a different year than that listed, please send me that data. Your contributions will be acknowledged. Please get involved!

RIPOSTE (OPAL) SYSTEM IN OPERATION AT THE UNPA - VIENNA

By H. Bartel

[Translated by the Editor from a German-language article in UNOPost 3-2000.]

After major building alterations at the United Nations Post Office (1400) in Vienna a new system of postage meter machines - the RIPOSTE (Opal) System was inaugurated on May 30, 2000.

This system allows the automatic electronic handling of all types of postal items. It uses bar-coded meter tapes which can produce postal rates up to S 9999,90. It can also produce special bar-coded labels for registered mail.

There are currently six machines installed in the Post Office. Each machine has its own identifying number from 1 through 6. In the townmark one finds the city of origin, its zip code (PLZ-Postleitzahl), the machine number, the date and the time to the nearest minute. The tapes measure 79mm x 38mm. The registration labels contain the indication: 1400 Wien as well as a code number. These labels measure 79mm x 35mm.

The first series of labels had a background showing the logo of the Austrian Post in yellow green. A sample from Machine #1 dated June 2nd appears in Figure 1 bearing S32,00 postage. The text in the box in German and French indicates that postage has been paid and that the country of origin was Austria. Figure 2 shows the corresponding type of registration label.



Figure 1: Tape from the first series from Machine #1 dated June 2, 2000.



Figure 2: Registration label from the first series.

However, between June 23rd and July 7 a new series of labels was released which shows the recently reworked logo of the Austrian Post in the background in yellow orange. The postage tape now measures 80mm x 39mm. The registration label now bears the indication: 1400 Wien - Vereinte Nationen. It measures 80mm x 36mm. Figure 3 shows a sample of the new series from Machine #2 dated July 3, 2000 bearing S6,50 postage. A sample of a registration label appears in Figure 4.



Figure 3: Tape from the second series from Machine #2 dated July 3, 2000.



Figure 4: Registration label from the second series.

UN-MILITARY CORNER

The United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic - MINURCA

By J.-L. Emmenegger

The UN Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) was organized to verify the cease-fire, especially in Bangui, the capital. The UN-Peacekeeping operation succeeded the mission first conducted by the French Army.

Figure 1 shows an official pre-printed cover

sent to the United Nations Philatelic Museum in Geneva. It was mailed from the Main Post Office in Bangui on September 10, 1999.

Figure 2 shows six cachets used by various sections of MINURCA or by associated national contingents

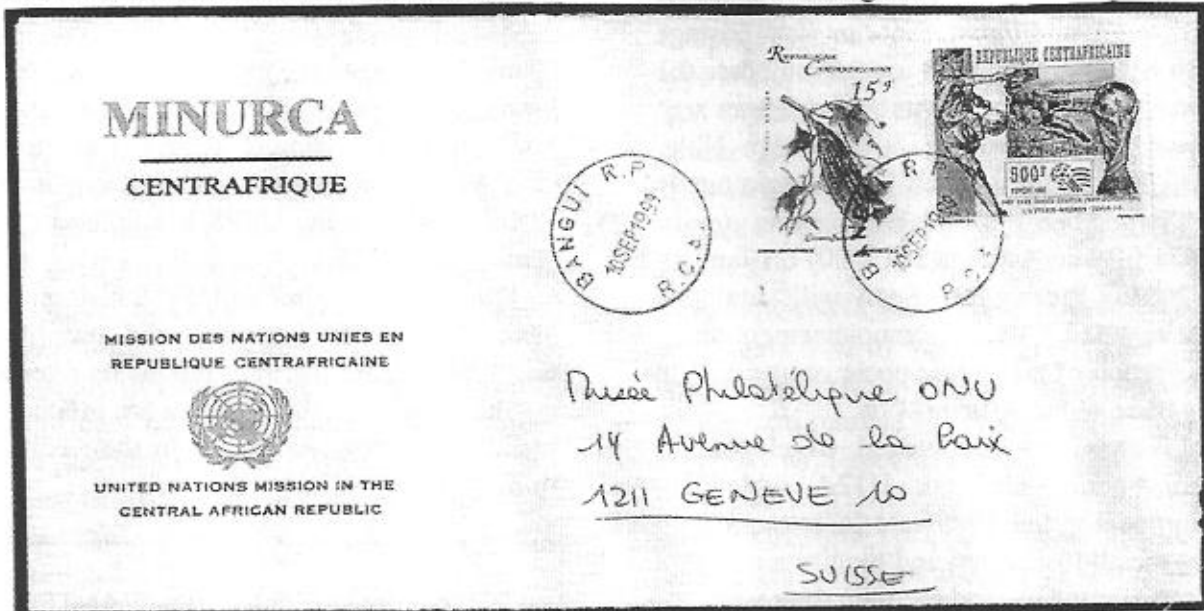


Figure 1: Official cover from MINURCA postmarked in Bangui in 1999.



Figure 2: (a) and (b) Official MINURCA cachets (c) MINURCA Free Mail Service Cachet



Cachets for (d) Armored Squadron, (e) Ivory Coast and (f) Chad Contingents

RECENT USPS RATE INCREASES AFFECTS USE OF UNPA STATIONERY

By Duane E. Lamers

The United States Postal Service (USPS) instituted new postal rates effective January 7, 2001. The result of this is that one item of stationery of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA), the surcharged aerogramme (Scott UC21) in use since May 31, 1999, is no longer valid for use as issued. An additional ten cents of postage must be applied in order to accommodate the new rate of seventy cents for airletters sent anywhere outside the U.S. [Editor's Note: The UNPA did this itself by issuing a newly surcharged version of its existing (since 1997) fifty-cent airletter (UC20) on January 9, 2001. Presumably Scott will catalogue this item as UC22. An announcement and a illustration of this item appear on page 13 in this issue of the *Journal*.]

Likewise the surcharged envelopes for domestic use, U12 and U12A, which accommodated the 1999 rate increase, are no longer valid as issued and require a one-cent stamp applied to send them on their way.

Out of our accumulations, however, we can give new life to UX21, the fifty-cent postal card first issued in 1998. The tariff for postal cards and post cards sent to Canada and Mexico is now fifty cents. Thus, an item once meant for international (overseas) use has lost some of its range. Its flights are now restricted to our closest northern and southern neighbors.

With the latest rate changes, USPS has revived a long-dormant system of assigning rates based on location (distance) from U.S. shores, so to speak, rather than a one-charge-for-all international rate, from which Canada and Mexico were always exempted. There is but one rate for airletters, however.

Meanwhile, that oddity in UNPA's stock,

the current domestic-use postal card, UX20, continues to haunt us, serving as a symbol of poor planning and, perhaps, a rush to capture a presumed market. The twenty-one cent card was planned as such even before the USPS had determined the domestic postal card rate. Thus, the card was one cent over the rate beginning with the 1999 rate adjustments. The most recent adjustments preserved the twenty-cent tariff for cards.

Perhaps we should regard this from UNPA's perspective and note that this is the second time that the USPS has failed to accommodate UX20!

For the second time in UNPA history, we have a stationery item that did not meet postal rates from the very day of its release, and likely never will. Readers are invited to identify the other such item in their collections.

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3. United Nations Society in Canada corner card cover to Geneva, dated June 11, 1946, nice condition MB\$25
4. League of Nations Society of Netherlands corner card cover to Finland, dated August 13, 1925, nice condition MB\$25
5. League of Nations Society of Switzerland corner card cover, dated March 6, 1932, nice condition MB\$25
6. International Union of Society of Nations (World Association of League of Nations Societies, etc.) Secretariat corner card cover to Geneva, good condition with fold over tear effecting part of corner card and cancel (January 15, 1937) MB\$25
7. Mint Sheet of 20 of the 1945 United Nations Conference labels with St. Francis missing selvage on two of four sides MB\$10
8. Official U.N. Congo Forces corner card cover to Canada canceled with Gaines type 200(b) purple ink with officers' initials in lower left corner, nice condition MB\$25
9. Airmail letter from U.N. Irish forces in Congo (ONUC) to Ireland canceled with Gaines machine cancel type 200(d), nice condition. Gaines notes that few Congo covers were canceled by machine MB\$100
10. Official U.N. Congo Forces corner card cover to Oakland, CA canceled with Gaines type 200(b) purple ink and also with red Leopoldville, Congo meter cancel Gaines type Meter U75, nice condition MB\$35
11. Official U.N. Congo Forces (ONUC) corner card cover to New York canceled with red Leopoldville, Congo meter cancel Gaines Type Meter U75, nice condition - MB\$35
12. Magnificent U.N. Congo forces corner card cover sent by Ralph Bunche (his name and the date of 15 Aug. 1960) typed under corner card marked "Diplomatic Pouch" and canceled with special red UN Congo forces cancel to Dag Hammarskjold at UN Headquarters in New York. The cover also has a U.N. dater cancel of August 21 1960. The cover is in excellent condition and constitutes one of the finest Congo covers available - MB\$500
13. Official U.N. Congo airmail corner card cover from Norway doctor with U.N. forces to Oslo, Norway. What makes this cover particularly significant is the franking of the cover with Katanga Independence overprinted Congo stamps. These stamp were only valid in the breakaway state of Katanga. One of the only known examples of Katanga stamps used on U.N. forces mail MB\$250
14. Used U.N. Congo Christmas card 1960 MB\$25
15. Official U.N. Congo identity papers for Norris Robinson signed by Col. Wilander (ONUC base commander) bearing official ONUC cancel - MB\$75
16. Official United Nations ONUC staff identity card for Norris Robinson - MB\$50

17. Kamina Base invitation to Norris Robinson bearing U.N. imprint and diplomatic red cancel for U.N. Day celebrations on October 24, 1960 MB\$50
18. Official Katanga diplomatic passport for Norris Robinson bearing official markings for ONUC Supreme Commander and Katanga diplomatic and state markings. Incredibly rare MB\$500
19. Official photograph of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld arriving in the Congo. He was killed soon after this photograph was taken. It bears the official ONUC diplomatic cancel marking MB\$100
20. Lot of three items. A mint piece of ONUC stationery, a copy of "TOM-TOM" the official ONUC forces newspaper and a copy of the official ONUC forces map for the Congo MB\$35
21. League International Monetary & Economic Conference, London, 1933, Gaines p.1027, 133/1a (Value \$125), on small cover MB \$20
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23. UPU Congress, 5 covers from congresses in Vienna, Tokyo, Lausanne, Washington, and Beijing MB \$15
24. UN Security Council Session, Addis Ababa 1972. Cover with special stamps and cancel, Gaines p. 1463, 1972/1 MB \$8
25. UPU Congress, Lausanne 1974, Small official congress cover mailed to Belgium, Congress note card inside MB \$12
26. UPU Congress, Beijing 1999, 110x220mm official congress cover mailed to USA MB \$12
27. UPU Congress, Stockholm 1924, Post card mailed from congress post office to Belgium, personal message, congress stamp has small corner tear MB\$15
28. FAO Rome, #10 Air mail service cover to UN-Philippines, 1952 MB \$6
29. WHO-Guatemala, #10 Air mail service cover to Honduras, 1953, circular origin ca-

chet MB \$8

30. UNPA-Vienna Greeting cards, 10 different, 1985-1995, all with stamp and cancel MB \$12

31. ALLENSTEIN PLEBISCITE overprint registered cover July 9, 1920 Scott #1, 3, 5 -9 to Hanover **PHOTO** MB\$25



32. WFUNA Lithograph #1 Joan Luby FD NY 1973 MB\$20

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37. WFUNA Lithograph #8 Frank Reichen- tal MINT MB\$15

38. WFUNA Lithograph #9 Hall Groat MINT MB\$15

39. WFUNA Lithograph #12 Ramon de Oli- vera SPACE FD Geneva retail \$180 MB\$90

40. WFUNA Lithograph #13 Viola Burley FD NY MB\$20

41. WFUNA Lithograph #15 Henry Benc- sath MINT MB\$20

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