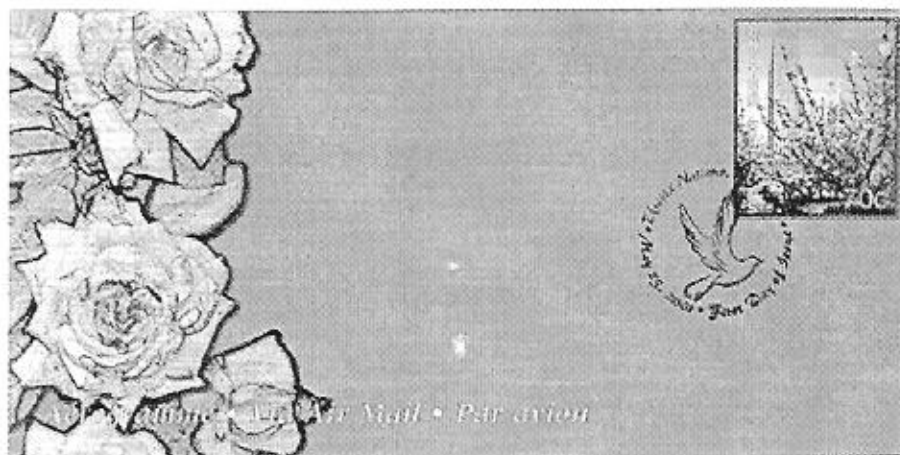




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Front cover: New 34¢- and 7¢-definitives and an air letter released on May 25th for use at the UNNY. **Rear cover:** Eight new flag stamps issued on the same day.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hoping to See You in Chicago this August

It is not too early to begin making plans for attending the 2001 Annual Meeting of United Nations Philatelists (UNP) at the American Philatelic Society's (APS) **STAMPSHOW 2001** in Chicago this summer. The four-day show will take place at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois beginning Thursday August 23rd. The Show is open daily from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM except for Sunday, when it will close at 4:00 PM.

The APS Director of Shows and Exhibitions Ken Martin has reserved a meeting room for the UNP Annual Meeting beginning at 1:00 PM on Saturday August 25th. The meeting is scheduled to last two hours. Earlier that same day there will be a UNP Board Meeting.

The Show is co-sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA) and the United States Postal Service (USPS). It will feature the 2001 World Series of Philately in which the grand-award winners from more than thirty national shows compete for the coveted title of Champion of Champions. And admission is free.

STAMPSHOW 2001 will include 150 dealers, a United States first-day ceremony, three auctions, a cachet-makers bourse and more than 10,000 pages of competitive exhibits. More than thirty-five organizations are expected to organize meetings and seminars at the Show. The USPS is scheduled to hold the First Day Ceremony for its Carniverous Plant Stamps at noon on Thursday the opening day.

As I write this column, I have yet to hear how many exhibits of interest to UNP-members have been accepted to be displayed. However, I am confident that several UNP-members will be exhibiting.

Another highlight of the Show will be the

Literature Competition. UNP has submitted last year's volume of the *Journal of the United Nations Philatelists* as well as the monographs by Duane Lamers on reprinted stationery (*United Nations Postal Stationery Issued and Reprinted 1952-1984*) and by Blanton Clement, Jr on origin cachets (*Origin Cachets of the United Nations, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors*) to be evaluated by a jury of literature judges. The Board hopes that high UNP-visibility at the Show will allow us to recruit fresh members.

Speakers Sought

It is anticipated that the major portion of the UNP meeting will consist of short ten-minute oral presentations of interest to UNP-members. I strongly encourage members planning to attend the meeting to consider organizing a short talk with a few transparencies, which can be shown with an overhead projector. This "show-and-tell" segment of the meeting always manages to generate plenty of enthusiastic response from the audience and often opens the door for prolonged discussions after the meeting has long since ended. Later that evening members will be invited to dine together at a nearby restaurant.

Would-be speakers are urged to contact me with the title of their presentation so that I can prepare a program.

Transportation and Housing

The Show will take place in Rosemont, a suburb northwest of Chicago very close to O'Hare Airport and easily reached by public transportation or by car.

The headquarters hotel for the Show is the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, which is connected by skywalk to the convention center. The APS **STAMPSHOW** rate is \$112 per night, single or double occupancy. Reserva-

tions can be made by phoning the national toll-free number (800) 233-1234.

A block of rooms is also available at the Rosemont Suites, located across the street. The \$121 single and \$141 double rates include a daily complimentary breakfast and evening beverage reception. The reservation number is (888) 476-7366.

For UNP-members on a budget Motel 6 has a couple motels near O'Hare Airport. The motel located at 9400 West Lawrence Avenue in Schiller Park appears to be about three miles from the Convention Center. My 1997 Motel 6 catalog gives a price of \$38 per person; \$6 per second adult. For reservations and a more up-to-date price call the toll-free number: (800) 466-8356. Members of AARP (formerly the American Association for Retired Persons) usually receive a good discount from Motel 6.

US Airways is offering 7% off nearly all published fares and a 10% discount with 60-day advance reservations. The discount is as much as 15% for some unrestricted fare types. To obtain this discount, call the US Airways group and meeting reservations office at (877) 874-7687 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM Eastern Time and refer to gold file No. 72671781.

AARP members can also get discount fares to selected cities when they fly on US Airways. Ask for the AARP Savers fare when calling to make reservations. All one needs is the AARP membership number. AARP Savers fare cannot be combined with other discounts or offers. For more information about the program and to make reservations, call US Airways toll-free at (866) 886-2277 or log on to www.aarp.org/usairways.

A special group rate is available for rental cars from Avis. Rates start at \$35.99 a day during the week, \$21.99 on the weekend and \$165.99 for an entire week. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 331-1600 and

providing the Avis worldwide discount No. J097347.

Members of the Board of Directors are looking forward to getting together with all of you, who can make it to Chicago for the UNP Annual Meeting. Bring your ideas for new projects for the UNP. Come ready to talk about United Nations Philately.

Upcoming Dag Hammarskjöld

Commemoratives

The UNPA is scheduled to release on September 18th three stamps in honor of former UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his death in a plane crash in Africa on September 18, 1961. In 1962 the UNPA released Scott #108-9 on the first anniversary of his death. I would like to feature the second Secretary-General in an article, probably in the October issue of the *Journal*. I would appreciate receiving information on his life and activities with the United Nations. Of course, a complete article would be even better.

CORRECTION

In his update to his UNP Monograph: *Origin Cachets of the UN, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors*, which appeared on page 18 in the April 2001 issue of the *Journal*, Blanton Clement, Jr. expressed his appreciation to those who had contributed new information recently. During the editing process, the name of Ed Davidson got transformed to that of the UNP Treasurer. The editor regrets this error.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Auction Chairman Alex Bereson reports that UNP member David Lutz kindly donated \$50.00 UNNY mint postage to be used in the mailing of the *Journal*. In the name of all benefiting club members the editor would like to thank David for his thoughtful donation.

2001 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of May 1, 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¢ air letter 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/€ 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/€ 0,51.
(3 sheets of 20 stamps)
\$2.40, F.s. 3,50, S 28/€ 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**

NEW UNPA DEFINITIVES, STATIONERY AND FLAG STAMPS FOR THE UN IN NEW YORK

By Richard Powers

On May 25, 2001 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) continued its Flag Series with the release of eight new stamps illustrating the flags of an additional eight Member States of the United Nations. The countries honored are Slovenia, Palau, Tonga, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kiribati, Andorra, and Nauru. Three of the above (Slovenia, Croatia and Macedonia) became independent with the break-up of Yugoslavia. Kiribati was the former British colony of the Gilbert Islands, which became independent in 1979. Tonga, formerly known as the Friendly Islands, was a British Protectorate until 1970. Nauru was originally a German colony, which became a British mandate and later an Australian mandate under the UN until 1968, when it became a republic. Palau was created from the western Caroline Islands, which became a UN trusteeship under US administration until it became a republic in 1981.

Originally launched on September 26, 1980, the Flag Series was created to honor the Member States of the United Nations. Until 1989, sixteen flags were printed each year; after the release of the 1989 series, the program was temporarily suspended, as all the flags of the then current Member States had been commemorated with stamps.



With the admission of new Member States in the ensuing years, the UNPA has periodically resumed the Flag Series pro-

gram since February 1997. The eight stamps issued this year bring the total number of Flag stamps issued to date to 192, including the flag of the United Nations. The designs appear on the rear cover of this issue. The special first day cancellation appears in the previous column.

Two new definitive stamps in denominations of 7 cents and 34 cents were issued to meet current and make-up postage rates in the United States.

The 7-cent definitive illustrates a close-up view of a sunflower in purple and yellow. The 34-cent definitive stamp has a rose design in red and purple tones. The designs appear on the front cover of this issue.

The UNPA also issued a 34-cent pre-stamped envelope in both standard and large sizes to conform with current postage rates. The stamp image shows a view of the United Nations Secretariat in New York. On the same day the UNPA removed from sale the 33-cent pre-stamped envelopes issued in 1999, which were actually revalued 32-cent envelopes, which were issued in 1997.

A new 70-cent air letter (on the front cover) and a 70-cent postal card were released on the same day. On the same day the UNPA removed from sale the revalued 70-cent air letter, which had been released on January 9th of this year. The picture side of the postal card also portrays the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The special first day cancellation for the definitives and stationery appears below.



RECENT UNPA PRODUCTS AT THE UNNY

By Richard Powers

This article is meant to document two new items, which have been produced by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in New York. The first will cost you \$2.75. The second will be free if you have the right address and are on the UNPA mailing list.

On March 30, 2001, the United States Postal Service (USPS) issued a 20-cent postal card to commemorate Yale University's Tercentennial (1701-2001). In recognition of this occasion, the UNPA affixed the current UN \$2.00 definitive stamp depicting the United Nations Secretariat to the left of the New Haven first day cancellation. The stamp was "chopped" with the following text:

1701-2001 Yale University Tercentennial
30 March 2001

United Nations Postal Administration.

The item appears in Figure 1. Subscription account holders with a standing order for New York Miscellaneous Products will receive the postal card automatically in their May issue orders.



Figure 1: UNPA's Yale Tercentennial Card

At the end of April I received a UNPA Geneva Blue Card in the mail, which had been mailed by the UNPA in New York. On

the message side was an invitation to attend the **ORCOEXPO EAST** Stamp Show in Monrovia, California, which was held May 4th through 6th and to visit the UNPA booth. The Blue Card had been issued in December 1999 on the occasion of the Journée du Timbre (Stamp Day) in Geneva and bore the 90-centime UN Geneva Education stamp (Scott #349) on the picture side and the 20-cent UNNY definitive on the address side. I have already received such invitations on unused UNPA Maximum Cards (See the article on page 20 of the April 1999 issue of the *Journal*). What a pleasant surprise to see a new use for the UNPA's once popular Blue Cards (Figure 2).

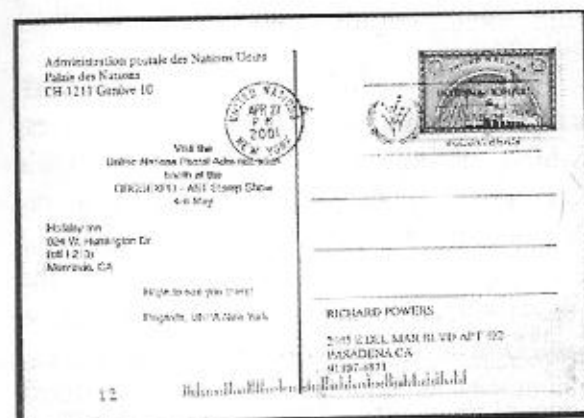
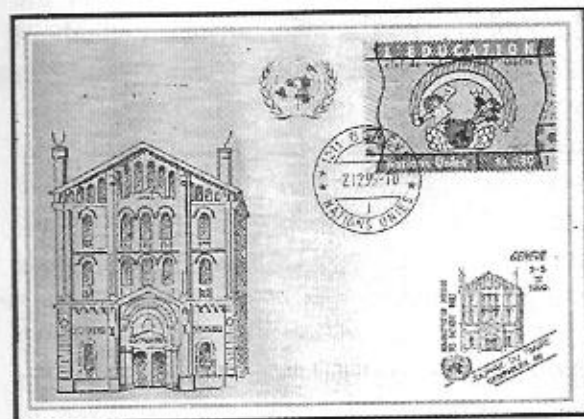


Figure 2: UNPA Invitation on a Blue Card.

THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST TERRITORY IN THE PACIFIC UNDER UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION

By Richard Powers

In the April 1999 issue of the *Journal* I discussed *League of Nations Mandates*. Among the Type C mandates were three islands groups: the Mariana Islands, the Caroline Islands and the Marshall Islands. Regionally these islands are known as Micronesia and are located just north of the Equator in the West Pacific Ocean.

The Caroline Islands consist of 549 islands about 1000 miles southeast of Manila. They had been bought by Germany from Spain in 1899 and had been a German colony until they passed under the administration of Japan in the wake of World War I. The Marshall Islands consist of thirty-two atolls and more than 867 reefs east of the Caroline Islands. They are located about 2,500 miles southeast of Tokyo. The islands were annexed by Germany in 1885 and remained under German control until they were seized by Japan in 1914. After World War I they too were placed under the administration of Japan. The Mariana Islands is a group of fourteen islands located about 1500 miles east of the Philippines. Until 1899 this group belonged to Spain but in that year all except Guam were ceded to Germany. Japan assumed administration of this group after World War I.

According to League of Nations Covenant, Type C mandates concerned territories, "which, owing to the sparseness of their populations, or their small size, or their remoteness from the centres of civilization, or their contiguity to the territory of the Mandatory, and other circumstances, can be best administered under the laws of the Mandatory as integral portions of its territory, subject to the safeguards above mentioned in the interests of the indigenous population". These three island groups re-

mained part of Japan until they were seized by the United States during World War II. They were placed under United States administration as a United Nations Trust Territory in 1947. At various times the Office of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was located in Honolulu (Hawaiian Islands), Saipan (Mariana Islands), Koror (Caroline Islands) and Guam, which was never a part of the Trust Territory. (Guam was ceded by Spain to the United States in 1898 as part of the settlement of the Spanish-American War and is currently a United States possession.)

Figure 1 shows a cover sent by a staff member of the U.S. Navy Commander in the Marianas postmarked with a U.S. Navy cancel (13973 BR) on August 1, 1947. This was sent apparently during a period of transition between military administration and civilian administration as part of the trust territory. Figure 2 shows a cover from the Office of the High Commissioner in Saipan (Mariana Islands) bearing U.S. stamps postmarked July 20, 1973 at the Capitol Hill Branch of the Saipan post office.

Beginning about 1979 some unknown philatelist began documenting the postal marks in the Trust Territory during the ensuing years. He prepared envelopes bearing a map showing the more important features of the mandated area. Figure 3 shows a cover bearing a handstamped United States Post Office (U.S.P.O.) cancel from Koror in the Caroline Islands dated December 21, 1979. The mandated area has an irregular eight-sided boundary with a hole surrounding the excluded island of Guam. In the lower right corner is a portion of the Gilbert Islands, which today is part of Kiribati. Figure 4 shows a more detailed ren-

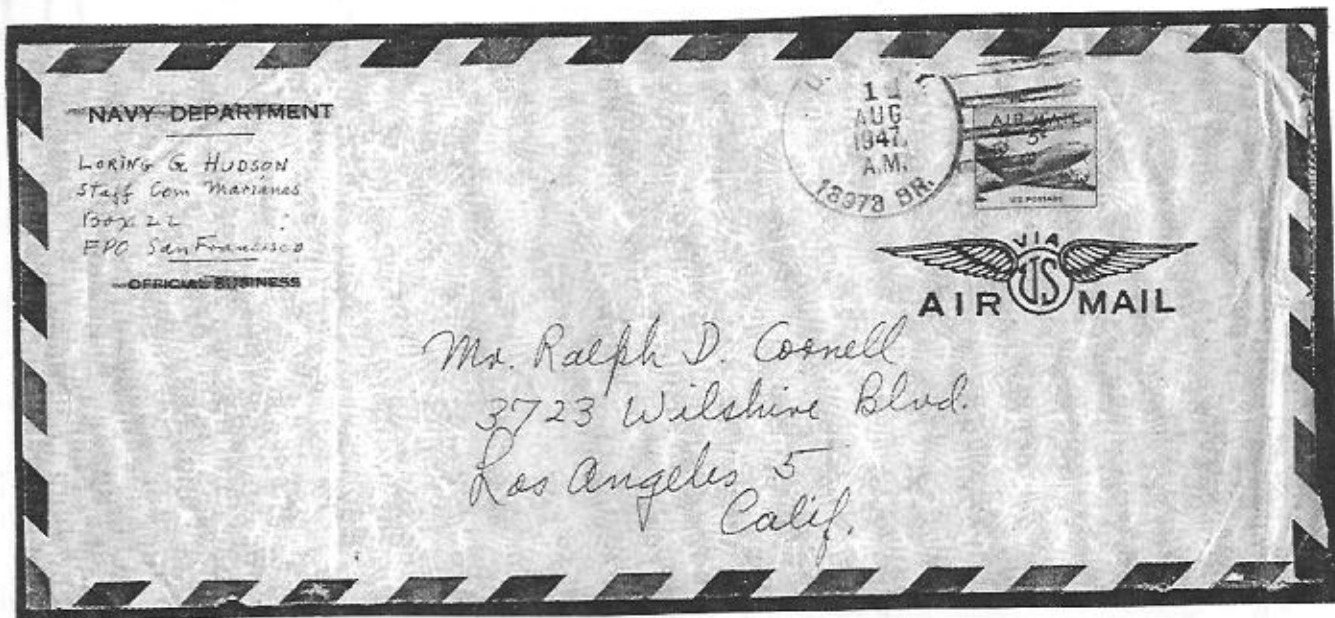


Figure 1: 1947 cover from the U.S. Naval Commander for the Mariana Islands.

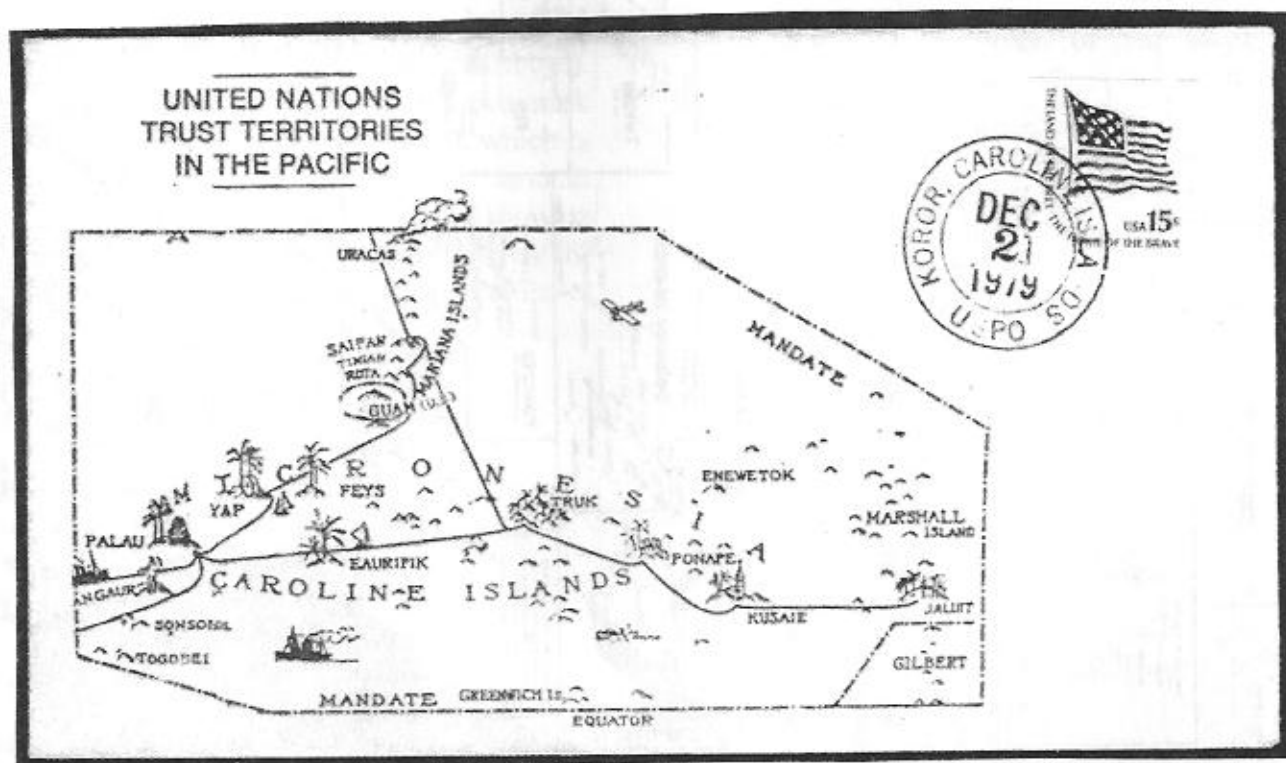


Figure 3: Philatelic cover showing a map of the Trust Territory with a U.S.P.S. Koror cancel.

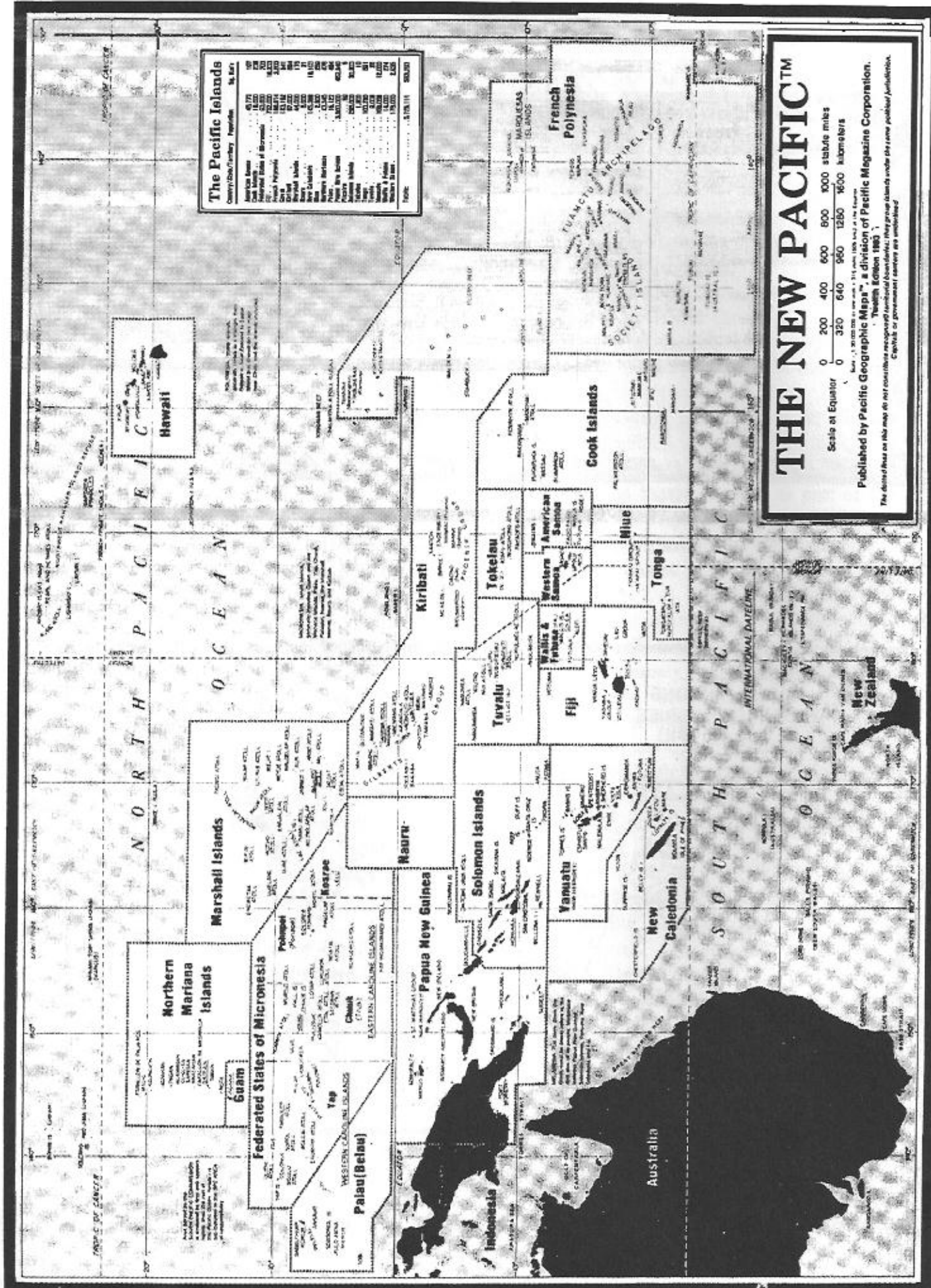


Figure 4: Political map of the South Pacific as of 1986 (published courtesy of *Pacific Magazine*).

dering of the South Pacific between Hawaii and Australia as of 1986.

Koror is not indicated in the cachet of the cover but it can be found in the detailed map as an island north of Angaur. It is part of the Western Caroline Islands, which became the Republic of Palau in 1981. Although independent of the U.S. in both domestic and foreign affairs, it is part of a "free association" with the United States, which assures its security and defense. By agreement with the U.S. Postal Service, it began issuing its own stamps on March 19, 1983 with the U.S.P.S. continuing to carry mail to and from Palau (just the same arrangement that the UNNY has with the U.S.P.S.) Figure 5 shows an official cover from the U.S.P.S. bearing a Koror postmark dated February 21, 1983, just before the issuance of Palau stamps. The postmark bears the legend TT (Trust Territory), a terminology often used from 1976 until 1982 in Koror as well as in three other cities (Truk, Kosrae and Ebeye). It is interesting to note that this postmark bears the U.S.P.S. zip code 96940, which is currently being used by the Palau National Postal Service (P.N.P.S.). Figure 6 shows a third townmark from Koror dated March 16, 1983 on U.S. definitives, a month after Pa-



Figure 6: Postmark from Koror, Palau.

lau began issuing its own stamps. The townmark clearly shows that Koror is in the Republic of Palau and bears the initials of the Palau postal service.

On February 15, 1975 the Northern Mariana Islands signed an agreement with the

United States to become a U.S. Commonwealth (like Puerto Rico). In a commonwealth the residents are U.S. citizens and carry U.S. passports but they receive special treatment on such matters as federal taxation and representation in Congress. This agreement was approved in a United Nations plebiscite on June 17, 1975. Figure 7 shows a postmark from Saipan, CM (Commonwealth of the Marianas) dated December 20, 1979. This city has the zip code 96950.

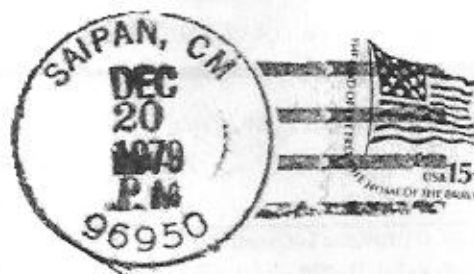


Figure 7: Postmark from Saipan, CM

In July 1978 the voters of Yap, Truk, Ponape and Kosrae, which are in the Eastern Caroline Islands, accepted a proposed Constitution and formed the Federated States of Micronesia. By agreement with the U.S.P.S. the islands began issuing their own stamps on July 12, 1984.

At least six postmarks with the reference TT are known used in Truk during the period of 1977 through 1983. Figure 8 shows one of these dated March 15, 1981. Note the



Figure 8: Truk Caroline Islands TT cancel.

zip code is 96942. At least two postmarks with the same TT reference are known for Kosrae during the period of 1977 through

1982. Figure 9 shows a philatelic cover bearing both of these cancels during November 1980 with the zip code 96944. Strangely enough a somewhat egg-shaped cancel appeared in use on Micronesian stamps on an apparently commercial cover Figure 10 dated July 1, 1986 with the reference Kosrae TT. Since Micronesia had long since ceased being a part of the Trust Territory, this cancel is clearly not appropriate. The Gaines Catalogue shows a similar use of a Koror TT cancel in May 1986 in Palau.

The only other post office known to have used a TT cancel is Ebeye, which is part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Figure 11 shows one of the two known TT cancels from Ebeye, which is dated December 18, 1979.

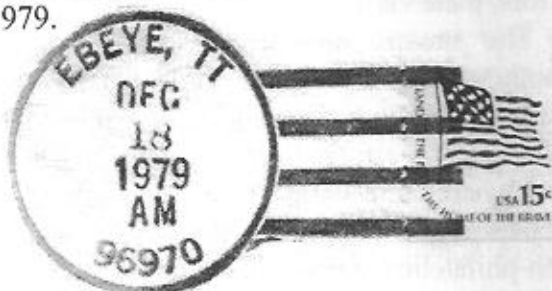


Figure 11: Ebeye TT cancel.

A recent cancel (Figure 12) from the capital Majuro (zip code 96960) postmarked November 21, 1994. The insignia is that of the embossed U.S.P.S. stationery envelope

(Scott #U619). However, the Republic of the Marshall Islands has been issuing its own stamps (in agreement with the U.S.P.S.) since May 2, 1984.

In summary the three island groups under the administration of Japan as a League of Nations mandate have become four political entities. The Northern Marianas became the



Figure 12: Postmark from Majuro in the Republic of The Marshall Islands.

Commonwealth of the Marianas. The Western Caroline Islands became Palau. The Eastern Caroline Islands became the Federation of Micronesia. The Marshall Islands became the Republic of Marshall Islands. The latter three are independent nations in free association with the United States and each issues its own stamps under special agreement with the U.S.P.S. These were the last of the United Nations Trust Territories to become self-governing.

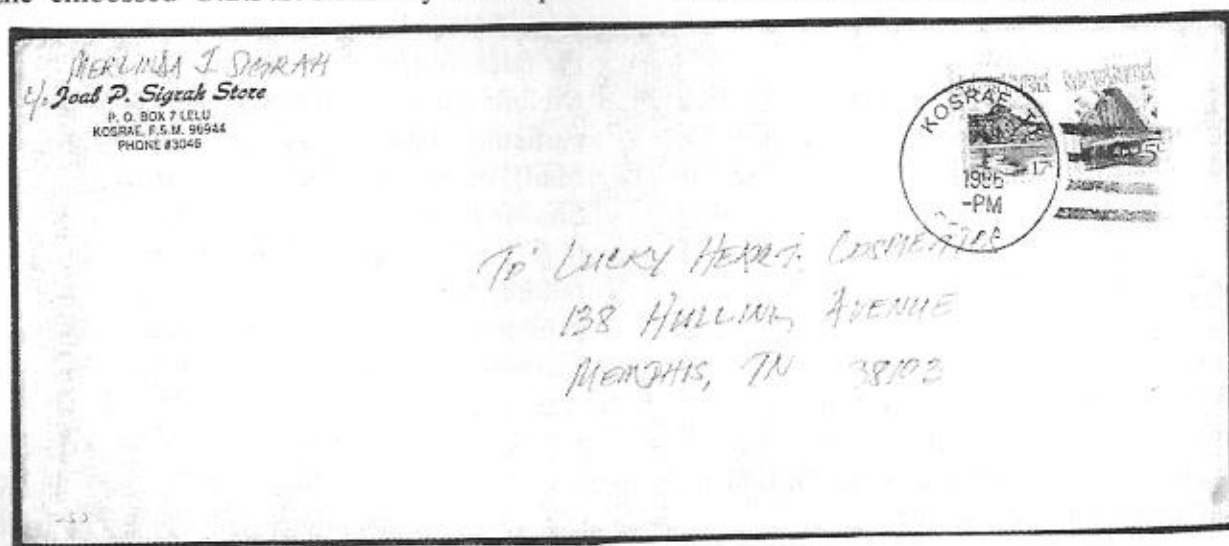


Figure 10: 1986 commercial cover postmarked in Kosrae bearing TT cancel.

ON EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITING

By Anthony Dewey

At the UNP convention held in conjunction with **World Stamp Expo 2000** in Anaheim, California, exhibits by UNP members once again received high-level awards. In the open (multi-frame) class UNP exhibits were presented with a Gold, two Vermeil and one Silver. The three UNP exhibits in the one-frame category all received Vermeil awards. [See the article by Larry Davidson providing details of the exhibition results on page 16 of the December 2000 issue of the *Journal*.] This fine showing proves that UNP's performance at the 1999 Spring **Postage Stamp Mega Event** was no fluke. UN exhibiting has come of age.

While the achievements of the last two years are quite gratifying, one cannot help wondering where all the other UN exhibits are. The scope of UN philately is very broad and the exhibits presented at the last two conventions represent only a small portion of that range. Perhaps it is the belief (or fear) that your particular collection would not bear up under scrutiny of a panel of judges that prevents you from composing and displaying an exhibit. Presented here are descriptions of each of the exhibiting categories and a few examples of UN collecting areas that have the strong potential for achieving Vermeil and Gold awards at the national level.

Traditional

The Traditional exhibit category focuses on the development, production and use of a stamp or set of stamps. For UN, exhibits of the First Issue have dominated this category, and have received Gold medals and special awards at national shows for years. Recently, a traditional exhibit of the Swiss official stamps issued for use by the UNEO and related International Organizations took a Vermeil medal. A number of subjects in UN philately are also potential Gold-medallists. Listed here are a few examples.

An exhibit of the later definitive stamps can be a winner, too. In addition to showing the proofs, essays, specimens, printings, etc., the key here is to show the stamps used on official covers, especially to a wide variety of worldwide destinations. (Hey, the UN is a global organization and covers shown should reflect this.)

An obvious heavy-hitter would be a traditional exhibit of the Swiss official stamps issued for the League of Nations, the International Labor Organization, and/or the International Education Bureau during the League era. Much of this material presents a challenge, but the keys are mint copies of stamps, errors, plate varieties, and use on covers.

The stamps issued for UNTEA present another potential for gold. Much like the First Issue, this issue had several printings, cutouts, varieties and errors. Because of the short period where these stamps were valid, the major challenge comes from finding them used on non-philatelic covers.

Holland and France issued stamps for use by the PCIJ/ICJ and UNESCO respectively. Both of these areas present sufficient challenge and enough variety to be the subject of top-notch exhibits.

Postal History

A Postal History exhibit concentrates on the rates, routes, and markings of mail. Such exhibits can cover a specific period of time, a particular rate or service (e.g. Registered Mail), or the usage of a specific stamp issue. Showing the development of a postal system (e.g. the UNPA) through covers would also fall into this category. Before being retired, an exhibit on the London UN cancel by Earl Merriman regularly received Vermeil medals at national shows.

The most obvious subject for UN postal history exhibits would be the many peacekeeping operations that UN forces have

undertaken. An exhibit on the mail operations of the UN troops involved in Korea immediately comes to mind. Other operations that could be the subject of an exhibit are UNEF I & II, UNTEA, and Cyprus. Key here is to avoid collector-inspired mail and show mostly real official and personal mail of the troops.

An exhibit showing the postal history of the early years of the UN would make an interesting exhibit. Covers showing how the UN's mail was handled prior to the UNPA would be important. Showing many different rates, paid by a variety of stamp issues, as well as meters, permit indicia, and even diplomatic pouch mail, would be key to this exhibit.

An exhibit of the development and use of metered mail at the UNNY would be a sure-fire winner. In this exhibit, including essays, proofs, errors and varieties, as well as lots of used examples showing a variety of rates and destinations, would be the keys to success.

Postal Stationery

Very much like a traditional exhibit, the Postal Stationery exhibit shows the development and use of postal cards, stamped envelopes, air letters, etc. instead of postage stamps. While the UN has issued a limited number of such items, a winning exhibit can still be formed from this material. Keys to success here would be to include errors, varieties, specimens, and (yes, you guessed it) a variety of destinations and non-philatelic uses.

Thematic

In a Thematic exhibit the object is to tell a story using philatelic elements. In this case the *subject* of the material included in the exhibit is the most important aspect. In addition to telling an interesting and well-developed story, the challenge comes from including as many philatelic elements as possible. In addition to stamps the exhibitor can use cancels, meters, postal stationery, proofs, essays, postmarks, souvenir sheets, etc. to tell the story. Material included in the exhibit should be drawn from as wide an array of countries

as possible, too. Use of non-philatelic (collateral) material (such as pictures, tickets, newspaper clippings, etc.) must be avoided in this category.

The story of the origin and formation of the UN would make an excellent thematic exhibit. Starting with where the League of Nations failed, the exhibit would progress through the various preliminary meetings (e.g. Yalta, Tehran, etc.), the London and San Francisco meetings, and perhaps concluding at the first meeting of the General Assembly.

A corollary exhibit would be one showing the organization of the UN. Sections would cover the organization and function of each of the branches, such as the General Assembly, the Security Council, etc.

Any one of the International Organizations associated with the UN would make outstanding subjects for a thematic exhibit. Particularly interesting would be exhibits on the World Health Organization, the International Education Bureau, or the International Labor Organization, but any agency would provide sufficient challenge and interest.

Peacekeeping operations of the UN would make an excellent subject in this category, too. Exhibits could cover a specific operation or tackle the entire history of the UN's efforts at maintaining global peace.

Aerophilately

Exhibits in this class deal with the movement of mail via air. Because the UN is modern, it lacks the early development and pioneering material important to exhibits in this category. However, this should not discourage would-be exhibitors. With original research and imagination, winning exhibits in this area can still be developed.

An exhibit showing the use of airmail via first flight covers could prove a challenge. Key here would be including the unofficial forerunner flights prior to 1959. Research beyond that which is contained in the *Gaines Catalog* would also be important.

Taking the first UN airmail issue of 1951 and showing the development and use of these

stamps could also yield high awards with a bit of extra effort. Treatment would parallel the Traditional exhibit showing the printings, errors, varieties, etc., but with the emphasis heavily on the use of the stamps. Once again, the key would be to show a wide variety of destinations and unusual rates.

First Day Covers

FDC exhibits show covers and other philatelic documents related to the issuance of a stamp and postmarked on the issue date. Granted, the potential for high awards for UN material in this category is limited, but still possible. The inclusion of scarce cachets and non-official use (e.g. official UN mail franked with the stamp(s) on the first day of issue) are important. Also key would be to include FDCs addressed to foreign destinations.

The one subject with the highest potential is the First Issue. A wide variety of cachets were made for this issue, some quite scarce. A number of interesting uses are known, too. For example, the 1¢ stamp franking an FDC postcard would be interesting and a challenge.

Special Studies

According to the American Philatelic Society *Manual of Philatelic Judging*, 4th ed., "A special study exhibit is the examination of some aspect of postal communications in which the central theme is not stamps, postal markings, postal rates or routes, but rather the development of an idea, theme, or story, possibly non-postal, that is illustrated with philatelic material." This exhibit category borrows elements from the thematic, traditional, and postal history categories. While nonphilatelic material is permitted, inclusion of such matter should be kept to a minimum.

A new exhibit by Greg Galletti called "A History of the League of Nations", is a fine example of this category. The exhibit shows the development, operations, and the ultimate demise of the League through covers and other postal material.

Display Class

This relatively new category of exhibiting allows greater latitude in what is shown. Up

to one-third of the items included in the exhibit (by count) may be non-philatelic. Borrowing elements from the Thematic and Special Studies forms of exhibits, the goal of this category is to tell a story through various artifacts. Any of the subjects listed for the other two categories could be used successfully here. In this category, however, the exhibitor will be rewarded for including photos, patches, newspaper clippings, tickets, autographs and other artifacts in developing the story.

One-Frame

The material shown in this category can fall into any one of the previously described classes. The catch (and the challenge) is that it must be fully developed in just **one frame** (usually, 16 pages). Here are just a few ideas.

The UN's first souvenir sheet would make the perfect subject for a one-frame Traditional exhibit. There are some interesting varieties, and proofs are available. Key would be use of the sheet on covers other than FDCs.

A single postal stationery item, such as the first postal card, also has good potential. The errors, varieties and printings would prove challenging and interesting. Unusual uses and destinations would add spice, too.

The postal history of a small contingent in one peacekeeping operation would also work. Again, emphasis should be on non-philatelic mail.

With so many options, there is an exhibiting category that likely fits your collecting interest and style. Hopefully, after seeing the examples provided in this article, you are inspired to try this exciting aspect of our hobby. UNP will hold its next annual convention in conjunction with APS **STAMPSHOW**, August 23-26 in Chicago. Our theme is the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration. This is a great opportunity to see collections which honor the organization that created such interesting material to collect. If you are interested in exhibiting, contact the UNP Exhibits Chairman, Tony Dewey or visit the APS web site at www.stamps.org.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS: GENEVA RECEIVING MARKS

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

Until recently, in compiling information for my planned monograph on Receiving and Dispatching Marks used by the United Nations, its Agencies and its Predecessors, I was unaware of any examples of receiving marks used by the League of Nations in Geneva. Suddenly, four such markings have come to light.

These four markings, observed from 1934 to 1944, all have a similar format and all seem to serve the same purpose: to direct incoming mail to the proper office. In one case, I have "egg on my face". That receiving mark I had called an "origin cachet" in my previous monograph, based on the fact that it appeared on outgoing mail from the League. However, the letter had been returned to the League as undeliverable, and the mark almost surely was applied at that time.

The first item is shown in Figure 1. This mark "BUREAU DU PERSONNEL", had been stamped on a 1941 cover mailed to the League from India. There is no indication on the cover that the contents concerned the Personnel Office. It is assumed that in such a case, the receiving mail office opened the letter to determine where to direct it.

The second item is illustrated in Figure 2. The receiving mark, "DISTRIBUTION BRANCH", was stamped on a 1934 post card sent to the League from Mexico. In this case, the back of the card was a request about the availability of a book or journal. Such requests were probably all directed to the Distribution Branch.

The third item is illustrated in Figure 3. The mark, "INFORMATION SECTION", was placed twice on a 1936 cover which had been mailed to Ecuador and returned as undeliverable.

The cover probably originated from the Information Section, since it contained "Urgent Press Information". The key to deciding whether these marks were placed on the cover when it returned to Geneva is that they were stamped across the address. It seems unlikely that origin cachets placed on outgoing mail would be stamped in that manner.

The last item is shown in Figure 4. The receiving mark "SECTION FINANCIERE", appears on a 1944 cover sent to the League from Bolivia. Since the cover was from the "Central Bank of Bolivia", the mail office may have directed the letter to the Finance Section without opening it.

As you can see, these receiving marks all look quite similar to each other and are used in a similar way. They also look quite different from the typical origin cachets used by the League. It seems likely that the receiving mail office had a number of such rubber stamps readily available to use as the incoming mail was sorted, directly the mail to the appropriate office.

Now that we all know what to look for, maybe other such receiving marks will come



Figure 2: Letter to the Distribution Branch.

out of the woodwork. If you find new markings, or new examples of these four, please pass on the information, so that it can be included in the upcoming UNP monograph. Your contribution will be acknowledged.

Figure 1: Letter (right) to the League of Nations Personnel Bureau.

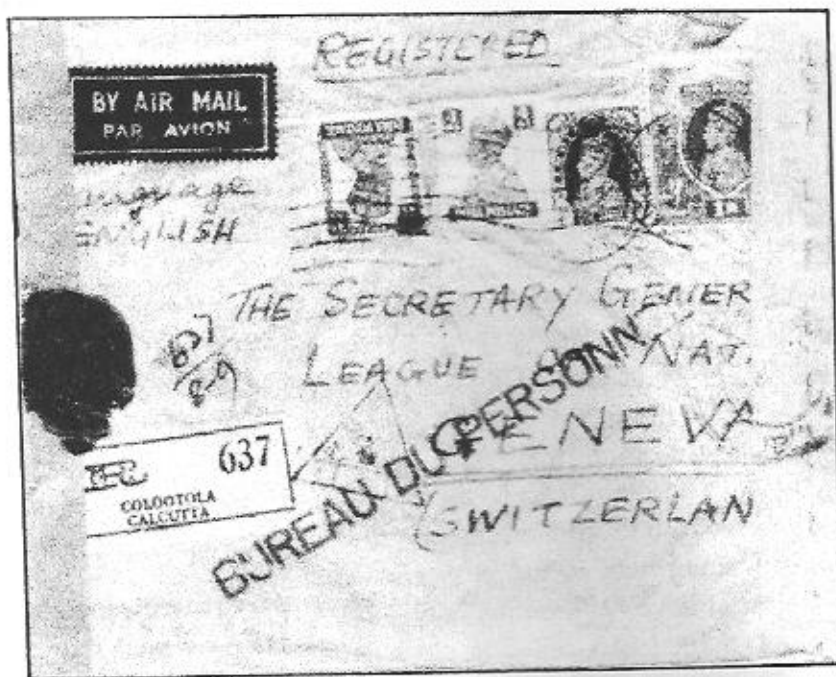


Figure 4: Letter (right) to the League of Nations Finance Section.

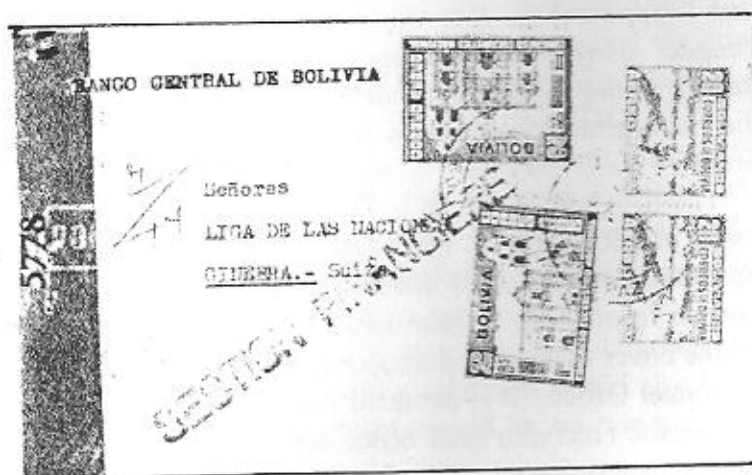


Figure 3: Letter (above) to the League of Nations Information Section.

[Editor's Note: I would like to add another candidate to Clem's list of League of Nations receiving marks. It appears on a service cover from the Delegation in South America in Buenos Aires, Argentina of the High Commissioner for Refugees of the League of Nations. (Figure 5) It was addressed with a printed address to the High Commission for Refugees at the League of Nations in Geneva. The cover bears a receiving postmark of the League of Nations in Geneva dated May 30, 1931. Partially printed over the reference to the High Commission for Refugees is a red handstamp which reads in three lines "OFFICE INTERNATIONAL NANSEN POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS", the new name for the High Commission for Refugees since 1930. The reference to League of Nations in the address has been crossed out and the address for the Nansen International Office at 14 Général Dufour written in purple.]



Figure 5: Letter to the Nansen Office.

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UNITED NATIONS MILITARY MAIL

By J.-L. Emmenegger

KOREA UPDATE

Recently several articles and studies were devoted to the fiftieth anniversary of the Korean War. Among these was an article, which appeared on page 12 of the October 2000 issue of the *Journal*. We have a couple of items to add to these.

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea (UNCOK) was created by the General Assembly to facilitate the establishment of a Korean national government by free elections and the withdrawal of the occupation forces. UNTCOK existed barely a year from November 1947 to December 1948. A service cover from that body mailed from APO 235, which was located in Seoul, appears in Figure 1. In December 1948 the United Nations created a United Nations Commission on Korea (UNCOK), after North Korea declared itself independent.

The current Armistice was signed on July 23, 1953. Under the Armistice, repatriation was left to each soldier's choice. A Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission (NNRC) composed of India, Czechoslovakia, Poland,

Sweden and Switzerland was created to supervise this activity. The chairman was Lieutenant General K. S. Thimaya. Figure 2 shows a cover dated November 23, 1953, signed by Lt. Gen. Thimaya, and mailed to a stamp collector in the U.S. franked with the special overprinted military stamps for use by the Indian Custodial Unit in Korea.



Figure 2: Cover signed by Lt. Gen. Thimaya bearing Indian military stamps for use in Korea.

I have been corresponding with a retired Swedish major, who was Chief Radio Operator at the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC), which was composed of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Switzerland and

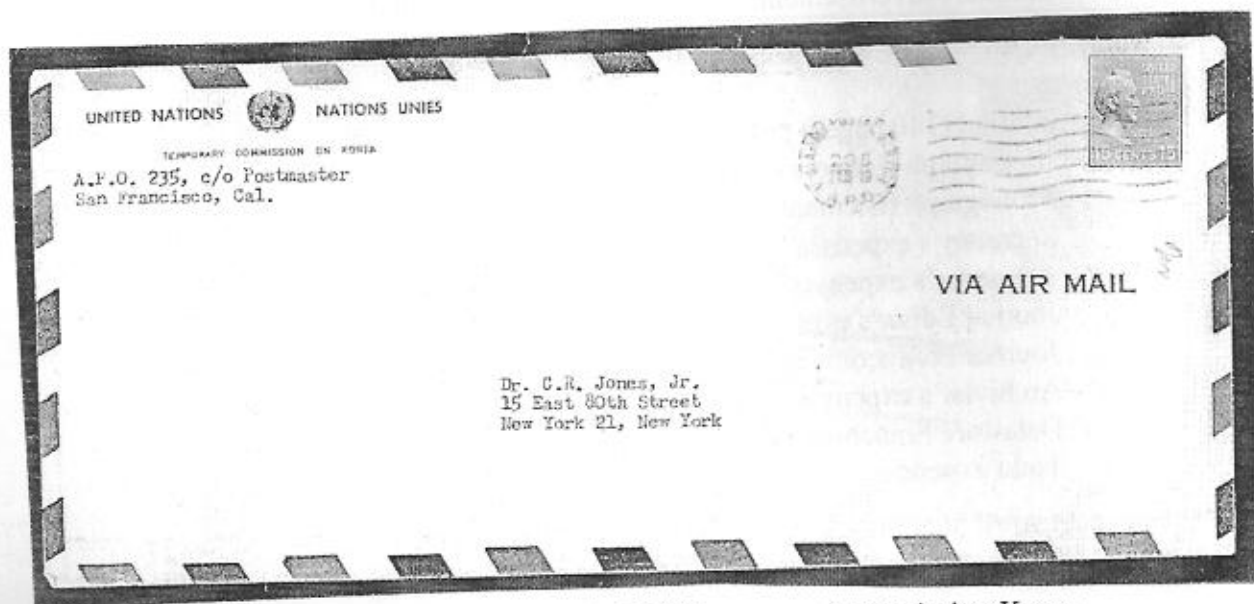


Figure 1: Service cover from the UN Temporary Commission Korea

Sweden. In the course of his duties he received a large airmail envelope (Figure 3) from the Radio Regiment of the Swedish army in 1955 that had been mailed in Stockholm. He wrote me that he "was very surprised to get this envelope with such a 'poor' address!" No indication had been

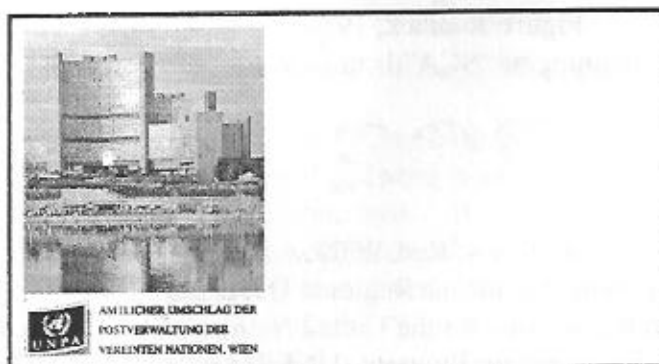
given in which Korea (North or South) the letter should be delivered. (Editor's Note: I suspect the Swedish authorities were merely being diplomatic as far as not indicating to which Korea Panmunjom "belonged" as it is in fact in the demilitarized zone and was indeed the site of the armistice negotiations.)



Figure 3: Cover sent to member of the Swedish Group attached to the NNSC in Panmunjom.

NEW UNPA VIENNA CACHET

On May 4, 2000 the UNPA released the new Vienna cachet pictured on the right. However, the old one, which has been on sale since March 1, 1993, will remain on sale. In Vienna the price is 5 Sh, which corresponds to about 25¢. For those that prepare their own cacheted covers, there are now two cachets for both New York and Vienna.



MORE ORIGIN CACHET DISCOVERIES

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

More origin cachets, unlisted in the UNP Monograph "Origin Cachets of the United Nations, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors" have been discovered. Twenty-one previously unknown cachets have been reported. In addition, new observations of unlisted colors and dates have been made. I am grateful for the contributions of this new information from Dick Powers, Jack Mayer, Tony Dewey, Arnold Ottonin and *UNOPost*.

Periodically new discoveries will be announced in the *Journal*. When appropriate revised pages will be issued to update the Monograph. Here are the new discoveries.

United Nations - New York

INSURANCE UNIT
ROOM 3706

Figure 1: Black, 1972-73



Figure 2: Red-violet, 1955
"TAA" is Technical Assistance Administration.

United Nations - Geneva

ECOV/SCA

Figure 3: Black, 1954
Meaning of "SCA" is unknown.

ROE

Figure 4: Red, 2000
"ROE" probably means Regional Office for Europe, perhaps for the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

UNITAR
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 GENEVE 10

Figure 5: Black, 1998.

UN-Geveva NGO's

MGS

Figure 6: Black, 2000
Used by the International Organization for Migration. Meaning of "MGS" unknown.

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Figure 7: Blue, 1962 (Barbados)

UNDP and FAO - Worldwide

UNDP/FAO PROJECT (BOT/88/004)
STRENGTHENING PLANT PROTECTION
C/O UNDP BOX 54
GABORONE, BOTSWANA

Figure 8: Black, 1991 (Botswana)

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Figure 9: Red, 1993 (Burkina Faso)
Natural Forests Management

UN - Worldwide

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
RUSSELL SQUARE HOUSE, RUSSELL SQ., LONDON, W.C.1

Figure 10: Color unknown, 1951 (UK)

UNITED KINGDOM POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
147/56, STRATFORD PLACE, LONDON, W.1

Figure 11: Blue, 1961 (United Kingdom)

FAO - Worldwide

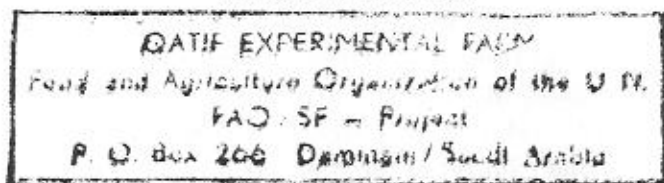


Figure 12: Red-violet, 1968 (Saudi Arabia)
"SF" means UN Special Fund

International Labor Organization - Worldwide

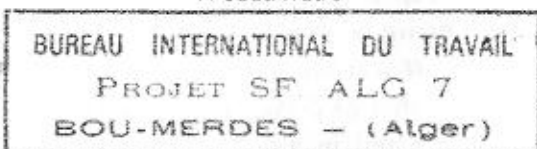


Figure 13: Black, 1967 (Algeria)
"SF" means UN Special Fund

International Labour Organisation
Development of Vocational Training Project,
Technical Training Centre
Mirpur, Dacca.

Figure 14: Violet, 1981 (Bangladesh)



Figure 15: Violet, 1963 (Thailand)
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

(TURIN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE)
87/91 New Bond Street
London W1Y 9LA

Figure 16: Black, 1980 (United Kingdom)



Figure 17: Black, 1969 (Venezuela)
ILO Productivity Mission

UNESCO - Paris



Figure 18: Black, 1956



Figure 19: Violet, 1973
Another type of U13, Monograph, p. 120.

UN Children's Fund - Worldwide



Figure 20: Red, 1990 (China)



Figure 21: Blue, 1960 (Egypt)

If you have an unlisted cachet, please photocopy it and send it to me with the color and date indicated. If you have a listed cachet in a different color or from a different year than that listed, please forward that information too. Your contributions will be acknowledged.

ILO CONFERENCE DISCOVERY

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered is a previously unlisted official conference cachet used at an International Labor Organization (ILO) Conference held in Geneva in 1954. Shown in Figure 1 is a small cover with ILO-Geneva corner card sent locally. The addressee, Paul Schnaidt, appears to have been both an ILO employee and a stamp collector (or friend of one), as his name is frequently found on ILO covers of the period, some of which seem to be official service mail while others appear to be philatelic. His efforts are appreciated anyway.

The cover is franked with a Swiss stamp overprinted for ILO use, and is canceled with the temporary office cancel, *Gaines* S4.1 (page 1087). The new four-line cachet, in red identifies the conference as "OIT Commission des Industries Mécaniques, Cinquième Session". The type of cachet was used for many ILO conferences of the period, but had not previously been observed for this particular one.



Figure 1: ILO Conference cover from 1954.

In the April 1999 issue of *The Journal*, Greg Galletti mentions that "it is what beneath the surface that counts". Well, as a UN postal historian, auxiliary material and memorabilia is very important to me but I would rarely value the contents more than the cover itself. However, in this case, there is an interesting encl-

sure, a copy of the *Daily Bulletin* for the session, shown in Figure 2. One very useful thing we get from the bulletin is the official English version of the French title of the conference. We find that the group meeting is the ILO Metal Trades Committee, not the Gaines' translation "Commission on Mechanics and Mechanical Industries", as seen in his listing for the conference, 1954/3 on page 1064. Quite a difference!

So keep your eyes open. UN postal history is still being written. You can contribute to that history. If you see a conference cancel, cachet, registry label or corner card which you do not think is listed in any UN philatelic literature, please let me know. UNP will be publishing a monograph on UN conferences within two to three years. We want that listing to be as complete as possible. If you find something new, your contribution will be acknowledged in *The Journal* and in the monograph.

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DU TRAVAIL INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION		
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BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN DAILY BULLETIN		
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16 h. 4 p.m.	Groupe gouvernemental Government group	Salle XIV Room XIV
17 h. 5 p.m.	Groupe des employeurs Employers' group	Salle XI Room XI
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Figure 2: *Daily Bulletin* for October 25-26th.

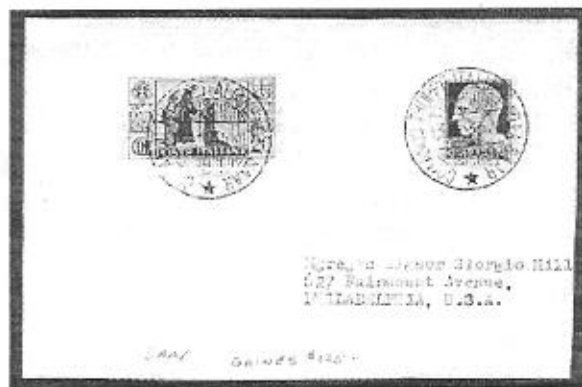
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6. European UN Show covers 1978-1987 nice cachets vf unaddressed (35) MB\$20
7. SAAR Italian troops with Jan. 13, 1935 cancel on small cover addressed to Philadelphia Gaines \$125 MB\$25 **PHOTO**.



Lot #7

8. Same as Lot 7 but franked with three stamps instead of two; vf MB\$125.
9. SAAR SVENSKA BATALJIONEN with Feb. 16, 1935 cancel to Karlstad, Sweden

f-vf Gaines\$35 MB\$15.

10. Same Feb. 20, 1957 cancel to England with UN logo cachet Gaines\$40 MB\$15.

11. Courier of UN cover #6 size to NYC 6-27-50; has additional LAKE SUCCESS hand cancel f-vf Gaines\$50 MB\$15 **PHOTO**.



Lot #11

12. UN London Slogan covers; all small size (5) SW1B, Ealing W5 (2), SW1G; ECO MB\$20.

13. Swiss Montreux Conference 6-24-37 with hotel illustration and printed cachets (2) philatelic MB\$30.

14. Swiss ILO Conference 6-17-36 (11) small covers all philatelic Gaines\$40 each if legitimate; no cachet MB\$30.

15. Swiss ILO Conference 10-21-36 (23) covers/cards Gaines\$40 each if legitimate; no cachet MB\$45.

16. Swiss Montreux Conference 5-4-37 (6) small cover/cards Gaines\$70 each if legitimate; no cachet vf MB\$50.

17. Belgium World Fair 1958 (2) covers to the USA mid-size with minor tears at top

Gaines \$40 MB\$12.

18. United Nations France 1948 General Assembly FD no cachet (2); Assembly 1951 to USA and UNESCO 1964; UNESCO (Guatemala office) to Turkey 1955 vf (5) MB\$15.

19. Cyprus UN Forces FPO#1001 cover CPO; looks legitimate; folded at center MB\$10.

20. Small miscellaneous cover lot (8) late 1950s early 1960s worldwide UN offices MB\$10.

21. Souvenir Folder: New York 1958 Gaines \$20 MB\$8.

22. Cameroons UUKT cancels (10) covers f-vf including (3) registered; nice franking; 1950s era MB\$30.

23. Cameroons League of Nations mandate 1930s covers (3) Gaines \$90 f/vf MB\$30.

24. ILO #10 service cover to the ILO in Washington, D. C. 1950 2fr overprint (Scott #3079) Gaines \$125 MB\$30. **PHOTO**



Lot #24

25. ILO #10 service cover to the ILO in Washington, D. C. 1950 2fr, 25c, 40c overprints (Scott #3079, 3087, 3090) Gaines \$130 MB\$30. **PHOTO**



Lot #25

26. ILO #10 service cover to the ILO in Washington, D. C. 1950 3fr and 5c overprints (Scott #3080 and 3083) Gaines \$150 MB\$40 **PHOTO.**



Lot #26

27. UPU 1989 Director General Delegate Book with MNH French UN UNESCO and Swiss agency stamps; handsome; MB\$30.

28. League Conference on Rural Hygiene in Bandung 1937 Gaines 1937/3, page 1028, on postcard to the Netherlands, Gaines \$225 MB\$30.

29. United Nations General Assembly Paris 1948. UN-Paris corner card airmail cover, cancel C.2(b), Gaines page 975; fold and minor hinge marks, MB\$10.

30. Korea - mint Belgian airletter sheet; Gaines page 1803, \$40 MB\$12.

31. Piece of League of Nations wrapper, League cancel S.4 (1936) Scott #2050, MB\$50.

32. UN New York origin cachets, 7 different on #10 meter covers, 1980-1995, MB\$15.

33. UN Geneva origin cachets, 13 different on #10 or smaller covers, includes: JIU, LING, SATSI, UNCTAD/CIN, UNCTAD/LDC, MB\$30.

34. IAEA Conference covers, 11 different, 1959-1996, philatelic, MB\$15.

35. UN Atomic Conference, Geneva, 1955, two covers and a postcard, all mailed, each with a different special postmark for the conference, MB\$12.

36. UPU Centenary, 1974, 12 different FDCs, MB\$9.

37. UPU 75th Anniversary 1949, 20 different FDCs, MB\$15.

38. UN NY meters, 24 different, 1979-93, on #10 covers, MB\$15.

39. UNESCO Music Conference, Belgium, 1953, Gaines page 1345, 1953/1, unaddressed cover with stamps overprinted for conference, RARE, MB\$25.

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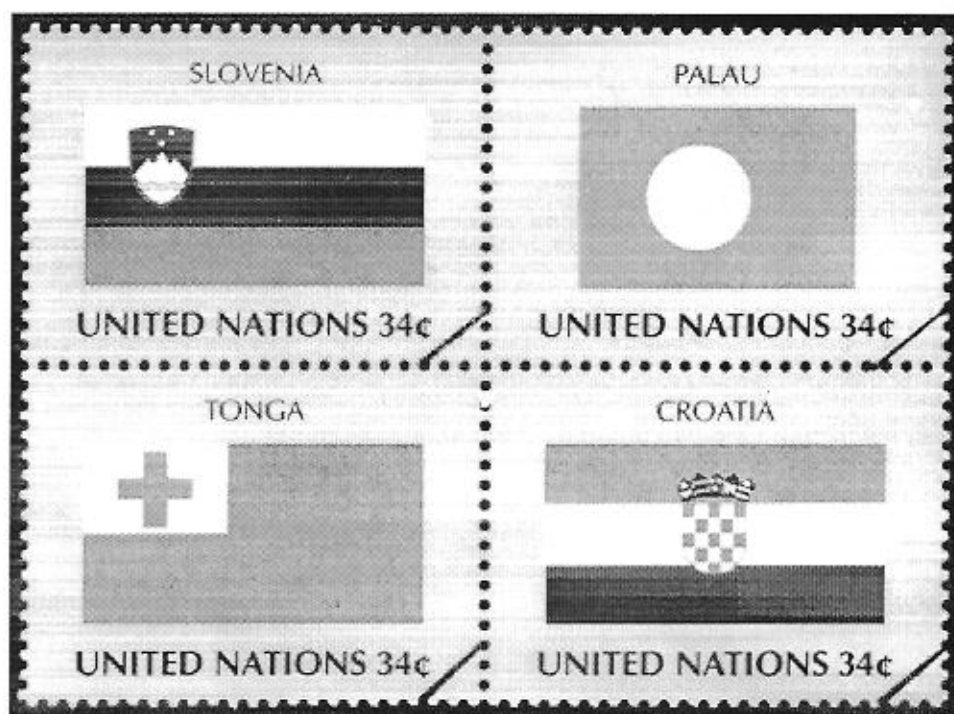
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