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Cover Illustrations

Front cover: Japan - World Heritage prestige booklet issued August 1st. **Rear cover:** New 70¢ international postal card and 34¢ domestic stamped envelope issued May 25th.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Fifty Years of United Nations Stamps Coming Up



Beginning October 24, 1951 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) began issuing its own postage stamps under a special agreement with the United States Post Office (UNPO). During the ensuing six weeks the UNPA issued its first definitive series: on October 24th, November 16th and December 14th. Some denominations of this series remained on sale until March 16, 1966, when the seventh printing of the \$1-denomination ceased to be available from the UNPA. On October 18th the UNPA will commemorate this event by issuing three stamps and three souvenir sheets.

In the October and/or December issues of *The Journal* I would like to feature this first set in one or more articles. I seek your contributions and ideas for these articles.

I do not plan a systematic study of this series, which would amount to sixty-five stamps, if one were to count individually all the different printings. This has already been done in 1976 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of UNPA stamps by Ramon Goody in his book *A Study of the First United Nations Regular and Airmail Postage Stamps 1951 - 1966*. The Gaines Catalog *United Nations Philately* also contains a detailed accounting of the different printings.

One possibility would be to publish a series of short articles on the postal history of the first series, illustrating the first issue in action. I would like to show covers

(preferably service covers, if possible) bearing single stamp use of each denomination from the series (when possible), where such use was appropriate and corresponds to the price of postal services rendered.

This is not as easy as it may sound. Finding 1¢-stamps and \$1-stamps used singly to pay an appropriate postal tariff is particularly challenging. From the beginning of 1952 on, it has taken at least 2¢ to mail a post card domestically. Thus the 1¢-stamp could be used to mail a post card domestically for barely one month! Try to find a cover bearing a single \$1 stamp that is not significantly overfranked.

Special rates to exotic destinations could fall into this category. Another possibility might include interesting errors and/or freaks, particularly those that have not already appeared in the literature. Do you have interesting candidates to share us?

I am also looking for particularly colorful uses of these stamps to feature in full color illustrations on the covers. Do not hesitate to send color photocopies of your more promising candidates.

I think most United Nations Philatelists have a special place in their hearts for the stamps of this first issue. I am counting on readers to participate in producing an extraordinary "special October 2001 issue" (and perhaps continuing on into the December 2001 issue) that they will enjoy reading and rereading in the future.

THE 2001 UNITED NATIONS WORLD HERITAGE SERIES: JAPAN

From a UNPA Press Release

On August 1st of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued its fifth set of six stamps and three prestige booklets containing six more different denominations depicting six World Heritage sites located in Japan.

Thus far the UNPA has produced similar sets of stamps and booklets honoring World Heritage Sites in China (1998), Austria (1999), Australia (1999) and Spain (2000). Two earlier sets of six stamps issued in 1984 and in 1992 each featured six such sites from different countries.

The Historic Monuments of Old Kyoto

In December 1994 a total of seventeen buildings comprising temples, shrines and a castle in the Kyoto region were recognized by UNESCO as World Cultural Heritage sites. All have beautiful gardens and buildings designated as National Treasures.

Kyoto and its surrounding vicinity is rich in world-famous cultural heritage. Since its foundation as the Heian-kyo capital in 794 A.D., the city now called Kyoto, flourished as the seat of Japan's imperial court for over one thousand years, until 1868, when the capital was transferred to Tokyo.



At the foot of the mountains surrounding Kyoto, magnificent structures and gardens created during the eighth century have been well preserved. They include the five-storied pagoda of Daigoji Temple constructed in 952 A.D. and Ho-oh-do (Phoenix Hall) of Byodoin Temple built in 1053.

As the center of Japanese culture for

more than a thousand years, Kyoto spans the development of wooden architecture, particularly of wooden architecture, and art of Japanese gardens, which has influenced garden landscaping the world over.

The Historic Villages of Shirakawa-Go and Gokayama

The historic villages of Shinikawa-go and Gokayama were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1995. Located in a mountainous region that was cut off from the rest of the world for a long time, the villages lived from growing mulberry trees and rearing silkworms. Their large houses with double, steeply pitched, thatched roofs are unique in Japan.

The inscribed property is a set of three villages: the Ainokura District in Taira-Mura and the Sukanuma District in Kamitaira-Mura-both located in Higasi-Tonami-Gun in Toyama Prefecture-and the Ogimachi District, located in Sirikawa-Mura, in Ono-Gun, Gifu Prefecture.

These villages, which developed in a steep, mountainous, heavy-snowfall area along the upper part of the Sho River Valley, retain the historic character of village landscape, epitomized by a vernacular architectural tradition known as the Gassho style.



Despite economic upheavals, the historic villages of Ogimachi, Ainokura and Sukanuma are still active communities, with the local residents directly involved in protecting the buildings and the surrounding village setting.

The Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara

The historic monuments of Ancient Nara include temples, shrines and the excavated remains of the great imperial palace. They were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1998. These monuments provide a vivid picture of the capital of Japan in the eighth century A.D., a period of profound political and cultural change.



The layout of the Imperial Palace and the design of the surviving mountains in Nara are outstanding examples of the architecture and planning of early Asian capital cities. The Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines of Nara demonstrate the continuing power and influence of those religions in an exceptional manner.

The Itsukushima Shinto Shrine

The island of Itsukushima, in the inland sea of Seto, has been the holy place of Shintoism since earliest times. It is believed that the island was chosen because its enclosed bay was an ideal site for the shrine. The shrine plays on the contrasts of colors and shapes between sea and mountains and perfectly illustrates the Japanese idea of scenic beauty, combining nature and human creativity.



Himeji-jo (Himeji Castle)

Himeji-jo is the finest surviving example of sixteenth-century Japanese castle architecture, comprising 83 buildings with highly developed systems of defense and ingenious protection devices. It also adds to the understanding of Japanese feudal culture at the beginning of the Shogun period. It was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1983.



The Castle is said to have originated as a fortress built by Akamatsu Sadanori in the year 1346. Another version of its origin has it that the Kuroda family was responsible for the construction. The towers of varying sizes are a picture of striking beauty and majesty.

The Shrines and Temples of Nikko

The Nikko shrines and temples are a reflection of architectural and artistic genius, which is reinforced by the harmonious integration of the buildings in a forested natural site. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1999.

Nikko is a perfect illustration of the architectural style of the Edo period as applied to Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples. The Gonzen-zukuri style of the two mausoleums, reached its peak of its expression in Nikko.



2001 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of July 20, 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>>

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| 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. 1,10, F.s. 1,30, S 7/€ 0,51, S 15/€ 1,09
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(5¢, 20¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, 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¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, S 7/€ 0,51, S 8/€ 0,58.
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
\$2.00, F.s. 7,00, S 56/€ 4,08 - 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

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| February 5 | International Year of Volunteers |
| August 6 | Fifty Years of United Nations Stamp 1951-2001 |

LEAGUE OF NATIONS: PRESENCE OUTSIDE GENEVA

By Richard Powers

One measure of the worldwide influence of the League of Nations is its presence outside its headquarters city Geneva. A philatelic documentation of this presence is not always easy to assemble. It appears that service mail of the League outside of Geneva often lacked external indications of the official nature of the correspondence. This article is meant to be an attempt to facilitate the search for such material by a survey of some of the material known to exist. In no way should this study be considered a complete study of League of Nations mail outside Geneva. Rather it is meant to make members aware that such material exists in hopes that more material can be identified.

Generic League of Nations Corner Cards

According to Gaines the League of Nations established branch offices in Paris, London, Rome, Berlin and the Hague. Interestingly enough, the League made little effort to produce special stationery for use at these offices. Instead it used the same generic stationery bearing the words "League of Nations - Société des Nations" that it used in Geneva, without any indication of an address or even a city of origin. Perhaps this was done to indicate the world-wide nature of the organization. One must resort to postmarks or to enclosed correspondence to deduce the originating office of the cover.

Figure 1 shows a cover from the Paris office postmarked July 27, 1925 at the Paris 47 post office on the Rue La Boétie near the Avenue des Champs-Élysées. The letter appears to be of an official nature because it was sent to an official at the Bureau of Mines in Washington instead of to a private address.

Figure 2 shows an interesting variation of this lack of precision for a return address. It

is a printed matter air mail cover to Johannesburg, South Africa. The cover is postmarked in Woking in Surrey on May 19, 1938. I doubt that the League maintained an office in Surrey. The address seems to have been applied with an addressograph-type stencil suggesting that it was part of a bulk mailing of press releases. I speculate that the printer (in Woking?) of the press releases for the London office of the League also handled the mailing from a local post office.

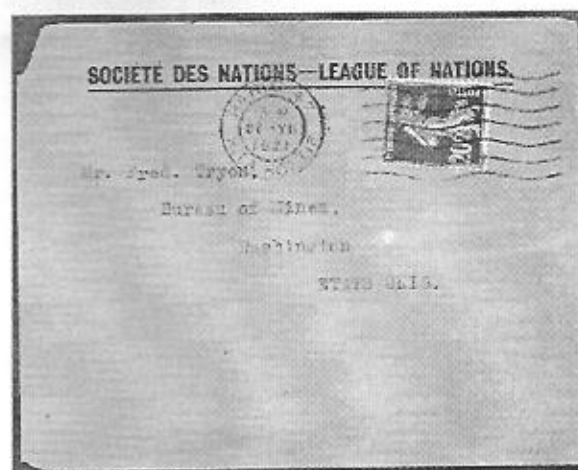


Figure 1: League of Nations service cover from Paris.

League of Nations Corner Cards with Return Addresses

There are exceptions to the use of generic stationery from branch offices. Figure 3 shows a cover which was sent from the Tokyo office of the League with a postmark of February 10, 1935(?). The letter was sent to League Headquarters in Geneva. It displays a return address of Marunouchi-C-13 in Tokyo. Although Gaines does not mention an office in Tokyo, he does indicate that the International Labor Organization opened an office there in 1924. I suspect that the League opened a branch in Tokyo about the

same time. It is interesting to speculate why the Tokyo branch felt obliged to include its return address, whereas no other branch office seems to have done this. No doubt Japan felt proud to be seen as a player on the stage of international politics.

The presence of a branch in Tokyo begs the question of whether there were other branch offices. A few years ago I came across an interesting cover postmarked August 21, 1923 in Guatemala (Figure 4) on generic League stationery. (The stamps are affixed to the rear side of the envelope.) The addressee appears to be a private party in Brussels, which could indicate that the sender was merely making personal use of League stationery, perhaps while away on travel. Or was there a branch office of the League in Central America at this time?



Figure 4: Cover on League stationery postmarked in Guatemala in 1923.

Gaines also mentions that the League maintained Information Offices throughout the world. He shows a cover from the China Office in Nanking dated November 14, 1926. This cover does display clearly a return address.

And there does exist quite a bit of League mail associated with specific League agencies or programs that do supply very specific information about the location of their activities. The International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation was located at the Palais Royal in Paris. It was a League entity that

was close in structure to today's specialized agencies of the United Nations. Figure 5 shows a cover with a corner card, which discreetly shows the League affiliation of this Institute. It was postmarked in Paris on June 19, 1931. On this cover the League gets first billing but in smaller size type than was used for the Institute.

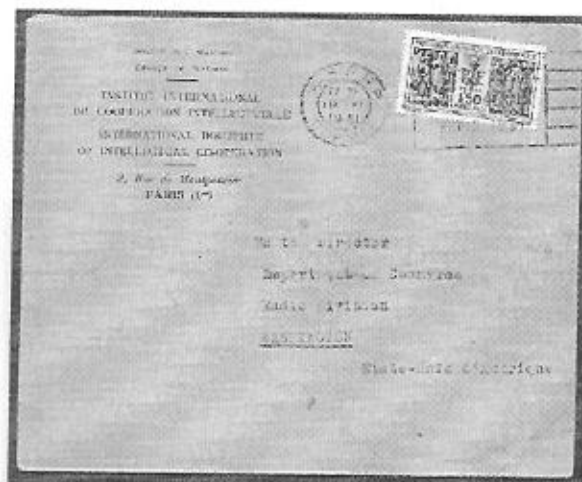


Figure 5: League service cover from the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation in Paris in 1931.

Apparently the French government generously funded the creation and the maintenance of this League of Nations office in Paris, which was the forerunner of the United Nations specialized agency UNESCO. Presumably the presence of this office was a source of pride for France. Perhaps the fact that she was furnishing up to 75% of the expenses for this institute prompted the inclusion of a return address, which clearly proclaimed the location of this office.

A somewhat different format was used by the League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which also had an office in Paris. The League of Nations has a very prominent position in the return address (Figure 6). The fact that the letter came from Delegation in France of the High Commission for Refugees is also included in the return address in type half the size. This service cover was postmarked in Paris on February 27, 1931. It bears a pre-printed address to Section Head-

quarters for Refugees at the League of Nations in Geneva. The expression "Délégation en France" is currently translated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as "Branch Office for France". The use of the term "Délégation" suggests a less than permanent presence of this Section in France. Presumably the League was anxious to give the impression that the Refugee situation was only temporary.



Figure 6: Service cover from the Delegation in France of the League of Nations High Commission for Refugees sent from Paris in 1931.

I have seen similar covers from the High Commission for Refugees from eleven countries: Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Lebanon, Poland, Turkey and Yugoslavia. I am sure there must be other countries with such delegations.

Within a few months the High Commission was renamed the Nansen International Office for Refugees and became an entity, which was "Sous l'autorité de la Société des Nations - under the authority of the League of Nations". The service cover (Figure 7) postmarked on December 31, 1937 in Paris from the Nansen Office shows a much more discreet connection with the League of Nations.

I have seen similar service covers from Nansen offices in thirteen countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, France,



Figure 7: 1937 Service cover from the Nansen International Office for Refugees "in Paris under the authority of the League of Nations".

Germany, Greece, Lebanon, Poland, Romania, Switzerland (Headquarters), Turkey and Yugoslavia. Presumably more countries had delegations. These offices appear to have ceased operation by the end of December 1938 on the eve of World War II.

One last example (Figure 8) shows a service cover from the Advisory Committee of the Eastern Bureau of the Health Organization of the League of Nations in Singapore mailed January 11, 1936. An embossed League corner card is on the reverse side of the cover.

Joint Non-Generic League of Nations-ILO Corner Cards

Another format of corner shows the League of Nations sharing first billing with the International Labor Office (ILO). Figure 9 shows a very interesting service cover sent from the Delegate in Poland for Refugees. It was mailed in Riga in Latvia on January 7, 1928 (not Poland) to a special committee dealing with Russian Refugees. Presumably neither the League of Nations nor the International Labor Office could afford to have a presence in smaller countries and was forced to delegate responsibility for refugee affairs in Latvia to its Delegate in neighboring Poland.

It is my impression that all mail of the ILO until about 1938 maintained an indication of its affiliation with the League of Nations. The



Figure 9: Service cover from the ILO-League of Nations Delegate in Poland mailed in Riga in Latvia in 1928.

earliest cover that I have seen from the ILO without any mention of the League of Nations was sent from Geneva with a postmark of May 13, 1938 (Figure 10). I suspect that as more countries left the League of Nations but not necessarily the ILO, the coupling of ILO

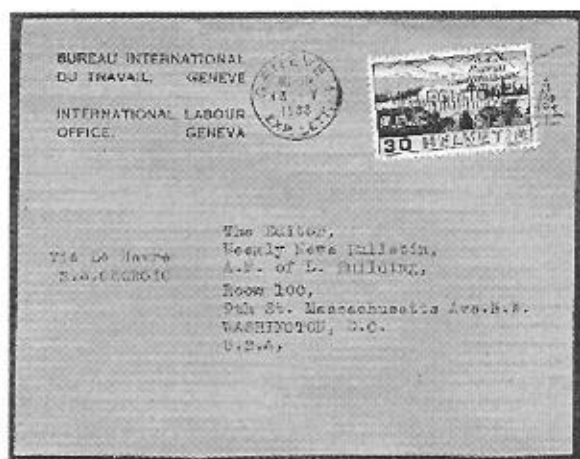


Figure 10: ILO cover from Geneva in 1938 showing no reference to the League.

and League of Nations operations became weaker and weaker. And of course the United States was an active participant in International Labor Organization projects but was never a member of the League of Nations. When the ILO moved its headquarters to Montreal from Geneva in 1940 during World War II there was absolutely no mention of the League of Nations in any of its corner cards.

Joint Generic League of Nations - ILO Corner Card with City Typed In

Figure 11 shows an interesting generic League of Nations - ILO corner card on a censored cover sent from Sussex in Great Britain on August 19, 1942 to ILO Headquarters in Montreal. Of particular interest is the fact that the corner card is in English only. I have seen no other League corner card without the equivalent expression in French. Whether this was done deliberately or was the result of wartime economics is unclear.



Figure 11: Generic League of Nations - ILO service cover sent from Sussex in 1942.

League of Nations Departments, Which Left Geneva during World War II

As the Axis powers gradually took control of most of Europe during World War II, Switzerland became more and more isolated. As a result the League of Nations was less able to maintain contact with the outside world. This situation was discussed in an article, which appeared in the June 1994 issue of the *Journal* (page 14), entitled *The U.S.A. Connection to the League of Nations*.

In June 1940 Princeton University, the Institute for Advanced Study and the Rockefeller Foundation invited the League of Nations Secretariat to move all of its technical services to Princeton, where, with the help of other institutions, the University was prepared to offer every hospitality. The League Secre-

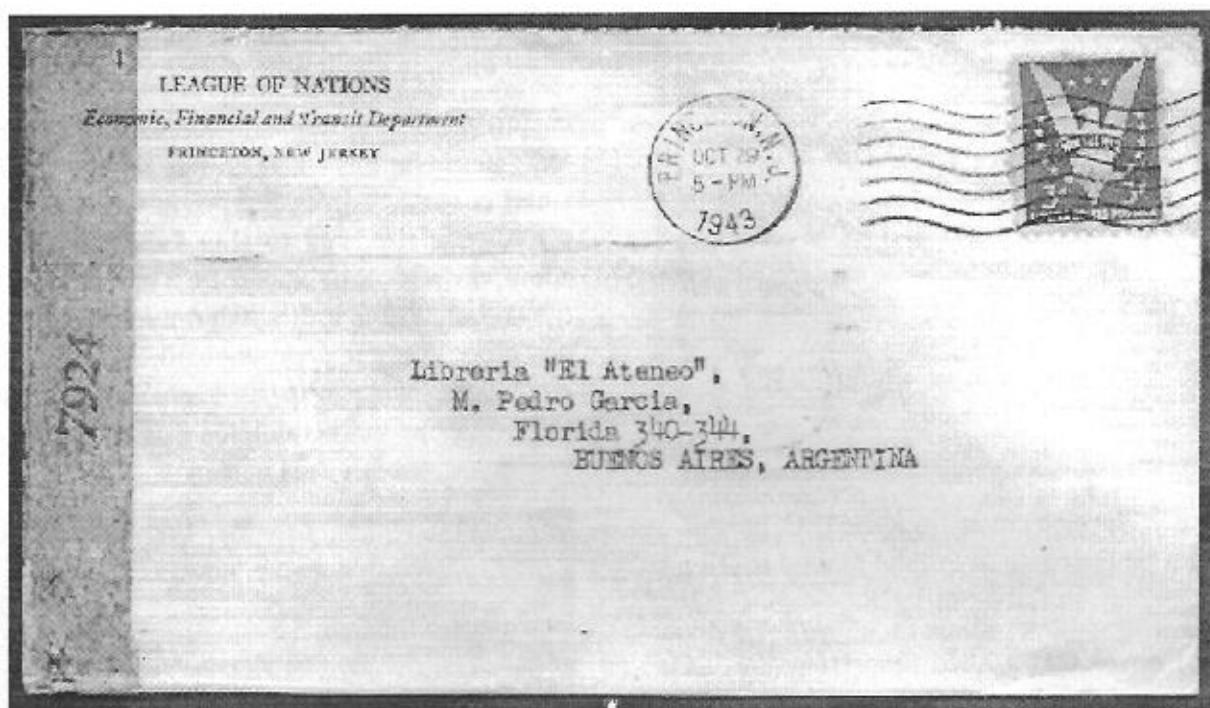


Figure 12: Service cover from the Economic, Financial and Transit Department of the League of Nations, which moved to the Princeton University campus during World War II.



Figure 13: Service cover from the "skeleton crew" of the Economic, Financial and Transit Department of the League of Nations left in Geneva during the War to the relocated portion at the (Princeton) University (Institute) for Advanced Studies postmarked April 12, 1945.

tary-General Joseph Avenol, accepted the invitation on behalf of the Economic, Financial and Transit Department. Alexander Loveday the department head crossed the Atlantic with most of his staff in the late summer of 1940.

Figure 12 shows a censored service cover

from this League Department postmarked October 29, 1943. This cover, which was sent to a book store in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was able to make it there for the standard 3¢ domestic postage in effect at the time.

Figure 13 shows a censored service cover

from the League of Nations in Geneva to the relocated Economic, Financial and Transit Department at the (Princeton) University (Institute) for Advanced Study. The origin cachet **Dept. II** indicates that the letter came from one of the members of the same department who had been left behind in Geneva. The letter was postmarked on April 12, 1945, less than a month before the end of World War II in Europe. Since France had already been liberated, airmail to the United States was being routed via Cherbourg.

The last cover that I have seen bearing a League corner card originating outside Geneva is pictured in Gaines (page 1002) and is dated April 8, 1945. It was sent from the League of Nations Treasury in London, which had relocated to England during the War.

Epilogue

The original draft of this article ended with Figure 11. I had been aware for about ten years that the League of Nations had established a Mission in the United States during World War II at Princeton University. This had been brought to my attention as an accumulation of wartime service covers of the League of Nations to affiliated offices in the

United States, such as the Economic, Financial and Transit Department at Princeton University and the Narcotics Supervisory Body Branch Office in Washington with which the Opium Traffic Office of the League in Geneva (as identified in Figure 14 by the origin cachet **OP**) maintained contact, came on the philatelic market about ten years ago. I presume that they had been part of the family archives of one of the principals involved.

To complement my covers to these offices, I immediately began looking for mail from this League of Nations Mission at Princeton. After ten years of keeping my eyes open, I finally came across one of these covers (Figure 12) at a monthly stamp show near my home town of Pasadena in June 2001. As far as I know, very few of these covers have fallen into the hands of confirmed United Nations Philatelists. But I would be quite surprised if only a few such covers survived the War. Although the closing chapter of the history of the League of Nations was written nearly sixty years ago, material continues to emerge. It pays to be persistent.

I encourage readers to send me photocopies of related material for an eventual update of this article.

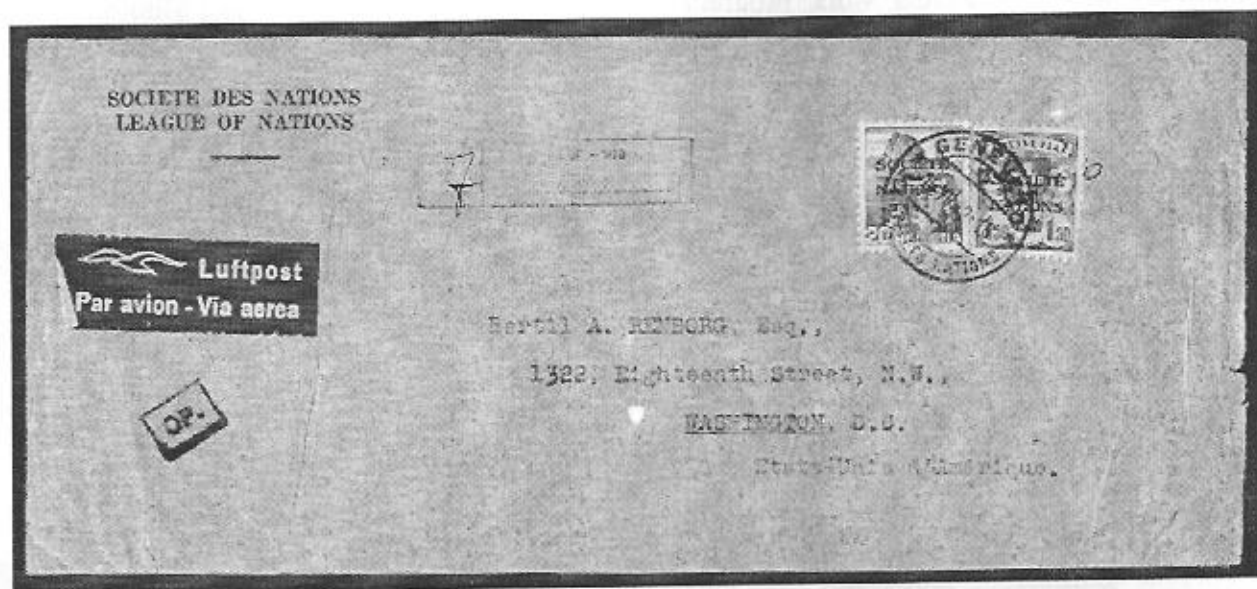


Figure 14: League service cover from the Opium Traffic Office to the Narcotics Supervisory Study Branch Office in Washington.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS MISSION IN PRINCETON

1940-1946

By B. Clement, Jr.

Having worked in Princeton, New Jersey for the last twenty-five years, I have been curious about the postal history of the League of Nations Mission that was located there from 1940 until 1946. With the start of World War II the League of Nations was invited by the United States to locate some of its operations in this country. As a result, the Economic, Financial and Transit Department was relocated to the Institute for Advance Study in Princeton.

The Institute for Advanced Study, founded in 1930, is an independent, private institution for fundamental research across a wide range of fields. It has no formal links to other educational institutions, but has close ties with Princeton University and other nearby institutions. The Institute is probably best known as Albert Einstein's home institution in the United States during much of his career.

During the war period, the function of the League of Nations Mission was to ensure the continuity in the League's work program and in the publication of its major reports,

study series and yearbooks in the economic and statistical fields.

Until recently, the only postal evidence of the Princeton Mission were letters addressed to the Mission, such as the cover in Figure 1, sent from the League in Geneva. This cover, postmarked in 1944, has an "HYG" origin cachet indicating it originated from the Health Section. (Gaines list this as "MYO" due to the poor impression of the cachet.) Another such cover is shown in *The Journal* article by Richard Powers, which appeared in the June 1994 issue (Vol. 18-3, p. 15, Figure 6) on the *U.S.A. Connection to the League of Nations*.

In the past year two covers, which originated from the League of Nations Mission in Princeton have emerged from obscurity. [Editor's Note: Make that three! See the article in this issue of *The Journal* on the *League of Nations: Presence Outside Geneva*.] The first (Figure 2) is a book wrapper sent to Egypt. It bears the printed corner card of the League of Nations Mission. The wrapper was postmarked in nearby Trenton,

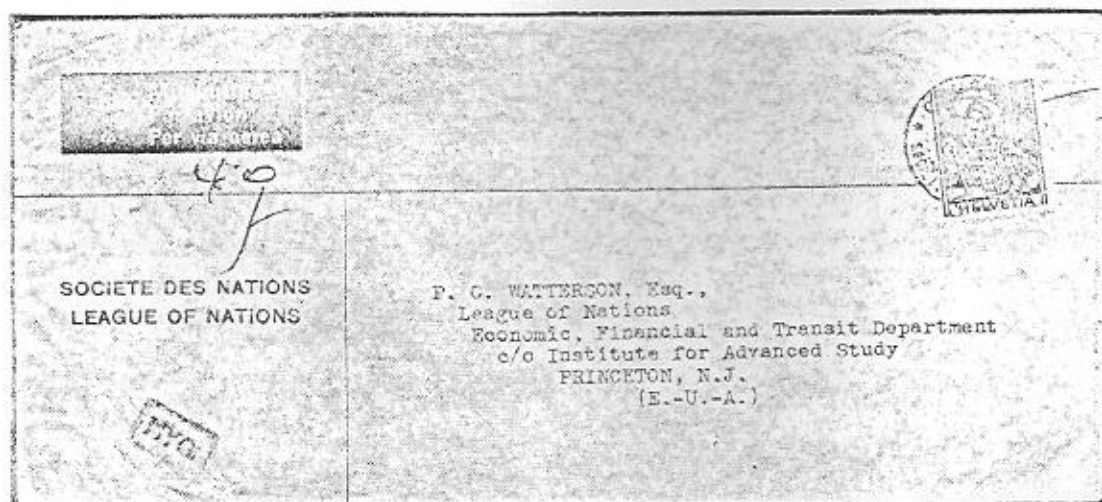


Figure 1: League of Nations service cover sent to its Economic, Financial and Transit Department at its Mission in Princeton in 1944.

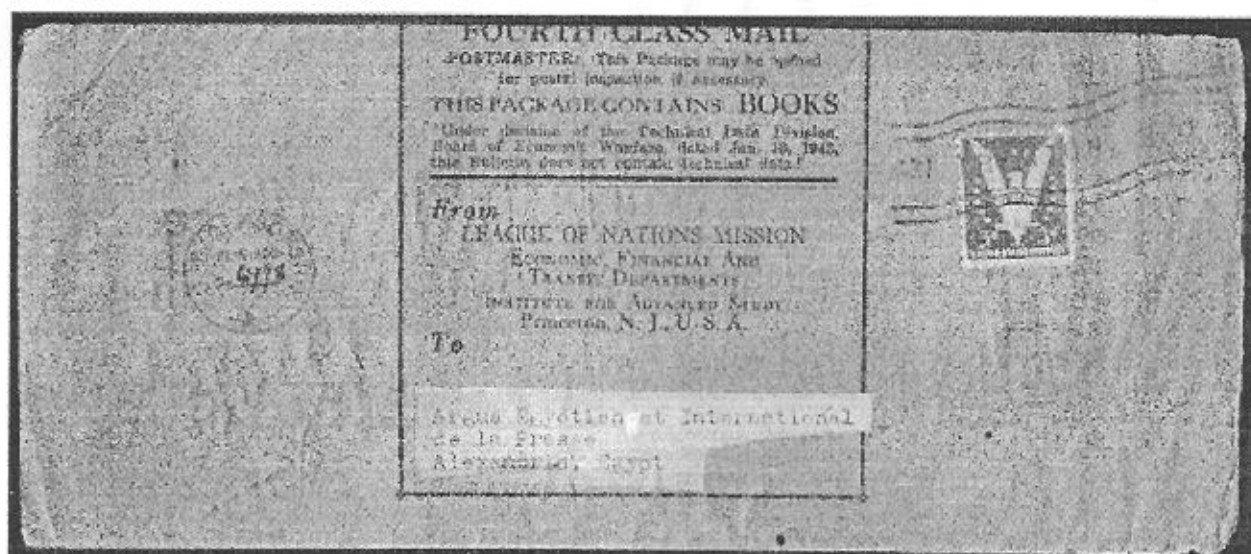


Figure 2: Book wrapper sent from the League of Nations Mission in Princeton.

New Jersey, but is undated since it is fourth class mail. It bears a U.S. censorship mark.

The second cover, shown in Figure 3, is an airmail cover sent to Brazil. The cover has a previously unknown origin cachet, in black, for the League of Nations in Princeton. The cover is postmarked Princeton, New Jersey on June 1, 1944. This cover has also been censored.

United Nations postal history from the first half of the last century is still being written, as new discoveries are documented. Thanks to Clay Wallace and Greg Galletti for their contributions to this article. You too can help add to our knowledge. Let us know what you have that you haven't seen mentioned in the philatelic literature before. You might help write history.



Figure 3: Service cover sent from the Economic, Financial and Transit Department of the League of Nations in Princeton in 1944.

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IAEA METER UPDATE

By Richard Powers

The last update of meter cancellations used by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna in the Gaines Catalog came out in October 1995. The last date listed is May 26, 1989. In the meantime I have been receiving magazines at least six times a year. During the last decade at least two slogans have been used.

Figure 1 shows a meter cancel with the initials IAEA in between stylized atoms surrounded by a wreath, followed by the legend: International Atomic Energy Agency, P.O.Box 100, A-1400 Vienna Austria. Included in the slogan is the class of the mailing "Imprimé a Taxe Réduite (Printed Matter at Book Rate)". The earliest use of this slogan is August 27, 1992; the latest July 29, 1998. The text INTERNATIONAL is 22 mm wide. The denomination bank is typically 26 mm wide. The legend VEREINTE is 19 mm wide. The legend GROSCHEN is barely 2 mm in height. The denomination is closer to the right side of the denomination bank.

Figure 2 shows the new slogan, which has been observed as early as August 10, 2000. The major change in the slogan is the lack of the mailing class reference although the magazine was sent at the book rate. The text INTERNATIONAL is 24 mm wide. The

The denomination bank has been changed significantly. To the left of the denomination bank is a series of 24 identical horizontal bars. The width of the denomination bank is 24 mm. The width of the legend VEREINTE is 15 mm. The legend Groschen is more than 3mm high. The denomination is centered in the denomination bank. (The Figures are not exactly to scale.)



Figure 1: IAEA meter cancel dated April 4, 1993.



Figure 2: IAEA meter cancel dated October 6, 2000.

UNITED NATIONS MILITARY MAIL

By J.-L. Emmenegger

UNTAET

Since the situation became peaceful again in East Timor, the Headquarters (HQ) of the United Nations Transitional Mission in East Timor (UNTAET) uses the postal facilities of the East Timor Post Office. Based in Dili, UNTAET HQ mail bears either automatic vending machine stamps or the new UNTAET postage stamps already presented on page 3 in the June 2000 issue of the *Journal*. A new administrative cachet is being used as a corner card (Figure 1).



Figure 1: UNTAET cachet.

UNOMB

The United Nations Observer Mission in

Bougainville (UNOMB) had to implement negotiations and a cease-fire between the officials of Papua New Guinea and the "secessionists" of Bougainville Island (which is part of Papua New Guinea). A registered UNOMB cover mailed in Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea, appears in Figure 2. The official UNOMB cachet was applied on the left side. UN Military Mail specialists indicate that mail from UNOMB seems to be difficult to receive.

UNMIK

The United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) has its headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo. No preprinted official stationery envelopes exist for UNMIK-mail. Correspondence exists on either blank envelopes with a hand-written return address in the upper left corner or a printed return address label is applied. A cover mailed in at the GPO in Pristina appears in Figure 3. It was franked with five stamps in German marks of the recent Kosovo stamps.

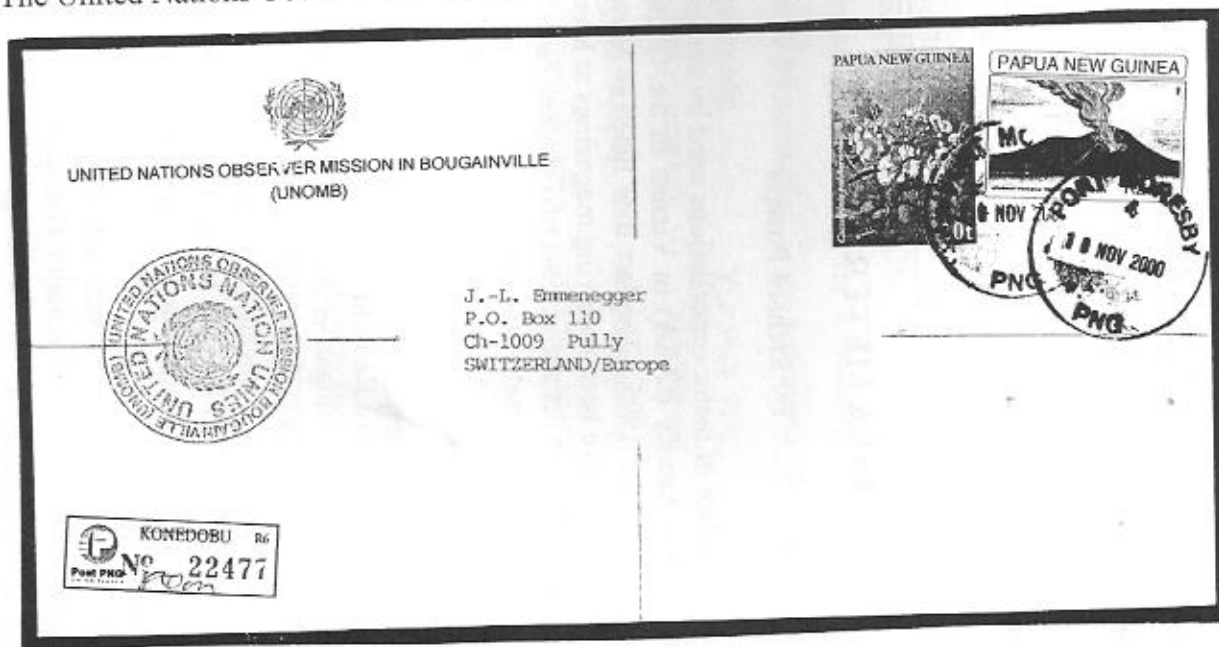


Figure 2: Registered service cover from UNOMB mailed in November 2000 from Port Moresby.



Figure 3: Official UNMIK cover bearing Kosovo stamps mailed in Pristina.

MONUC

Very little mail from the United Nations Mission in the (Democratic Republic of the) Congo (MONUC - Mission des Nations Unies au Congo) has appeared up till now as many contingents have not yet been transported to the Congo. Several political events made the implementation of MONUC very difficult. Currently only UN-Observers are on duty in the Congo. The MONUC cover pictured in Figure 4 was mailed from a post office in Kinshasa by a MONUC-Observers.

UNMEE

The United Nations Mission in Eritrea and Ethiopia (UNMEE) began functioning in December 2000, after a cease-fire was signed between Eritrea and Ethiopia in Algiers on December 12, 2000. The UNMEE, which should have up to 4200 UN-soldiers, will patrol a 25-km wide buffer zone between the two countries. The UN-Observers are already there; contingents are beginning to arrive. Among them are the Dutch and Canadian units. The latter is using a cancel bearing CFPO 5108 (Figure 5).



Figure 5: Cover from the Canadian contingent to UNMEE mailed in February 2001 from CFPO 5108.

Other News

Recently we came across an interesting cover (Figure 6) offered via the World Wide Web. The corner card mentions the United Nations Border Relief Operation at the United Nations Building in Bangkok, Thailand. It was sent to the United Nations Field Operations Division in New York. Does anybody know something about this Operation? Dates of Operation? Parties involved? I would appreciate receiving any information that you might be able to provide.



Figure 4: Service cover from MONUC mailed from Kinshasa.



Figure 6: Service cover from the United Nations Border Relief Operation sent from Bangkok.

WORLD BANK - IMF CONFERENCE NEWS

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

The annual Joint Meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was held in Prague on September 26-28, 2000. A special cancel (Figure 1), was used at the meeting. The letterhead used on meeting stationery appears in Figure 2. These annual meetings are held in Washington, D.C. in two successive years, then abroad.



Fig. 1: World Bank-IMF cancel.

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Figure 2: Stationery letterhead from the 2000 World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings in Prague.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

A Musical Tribute to the United Nations in 1944

By Richard Powers

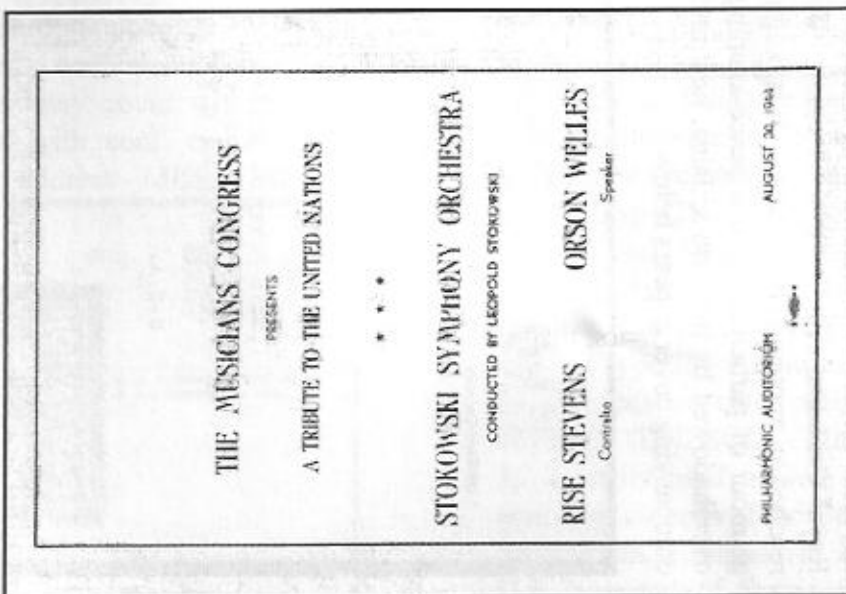


Figure 1: Cover of the Program to the Musical Tribute to the United Nations in August 1944 at Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Hidden rather unceremoniously in an inauspicious-looking lot labeled "Miscellaneous United Nations" was an interesting item which was produced nine months before the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco in April 1945, which nonetheless gives insight as to the evolution of the United Nations.

On August 30, 1944 the Musicians Congress presented a concert in tribute to the United Nations by the Stokowski Symphony Orchestra conducted by the Maestro himself. The Musicians Congress had been organized as a manifestation of the musicians' concern with the progress of World War II and with the kind of peace to follow. Its essential faith was democracy. Featured on the program was a work by the Russian composer Shostakovich entitled *United Nations March*. It would be interesting to know if this musical piece survived the War.

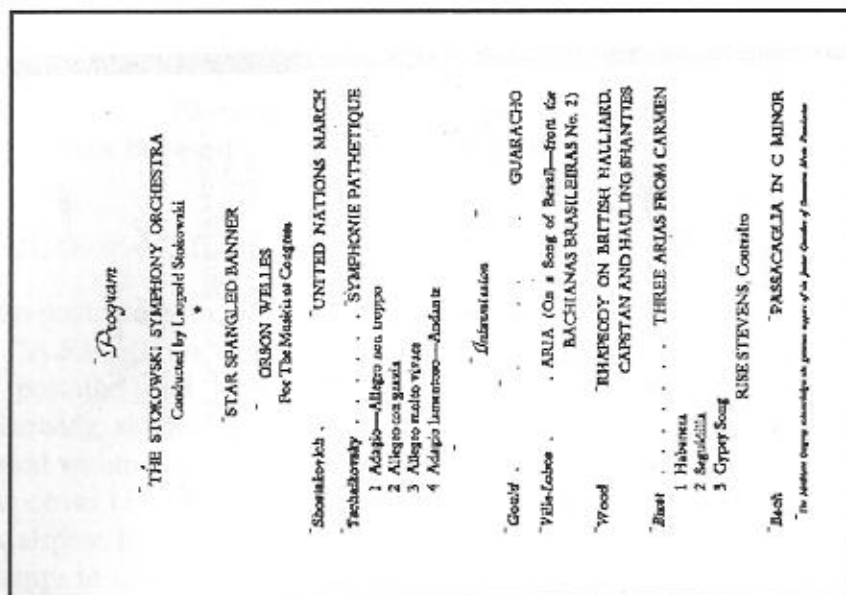


Figure 2: Concert Program by the Stokowski Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski opening with the United Nations March by Shostakovich.

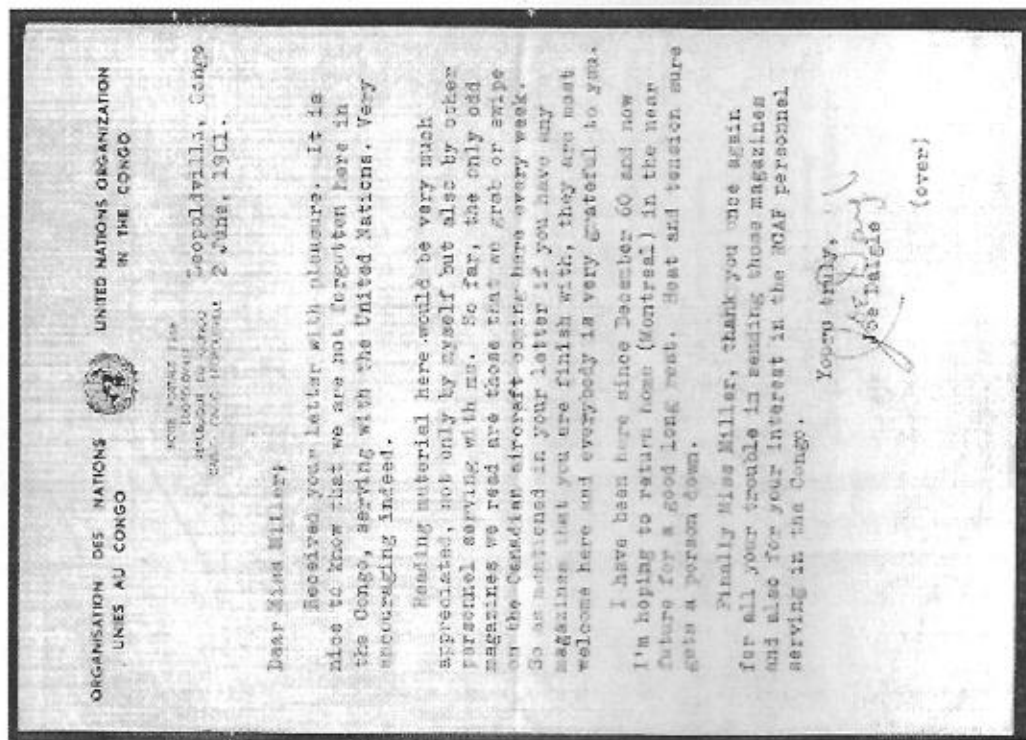
A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM A CANADIAN MEMBER OF ONUC

By Richard Powers

To the right appears a thank you letter dated June 2, 1961 from a Canadian member of the Opération des Nations Unies (ONUC) stationed in Léopoldville in the Congo. Apparently the recipient of the note, Miss Betty V. Miller in East Rochester, New York, had mailed reading material to be delivered to a Royal Canadian Air Force serviceman. The material clearly reached an appreciative audience. It is poignant to read that the glamour of participating in a peace-keeping operation can be overshadowed by the twin villains: heat and tension. The accompanying cover appears below.



ONUC service cover from Léopoldville bearing meter cancel U72 dated June 5, 1961.



Thank you letter from Canadian member of ONUC dated June 2, 1961.

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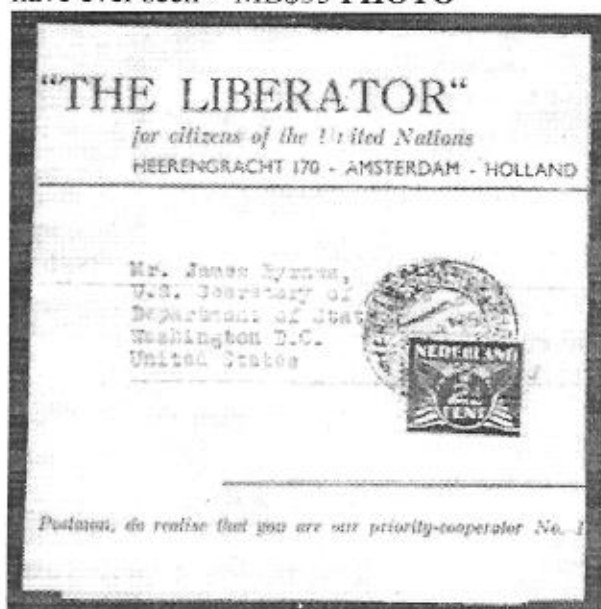


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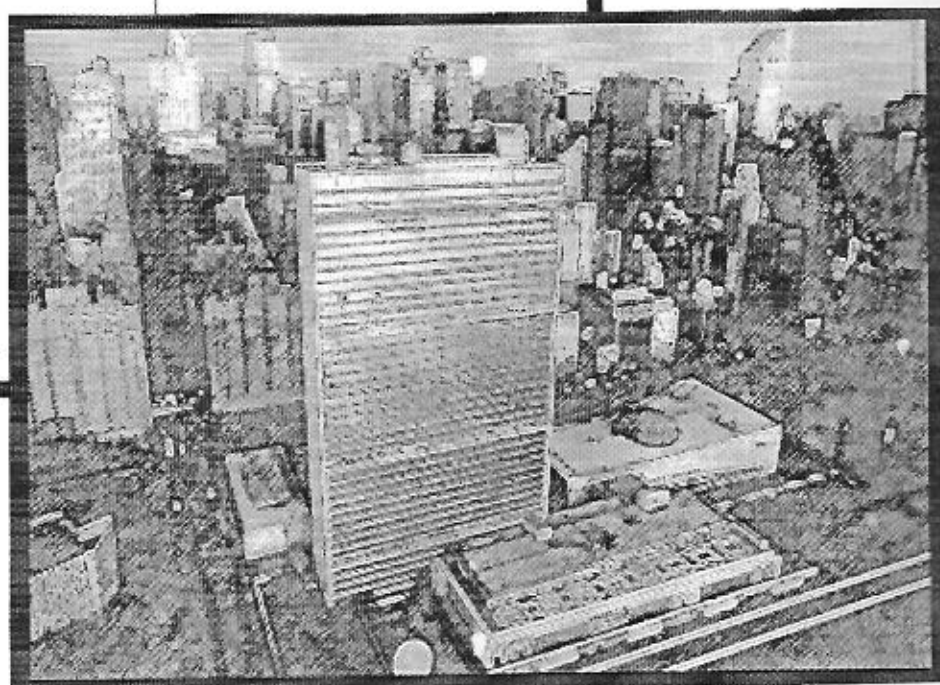
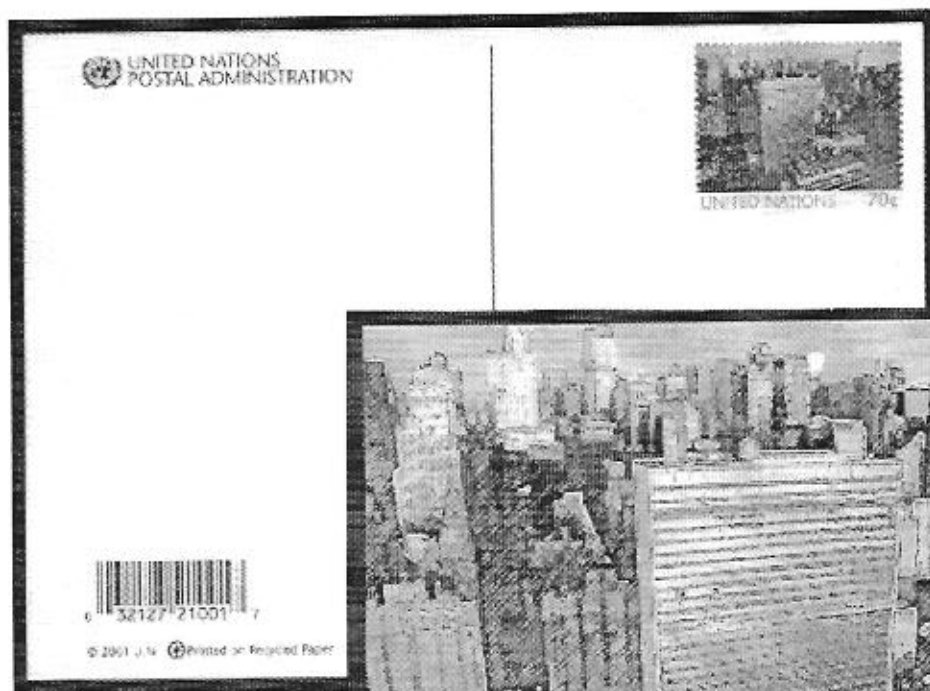
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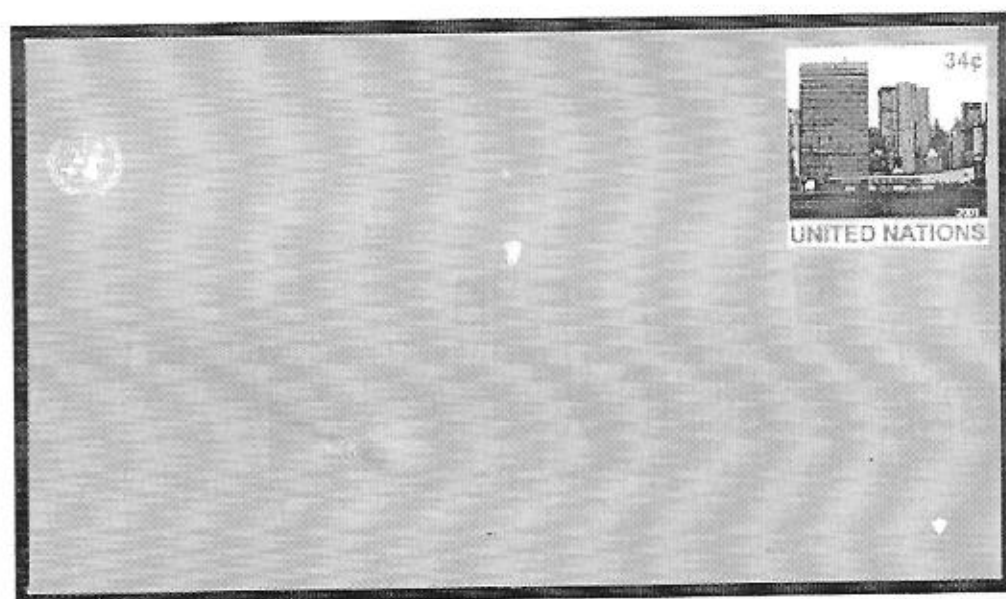
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