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Front cover: UNNY mini-sheet honoring the International Year of Mountains.

Rear cover: International Year of Mountains mini-sheets for Geneva and Vienna.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

After Five Months in Switzerland

By the time you read these lines, I shall have made the somewhat painful transition back to Pasadena. Traveling by air is not what it used to be. It took me more than twenty-four hours from the time I closed the door of my apartment in St-Imier in Switzerland until, I trudged into my apartment in Pasadena. Although I enjoy living and working abroad, it is always nice to come home again, where the computer speaks to me in English.

Thanks to the almost universal implementation of Microsoft Windows around the world, I was able to prepare two issues of the *Journal* abroad with minimal delays in the delivery of the final product. However, I would be negligent if I did not acknowledge the generous contributions of UNP Secretary Clem Clement, on whom I often leaned to supply information not available here or to run interference when dealing with stateside contributors.

Although I am now comfortable in using WINDOWS 98 after using it for two years in Pasadena, it was still a battle to adjust to using WINDOWS 2000 NT, the network version installed at the Ecole d'Ingénieurs de St-Imier (EISI). Trying to understand menus written in French was not always easy. After five months there are still some things I can do better with WORKS in Pasadena, than I can with WORD in St-Imier.

One of the pleasant surprises resulting from my stay was to learn that it is relatively easy to transform articles with figures sent by e-mail into camera-ready text that the printer can use. It helps that the computer that receives the e-mail and the computer that converts the message are one and the same. In the US, I have been using a Macintosh computer to receive e-mail at MtSAC and have been transferring text via paper to the UNP pc in Pasadena. This is tedious and not too reliable, as the MtSAC computer occasionally seems to swallow e-mail

without my ever having seen it. The EISI system seems to operate much more reliably.

I am now in the process of trying to find a way for contributors to send articles to me in Pasadena by e-mail in a reliable way. I hope to reveal this process in the October issue of the *Journal*. In the meantime please keep those articles coming in by traditional postal means. Normally at the end of the summer I have a major backlog of non-urgent articles ready to be popped into the *Journal* whenever contributions drop off during the holidays. But this year I returned from Europe with little in the way of reserve articles. I am counting on members to take up the slack during this period of transition.

One of the perks of the academic life is being able to sneak off to various parts of the world for prolonged stays every seven years or so. As a result I have been attending stamp shows in France, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria off and on for nearly thirty years. My current impression is that stamp shows in Switzerland are suffering the same decline in attendance since 1972 that is so visible in the United States. Ten years ago I attended monthly the Saturday bourse at the Weisser Wind Restaurant in Zürich. At that time the show attracted more than twenty dealers weekly. Now it has hard to find ten dealers who are willing to come once a month. And the reason is that fewer collectors are coming. Maybe they prefer Ebay.

I must admit that shortly after my arrival in Switzerland, I began surfing the Ebay listings nearly daily. Did I find lots of interest? Yes. Were the lots exciting enough to become part of my exhibits on UN Forerunners and the UN First Issue? Maybe. Was I often successful? Not really. Am I still looking? Yes, but not quite so often. It is still more fun for me to go and talk to dealers and other collectors who can show me covers and stamps that I can see and touch and haggle over.

MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY

Membership Census

As of early May, when essentially all 2002 renewals are in, UNP has 259 members. It should be noted that this is in the low point of the year, since additional renewals and new members would add to that. Of the 259, 233 are from the United States, 10 from Canada, and 16 from other countries. So far, 15 failed to respond to the renewal notice, and 2 resigned. This is the best renewal rate UNP has had since I became Secretary.

Of the members resident in the United States, 31 are from New York, 27 from California, 19 from New Jersey, 18 from Illinois, 15 from Pennsylvania, and 13 from Texas. There are 10 from Virginia, 8 each from Wisconsin and Michigan, 7 each from Florida, Ohio, and Massachusetts, 6 each from Missouri and Maryland, and 4 each from Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, and Iowa. There are 3 each from Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Washington. Louisiana, Oregon, and Rhode Island have 2 members each, while the following have 1 each: Arkansas, Hawaii, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, West Virginia, and the Marshall Islands.

Of our Canadian members, 4 are from Ontario, 2 from British Columbia, and 1 each from Quebec, Nova Scotia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. From other countries, we have 3 each from Japan and the Netherlands, 2 each from Israel and Switzerland, and 1 each from Australia, France, Germany, Indonesia, Luxembourg and United Kingdom.

Journal Give-away

Bill Hilbert, a UNP member since the

beginning, is no longer collecting United Nations material. He has a complete set of the Journal of United Nations Philatelists from No. 1 to No. 145, which he would like to give to a fellow member. All he asks is that you pay the shipping costs.

The Secretary will be happy to receive requests for these journals by mail only. Please, no e-mails. The journals will go to the first such request received. I will notify you and Bill of the winner. You can complete the arrangements with him.

Mail your request to me at the following address:

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Yardley, PA 19067-3421

Good luck.

UNP ELECTION RESULTS

The chairman of the election committee Steve Scheibner has just reported the election results for the positions of officers of UNP and members of the Board of Directors. Thirty-five ballots were received before the deadline. The candidates for the four officer positions each received thirty-five votes. President Greg Galletti, Vice-President Tony Dewey and Secretary Clem Clement will be continuing to serve until June 30, 2004. Jim Matyasovich, was newly elected as Treasurer, replacing Larry Davidson, who declined to serve again.

Returning as members of the Board of Directors are Dan Gapinski (35 votes), Richard Powers (34 votes) and Brian Reiser (34 votes). Newly elected is Caroline Scannell (32 votes), who replaces Jim Matyasovich, who was elected to be Treasurer.

The names and addresses and e-mail addresses of all officers and board members can be found on the rear (inside) cover of the *Journal*.

2002 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of May 1, 2002 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

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

March 1

Definitive stamps and Stationery

80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,07, € 0,51, € 0,58, € 0,73, € 0,87, € 2,03

(8 Sheets of 20 stamps)

F.s. 1,30 Postal card, € 0,51 Postal card

April 4

Endangered Species

34¢, F.s. 0,90, € 0,51

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

Set of 3 maximum cards.

2002 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

May 20

Independence - East Timor

34¢, 57¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 1,09

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

May 24

International Year of Mountains (IYM)

34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 1,20, € 0,22, € 0,51.

(3 Mini-sheets of 12 stamps with 4 different stamp designs.)

Set of 6 maximum cards

June 27

Environment Summit + 10 (Johannesburg Summit)

37¢, 60¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, € 0,51, € 0,58

(3 Mini-sheets of 12 stamps with 4 different stamp designs)

Souvenir Card

€ 0,51, € 1,09 Pre-stamped envelopes

August 30

World Heritage - Italy

37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 0,58

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(5¢, 15¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, € 0,07, € 0,15)}

October 24

UNAIDS Awareness - Semi-postal

70¢, F.s. 1,30, € 1,53

(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)

37¢ + 6¢ = 43¢, F.s. 0,90 + F.s. 0,30 = F.s. 1,20, € 0,51 + € 0,25 = € 0,76.

(3 Souvenir sheets.)

IPU-Geneva Definitive, Switzerland (New UN Member)

F.s. 0,90, F.s. 3,00

(2 Sheets of 20 stamps)

2002 Annual Collection Folders

2002 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 7

United Nations - for a Better World

April 8

The UN works to build a society for all ages

August 26

Johannesburg Summit Conference Cancel

November 8

Visit your United Nations – Fifty years of guided tours

December 10

Special cancel & envelope for inauguration of new IPU-HQ

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOUNTAINS

From a UNPA Press Release

On May 24, 2002 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of twelve commemorative stamps on the theme "International Year of Mountains" (IYM). These twelve stamps are printed in three mini-sheets of twelve stamps each with four different designs appearing on each sheet. Each sheet consists of six vertical se-tenant pairs. There are two different se-tenant pairs on each sheet. The sheet for the UNNY contains two denominations: 34¢ and 80¢; the Geneva sheet contains stamps denominated F.s. 0,70 and F.s. 1,20; the Vienna sheet contains stamps denominated € 0,22 and € 0,51.

The twelve designs are based on photographs taken by Yoshikazu Shirakawa of Japan. Mr. Shirakawa has been a freelance photographer since 1962 and has visited 139 countries as director of special photography for *Culture and Geography of the World* (23 volumes), *World Culture Series* (26 volumes) and many other publications.

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2002 the International Year of Mountains. The main objective is to increase international awareness of the global importance of mountain ecosystems.

Mountains are the source of valuable resources, such as water, energy and biological diversity, as well as centers of culture and recreation. However, because of globalization, urbanization and tourism, mountain communities and the resources they depend on are being threatened.

IYM represents an important step in the long-term process initiated by the 1992 Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro. The major outcome of this Conference, Agenda 21, gives a global blueprint for sustainable development into the twenty-first century. Chapter 13 of this Agenda, entitled "Managing fragile ecosystems: sustainable mountain development", placed mountains on an equal footing with climate change,

tropical deforestation and desertification as a key issue in the global debate on environment and development.

In the years following the 1992 Earth Summit, a number of processes and activities related to preserving mountains have been initiated. For instance, the global Mountain Forum was founded in 1995 with the purpose of providing mutual support, information sharing and advocacy for mountain peoples and environments.

IYM provides a unique opportunity to reinforce the implementation of the outcome of the 1992 Earth Summit, to sustain mountains and to move these important issues into the forefront of world attention.

Mountains Portrayed



Khan Tengri, Kyrgyzstan – 34¢ stamp

Elevation: 7010 meters (22,998 feet)

Latitude: 42° 12' N – Longitude: 80° 10' E

Khan Tengri is the second highest peak of the Tien Shan range. It is a huge icy pyramid around which Tien Shan's highest peaks are clustered.



Kilimanjaro, Tanzania – 34¢ stamp

Elevation: 5895 meters (19,340 feet)

Latitude: 03° 03' – Longitude: 37° 21' E

Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa, located in northeast Tanzania. It is an extinct volcano and is one of the most massive in the world. Beneath its ice dome, snow extends down long gullies that have been eroded in the mountainsides.



Mount Foraker, USA – 80¢ stamp
 Elevation: 5304 meters (17,400 feet)
 Latitude: 62° 57' N – Longitude: 151° 24' W
 Mount Foraker is the second highest summit of the Alaska Range and the sixth highest in North America. Most of the mountain lies within Denali National Park as is acceded by the Kahitna Glacier.



Paine Grande, Chile – 80¢ stamp
 Elevation: 3050 meters (10,006 feet)
 Latitude: 50° 59' S – Longitude: 72° 58' W
 Paine Grande is the highest peak of the Torres del Paine Range, a spectacular Patagonian massif in which sheer rock pinnacles rise from surrounding snow and ice. Paine Grande rises at the west end of the massif and is covered in snow and ice. The east face of its Central Tower is a 4000-foot sheer rock wall.



Weisshorn, Switzerland – F.s. 1,10 stamp
 Elevation: 4505 meters (14,780 feet)
 Latitude: 46° 07' N – Longitude: 7° 43' E

Weisshorn is a sharp, symmetrical pyramid, with three knife-edge ridges rising steeply to the summit. Its northeast face is covered in snow and appears as a magnificent white triangle. It rises above the Zermatt valley downstream to the north.



Mount Fuji, Japan – F.s. 1,10 stamp
 Elevation: 3776 meters (12,389 feet)
 Latitude: 35° 22' N – Longitude: 138° 44' E
 Mount Fuji (also known as Fuji-san) is the highest mountain in Japan. It is an isolated volcano, located only 50 miles southwest from Tokyo, which contributes to its popularity. Thousands of climbers, tourists and religious pilgrims ascend to the summit each year.



Vinson Massif, Antarctica – F.s. 1,30 stamp
 Elevation: 4897 meters (12,389 feet)
 Latitude: 78° 35' S – Longitude: 138° 44' E
 Vinson Massif is the highest mountain of Antarctica. It is a massive mountain stretching 13 miles long and 8 miles wide. Its location, the Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains, is home to most of Antarctica's highest peaks.



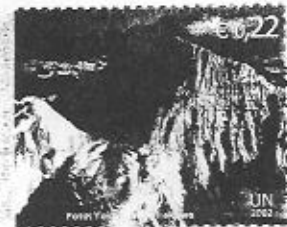
Kamet, India – F.s. 1,30 stamp
 Elevation: 7756 meters (25,447 feet)
 Latitude: 30° 56' N – Longitude: 79° 25' E

Kamet is the second highest mountain in the northern section of the Garhwal region, behind Nanda Devi. It was the first of the Himalayan giants over 25,000 feet to be climbed. The summit was first reached in 1931 but attempts began as early as 1855. Because it is situated north of the main range, Kamet receives less precipitation from the monsoon than mountains further south, so its valleys are comparatively barren.



Mount Cook, New Zealand – € 0,22 stamp
Elevation: 3754 meters (12,316 feet)
Latitude: 43° 36' S – Longitude: 170° 10' E

Mount Cook is the highest mountain in New Zealand. Its mile-long summit crest towers over 8000 feet above a vast network of glacier-filled valleys. Three main peaks rise from the crest. Its isolated location near the west coast makes it vulnerable to sudden storms, which are often long and severe. The glaciers are extensive, wrapping the entire mountain in ice.



Mount Robson, Canada – € 0,22 stamp
Elevation: 3954 meters (12,972 feet)
Latitude: 53°07' N – Longitude: 119°08' W

Mount Robson is the highest peak of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, its vast height and breadth completely dominate the landscape, towering 10000 feet above the valley floor to a spectacular flat-topped summit ridge. Its north face is heavily glaciated with 2600 feet of ice plunging down the mountainside to the shores of Berg Lake.



Rakaposhi, Pakistan – € 0,51 stamp
Elevation: 7788 meters (25,550 feet)
Latitude: 36° 10' N – Longitude: 74° 30' W

Rakaposhi is the name of a high Karakoram mountain massif and the huge pyramid peak that tops this massif. The mountain dominates the Hunza Valley, west of K2. Its steep ice-covered peak towers above barren cliffs and terraces. Rakaposhi's climate is generally more favorable than that of the Himalayas, as it is located far enough west to be only minimally affected by the monsoon in July and August.



Sagarmatha, Nepal – € 0,51 stamp
Elevation: 8850 meters (29,035 feet)
Latitude: 27° 59' N – Longitude: 86° 56' E

Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) is the highest mountain in the world. Its elevation was determined using global positioning satellite (GPS) equipment on May 5, 1999. It was previously believed to be two meters (7 feet) shorter, when its altitude was determined in 1954 by averaging measurements from various sites around the mountain. The validity of the new elevation has been confirmed by the National Geographic Society. Mount Everest is also known by the Tibetan name Chomolangma (Goddess Mother of the Snows). The Nepalese name Sagarmatha means Mother of the Universe.

TEACHING DIPLOMA WITH UNRWA ORIGIN CACHET

By B. Clement, Jr.

When looking for origin cachets, my criterion has been that to be considered for catalog listing, a cachet must be found on an official mailed cover. Cachets found on documents, interesting though they may be, do not qualify. Now I must revise my thinking, based on the Teaching Diploma shown in Figure 1. This diploma was issued in June 1973 to a student of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)/UNESCO Amman Training Centre. It is interesting that he was born in Jenin in 1952. Jenin, Palestine has been much in the news lately because of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Why do I consider this diploma equivalent to an official cover? The answer lies on the back of the diploma. A Jordanian revenue stamp (Figure 2) is affixed and cancelled by the Jordan Revenue Service, apparently collecting a fee for issuing such a certificate. This makes the diploma a collectable philatelic item, and not just an interesting piece of memorabilia.

The blue violet origin cachet is located in

the upper center of the diploma. A full size view of the cachet is shown in Figure 3. UNRWAPR stands for UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. This cachet is similar to cachet SY-U1, on page 138 of the Origin Cachet Monograph.



Figure 2: Jordanian revenue stamp.



Figure 3: Origin cachet used on diploma issued by the Department of Education at the Amman Training Center under the aegis of the UNRWA/UNESCO.

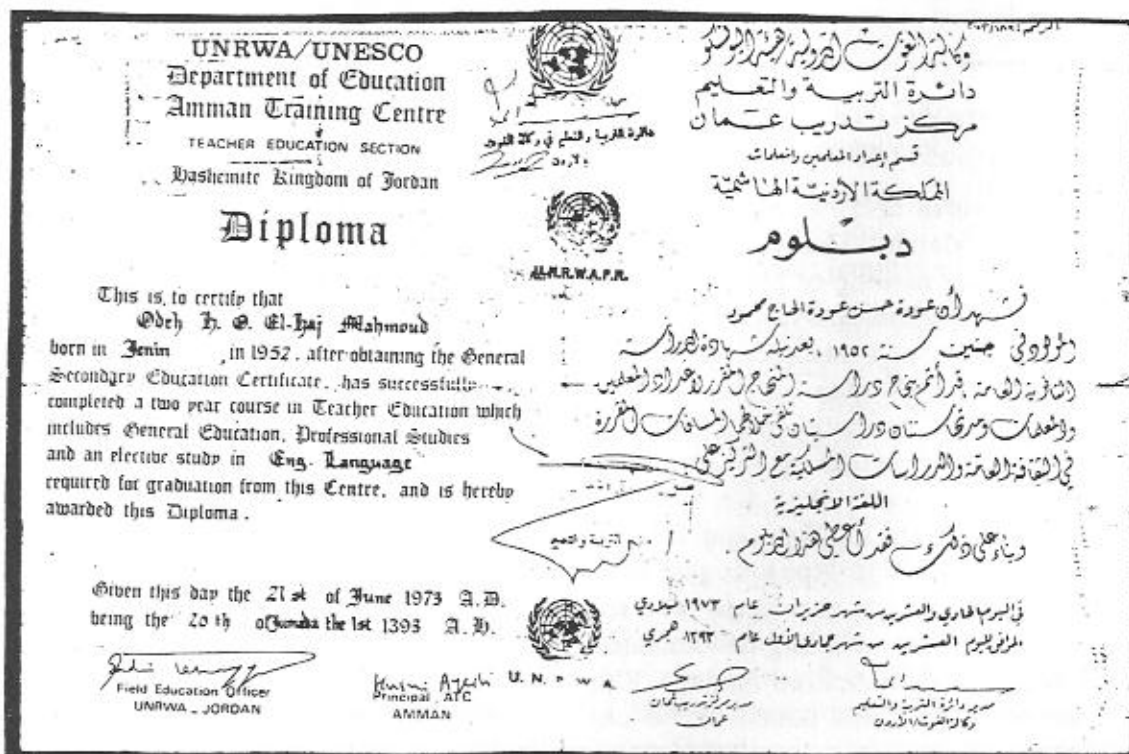


Figure 1: Teaching Diploma issued in Amman, Jordan under UNRWA/UNESCO aegis.

POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

by Duane E. Lamers

Many changes are now with us regarding postal stationery issued by UNPA.

A new postal card (Figure 1) was released March 1st of this year for use at Vienna. The rate of € 0,51 covers priority mailing of postal cards in Austria as well as throughout Europe. As of June 30th of this year this card became the only postal card available for use at the United Nations in Vienna since all previous stationery and stamp issues in the now-abandoned schilling denominations were demonetized on this date (Figures 2a and b)



Figure 1: New 2022 postal card for the UN in Vienna.

UNPA-Geneva also issued a new card (Figure 3) in March. The F.s. 1,30 denomination covers mailing of postal cards to European destinations outside Switzerland.

Recently two new stamped envelopes were issued by Vienna. The € 0,51 envelope serves priority domestic and European use for weight up to 20 g.; the €1,09 envelope will be for priority international use up to 20 g. and for domestic use up to 100 g. Appearing on June 27th, they are the only envelopes valid for use, for the older schilling-denominated envelopes were demonetized on June 30th as were all other items issued in the old currency.

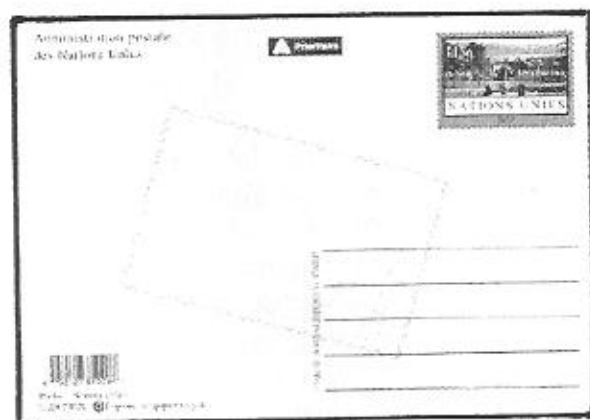


Figure 3: New 2022 postal card for the UN in Geneva.

The end of June marked the passing of three items of stationery issued at New York. This date marked the first day of new domestic first class mail rates in the U.S., although for all practical purposes July 1st is the new date since the United Nations Post Office (UNPO) does not cancel mail on Sundays. The current 34 ¢ envelopes require additional postage for validity, although it seems likely, as this is being written, that UNPA will have surcharged current stocks and placed them on sale at this time.



Figure 4: The 21¢ postal card cancelled on the first day of postal operations following the date of the rate increase July 1, 2001.



Figure 2a: S 7 postal card in Austrian schillings demonetized on June 30, 2002.

It was a very short life, indeed, for the 21¢ postal card (Figure 4). Although issued in 1998, the card met postal card rates for less than a year. Perhaps UNNY will surcharge this item as well to bring it into compliance with the new rate of 23 ¢.



Figure 2b: S 9 postal card in Austrian schillings demonetized as of June 30, 2002.

The USPS has not increased rates for first-class international mail. Thus, the current 70¢ aérogramme and postal card of the same denomination will continue to be valid for use as issued, at least for the foreseeable future.

ARTICLES ON UNITED NATIONS PHILATELY PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE

The military editor of our journal Jean-Louis Emmenegger has been busy publishing UN-related articles in the French philatelic journal *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. In the May 2002 issue he published a four-page article entitled *La Suisse entre à l'ONU* (Switzerland joins the United Nations). The article discusses the role that Switzerland has played in international politics as a member of the League of Nations as well as a non-member of the United Nations. The article is illustrated in color with fourteen covers and various United Nations-related stamps.

Within the past year or so Jean-Louis has also published a three-page article on Count Bernadotte, the first United Nations Mediator in Palestine and a four-page article on former United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld. He has just submitted another article on UNTEA.

If you are interested in obtaining copies of any or all of the three already-published

articles (in either black and white or color), which are written in French but are generously illustrated, you should contact the author directly at the following address:

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Hammarskjöld	\$3	\$6
Swiss Entry	\$3	\$6

Because of expensive bank fees in Europe please do not send checks. Cash is preferred.

UNESCO THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE

Beirut, Lebanon, 1948

By B. Clement, Jr.

The Third General Conference of UNESCO was held in Beirut, Lebanon November 17 to December 11, 1948. Those must have been more peaceful times for the Middle East, and we hope that peace returns to that troubled region, so that once again, it will be safe to hold major UN conferences there.

On November 23rd, Lebanon issued ten special stamps honoring the conference. There were five regular stamps, Scott #220-4. These are shown in Figure 1. Three of these picture Europa on a bull: 10 pi dark red and orange red, 12.40 pi purple and rose and the 25 pi olive green and pale green. Two show the Persian philosopher and physician Avicenna.

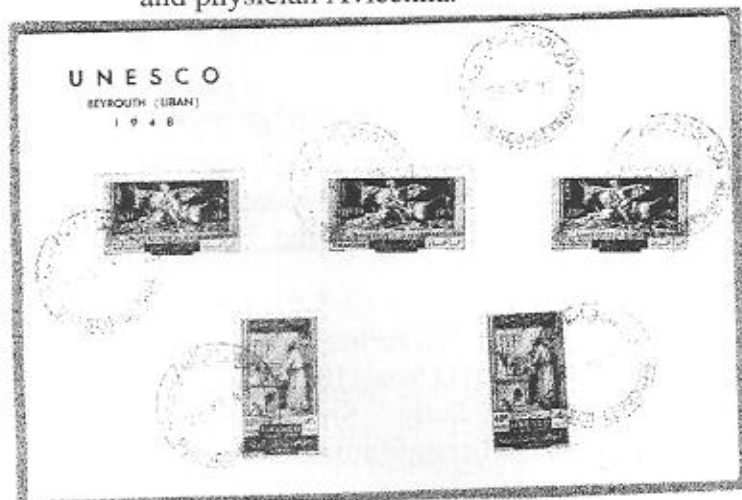


Figure 1: FDC of Lebanese regular stamps issued for the 1948 UNESCO conference.

The other five were airmail stamps, C141-5. Three of these picture Apollo on the Sun Chariot: 7.50 pi blue and light blue, 15 pi black and gray and 20 pi rose brown and rose. Two airmail stamps show Minerva, flanked by two doves: 35 pi carmine rose and rose and 75 pi black and gray. The same ten stamps were also issued in a souvenir sheet.

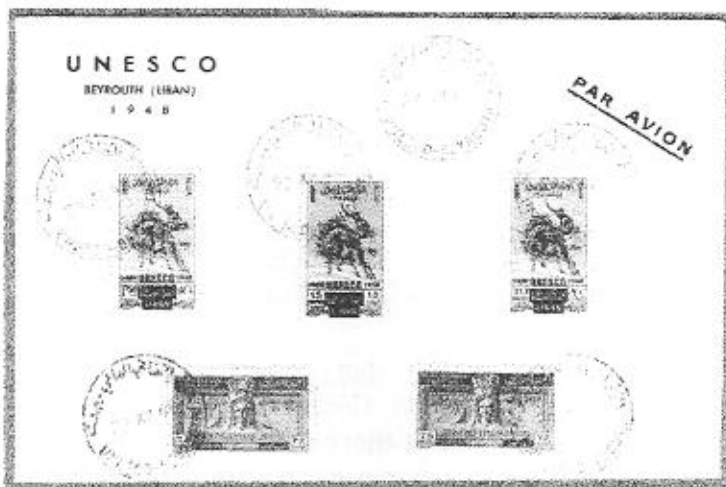


Figure 2: FDC of Lebanese airmail stamps issued for the 1948 UNESCO conference.

There were two special cancels used at the conference, shown in Figure 3. The cancel in Figure 3a is by far the more common. The cancel in Figure 3b has been observed on only one example, and is rare.



Figure 3: a) common and b) rare special cancels used at the 3rd UNESCO General Conference in Beirut in 1948.

The most common conference corner card is that on the cover in Figure 4, which was mailed to Belgium on December 1, 1948. This corner card has been observed on several sizes of envelopes, in different paper weights, with and without the "Par Avion" inscription.

The cover in Figure 5 has a different conference corner card, which is not often

seen. This cover was sent registered to Switzerland by a member of the Swiss Delegation to the conference. The cover has one cancel dated November 23, with the date marked through, and four cancels dated December 6. The cover is back-stamped on arrival in Zurich December 9. The registry label appears to be an ordinary Beirut label, and not a special one for the conference.



Figure 5: Conference cover sent by member of the Swiss Delegation.

Recently uncovered is the cover in Figure 6. This cover has the corner card of the Venezuelan Delegation to the conference. Unfortunately, it was used some time after the conference was over. It was sent registered mail to Canada on March 7, 1950. Perhaps the Venezuelan embassy

kept leftover conference envelopes, that were later used by embassy personnel.

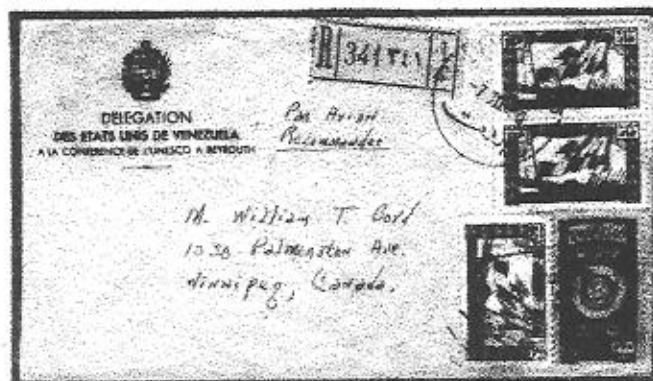


Figure 6: Cover on conference stationery of the Venezuelan delegation.

Building the story of such conferences requires collaboration of all UN collectors, in order to make the story as complete as possible. If you have a piece of postal history, which you think may not be documented, please let me know. You will be contributing to the upcoming *UNP Monograph on the Postal History of Conferences of the UN, its Predecessors, and its Agencies*. Your contribution will be acknowledged.

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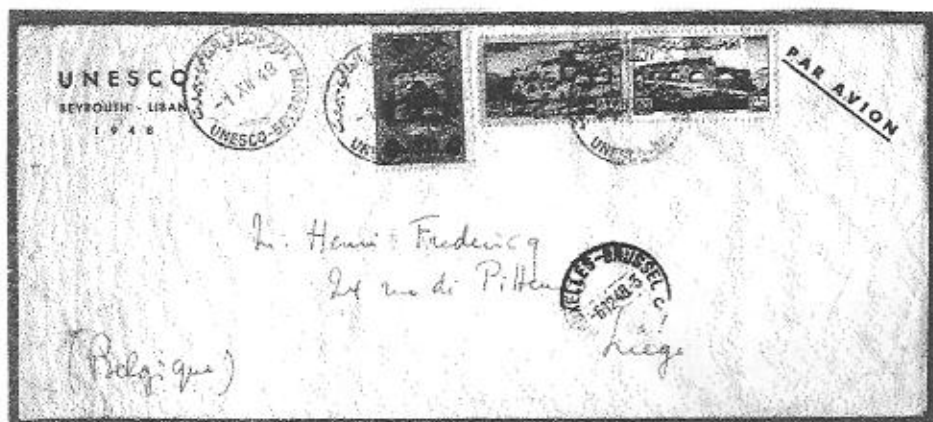


Figure 4: Common conference cover from the Third General Conference of UNESCO held in Beirut, Lebanon in 1948.

ORIGIN CACHET DISCOVERIES V

By B. Clement, Jr.

More origin cachets, unlisted in the UNP monograph *Origin Cachets of the United Nations, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors* have been discovered. Fifteen 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 Jack Mayer and Arnold Ottonin.

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

League of Nations – Geneva Delegations



Figure 1: Violet, 1940 (Bolivia)

Dr. 326
Délégation Permanente de Lithuanie
auprès de la Société des Nations

Figure 2: Blue, 1939 (Lithuania)

League of Nations – Worldwide



Figure 3: Red-violet, 1922 (Bulgaria)

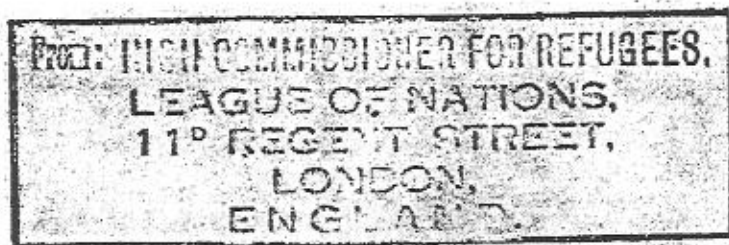


Figure 4: Black, 1945 (United Kingdom)

League of Nations Associations

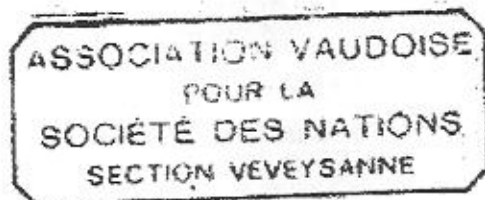


Figure 5: Violet, 1924 (Vevey, in the canton of Vaud, Switzerland)

United Nations – New York



Figure 6: Violet-black, 2001
Department of Political Affairs
Division for Palestinian Rights
Non-Governmental Organizations

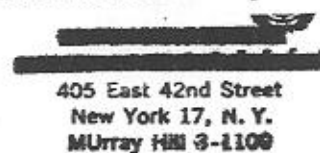


Figure 7: Black, circa 1946.

United Nations in New York – Delegations

PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
757. THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Figure 8: Black, 1967 (Norway)



Figure 9: Brown, 1967 (Norway)



Figure 10: Unknown color, circa 1946 (United Kingdom)

ESCAP - Bangkok

ESCAP UN, Bldg.
Bangkok, 10200
THAILAND

Figure 11: Red, 1997

ILO - Worldwide

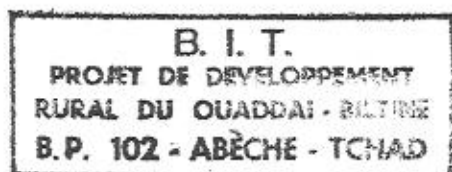


Figure 12: Black, 1970 (Chad)
ILO Rural Development Project



Figure 13: Blue, 1968 (Tunisia)
ILO Project with the National Productivity Institute

ICAO - Worldwide



Figure 14: Violet, 1966 (Mexico)

UPU - Bern

Postamt
3000 Bern 15 Weltpostverein

Figure 15: Black (1970)
Universal Postal Union Post Office

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 listed, those data are also needed. Your contributions will be acknowledged. Please help.

CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES

By B. Clement, Jr.

The Eighth International Labor Organization (ILO) African Regional Conference was held in Mauritius January 19-26, 1965. A recently found blue cachet is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: ILO Regional Conference cachet.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL HAMMARSKJÖLD

By Richard Powers

While rummaging through a box of 25¢ covers at my favorite local stamp show recently, I came across a group of covers, which appeared to have come from the company archives of Western Airlines. Among these was a singularly unattractive cover (Figure 1) addressed to the Manager of Western Air Lines in Los Angeles postmarked April 15, 1959 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The cover bears a copy of the 4¢ Flushing (New York) General Assembly commemorative (Scott #69) and the typed return address:

The Secretary-General
United Nations

Far more interesting were the contents of this envelope.

What first caught my eye was a three-line thank you note (Figure 2) on the stationery of the Secretary-General dated April 14, 1959. It thanked Mr. J. Williams for his efforts in ensuring that the writer had made his "plane connexion in Los Angeles" on a recent trip. The note closes with a handwritten complimentary close and the signature of Dag Hammarskjöld.

The Gaines Catalog notes on page 1651 that Secretary-General Hammarskjöld rarely granted autograph requests and almost never signed philatelic items. As a result those items, which bear his signature, are almost exclusively communications of either a personal or official nature. The use of a very simple letterhead suggests that the Secretary-General considered this note more personal than official.

Accompanying this letter were two internal memoranda of Western Airlines dealing with the thorny issue of whether this thank you note should be acknowledged. The first was a note dated April 21st from Mr. Merrill Morris of the Administrative Assistant Service to Mr. Landis noting the arrival of the letter and suggesting that it not

be acknowledged (Figure 3). The second (Figure 4) is a follow-up slip, which duly made the rounds of the corporate bureaucracy from Mr. Peirce to Mr. Good to Mr. Silvius (who might be interested in mentioning the thank you note in the company paper) to the Central Files, where it arrived on April 27, 1959 for final filing in Customer Relations matters. These latter two items have no innate philatelic interest but do support the authenticity of the note and the signature, which is valued at more than \$150 in Gaines.

Personally I am amused by the commotion a Secretary-General can create through the simple act of sending a thank you note. And all this cost me only a quarter.

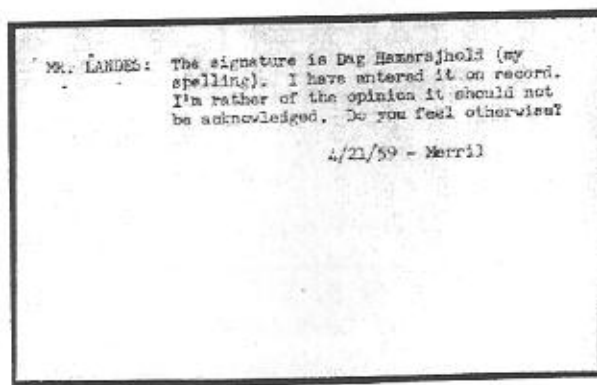


Figure 3: Western Airlines internal memorandum noting the arrival of the note.

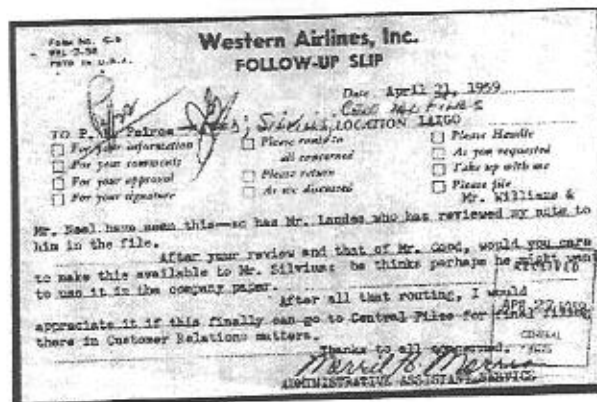


Figure 4: Follow-up slip.

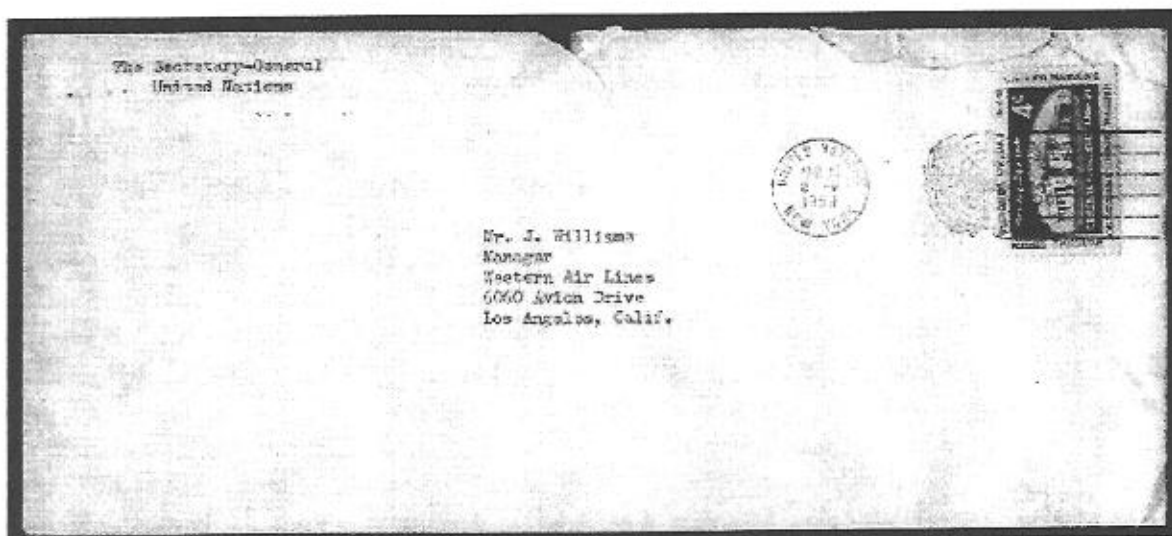


Figure 1: 1959 Cover from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

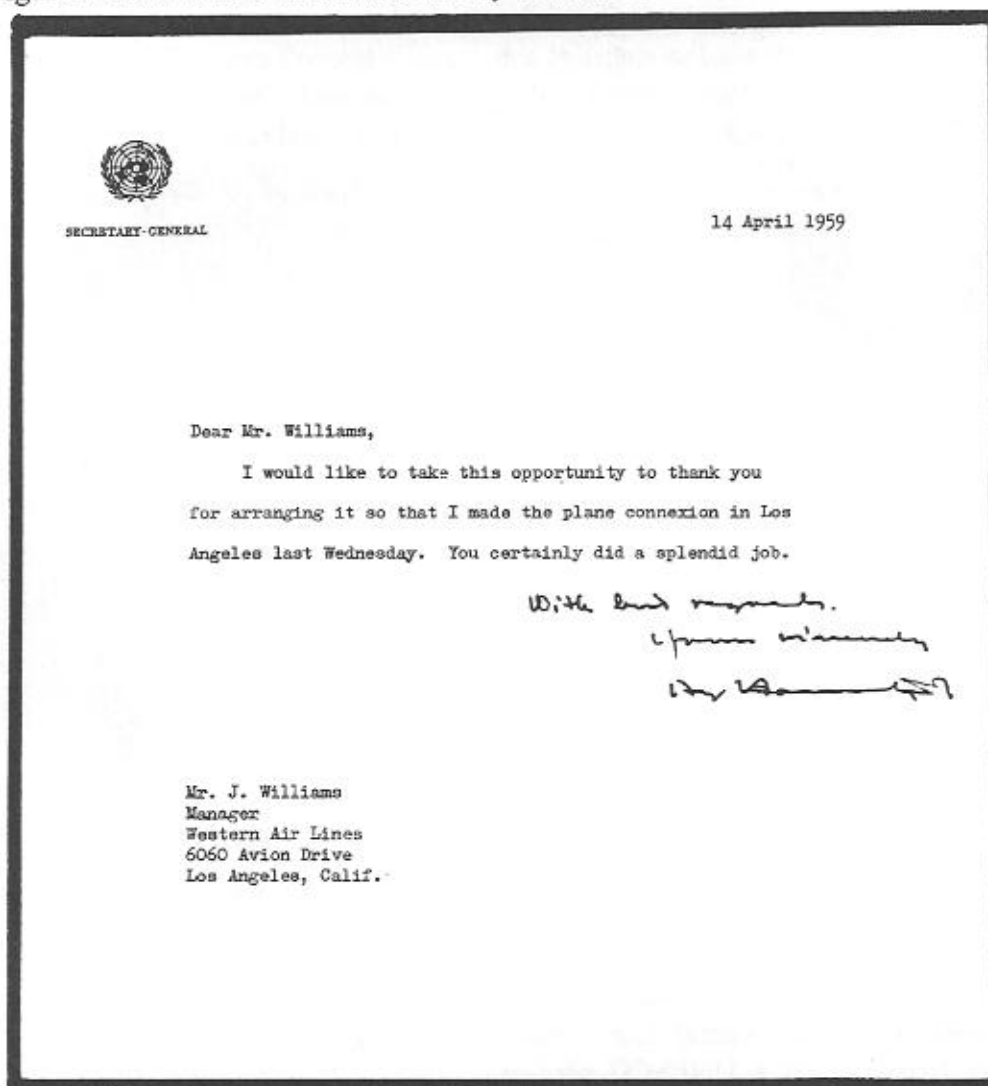


Figure 2: 1959 thank you note from Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

OFFICIAL COVER TO THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO IN PARIS 1946

By Richard Powers

On November 4, 1946 the number of ratifications was sufficient to put into force the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Paris hosted the first General Conference from November 20 through December 10, 1946. The French commemorated this meeting with a special commemorative (Scott #572) and two special cancellations referring to UNESCO Month and a special science exhibit at the Palais de la Découverte (Paris Science Museum) during UNESCO Month. These appear (Figure 1) on the philatelic post card, which shows the statue at the Carpeaux Fountain in Paris, which often served as the logo for the International Education Bureau (BIE) in Geneva.



Figure 1: Philatelic souvenirs of UNESCO Month in Paris November 1946.

Presumably UNESCO Month corresponded to the time during which the General Conference took place. According to the Gaines Catalog the cancel on the left (#GC1.1) has been observed in use from October 28, 1946 through June 28, 1947. The cancel on the right (#GC1.2), from November 25, 1946 through January 30, 1947. According to Gaines cancel #GC1.1 was used on service mail from the General Conference. He shows (page 1339) a UNESCO service cover with this cancel addressed to the UN in Lake Success. In his article in the October 1996 issue (page 4) of the *Journal* Jack

Mayer shows a similar service cover addressed to Church House in London, where the UN had its first secretariat. Neither of these appear to be a Conference cover. Jack does show an unaddressed philatelic cover with this cancel, which bears the additional cachet of the General Conference. Although I have not yet seen any service cover which can be unambiguously as having been mailed from the General Conference, I am confident that they must exist.

I would like to share with you a cover that I came across at SESCAL in Los Angeles: a "service" cover (Figure 2) to the UNESCO General Conference from Columbia University Teachers' College, which was transported by U.S. State Department Pouch.

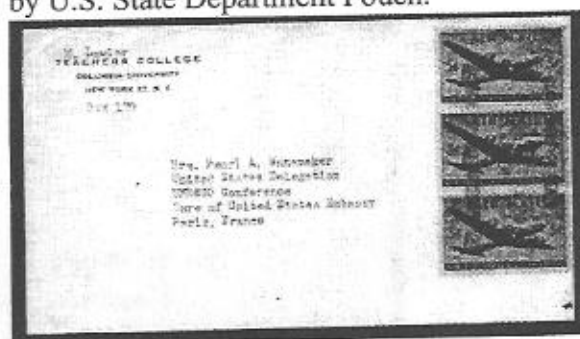


Figure 2: Cover to the U.S. Delegation to the First General Conference of UNESCO.

The three 5¢ airmail stamps are "canceled" with a rubber hand stamp with the legend:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
10
1946

DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND MAIL SECTION

I suspect that the figure 10 represents the month (October) when the letter was transported to Paris. Presumably the sender had originally intended to use the U.S. mail but took advantage of a diplomatic pouch carried by a Department of State employee. It is not surprising that (Columbia) Teachers College might have been consulted for a conference involving Education.

UNESCO CONFERENCE IN VENICE - 1970

By B. Clement, Jr.

Having just acquired the illustrated post card (Figure 1) with a UNESCO Conference cancel (Gaines page 1346, 1970/1), I did some research on this conference. Gaines describes it as the "CINI Conference". This comes from the cancel inscription "Conferenza UNESCO - Fondazione CINI".

The inscription on the cancel actually tells where the conference was held, not the subject of the conference. The Giorgio Cini Foundation was created by Count Vittorio Cini in honor of his son. In 1951, the Cini Foundation obtained the concession to restore the Benedictine monastery which was founded in 982 A.D. on the island of San Giorgio Maggiore. The island is located five

minutes by gondola directly across the Piazza San Marco in Venice. The Cini Foundation is dedicated to the study of history, art and music and hosts meetings of scientific and cultural institutions.

The picture side of the post card shows the island where the UNESCO Conference was held. The card is stamped "CONFERENZA UNESCO" in dark blue. Perhaps the card was sent by a conference delegate to a colleague back at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. The conference was actually the UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference on the Institutional, Administrative and Financial Aspects of Cultural Policies, held August 24 to September 1970.

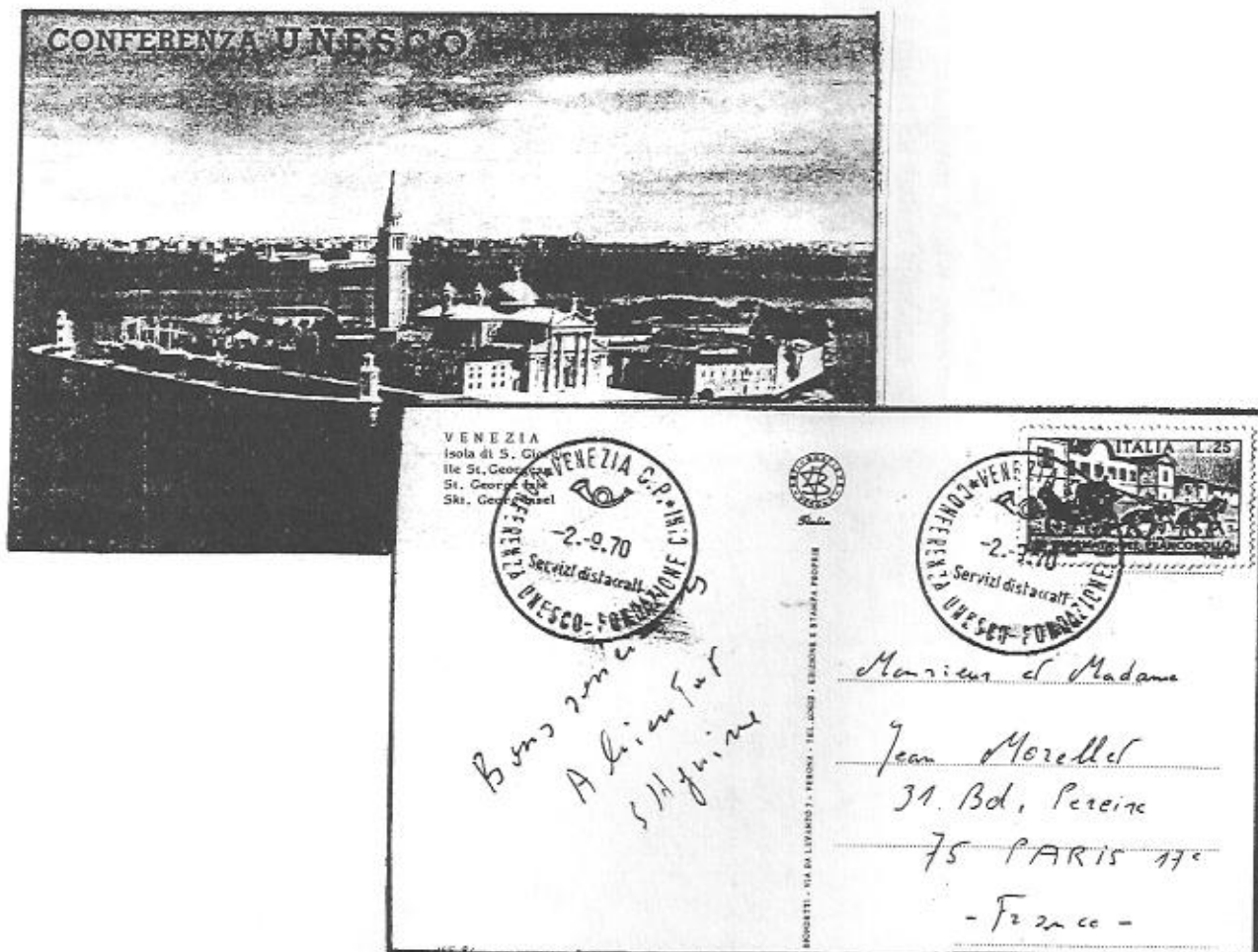


Figure 1: Post card bearing a conference cancel from the UNESCO Conference in Venice in 1970.

A REPLY POST CARD FROM THE PLEBISCITE TERRITORY OF THE SAAR

By Richard Powers

In the February 1998 issue of the *Journal* (page 6) I wrote an article on the League of Nations Trusteeship of the Saar Territory, which terminated in 1935 after the residents voted to return to Germany. Recently I came across a copy of a temporary registration card (in the form of a reply post card shown in Figures 1 and 2) which was sent to those who had signed up to vote in the Plebiscite. This card was sent by the Mayor's Office in Homburg to a lady in St. Ingbert. The message on the card announces:

The Community Committee of the District of Homburg has placed you on the temporary list of those entitled to vote. A review of your application will be made during the month beginning September 26, 1934. A identification card certifying your entitlement to vote in the Plebiscite on January 13th will be sent to you later.

In your own interest, you should check the correctness of your address, your name, your place and date of birth and your profession. Should the information on the opposite side be incorrect, you should send the corrections on the attached card along with pertinent documentation...

Even in those days German administrative procedures were quite thorough.

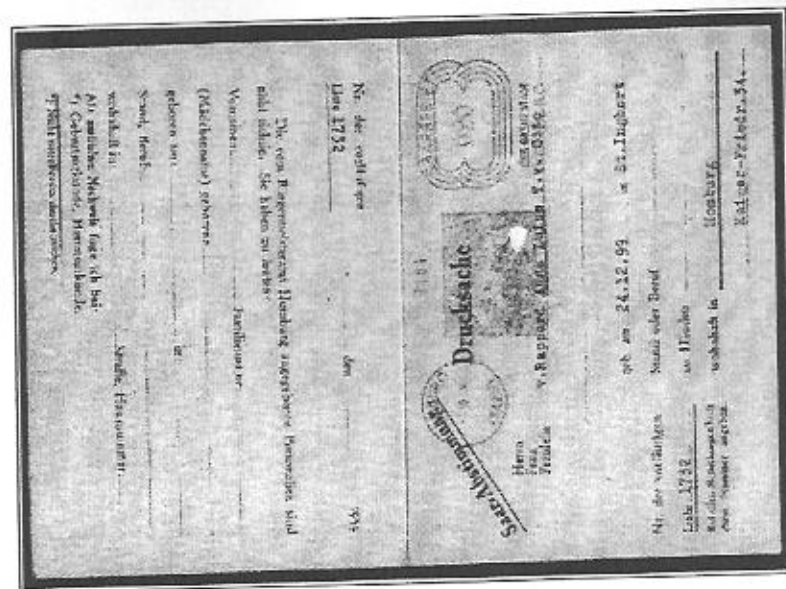


Figure 1: Address side of Message card on the bottom; message side of the reply card (inverted) on top. This reply post card was sent by the Mayor's Office on October 8, 1934 and served as a temporary identification card in anticipation of the Plebiscite which was supervised by the League of Nations and held in the Saar Territory on January 13, 1935.

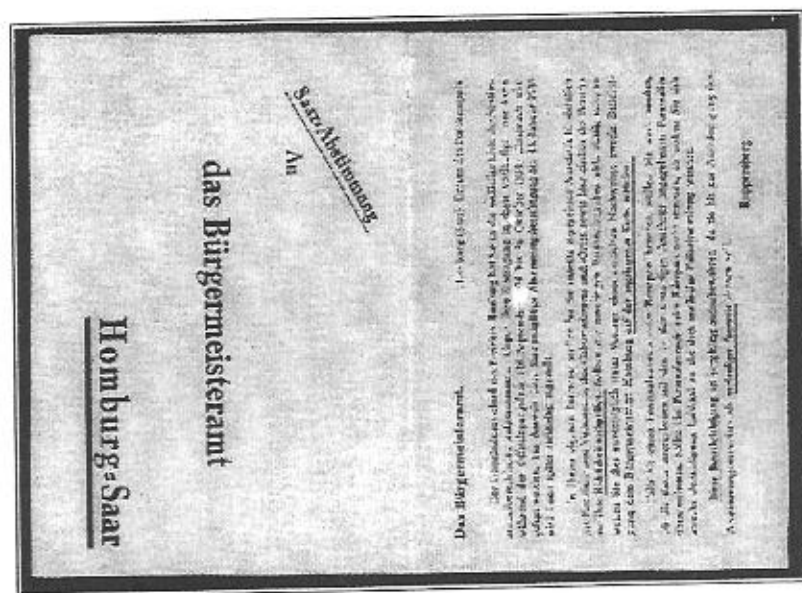


Figure 2: Message side of Message card on the bottom; address side of the reply card (inverted) on top. The message on the bottom card gave instructions for correcting any information which appeared on the address side of the message card. Corrected information was to be returned to the Mayor's Office in Homburg along with supporting documentation.

REVERSED UN EMBLEM ON UNNY CORNER CARD

By B. Clement, Jr.

Take a look at the corner card on the United Nations - New York #10 window envelope in Figure 1, mailed on September 24, 1986. See anything wrong? Compare the corner card in Figure 2 with the one in Figure 3. The view of the world in Figure 2 is a mirror image of the normal.

emblem error was found on two similar covers mailed exactly one year apart. The other cover mailed in 1985 has the same reversed blue emblem, but the text is a little larger. Perhaps these "special" envelopes were used on a special annual mailing sent out one month before UN Day.



Figure 2: UN corner card error with reversed UN emblem in blue.

What first caught my eye was the light blue color of the UN emblem on the cover. The text is printed in black. This UN-



Figure 3: Normal UN corner card.

An error in a corner card is certainly not anything like an error in a stamp, but it is still fun to discover. Have you looked carefully at the corner cards on your UN service covers?

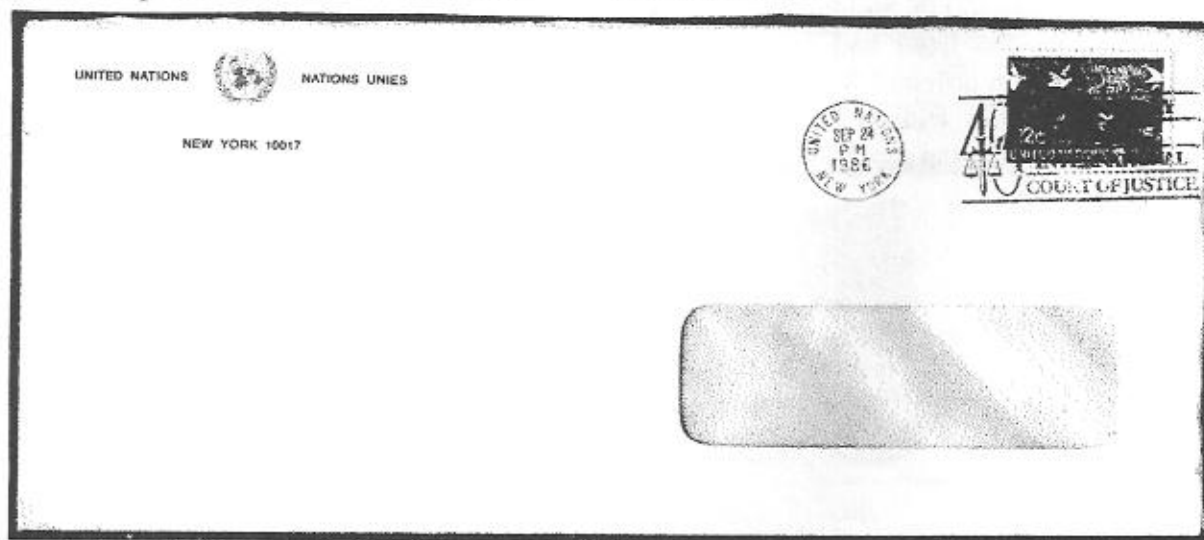


Figure 1: UN service cover bearing two-tone corner card with reversed UN emblem.

SHOW AWARDS

The Garfield-Perry March Party 2002, sponsored by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, was held March 15-17 in the Masonic Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio.

UNP-member Anthony Dewey won a vermeil award for his exhibit *Swiss*

Official Stamps for the UNEO. It also garnered an AAPE award of excellence. His one-frame exhibit *Service of Intellectual Aid to Prisoners of War*, received a third-place ranking in this category and a gold award.

UN RECEIVING MARKS ON PERSONAL MAIL

By B. Clement, Jr.

In 1946-1953 time period, the UN New York Registry Control Office had the responsibility to open and process official mail to the UN. Illustrated are two covers that show the problems, that office had, handling personal mail. The first cover (Figure 1) was mailed from the 1948 Paris General Assembly to someone in the Trusteeship Department at the UN in Lake Success. Since the mail was hand-addressed and not in an official envelope, the clerk at the Registry Control Office judged that the mail was personal, and apparently sent it on, unopened. A red-violet receiving mark was applied indicating that "If letter concerns Official Business, please return to Registry Control Office, Room DD-12, for processing."

The second cover, in Figure 2, was mailed from the 1951 Paris General Assembly to someone at the Department of Public Information at the UN at the recently opened UN building in New York. This time, the letter had a typed address and was in an official UN-Paris corner card cover (but not with a UN-Paris General

Assembly meter). The clerk understandably decided that the mail was official and not personal, and opened the letter. It was then discovered that the mail was indeed personal, so the contents were returned to the envelope and the envelope sealed with scotch tape. A red-violet receiving mark was applied indicating "Note: This letter was presumed to concern Official Business and was opened. Please refer to IC 67 regarding address for Staff Mail. Registry Control Office, Ext. 2756".

So how is personal mail supposed to be addressed? In the period from 1951 to 1964, this address was supposed to be used:

P.O. Box 20,
Grand Central Post Office
New York 17, New York

With the advent of zip codes in 1965, the address changed to:

P.O. Box 20
Grand Central Post Office
New York, NY 10017

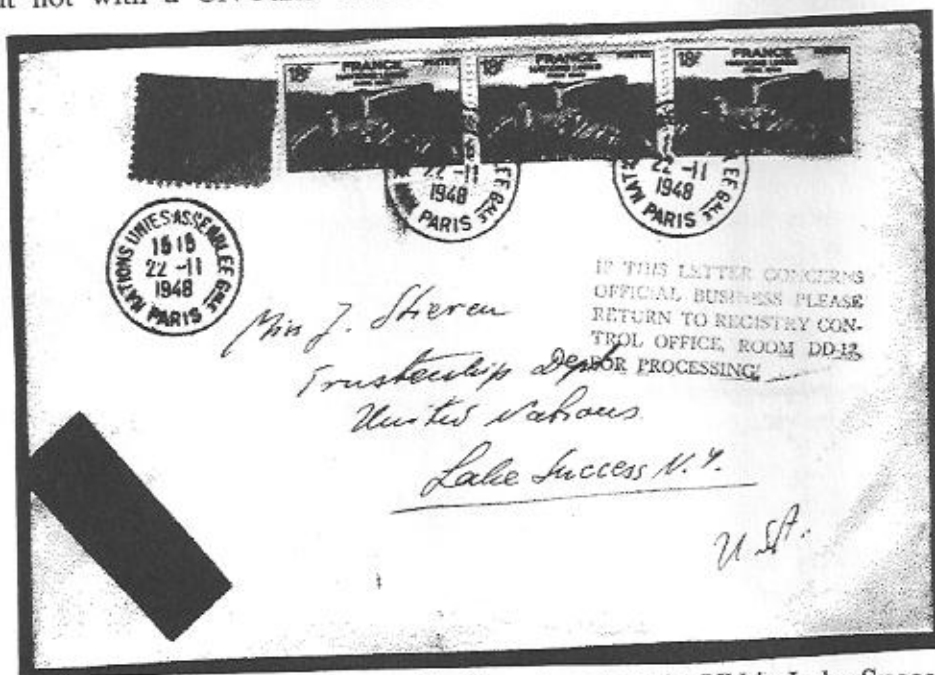


Figure 1: Letter addressed to Trusteeship Department at the UN in Lake Success bearing message from the Registry Control Office.

At some point in the 1990's the address was changed again to:

P.O. Box 20
New York, NY 10163-0020

If you have examples of such UN receiving marks (or others), please send a photocopy to me, with an indication of the date and color. Your contribution will be acknowledged and used to compile the upcoming UNP Monograph *"Receiving and Dispatching Marks and Labels of the UN, its Agencies, and Predecessors"*.

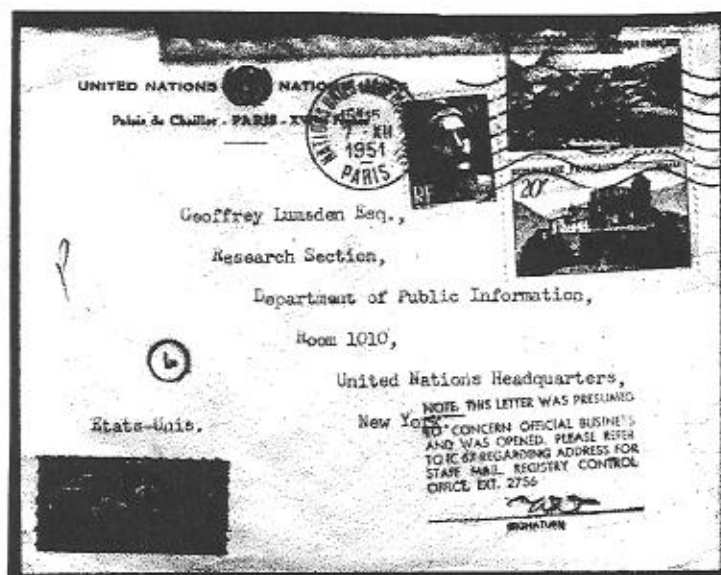


Figure 2: Letter addressed to the Department of Public Information at the United Nations, which was opened for inspection.

GENEVA ORIGIN CACHET USED ON AN ID CARD

By B. Clement, Jr.

Here is an example of a United Nations Geneva origin cachet used on a conference ID card, illustrated in Figure 1. The origin cachet, ECOSOC, was used for a number of years (about 1950-1963) on mail from the annual summer session of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The ECOSOC, one of the principal organs of the United Nations, for many years held a session in Geneva during July and August. Another session was typically held in New York or elsewhere (Santiago, Chile in 1951 and Mexico City in 1959). Thus this ID card is for the 20th session, held in 1955, the 10th year of the UN.

The blue conference card was issued to a Miss J. A. Sharp, a member of the United Kingdom Delegation to the session. Further, the card indicates that the "Entrée porte" or Entry door, is Door 6, presumably of the Palais des Nations.

The Economic and Social Council consists of representatives of fifty-four nations each elected for a three-year term. The Council coordinates the economic and

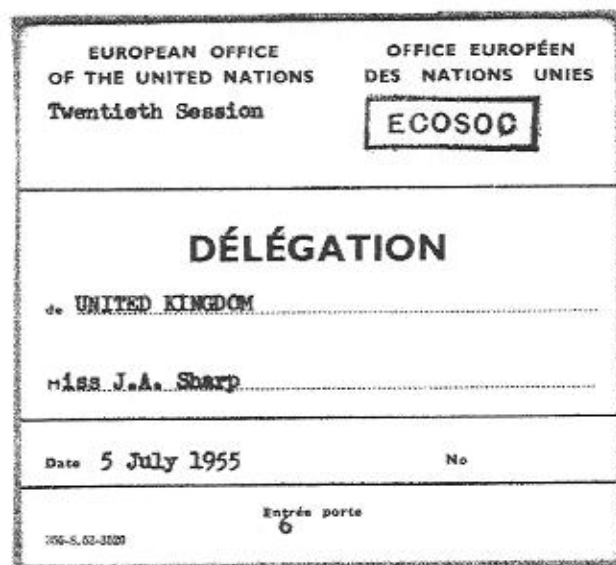


Figure 1: ECOSOC Conference ID card bearing UN Geneva origin cachet.

social work of the United Nations. As such, it has authority over the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies. Currently the Council only meets once a year, for about five weeks. Its sessions alternate between New York and Geneva.

UN GENEVA RECEIVING MARKS DIRECTING MAIL

By B. Clement, Jr.

Receiving marks used to direct mail to particular offices at the League of Nations were described in the June 2001 *Journal* (pages 15-17). Examples of similar receiving marks have been seen on mail sent to the United Nations at Geneva. Here are three examples.

The first cover is shown in Figure 1. This cover was mailed from Illinois to the UN at Geneva in 1967. The letter was simply addressed to "United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland". In this case, the Mail Office had no choice but to open the mail in order to determine where to send it. The contents apparently indicated it should go to the Sales Section, so the cover was given a violet-black boxed imprint "Section de Vente," so directing it.

The cover illustrated in Figure 2 was mailed from France to the UN at Geneva in 1988. Again, the letter was addressed to the "UN Office, Palais des Nations, Geneva" with no office indicated. Again, the letter was opened, and then stamped with the black-boxed imprint "UN Postal Administration", directing the letter to the UNPA. This same usage has also been observed on a 1981 cover.

The third cover is shown in Figure 3. It was mailed in 1970 by the UNPA in Geneva, apparently to a member of the UN staff in Geneva. The mail office identified that staff member and directed the letter

To him with the blue-black boxed imprint "Technical Assistance - TAA". Since this letter was obviously not official mail, the red ink inscription "Personnelle" was added. On this cachet, I must confess that I had previously listed it as an origin ca-

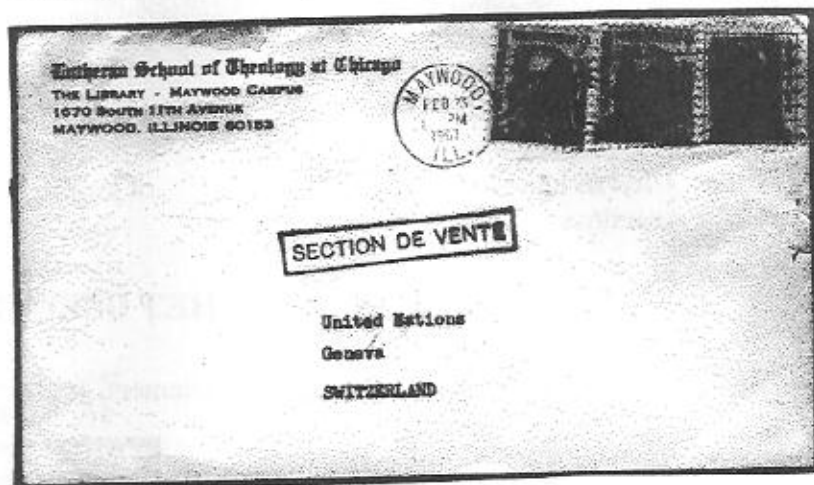


Figure 1: Letter addressed to the United Nations in Geneva, which was subsequently routed to the Sales Section.



Figure 2: Letter addressed to the United Nations in Geneva and subsequently routed to the UNPA

chet in the Origin Cachet Monograph. This is the only known example of this cachet and I now conclude that it is a receiving mark, not an origin cachet. It just does not make sense for a UN Postal Administration corner card cover to be used for mail from the Technical Assistance Administration.

These three receiving marks are similar in style and usage. Neither has been observed used as an origin cachet. One wonders if the Incoming Mail Office at

Geneva has such a stamp for every office at Geneva, only using only if the proper office is not shown in the address.

If you have other examples of such UN receiving marks (or others), please send a photocopy to me, indicating the color and date. Your contribution will be acknowledged and used to make the upcoming UNP Monograph *"Receiving and Dispatching Marks and Labels of the UN, its Agencies, and its Predecessors"* more complete.



Figure 3: Service cover from the UNPA bearing Technical Assistance Administration receiving mark.

AMERISTAMP EXPO 2002 SHOW AWARDS

Two UNP members received awards at the recent **Ameristamp Expo 2002** held in Riverside, California February 8 -10, 2002 at the Riverside Convention Center, which was sponsored by the American Philatelic Society and is the winter edition of the annual APS STAMPSHOW.

UNP Vice-president Anthony Dewey one a gold award in the show single-frame competition for his exhibit *Service of Intellectual Aid to Prisoners of War*.

Of interest to UPU specialists is the fact that Harlan F. Stone won a gold award in

the same single-frame competition for his exhibit *Switzerland's 1909 UPU Commemorative Postal Cards*. In the same competition R. Timothy Bartsche won a silver award for his exhibit *Transvaal Postage Due Assessments: UPU-Union - Understanding Rate Regulations*.

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14. UNEO-Geneva Overprinted stamp flaws, #1-11, all with Plate flaw C (Dented O), Mint NH VF, (Gaines p. 1076), Gaines value \$85 MB\$40
15. UNEO-Geneva Overprinted stamp flaws #1-11, all with Plate flaw D (A with cross bar mostly gone), MNH VF, (Gaines p. 1076), Gaines value \$85 MB\$40
16. ITU-Geneva International Reply Coupons (IRCs), (see Gaines p. 661-662 for types), Six IRCs all cancelled CIC working day cancel, Type G3, 3/26/73 a and b, Type G6, 1/3/75 a, b, c, d. MB\$8
17. WHO-Geneva - 2 IRCs Type G6, cancelled 1/2/75, WHO a and b MB\$4
18. ILO-Geneva - 2 IRCs Type G4, cancelled ILO, 11/19/73 c and 5/30/74 d. MB\$4
19. ICJ-The Hague, IRC similar to G5 (110 CENT), cancelled with ICJ cancel S5 (Gaines pg 1361) 6/13/75 MB\$5
20. ITU meter cover collection 37 pieces some dupes all identified covers up to 6"x8" size VF MB\$20
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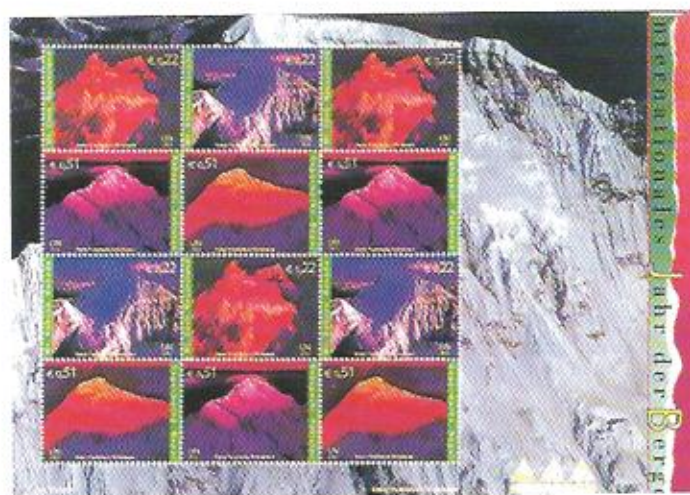
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