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Front cover: UNNY stamp honoring UNAIDS program. Rear cover: UNNY semi-postal souvenir sheet commemorating UNAIDS program.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A Look Back at UNPA 2002 Philatelic Items and a Glance Ahead

Now that the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has completed issuing stamps this year, I find it interesting to tally the costs. In the table below you will find a running total of the post office price for one each of the items released. In the case of the series for the Johannesburg Summit and the International Year of the Mountain it was necessary to buy two se-tenant pairs for each office (with four designs). For those who collect one item each (of stamps and stationery) for all three offices, the total was \$48.64.

Needless to say those of us, who continue to purchase imprint blocks of six and try to keep up with tab singles, the price is appreciably more. Normally I have to buy at least four of each normal sheet stamps in order to get the tab single. The good news was that, mercifully, two series - the Johannesburg Summit and the International Year of the Mountain - bear no imprint tabs. The bad news was that many felt compelled to buy the entire miniature sheets of twelve stamps.

The UNPA continues to limit itself to only six series of stamps per year. But some series are rather extensive. If one wants one stamp each of the 8 distinct stamps for the Italy World Heritage series for each office one must buy 26 stamps (two stamps plus a prestige booklet of 24 stamps).

If one looks back fifty years ago, one could buy all three commemorative stamps for 1952 for 13¢. Admittedly postal rates have gone up by more than a factor of ten in the ensuing years and now we get three offices instead of one office. But this effects would bring the total up to \$3.90 per year. The remaining factor of twelve is due to "issue inflation".

As I write this message at the beginning of November, I have received no complete philatelic program for the year 2003. But the first issue which will appear on January 31st will inaugurate a new series (annual) on the theme "Indigenous Art" beginning with the art of Latin America. Preliminary designs show that it will be released in souvenir sheets of six stamps containing six different designs for each office. Each stamp will pay the domestic tariff for each office (37¢, F.s. 0,90 and € 0,51). Thus the UNNY sheetlet will cost \$2.22.

This item will probably bring to three, the number of open-ended annual series of stamps, to be released by the UNPA. There is no indication that either the World Heritage series or Endangered Species series will be terminated in the near future. In contrast to the latter two series, I have yet to discover any direct tie between indigenous art and the United Nations.

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Issue	Minimum Unit	NY	Geneva	Vienna	Total
Definitives	1 stamp	80¢	\$3.02	\$4.96	\$8.78
Stationery	1 item	\$1.19	91¢	\$2.64	\$4.64
East Timor	1 stamp	91¢	\$1.55	\$1.65	\$4.11
Mountains	2 stamps	\$2.28	\$2.68	\$1.51	\$6.47
Johannesburg Summit	2 stamps	\$1.94	\$3.81	\$2.26	\$8.01
Italy	1 stamp	\$1.07	\$1.55	\$1.12	\$3.74
	1 Booklet	\$2.40	\$2.54	\$2.73	\$7.67
UNAIDS	1 stamp	70¢	91¢	\$1.58	\$3.19
	1 souvenir sheet	43¢	85¢	79¢	\$2.07
				Total	\$48.64

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

# UNP Meetings at STAMPSHOW 2002 in Atlantic City

## **UNP Board Meeting**

The UNP Board of Directors met at STAMPSHOW 2002 on August 17th in Atlantic City. Present were Board members Greg Galletti, Anthony Dewey, Blanton Clement, Brian Reiser and Caroline Scannell. The following issues were discussed.

- Full Internet service will be provided to our Editor for a year as a trial. The results of this trial will be re-examined at the next Board meeting in Los Angeles at SESCAL in October 2003.
- Ways of promoting sales of our literature were discussed. Sales lists of material on hand will be sent automatically to new members and included in the *Journal* more often.
- 3. The Journal Auction was discussed. We shall try to resume offering the auctions on a more regular basis than in the past year.
- 4. The UNP website was discussed. Members are urged to send material to Dennis Hamilton electronically, for possible inclusion on the website. Reciprocal links with UN dealers were suggested.
- We had a discussion with David Feldman about his sale in May 2003 of UNPA archives. He offered to put a UNP ad in his catalog, which will be sent to serious buyers.
- We met with Wallace Craig, SESCAL chairman, about our annual meeting in Los Angeles at SESCAL in October 2003.
- 7. We discussed ways of getting new members. We shall ask the American Philatelic Society to provide a list of those interested in United Nations philately. A tri-fold brochure on the UNP for distribution at shows and by the UNPA will be prepared. We will include a loose one-page application in the *Journal* once or twice a year. If a member sponsors five new members, he/she will receive a free membership for one year. We are getting some responses from our notice

in the UNPA bulletin. We hope that the notice will continue in the bulletin.

- The appointment of an Advertising Manager to promote advertising in the *Journal* was discussed. We need at least one good candidate.
- The status of the next monograph was discussed. The first half of the Receiving and Dispatching Mark monograph, about forty pages in length, should be ready by year's end.

## **UNP Annual Meeting**

The 25th anniversary Annual Meeting of the UNP was held at **STAMPSHOW** in Atlantic City, NJ on August 17th. In addition to the meeting, UNP maintained a society booth throughout the four-day show beginning August 15th. Either at the meeting or visiting the booth were members from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida, Illinois, Missouri and Washington State.

Some exciting finds of UN material were made by our eager members. Among these finds was a nice 1945 San Francisco Conference cover at a dealer with Dollar Covers. When you look through a box of "junk" covers, you never know what you might find!

UNP-members brought three one-frame UN exhibits. Jack Mayer had two of these: United Nations European Office - Geneva, Switzerland and UN General Assemblies in Paris 1948 and 1951. He won a gold award for each of them. Fran Adams brought his exhibit: *Toward United Nations*. He received a bronze award.

At our Annual Meeting, cake and coffee were served to celebrate our 25th anniversary. Members introduced themselves and mentioned their collecting interests. Three formal presentations were made.

Clem Clement talked about the UN-New Jersey connection, showing slides of postal material and memorabilia illustrating the many ways the UN and New Jersey have been intermeshed over the years. Included were the League of Nations office in Princeton, the first United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Council meeting in Atlantic City and the 1948 International Telecommunications Union Conference in Atlantic City.

Jack Mayer showed some South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) official covers and showed us a new find: a 1948 cover with a UN-Lake Success corner card with a typed address "Yearbook of Human Rights". Jack is still researching the cover and gave some of his preliminary conclusions.

Tony Dewey show UN and commercial covers illustrating First Issue usage. He was inspired by the article by our Editor Dick Powers on this subject in the December 2001 issue of the Journal. Tony showed several covers which he reported that Dick said "probably do not exist". [Editor's note: Ahem! In the aforementioned article on the use of the different printings of the first issue stamps as the sole franking or as multiples or as make-up rates on ostensibly service covers, the author expressed the daring opinion that he suspected that "it is not possible to complete this collection" for all sixty-seven distinct printings. referred to a couple of specific items that he had not yet observed in use as a sole franking on a service cover. As always, readers are encouraged to update this article or any other article in this journal in a letter to the Editor or a supplementary article with good photocopies.]

You too can attend a UNP Annual Meeting, meet some of your fellow members and learn something about UN Philately. Why don't you join us at SESCAL in Los Angeles in the fall of 2003?

[Editor's Note: SESCAL will be held October 4-6, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel at LAX. It is located at 6225 W. Century Boulevard, barely a block from the entrance to LAX. It is anticipated that 55 dealers will participate as well as at least one auction will be held during the show.

Visitors to the meeting and staying near the airport can profit from the rapidly expanding rapid transit system, which connects LAX (almost) to downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Pasadena and Universal Studios. The new home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Disney Hall (designed by Gerry) should have just opened. Gradually Southern California is beginning to be a welcoming city for non-motorists. And as a long-time Southern Californian, I am just as happy to see visitors exploit the various modes of transportation of the Metropolitan Transit Agency. See you there?]

## Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed recently, please check your mailing label on this issue of the *Journal* to determine your membership status. The first number is your membership number. The second number is the year through which your dues are paid. If the second number is "02". then your membership expires December 31, 2002.

If you wish to renew, please do so using the renewal form on the back wrapper of this issue. If you do not plan to renew, it would be appreciated if you would let me know. Otherwise, if you have not renewed and I have not heard from you, then I shall be sending you a personal reminder for which the club must bear the expense. Eventually most of you do renew, since you do not want to miss out on our great Journal (and the other benefits of membership.) Why not do it NOW?

## AIDS AWARENESS

From a UNPA Press Release

On October 24, 2002 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of three commemorative stamps and three semi-postal souvenir sheets on the theme AIDS AWARENESS. This marks the first time in the history of the UNPA that it will be issuing a semi-postal stamp. The surtax will be contributed to the global fund on AIDS and health, which was established in 2001 by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The stamps are in denominations of 70%, F.s. 1,30 and 1,53. The circular souvenir sheets are in denominations of 37% + 5% = 43%, F.s. 0,90 + F.s. 0,30 = F.s. 1,20 and 0,51 + 0,25 = 0,76 contain rectangular perforated stamps. The designs of the stamps appear on the front cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

In 1990 the UNPA issued a set of six commemorative stamps to publicize the global campaign against AIDS on the part of the United Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO). These include UNNY 573 (Figure 1) and 574 (Figure 2), UNG 184-5 and UNA 99-100.



Figure 1: UNNY 573 publicizing the UN fight against AIDS worldwide.

It also prepared a special slogan cancel (Figure 3) and a meter cancel for use in New York, Geneva and Vienna honoring World Aids Day (December 1, 1988) from December 1, 1988 through February 10, 1989.



Figure 2: UNNY #574.

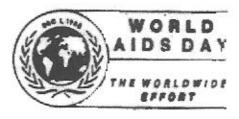


Figure 3: UNNY slogan cancel issued in 1988 in honor of World Aids Day.

## Background

For almost two decades, the United Nations has been at the forefront of the struggle In 1996, the Joint against HIV/AIDS. United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS -UNAIDS - was established to serve as the leading advocate for global action against HIV/AIDS, its mission is to guide, strengthen and support worldwide efforts to turn the tide against the epidemic. Such efforts are aimed at preventing the spread of HIV, providing care and support for those infected and affected by the disease; reducing the vulnerability of individuals and communities to HIV/AIDS, and alleviating the socio-economic and human impact of the epidemic.

From 1986, WHO had the lead responsibility on AIDS in the United Nations, helping countries to set up much-needed national AIDS programs. But by the mid-1990s, it became clear that the relentless spread of HIV and the epidemic's devastating impact on all aspects of human lives and on social and economic development,

were creating an emergency that would require a greatly expanded United Nations effort. No single United Nations organization could provide the coordinated level of assistance needed to address the many factors driving the HIV epidemic, or help countries deal with the impact of HIV/AIDS on households, communities and local economies. Greater concentration would be needed to maximize the impact of UN efforts.

Addressing these challenges head-on, the United Nations took an innovative approach in 1996, drawing six organizations together in a joint and co-sponsored program - the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The six original co-sponsors of UNAIDS - UNICEF, UNDP, UNFFA, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank - were joined in April 1999 by the UNDCP and in 2001 by ILO.

The goal of UNAIDS is to catalyze, strengthen and orchestrate the unique expertise, resources and networks of influence that each of these organizations offers. Working together through UNAIDS, the co-sponsors expand their outreach through strategic alliances with other United Nations agencies, national Governments, corporations, media, religious organizations, community-based groups, regional and country networks of people living with HIV/AIDS, and other non-governmental organizations.

UNAIDS works on the understanding that the struggle against HIV/AIDS needs to be expanded constantly if the epidemic is to be halted and its impact reduced. This expansion has two elements: improving the quality and scope of ongoing prevention, care support and impact-alleviation efforts; and combining such efforts with actions that tackle the societal factors that increase people's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS.

The United Nations continues to support a wide range of activities and initiatives around the world. in the battle against HIV and AIDS. The creation of a coherent and effective long-term campaign against the epidemic has been given new impulse by the UN Secretary-General's Call to Action against HIV/AIDS and by the establishment of the Global Fund to Fight Aids, TB and Malaria.

In June 2001, the UN General Assembly held a special session on HIV/AIDS. It concluded with a Declaration of Commitment, adopted unanimously by all Government, aimed at enhancing coordination and intensification of national, regional and international efforts to combat the problem of HIV/AIDS in a comprehensive manner. To highlight this special session, the United Nations Secretariat Building in New York was lit with the red AIDS ribbon, demonstrating the Organization's commitment to the battle against HIV/AIDS, This image is reproduced on the stamps.

## NEW GENEVA DEFINITIVE

On the same day that the UNPA issued the new AIDS AWARENESS series, it also issued a new F.s. 3,00 definitive honoring the admission of Switzerland as the 190th member of the United Nations after a referendum on March 3, 2002. Its admission was approved by the General Assembly in September. The design is a graphic interpretation of a cross and a dove with the Swiss flag in orange and blue tones.



## **UNPA NEWS**

### New UNPA Chief in New York

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has announced the appointment of Mr. Robert Gray as chief of the New York office of the UNPA. Gray replaces Ms. Jill Kearns, who retired in April 2001 as chief of this office.

Mr. Gray has worked for Australia Post for the past twenty-eight years and has served as Philatelic Export Manager of Sprintpak (a division of Australia Post) for the past eleven years. During his tenure there, he has been involved in producing stamps for numerous postal administrations. He has also been instrumental in producing some of the first perforated self-adhesive stamps in the world, as well as creating personalized stamps and corporate advertising on stamps.

In his new position, Mr. Gray's primary focus will be on continuing to provide UNPA customers with quality products and services. He has also expressed a strong belief in and support of the staff of the UNPA, who contribute to the overall success of United Nations stamps. Collectors can also look forward to some new and interesting products in the future.

Mr. Gray says that he "sees the future of United Nations as exciting times providing our customers with new and interesting stamps and philatelic products to collect."

He believes that "UNPA stamps are in a class of their own, as we commission artists and creative works from leading designers from around the world to provide customers with the best in images to reflect the issues of the United Nations. Philatelists should see United Nations stamps as unique miniature art pieces reflecting the global issues surrounding us all, and these are a must-collect for the experienced and novice philatelist. United Nations stamps are global treasures."

## **New Slogan Cancellation**

On November 1, 2002 a new slogan cancellation was put into use at United Nations Headquarters in New Yor, Geneva and Vienna. The slogan (Figure 1) "Visit Your United Nations - Fifty Years of Guided Tours" replaced the slogan "The UN Works to Build a Society for all Ages - Second World Assembly on Ageing 2002, Madrid". This slogan will also be used in the form of a new meter slogan in New York.

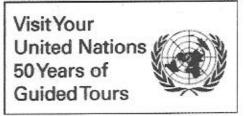


Figure 1: New UNNY slogan.

A similar new slogan cancellation in French (Figure 2) was put into use at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on the same day.

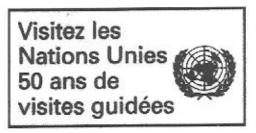
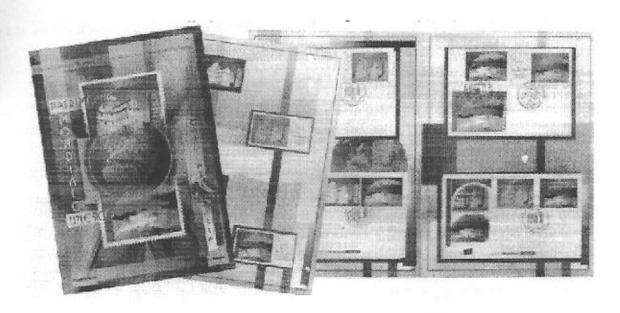


Figure 2: New UN-Geneva slogan.

A corresponding slogan cancellation in German (Figure 3) was also put into use at the Vienna International Center in Austria.

Besuchen Sie Ihre
Vereinten Nationen
50 Jahre
Führungen

## UNPA-Geneva and Poste Italiane - Joint Issue Folder



On August 30, 2002 the UNPA-Geneva and Postitaliane issued two common stamps depicting Pisa and the Aeolian Islands on the occasion of the issue "World Heritage - Italy". The first day of issue coincided with the opening of the exhibition "Fiera del Francobollo 2002" (Stamp Fair) in Riccione. The special first day cancellation of the UNPA appears in Figure 1. The special first day cancellation of Postitaliane appears in Figure 2.



Figure 1: UNPA cancel in Riccione.



Figure 2: Postitaliane cancel in Riccione.

Postitaliane prepared a special folder containing the two stamp series, two covers and two cards with the stamps and the respective cancellations. The special folder (Item No. 324 5029) can be ordered from the UNPA in New York for \$18.78. Customers with a standing order for Geneva Miscellaneous Products will automatically receive this item through their accounts. (Note that the UNPA cancel is not valid for use in the mail stream.)

# THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD SUMMIT OF JOHANNESBURG 2002

By J.-L. Emmenegger

From August 26 through September 3, 2002, the *World Summit on Sustainable Development* was held in Johannesburg, South Africa. All meetings were held in the Sandton Convention Center in downtown Johannesburg. [Editor's Note: A short article on the UN stamps issued in conjunction with this conference on the meeting appeared on page 5 of the October issue of the *Journal*.]

In honor of this conference the South African Post Office issued four stamps on April 17th: three for domestic mail and one for international mail. First day covers for these stamps appear in Figures 1 and 2. On the eve of the first day of the conference it issued three more stamps. A registered cover mailed at the conference post office bearing the second set of stamps and the conference cancel appears in Figure 3. An (unfranked) picture postcard (Figure 4) bearing a composite image encompassing the designs shown on the three stamps was also sold by the post office. A detail of the conference cancel appears in Figure 5.



Figure 5: Conference cancel of the World Summit

The standard rate stamp (the leftmost stamp shown on the cover in Figure 3) features water and energy. It shows a woman in a rural setting having access to clean tap water and electricity. The air-mail postcard rate stamp (shown in the upper right corner of the cover) features the environment and its influence on earth. The stamps shows a child embracing a beautiful

clean environment that revolves around air, water and natural environment. The international letter rate stamp (shown below the postcard rate stamp) depicts agriculture, biodiversity and ecosystem management. The stamp shows a planet in cupped hands, symbolizing agriculture and the nurturing of the ecosystem. More information can be obtained from the South African Post Office web site: sastamp@sapo.co.za.

Entrance to the Convention Center was restricted to delegates, staff members and reporters for the media. Based on the information that we received, there was a small post office installed in the Sandton Convention Center, near the Media Center by the Sandton Library. It seems that few delegates used the services offered at this post office: sale of stamps and first day covers and registration of letters. The special conference cancel was applied to all mail handed in there or put into the letter box. Figure 6 shows a receipt for postal services at the Sandton Station. Figure 7 is a receipt for a registered letter with the Sandton World Summit cancel. This postmark did not specify the precise date of mailing, only the dates indicating the duration of the conference. This cancel was applied at the Midland Post Office, to which mail was brought many times a day.

A mailbox was also available at the "Ubuudi Village", outside Johannesburg, where "non-governmental organizations" (NGOs) and private companies had information stands for the convenience of delegates.

Figure 8 shows a letter with an apparently ink-sprayed slogan cancel for the Summit.

Ten years after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, we are fortunate to have these Johannesburg Summit 2002 covers and documents to add to a thematic UN-collection. [Editor's note: The e-mail address of J.-L. Emmenegger given in an article on page 9 of the August issue of the *Journal* is incorrect. The correct e-mail address is: jemm@urbanet.ch.]



Figure 1: First day cover of three domestic rate commemorative stamps issued on April 17, 2002 by the South African Post Office in honor of the Johannesburg World Summit 2002. The stamps portray the themes of the conference: people, planet and prosperity.

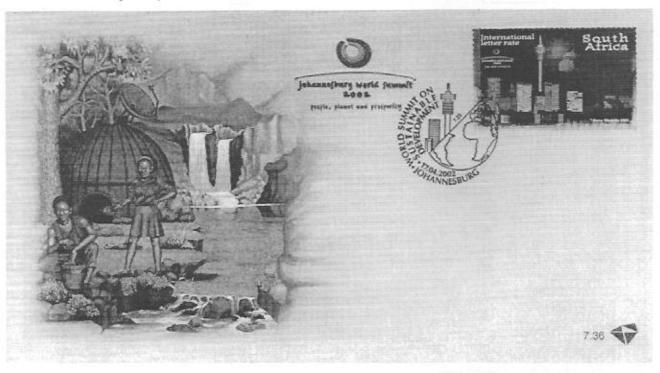


Figure 2: First day cover of international rate commemorative stamp issued on April 17, 2002 by the South African Post Office in honor of the Johannesburg World Summit 2002.



Figure 3: Registered conference cover bearing a set of the conference commemoratives issued on the eve of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.

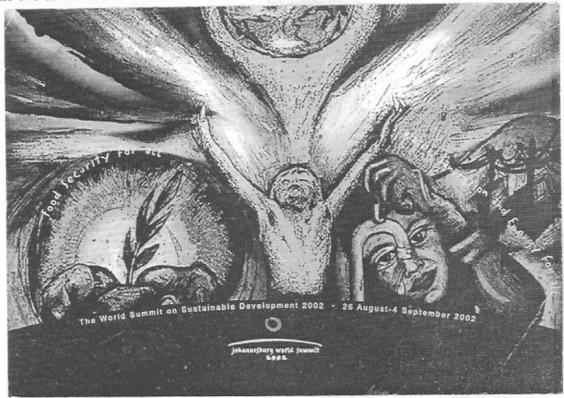


Figure 4: Conference postcard portraying the artwork for the three South African commemoratives issued on August 25, 2002 in honor of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

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Figure 6: Receipt from World Summit Sandton Station.

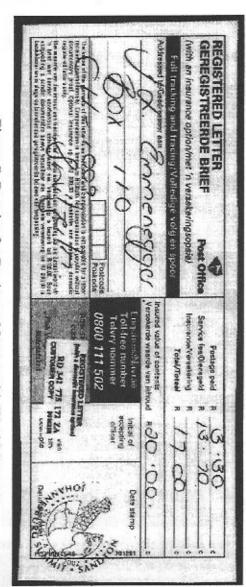


Figure 7: Receipt for Registered Letter with World Summit Conference cancel from Sandton Station.

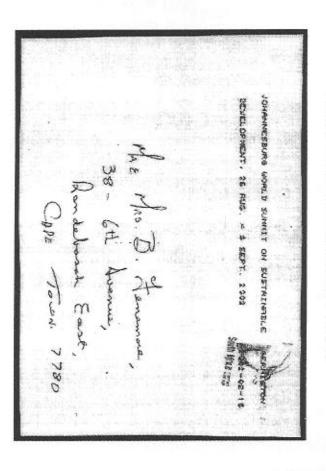


Figure 8: Slogan postmark for Johannesburg World Summit.

# 2002 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of November 1, 2002 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.) See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <a href="http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA">http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA</a>

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.) Set of 6 maximum cards

June 27

Environment Summit + 10 (Johannesburg Summit)

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

(6 sheets of 12 stamps)

Souvenir card

€ 0,51 Prestamped envelope, € 1,20 Prestamped envelope

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 12×(5¢, 20¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, € 0,07, € 0,14 )}

October 24

UNAIDS Awareness - Semi-postal

70¢, F.s. 1,30, € 1,53

(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)

 $37\phi + 6\phi = 43\phi$ , F.s. 0.90 + F.s. 0.30 = F.s. 1.20, 0.51 + 0.25 = 0.76.

(3 Souvenir sheets.)

Geneva Definitve

F.s. 3,00

(1 Sheets of 20 stamps)

2002 Annual Collection Folders

# 2002 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 7 April 8 November 1 United Nations - for a better world

The UN works to build a society for all ages

Visit your United Nations - 50 years of guided tours

## ANOTHER UN SIGHTING IN BANGKOK

By Richard Powers

Over a period of more than four years Clem Clement, Gale Raymond and I have been trying to deduce the nature of the postal facility in Bangkok, Thailand, which bears the inscription "United Nations" as a townmark. The discussion began in the April 1998 article in the *Journal* by Jack Mayer on the United Nations International School (UNIS) in New York to which I added a cover (page 12) from the UNIS - Hanoi with a mailing address in Bangkok. The postmark (#4) from this mailing address was mostly printed with Thai characters but at the bottom is a clear legend "United Nations".

In the December 1999 (page 12) and April 2000 (page 14) issues of the *Journal* Gale J. Raymond continued the discussion with covers showing the same postmark but with #2.

In the April 2001 issue (page 10) Clem Clement showed four additional covers, one of which bears a cancel #3, which was used on a cover sent in 1995 by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. This commission is located in the United Nations Building.

One interesting question raised by Clem is why the "United Nations" designation had not yet been observed by agencies in the UN Building.

I would like to report that I have indeed come across this designation in a meter cancel (machine #429) dated December 20, 1995 (Figure 1) on a cover sent by the East Asia Multidisciplinary Advisory Team (EASMAT) of the International Labor Office (ILO). The meter cancel bears what appears to be a five figure zip code 10204, which matches those which appear in the cancels in Clem's article. The mailing address of the ILO in Bangkok is a G.P.O.Box 1759 at Bangkok 10501, which appears to be a different post office from that which appears to be located in the United Nations Building. The plot thickens.



Figure 1: 1995 service cover from the ILO in Bangkok bearing meter cancel #429 containing the legend "United Nations 10204".

## POST CARDS FOR MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By B. Clement, Jr. and Richard Powers

A picture post card which was issued for the Second General Assembly of the League of Nations, held September 5 to October 7, 1921, is shown in Figure 1. The original "Palais des Nations", the former Hotel National, is pictured. It is now known as the Palais Wilson. (The present "Palais des Nations" was built later, being completed in 1936.)

On the message side, shown in Figure 2, the card is franked with a French stamp and postmarked July 7, 1921, in Annecy, France. The card was sent to a J.H. Stevenson in Johannesburg, South Africa. The triangle "T" stamp indicates that additional postage was due. The message is as follows:

6/7/21. We have had a lovely run to Geneva this morning and stay for the "fete de nuit". It was splendid. I have seen the delegates of every nations who were sitting yesterday morning. Great crowd of people. We came back at a half past two this morning. Today we are leaving for Chamonix. Dearest love from all of us. A.S.

Since the visit to Geneva took place on July 6, the League Assembly was not yet in session. It is surmised that the post cards publicizing the Second Assembly was issued well in advance and were on sale at the bookstore in the Palais. So what did our visitors see? Most likely, they attended a session of the League Council which met as needed in a similar fashion to our present-day UN Security Council. There was a Council session is progress during June of 1921. The Council at that time consisted of four permanent members (Britain, France, Italy, and Japan) and four non-permanent members (Belgium, Brazil, China, and Spain) elected periodically by the Assembly. Unlike the Security Council, all votes were equal, but all had a veto power, since all

decisions had to be unanimous.

Among issues discussed by the Council in June 1921 were the following:

- The status of the Aaland Islands. The council actually decided something: that the islands would be under Finland, but that there would be guarantees for the Swedish culture and language.
- The status of Vilna, in dispute between Poland and Lithuania. This was a continuing problem for years to come.
- The Council reaffirmed that Poland was responsible of the defense of Danzig.
- Austria complained to the Council about the treatment of Austrian citizens in Yugoslavia.

At least two other cards exist in a unnumbered series produced in Geneva and known as the Édition Jaeger. The other two show views of Geneva featuring the Ile J.-J. Rousseau and the Mont Blanc Bridge.

A similar series of numbered cards was produced for the First General Assembly, which took place in Geneva from November 15-18, 1920. Figure 3 shows a vertically formatted post card (#9) with view of the old Palais des Nations beneath a display of the flags of some of the participating countries. Needless to say, that of the United States is not included as it never joined the League of Nations. Figure 4 shows a horizontally formatted post card (#6) showing the Palais des Nations with the names of forty participating countries. It also bears an allegorical representation of peace consisting of a child carrying an olive branch and a lion. This motiff would appear in a similar series of cards, which would be released in 1932 on the occasion of the International Disarmament Conference in Geneva, some of which also appear in this article.



Figure 1: Post card commemorating the Second General Assembly of the League of Nations which was held in Geneva in September 1921.



Figure 2: Message side of commemorative post card issued in honor of the Second General Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva in September 1921.

At least three other cards have been observed. The numbering of the cards suggest that at least nine different cards exist in the series. Card #3 shows a view of Lake Geneva. Card #2 shows a view of the Lake Shore near the Brunswick Monument. Card #7 shows the Mont Blanc Bridge as the Lake enters into the Rhone River.



Figure 3: Post card (#9) with a view of the Palais des Nations honoring the First General Assembly in Geneva in November 1920.

The League of Nations organized in Genoa, Italy the International Economic Conference, in which non-members of the League participated. It was held from April 10 through May 19, 1920. At least one commemorative post card (Figure 5) was issued for this conference. The card pictures an allegorical figure representing Peace and Labor surround by a frame containing the flags of twenty-nine participating countries. The flag of the USA appears in the upper right-hand corner.

Locarno, Italy hosted the Conference on Peace and Security, which was organized by



Figure 5: Post card commemorating the International Economic Conference held in Genoa in 1922.

the League of Nations October 5-10, 1925. At the time numerous post cards were issued based on photographs taken at the conference. On the fortieth anniversary of this conference in 1965 many of these post cards were reprinted and re-released. Figure 6 shows a post card which shows a photograph bearing the autographs of some of the delegates to the conference including those of Chamberlain (England), Mussolini (Italy), Scialoia (Italy), Stresemann (Germany), Luther (Germany), Vandervelde (Belgium), Briand (France), Benes (Czechoslovakia), and Skrzinski (Poland).

The League of Nations hosted the Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments in Geneva from February 2 through July 23, 1932 in which such non-members as the United States of America also participated. A series of post cards were released by the publishers of Édition Jaeger. Figure 7 shows a color post card depicting the Palais des Nations and the same allegorical peace figures as appeared

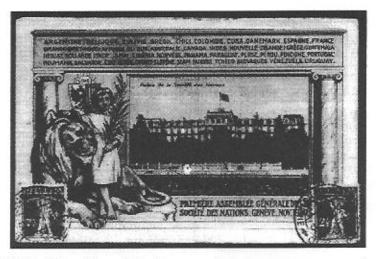


Figure 4: Post card (#6) with a view of the League of Nations commemorating the First General Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva in November 1920

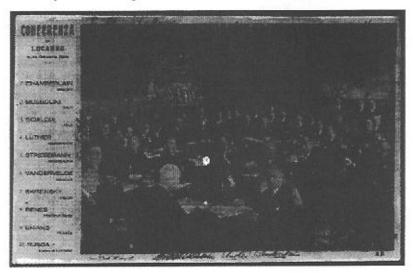


Figure 6: Post card displaying a photograph autographed by many of the prominent delegates to the Conference on Peace and Security held in Locarno in 1925.

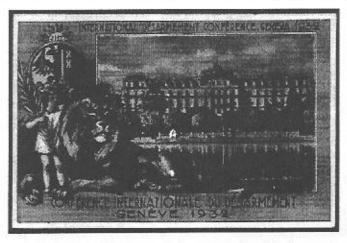


Figure 7: A color post card with a view of the Palais des Nations commemorating the International Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932.



Figure 8: Commemorative post card released during the International Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932 with a view of League of Nations Headquarters in the Palais des Nations and the plaque donated by the City of Geneva honoring President Woodrow Wilson in his role as Founder of the League.

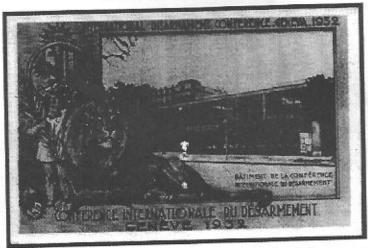


Figure 9: Black and white post card picturing the Conference Building used as the venue for the International Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932.

on the cards issued for the First General Assembly in 1920. A black and white post card with a similar view of the Palais des Nations is also known. Figure 8 shows a black and white post card picturing the Palais des Nations. Figure 9 shows a black and white post card which pictures the Conference Building next door to the Palais des Nations, which served as the venue for the International Disarmament Conference. A least one other card in the series is known with a view of the lake shore.

If anyone has seen similar postcards from

League sessions or conferences, we would like to know of them.

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## MISSING GOLD ON UNNY HOUSING ISSUE (SCOTT #101)

By Marvin Gregory Berryhill

The 7¢ UNNY Housing Issue (Scott #101) has been discovered apparently without any sign of the gold color. This is the sixth missing color error on this issue. It was found used on a first flight cover of the inauguration of British Overseas Air Corporation service to Montego Bay from New York on April 30, 1965. The error stamp appears in Figure 1 on the left alongside a normal mint stamp. The most obvious indication of this error is the complete lack of color of the UN logo in the upper right hand corner of the stamp. For the normal stamp the logo is non-metallic "goldish". Another indication is the wall of the large building with a green roof in the background. The wall of this building is yellow on the error stamp. This wall looks more orange on the normal stamp.



Figure 1: UNNY #101 error stamp with no gold (left) and normal stamp to the right.

The known housing missing errors include:

Gaines	Missing Color
#100d	brown
#100c	gold
#100b	black
#101c	black
#101b	red-orange.

Using a thirty-power microscope, one can see no sign of the gold. It received the opinion of the American Philatelic Expertizing ing Service on August 12, 2002 that it is an error with the gold color omitted genuine in all respects.

## RUSSIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS: ADDENDUM

By B. Clement, Jr.

In the June 2002 issue of the *Journal* (page 21), I showed a cover from the Russian National Association for the League of Nations. I stated that I had no translation for the corner card, which was in Russian.

Well, we have at least one Russian speaker among us. UNP-member Dmytro Bykovetz has translated the corner card for us. His translation is as follows: Russian National Association for the development and practical application of the idea of the League of Nations.

Thanks Dymtro!

## UNP AUCTION 2002A PRICES REALIZED

Amount Realized \$846 Lots Sold 23/40 (58%)

Lot#	# Price	Lot#	Price	Lot#	Price I	ot#	Price
1	\$475	3	\$32	4	\$18	5	\$11
6	\$10	7	\$10	8	\$13	9	\$26
11	\$13	12	\$10	15	\$10	16	\$11
17	\$28	18	\$14	19	\$30	21	\$25
22	\$15	25	\$18	31	\$15	37	\$17
38	\$15	39	\$18	40	\$12		

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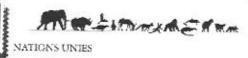
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