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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

### The Complete U.N. Stamp Program for 2003

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has released a preview of its stamp program for 2003. A detailed listing appears on the page following this message.

Two unusual offerings have been promised. On May 23rd on the occasion of the appearance of a series of six stamps and three souvenir sheets in honor of the International Year of Freshwater, the UNPA plans to release a special joint issue with Switzerland. As of yet no details have appeared but I presume the UNPA plans to release something similar to the folder issued in cooperation with Posteitaliane in 2002. The four joint FDCs contained in this folder appear on page 4 of this issue of the *Journal*.

The other unusual items are so-called personalized stamps, which will be issued on October 24th in conjunction with the World Heritage Series. This appears to be a pet project of the new UNPA Chief in New York. Mr. Robert Gray was instrumental in the creation of personalized stamps for Australia Post. The degree of personalization has yet to be revealed.

Three continuing series play a prominent role in the philatelic offerings. The very first issue on January 31st will inaugurate a new series honoring Indigenous Art. Eighteen design-different stamps will be issued in the form of three miniature sheets of six stamps - one sheet for each of the three offices of the UNPA.

The eleventh issue in the Endangered Species Series will be released on April 3rd. As usual twelve design-different stamps will be issued in the form of three miniature sheets of sixteen stamps.

The current series of World Heritage stamps began in 1997 with the release of the Chinese Terra-cotta Warriors. The following year the Schönbrunn Palace in

Vienna was featured. In 1999 some of the Natural Wonders of Australia were portrayed. Scenes from various Spanish cities graced the stamps released in 2000. The following year single architecture masterpieces from Japan appeared in the World Heritage Series. Last year various sites in Italy were featured.

This year Heritage sites in the United States will be honored. This will not be the first time that a World Heritage site from the United States has appeared on a United Nations stamp. In 1984 the Grand Canyon was featured on Scott #421. I presume that the sites chosen to appear this year will probably also be natural sites of World Heritage. My personal favorite would be Bryce Canyon in Utah. I would be interested in receiving your speculations on what the UNPA will or ought to choose.

Recent changes in postal rates in the USA and the recent adoption of the euro in Austria necessitate new definitives and postal stationery to be released on March 28th. The fact that the definitives in euros are designated as pictorials strongly suggest that the UNPA will be issuing more scenes of Austria. While the Vienna definitives issued in 2002 are quite pretty, I still regret that the UNPA is straying from the tradition of international themes.

On February 20 a 90-centime definitive honoring the new headquarters in Geneva of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will be issued. This stamp was originally scheduled to be released last year on October 24th, at the same time as the UNAIDS Awareness set.

Another first for the UNPA will be the release of a pair of tête-bêche stamps on the theme of Airmail Centennial on March 28th. I presume there must be a connection with the USPS stamp to be released later this year commemorating the hundredth anniversary

(December 17, 2003) of the first powered flight of the Wright Brothers in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. (Did the Wright Brothers actually carry mail or is the UNPA being premature in commemorating the centennial of airmail?)

Four stamps will appear on August 7th: three honoring Ralph Bunche, the acting Palestine Mediator in 1949 and one in honor of Disarmament. For his efforts in the Middle East this American diplomat, who served as undersecretary-general under Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, won the Nobel Peace Prize.

On September 22nd three stamps will be released in honor of the UN General Assembly at Headquarters. I presume this theme commemorates the fact that the UN General Assembly moved into its permanent headquarters in New York City about fifty years ago. On January 3, 1951 the UN Secretariat moved from Lake Success to its Manhattan building. But the General Assembly Chamber was not ready at that time for use. This necessitated a return trip to the Palais de Chaillot in Paris for the Sixth Session of the General Assembly, which lasted from November 16, 1951 until February 8, 1952. The Seventh Session of the General Assembly opened in New York City on October 14, 1952.

### Upcoming Journal Articles

At least three of the above issues cry out for background articles at the time the stamps are released. I plan to feature United Nations "Freshwater" activities in the June issue. The August issue will be dedicated to Ralph Bunche. The October issue will feature the UN General Assembly and its activities. In light of the following Letter to the Editor, I am soliciting contributions from readers.

At this moment I am not sure of the thrust of the International Year of Freshwaters. I have checked my own UN service covers and have been able to identify at least three areas of UN activity: regional programs

concerning navigable waters, regional programs dealing with irrigation and agronomy, and assistance in national programs. Such programs are typically funded by the UN Special Fund, the UN Development Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The UN has established a Committee of Coordination of Investigations for the Lower Mekong Basin. The UN Special Fund had a project for the Development of ground water resources in East Jordan. Irrigation and Agriculture projects existed in Morocco and Lebanon. Surely more exist. I need your help in identifying such activities.

I am anxious to receive your information and/or articles on Ralph Bunche and the General Assembly.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[Editor's Note: I received the following letter St. Imier, Switzerland. But the point that it makes is still pertinent.]

2 March 2002

I received and read the February 2002 *Journal* yesterday and I thank you.

I agree with you completely in your editor message as to the trend in UNPA stamps. Therein is the reason I stopped collecting UN some years ago. I still enjoy what I have and reading about them and the *Journal*.

Does that sound logical or crazy?

Not so good was [the fact that] of the eleven articles in the *Journal* your name was on eight of them along with only two others. Whoa, as I reread that I could have stated it better. What I really mean [is that] it is [a] sad deal when you have to write the whole *Journal*. There must be other members who could write interesting and informative items. As you can see, it would not be me as I can do good to get a note on paper, that makes sense! Anyway thank you for your labor to hold the UNPI together.

Ray E. Ward  
UNPI Archivist  
Russellville, AR

## 2003 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of January 1, 2003 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

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

- January 31**                      **Indigenous Art of Latin America**  
6×37¢, 6×F.s. 0,90, 6×€ 0,51  
(3 Sheets of 6 stamps)
- February 20**   **Inauguration of the Inter-Parliamentary Headquarters**  
F.s. 0,90  
(1 Sheet of 20 stamps)
- March 28**                      **Definitive stamps and Stationery**  
23¢, 37¢, 70¢, € 0,22, € 1,09  
(5 Sheets of 20 stamps)  
5×23¢, 5×70¢ postal cards, 37¢ large and small envelopes
- Centenary of First Flight**  
23¢ and 70¢ in tête bêche pairs  
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)
- April 3**                      **Endangered Species**  
37¢, 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 23**                      **International Year of Freshwater**  
23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 0,58  
(6 sheets of 12 stamps)  
Souvenir sheets with the same denominations
- Joint Issue with Switzerland**  
(Details not reported)
- August 7**                      **Ralph Bunche**  
37¢, F.s. 1,80, € 1,09
- Disarmament**  
37¢  
(4 Sheets of 20 stamps)
- September 22**                      **General Assembly**  
70¢, F.s. 1,30, € 1,09  
(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)  
Souvenir card
- October 24**                      **World Heritage - United States**  
37¢, 80¢, 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. 0,20, € 0,07, € 0,15 )}
- Personalized stamps**  
(Details not reported)  
2002 Annual Collection Folders

## 2003 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

- January 1**      **Visit your United Nations - 50 years of guided tours**

## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE JOINT UN-ITALY WORLD HERITAGE ISSUE

By Richard Powers

In the December 2002 issue of the *Journal* (page 7) a short announcement appeared indicating that the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) and Postitaliane had released a joint issue consisting of two of the UNPA World Heritage (Italy) stamps. More specifically a virtual duplicate of the F.s. 0,90 UN Geneva stamp picturing the Tower of Pisa was released by the Italian Post Office with a denomination of € 0,41. The F.s. 1,30 UN Geneva stamp was echoed by a € 0,52 stamp showing a view of the Aeolian Islands.

Postitaliane prepared two postcards with first day cancels bearing the matching stamps and a cachet which echoed the design. Figure 1 shows the postcard picturing the Aeolian Islands. Figure 2 shows the postcard picturing the Tower of Pisa.



Figure 1: Postcard with first day cancel bearing joint issue picturing the Aeolian Islands.

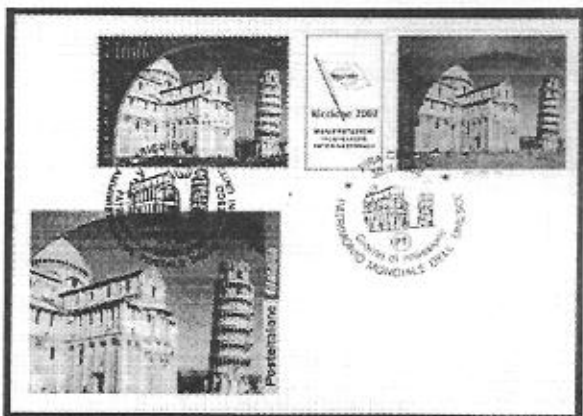


Figure 2: Postcard with first day cancel bearing joint issue picturing the Tower of Pisa.

Postitaliane also prepared two first day covers: one (Figure 3) for the UN stamps; one (Figure 4) for the Italian stamps. A common cachet for the two FDC's displays the two joint designs.

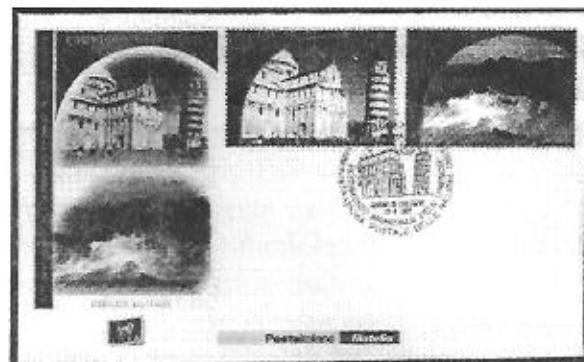


Figure 3: FDC for the UN Geneva stamps prepared by Postitaliane.

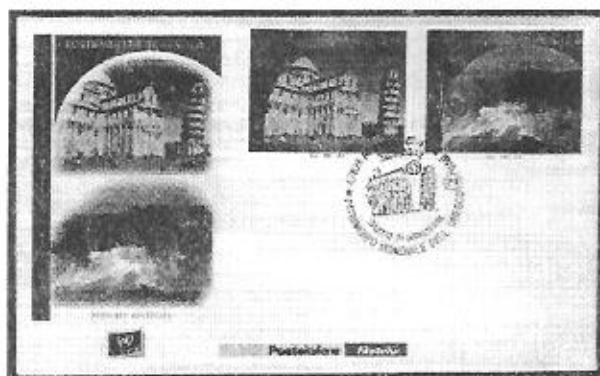


Figure 4: FDC for the UN Geneva stamps prepared by Postitaliane in Riccione.

Aside from a minor difference in the distance of the arc framing the scenes, the principal difference in the stamps is linguistic. The Italian stamps bear the Italian name of the country: Italia above the initials U.N. The U.N. stamps bear the name in French: Italie above the initials O.N.U. The stamps are so similar that I suspect that it would not be too difficult to use one of the Italian stamps in Geneva or one of the UN Geneva stamps in Pisa. Note that the Italian stamp in Figure 1 bears a commemorative townmark from Messina. In Figure 3 the townmark is from Pisa. In Figure 4 the townmark is from Riccione.

## SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBERS OF 2002 UNITED NATIONS STAMPS

Date of Issue	Item
March 1	<b>Definitive stamps and Stationery</b> 80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,07, € 0,51, € 0,58, € 0,73, € 0,87, € 2,03 New York 817, Geneva 385, Vienna 302-7 F.s. 1,30 Postal card, € 0,51 Postal card Geneva UX15, Vienna UX14
April 4	<b>Endangered Species</b> 34¢, F.s. 0,90, € 0,51 New York 818-21a, Geneva 386-89a, Vienna 308-11a
May 20	<b>Independence - East Timor</b> 34¢, 57¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 1,09 New York 822-3, Geneva 390-1, Vienna 312-3
May 24	<b>International Year of Mountains (IYM)</b> 34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 1,20, € 0,22, € 0,51. New York 824-7a, Geneva 392-5a, Vienna 314-7a
June 27	<b>Environment Summit + 10 (Johannesburg Summit)</b> 37¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, € 0,51, € 0,58 New York 828-31a, Geneva 396-9a, Vienna 318-21a Souvenir card 57 € 0,51 Prestamped envelope, € 1,20 Prestamped envelope Vienna U4-5
August 30	<b>World Heritage - Italy</b> 37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 0,58 New York 832-3, Geneva 400-1, Vienna 322-3 {3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(5¢, 20¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, € 0,07, € 0,14 )} New York 824a-f, Geneva 402a-f, Vienna 324a-f
October 24	<b>UNAIDS Awareness - Semi-postal</b> 70¢, F.s. 1,30, € 1,53 New York 825, Geneva 403, Vienna 325 37¢+6¢=43¢, F.s. 0,90+ 0,30=F.s.1,20, € 0,51+ 0,25 = €0,76 - Souvenir sheets New York 826, Geneva 404, Vienna 326 <b>Geneva Definitve</b> F.s. 3,00 Geneva 405

## INDIGENOUS ART - 2003

By Richard Powers

On January 31, 2003 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) inaugurated a new continuing series of stamps based on the theme Indigenous Art. The first series of stamps pictures the Art of Latin America and the Caribbean, presumably produced by cultures existing before the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492. The stamps will be issued in the form of a mini-sheet of six differently designed stamps for each of the UNPA offices: New York, Vienna and Geneva.

This series is inspired by an art exhibition entitled *Voices*, which was organized in conjunction with the first Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Department of Public Information, representatives from the Indigenous Working Group and a team of designers and artisans. The exhibition took place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from May 13-24, 2002.

The *Voices* exhibition highlighted basic issues of indigenous rights, with the primary focus being preservation of culture. Issues addressed in the exhibition were: the right to preserve and maintain ceremonies and traditions, the right to protect intellectual property, the right to protect lands and the environment, and the right to maintain spiritual ceremonies and sites.

The three complete mini-sheets appear on the back cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

The New York mini-sheet has the following designs (from left to right and from top to bottom):

- a) Detail of a complex Paracas (linear style) textile made in Peru from 600 - 200 B.C.
- b) Anthrozoomorphic pendant stemming from the Sinu culture in Columbia dating from A.D. 150-900.
- c) Hicholi Indian embroidery produced

in Mexico.

d) Back ornament produced by the Rigpaktsa people of Brazil dating from the 20th century.

e) Chilean wood crafts made in Santiago.

f) Huari feathered woven hat made in Bolivia during A.D. 700-1000.

The Geneva mini-sheet has the following designs (from left to right and from top to bottom):

a) Detail of a multicolored poncho of Inca design with interlocking geometric patterns produced in south coastal Peru around A.D. 1430-1532.

b) Seated figure from the Bahia culture of Brazil circa 500 B.C.

c) Blanket with a face and geometric designs produced in Ecuador in the 20th century.

d) Mayan stone sculpture from the ruins of Xunantunich in Belize.

e) Multicolored embroidered fabric from Guatemala.

f) Colima terra-cotta dog sculpture from Mexico dating from 500 B.C. - A.D. 100.

The Vienna mini-sheet has the following designs (from left to right and from top to bottom):

a) Panamanian mola depicting two pelicans. A portion of this design appears on the front cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

b) Mochican stirrup-spouted vessel in the form of a llama made in Peru.

c) Tarabuco cloth woven in Bolivia.

d) Masks from a Havana (Cuba) marketplace.

e) Feather headdress of an Aztec priest made in Mexico during the 19th century.

f) Bird-shaped staff head made in Columbia circa A.D. 1100-1600.

## INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

From a UNPA Press Release

On February 20, 2003 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a definitive stamp in the denomination of F.s. 0,90 to celebrate the inauguration of the new headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva. The opening of the new headquarters, known as the House of Parliaments, coincides with the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to grant observer status to the IPU.

Established in 1889, the IPU is the international organization of parliaments of sovereign States. Its new status with the United Nations marks the latest step in its drive to bring a parliamentary dimension to the international arena and to make the voice of the elected representatives of the people heard in the international negotiating process.

Over 140 national parliaments are currently members of the IPU. The organization brings together the parliaments of the world in order to consider questions of international interest and concern, contribute to the defense and promotion of parliamentarians' human rights, and help to consolidate representative institutions throughout the world. In so doing, it promotes the core values of democracy and good governance. A prime objective is to strengthen the institutional foundations that are vital to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The designer of the stamp was Cyril Wursten of Switzerland, who explains his vision of the image as follows:

"I wanted to give an image of the International Parliamentary Union that emphasized stability and protection. I tried to produce a visual contrast between the precise lines of the building and the abstract colored background, so as to bring out the architectural structure of the House of Parliaments. The colored background can also be seen as representing the earth's continents and countries, its

colors and cultures, with the house in the foreground, with its large roof giving an image of protection, security and even kindness. This was one way of representing the work of the IPU: the promotion of peace and security in the world."

The stamp design appears in Figure 1.

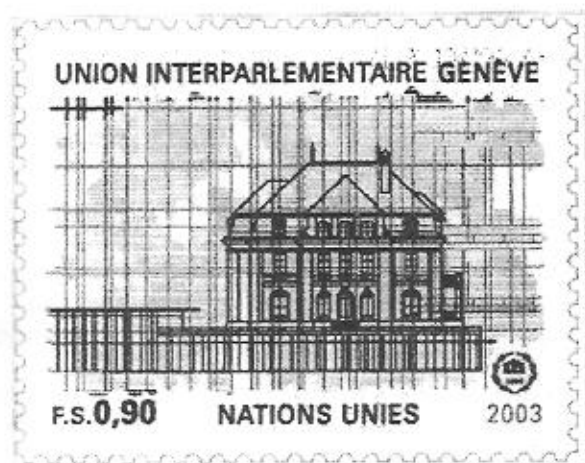


Figure 1: IPU definitive.

The headquarters building is an adaptation of an existing mansion, Villa Gardiol, to the contemporary requirements of the IPU offices. It was built in 1908 and is a fine example of a certain type of pre-First World War bourgeois architecture. A contemporary split-level annex was built adjacent to the base of the villa to house meeting rooms, a foyer, a library and other facilities.

This blend of the old and the new evokes the Inter-Parliamentary Union itself, its establishment more than a century ago, its evolution and finally the current reform, which in no way alters its foundation.

The UNPA issued a special first day cover (item #524.2879) consisting of a single F.s. 0,90 stamp canceled on the first day of issue. The special cachet shows the new House of Parliaments building. Customers with a standing order for Geneva "Miscellaneous Products" received this item automatically. The normal FDC is item #635.6038.

# THE UNITED NATIONS PREPARATORY COMMISSION

By Richard Powers

Between the United Nation Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, which ended June 26, 1945 and the beginning of the First Session of the General Assembly in London on January 10, 1946, the task of putting together a working organization was given to the United Nations Preparatory Commission. The Commission met in San Francisco on June 27, 1945 and again in London from August 16, 1945 to December 23, 1945. More background information can be found in the article *In London Fifty Years Ago*, which appeared in the February 1996 issue of the *Journal* (page 3).

Documenting the work of this Commission philatelically is a real challenge. Gaines pictures one cover from the Commission and another from the United States Delegation to the United Nations Preparatory Commission. Recently I came across an interesting document relating to the Commission in the form of a letter on Commission Letterhead dated November 23, 1945 in London signed by Adlai E. Stevenson, one of the United States Delegates. This letter is shown in Figure 1.

The letter appears to be to an acquaintance back home in Chicago acknowledging his recent thought-provoking letter. The text reads as follows:

Dear Tap,

Thanks for your thoughtful letter. I appreciate it and I only wish I had your quiet confident shoulders to lean on hereabouts!

Best Wishes

Yours Adlai.

In the ensuing years Stevenson became governor of Illinois, unsuccessful Democratic candidate for U.S. President and ultimately, during the Kennedy administration, became the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Ambassador Stevenson died in 1965. Almost immediately the United States Postal Service (USPS) issued a commemorative stamp (Scott # 1275) honoring him on October 23, 1965. A first day cover of this stamp which was prepared by the United Nations Association of the U.S.A. appears in Figure 2.

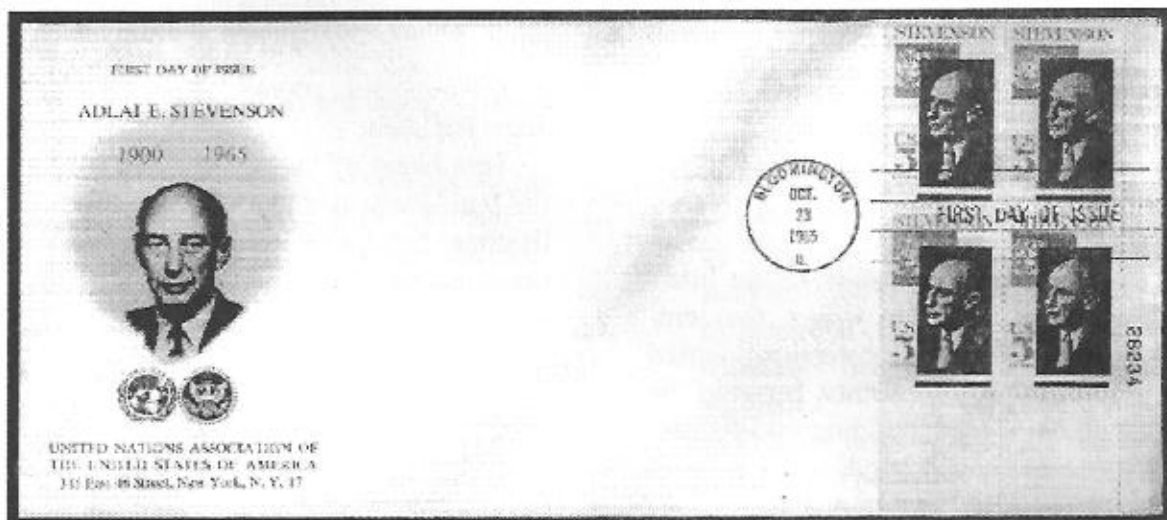


Figure 2: FDC of the Stevenson commemorative on a UNA-USA cachet.

UNITED STATES DELEGATE TO  
UNITED NATIONS PREPARATORY COMMISSION

20 Grosvenor Square  
London, W. 1  
November 23, 1945

Dear Tap,

Thanks for your thoughtful letter.

I appreciate it and I only wish I had  
your quiet confident shoulders to lean  
on hereabouts!

Best wishes,

Yours,



Adlai E. Stevenson

Mr. Tappan Gregory  
Gregory, Gilruth & Hunter  
105 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois

Figure 1: Letter on UN Preparatory Commission stationery from U.S. Delegate A.E. Stevenson.

## TWENTY-SECOND UPU CONGRESS - BEIJING 1999: ADDENDUM

By B. Clement, Jr.

The twenty-second Universal Postal Congress was held in Beijing, China from August 23 through September 15, 1999. Some postal history of this congress was previously published in the October 2000 issue (pages 19-21) of the *Journal*. Since that time, some additional material has been found.

Figure 1 shows a special congress cancel for the last day of the congress, September 15, 1999. The cancel was applied to a Chinese stamp for the congress showing the site of the first UPU Congress, held in Bern, Switzerland in 1874.

Figure 2 displays a post card mailed from Shanghai on September 11, 1999 with a special red postmark for the visit of Congress delegates to Shanghai. Similar visits to other cities to previous Congresses are documented in Gaines (pages 1192, 1194, 1194-A and 1198-99).

A set of four Chinese postal cards were issued in 1999 commemorating the Con-

gress. These are shown in Figures 3-6. Three similar sets of postal cards for the Congress were previously issued by China, beginning in 1997.



Figure 1: Special last day cancel from UPU-Congress in Beijing 1999.



Figure 2: Post card mailed from delegate excursion to Shanghai during Beijing UPU Congress.



Figure 3: 60 fen postal card issued in 1999 honoring the UPU Congress in Beijing.



Figure 5: 420 fen air postal card issued in 1999 honoring the UPU Congress in Beijing.



Figure 4: 60 fen postal card issued in 1999 honoring the UPU Congress in Beijing.



Figure 6: 420 fen air postal card issued in 1999 honoring the UPU Congress in Beijing.

## THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON THE CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES

By Richard Powers

During my annual visit to a local postcard and paper collectibles bourse I came across interesting postal documentation of an early UN scientific conference at Lake Success, New York. It is a picture postcard sent by a delegate to the United Nations Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Resources held August 17 through September 6, 1949.

The postcard appears in Figures 1 and 2. (The postcard was prepared by the United Nations Department of Public Information - UNDPI #B1633) The picture side shows the Security Council in session at United Nations Interim Headquarters in Lake Success. The message side bears a "Courier of the United Nations" machine cancel (Gaines LS/C.1) dated September 1, 1949. This cancel was applied at the Lake Success branch of the Great Neck Post Office. The message reads as follows:

Dear Geo.:

I was sent here as a delegate to the Conference on the conservation of world resources. It certainly is a wonderful experience. Engineers from some 60 nations discussing around the same table this immense problem.

(signed) Sam Nelson

I checked with Clem Clement, the UNP-Secretary and UN Conference specialist, for additional information about this conference. The plenary meetings of the conference were held in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Chamber. A session of ECOSOC appears in the postcard (UNDPI #B1638) pictured in Figure 3. These meetings were also held in the United Nations Interim Headquarters in the former Sperry Building at Lake Success. A view of

this building from a UNDPI postcard appears in Figure 4. It is interesting that the sessions of the Security Council and ECOSOC seem to have been held in similar (if not the same) auditoriums.

Sessions of the Trusteeship Council and General Assembly Committees also met in the Interim Headquarters. The "Little Assembly" in session has appeared on a postcard too (UNDPI #1713). I have come across one of these with a Flushing, New York cancel sent by a tourist who had visited the session during the 1940s.

The General Assembly met in plenary session, however, in the former New York City Building at Flushing Meadows, the site of the 1939 and 1964 World Fairs. This latter venue was pictured on UNNY stamps #69-70 issued in 1959 (Figure 5).



Figure 5: UNNY #70 showing the General Assembly Building at Flushing Meadows.

The conference on conserving world resources was scientific rather than policy-making. It had no power to bind governments and did not make any recommendations nor did it attempt to reach international agreements on policies. The conference was limited to the exchange of experience on the techniques of conservation and utilization of resources. Scientific presentations included papers by experts dealing with Fuels and Energy, Water, Forests, and Land.

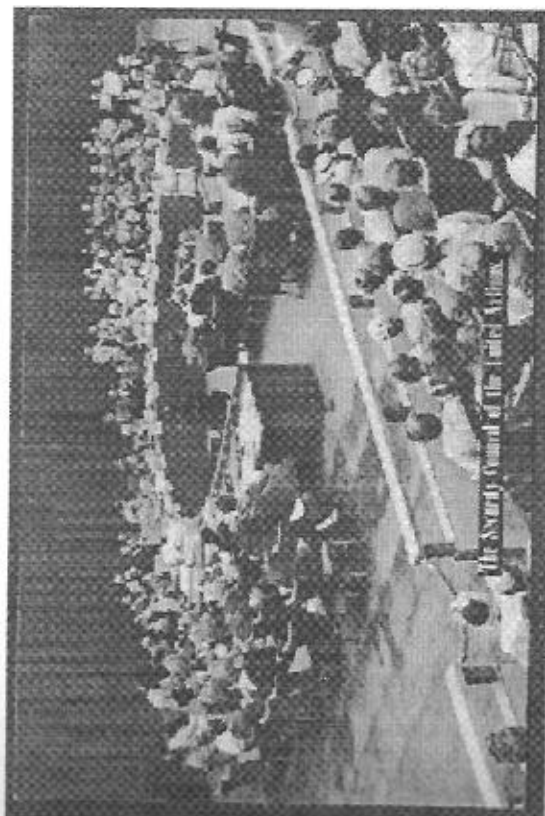


Figure 1: UNDPPI postcard showing Security Council in session at the UN Interim Headquarters in Lake Success.



Figure 3: UNDPPI postcard showing ECOSOC in session.



Figure 2: Message side of postcard sent by delegate to UN Conference on World Resources Conservation.

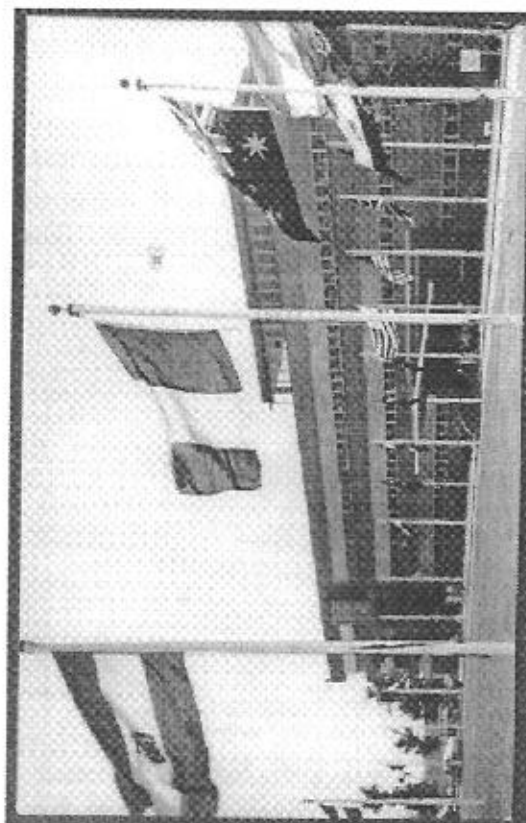


Figure 4: UNDPPI postcard showing the Interim Headquarters.

## PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA: 2001 - 2002

By Richard Powers

On December 27, 2002 I received a shipment of special covers with "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations) on specially prepared cacheted envelopes issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna during the previous twelve months. These included special items issued between December 6, 2001 and June 14 2002. This year's shipment of covers cost \$10.17 plus a \$2.50 mailing fee, for which I received € 1,74 in CTO-canceled UN-Vienna stamps with first day cancels. Below is a summary of the seven covers which I received.

On December 8, 2001 the UNPA issued a commemorative cover for the annual Christmas stamp show **Weihnachtspfila 2001** in the Vienna City Hall. The cover bears a special UN-Vienna cancel tying the 2001 AS 7 (€ 0,51) UNPA 50th Anniversary stamp (Scott A294) which pictures a pair of bells. A holiday design with bells and decorated trees appears in the cachet (Figure 1).

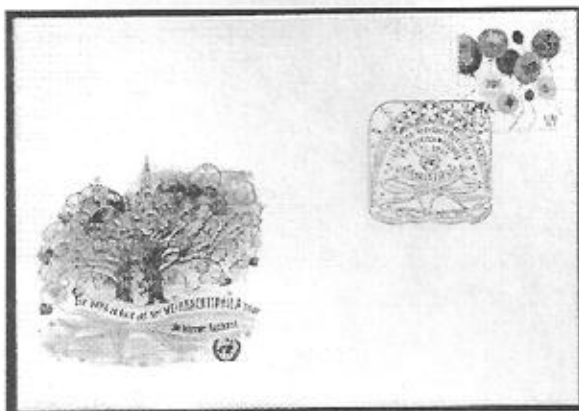


Figure 1: Weihnachtspfila 2001 cover.

On the same day the UNPA produced a commemorative cover with a special cancel noting special post service at the Christmas Fairs (Weihnachtsmärkte) in Vienna. The cover (Figure 2) bears a AS 7 (0,51€) Climate Change commemorative (Scott A297).

The cachet and cancel both feature an "oldtimer" postal bus produced in 1950, which traveled between the Christkindlmarkt at City Hall square and the Old Vienna Christkindlmarkt at the Freyung. The stamp portrays a van.



Figure 2: Weihnachtsmärkte cover.

On Christmas eve the UNPA serviced special flight covers from Vienna to Vatican City. This cover bears the AS 7 (€ 0,51) Climate Change (A298) featuring a rider on horseback tied by a UNPA cancel picturing the dome of St. Peter's in Rome. The cachet echoes the cancel design. On the rear is a special Vatican City cancel picturing the Nativity canceled on December 25th.



Figure 3: 2001 Christmas Eve Flight cover from Vienna to Vatican City.

On the occasion of the program **Senior AKTUELL 2002** at the Vienna Stadthalle, which took place in 2002 from March 19th through the 22nd, the UNPA released a special cover (Figure 4) bearing the new € 0,51 UN Vienna definitive featuring the horse-pond in Salzburg (A303) tied by a special cancel dated March 19th picturing a pair of senior citizens cross country skiing. The same scene appears in the cachet. Visitors at the information stand of the UNPA were able to buy UNPA stamps and post mail at this spring Senior Fair.

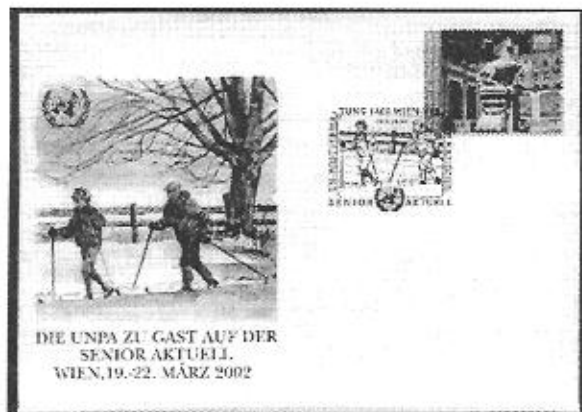


Figure 4: 2002 Senior Aktuell cover.

On April 28, 2002 the UNPA participated as guest of honor in a special exhibition entitled "Austria and the United Nations" on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Stamp Club in Ebreichsdorf.



Figure 5: Ebreichsdorf cover.

The UNPA provided an information booth and prepared a special cover. The cancel and the cachet feature a view of the Castle in Ebreichsdorf. The cover bears a copy of the AS

7 (€ 0,51) Nobel Peace Prize commemorative (A301) featuring the flag of the United Nations.

On June 3, 2002 the UNPA issued a special cover and cancel honoring the 250th Anniversary of the Schönbrunn Zoo in Vienna. The cover (Figure 6) bears a 1993 Endangered Species AS 7 stamp showing two Humboldt's penguins (A144). The cachet shows several animals playing around a tree in front of a zoo building, which also appears in the cancel.



Figure 6: Cover honoring the 250th Anniversary of the Schönbrunn Zoo.

The UNPA was represented by a special post official established at **HIBRIA 2002**, a regional stamp exhibition in Hirtenberg sponsored by the Triestingtaler Stamp Club in Hirtenberg. The show took place from June 14th through 16th in the Hirtenberg Culture House. For the occasion the UNPA prepared a special cover (Figure 7) bearing a 2001 Endangered Species stamp (A284) featuring a spectacled or Andean bear AS 7 (€ 0,51).



Figure 7: Hibria 2002 cover.

# A CHANGE IN THE P. P. INSIGNIA USED BY THE UNPA IN VIENNA

By Richard Powers

In the April 2002 issue of the *Journal* (page 9) I noted that the UNPA in Vienna was using attractive cardboard mailers on which a separate P.P. tape was attached to the right of the flying postman in the upper right hand corner. This was the mailer used to send me the covers with special cancellations, which I received at the end of 2000. This tape apparently covers an inscription written in German "Postentgelt bezahlt" which is equivalent to "P. P." (in French, Port Payé). I speculate that the UPU probably requires that such inscriptions be in French for international mail.

On the mailer for the most recent shipment of these covers, which were received at the end of 2002, this insignia has been printed directly on the mailer. The new mailer is shown above. Thus separate P. P. tapes are no longer needed. It would be interesting to know how long these tapes were used and whether they have been retired permanently.



## A (CONTRIVED?) UNITED NATIONS COVER WITH MIXED FRANKING FROM THE WEST BANK: PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

By Richard Powers

I recently found the interesting United Nations cover among the wares of a Swiss United Nations specialist which appears in Figure 1. The corner card indicates the cover originated at the Visa Section of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). An Israeli stamp in the upper right corner bears a cancel dated July 6, 1995 and a townmark of MEVO(?) AZZA. What makes this cover unusual is that it also bears a pair of 10 mil stamps with the legend Palestine Authority. These stamps (Scott #2) were issued in 1994. The attached selvage of the right hand stamp is tied to the cover by the Israeli postmark. The two stamps have been marked with what appears to be two swipes of a red felt tip pen, which may have been an attempt to invalidate the stamps for future use and/or to indicate that they were not valid for postal use at the indicated post office. The envelope is addressed to a city Giv'atayim, Israel, part of

metropolitan Tel Aviv, with a postal code 53415.

According to the Gaines Catalog UNTSO Headquarters is in Jerusalem. It often uses local civil posts, when appropriate. I believe that the Palestine Authority was already exercising autonomy in certain West Bank areas as far back as 1995. However, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) did not recognize the Palestine Authority as one of its 189 member countries as far back as 1999.

I would appreciate it if anyone can corroborate and/or fill in some of the missing points. Are the Palestine Authority stamps merely "window dressing" or did they serve some postal use? The cover appears to be an official service letter of UNTSO. I would be surprised if it were using unnecessary postage. Does the Palestine Authority play a role in the delivery of letters in its areas of autonomy? If so, why is it not a member of the UPU?

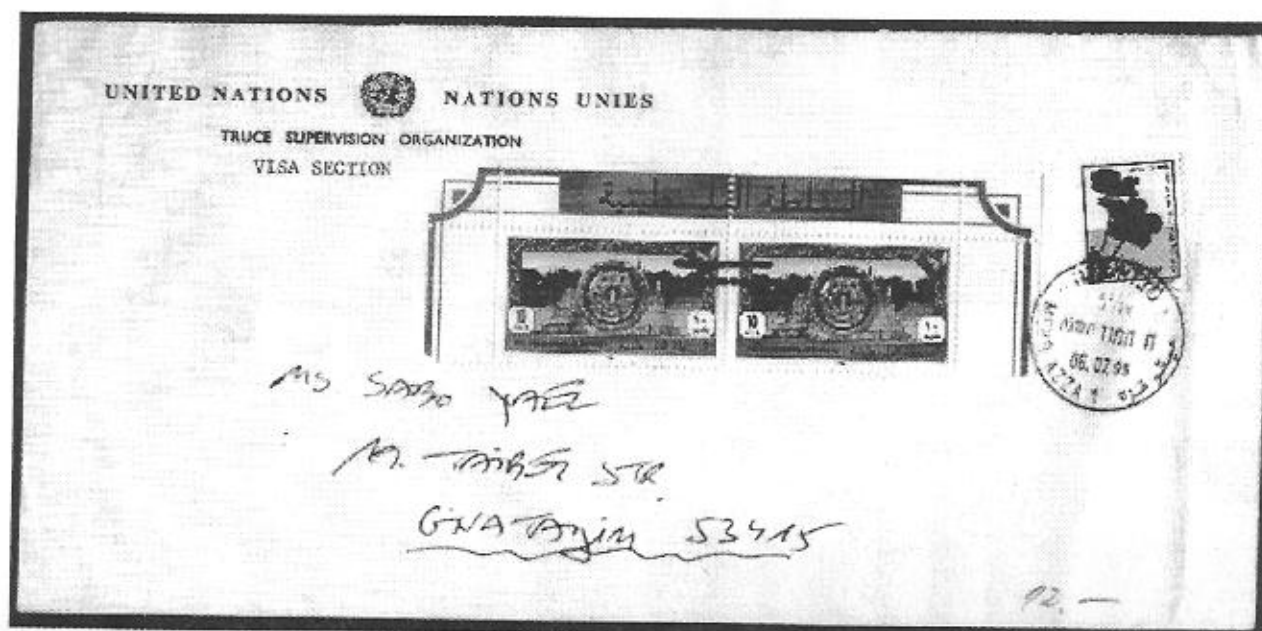


Figure 1: 1995 UNTSO cover bearing both Israeli and Palestine Authority stamps.

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## SWISS POLICE SERVICE AT THE UPU CONGRESS IN LAUSANNE (1974)

By B. Clement, Jr.

Police service at League of Nations conferences in Switzerland was discussed in an article in the October 2002 issue of the *Journal* (26-5, 20-1). Here is evidence of similar service provided at the 17th Universal Postal Congress, which was held in Lausanne from May 22 through July 5, 1974. Figure 1 shows an official cover from the congress cancelled on May 23rd and addressed to:

Brigadier Nicholas Margot  
Vaud Cantonnal Police for Public Security  
Congress Security Service  
Palais de Beaulieu

The Palais de Beaulieu was the site where the 17th Universal Postal Congress was held. According to the website of the Palais de Beaulieu, "in a green setting, the Beaulieu Congress and Exhibition Center (is) situated a stone's throw from the Lausanne city-center and a few minutes from Lake Geneva. (Lausanne is the capital of the Canton of Vaud and the headquarters city of the International Olympic Committee, which has had its own official postage stamps since 2000.) It offers its facilities for organizing congresses, exhibitions and various other events.



Figure 1: Cover from the 1974 UPU Congress in Lausanne to a conference security officer.

### SHOW AWARDS

UNP-member Fran Adams received at **SESCAL 2002**, a silver-bronze award for his one frame exhibit entitled: *Toward United Nations*. This exhibit deals with covers bearing the US commemorative ( Scott #928) honoring the UN Conference on International Organization, which began April 25, 1945. SESCAL 2002 was the 58th Annual Stamp Exhibition of

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4. League of Nations manila piece with Distribution Service corner card; League of Nations stamp #50. 1936 to Czech Delegate to the League of Nations. MB\$4.

5. League of Nations Publication Service corner card on #10 manila cover; mailed 1939 from Brussels, Belgium to Argentina; fold does not distract. MB\$12.

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9. World Health Organization (WHO) - Pan-American Health Office in Guatemala corner card #10 airmail cover to Honduras in 1952; meter and origin cachet. MB\$8

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### UN PEACEKEEPING COVERS

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