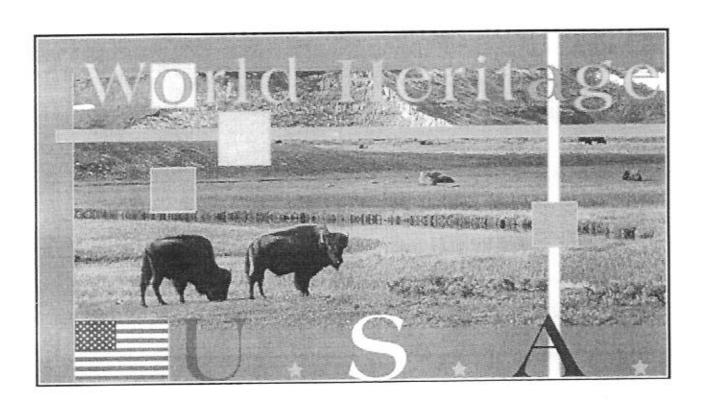


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

2004 UNPA Program

Unlike this year's stamp program which was not announced completely until the end of December 2003, a tentative program of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) for next year had been available for a couple of months when this message was written (late October).

If the schedule, which appears on page 3, holds, there will be six commemorative issues, three of which are continuing series: Endangered Species (January 29th), Indigenous Art (March 4th) and World Heritage - Greece (August 12th). The choice of Greece, is undoubtedly related to the fact that Greece is hosting the 2004 Olympic Games next summer.

Three issues will commemorate noncontinuing themes: the fiftieth anniversary of the Japanese Peace Bell (June 3rd), International Peace Day and the Opening of the United Nations General Assembly (September 21st) and Human Right and Education Decade (October 14th).

For more than six months I have been gradually assembling material in support of a major article on the General Assembly, which will probably appear in the October issue of the *Journal*. I am continuing to look for interesting service covers that one might be able to associate with the history or the operations of the General Assembly. As usual I would be pleased to receive your help in illustrating this article. Good photocopies of interesting General Assembly material would be greatly appreciated.

The theme of Peace appears twice on the program: Japanese Peace Bell and International Peace Day. A separate issue on Disarmament, which appears to be a definitive, is also scheduled to be released on September 21st. If any member is interested in tackling any of these topics, please drop me a line or send me an e-mail, so that I can offer you my enthusiastic support and so that I

can devote my own creative energies to other projects.

I have yet to see press releases concerning the Human Rights and Education Decade, which I presume was declared by the General Assembly. But I think that this would be a good occasion to review UN and specifically UNESCO programs in education.

Presumably the new definitives to be released on January 29th for use at the UN in Vienna, will continue the UNPA policy of featuring Austrian sites of interest.

Note that on June 3rd, three new items of Vienna stationery will appear: a domestic postal card € 0,55 and pre-stamped envelopes bearing domestic € 0,55 and international rates € 1,25. These are the same denominations which were released in surcharged form on June 2nd of this year. Although I have seen no announcement yet, I presume that the three surcharged items of 2003 will be withdrawn from sale on the day that the new stationery appears. Thus, if you have not yet bought these items by the time you receive this issue of the Journal, you may have only six months more to purchase these items at face value. These items may end up being on sale less than one year.

The current program anticipates the release of personalized stamps on January 29th. A separate article on this item appears on page 4. Notice that if you want your own photograph on the label, you will have to go to UN Headquarters yourself. No procedure appears to exist for the use of digitized images produced elsewhere. Those of us who have no plans to visit New York in the near future, will have to be satisfied with an unpersonalized generic label, apparently at the same price of \$14.95, which amounts to a 102% markup over the face value. It will be interesting to see how the Scott Catalog will assign catalog numbers to this issue.

An Evaluation of the Journal at SESCAL

As part of UNP participation at SESCAL 2003, our Exhibits Chairman Tony Dewey urged me to enter the Journal in the literature competition. I was not too enthusiastic about complying because the Journal had undergone an evaluation at APS STAMP-SHOW 2001 in Chicago. A report of the evaluation appeared on page 2 in the December 2001 issue. At that time the Journal had received a silver award. I honestly felt that there had been no significant change in our publication in the ensuing two years. As a result I was not eager to receive a replay of last assessment. However, in light of the fact that the SESCAL management had been so supportive in scheduling our 2003 Annual Meeting, I relented and submitted the Journal for another assessment.

The results were mixed. As I rightly anticipated, the publication received a silver award. But much to my surprise, the judges were kind enough to share their evaluation with us quantitatively. The *Journal* received a score of 74 points. One more point and the award would have been a vermeil. The award appears in Figure 1.

As general comments, the jury noted that there was a good diversity of articles and that the publication provided good service to the membership. They suggested that the *Journal* should strive to have illustrations of better quality with most articles and to have more long articles. There were no surprises here.

Next I would like to share with you the ten quantitative assessments. The first four categories relate to the philatelic aspects of the publication and have a weight of 45%. The next three categories assess the quality of the authorship with a weight of 40%. The final three categories evaluate the editorial and publishing aspects of the product. These criteria have a weight of 15%.

Category	Rating/Maximum
Philatelic Aspects:	
Originality	7/10
Significance	4/5
Research	8/10
Provision of Memb	er Service 15/20
Authorship Aspects:	
Organizatio	n 10/15
Clarity of Expr	ression 12/15
Treatment	6/10
Editorial and Publishing	Aspects:
Presentation	on 3/5
Paper & B	inding 4/5
Freedom fro	om Typos 5/5
Total	74/100
Total	74/100



Figure 1: Silver award in the SESCAL Literature Competition

According to the jury, the philatelic aspects of the publication rate 76% (vermeil), the authorship aspects rank 70% (silver) and the editorial aspects earn 80% (vermeil). Although these differences are rather small, the message seems to be that efforts for improvement should concentrate polishing written expression.

2004 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of November 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 29

Endangered Species

37¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55

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

Set of 3 maximum cards and 2004 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

Vienna Definitives

€ 0,55, € 2,10

(2 sheets of 20 stamps)

Personalized stamps

5×37¢ + label with personal digitized photograph (obtainable at UNNY only) 5×37¢ + label with generic design (obtainable by mail)

(1 sheet of 20 stamps and 20 labels)

March 4

Indigenous Art of Latin America

6×37¢, 6×F.s. 1,00, 6×€ 0,55

(3 Sheets of 6 stamps)

June 3

50th Anniversary of Japanese Peace Bell

70¢, F.s. 1,30 € 0,75

(3 sheets of 20 stamps)

Vienna Stationery

Postal card € 0,55, pre-stamped envelopes € 0,55, € 1,25

August 12

World Heritage - Greece

37¢, 60¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(10¢, 15¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, € 0,15, € 0,20)}

September 21 My Dream for Peace One Day/ Opening of the General Assembly

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,00

Disarmament

37¢

(7 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 14

Human Rights and Education Decade

37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,25

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

2004 Annual Collection Folders

2004 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 2

Eliminate Terrorism

THE UNITED NATIONS LAUNCHES PERSONALIZED STAMPS



The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will lebut a sheet of personalized stamps on January 29, 2004. This new product was developed to provide a special sheet of souvenir stamps for the many thousands of visitors to the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The product consists of a gummed stamp sheet 1112"x8"

containing twenty UN stamps pin-perforated with blank tabs next to each stamp. There are five stamp designs depicting classic UN New York images repeating four times on the sheet. These images include a view of the UN buildings, the Security Council, the General Assembly, flag poles and the UN logo. The blank tab is used to capture and print a photo image next to the stamp, thereby, allowing one to mail a letter with one's own personal image.

The UNPA has constructed a new Personalized Stamp Shop in the public visitor area within the UN Building where a photo can be digitally taken. Within ninety seconds a personalized sheet of stamps with twenty of these images can be printed in the tabs joining the stamps. A private contractor NuFx Pty Ltd., working together with the UNPA will operate the personalized process. The single image can be that of a single person, a couple or even a family shot as long as the number of persons is not too great for the field of view of the photo area.

The price of a sheet of twenty $37-\varphi$ denomination stamps, including the twenty personalized images is \$14.95. For collectors who are unable to come in person to the UN Headquarters in New York, a mint stamp sheet printed with a generic UN image on the tabs will be made available for sale through mail order.

Subscribers may add this product to their standing order requirements for the same price, which is \$7.55 over face. Apparently the price is the same, whether the tab is personalized or not.

The UNPA envisions these personalized stamps as a wonderful concept, as the use of the stamps is open to one's imagination. One could mail items showing a new baby or send a thank-you letter to friends and family who attended one's wedding or even invite guests to attend a special event.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

SESCAL DIARY

2003 UNP Board Meeting

The UNP Board met on October 4, 2003 at SESCAL in Los Angeles at the Radisson LAX Hotel. Attending were UNP President Greg Galletti, UNP Vice-President Anthony Dewey, UNP Secretary Blanton Clement, Jr., UNP Treasurer James Matyasovich and Board member and Editor Richard Powers. The issues to be discussed had been explored with other Board members by e-mail in the weeks before the meeting. Member Rick Vangorder attended the meeting as an observer.

The 2004 budget was a major topic of discussion and major decisions about cost control and dues were made. The issues involved are discussed below in detail.

Plans were made for future Annual Meetings of the UNP. The following is the tentative schedule for the next five years:

2004 Chicagopex, November 19-21, 2004

2005 NOJEX, Northern NJ, May 2005

2006 Washington 2006, May 2006

2007 PIPEX, SANDICAL or WESTPEX

2008 APS Stampshow, Hartford, CT

The UNP Auction was discussed. It was decided that we shall hold two major Auctions per year and that we would attempt to increase the size and the improve the quality of the auctions.

Elections for UNP officers will be held in the first part of 2004, with the new officers to take office July 1, 2004. Plans for the nominations and elections were discussed.

UNP Dues Increase Announced

At the UNP Board Meeting, the Board carefully examined the 2004 budget in light of our recent increase in shipping costs. Even with a number of "economy measures", it was soon apparent that a dues increase was necessary. Among the economy

measures that were agreed to were the following:

- We shall again explore the use of a bulk mailing permit for Journals mailed to addresses within the USA. Examining the USPS mailing guide, it appears that we can obtain a permit and that substantial savings should result.
- The use of color covers for our publications appears to add significantly to the cost. We decided that the UNP would no longer use color.
- 3) The 40-page monograph cost was much higher than the cost of a 24-page Journal would predict. Measures will be undertaken to reduce the monograph cost to no more than 25% more than an issue of the Journal.
- 4) Shipment of Journals abroad will continue via airmail, but foreign shipment of the monograph by economy mail will be considered if savings result.

With the increased shipping cost and taking into account our economy measures, we are forced to increase the yearly dues as follows effective January 1, 2004:

Domestic addresses: \$22 Canada addresses: \$24 Other addresses: \$38

We shall no longer give a dues reduction for payment of two years dues. However, we shall accept dues payments for up to three years at the new rate. If you choose to do this, you are protected against any dues increases during those years.

We regret that it is necessary to increase dues again so soon and shall do what we can to control costs so that these dues levels can stay in effect for some time. We think that UNP membership is still a fine bargain, even with the additional cost and hope that you agree with us with your renewals for 2004. The renewal form appears on the rear side of the mailing sheet.

UNP ANNUAL MEETING AT SESCAL 2003

This year's UNP annual meeting of United Nations Philatelists took place on Saturday October 4th, 2003 at noon at the Radisson at LAX Hotel in Los Angeles during SESCAL 2003.

UNP President Greg Galletti opened the meeting by welcoming the fifteen or so attendees. Each person introduced himself and revealed his interests, specialized or otherwise, in UN philately.

The main part of the program were five show-and-tell presentations. UNP Secretary Blanton Clement, Jr. began with his presentation: United Nations - California Connection. Clem's talk centered around some of the more significant UN conferences held in California. He showed philatelic items from the United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO) in San Francisco in 1945, the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) meeting in Los Angeles in 1959. A Model United Nations was also held in San Diego in 1962.

Former UNP President Jack Mayer gave the results in his investigations concerning the source of *The Counterfeit UN Meter Stamps* of 1955. He also gave tips on how to recognize the counterfeits.

UNP Vice President and Exhibits Chairman Anthony Dewey showed us Plate Va-

rieties of Overprints on Bureau Intérnational d'Éducation, some of which have not made it into the Zumstein Specialized Catalogue of Switzerland.

UNP Editor Richard Powers showed some Service Postcards of the League of Nations and the International Labor Organization, which give interesting insights into the operations of these international forerunner organizations of the United Nations.

In the closing presentation of the session Fran Adams showed us some of the thirty-four covers in his UNCIO data base. He is still actively soliciting other contributions for his website www.uncio.com.

Besides the meeting the club also had a fine booth placed strategically next to the entrance to the show and across the hall from the United Nations Postal Administration booth. Figure 1 shows the booth and some of its caretakers. Evenings during the three-day show many of the attendees continued UN philately discussions over Japanese fondu (Shabu-Shabu) or in beachside restaurants in Manhattan Beach.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend our next annual meeting in Chicagopex 2004 in November of next year. The weather will be a lot less clement but the UNP camraderie should warm our hearts.

ON EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITING

By Tony Dewey, UNP Exhibits Chair

At our annual meeting, held in conjunction with SESCAL, five UNP members entered six exhibits filling thirty-one frames. The jury presented two silver awards, three vermeil awards and one gold award to these exhibits. In addition, four of the exhibits received special awards. The members that entered their exhibits in competition are to be thanked and congratulated for representing UNP so well. That UN exhibits can compete and succeed in an open field is without question. See the table on the next page for a list of the exhibits and the awards.

Given the high awards and accolades be-

bestowed upon the UN exhibits at SESCAL, it hardly seems appropriate to complain about the state of UN exhibiting. But I shall anyway.

First, I look at the thirty-one frames occupied by UN exhibits and wonder, "Why not sixty frames? Or even seventy-five?" The Sports Philatelists International also held their annual convention at the show. Their members entered eleven exhibits, filling fifty-four frames. At BALPEX, held over the Labor Day Weekend, the American Helvetia Philatelic Society filled ninety-six frames with Swiss exhibits. Both organizations have

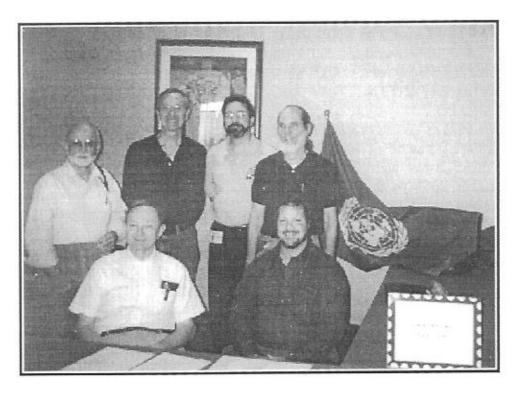


Figure 1: UNP Booth at SESCAL 2003. Seated from left: SESCAL General Chairman and UNP member Wallace Craig and UNP President Greg Galletti. Standing from left: UNCIO website-master Fran Adams, UNP Secretary Blanton Clement, Jr., UNP Vice President Anthony Dewey and UNP Editor Richard Powers.

UNP EXHIBITS AT SESCAL

Exhibit	Exhibitor	Awards
First U.N. Issue 1951	Anthony F. Dewey	SESCAL Gold UNP President's Award UNP Gold APS Award of Excellence (1940-80)
A History of the League of Natio	ons Greg S. Galletti	SESCAL Vermeil Arleigh Gaines Memorial Research Award UNP Gold APS Award of Excellence (1940-80)
Swiss Offical Stamps for the UNEO and International Agenci	Anthony F. Dewey	SESCAL Vermeil UNP Gold AAPE Award of Honor
Founding the United Nations	Fran Adams	SESCAL Vermeil (one-frame) UNP Gold ATA One-frame Award
Save the Monuments of Nubia	Caroline Scannell (aka Pharoa Athena)	SESCAL Silver UNP Silver
United Nations London	Jack Mayer	SESCAL Silver (one-frame) UNP Silver

membership levels on a par with UNP. There was a time when UNP members could fill upwards of one hundred frames at such prestigious shows like **INTERPEX** in New York. Why not now?

Secondly, I look at the list of names of the exhibitors and see the same names as in prior years. Yes, the efforts of these folks are very much appreciated, but it would be nice to see some new names too. With over 260 members collecting a diverse array of UN an related material, there is potential for many more exhibitors and exhibits. This brings me to my third concern.

With such a broad diversity of subject matter covered by the umbrella of UN philately, we should be able to display a cornucopias of The exhibits entered at interesting topics. SESCAL are a good sampling. But, where are the traditional exhibits on UNTEA, the stamps issued in the Netherlands for the PCIJ/ICJ or the stamps issued by France for UNESCO? Where are the postal stationery exhibits? Where are the postal history exhibits for the myriad peacekeeping missions? Where are the thematic and display exhibits for the many UN operations such as UNICEF, UNESCO, ICJ, UPU, WIPO, FAO, ITU and ILO? The answer is that these exhibits are potentially in your collections. They are just waiting to be built and shared with others via exhibitions.

Our next annual meeting will be held in conjunction with CHICAGOPEX scheduled for November 19-21, 2004. Let's seize this opportunity to showcase UN philately. Consider this a personal challenge to develop and enter an exhibit for our next meeting in Chicago. At stake, besides the UNP medals, show awards and special awards will be the UNP President's Award for the best UN exhibit by a UNP member. Exhibits that have won this award, such as my UN First Issue exhibit, are no longer eligible, clearing the way for other exhibits. World Forum Philatelist will also once again sponsor the Arleigh

Gaines Memorial Research award for the exhibit displaying outstanding original research. Will you step up to the challenge? Will we see you in Chicago next November?

THE GAINES RESEARCH AWARD

World Forum Philatelist (WFP), a small stamp firm exclusively dedicated to United Nations philately has once again donated to the club a special research award in honor of Mr. Arleigh Gaines, world-renowned author and expert in the field who passed away in December 1998. The award, presented this year at the UNP Annual Meeting at SESCAL 03, Los Angeles California, is bestowed upon the UN or UN-related exhibit by a club member which demonstrates the highest standards of philatelic research. The award, pictured below, is a lovely glass apple with the inscription "UN Research Award in Honor of Mr. Arleigh Gaines". Greg Galletti, President of WFP, described the award as "reminiscent of the Interpex theme awards presented by the club back in the late 1970's. Mr. Gaines was instrumental in developing those grand UN exhibitions back in NY and I know as a resident of the "Big Apple" how proud we all were to be a part of it all. This year's award is a reminder of Mr. Gaines' love of New York...the home of the United Nations."



THE 2003 UNITED NATIONS WORLD HERITAGE SERIES - USA

From a UNPA Press Release

On October 24th of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued its seventh set of six stamps and three prestige booklets containing six more different denominations depicting six World Heritage sites located in the United States of America.

The three prestige booklets have a common design based on the six commemorative stamps for this issue and each contains a total of twenty-four mint stamps in blocks of four in United States, Swiss or euro denominations.

Thus far the UNPA has produced similar sets of stamps and booklets honoring World Heritage sites in China (1997), Austria (1998), Australia (1999), Spain (2000), Japan (2001) and Italy (2002). Two earlier sets of six stamps issued in 1984 and in 1992 each featured six such sites from different countries.

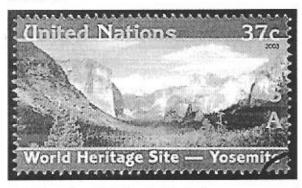
The World Heritage List draws attention to the wealth and diversity of Earth's cultural and natural heritage. The USA was the first country to ratify the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. This international agreement was adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1972. As of June 2002, 172 States had ratified the Convention. To date there are twenty World Heritage sites in the United States. Six of these are featured in this issue.

Yosemite - 37¢ stamp

Yosemite National Park, located in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, embraces a spectacular tract of mountain-and-valley scenery. The park harbors a grand collection of waterfalls, meadows and forests that include groves of giant sequoia trees, the world's largest living things.

Yosemite was formed by glaciers. Dur-

ing the last Ice Age, the granite bedrock was gouged and shaped into bare peaks, sheer cliffs, rounded domes and huge monoliths. Its flat valley floor evolved from a large meltwater lake that slowly filled with sediment. Now flowering meadows fill the valley and dramatic waterfalls surround it. Geological evolution is ongoing here, as lakes continue to silt up. Biological adaptation is also evident in the giant sequoia trees, which are resistant to fire and for which periodic fires are, in fact, necessary to clear the dense undergrowth and make way for young sequoias.



Yosemite National Park is an area of outstanding scenic beauty and great wilderness value. It was designated as a national park in 1890 and inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1984.

Hawaii Volcanoes - 60¢ stamp

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is thought that the Hawaiian Islands were created when molten rock pushed through the earth's crust, forming volcanoes. Over millions of years, eruptions built up these volcanoes until their tops emerged from the sea as islands. Two of the most active volcanoes in the world, Mauna Loa (4,170 meters high) and Kilauea, tower over the Pacific Ocean at this site. Volcanic eruptions have created a continually changing landscape, and the lava flows reveal surprising geological formations.



Hawaii Volcanoes National Park represents native subtropical rainforest and mesic forest communities, providing an excellent example of succession following dynamic volcanic activity. In addition, it provides habitats for several threatened and endemic species, including rare birds and forests of giant ferns. It was designated as a natural park in 1916 and was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1987.

Great Smoky Mountains - F.s. 0,90 stamp

Great Smoky Mountains National Park, encompassing more than 800 square miles, is located in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee. It protects one of the world's finest temperate deciduous forests. The forest here exudes water vapor and oily residues, which create a smoke-like haze that surmounts the peaks and fills the valleys. Because of the fertile soil and abundant rain, this area boasts 1,520 flower species, 130 varieties of trees, 50 mammal species and 27 different kinds of salamanders. The plants are related to those found across the Pacific. testifying to the ancient migration of trees and flowers from Asia by way of the Bering land bridge.

The Smokies also represent an important period in the earth's development when, 300 million years ago, supercontinents collided and the earth's crust pushed upward, forming high, jagged mountains. Over the course of time, these mountains have been smoothed and softened by erosion.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park



was designated as a national park in 1934 and was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1983. The geographical evidence, biological evolution and diversity make this park a superlative natural preserve.

Yellowstone - F.s. 1,30 stamp

In a vast natural forest in Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park covers more than 9,000 square kilometers. It was declared a national park in 1872, making it the first national park established anywhere in the world. Its hot springs, geysers and geyser basins, lava formations, lakes, waterfalls, rivers and river canyons make it a place of unrivaled beauty. It is equally known for its wildlife, such as grizzly bears, wolves, bison and wapiti.



Yellowstone provides a clear record of volcanic eruptions that have occurred over the past 55 million years. It sits on top of a hot spot where a thermal plume or column of molten rock rises from deep within the earth and feeds into a large chamber 11,000 feet below the earth's surface. The 1,000°F heat from this molten rock in the chamber

warms water from rain and snow that seeps down; the resulting steam and hot water rise again to the surface, forming hot springs and geysers.

Yellowstone National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1978. In 1995, it was included on the list of properties of World Heritage in danger. It is hoped that increased attention to the threats of overuse and pollution will lead to better conservation of Yellowstone's natural resources.

Olympic National Park - € 0,55 stamp

Located in the north-west corner of Washington State, Olympic National Park is dominated by Mount Olympus (2,428 meters high), which gave the park its name. A great variety of landscapes and ecosystems can be found there, with a great wealth of marine life along its rocky coast, forests of giant conifers in the valleys where huge herds of wapiti roam and craggy peaks overhanging some sixty active glaciers.



The 1,400 square miles of Olympic National Park encompasses not only snow-capped Mount Olympus, glaciers, alpine meadows and rocky Pacific mountain coastline but also one of the few temperate rainforests in the world. The luxuriant forest is created by the warm, moisture-laden air from the Pacific meeting the mountains and dropping more than twelve feet of rain a year. This cool, perpetually damp environment, results in a dense green, jungle-like

world. It is home to some of the world's largest conifers, towering 230 feet; moss-enshrouded maple trees with forty-foot spans; and a dense undergrowth of shrubs, wildflowers, ferns and lichen.

Olympic National Park was declared a national park in 1938 and inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1981. The biological evolution, ecological variety and sheer splendor of its coastline, forests and mountains makes it a truly special place.

Everglades - € 0,75 stamp

The Everglades is a fragile ecosystem that demonstrates the delicate balance within nature and the threats from humankind. Covering 1.4 million acres, it is formed by a river of freshwater six inches deep and fifty miles wide that flows slowly across the flat expanse of land at the southern tip of Florida. Sawgrass marshes, pine forests and mangrove islands support a variety of wildlife. The exceptional variety of its water habitants has made it a sanctuary for a considerable number of birds and reptiles, as well as for threatened species, such as the manatee.



Everglades National Park was established in 1947. It was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979. In December 1993, it was included on the list of properties of World Heritage in danger. It is hoped that increased attention to the threats posed to the long-term health of the parks will lead to better conservation of this fragile ecosystem.

IN MEMORIAM II: DEATH IN BAGHDAD

By Richard Powers

Quite unexpectedly the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a second series of stamps on October 24th, the same day that the World Heritage - USA were released. These stamps were issued to honor the twenty-two United Nations staff members, who were tragically killed on August 19th by an explosion at the United Nations complex in Baghdad, Iraq. Many more were injured.

All three stamps bear the legend repeated many times in the background of the stamp: Fallen in the Cause of Peace. In the foreground is a UN flag at half mast and the left half of the UN wreath-globe logo. The UNNY design appears below in Figure 1. The UNNY stamp bears a 60¢ value; the Geneva stamp, F.s. 0,90; the Vienna stamp, € 2,10. A special limited edition (10,000) folder was issued by the UNPA, which includes a statement by the Secretary-General Kofi Annan honoring the victims. The folder contains the three stamps affixed with the appropriate first day cancellation from New York, Geneva and Vienna.



Figure 1: UNNY In Memoriam stamp.

This is the second series of Memoriam stamps issued by the UNPA. On September 21, 1999 it issued a single stamp and a souvenir sheet for each of its three offices: New York (Scott 768-9), Geneva (347-8) and Vienna (264-5).

Death of the UN Envoy in Iraq: Sergio Vieira de Mello

On August 19th a suicide terrorist drove a cement truck loaded with bombs into the United Nations Headquarters at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad. In the wake of the explosion twenty-two were killed and more than one hundred were wounded. Among the dead was the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello, from Brazil, who was in the midst of a four-month assignment overseeing the humanitarian activities of the UN in Iraq. It appears that Mr. de Mello was specifically targeted for assasination as the truck was driven into the building directly underneath his office.

Thus ended a successful career of international diplomacy, which included stints in Lebanon, Rwanda, Kosovo and East Timor. He was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1948. In the February 2001 issue of the *Journal* (page 8) the presence of Mr. de Mello has been nicely documented in the article by Jean-Louis Emmenegger on the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor. The cover in Figure 1 of that article was sent by Mr. de Mello, the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) in East Timor.

On September 12, 2002 Mr. de Mello began his four-year term as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. His posting in Iraq was to have been a temporary four-month post before his return to the Human Rights Commission.

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(As of November 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¢, 60¢, 70¢, € 0,25, € 1,00

5×23¢, 5×70¢ postal cards, 37¢ legal- and standard-sized pre-stamped envelopes

Centenary of First Flight

23¢ and 70¢ in tête bêche pairs (6 sheets of 20 stamps)

April 3

Endangered Species - 30th Anniversary of CITES

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 and 2003 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

June 2

Surcharged Stationery

Postal card € 0,51+0,04, pre-stamped envelopes € 0,51+0,04, € 1,09+0,16

June 20 International Year of Freshwater (Joint Issue with Switzerland)

23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

Souvenir card

August 7

Ralph Bunche

37¢, F.s. 1,80, € 2,10

Definitives

€ 0,04, € 0,51 (New printing)

(5 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 24

World Heritage - United States

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with $12 \times (5 ¢, 15 ¢, F.s. 0, 10, F.s. 0, 20, € 0, 10, € 0, 15)}$

In Memoriam

60¢, F.s. 0,85, € 2,10

(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)

2003 Annual Collection Folders

2003 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 1 - December 31 Visit your United Nations - 50 years of guided tours

SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE UNOP AUCTION 100

By Richard Powers

Price

Some insight into the market value of one's United Nations collection can be obtained by examining the recent Auction results of UNO-Philatelie (UNOP), the German-language club of United Nations Philatelists. Auction #100 closed on March 30, 2003. Of the 163 lots available for sale, only 58 lots sold. Below is a list of selected lots which were sold. The prices are in euros. Currently the exchange rate is about €1,00 = \$1.14.

Lot # Description

League of Nations

- Letter from the International Peace Bureau postmarked 6/21/13.
 €16
- Philatelic letter with League rubberstamped corner card and postmark of the 4th Extraordinary General Assembly postmarked 3/10/26.
- Service letter from the last General Assembly with Scott #2O72 (10 centimes) postmarked 4/10/46 with origin cachet PUBL.

 €40
- Service cover from the International Nansen Office for Refugees in Geneva postmarked 2/25/37.
 €205
- Registered service cover from the Saar Plebiscite Commission postmarked 2/5/34

 €310
- Letter from an Italian troop member in the Saar sent postage free postmarked 1/18/35.
 €150
- 20. Registered service cover with Scott #2O23 (60 centimes) postmarked 12/1/37. €60
- 21. Registered service cover with Scott #2O25 postmarked 7/20/23. €100
- 23. Parcel card with 2×Scott #2O23 (60 centimes) and 2O27 (3-franc stamp) postmarked 4/26/26 €280



Lot 23

- 24. Service cover with Scott #2O13 (20 centimes) postmarked 6/11/37 with SOC origin cachet. €20
- 25. Formal service cover for an invitation with Scott #2O13 (20 centimes) postmarked 7/2/31. €30
- 26. Service cover with 2×Scott #2O16 (25 centimes) postmarked 9/7/37. €75
- 27. Registered service cover with Scott #2O21 (40 centimes) postmarked 11/6/35. €90
- 28. Registered service cover with Scott #2O24 (70 centimes) postmarked 2/18/28. €95
- 30. Airmail service cover with 2×Scott #2O34 (2 francs) postmarked 9/30/42. €170
- 33. Registered service cover with Scott #2O40 (60 centimes) postmarked 4/14/32 €90
- 34. Service cover with Scott #2O49 (10 centimes) postmarked 8/19/38 with origin cachet CENTR €25
- 36. Airmail service cover with Scott #2O66 (5 francs) and #2O55 (40 centimes) postmarked 12/3/41 €160
- 40. Registered service cover with Scott #2O76 (30 centimes) postmarked 3/3/47 very late usage. €42



Lot 40

- 41. Airmail service cover with Scott #2O72 (10 centimes), 2O80 (60 centimes) and 2O84 (1 franc) postmarked 8/2/46. €44
- 42. Airmail service cover with Scott #2O79 (50 centimes) and 2O85 (120 centimes) postmarked 5/31/46. €85
- 43. Airmail service cover with Scott #2O74 (20 centimes), 2O86 (150 centimes) and 3×Scott #2O87 (2 francs) postmarked €100
- 44. Service cover from the International Economics Conference in Genoa postmarked 5/12/22. €170
- 45. Cover from the Peace Conference in Locarno postmarked 10/8/25. €65
- 48. Cover from the USA Delegation to the General Disarmament Conference in Geneva postmarked 4/10/32 with Office des Ambulants cancel. €175



Lot 48

49. Cover with the conference cancel of the London Economics Conference postmarked 7/12/33. €205

United Nations Special Organizations

- 57. Overprinted League of Nations service cover for the UN with Scott #7O01 postmarked 3/25/50. €50
- 58. Post card from the Permanent Central Opium Board with Scott #7005 (25 centimes) postmarked 11/14/53 with OPCC origin cachet. €70



Lot 58

- 59. UN service cover with Swiss stamp postmarked 2/6/56 with origin cachet CONF.2. to ICAO. €30
- 60. UN service cover with Scott #7O23 postmarked 5/12/64 with origin cachet CONF. 8 (UNCTAD). €48
- 61. UN service cover with origin cachet STUP (Narcotics Division). €18
- 62. ILO insured service cover with 4×Scott #3O22 (1 franc) postmarked 12/22/26.€220
- 63. ILO service cover with 5-centime meter cancel dated 12/7/27. €40
- 64. ILO service cover with meter cancel dated 4/24/31. €30
- 65. ILO registerrd airmail service cover from Chinese Branch in Shanghai postmarked 4/1/48. €60
- 70. Service cover from ITU conference in Paris with special conference stamps (Scott #625-8, C28) and conference cancel 6/13/49. €125
- UPU service cover postmarked in Bern 10/7/1895. €160



Lot 65



Lot 70



Lot 71

- 74. USA 1¢ stamped envelope overprinted for the Washington UPU Congress in 1897. €44
- Post card (Falun) from UPU Congress in Stockholm (1924) postmarked 7/28/24.€40
- 76. Picture post card with the London UPU conference cancel (6/18/29) with 1½d commemorative stamp. €44

- 77. Hotel envelope with Cairo UPU conference cancel (2/20/34) and 20 mil commemorative stamp Scott #185. €42
- 78. Special delivery service cover from the Brussels UPU Conference (7/10/52). €42
- 80. UNRRA service cover from Paris with UNESCO special cancel 6/2/47. €120
- 82. FAO pouch service cover from Washington Headquarters to Geneva and then forwarded to Paris. Has UN Geneva cancel of 9/15/47. €100
- 86. ECAFE service cover postmarked in Shanghai on 4/7/48. €90



Lot 86

- 89. Commemorative envelope from the first special session of the UN General Assembly with Lake Success addressed to Bern on 4/28/47. €23
- 93. Military cover from Suez Crisis from French warship St. Thomas dated 11/15/56. €55

United Nations Military Mail

94. Military cover from Suez Crisis (1956) from Egyptian 19th Unit in Kantana. €40

UNNY MNH Stamps

- 112. Scott #4 extreme flag shift down. €70
- 113. Scott #7 flag shift down. €10
- 114. Scott #10 MI4 upper right 4th printing. €20
- 122. Scott #32 specimen in green. €48
- 123. Scott #33 specimen in olive green. €40 UNNY Canceled Stamps
- 111. Scott #2a precanceled. €46
- 135. Scott #149 MI6 with Bundesdruckerei Berlin imprint. €24

CONFERENCE DISCOVERY: EARLY ECLA SESSION

By B. Clement, Jr.

The third session of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) was held June 5-21, 1950 in Montevideo, Uruguay. Until now, no postal history of that session has emerged. In 1985 ECLA was renamed the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Figure 1 shows an unusual cover from that session. This is a cover bearing a Uruguayan stamp with a mailing address to the United Nations in Geneva. The return address is the Parque Hotel in Montevideo. The cover has no postmark, as such. Instead, the stamp is canceled with a black conference cachet. The translation of the cachet is as follows: Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Freedom of Press Information, 3rd Session of the ECLA, United Nations, Montevideo, Organizing Committee. Despite the lack of a postmark, the cover apparently went through the mail, arriving safely in Geneva.



Figure 1: 1950 cover to UN in Geneva bearing cachet of the Organizing Committee of the 3rd Session of ECLA in Montevideo.

Postal history of UN conferences more than fifty years ago is still being found. Have you seen something that may not be documented in the UN philatelic literature? Let us hear about it.

DISCOVERY OF ORIGIN CACHET OF WIPO FORERUNNER

By B. Clement, Jr.

The predecessor organization to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was the United International Bureaus for Protection of Industrial, Literary and Artistic Property (BIRPI). This office was located in Bern, Switzerland from 1893 until about 1963. Figure 1 shows a 1940 cover from this office to the Military Attaché to the French Ambassador to Switzerland. The red oval mark is the meter cancel used by that office. The cover is backstamped with a newly discovered black origin cachet for BIRPI (Figure 2).



Figure 1: 1940 cover from BIRPI with meter cancel.



Figure 2: BIRPI origin cachet on rear.

UN POSTMARKS USED BY PAKISTAN 1953-2001

By B. Clement, Jr.

Whenever I see a handbook or catalog on special postmarks, I am interested to see if I can find conference cancels of the United Nations or UN agencies or predecessors that are unknown to UN philately. Even if I know of a postmark, I may find additional information about it. So when I saw the handbook Special Postmarks of Pakistan 1947-2001 by Dr. Munaf Billoo and Muhammed Rizwan Kodwavwala, offered on eBay, I bought it. (It was published by Karachi, Services, Kodwavi Printing Pakistan in February 2002.)

The handbook lists over 1000 special postmarks used by Pakistan. Of these, about 10% or 101 deal with the UN or its agencies. None of these qualify as a conference cancel. The only cancel commemorating a conference actually held in Pakistan is for the Tenth FAO Regional Conference for the Near East in 1970 (Figure 1). However, the conference was held in Islamabad and the cancel is for Karachi.

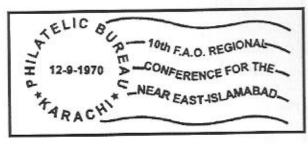


Figure 1: Slogan cancel from Karachi honoring the 10th FAO Regional Conference for the Near East in Islamabad.

I do know of one Pakistani conference cancel. It is unlisted. Figure 2 shows a cover from the meeting in the Mideast and South Asia Subcommittee of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) International Telephone Consultative Committee (CCIF), held in Lahore December 1-14, 1953. The cancel reads "C.C.I.F. - Pakistan

Lahore". I have reported this missing postmark to the authors.

I am aware of similar listings of special postmarks from Australia. Austria, Denmark, England, Germany, Poland and Switzerland. If you know of any other listings, I would like to know of them.



Figure 2: Conference cover from the Mideast and South Asia Subcommittee of the ITU-CCIF meeting in Lahore in 1970.

I have classified the 101 postmarks into the following categories:

Classification	Number
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UN Day, UN Week,	
UN Anniversaries	6
UN Campaigns, Days, Years	25
UN stamps	2
UN miscellaneous	5
FAO/WFP	6
ILO	2
ITU	4
UNESCO	6
UNICEF	17
UPU	16
WHO	6

RECEIVING MARK DISCOVERIES FROM THE LEAGUE

By B. Clement, Jr.

The latest UNP Monograph, published in June 2003, was Receiving, Dispatching, Free Frank and Bar Code Marks and Labels of the United Nations, Its Agencies and Its Predecessors. This monograph was issued in loose leaf format and is the first half of the study, with the second half to be issued in 2004. Readers are urged to submit new discoveries, as well as additional data on the listed items. Periodically, revised pages will be issued.

Here are two new discoveries of receiving marks used by the League of Nations. The first is found on two different Austrian postal cards: one sent to the Vienna office of the International Labor Organization (ILO); the other to the Vienna office of the League High Commissioner for Refugees. The two organizations must have shared the same building located at Hoher Markt 5. The ILO card has the receiving mark on the back. The address side of the card appears in Figure 1; the rear side, in Figure 2. The address side of the card to the High Commissioner (Figure 3) bears the receiving mark. The receiving mark on both cards is in violet.



Figure 1: Address side of Austrian postal card to the ILO.

The other new receiving mark is shown in Fig. 4. The mark is applied to the front side of a Polish postal card sent to the League Nansen International Office for Refugees in Warsaw. This mark, in black, would have been classified as an origin cachet if it had been applied to outgoing mail. The text is in English and

French with no mention of Poland.

UN postal history continues to be recorded. What do you have to offer?

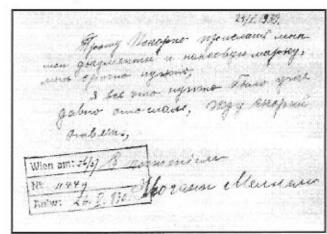


Figure 2: Back side of the card in Figure 1.



Figure 3: Address side of Austrian postal card to the High Commissioner.



Figure 4: Address side of Polish postal card to the High Commissioner for Refugees.

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