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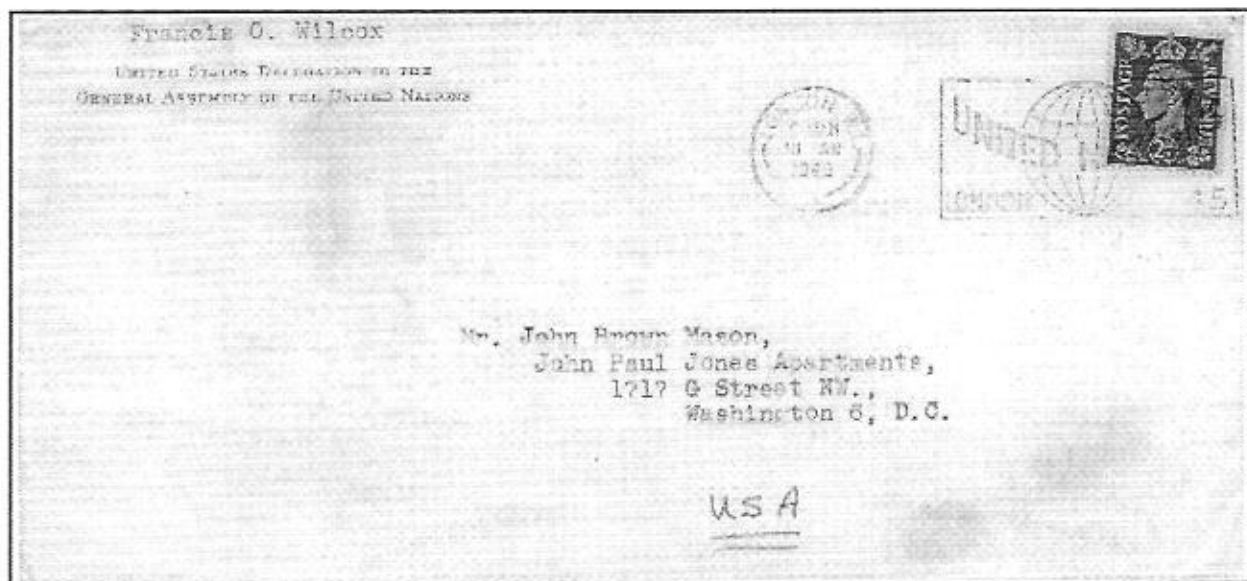
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Rear cover: Front page of the *Journal* of the General Assembly - First Session, No. 8, Friday, January 18, 1946.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Keeping Up with those Other "United Nations" Stamps

At the present time there are three post offices which issue postage stamps for agencies of the United Nations, in addition to the UN Postal Administration: the French, Swiss and Dutch Postal Administrations.

If one is interested in getting UNESCO stamps which can be used only at the headquarters, one can contact La Poste (the French post office). The most recent UNESCO stamps were issued in December 2003 and were reported in an article in the August issue of *The Journal*.

TPG Post (the Netherlands post office) is responsible for producing stamps for use at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The latest ICJ stamps were released in January 2004 and were written up in these pages in the June issue.

Swiss Post produces stamps for use at several international organizations: the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). (The Swiss post office also issues stamps for use by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne.) In 1960 Swiss Post issued its last stamps for use at the International Bureau of Education (IBE). In September 2003 stamps were issued for the UPU and the ITU and were announced in the February issue.

As a result of the latter article, I was asked how one might purchase these stamps. I personally am able to purchase the French and Swiss issues easily because I visit these two countries every two or three years.

During my five-month stay in St. Imier during 2002, I bought the official FDCs and collection sheets and souvenir booklets of the most recent Swiss official stamps at the philatelic agency at the Basel post office near the train station. During times between

trips, I have also ordered items via e-mail using the Swiss website (www.swisspost.ch/philashop) as a guide for material available. I have also subscribed to the English version of the Swiss Post journal *Focus on stamps*. The subscription is free. For me payment is easy as I maintain a small checking account in Switzerland, which allows me to transfer money at no charge. Note that if one does not order at least S.f. 15, there is a service fee of S.f.7, which includes handling and postage. (Current exchange rates make \$1 equal to S.f.1.30.) One can also order by mail using the postage free reply envelopes supplied by Swiss Post.

During this same trip I visited Paris over the Easter break. I was able to buy philatelic documents of the recent (2001) UNESCO series as well as dated corner blocks (coins datés) at a post office in Paris. I went to the UNESCO philatelic agency to buy the UNESCO maximum cards. In principle one can order the philatelic documents via the French post office website (www.laposte.fr) but if the order is less than €40, there is a handling fee of €4. (Currently \$1 = € 0.82.) Again it is easy for me to order by mail because I maintain a bank account in France.

I have never succeeded in ordering ICJ material directly. In principle, one can order via the website (www.tpgpost.nl) but there is a handling charge of €15 for orders traveling outside Europe. I find this excessive. In the past I have been able to buy some ICJ material from the American representative (Interpost) of TPG Post whenever it visited Los Angeles for major shows. However, one can order directly from them at the following address: Interpost, Box 420, Hewlett, NY 11557-0420.

UNP Bulk Orders?

I would like to find out if any members are interested in any of the above material.

The United Nations Study Group based in Great Britain used to arrange for joint purchases of stamps in order to cut down on the handling and postage charges that individuals would pay. In the case of orders with the French and Swiss post offices, these expenses are zero if the order is sufficiently large.

The stamps for UNESCO and the International Organizations in Geneva and Bern are typically commemoratives which correspond to domestic and international tariffs. La Poste issues typically two stamps every two or three years for UNESCO. Swiss Post is equally active.

The stamps issued for ICJ are definitives. The last series which began in 1989 eventually had fifteen denominations in it before a new series began to appear in 2004. This new series was needed due to the change-over of Dutch currency from guilders to euros.

On the last page of the mailer, next to the bid sheet for the auction, you will find a list of items that could be ordered in bulk by the "UN-related Stamp Czar". He would, in turn, break down the bulk order into separate orders for individual delivery. The ultimate price would be that of the post office plus shared shipping and handling costs (if any) from abroad plus postage for the forwarding of individual shipments.

If you are interested in such a service, fill-out the survey form and return it to the editor. Your participation in this survey will in no way commit to buying any items. I am interested in assessing whether there is any interest for such a service. I envision as new issues are announced, I would try to contact interested parties (preferably via e-mail or via *The Journal*, should time allow) with more definite descriptions and prices of items available. Swiss Post generally maintains items on sale with first day cancels about three months. (A sample official FDC

for a UPU service stamp appears in the June 1999 issue of *The Journal* (page 6).) La Poste tends to have such items available longer. (A sample of an official philatelic document and a first day notice for UNESCO stamps can be found in the February 1997 issue of *The Journal* (page 8).) The Dutch post office does not sell items with first day cancellations. A limited number of commercial first day covers and maximum cards are made and are available from European dealers. I currently have no direct contact with any such dealers.

Annual Meeting and Show and Tell

This is a last minute reminder that the Club will be holding its 2004 Annual Meeting at Chicagopex 2004 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel at 3400 West Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. The meeting will be held on Saturday November 20th at midday in the Lake Huron Room.

After about 30 minutes of introductions and general discussion, there will be about ninety minutes of "Show and Tell" presentations. An overhead projector will be available for use with transparencies. There is usually some time available for last-minute contributions. Do not hesitate to bring along a transparency of a UN-related treasure and/or mystery.

Undoubtedly the Club will organize an evening of philatelic socializing at a local restaurant on Saturday evening around 7:00 PM. All members and their guests are welcome. For more information about the Saturday night dinner please stop by the UNP table at the show and let us know your intention to participate so that we can make reservations.

Members visiting Chicagopex are encouraged to bring along surplus UN material to be distributed free of charge to visitors to the stand.

2004 UPU CONGRESS CHANGES VENUE

A short article appeared on page 8 in the June 2002 issue of *The Journal* that the 23rd Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) would be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) in 2004. Following a decision taken by Côte d'Ivoire to withdraw from organizing the Congress as a result of the current political situation in the country, the UPU and the Government of Romania announced in February 2003 that the Congress would be held in Bucharest in the fall of 2004.

From September 15 through October 5, the plenipotentiaries of the 190 UPU member-countries were invited to gather in the Romanian capital for the UPU Congress which takes place every five years. The Congress was organized by the Romanian Government and Posta Romana. This was the first time that this major international gathering of postal regulators, operators and postal industry stakeholders met in Eastern Europe. The UPU Congress was the largest international event ever held in Romania, which hopes to attain membership in the European Union in 2007.

The Congress was scheduled to be opened on September 15th at the Palace Hall (Sala Palatulu) in Bucharest with the participation of Mr. Ion Iliescu, the President of Romania, Mr. Dan Nica, Minister of Communication and Information Technology for Romania and Mr. Thomas E. Leavy, Director General of the UPU. Later that day Congress participants assembled for the First Congress Plenary Session at the International Conference Center (ICC) in the Palace of Parliament (Palatul Parlamentului).

The following day saw the creation of the Consultative Committee, a new UPU body that gives a voice to postal stakeholders not represented by postal operators or regulators. Members of this Committee do not have voting rights, but are able to participate in UPU meetings and sessions.

On September 17th, the World Postal Strategy Forum was held at the ICC. Congress adopted the five key objectives focusing on

universal postal services, quality of service and efficiency of the postal network, markets and response to customer needs, postal reform and sustainable development and cooperation and interaction among stakeholders.

September 29th saw the election of the new Director General and Deputy Director General of the UPU, as well as the election of the new members of the UPU Council of Administration and Postal Operations.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

July 16, 2004

I received the June 2004 issue of the *Journal* of UNP earlier this week and had an opportunity to read it last night. It seems, once again, people have the wrong idea of personalized stamps. Understand that these are meant to be souvenir items. They are supposed to primarily commemorate a person's visit to the United Nations here in New York, as well as be valid for postage.

The overprinted Hong Kong (Expo 2004) sheets are basically the same stamps and format-and concept-that they were meant to be specifically a souvenir of a person's visit to the U.N. Booth at that stamp show. They were not meant to be sold to the general public, even U.N. philatelists such as you and I....

I think this Hong Kong sheet is just the beginning of the iceberg. I can see the U.N. doing this at other international shows in the future as well. Too, if these stamps are successful, I can see not only other denominations for other classes of mail, (i.e. domestic and international post card rates) but personalized stamps being issued for Geneva and Vienna as well.

I do not see how Scott can list the Hong Kong sheet in its catalog, since the stamps were never sold at any of the three U.N. offices. However, even if they do, you do not have to accept this and-if you desire-omit this from your collection.

Steven Scheibner
Bayside, NY

THE 2004 UNITED NATIONS WORLD HERITAGE SERIES - Greece

By Richard Powers

On August 12th of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued its eighth set of six stamps and three prestige booklets containing six more different denominations depicting six World Heritage sites located in the Greece. Undoubtedly the fact that the Olympic summer games in 2004 being held in Athens prompted this year's choice.

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 US\$, Swiss franc 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), Italy (2002) and the USA. 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.

As of July 2004 UNESCO has listed 788 properties of which 611 are of cultural note and 154 are of natural importance and 23 have a mixed character. These properties are found in 134 States. To date there are sixteen World Heritage sites in Greece. Six of these are featured in this issue.

The Acropolis in Athens - 37¢ stamp

The Acropolis in Athens is a site that illustrates the civilizations, myths and relig-



ions that have flourished in Greece over a period of more than one thousand years. It is the site of four of the greatest masterpieces of classical Greek art - the Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Erechtheum and the Temple of Athena Nike.

Delos - 60¢ stamp



According to Greek mythology, Apollo was born on this tiny island in the Cyclades archipelago. Apollo's sanctuary attracted pilgrims from all over Greece. Delos became a prosperous trading port. The island bears traces of the succeeding civilizations in the Aegean world, from the 3rd millennium B.C. to the paleochristian era.

Delphi - F.s. 1,00 stamp

The pan-Hellenic sanctuary of Delphi, where the oracle of Apollo spoke, was the



site of the omphalos, the "navel of the world". Blending harmoniously with the superb landscape and charged with sacred meaning, Delphi in the sixth century B.C. was the religious center and symbol of the unity of the ancient Greek world.

Heraion of Samos - F.s. 1,30 stamp



Many civilizations have inhabited the small Aegean island of Samos, near Asia Minor, since the third millennium B.C. The Heraion is the temple erected in honor of Hera.

Mycenae and Tiryns - € 0,55 stamp

The archaeological sites of Mycenae and Tiryns are the imposing ruins of the two greatest cities of the Mycenaean civilization, which dominated the eastern Mediterranean world from the fifteenth to the twelfth cen-



turies B.C. and played a vital role in the development of classical Greek culture. These two cities are linked to the Homeric epics, the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, which have long since influenced European art.

Olympia - € 0,75 stamp



The site of Olympia, in a valley in the Peloponnese, has been inhabited since prehistoric times. In the tenth century B.C., Olympia became a center for the worship of Zeus. The Altis (the sanctuary to the gods) has one of the highest concentrations of masterpieces from the Greek world. In addition to temples, there are the remains of all the sports structures erected for the Olympic Games, which were held in Olympia every four years beginning in 776 B.C.

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THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

My Dream for Peace One Day

By Richard Powers

On September 21, 2004 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued six commemorative stamps on the occasion of the annual opening of the United Nations General Assembly at the Headquarters in New York.

The General Assembly, in resolution 55/282 of September 7, 2001, decided that, beginning in 2003, the International Day of Peace should be observed on September 21st each year. The Assembly declared that the Day be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities during the Day. It invited all Member States, organizations of the UN system, regional and non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the Day appropriately manner, via education and public awareness and to cooperate with the UN in establishing a global ceasefire.

In response to this resolution, the UNPA has decided to commemorate the International Day of Peace by adopting a three-year annual global Peace stamp program beginning this year. The stamp designs for "My Dream for Peace One Day" were obtained through an agreement between the Lions Clubs International and the United Nations. Every year the Lions Clubs International sponsors a youth global peace poster contest. Children from around the world, ages 11-13 submit artwork, which is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the annual theme. The winners of the 2002-03 competition were chosen by the UNPA for the stamps that were issued this year. The six designs appear to the right.

Inspired by these new stamps, I have decided to probe into the operation of the General Assembly and to document philatelically some of the more important events in its history. This summary begins on the following page.



The Grand prize winner Sittichok Pariyakat from Thailand designed the 37¢ stamp (above left). A merit award winner Bayan Fais Abu Blal from Israel designed the 80¢ stamp (above right).



A merit award winner Anggun Sita Rustinya from Indonesia designed the F.s. 0,85 stamp (above left). A merit award winner Amanda Nunez from Belize from Taiwan designed the F.s. 1,20 stamp (above right).



A merit award winner Henry Ulfe Rentaria from Peru designed the € 0,55 stamp (above left). A merit award winner Michelle Fortaliza from the Philippines designed the € 1,00 stamp (above right).

Functions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly is the main deliberative organ of the United Nations. It is composed of representatives of all Member States, each of which has one vote. Discussions on important questions, such as those on peace and security, admission of new Members and budgetary matters, require a two-thirds majority. Discussions on other matters are adopted by a simple majority. Figure 1 shows a view of the General Assembly meeting in Flushing, New York on September 30, 1947 on the occasion of the admission of Pakistan and Yemen to the United Nations.



Figure 1: View of the General Assembly in session at Flushing Meadows in September 1947. (Taken from a postcard produced by the UN Department of Public Information.)

Under the Charter of the United Nations, the functions and powers of the General Assembly include:

- To consider and make recommenda-

tions on the principles of cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, including the principles governing disarmament and arms regulations;

- To discuss any question relating to international peace and security, except where a dispute or situation is being discussed by the Security Council, to make recommendations on it;
- To discuss and, with the same exception, make recommendations on any question within the scope of the Charter or affecting the powers and functions of any organ of the United Nations;
- To initiate studies and make recommendations to promote international political cooperation, the development and codification of international law, the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and international collaboration in economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields;
- To make recommendations for the peaceful settlement of any situation, regardless of origin, which might impair friendly relations among nations;
- To receive and consider reports from the Security Council and other United Nations organs;
- To consider and approve the United Nations budget and to apportion the contributions among Members;
- To elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council, the members of the Economic and Social Council and those members of the Trusteeship Council that are elected; to elect jointly with the Security Council the Judges of the International Court of Justice; and, on recommendation of the Security Council, to appoint the

Secretary-General. Figure 2 shows a philatelic cover commemorating the selection during the First Session of the General Assembly in London of five non-permanent members of the Security Council: Egypt, Brazil, Poland, Australia and the Netherlands.

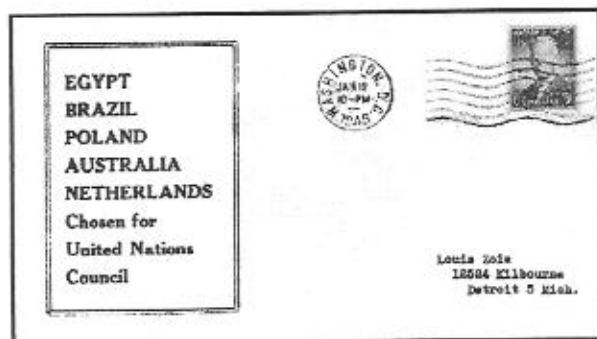


Figure 2: Philatelic cover dated January 12, 1946 honoring the selection of Egypt, Brazil, Poland, Australia and the Netherlands for non-permanent seats of the Security Council during the London Session.

Sessions

The regular session of the General Assembly usually begins each year in September. The 2004-2005 session will be the fifty-ninth regular session. At the start of each regular session, the Assembly elects a new President, twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairpersons of the Assembly's six Main Committees: Disarmament and International Security; Economic and Financial; Social, Humanitarian and Cultural; Special Political and Decolonization; Administrative and Budgetary; Legal.

First Session: London 1946

The first session of the United Nations General Assembly opened on January 10, 1946 at Central Hall in London. On the front cover of this issue of *The Journal* is a service cover of the United States Delegation to General Assembly postmarked on this very day with the special slogan cancel

produced by the British Post Office on the occasion of this meeting. The addressee was Francis Wilcox, the special assistant to Senator Tom Connally, who was one of the five representatives of the United States to the London General Assembly. The other representatives were Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. (who had been the Chief of the United States Delegation at the United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO), Senator Arthur H. Vandenburg and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In a sense one might argue that this was the first day of operation of the United Nations as a truly world body. In 1958 the UNPA commemorated this meeting with two stamps (Scott UNNY #61-62), the former of which appears on the left in Figure 3(a).



(a) UNNY #61 (b) UNNY #77

Figure 3: UNPA stamps showing Central Hall in London (a) and the Palais de Chaillot in Paris (b), the sites, respectively, of the First and Third General Assemblies.

In the February 1996 issue of the *Journal* (page 5) appears a service cover sent by Mr. Stettinius on United States Forces stationery in January 1946. The return address clearly mentions the United Nations (General) As-

sembly c/o of the American Embassy in London.

The Session in London dealt with establishing the general structure of the United Nations. On February 1, 1946 Trygve Lie was selected to be the first Secretary-General. The photo below (Figure 4) shows Paul-Henri Spaak, the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the first President of the General Assembly on the right and Trygve Lie, the first Secretary-General during the London Session. It is interesting to note that these two diplomats were the final two candidates for the Presidency of the General Assembly. Spaak received twenty-eight of the fifty-one votes; Lie, the Foreign Minister of Norway, received twenty-three votes.



Figure 4: Paul-Henri Spaak (Belgium) presiding at the First General Assembly Session in London (1946) with Secretary-General Trygve Lie at his right.

The back cover of this issue displays the front page of the *Journal of the General Assembly First Session*. This was the

eighth issue of this journal. It appeared on January 18th and listed the program of events for the day, which included the thirteenth and fourteenth plenary meetings, as well as the proceedings of the eleventh and twelfth plenary sessions. It is interesting to note that at 10:00 a.m. a special meeting of the United Nations Committee on League of Nations assets was being held at Church House, where the United Nations had established its first secretariat. The London portion of the First General Assembly ended on February 14, 1946.

First Session: Flushing, New York 1946

The First Session of the General Assembly resumed on October 23, 1946. It was held in the New York City Building at Flushing Meadows the site of the 1939 New York World's Fair. The UNPA issued two commemoratives in 1959 (UNNY #69-70), the former of which appears in Figure 5, and which pictures this building.



Figure 5: Site of General Assembly meetings held at Flushing Meadows, New York from 1946 through 1950 pictured on UNNY #69.

A philatelic cover marking the reopening of the Session appears in Figure 6.

Figure 7 displays a service cover sent by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was a member of the United States Delegation to the First Session of the General Assembly. The cover is postmarked December 10, 1946 and is postage free because of its official nature. This is in contrast to similar envelopes used in London, as in the case of the

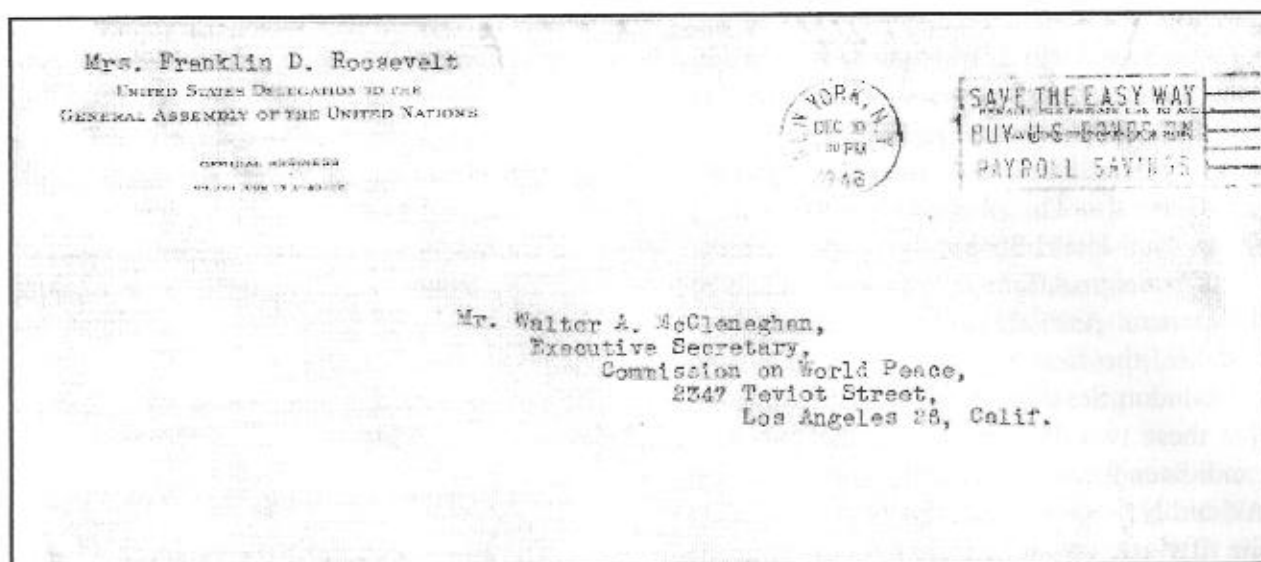


Figure 7: Service cover sent by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as a member of the United States Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations in Flushing, New York and postmarked December 10, 1946 to the Executive Secretary of the Commission on World Peace in Los Angeles. This was the continuation of the First Session, which began in London in January 1946. Note that the official nature of the letter allowed the use of the penalty envelope without postage.



Figure 8: Service cover bearing the corner card of the Office of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations in Lake Success, New York sent from Haifa(?), Israel in (1948?) with Israeli stamps by a staff member of the UN Secretariat back home in Great Neck, Long Island, New York.

cover on the front cover, which had to bear British postage. This second portion of the First General Assembly continued until December 15, 1946.



Figure 6: Philatelic cover honoring the Opening Day of the First Session of the General Assembly on October 23, 1946 in Flushing, New York.

The Second Session of the General Assembly was also held at Flushing Meadows from September 16th through November 29th in 1947. The Fourth (1949) and Fifth Sessions were also held at Flushing Meadows.

The First Special Session: On Palestine 1947

The first major international problem to confront the General Assembly was the issue of Palestine. After World War I the United Kingdom had been given the responsibility for Palestine by the League of Nations in the form of a trust territory. In 1947 the United Kingdom referred the future status to the General Assembly. A special session of the Assembly was held from April 28 until May 14, 1947. Figure 8 displays a philatelic cover bearing the United Nations Lake Success postmark tying Scott US #928 on the opening day of the session. The "official" cachet clearly shows the affected territory.

Beginning in the spring of 1948, members of the United Nations Secretariat staff began working on a variety of tasks in Palestine,

which came to include observation of the military conflicts and eventual truce, which arose after the General Assembly had approved the partition of Palestine into independent Arab and Jewish states. Figure 9 shows a service cover postmarked August 9, 1948(?) in Haifa (?), Israel. The Israeli stamps Scott #2, 3 and 6 had been issued on May 16, 1948.



Figure 8: Philatelic cover honoring the opening on April 25, 1947 of the First Special Session of the General Assembly called by the United Kingdom to discuss the status of Palestine

Third and Sixth Sessions: Paris 1948 and 1951-2

In January 1948 a decision was made to hold the Third Session of the General Assembly in Europe. But the final city Paris was not selected until June. The venue chosen was the Palais de Chaillot, which appears, in part, in Figure 3b, in the design of the stamps (UNNY #77 -8) issued by the UNPA in 1960.

Better views of the site appear on the 1948 stamps issued by the French post office (#605-6), which can be seen on the favor item, which appears in Figure 9. Both stamps are tied with the conference hand cancel dated December 11, 1948. The legend of the cancel reads: NATIONS UNIES ASSEMBLEE GALE (United Nations General Assembly). The corner card is that of the United Nations Secretariat, which had

moved to the Palais de Chaillot in Paris to prepare and to shut down the Third Session, which opened on September 21 and closed on December 12, 1948.

With the Assembly Building at United Nations Headquarters in New York City still incomplete in 1951, it was decided to return to Paris to hold the Sixth Session, which opened November 6, 1951 and closed on January 18, 1952.

The French post office prepared two commemoratives (Scott #671-2) and a special conference cancel. In Figure 10 is a service cover of the Dutch Delegation to the Sixth General Assembly bearing the 30-franc stamp tied to the cover by a machine conference cancel dated December 10, 1951.

Seventh Session: New York City 1952

The first session of the General Assembly - the Seventh Session - to take place in its new permanent home at United Nations Headquarters in New York City opened on October 14, 1952. In 1963 the UNPA issued two stamps (Scott #119-20) picturing the General Assembly Building. The latter stamp appears in Figure 10.



Figure 10: The venue of General Assembly Sessions since 1952 at United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

Figure 11 shows a philatelic cover bearing a 3¢ United Nations stamp (Scott #4) on the occasion of the opening of the Seventh Session of the General Assembly. September

21, 2004 will mark the opening of the Fifty-ninth Session.



Figure 11: Philatelic cover commemorating the opening of the Seventh Session in 1952 at UN Headquarters in New York City. (Courtesy of Blanton Clement, Jr.)

In the intervening years there have been at least twenty-seven special sessions (up to 2002). The World Summit for Children was held May 8 - 10, 2002. There have been at least ten emergency special sessions (up to 2003). The Session studying Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of Occupied Palestinian Territory has met as recently as December 3, 2003.

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Figure 9: UN Secretariat stationery bearing two French stamps (Scott #605-6) tied with conference cancel of the General Assembly Third Session in Paris on December 11, 1948. The use of both stamps on an airmail envelope produced an overfranked but attractive souvenir.

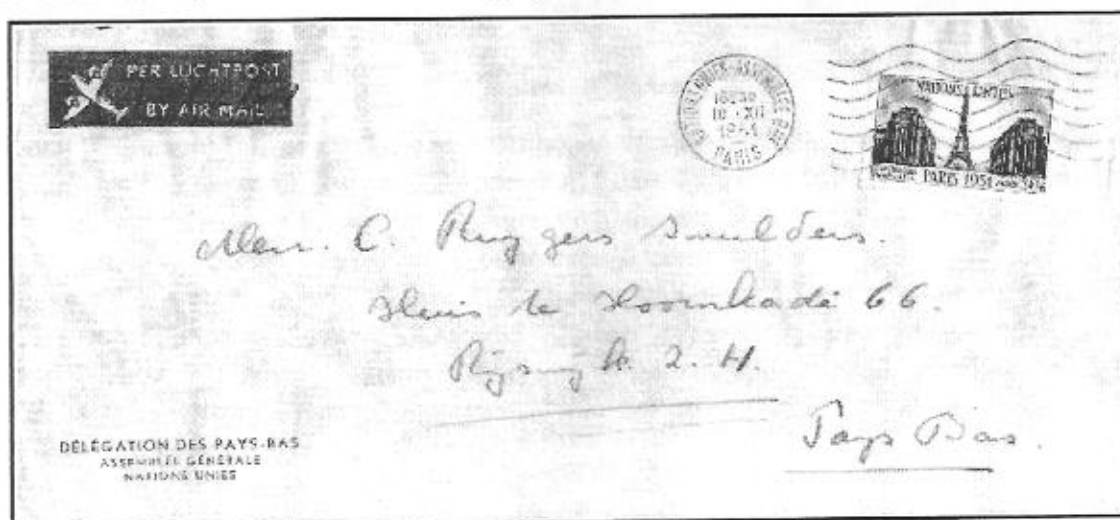


Figure 10 : Service cover bearing conference machine cancel and stamp from the Dutch Delegation to the Fifth Session of the General Assembly in Paris postmarked on December 10, 1951.

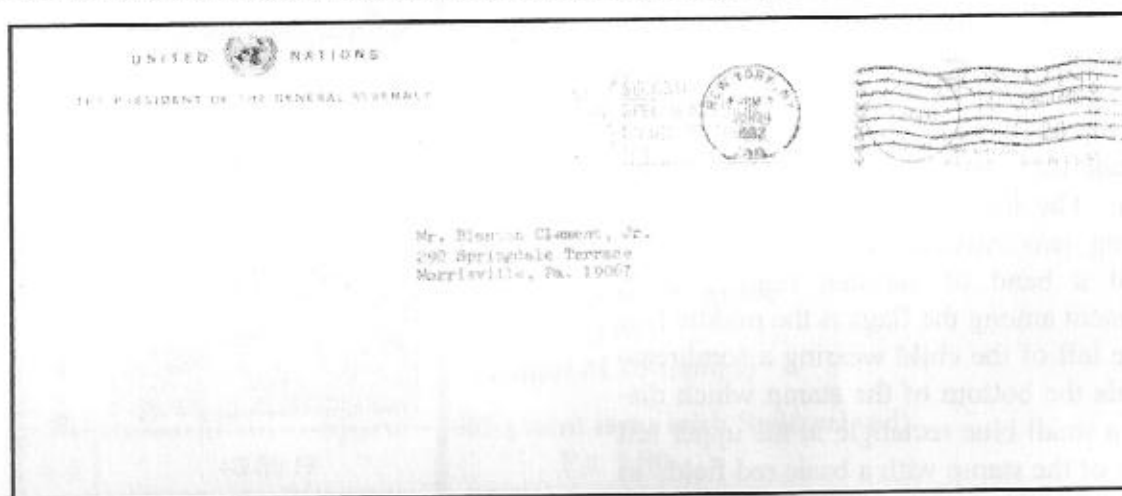


Figure 12: Service cover dated June 24, 1982 from the General Assembly President with meter slogan noting the Second Special Session on Disarmament in 1982 (Courtesy of B. Clement, Jr.).

UNPA NEWS

By Richard Powers

THE UN STAMP THAT WILL NOT BE ISSUED



The above was originally scheduled to be released on September 13th as part of the General Assembly - My Dream for Peace One Day set. This design for the original F.s. 1,20 stamp was the work of Chih-Yuan Yang of Taiwan, one of the five Merit Award Winners in the Lions Clubs International global peace poster constant in the 2002-03 competition.

On August 23rd I received a letter from the UNPA in Vienna that because of an error, this stamp would not be issued. Stamps of this type, which had been distributed to the press were being recalled. The design by Amanda Nunez, which appears on page 6 of this issue, would replace it. I looked in vain for a technical error in this design. I thus conclude that "error" must be in the subject matter. The stamp displays a dove of peace carrying two children about which is entwined a band of national flags. Quite prominent among the flags is the middle flag (to the left of the child wearing a sombrero) towards the bottom of the stamp which displays a small blue rectangle in the upper left corner of the stamp with a basic red field. In the blue rectangle is a single white star. I

believe this is essentially the flag of the Republic of China, now known as Taiwan. One can well imagine the embarrassment in the corridors of the Secretariat in New York, when this flag was noticed. Taiwan has long been in limbo after it had to cede its place in the General Assembly and the Security Council to the People's Republic of China on October 26, 1971.

NEW FEATURE ON JAPANESE PEACE BELL STAMPS: DATE OF PRINTING

Have you noticed that the UN stamps honoring the Japanese Peace Bell bear the date of printing in the selvage at the lower right corner? What appears to be a plate number appears in the lower left hand corner. The stamps were printed by Imprimerie des Timbres-Postes (Paris), which also produces the French service stamps issued for use at UNESCO in Paris. In general UNESCO sheets also bear these two pieces of information. An imprint pair from the lower right corner appears below for the 80¢ UNNY stamp. The only printing date that I have observed is March 11, 2004 for stamps from all three UN offices.



2004 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of September 1, 2004 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 Definitive

€ 0,55

(1 sheet of 20 stamps)

March 4

Indigenous Art - Europe

6×37¢, 6×F.s. 1,00, 6×€ 0,55

(3 Sheets of 6 stamps)

April 7

Road Safety

37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

June 3

50th Anniversary of Japanese Peace Bell

80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 2,10

(3 sheets of 20 stamps)

Souvenir card

Postal 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¢, 20¢, 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

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

Surcharged Postal Stationery

Postal cards F.s. 0,70 + 0,15, F.s. 0,90 + 0,10, F.s. 1,10 + 0,10

October 14

Human Rights (Education Decade 1995 - 2004)

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

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 15

Disarmament Definitive

37¢

(1 sheet of 20 stamps)

November 23

Sports - 2005 (Joint issue with Switzerland)

F.s. 1,80

(1 sheet of 20 stamps)

2004 Annual Collection Folders

A PRECONFERENCE COVER TO THE UNCIO IN NEW YORK

By Richard Powers

At StampShow 2004 in Sacramento I came across an interesting early cover associated with the United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO). The cover (Figure 1) was sent airmail special delivery from the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 9:00 pm on April 11, 1945 to Mr. J. Val Muller, Transportation Officer of the UNCIO at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. This is two weeks before the conference began in San Francisco. The cover bears an olive green 8¢ airmail stamp (Scott # C26) and a blue 15¢ special delivery stamp (# E17).

The trip is well documented with back stamps on the rear of the cover (Figure 2). It arrived at Grand Central Post Office at 7:05 am on April 12th. It was received on the 6th floor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at 8:27 am.

Gaines mentions (page 948) that in January of 1946 the first office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the

USA was located on the sixth floor of this hotel before it moved to Hunter College in April 1946.

This cover strongly suggests the United Nations presence at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel nearly a year earlier. One might ask why the organizers at the Department of State in Washington of the UNCIO in San Francisco would use New York to house its Transportation Officer. Presumably this was due to the fact that many conference attendees arrived in the USA via New York, possibly even staying at the Waldorf.



Figure 2: Receiving cancels on rear of cover.



Figure 1: 1945 State Department letter to UNCIO office in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

UNPA VIENNA ISSUES NEW STATIONERY

By Duane F. Lamers

The offices of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna released three new designs on June 3, 2004 for the two pre-stamped envelopes and the postal card that it makes available to customers for use at the International Center.

The new designs were occasioned by a postal rate hike in Austria that took effect on June 2, 2003, raising the tariff for priority postal cards to € 0,55 and the tariffs for envelopes € 0,55 and € 1,25. UNPA- Vienna surcharged its remaining stocks of previously-released cards and envelopes as a temporary measure to accommodate the rate hike and also to spare clerks the task of affixing additional postage to make the items salable. Postal regulations require that stationery items can be sold only when bearing the appropriate amount of postage, either by postal staff affixing stamps or by surcharging existing stock before items are sold. Under-valued stationery may not be sold as such.

Postal rate schedules remain the province of each country despite the fact that much of Europe now uses a common currency. Austria mandates € 0,55 to carry a postal card or an envelope up to twenty grams in weight to any domestic and to most European destinations. The tariff of € 1,25 applies to envelopes weighing between 100 and 350 grams for delivery in Austria and up to 50 grams for surface mail or up to 20 grams for airmail to overseas addresses.

The envelopes and card feature views of the complex of structures that comprise the Center, with the postal card using one such view as part of the "stamp" as well. (Editor's Note: The design for these three items of stationery appeared on the front and back covers of the June 2004 issue of *The Journal*.) A photograph of the UN flag fluttering in the breeze is the stamp on the lower-rate envelope, while a simple but

striking design feature a dove in flight carrying an olive branch serves as the stamp for the higher-value envelope.

This writer considers it an improvement this time around that the envelopes are designed to permit a return address to be written in the upper left corner. This was not possible on the two envelopes (four, if you regard the surcharged pieces as a separate issue) that preceded this new set.

What the design giveth, the design also taketh away: the horizontal format of the current design leaves less room for the user of the envelopes to write in the name and address of the recipient conveniently. One might well ask, regarding UNPA envelope design in recent years, including New York emissions, whether the designer actually takes the user into consideration. It seems they are designs for design sake alone. Certainly the rather dark color of the New York envelopes can be an impediment for optical scanners, especially if users do not compensate by pressing more firmly with pen or pencil in addressing. This is an issue that is not likely to come to the attention of the UNPA, however, since very envelopes find their way into the mailstream.

This brings to mind another matter that ought to be at the front of all considerations when stamps and stationery are being designed: utility. Is the user comfortable with it? It is this writer's opinion that stamps and stationery ought to be designed first for *use* and not for *collecting*. We seem to have things backward here.

Overall, the new Vienna emissions are attractive. Sixty-three thousand postal cards were printed for sale. The printing totals for the envelopes were fifty-three thousand for the € 0.55 envelope; forty-eight thousand, for the other. We would wish for a sellout, which would be a wonderful testament to their actual use.

MORE ON LIMITED-EDITION PERSONALIZED SHEETS

By Richard Powers

RECENT EBAY ACTIVITY OF THE HONG KONG PERSONALIZED SHEET AND ANOTHER ONE SOLD AT ESSEN

In two Letters to the Editor which appeared in the June issue of *The Journal*, it was reported that seven bidders had driven the price of a copy of the UN Personalized Sheet, which had been sold at Hong Kong Expo 2004 up to \$151 around March 15th on eBay.

Three months later another copy of the sheet was auctioned off by the same seller for \$110 on June 15th on eBay. This time there were four active bidders, who were willing to pay at least the opening price of \$49.95.

One month later a third copy of the sheet received no bids at all by the time the auction closed on July 7th. The same seller had set the same opening bid at \$49.95. The UNPA price for the sheet is \$14.95. I wonder what happened to the three bidders, who were willing to pay at least this opening bid only three weeks earlier. It would appear that the "thrill is gone" and that perhaps sanity has returned to the market.

In the meantime UNPA Vienna sold special personalized sheets at the Essen, Ger-

many show from June 3-5.

HONG KONG EXPO SHOW COVER

In the mean time show covers from Hong Kong Expo 2004 are beginning to emerge. A cover (Figure 1) bearing a stamp/label pair was auctioned off on eBay in July by a seller in Australia. The fact that the label bears the Hong Kong Expo logo reveals the source of the pair: the Hong Kong Expo generic personalized sheet. The stamp, bearing the UN logo, is tied to the cover by what appears to be a UNPA show cachet echoing the label. This is not a postal cancellation. Such "cancellations" of UN stamps with show cachets have traditionally been forbidden. Whether this indicates an official change of policy or is simply a cancellation that "sneaked through" remains to be seen. At shows in the US, where the UNPA has produced a show cancel, it will tolerate the use of the cancel by show cover producers if they have lots of covers to stamp and promise not to cancel the stamps. Covers with UN stamps to be canceled must be returned to UN headquarters for cancellation unless a special arrangement has been

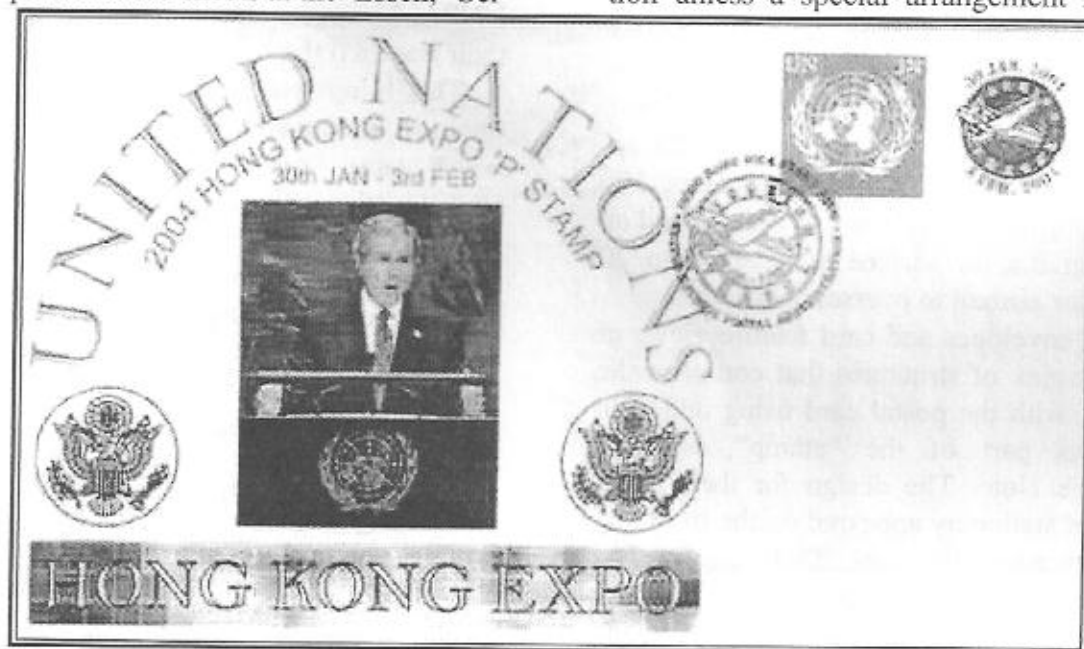


Figure 1: Commercial cover from Hong Kong Expo with UN personalized stamps.

made with the local post office authority such as in the case of San Francisco or Chicago.

In response to my e-mail about the source of the cacheted envelope, the seller responded it was privately produced. The cachet is indeed remarkable. It shows President Bush behind a lectern bearing the UN logo. Presumably it is a photo from a UN General Assem-

bly session, probably in 2002. The legend in the cachet refers to a "2004 Hong Kong Expo 'P' Stamp". I suppose 'P' stands for personalized and refers specifically to the Hong Kong version of the personalized sheet. How many of the 1000 personalized Hong Kong sheets were broken down for show covers remains to be seen.

MORE ON THE 2003 FRENCH SERVICE STAMPS ISSUED FOR UNESCO

By Richard Powers

In the August issue of *The Journal* (page 2) a short unillustrated article appeared announcing the latest French service stamps which were issued in December 2003 for the use by UNESCO at Headquarters in Paris. Figure 1 shows a monochromatic (green) proof produced by the Imprimerie des Timbres-Postes in Paris showing the designs of these two new stamps.

The € 0,50 stamp on the left showing a reindeer under the Northern Lights honors the Laponian Area, commonly known as Lapp-land. It is honored for its cultural and geological significance. The Arctic Circle region of northern Sweden is the home of the Saami or Lapp people. It is the largest area in the world (and one of the last) with an ancestral way

of life based on the seasonal movement of livestock. Every summer, the Saami lead their huge herds of reindeer towards the mountains through a natural landscape hitherto preserved but now threatened by motor vehicles. (www.whc.unesco.org)

The € 0,75 stamp on the right depicts the Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in St. Petersburg. As it was built on the spot where Czar Alexander II was assassinated in 1881, it is also known as the Church of Spilled Blood or Church on Blood. This Czar is known for having freed the serfs. Construction took place from 1883 until 1907. The more than 75000 square meters of mosaics link Alexander's murder with the crucifixion. (www.saint-petersburg.com)

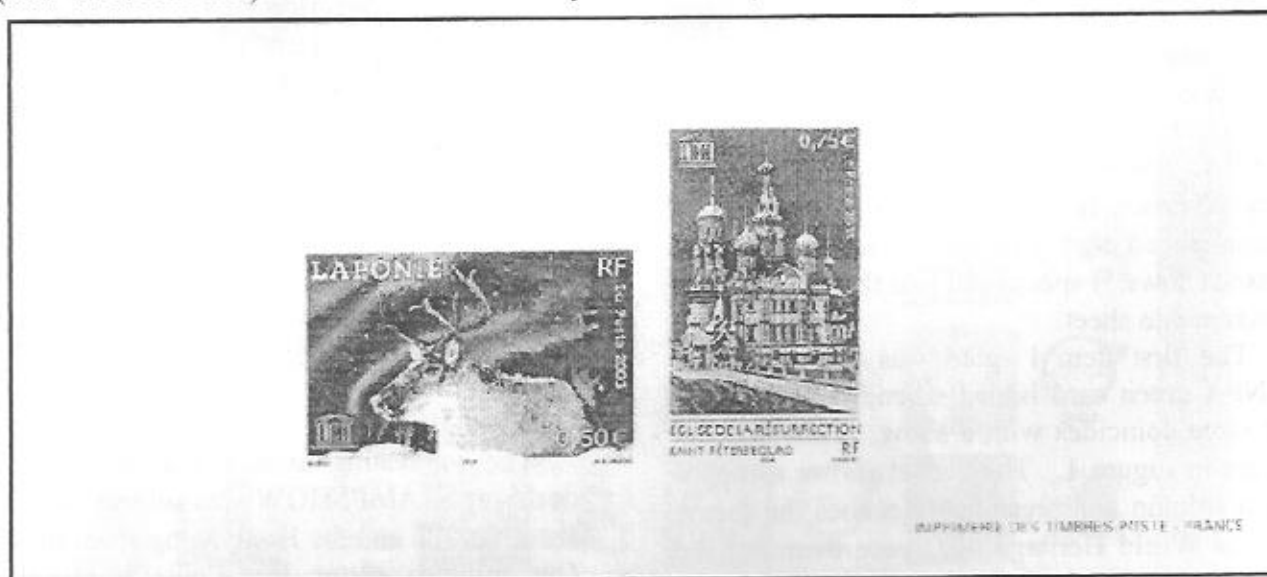


Figure 1: Proof of the 2003 French service stamps issued for UNESCO.

UNPA PARTICIPATION AT STAMPSHOW 2004 - SACRAMENTO

By Richard Powers

It has been more than ten years since **StampShow**, the annual four-day exhibition organized by the American Philatelic Society (APS), has visited California. This is the show where the Champion of Champions is chosen in the World Series of Philately from the grand award winners from thirty-one regional shows. This year StampShow was held in Sacramento, California August 12th through 15th.

There were 140 dealers who had standard booths plus three Dime Booths (where no item could be sold for more than 10¢) plus nine Dollar Booths (nothing more than \$1). Eighteen Postal Administrations were present including the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA). Twenty-five Society Booths were manned. Both the United States Postal Service (USPS) and the UNPA held first day ceremonies.

The UNPA ceremony took place on the opening day of the show. This was the first day of issue of the 2004 World Heritage series for Greece. The UNPA sent no representative from New York. The principal speaker was APS President Janet Krug, who spoke about the connection between the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and the 2004 World Heritage series. A presentation booklet containing first day canceled copies of the New York stamps were given out to the nearly seventy people present for the ceremony.

The first booth I visited was that of the UNPA. I was anxious to see if the UNPA had any surprises for visitors such as the special personalized sheets issued at Hong Kong and Essen shows. I speculated that there might be a Sacramento sheet.

The first item I spied was the traditional UNPA green card issued whenever a first day of issue coincides with a show. This card appears in Figure 1. The cachet shows a capital of a column and presumably echoes the theme of the World Heritage of Greece theme of the 37¢ stamp, which shows the Acropolis in Athens.

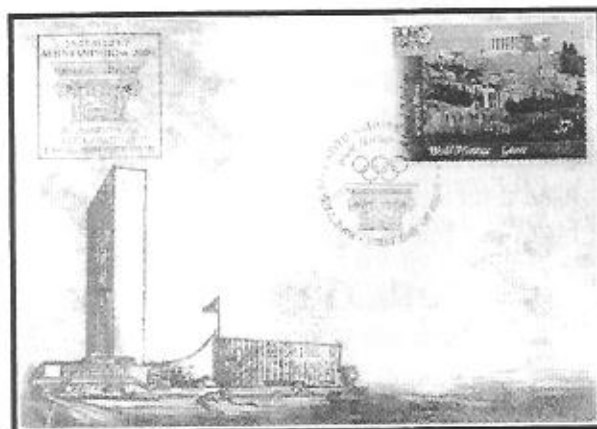


Figure 1: UNPA Green Card issued at Stampshow 2004 in Sacramento, California.

Traditionally whenever I visit a show with UNPA participation I try to buy a show card (green for New York, blue for Geneva, white for Vienna). I also try to obtain an official first day cover with a show cachet as a souvenir of my visit. Unfortunately during the two days that I visited the show, the cachet handstamp was not available. It had not been shipped from New York. It was scheduled to arrive sometime on August 14th, the day of my return to Pasadena via Amtrak. I then asked if there were any personalized sheets for sale. The representative told me she had two different types: the old one from 2003 and a new one from 2004, which turned out to be the sheet sold in Essen, which took place June 3rd-5th. She had about twelve of them.

Figure 2 shows the Essen sheet, which like all personalized sheets, whether generic or with photographs, cost \$14.95, approximately twice the face value of the stamps. Five of the labels depict the logo of the Briefmarken-Messe Essen. The remaining fifteen depict show cachets used the fifteen times that the UNPA visited the Essen Stamp Fair.

It is interesting to note that a New York dealer at STAMPSHOW was selling the Essen sheet for \$25 and the Hong Kong sheet for \$50. Our military editor Jean-Louis Emmenegger tells me that a German dealer was asking €35

(or about \$42) for an Essen sheet. The latter maintained that 1500 sheets were printed and were sold out by the end of the show. My experience at Sacramento contradicts this.

During my rounds at StampShow I came across the California dealer who has been auctioning off Hong Kong sheets on eBay. (See page 18 of this issue.) I understand that he has sold about five sheets on eBay with an average price about \$100. The dealer had gone to Hong Kong and had bought about seventy-five sheets of the thousand printed. In Sacramento he was asking about \$90 for the Hong Kong sheet.

He then volunteered a piece of interesting information about these sheets. He says that the UNPA chief Robert Gray showed him at Hong Kong a mock-up for a generic personalized sheet to be issued in New York at the spring Mega-Event in limited quantities. The dealer claims that he warned Gray that issuing limited quantities was asking for trouble. A dealer could easily buy up the entire issue and

ask whatever the market would bear. No such sheet appeared.

Needless to say I am in no rush to buy a Hong Kong sheet. Unless the Scott Catalog gives a separate listing for the sheets and distinguishes the sheets, no great demand may develop for these different show varieties. I remember when the Blue Cards were first issued by the UNPA in Geneva. I saw a blue card from Colmar (I think) go for about DM1500 (about \$500) at a UNOP auction. Three hundred copies of the second blue card issued at Nancy have a Gaines price of \$750 in italics, which indicate that this is a highly speculative item. Two hundred copies of the third card were issued at Perigueux have a price of \$325. Three hundred copies of the fourth blue card were sold at Colmar and have a price of \$475. These prices date from 1996. I suspect that if these items came up for auction, they would bring much less today. Interest in these show cards has plummeted.



Figure 2: Personalized sheet sold at Essen and Sacramento.

UNPI 2004B AUCTION

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1. Presentation "C" folders collection (40) different including better items such as flags 1975-1993 exc cond. MB\$75

League of Nations

2. 1926 early official League of Nations cover #10 vertical fold using Swiss Stamps to Basel vf cond MB\$25

3. 1925 League of Nations Assembly cover with assembly registration label and assembly postmarks on League stationery #10 to Geneva MB\$25

4. Union of League of Nations Series 1 postcard (Italy) 1930s. Series 1 had 6 different cards, 4 of which are offered in this auction. Card has writing on back, not been posted MB\$10

5. Union of League of Nations Series 1 postcard (Germany). Card has writing on back, not posted MB\$10

6. Union of League of Nations Series 1 postcard (Greece). Card has writing on back, not posted MB\$10 (PHOTO)



7. Union of League of Nations Series 1 postcard (France). Card has writing on back, not posted MB\$10

ITU-related

8. ITU 1912 London conference cancel on properly posted conference hotel PC to Paris, 7/15/12 meter MB\$50

9. ITU 1932 Madrid conference cancel on posted cover to US 10/10/32 MB\$50

10. ITU 1938 Egyptian conference cancel tying set of stamps issued by Egypt for conference FDC 11/29/38 with printed address MB\$20

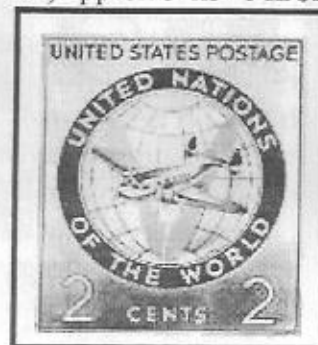
11. ITU 1958 Swiss conference cancel on official stationery with various conference markings. Souvenir cover MB\$5

12. ITU 1965 Montreux conference cover on official stationery with conference cancel and registration label posted to Basel MB\$10

Miscellaneous UN and Agencies

13. Photo black proof for US 4 Freedoms stamp (1940s) approx 3"x3" MB\$25

14. Photo black proof for US 4 Freedoms stamp (1940s) approx 3"x3" MB\$25(PHOTO)



15. Photo black proof for United Nations 928 stamp (1940s) approx 3"x3" MB\$25

16. Unused official postcard from United Nations (1st Series in 1940s) General Assembly Building MB\$10
17. Official cover 2nd UN Atomic Energy Conference 1958 on official stationery 8/9/58 to Geneva with conference stamp, cancel & registry label posted within Switzerland MB\$25
18. Official cover U.S. Delegation to 5th World Forestry Congress - Organizing Committee 7/1/49 MB\$75
19. Official cover Interim Commission for ITO sent to US MB \$25
20. Official cover International Bank 1952 Paris to USA Very early usage properly posted vertical fold MB\$25
21. ITO Preparatory Committee cover with cancel C.1 (Havava) and Cachet A MB\$50
22. ITO Preparatory Committee cover with cancel C.2 (Havana) and Cachet B MB\$50
23. ITO Preparatory Committee cover with cancel C.4 (Havana) and Reg #1 marking on Australian Embassy stationery to USA MB\$150 (PHOTO)



Peacekeeping Operations

24. Korean War - Belgium UNO Forces airletter (Blue/S.M. imprint) unused - MB\$25
25. Korean War - Belgium UNO Forces airletter (Blue/M.D. & Nr. 35 imprints) unused MB\$35
26. Korean War - Belgium UNO Forces airletter (Blue//M.D. imprint) unused MB\$25
27. Korean War - Belgium UNO Forces airletter (Green/M.D. imprint) used MB\$35
28. Korean War - Belgium UNO Forces airletter (Green/S.M. imprint) used MB\$35
29. Korean War - Belgium UNO Forces airletter (Green/S.M. imprint) unused MB\$25
30. UN Diplomatic Pouch Tags (5) from UNDP Offices Central African Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Haiti, all from 1976, all with UN official embossed seals MB\$15
31. UN Diplomatic Pouch Tags (5) from UNIC Offices Argentina, Denmark, Japan, Mexico, & Russia, from 1972-76, all with UN official embossed seals MB\$15
32. UN Diplomatic Pouch Tag from UNFICYP Cyprus, 1979, with Olympic Airways label, (3) UN or UNFICYP stamped imprints in violet MB\$10
33. Baggage Tag- Netherlands Post, UNIFIL Netherlands Detachment, NAPO 25, with Metal embossed seal on attached cord, embossed NAPO27 PTT, Charter KLU, from 1979 MB\$10
34. Baggage Tag, Canada Post, stamped in blue CFPO 5002 & UNEF cancel Mar 68, also written "CFPO 111 Golan" and "UNDOF Damascus" MB\$10
35. Unused Baggage Tag, Canadian Armed Forces Mail for CAPO 5046, Canadian Contingent, ONUC Leopoldville, Rep of Congo MB\$10
36. Diplomatic Pouch Tag, UNEF Beirut to UNDOF Damascus, 1976, Stamped imprint in violet UNEF 1973 A.R.E.-UN Emblem MB\$10
37. UN Diplomatic Pouch Tag, UNMOGIP, 1978, UN official embossed seal MB\$10

Miscellaneous

38. (20) #10 covers from UN worldwide offices to IAEA-Vienna, late 1970's, 12 pouch, 8 metered MB\$10
39. League Conference, Lausanne 1922/2 (Gaines pg.1025), small cover with conference cancel #2 and conference registry label MB\$28

40. UN Conference-San Francisco 1945, (8) 8x10 original photos of press people at conference, with conference signs in background & wearing conference pins some photos stuck back to back MB\$25

41. FDC collection (200) different all vf unaddressed Geneva cachets many better issues, high original cost MB\$60

Donated Lots

The following lots (42-49) were generously donated by former member Charles Smith - 100% proceeds go to the club.

42. Blue Card #13 Stampex with British stamp & Big Four conference postal card 8/23/55 special cancel Geneva vf MB\$5

43. Luminous postal card (commercial) unusual 5/11/59 Palais des Nations Geneva special cancel & Blue Cards #16 (6) all canceled with additional Russian stamps unusual vf MB\$5

44. White Card #5C ERROR albino cancel and imprint vf Gaines\$40 & White Card #8G ERROR wrong text Type A on reverse Gaines\$100 MB\$20

45. Blue Card #105ii ERROR stamp & cancel but no imprint Gaines\$40 & White Cards #1-7 error Type II broken border under Palais Gaines\$18 MB\$10

46. FDC Philswiss cachet jumbo 1976 MI4 set NY & Geneva vf unaddressed & Geneva menu for 10th anniversary UNPA stamps 1979 vf canceled Gaines p.579 MB\$5

47. White Cards #1-6 ERROR type 1 blue line under Palais Gaines\$16 MB\$5

48. MISC. lot (5) UN Environment France very large metered covers to USA, 1979 Invitation to Geneva stamp ceremony, Vienna #1-6 FDCs (6) off Geneva cachets vf unad, 1994 (2) UN Xmas voucher booklets, White Card #59K ERROR stamp but no imprint/cancel, Swiss (2) fd sheets, plus few misc. cards easily worth MB\$15

49. Swiss Telegraph covers (5) all 1919 era vf

(not UN related) from Zurich & Wenger interesting! MB\$5

WFUNA LITHOGRAPHS

all excellent condition

50. #2 Christian FDNY MB\$15

51. #4 Chaim Gross FDG MB\$30

52. #6 Chaim Gross FDNY MB\$15

53. #12 Olivera FDNY MB\$90

54. #17 Philip Brandon FDNY MB\$90

55. #41 Chaim Gross FDG MB\$30

56. #64 Hundertwasser MINT MB\$80

57. #71 Mark Wiener FDV MB\$20

58. #72 Hashi MINT MB\$30

59. #86 Janota MINT MB\$30

60. Kenny Scharf 1991 MINT MB\$100

Miscellaneous

61. 1960 UNNY air letter sheet fd program vf condition. MB\$5

62. Mystery lot - approximately (25) diff items, no junk, many oddball goodies, incl. stamps, FDCs, "C" folders, invitations, stationary, etc., vf cond easily worth MB\$30

UNPI AUCTION 2004A PRICES REALIZED

Amount Realized \$462.50

Lots Sold 41/146 (28%)

Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price
1	\$40	2	\$25	10	\$9	14	\$5
15	\$7	21	\$24	22	\$110	23	\$155
24	\$10	25	\$16	29	\$16	30	\$10
31	\$125	33	\$40	34	\$9	35	\$35
36	\$25	40	\$34	43	\$10	44	\$10
50	\$10	51	\$10	52	\$11	67	\$25
71	\$10	73	\$22	79	\$20	88	\$20
92	\$25	99	\$6	104	\$6	112	\$5
113	\$5	121	\$5	127	\$65	128	\$24
129	\$30	130	\$21	137	\$40	140	\$7
141	\$6						

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1. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 18 January 1946

(1) General Assembly

Time		Room
10.30 a.m.	Thirteenth plenary meeting of the General Assembly	Assembly Hall, Central Hall
3 p.m.	Fourteenth plenary meeting of the General Assembly	Assembly Hall, Central Hall

(2) Special meetings

Time	Committee	Room
10.30 a.m.	United Nations Committee on League of Nations assets	Room E, Church House
2.30 p.m.	Advisory Group of Experts	Committee Room C, Church House

(3) Subcommittee meetings

Time	Subcommittee	Room
10.30 a.m.	Technical Advisory Committee on Information : Subcommittee	Committee Room D, Church House
10.30 a.m.	Sixth Committee : Subcommittee on rules of procedure	Committee Room B, Church House

2. AGENDA

Friday, 18 January 1946

Twelfth and thirteenth plenary meetings

Continuation of the general debate.

Delegates of the following countries have intimated to the President their desire to speak at the undermentioned meetings of the General Assembly :

Thirteenth meeting

Yugoslavia	Soviet Union
Dominican Republic	Canada
Egypt	

Fourteenth meeting

Greece	Australia
Uruguay	Venezuela
India	Ukrainian SSR
New Zealand	Belgium
Byelorussian SSR	Lebanon

1. PROGRAMME DES SEANCES

Vendredi 18 janvier 1946

(1) Assemblée générale

Heure		Salle
10 h.30	Treizième séance plénière de l'Assemblée générale	Salle des Assemblées, Central Hall
15 heures	Quatorzième séance plénière de l'Assemblée générale	Salle des Assemblées, Central Hall

(2) Séances spéciales

Heure	Comité	Salle
10 h.30	Comité des Nations Unies sur les avoirs de la Société des Nations	Salle de comité E, Church House
14 h.30	Groupe consultatif d'Experts	Salle de comité C, Church House

(3) Séances de sous-comités

Heure	Sous-comité	Salle
10 h.30	Groupe consultatif technique de l'Information : Sous-comité	Salle de comité D, Church House
10 h.30	Sixième comité : Sous-comité du règlement intérieur	Salle de comité B, Church House

2. ORDRE DU JOUR

Vendredi 18 janvier 1946

Douzième et treizième séances plénières

Suite de la discussion générale.

Les délégués des pays suivants ont fait connaître au Président leur désir de prendre la parole aux séances de l'Assemblée générale indiquées ci-dessous :

Treizième séance

Yugoslavie	Union soviétique
République dominicaine	Canada
Egypte	

Quatorzième séance

Grèce	Australie
Uruguay	Venezuela
Inde	RSS d'Ukraine
Nouvelle-Zélande	Belgique
RSS de Biélorussie	Liban