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Secretary-General of the United Nations

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1495 Frederick Levantrosser.....	Dearborn, MI
1496 David Hampton.....	Duluth, MN
1497 William Hoover.....	Murphy, NC

Deceased Members

We regret to inform you that UNP member #475 Ira Linden of New York City and former UNP-President Jack Mayer of Anacortes, Washington have recently passed away.

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Cover Illustrations

Front cover: Souvenir card honoring "Nature's Wisdom. **Rear cover:** Lots # 31 (above) and 49 (below) from the UNP Special Auction #1.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

2005: The UNPA Year of "Personalized" Stamps

The current chief of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) Robert Gray is enthusiastically spreading the word that the "personalized stamp sheets have become very popular with collectors". Thus it would not be surprising that the UNPA will actively pursue the issuance of personalized sheets, a policy Mr. Gray inaugurated during his tenure with the Australian Post Office.

Two sheets have already appeared this year on or about March 3rd: an international personalized stamp sheet containing ten 80¢ stamps and ten labels (\$14.95) and a student stamp sheet containing ten canceled 37¢ stamps and ten labels (\$4.95). These two items appeared on the back side of the mailing sheet, which accompanied the April issue of the *Journal*. This student sheet was developed to allow the many thousands of schoolchildren who visit the United Nations Headquarters Building in New York to obtain a personalized stamp sheet. The five stamp designs on the student sheet are the same as on the personalized stamp sheets issued in 2003 and 2004. Only canceled sheets are available for sale. The international sheet has five brand new stamp designs. These include views of the "Non-Violence" twisted gun sculpture located in front of the UNNY Secretariat building, the "Cycle of Life" Armillary Sphere located at UN Headquarters in Geneva, a reproduction of a Terracotta Warrior sculpture located at the UN Headquarters in Vienna, the "Single Form" bronze sculpture located near the fountain in the plaza of the UNNY Secretariat and the "Sphere within a Sphere" located at UN Headquarters in New York.

However, this is just the beginning for this year. In the March issue of the UNPA *Philatelic Bulletin*, Mr. Gray announced that the UNPA would issue a new personalized stamp sheet in conjunction with the 2005 Aichi Expo, which would have twenty

37¢ stamps with the text of the selva in Japanese.

It would not surprise me if one or more sheets of personalized stamps would be released at philatelic exhibitions at which the UNPA-NY was present, such as the Pacific Explorer exhibition in Sydney, Australia, which took place April 21st-24th. In the past the release of such special event sheets at Hong Kong and Essen were not announced in advance. After the fact a limited number of the Essen sheets (but not the Hong Kong sheets) were on sale at UNPA stamps in Sacramento, Los Angeles and probably other stamp shows in the U.S. It was also on sale at UNNY until the end of 2004.

In the January issue of the *Philatelic Bulletin* it was announced that the UNPA had signed a contract with the World Association of former United Nations Interns and Fellows, Inc. (WAFUNIF) on August 2004 to produce personalized stamp sheets featuring images of famous athletes associated with WAFUNIF and would in turn allow WAFUNIF to sell personalized stamps. The announcement was accompanied by a preliminary design of a twenty stamp personalized sheet with the photograph of a soccer player featured on the labels. The title of the sheet is "Futbol 4 Peace". No date has been announced yet for the release of such an item. According to the announcement WAFUNIF has served the UN for over twenty-five years as the sole alumni organization for interns and fellows within the entire UN system, with members in 148 countries. It also serves as an official United Nations Peace Messenger.

The current 2005 Program of Issues also anticipates the release of at least one new sheet of personalized stamps on the theme of "Season's Greetings" on or about the day of issue of the last scheduled 2005 stamp on October 27th.

NATURE'S WISDOM

On April 21st the UNPA issued six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Nature's Wisdom" honoring the 2005 World Exposition, being held from March 25th through September 25th in Aichi, Japan.

The Expo aims to promote the sustainable coexistence of humanity and nature by sharing wisdom. By bringing together the peoples of the world and holding exchanges among them, the Expo will foster a debate over possible solutions to the common problems confronting humanity in the twenty-first century and devise and propose models for a global society.

In May 2001, the Secretary-General accepted an invitation by Japan to participate in the 2005 World Exposition. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was invited to serve as the lead agency for the organization of the joint United Nations pavilion at the event.

Within the framework of the theme "Nature's Wisdom", the focus of the United Nations pavilion is "Celebrating Diversity", drawing on both cultural and natural diversity and their interdependence. The UN and its agencies, funds and programs are responsible for a wide range of issues, from outer space to the seabed, from the prevention of wars and disease to the promotion of universal human rights. The UN is also the repository of important legal instruments for the protection of people and their environment. A unique feature of the United Nations pavilion is the interrelationship of those issues with nature at both local and global levels. Exhibits, program activities and special events reflect the theme of diversity in ways which complement the overall goal of promoting understanding and awareness of the importance of diversity in our lives and the need to preserve global common goods.

The designs are prize-winning photographs from past competitions of the "Focus on Your World" United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) International Photographic competition on the Environment, sponsored by Canon, Inc. The 37¢ stamp entitled "Ice-Climber, Norway" is credited to Vasstrand/UNEP/ Still Pictures.



The 80¢ stamp entitled "Egret, Japan" bears the credit: R. Kawakami/UNEP/Still Pictures.



The S.f. 1,00 stamp shows "Children collecting water during drought, India" taken by A. Ishokon/UNEP/Still Pictures.



The S.f. 1,30 stamp shows "Starfish, Bahamas" is credited to J. Croop/UNEP/Still Pictures.



The € 0,55 stamp shows a "Desert Landscape, China" taken by W. Wu/UNEP/Still Pictures.



The € 0,75 stamp has a "Cheetah Family, Africa" by Brunner/UNEP/ Still Pictures.



2005 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of May 1, 2005 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)
See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

February 4 Celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the UN

80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55
(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir Sheets \$1.00, F.s. 3,00, € 2,10
Vienna Definitive (Hologram)
€ 0,75
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)

March 3 Endangered Species (Orchids)

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 2005 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
FDC with Silk Cachet
Personalized International Stamps
1 sheet of 10 stamps @ 80¢ for \$14.95
Personalized Student Sheet
1 sheet of ten canceled stamps @ 37¢ for \$4.95

April 21 Nature's Wisdom

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir Card

June 3 International Year of Sports (Joint issue with Swiss Post)

37¢, 70¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,10
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

August 4 World Heritage - Egypt

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30)}

September 21 My Dream for Peace One Day (2nd series out of 3)

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,00
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 27 World Food Day (October 16th)

37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,25
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

Personalized Stamps (Seasons Greetings)

2005 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2005 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 3 Sixty Years of Building Foundations for Lasting Peace

THE ORIGINS OF THE FAO AND THE 1943 UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN HOT SPRINGS

Richard Powers

Fifty years ago the Italian Post Office issued two stamps honoring the origins of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (F.A.O.). An FDC of the 60 L stamp on F.A.O. service stationery appears in Figure 1. The stamp (Scott #699) commemorates the tenth anniversary of the founding of the F.A.O. in 1945. It pictures F.A.O. headquarters in Rome on the Viale delle Terme di Caracalla. Figure 2 contains a detail of the stamp and cancel dated November 3, 1955. The cancel is that of the post office located at the headquarters, and reads Rome 64 (F.A.O.) The cancel slogan marks October 16, 1955 as the tenth birthday of the F.A.O., which would correspond to the opening day of the first F.A.O. Conference in Quebec, Canada in 1945. The day of issue was the eve of the opening day of the eighth F.A.O. Conference in Rome on November 4, 1955.



Figure 2: 1955 L 30 Italian commemorative stamp honoring 10th anniversary of F.A.O.

On the same day a L 25 stamp honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the International Institute of Agriculture (I.I.A.) in 1905 in Rome. Figure 3 shows the stamp (Scott #698) with a similar cancel.

It is interesting to note that this year marks the 60th anniversary of F.A.O. and the 100th anniversary of the I.I.A., which is rightfully considered to be the forerunner of the F.A.O., due to the close collaboration between the League of Nations and the I.I.A. before World War II and the transfer of I.I.A. assets to the F.A.O. after the War.

The I.I.A. had been set up in Rome by the

convention of June 7, 1905 primarily for the international collection of crop information and scientific research. By 1934 seventy-four nations and administrations had become parties to the convention. Since 1922 the I.I.A. collaborated with the International Labor Organization (I.L.O.) through the Advisory Council on Agriculture. By 1932 the League of Nations Council adopted a resolution declaring that the I.I.A. was deemed best qualified "to act as the League's advisory organ in agricultural matters".



Figure 3: 1955 L 25 Italian commemorative stamp honoring the I.I.A. 50th anniversary.

Figure 4 shows a service cover from the I.I.A. dated November 8, 1928. Note that it also had a special postmark with the legend: *Isti^o.Int^{le} Agricoltura (Rome 64)*. A detail



Figure 4: 1928 service cover from the I.I.A. in Rome to Leningrad.



Figure 1: 1955 F.A.O. service stationery bearing 10th Anniversary stamp honoring the F.A.O. on the day of issue tied by the special 10th Anniversary slogan cancel of the F.A.O. post office in Rome.

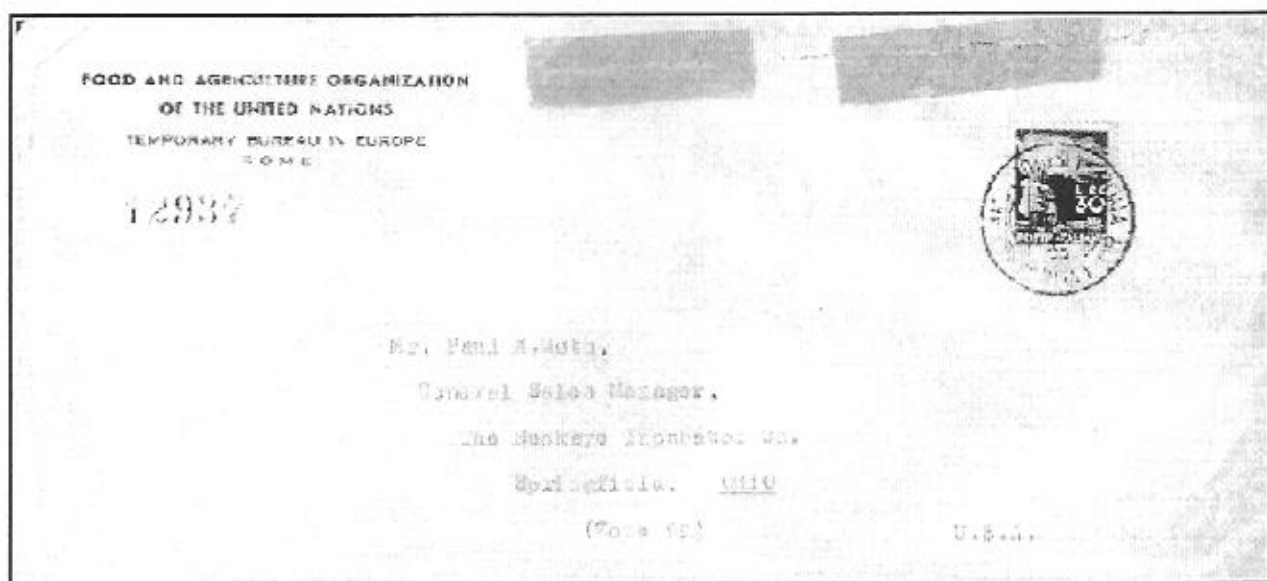


Figure 8: 1948 F.A.O. service cover from the Temporary Bureau in Europe with the Rome 64 cancel of the International Institute of Agriculture.

of the postmark appears in Figure 5. The international character of this organization is denoted by the fact that the corner card is in French: Institut International d'Agriculture.



Figure 5: 1928 I.I.A. postmark.

The transition from I.I.A. to F.A.O. can be seen on the 1947(?) cover in Figure 6 which uses I.I.A. stationery with a hand-stamped correcting legend: Bureau de la F.A.O. à Rome. The cover also bears the postmark of the I.I.A. A detail of the corner card appears in Figure 7. Note that the address is the Villa Umberto 1.



Figure 6: Transition service cover of the Rome office of the F.A.O. on I.I.A. stationery to Geneva.

Initially F.A.O. Headquarters was established in Washington, D.C. Figure 8 shows a F.A.O. cover postmarked March 11, 1948 giving the Rome office as the Temporary Bureau in Europe. At this time the postmark

at the Rome 64 still had the legend of the I.I.A. But by this time the F.A.O. was no longer using I.I.A. stationery.



Figure 7: Detail of corner card in Figure 6.

The Gaines Catalog (page 1443) reports that the first cancel explicitly naming the F.A.O. in the legend of the Rome 64 cancel has been observed in April 1949. The cancel indicates the location was the Villa Borghese at this time and has been observed September 1950. Figure 9 shows a F.A.O. service cover with the corner card of the present-day Headquarters of the F.A.O. but still using the Villa Borghese cancel as late as March 21, 1951. A detail of this cancel appears in Figure 10 below.



Figure 10: Detail of 1951 Rome 64 F.A.O. - Villa Borghese cancel used in Figure 9.

In 1951 the F.A.O. Rome office became the Headquarters, replacing the Washington office, which had served as such since 1945. At this time the F.A.O. moved into its current Headquarters on the Viale Terme de Caracalla, the address shown on the covers in Figures 1 and 9. Gaines records the earliest use of a Rome 64 cancel with this ad-

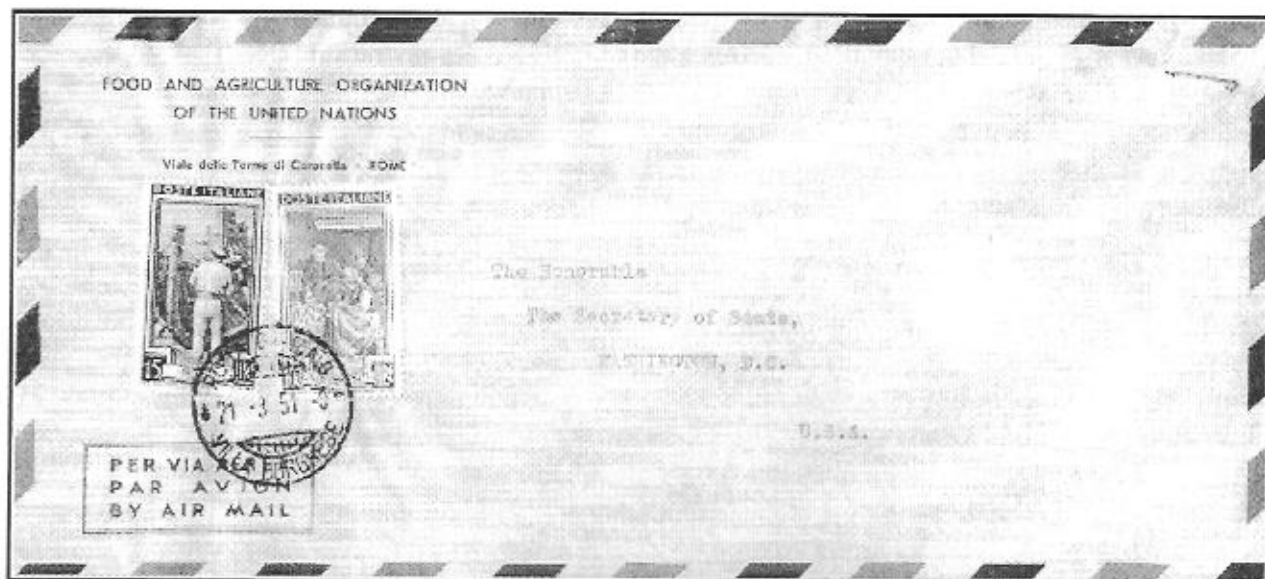


Figure 9: Late (1951) use of the Rome 64 F.A.O. - Villa Borghese cancel on stationery of the present F.A.O. Headquarters in Rome.



Figure 11: Cover mailed from Washington, D.C. on September 21, 1944 on service stationery of the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture, which took place in May and June 1943 in Hot Springs, Virginia.

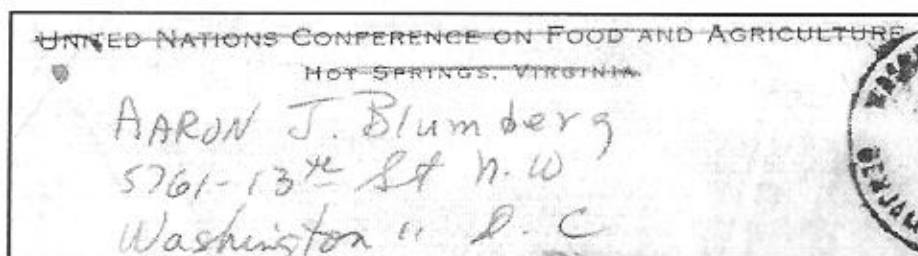


Figure 12: Detail of the printed corner card of the above cover.

dress as April 7, 1951. Thus it is likely that the cover in Figure 9 was mailed during a transition time when part of the staff was still at the Villa Borghese (as evidenced by the cancel) but stationery had already been produced for the new Headquarters.

1943 UN Conference in Hot Springs

The fact that the Italian Post Office sets the 1945 Quebec Conference as the beginning of the F.A.O. is not in agreement with history as presented by the F.A.O. itself. On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Hot Springs conference, a plaque was dedicated at F.A.O. Headquarters (see website: www.fao.org/docrep). A second plaque commemorates the Quebec conference at which representatives of the United Nations met to sign the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to hold its First Session. These two plaques are installed in the F.A.O. Rome on either side of the tablet containing the Preamble to the Constitution of the F.A.O.

The F.A.O. actually originated at a conference called by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to take place from May 18 through June 3, 1943 at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. The thirty-four nations present established the United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture. The Allies recognized the need for global cooperation to end the scourge of hunger. The Canadian ambassador to the United States Lester Pearson was elected chairman of this Interim Commission, which was set up to prepare plans and to draw up a Constitution for the permanent organization. (See website: www.info.dfat.au/info/historical). Mr. Pearson received the Nobel Peace Prize (see website: nobelprize.org/peace/laureates/1957). Cited in the accompanying proclamation as outstanding accomplishments in the name of peace, were Mr. Pearson's work helping to organize the F.A.O.

and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA).

The work on the constitution was completed by September 1944 and distributed to the participating nations for approval. It became operative upon receipt of twenty acceptances. The First Session of the F.A.O. opened on October 16, 1945 in Quebec.

Documenting philatelically this portion of F.A.O. history has been challenging. Recently I came across a cover (Figure 11) mailed in Washington by Aaron Blumberg September 21, 1944 to a relative(?) at the Mt. Wilson Observatory Office in Sacramento, California. The envelope bears the corner card of the Hot Springs conference, which had taken place fifteen months earlier. This is the first cover, that I have seen, using stationery from this conference. A detail of the corner card appears in Figure 12. The letter seems to be personal, judging from the fact that the Conference reference has been neatly crossed out. But it would not be surprising if the sender had been working with the F.A.O. Interim Commission in Washington, which was also the site of the UNRRA, which had been created in November 1943. Presumably only personnel associated with the "United Nations" would have had access to such stationery.

In closing, the author cannot hide his amusement over the fact that the letter never found its intended recipient as indicated by several "Return to Sender" notations. As a long term resident of Pasadena, California, I can confidently state that the Mt. Wilson Observatory Office is not in Sacramento, but is in Pasadena. And that office still exists at 813 Santa Barbara Street. Maybe I should drop by the Mt. Wilson Observatory Office to inquire whether any other correspondence with interesting corner cards from Mr. Blumberg managed to arrive and is waiting to be rescued in the name of philatelic research.

PCIJ SOUVENIR CARDS

By Richard Powers

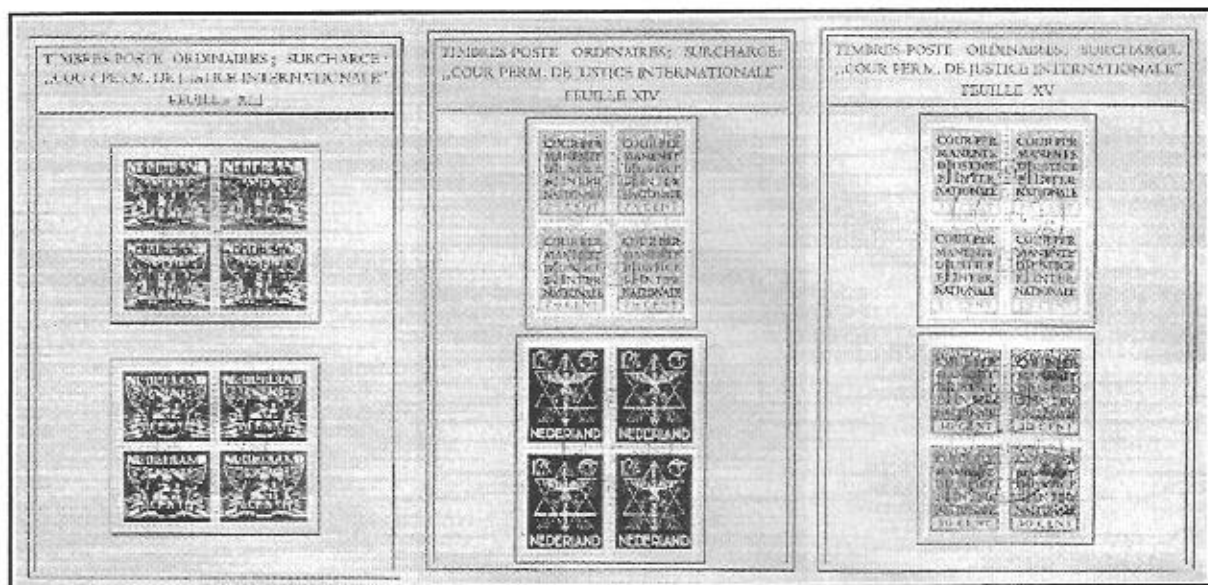


Figure 1: PCIJ Souvenir Cards XIII, XIV and XV Canceled on the Opening Day of the 1934 Universal Postal Union Congress in Cairo.

On January 15, 1934 the PTT of the Netherlands began providing stamps for the exclusive use of the Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ), whose successor today is known as the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The PTT produced six surcharged stamps known as Scott #09-14. These stamps were available to the public only in canceled form.

On the occasion of the opening session (February 1, 1934) of the Tenth Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) the Delegation of the Netherlands offered souvenir cards bearing the six stamps in blocks of four to the delegates of the Congress canceled with the postmark the Hague, the site of the Peace Palace, which houses the ICJ. These three cards numbered XIII, XIV and XV appear in Figure 1.

It is interesting to note that the Gaines Catalog displays (page 1367) a card numbered X, which bears single copies of O9-O11, O13-15 canceled in 1938-9. Note

that at this time the O15 had replaced O12 as the 12½ cent stamp in use. O15 had been released in early 1938 presumably in compliance to complaints by the German government that the design of O12 with a peace dove surrounded by a Star of David was offensive.

I would like to know if anyone has seen a Card X with a set of singles including O12 instead of O15 canceled in 1934. The fact that the Card X text mentions the Permanent Court of International Justice and the fact that one would expect Card X to be issued no later than Cards XIII, XIV and XV suggest that Card X might also have been available at the UPU Congress. The only objection to this hypothesis is that O12 is bigger than all the other stamps and would not have fit as well in the frame printed on the card. Has anyone seen Card X with O12? And for that matter what about Cards XI and XII? Please drop the author a line either by e-mail or by regular mail with any information.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA: 2003 - 2004

By Richard Powers

On January 28, 2005 I received a shipment of special covers with "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations) on specially prepared cacheted envelopes issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna during the previous twelve months. These included special items issued between November 20, 2003 and November 7, 2004. This year's shipment of six covers cost \$13.77 plus a \$2.50 mailing fee, for which I received € 2,10 in CTO-canceled UNVienna stamps with first day cancels. Below is a summary of the covers which I received.

The 2003 Senior Fair (for everybody over 50) was held at the Vienna Fairgrounds from November 20th through the 23rd. The UNPA prepared a special cancel for the opening day of the Fair showing three seniors in a horse-drawn carriage, a design which is repeated in the cachet. The cover (Figure 1) bears a € 0,51 2003 Toco toucan Endangered Species stamp (Scott A331) and a € 0,04 definitive (A335).

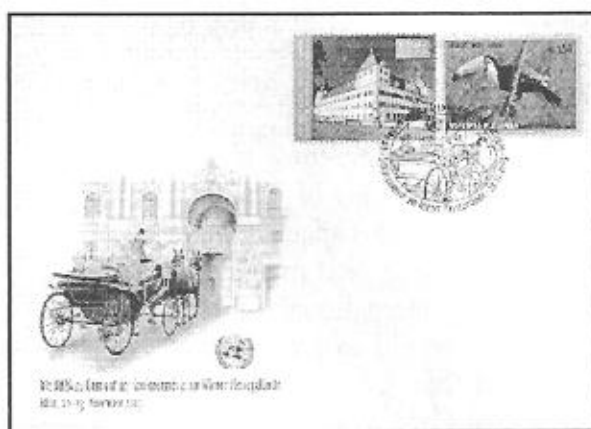


Figure 1: Seniormesse 2003 cover.

The UNPA Vienna was invited to participate in the 12th Dealer and Collector Meeting in Stockerau, Niederösterreich on November 30, 2003. It prepared a special cover bearing two definitives: € 0,51

(A303) and € 0,04 (A335) postmarked with a special cancel depicting the Fisherman Fountain in this largest city in the wine region. The cachet shows a map of the Lower Austria (Niederösterreich) region.

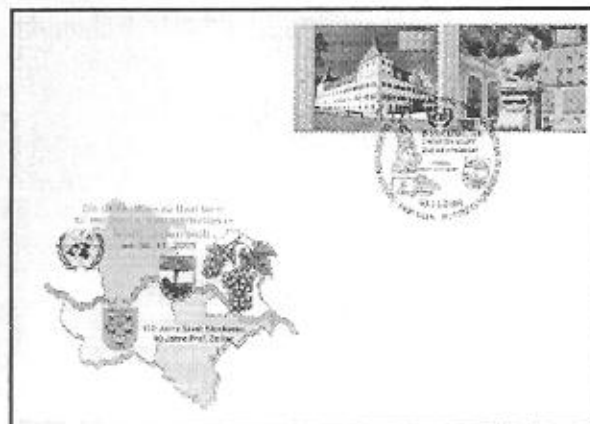


Figure 2: Cover honoring the 12th Stamp Show in Stockerau, Niederösterreich.

On December 7, 2003 the UNPA issued a commemorative cover for Numiphil 2003 in Vienna. The show was in Hübners Kursalon in the Stadtpark. The cover bears a special UN-Vienna cancel which features a violin and ties the 2003 € 0,75 UNPA International Year of Freshwater stamp (Scott A334). This musical theme is echoed with a statue of Johann Strauss, Jr. in the cachet of the cover. (Figure 3).

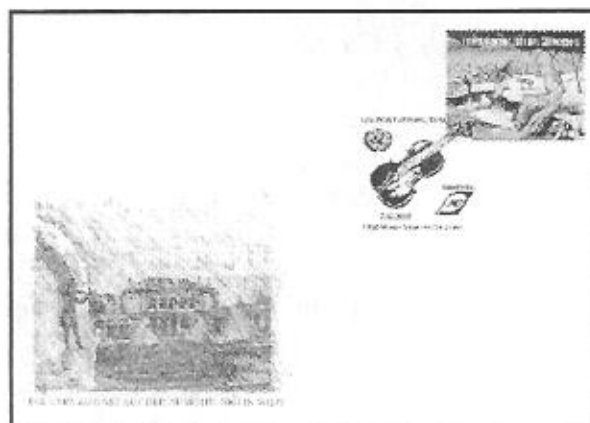


Figure 3: Numiphil 2003 cover.

The 2004 Senior Aktuell was held at the Vienna Stadthalle from March 16th through the 19th. The UNPA prepared a special cancel for the opening day of the Fair showing a senior going fishing with a small child, a design which is repeated in the cachet. The cover (Figure 4) bears a € 0,55 2004 cervus eldi Endangered Species stamp (Scott A343).

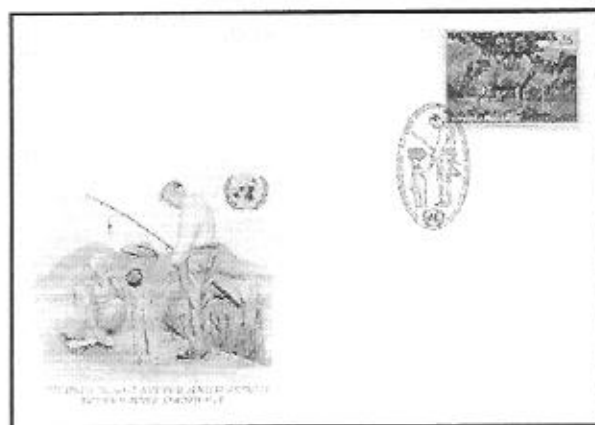


Figure 4: Senior Aktuell 2004 cover.

The UNPA in Vienna was invited to set up a special post office in Ebreichsdorf/Unterwaltersdorf, Austria on September 26, 2004. The Ebreichsdorf Stamp Collectors' Association organized a stamp swap day. A special cover (Figure 5) has a special cancel portraying the local heritage museum (Heimatismuseum). The cachet features an historical view of Unterwaltersdorf. The cover bears the € 0,55 2004 World Heritage - Greece commemorative (A349).

The UNPA was invited to participate in the 14th Dealer and Collector Meeting in Stockerau, Niederösterreich on November 7, 2004 at the Volksheim. It prepared a special cover (Figure 6) bearing the € 0,55 Road Safety commemorative (A347) post-marked with a special cancel depicting a locomotive and a car in a reference to Stockerau's role as a regional transportation center. The cachet shows a map of the Lower Austria region and portrays the extensive

wine growing in this region.

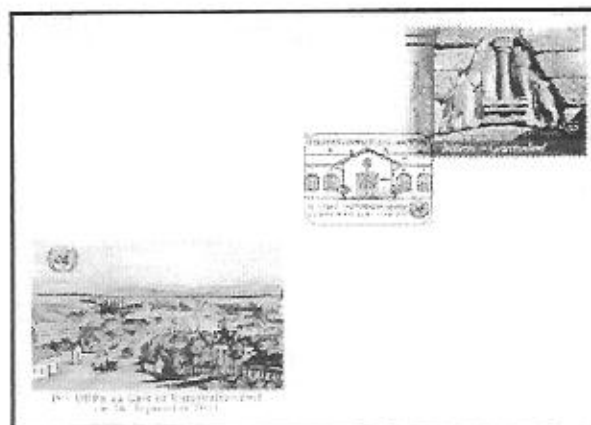


Figure 5: Cover honoring the Stamp Swap Day organized by the Ebreichsdorf Stamp Club in Unterwaltersdorf.



Figure 6: Cover honoring the 14th Dealer and Collector Show in Stockerau, Niederösterreich.

None of the above covers were available from the UNPA in New York. The only way to purchase them is to order each item in advance or to set up a customer account for Sonderstempel items. The account can be set up by sending a check (U.S. checks are welcome) or by paying with a credit card (Visa or Mastercard) to the following address:

UNPA - Europe
P.O.Box 900
A-1400 Vienna - United Nations
Austria.

ITU CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES

By B. Clement, Jr.

Two discoveries have been made for CCIR Conferences. The CCIR is the International Radio Consultative Committee, which was an organ of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) from 1929 to 1993. In 1993 all of the consultative committees of the ITU were replaced as part of a reorganization.

The first item is a cover from a meeting of CCIR Study Groups V, VI, VII and VIII, held in Boulder, Colorado July 9 to August 7, 1968 at the University of Colorado. This cover with a special corner card for the meeting is shown in Figure 1. The cover is postmarked July 27, 1968 and sent to the ITU in Geneva, Switzerland. Figure 2 shows a detail of the conference corner card which bears the logos of the ITU and the conference itself.



Figure 2: Detail of the corner card of the cover in Figure 1 from the 1968 meeting of the CCIR Study Groups V, VI, VII and VIII at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Study Group V was for "Propagation in non-ionized media"; Group VI was for "Propagation in ionized media" (such as the ionosphere); Group VII was for "Standard Frequencies and Time Signals"; and Group VIII was for "Mobile, Radiodetermination and Amateur Services".

The second item is an unaddressed cover from the Eleventh Plenary Assembly of the CCIR, held in Oslo, Norway June 22 to July 22, 1966. This cover, shown in Figure 3, has a special corner card for the assembly

and a special assembly cancel. This conference is listed in Gaines as item 1966/1 on page 1242. The cancel is listed but the corner card was previously unknown. Both the cancel and corner card show a logo for the assembly featuring a Viking boat. (Editor's Note: The two stamps tied to the cover by the special cancel are Scott # 471-2, which were issued in honor of the centenary of the ITU.)

There was an earlier CCIR Assembly held in the United States. The Ninth CCIR Plenary Assembly was held in Los Angeles, California April 2 to 26, 1959 at the Biltmore Hotel. Figure 4 shows a cover from that assembly with a special cancel and corner card. The corner card shows the logo for the assembly, which features a movie camera.



Figure 4: 1959 conference cover from the Ninth CCIR Assembly in Los Angeles.

A future UNP Monograph will attempt to document all such postal history for conferences and meetings of the United Nations, its agencies and its predecessors. If you think you have something that is undocumented, please let me know about it.



Figure 1: 1968 cover from the meeting of CCIR Study Groups at the University of Colorado in Boulder.



Figure 3: 1966 cover bearing the special cancel and corner card of the Eleventh Plenary Assembly of the CCIR in Oslo, Norway.

UN SOUVENIRS FROM THE AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

By Richard Powers

Among my own preferences for the United Nations-related material I collect is the requirement that the item be a product of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) and/or a related UN agency. Hence I tend to avoid commercially produced items, no matter how attractive they are. I have made an exception of Aircraft first day covers because the cachet engravings are attractive and Aircraft services covers for the World Heritage stamps found in prestige booklets whereas the UNPA does not.

Occasionally I come across UN-related philatelic items that have been prepared by philatelic societies. In general I avoid collecting these but occasionally I find material that is so attractive and interesting that I make an exception. I include the souvenir booklets prepared by the American Air Mail Society (AAMS) in the later category. These are not listed in Gaines. Occasionally they are so well-done that it is difficult to distinguish them from official UNPA products. I would like to share some of the items that I have come across down through the years.

The first item I am familiar with involves the first UN air letter sheet (Scott UNNY #UC-1), which the UNPA issued on August 29, 1952. The AAMS arranged for first day canceled air letters to be flown on a special flight to its Convention meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. The covers were backstamped with the receiving cancel of the American Air Mail Society Convention Station in Norfolk that afternoon. These first day covers bear a special red cachet commemorating the flight and appear in Figure 1.

Five years later the UNPA released its next airmail items on May 27, 1957: a 4¢ postage stamp (UNNY #C5) for use on domestic airmail cards and a 4¢ airmail postal card (UNNY # UXC-1). The AAMS pre-

pared an attractive souvenir booklet containing a three-page history of United Nations airmail postage stamps and stationery. The cover of this booklet appears in Figure 2. It contains an MI6 block of the stamps and a first day canceled postal card.

On the occasion of its 34th Annual Convention in New York City, the AAMS co-hosted a special first day ceremony with the UNPA in the UN Trusteeship Chamber. The cover of the ceremony program appears in Figure 3.



Figure 1: AAMS souvenir air letter sheet of its 1952 Convention Flight to Norfolk from the UNNY.

On February 9, 1959 the UNPA issued its next two airmail stamps (UNNY #C6 and C7). The AAMS issued a six-page souvenir booklet, the cover of which appears in Figure 4. It contains MI6 blocks and bears the

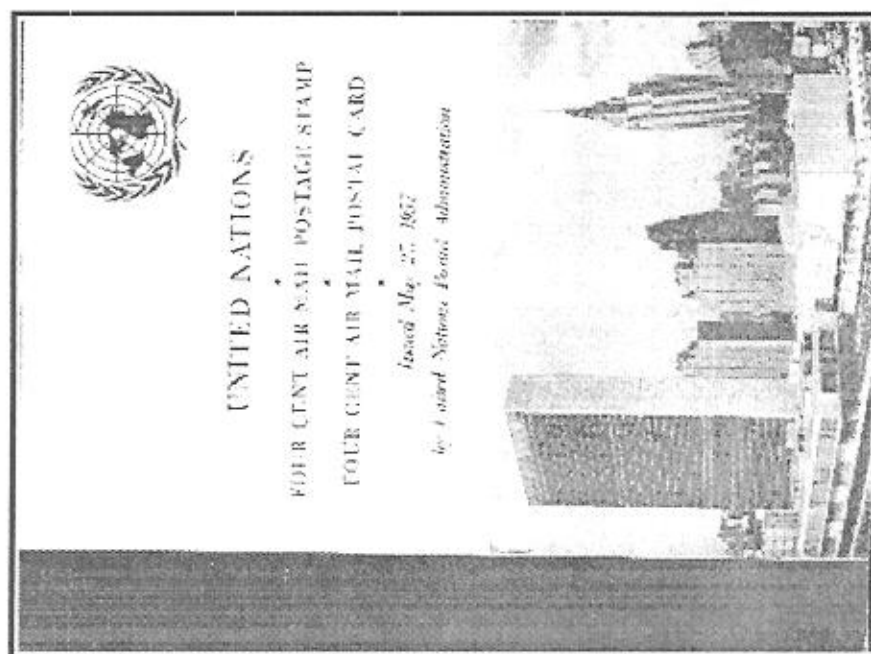


Figure 2: Souvenir booklet prepared by the American Air Mail Society on the occasion of the release by the UNPA of UNNY C5 and UXC-1.

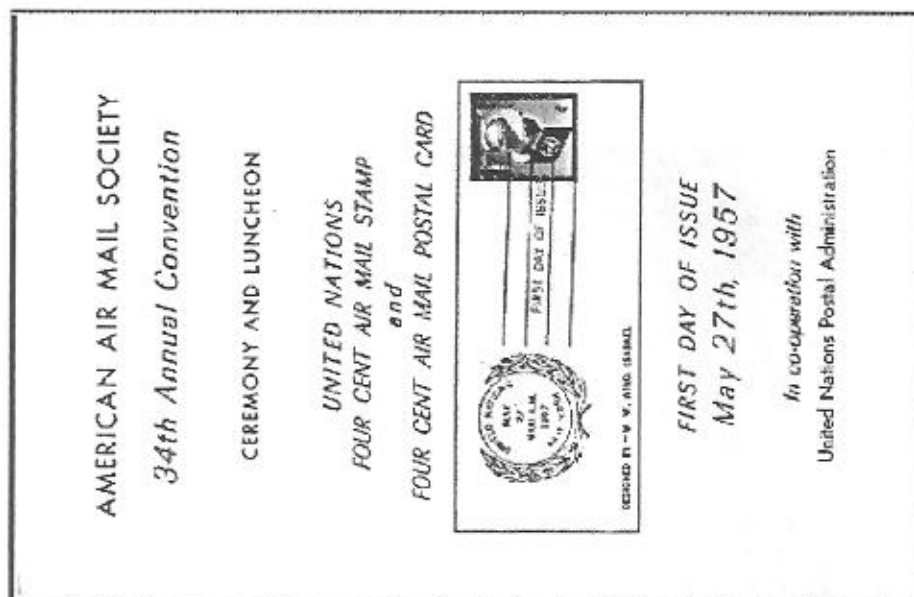


Figure 3: Program for the First Day Ceremony of UNNY #C5 and UXC-1.

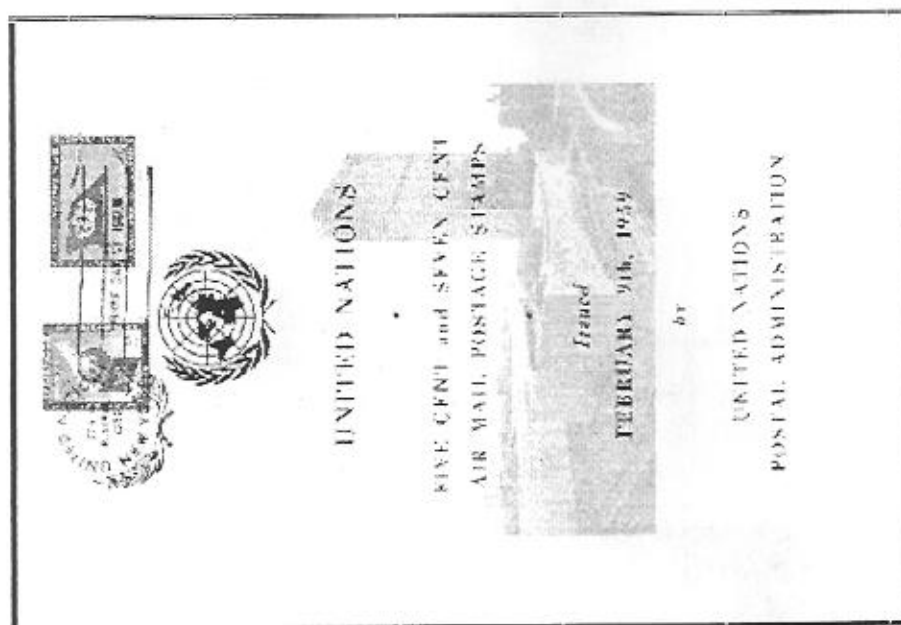


Figure 4: Souvenir booklet prepared by the American Air Mail Society on the occasion of the release by the UNPA of UNNY #C6 and C7.

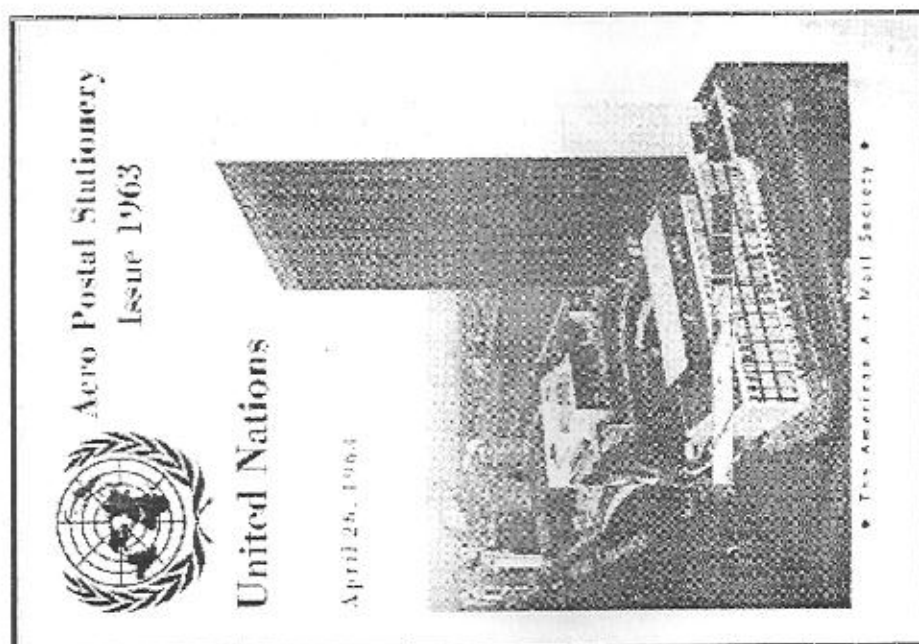


Figure 5: Souvenir booklet prepared by the American Air Mail Society on the occasion of the release by the UNPA of UNNY UC-6 and UXC-4.

two stamps with a first day cancel on the booklet cover. (Booklets also exist without the first day cancel on the cover.)

Four years later on April 26, 1963 the UNPA issued a 6¢ air mail postal card (UNNY #UXC-4) and an 8¢ air mail stamped envelope (UNNY #UC-6) both for use for domestic air mail service within the USA. The AAMS issued a four-page souvenir booklet. The cover of this item appears in Figure 5. It contains both items canceled on the first day of issue. The ceremony took place during a special luncheon in the United Nations Delegates Dining Room.

Arnolds Terins, in his catalogue entitled *Terins United Nations Specialized catalog* published by Terins Publications in New York City about 1968, mentions (p. 163) a similar souvenir brochure prepared by Aero Philatelists, Inc. in 1963 on the occasion of the release of three airmail stamps (UNNY C8-C10): 6¢ for use on domestic post cards, 8¢ for use on domestic first class mail and 13¢ for use on international post cards.

The following year on May 1, 1964 the UNPA issued two air mail stamps: the 15¢ stamp (UNNY #C11) primarily for international air mail service to Europe and South America; and the 25¢ stamp (UNNY #C12) primarily for air mail service to Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. The four-page souvenir booklet produced by the AAMS contains mint copies of the two stamps and first day covers with a Geneva cachet. The cover of the souvenir booklet appears in Figure 6. The first day ceremony took place during a special luncheon in the United Nations Delegates Dining Room.

I have seen on eBay a souvenir folder prepared by the AAMS for the 13¢ air letter sheet (UNNY #UC6) issued on May 31, 1968. The folder contains the air letter sheet canceled on the day of issue. A portion of the folder appears in Figure 7.

The following year the AAMS sponsored the first day ceremony of the 10¢ airmail stamp (UNNY #C14) for domestic airmail use, which took place on the West Terrace of the United Nations Delegates Dining Area on April 21, 1969. The cover of the ceremony program appears in Figure 8.



Figure 7: Portion of the AAMS Souvenir Booklet for the 1968 air letter sheet UC6 (courtesy of eBay).

In 1977 the AAMS joined with the UNPA to host the first day ceremony for the two airmail stamps (UNNY C22-C23): a 25¢ and a 31¢ denomination and a 22¢ air letter sheet (UNNY UC-13) as well as three non-airmail items: an 8¢ domestic postal card UX-7 and two Swiss postal cards: 40 centimes (domestic) (Geneva UX-3) and 70 centimes (international) (UX-4). The AAMS booklet issued for the occasion (Figure 9) pictures all six items issued on June 27, 1977 but only includes first day covers of the three airmail items.

I suspect that the AAMS may have produced other souvenir booklets in conjunction with the appearance of UN airmail stamps and/or stationery but have not come across any others. Information about other souvenir booklets would be appreciated by the author.

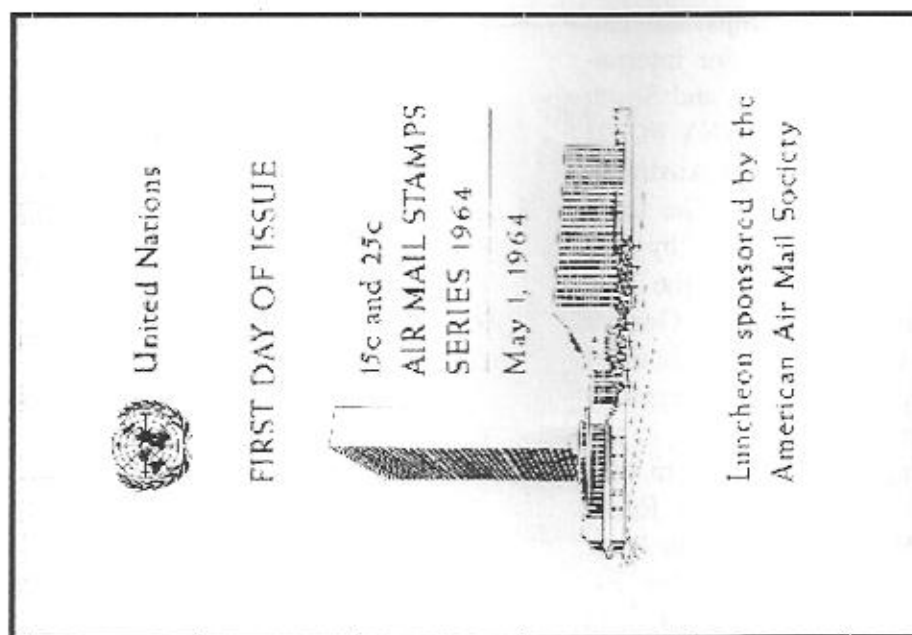


Figure 6: Souvenir Booklet Prepared by the American Air Mail Society for UNNY #C11-12.



Figure 8: Program for the First Day Ceremony of UNNY #C14 Sponsored by the American Air Mail Society.

UNCTAD XI CONFERENCE CANCEL

By B. B. Clement, Jr.

The Eleventh Session of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XI) was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil June 13-18, 2004. Figure 1 shows a cover mailed to me from the conference. It is canceled with a special conference cancel.



Figure 1: 2004 cover with UNCTAD XI conference cancel. and a regular Sao Paulo postmark on June 17th. A detailed view of the conference cancel is shown magnified in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Detail of UNCTAD XI conference cancel.

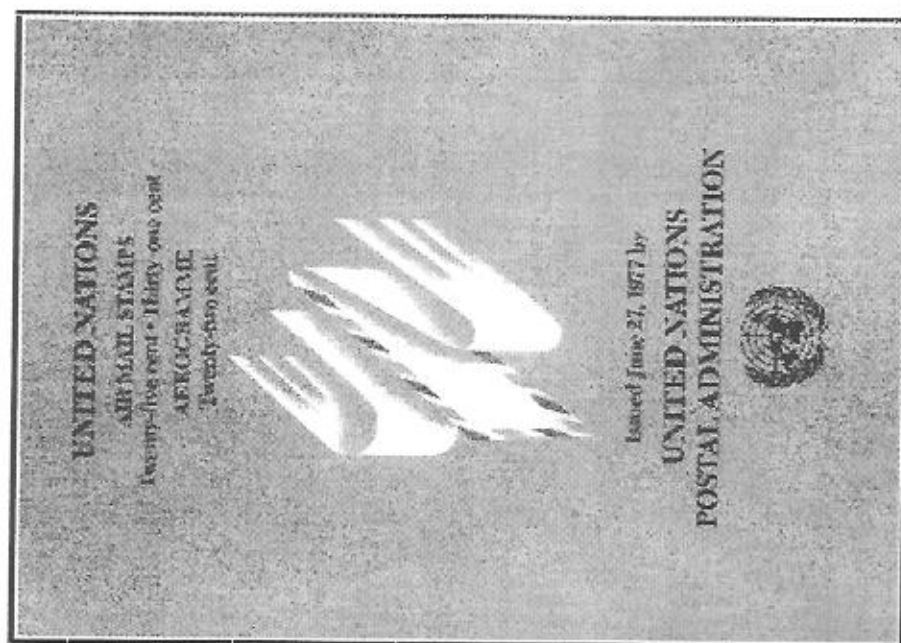


Figure 9: Program for the First Day Ceremony of UNNY #C22 and 23 and UC-13 Sponsored by the American Air Mail Society.



SPC AND "HIGHLIGHTS" OF THE TTPI

By Richard Powers



Recently I came across a copy of the newsletter produced by the Public Information Office of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). What initially attracted me was the 1975 Pitney-Bowes meter cancellation from Saipan, Marshall Islands (Figure 1). I was aware that this cancel was produced during the period when the United States was responsible for the United Nations Trusteeship in Micronesia. (For the record the machine has PB # 938862 and is dated January 30, 1975. This now marks the third machine used at the Office of the High Commissioner in Saipan in addition to the two identified in the Gaines Catalog, p. 1704A).

What makes this newsletter, entitled *Highlights*, interesting is that it gives insights into the operation of a mature trusteeship, which began in 1947 and which began to produce "freshly baked" nations in 1975. (Philatelic documentation of this trusteeship era can be found in the August 1984 and June 2001 issues of the *Journal*.)

At the beginning of 1975 the TTPI consisted of six districts: Marianas, Marshalls, Palau, Ponape, Truk and Yap. These were administered by the Office of the High Commissioner under the Secretary of the Interior of the United States.

Regionally the TTPI was part of the South Pacific Commission (SPC), which was founded in 1947 under the Canberra Agreement by the six "Participating Governments" that administered territories in the Pacific: Australia, France, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. (see website: www.spc.org.nc) Many of these administrations were under United Nations trusteeship. In 1949 the SPC Headquarters was transferred from temporary headquarters in Sydney, Australia to Noumea in New Caledonia.

In 1951 the area served by SPC was expanded to include Guam and the TTPI (Micronesia). Figure 2 shows an SPC service cover to Dr. K. C. Leebrick, the Alternate Commissioner for the US on the SPC

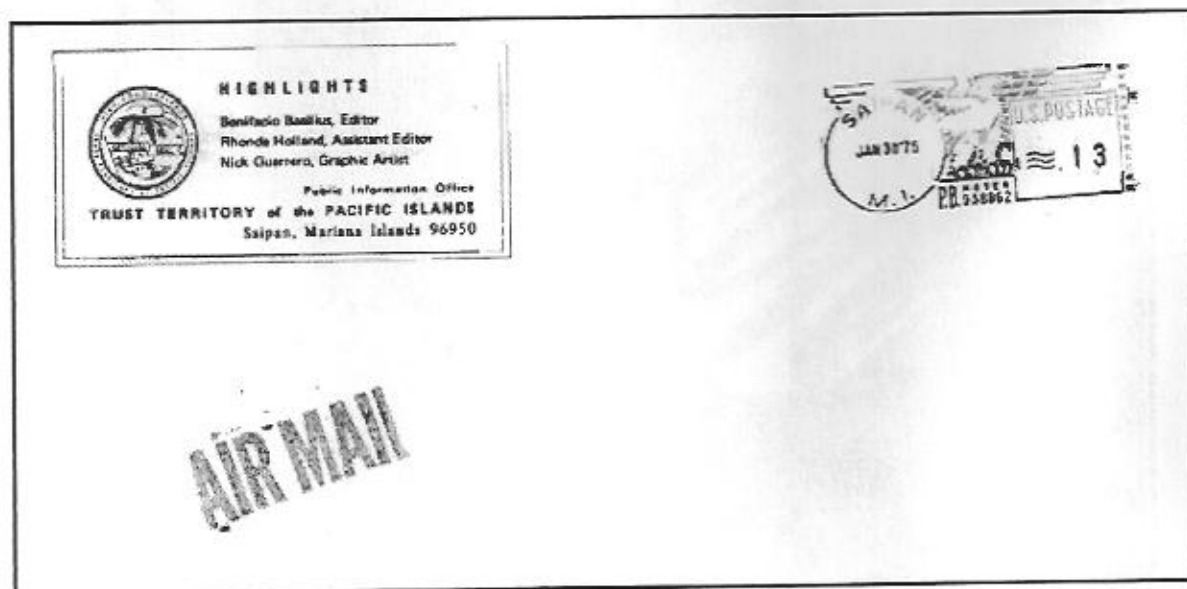


Figure 1: 1975 Folded TTPI Newsletter mailed from Saipan.

in Honolulu, Hawaii. The cover is postmarked July 31, 1952 in Noumea and bears Scott New Caledonia 2x#279 and #291.



Figure 2: 1952 SPC service cover to the US Alternate Commissioner of the SPC.

The cover in Figure 3 shows that this address in Honolulu is actually the Office of the High Commissioner for the TTPI. It bears Scott #282 and #291 tied by Noumea cancels dated November 5, 1952.

The most important article in the newsletter is a three-page statement of Secretarial Order No. 2969, which transferred Public Lands in the Trust Territory from the administration of the United States Govern-

ment to local district control. This was undoubtedly an effort to smooth the way to independence. Today the six districts have become four more or less autonomous nations: Federated States of Micronesia (compact of free association with the U.S.A.), the Marshall Islands (republic), Northern Mariana Islands (commonwealth), Palau (republic).

One of the amusing items in the newsletter is the announcement that the SPC is looking for a new name. It was felt that the original name "South Pacific Commission" did not adequately describe the geographical scope of the Pacific Islands represented by the Commission. For instance, the TTPI and Guam were members of the Commission but lie north of the Equator and were not part of the South Pacific area. At the fourteenth South Pacific Conference in September 1974 in Rarotonga it was decided to hold a regionwide contest to find a new name for the SPC. It took twenty-four years but finally the SPC officially changed its name from South Pacific Commission to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. Note that this new name has the same acronym: SPC.



Figure 3: 1952 SPC service cover to the Office of the High Commissioner of the TTPI in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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(Gaines p. 1189-1194)

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6. London 1929, Plain cover w/pairs of 4 Congress stamps, cancel C9.1 and Registry label C9/RM.1, MB \$80
7. Cairo 1934, Congress CC cover, crease & wrinkles, Congress stamps, cancels C10.1 and C10.1A, MB \$50
8. Buenos Aires 1939, Congress CC cover to Netherlands, Congress stamps, cancel C11.1, MB \$40
9. Paris 1947, Small cover with Congress machine cancel C12.1, MB \$40
10. Paris 1947, Congress CC cover to Switzerland, Congress stamps, cancel C12.3, MB \$25
11. Ottawa 1957, Congress CC cover to Switzerland, Congress stamps, cancel C14.1, MB \$40

League of Nations

(Gaines p. 1001-1028)

12. Small cover with CC of League High Commissioner for Refugees, Paris, 1934, MB \$30
13. Registered CC cover from Lebanon, SdN Etablissement des Assyriens, 1937, MB \$150
14. First Assembly, cancel A.2, plain mailed cover, MB \$100
15. Small cover with CC of International Union of League of Nations Associations, Brussels, 1930, MB \$25
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of Nations speech, incl. contents, MB \$25

17. SdN 2065-8, overprinted Specimen, VF, MB \$100
18. SdN 2047-60, overprinted Specimen, VF, MB \$200

International Labor Organization

(Gaines p. 1031-74)

19. ILO Governing Body, Brussels 1930, Set of black proof impressions of 3 Belgian stamps, RARE, MB \$200
20. 10th International Labor Conference, 1927, Large conference CC cover (bending crease), conference cancel and imprint, MB \$35
21. 11th International Labor Conference 1928, Small conference CC cover, airmail to Copenhagen, conference cancel, MB \$60
22. #10 ILO-Geneva CC cover with meter 469/1 and Geneva cancel, 1926, MB \$30
23. Small ILO CC cover with meter 469/2B, 1936, MB \$25
24. ILO Headquarters in Montreal, #10 cover with ILO-Montreal CC, to US, Registered, 1942, MB \$60
25. BIT 3049-52, overprinted Specimen, VF, MB \$100
26. Small cover with Dispatching mark of ILO-New Delhi to ILO-Montreal, 1945, Censored, small tear, Min \$15
27. Small censored cover with CC and ILO-Caracas origin cachet to ILO-Montreal, MB \$25
28. BIT 3053-56, overprinted Specimen, VF, MB \$100

World Intellectual Property Org (WIPO)

(Gaines p. 1409-12)

29. WIPO Forerunner, Small BIRPI CC cover, Registered, Bern, 1913, small tear, MB \$25
30. WIPO Forerunner, Small BIRPI CC cover (front only), Registered, 1930, two meter impressions, MB \$25

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(Gaines p. 1311-1349)

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United Nations at Lake Success, NY

(Gaines p. 940-54)

- 37. Small UN Lake Success CC cover with cancel LS/C.1, 1946, minor crease, MB \$25
- 38. Small UN Lake Success CC airmail cover with cancel LS/C.1, MB \$30
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- 41. #10 UN Lake Success CC cover, 1948 Lake Success meter PB 126118/Slogan III, MB \$50
- 42. #10 UN Lake Success CC cover, 1950 Lake Success meter PB 126118/Slogan V, MB \$25

United Nations London 1945 Slogan

(Gaines p. 935-9)

- 43. First Day, Dec 1, 1945, Chiswick, small cover, MB \$35
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(Gaines p. 975-87)

- 46. 1948 Assembly, #10 UN-Paris CC cover, meter G0887, minor fold, nicks, MB \$125
- 47. 1951 Assembly, #10 UN-Paris Office of SG CC, meter G4471, minor tears and wrinkles, MB \$125
- 48. 1951 Assembly, #10 UN-Paris CC, C.2b hand cancel, Nice, MB \$30
- 49. 1948 Assembly, Collective Sheetlet PR-8, VF, MB \$200

UNNY Slogan Cancels Dater Errors

(Gaines p. 551-560)

- 50. Twenty errors (year at top) on cover, 1952-92, MB \$15
- 51. Fourteen errors (year in middle) 1954-97, on cover, MB \$10
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- 53. Eleven errors (entire dater inverted), 1954-99, on cover, MB \$12

UN-New York Meters

(Gaines p. 601-607)

- 54. PB1/Slogan 1, on Pitney-Bowes cover, MB \$20
- 55. PB2/Slogan 1, on unmailed UNNY CC cover, MB \$15
- 56. PB4/Slogan 1, on unmailed UNNY CC cover, MB \$15
- 57. PB4/Slogan 4, on service cover, small tear, MB \$20
- 58. PB4/Slogan 11 a) with SEC 34.65(e), on #10 service cover, MB \$20

UNNY Air Postal Cards

(Gaines p. 321-2)

- 59. UXC1 a) Printers Sample, punched BNAB CO, MB \$50
- 60. UXC2 b) i. Double surcharge, MB \$25
- 61. UXC2 b) ii. Double surcharge, MB \$25
- 62. UXC2 b) iii. Double surcharge, MB \$25
- 63. UXC2 b) iv. Double surcharge, MB \$25
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- 65. UXC2 b) vi. Inverted surcharge, lower left, MB \$25
- 66. UXC2 c) Full offset on back, MB \$25

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- 67. ICAO 1978, Ole Hamann, MB \$100
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(Gaines p. 21-30.2)

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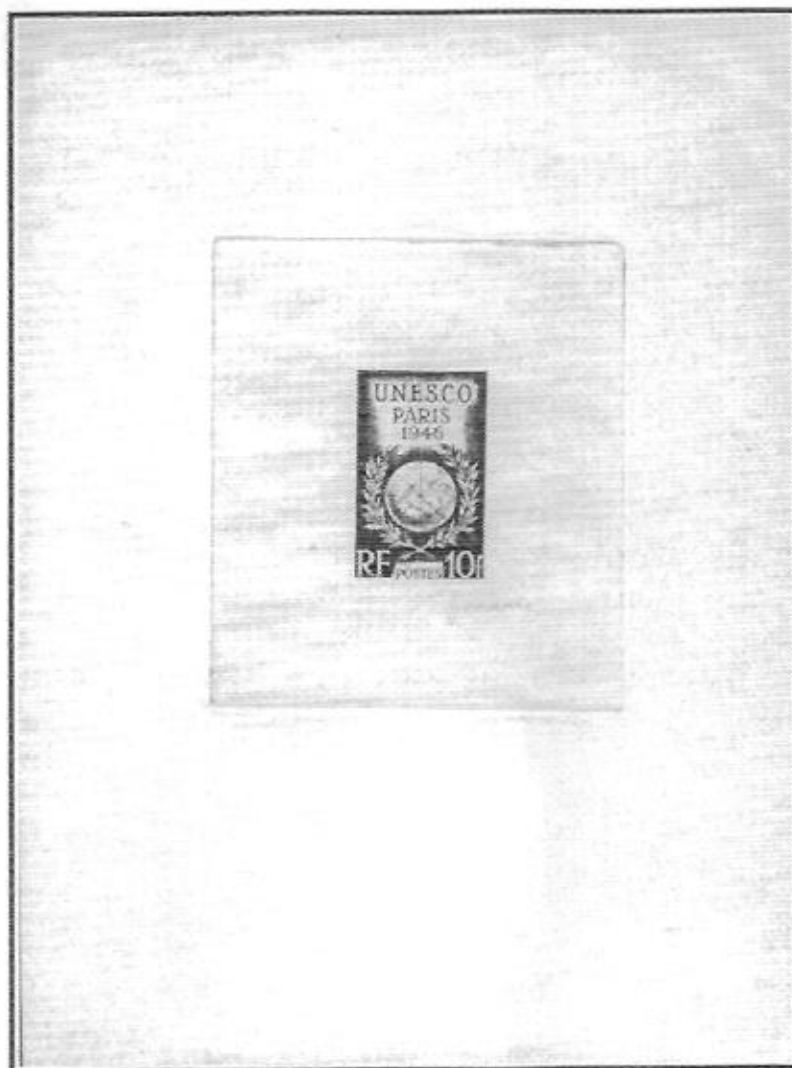
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