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Cover Illustrations

Front cover: Peaceful Visions stamps. Rear cover: EXPO 2005 Aichi Sheet sold in the USA.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Invalid eBay Items

For more than four years I have been exploiting Internet Explorer and eBay to increase my knowledge of UN-related items. Sometimes I even bid. Admittedly it is not as much fun to view an object via a computer monitor as it is to see the item "live" at a stamp bourse or a dealer's shop. But dealers have rapidly turned to eBay to reach more buyers and buyers have turned to reach more sellers. And it saves on gas. However, occasionally one encounters "invalid" items on eBay. These items are accompanied by the following message:

Dear User:

Unfortunately, access to this particular category or item has been blocked due to legal restrictions in your home country. Based on our discussions with concerned government agencies and eBay community members, we have taken these steps to reduce the chance of inappropriate items being displayed. Regrettably, in some cases this policy may prevent users from accessing items that do not violate the law. At this time, we are working on less restrictive alternatives. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you, and we hope you may find other items of interest on eBay.

In the USA I presume that Internet Explorer is following what it interprets as the directives of the Patriot Act. But is more security for the USA being achieved?

In a twenty-four hour period from 6:00am November 28, 2006 to 6:00am November 29th under the category of United Nations I found roughly 700 items. I probably examined 50 listings of which 4 were "invalid". This meant that I could only read the title of the listing and view a "thumbnail" if available. Otherwise I could not view the details of the lot nor could I, as a resident of the USA, bid on them. The 4 lots were listed as follows:

- (1) United Nations UN Organization Founded 1945 Newspaper (no thumbnail).
- (2) United Nations 1943 fight for freedom ori-

ginal poster (no thumbnail).

- (3) WWII US Army Officer Uniform Tunic w/ pink pants. (with thumbnail and seven bids).
- (4) Authentic World War II Poster Antique (with thumbnail).

The thumbnail of "invalid" item (4) posted at 9:55 am shows a well-known OSS poster. An envelope bearing the same image is pictured in Figure 8 on page 7 of the June 1996 issue of the *Journal*. Why a famous World War II poster issued in the early forties would be "invalid" is not at all clear to me. On the same day a similar poster was posted at 18:15 and was available for sale. I suspect that "invalid" item (2) was another of these posters.

I also find "invalid" item (1) perplexing. Why would a newspaper article more than sixty years old celebrating the founding of the UN be an "invalid" item? Newspapers by their very nature of being publicly circulated can hardly be considered sensitive material.

I find it hard to believe that item (3) a sixty-year old uniform could provide comfort and/or camouflage to the "bad guys". This lot which was considered "invalid" for auction in the USA was available to at least 7 bidders, who presumably are non-USA residents. Is it clear that the "bad guys", who should not be buying this uniform, are only USA-residents? Does restricting items for sale to USA-residents effectively prevent the "bad guys" resident elsewhere from buying sensitive material such as World-War II posters or uniforms?

Admittedly I had no strong need to buy any of the above lots. I was interested only in reading the listings. But occasionally I have been prevented from buying an interesting lot. I found an "invalid" item listed December 3rd labeled "Map Europe 1939 League of Nations Territories" with a thumbnail showing the logo of the League of Nations Union. I doubt that such a historic item would have provided any advantage to the "bad guys". Yet as an amateur League historian, it could have been quite useful to me.

PEACEFUL VISIONS

On June 1, 2007 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Peaceful Visions".

The stamps, in denominations of 39¢, 84¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, €0,55 and €1,25, each measure 30.5 mm horizontally by 40 mm vertically. The six designs appear on the front cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

The UNPA also issued a personalized sheet of ten 84¢ denominated stamps bearing the UN logo. Peaceful Visions stamp designs are represented on the labels and in the background design on the selvage. The design of the sheet appears below.



The stamps were designed by the Canadian artist Slavka Kolesar, who provided the following text elaborating on her stamp designs.

The watercolors in the Peaceful Visions stamps show figures engaged in the inward contemplation of a common vision that animates then. A "vision" suggests that sight is directed inwardly as in a dream state, or a phase preceding or determining action. For this reason they do not communicate together through eye contact, but rather through similar gestures.

"Peace" to my mind suggests a sense of balance of opposites resulting in symmetry. I strove to communicate this idea through the various compositions and themes in the series.

39¢

Nest is a haven of tenderness and nurturing, which every child is entitled to. The sun, stars and trees provide their light and warmth as they watch the small ones grow.

84¢

In Sisters Weave the Olive Branch, I imagine a group of women from different nations dancing to the same tune, acting out their common dream. Weaving is a motion of tying and linking together, a metaphor for unity and brotherhood (sisterhood).

F.s. 1,20

Harvest for All is a vision of the equitable distribution of the earth's wealth. The tree generously offers its fruit as a gift in a cycle of grace that cannot be quantified. More precious than gold because it sustains us, this gift belongs to no one and everyone as it is gratefully shared by all.

F.s. 1,80

This Dream Has Wings shows two figures from different racial backgrounds sending out a shared vision of freedom: birds, like our mind, travel freely between earth and sky linking them and transcending barriers. In a small way, a stamp follows a similar course as it travels between countries to connect people's thoughts together. The joined hands suggest the will to turn this dream of freedom into peaceful action, since action stems from thought.

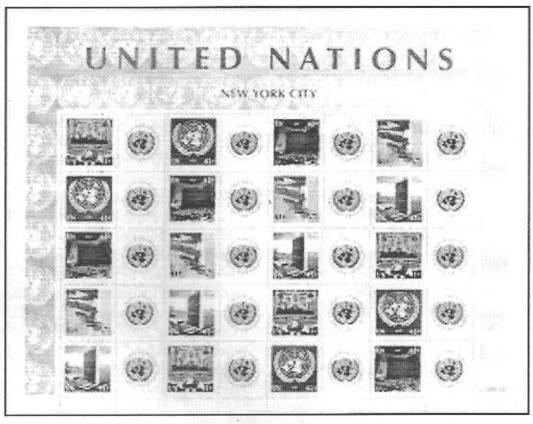
€0,55

The Sowers is my rendition of the human community dancing in planting action around our fertile planet, seeding and simultaneously reaping the fruit of that labor. The figures and trees from two interlocking triangles pointing in opposite directions to suggest a healthy exchange between man and his many neighbors, including the rocks and the vegetation that sustain us, and the birds of the air.

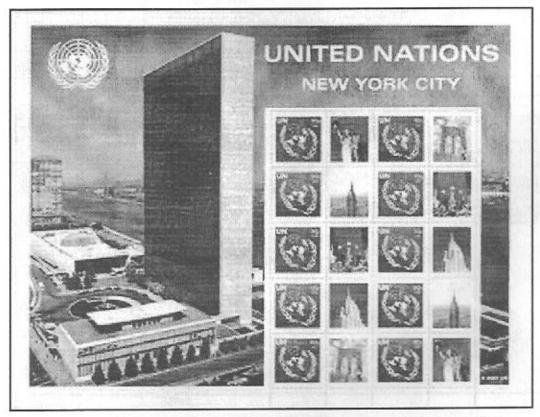
€1,25

In We All Thrive Under the Same Sky, a man and a woman create a vision of peaceful collaboration that blossoms out into the world around them. He plants a golden seed into the ground while she watches over its growth and sculpts it into shape in a continuous motion, linking the earth to the sky.

2007 UN PERSONALIZED SHEETS REFLECT POSTAL TARIFF HIKES



Generic Personalized Sheet with 20×41¢ stamps issued May 14, 2007



Genereic Personalized Sheet with 10×90¢ stamps issued May 14, 2007

UN OFFICE IN TIMOR-LESTE AND UN INTEGRATED MISSION IN

TIMOR-LESTE

By Richard Powers

In the February 2005 issue there was an article (p. 14) on UN activities in Timor-Leste (East Timor) since it became independent on May 20, 2002. Unfortunately the new nation has not yet achieved sufficient stability to allow the UN to terminate completely its emergency activities there.

In May 2005 the Security Council replaced the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET) by a one-year political mission known as the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (UNOTIL). The Mission was to: support the development of critical State institutions by providing up to 45 civilian advisors; support further development of the national police (PNTL - Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste) through the provision of up to 40 police advisors, and to support the development of the Border Patrol Unit (BPU) by providing up to 35 additional advisors.

Figure 1 shows a 2006 cover on UNOTIL service stationery bearing a 50c Timor-Leste stamp tied by a Dili postmark sent to Switzerland. (For privacy reasons part of the address has been removed.)

This mission was granted an extension until August 25, 2006. On that date an entirely new mission (United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste - UNMIT) was established by the Security Council to provide stability, national reconciliation and democratic governance for Timor-Leste. All aspects of the 2007 elections would be supported, including technical and logistical support, plus verification and advice on electoral policy.

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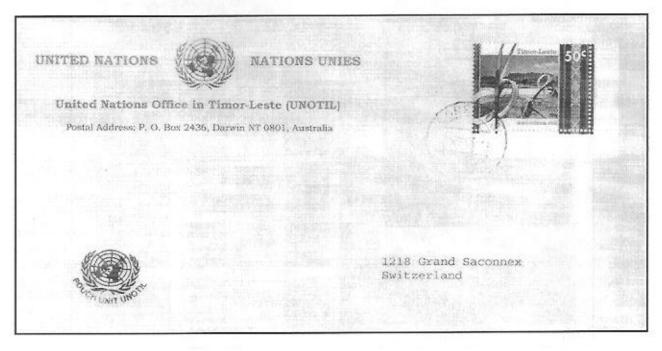


Figure 1: 2006 cover on UNOTIL service stationery sent from Dili.

THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN BURUNDI

By Richard Powers

Having determined that the situation in Burundi continued to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region and acting under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the Security Council, by its resolution 1545 of May 21, 2004, decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) in order to support and help to implement the efforts undertaken by Burundians to restore lasting peace and bring about national reconciliation, as provided under the Arusha Agreement signed on August 28, 2000. Among those signing were representatives of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, the National Assembly, Alliance Burundo-Africaine pour le Salut, Alliance Nationale pour le Droit et le Dèveloppement, Alliance des Vaillants, Conseil National pour la Défense de la Démocratie, Front pour la Démocratie au Burundi, Front pour la Liberation Nationale, Parti Socialiste et Panafricaine, Parti pour la Libération du Peuple Hutu, Parti pour le Redressement National, Parti Indépendent des Travailleurs, Parti Libéral, Parti du Peuple, Parti pour la Réconciliation du Peuple, Parti Social-Democrate, Ralliement pour la Démocratie et le Développement Economique

et Social, Rassemblement du peuple Burundais et Union pour le Progrès National.

ONUB consisted of 5650 military personnel, 120 civilian police and support personnel in the form of 200 military observers and 125 military staff officers, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1719 ended the mission, replacing it with the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi from January 1, 2007 onwards.

The possibly philatelically inspired cover in Figure 1 arrived at its destination in Switzerland in December 2005. It bears the corner card of the ONUB office in Bujumbura as well as a rubber-stamped ONUB cachet. (The address of the recipient has been partially removed to protect privacy.) It bears four Burundian stamps: 3×250 francs (Scott #713) and 85 francs (#726) tied by the cancels of the Guichet d'Affranchissements (Franking Window) in Burundi to the cover.

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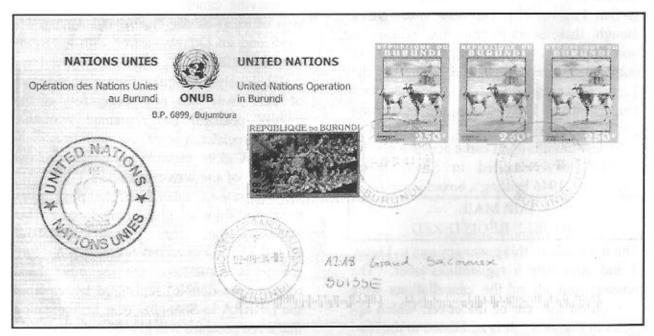


Figure 1: 2005 cover on ONUB service stationery mailed to Switzerland fom Bujumbra, Burundi.

"DOUBLE REGISTERED" MAIL FROM THE UNRRA OFFICE IN SHANGHAI

By Richard Powers

About twenty years ago I bought a service cover from the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) office in Shanghai, China. The front side of this cover appears in Figure 1. It bears a colorful selection of Chinese stamps totaling \$1550 (yuan): 3×Scott #506 (\$10), #636 (\$20), #688 (\$500) and #691 (\$1000). What piqued my curiosity was the bold two-line boxed English-language rubberstamped imprint:

EXPRESS DOUBLE REGISTERED.

The word EXPRESS is repeated in French (EXPRÉS) and indicates Special Delivery. But the expression DOUBLE REGISTERED was a mystery. I have checked the websites of the Universal Postal Union (www.upu.org) and the United States Postal Service (www.usps.com) but have failed to find the expression DOUBLE REGISTERED.

This cover to Los Angeles left Shanghai in January 1947 (exact date uncertain). On the rear is a postmark of the Registry Section in San Francisco of February 20th - even though there is no indication of a registration label with a prominent R or a registry number. It arrived the next day at the Terminal Annex (main post office near Union Station) in Los Angeles, the destination city of the letter.

A few months ago I came across a similar UNRRA cover mailed in Shanghai on August 19, 1946 bearing a boxed legend:

AIR MAIL DOUBLE REGISTERED

The front side of this cover appears in Figure 2 and does bear a registration label. The postage and all of the cancellations were applied on the rear of the cover, which appears in Figure 3. It is addressed to the Na-

tional Film Board in Ottawa, Canada.

Most of the stamps and cancellations are not visible in Figure 3, as they are covered by a red postcard of the Chinese Postal Administration, which has been glued to the back of the letter. This card is a request for a return receipt (Avis de Réception - Advice of Delivery) and bears the boxed return address of the UNRRA in purplish blue:

U.N.R.R.A. SHANGHAI

In his Monograph on Origin Cachets of the United Nations, Its Agencies and its Predecessors (2000), Clem Clement lists this origin cachet as CHN-U1. The postcard bears pencil notations indicating the registry number 5122.

Figure 4 shows the stamps and cancellations, when one lifts the postcard, which is glued down only on the left side of the card. Among the sixteen stamps, one finds 3×#625 (\$20), #591(\$10), 3×#688(\$500) and 9×#629(\$100), totaling \$2470. In addition to the Shanghai cancellations, one finds a receiving cancel at the Terminal Annex post office (Los Angeles) dated August 31, 1946 and an Ottawa cancel with an R incorporated into it and dated September 1st.

Obviously the request for a return receipt of this cover was not successful, as the request postcard has remained with the original registered letter for more than sixty years. A more careful examination of the rear side of the cover in Figure 1 indicates that at one time it also bore a red postcard as there are signs of glue stained red. This that the legend DOUBLE suggests REGISTERED is an indication that a return receipt is requested. On the other hand regular (non-double) registered letters from the UNRRA in Shanghai bear no indication that a red postcard was glued on the back.

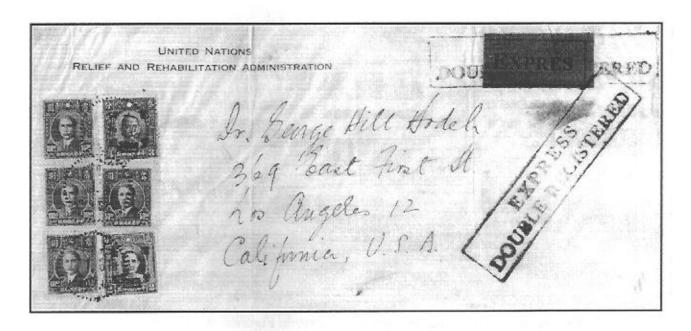


Figure 1: UNNRA "express double registered" service cover mailed from Shanghai, China to Ottawa, Canada in January 1947 provided special delivery registered service to Los Angeles via San Francisco.

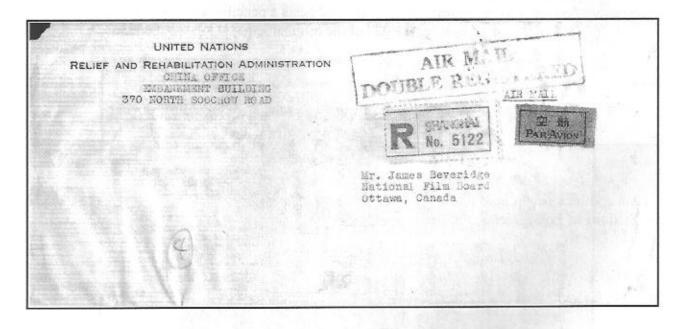


Figure 2: UNNRA "double registered" airmail service cover mailed from Shanghai, China to Ottawa, Canada on August 19, 1946 provided air mail registered service to Ottawa via Los Angeles.

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Figure 3: Reverse side of the "double registered" cover in Figure 1 showing the attached red postcard of the Chinese Postal Administration requesting Avis de Réception (Receipt of Delivery) bearing the return address of the UNRRA in Shanghai and the postmark of Shanghai dated August 19, 1946, the date that the registered letter was sent. A postmark of the Ottawa, Canada in the upper left corner of the envelope shows that the "double registered" letter reached its destination city on September 1, 1946. The card bears a pencil notation of the registration number "5122" of the original letter.

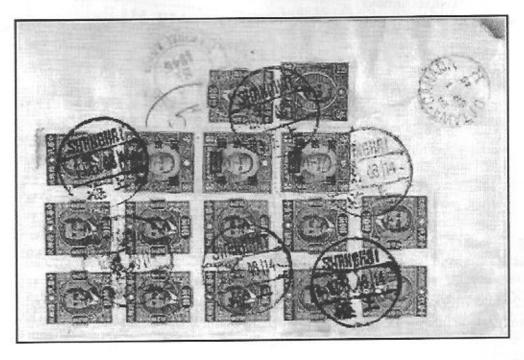


Figure 4: The stamps underneath the red postcard requesting return receipt and cancellations from Shanghai, Los Angeles and Ottawa.

1949 METER COVER FROM UNESCO IN SHANGHAI

By Richard Powers

In the February 2004 issue of the Journal, there was an article (page 10) dealing with International UN-related Organizations working in China during the troubled 1940s which included the Second World War and the Communist take-over in 1949. Among these were the International Labor Organization (ILO), United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), the Preliminary Commission of the International Refugee Organization (PCIRO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). Recently I noticed on eBay an interesting 1949 cover from a UNESCO office in Shanghai. This appears in Figure 1.

The cover bears the corner card (Figure 2) of the East Asia Field Scientific Cooperation Office of UNESCO located at 106 Whangpoo Road in Shanghai, which was the same address as the ECAFE Secretariat and the PCIRO.

The cover bears a meter cancel (Figure 3) which appears to be dated December 20, 1949, nearly seven months after Shanghai was taken over by the Communists. It looks



Figure 2: Corner card of 1949 UNESCO cover from Shanghai.

similar to the meter cancel used by the UN Information Center (UNIC) in 1951, which appears on a cover in an article (page 15) in the June 2006 issue of the Journal. The UNIC was also located at the same Shanghai address.

Ten bidders sought to buy this item, which sold for a price of \$212.50.



Figure 3: Meter cancel used on the UNESCO cover.

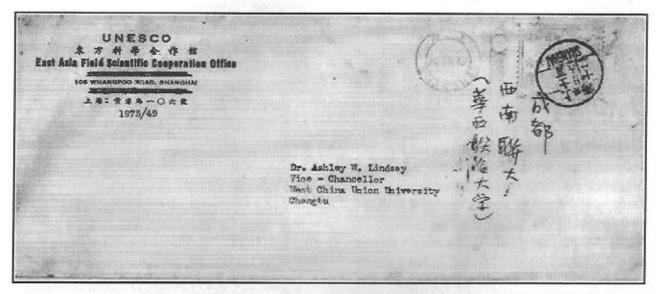


Figure 1: 1949 UNESCO service cover with meter cancel from Shanghai, China.

NEW FRENCH SERVICE STAMPS FOR UNESCO

By Richard Powers

On December 7, 2006 the French post office (La Poste) issued two new French service stamps for use at UNESCO head-quarters in Paris. The € 0,60 stamp (Figure 1) features the head of a Siberian tiger, a protected species.



Figure 1: € 0,60 UNESCO stamp honoring the Siberian tiger.

It is estimated that only 400 individuals remain in the wild. An equal number live in captivity. This animal is the victim of deforestation of the Siberian taiga, the swampy region between tundra and steppe. Its habitat, originally extended, has been reduced to a narrow mountainous strip in eastern Siberia along the sea of Japan. The Siberian tiger is impressive by its size and its power. It can weigh more than 600 pounds and measure nearly 13 feet in length from its head to the tip of its tail with a shoulder height of nearly 45 inches. It can bound more than 30 feet and can jump up to 13 feet. Its speed reaches 30 miles per hour but only for distances of sixty to 100 feet. Its senses are highly developed, notably its vision with an acuity five times better than that of humans. range between six and twelve miles looking for prey. It hunts exclusively under the cover of trees and forest and can attack any

animal, be it fish or bear. Snow tigers have only one predator: the hunter, who tracks it for its fur, particularly prized in Asia.

The € 0,85 stamp (Figure 2) honors the city of Luang Prabang, the ancient capital of Laos. This small country in southeast Asia is bordered by China, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. This geographical situation attracts the interest of its neighbors, which have taken turns exercising their domination. Thus it was that danger from Burma in 1560 that caused Luang Prabang to lose its position as capital of a prosperous kingdom to the advantage of Vientiane. Luang Prabang, constructed at the confluence of the Mekong and Nam Khane rivers, derives its name from "Prabang", a statue of Buddha, gilded with fine gold and one of the city jewels. Its architectural heritage is remarkable. The city of 65 "vats", religious edifices where Lao art has achieved a level of privileged expression, bears testimony to its role as home of Buddhism. On the peninsula rise the royal and aristocratic residences, of which the majority are wooden, conforming to tradition. Some brick houses, architectural remains of the French colonial presence, complete the urban landscape. Since the 1990s and its registration on the list of World Heritage of mankind, Luang Prabang has opened many active worksites of restoration of its monuments.



Figure 2: € 0,85 UNESCO stamp honoring Luang Prabang, Laos.



Figure 4: First day notice for the 2006 UNESCO stamps.

In conjunction with these two stamps La Poste prepared an official philatelic document (210mm×295mm) bearing two single color proofs of the stamps and copies of the stamps themselves tied by a first day cancel. (Figure 3) The text provides background material. It also issued a first day notice (145mm×210mm) bearing the same text and the stamps tied by a first day cancel without the proofs (Figure 4).

Bulk Order Report

These stamps were available via the UNP Bulk Order program. Members, who indicated that they were interested in new UNESCO items, were sent a message on February 15, 2007 via e-mail or by letter of the prices of the new series, the philatelic document (€5,00) and the first day announcement (€ 2,25). A bulk order was placed on March 15, 2007. I received the order on April 7, 2007. Orders were shipped from Pasadena by April 15th.

If you are interested in participating in the program, you are encouraged to fill out the survey which appeared on the mailing sheet (back side) of the October 2004 issue and to send it to the editor. You will be contacted whenever a new issue of possible interest to you of Swiss (international offices in Geneva or Bern), French (UNESCO) or Dutch (ICJ) official stamps is announced.



Figure 3: Official philatelic document of the two 2006 French service stamps issued for use at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

2007 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of July 1, 2007 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.) See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA Flag Series (Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Montenegro, Switzerland) February 2 39¢ (1 sheet of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 stamps)

March 15

Endangered Species

39¢, 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 2007 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder FDC with Silk Cachet

May 3

Coin and Flag Series

39¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,55

(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)

Coin and Flag Collection Folder

Essen Personalized Sheet (10 stamps of € 0,55)

May 14

2007 Generic Personalized Sheets

(Sheets of 20 stamps with 5 designs of 41¢ and 10 stamps with 1 design at 90¢)

June 1

Peaceful Visions

39¢, 84¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 1,25, Souvenir Card, Personalized Sheet (6 sheets of 20 stamps, 1 sheet of 10 stamps of 84¢))

August 9

World Heritage - South America

41¢, 90¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(26¢, 41¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30)}

New York Postal Stationery

41¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes, 90¢ air letter

New York Definitive - UN peacekeeper

90¢ (1 sheet of 20 stamps)

September 6 UPU - Universal Postal Union (joint UN-UPU issue)

> 90¢, F.s. 1,80, € 0,75, Souvenir card (3 sheets of 10 stamps)

> > Joint Silk Cover with UPU

October 25 Space for Humanity - 50th Anniversary of the Space Age

41¢, 90¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 0,75

(6 mini-sheets of 6 stamps)

Souvenir sheets

\$1.00, F.s. 3.00, €2.10

Personalized Sheet for Space Week

(Sheet of 20 stamps of 41¢)

2007 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2007 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 2

United for Peace

THE UN PERSONALIZED STAMP SHEETS ISSUED IN JAPAN

Some Mysteries Remain

By K. Sasaki

There are two kinds of UN personalized stamp sheets issued in Japan. One was issued on January 17, 2005 on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Reconstruction from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake; the other, at EXPO 2005, which was held in Aichi Prefecture in central Japan from March 25 to September 25, 2005. The actual first day of issue of the latter was June 27th, which coincided with UN Day at the UN Pavilion.

The former was created by the Hyogo Prefectural Chapter of the United Nations Association of Japan and the Hyogo International Association, with the cooperation of the UN (UNPA). The tragedy occurred in that prefecture, which is located in the western part of Japan, near Osaka.

These commemorative sheets were given to VIP dignitaries who attended the memorial ceremony held in Kobe, the city of the central location of the earthquake. According to Jim Matyasovich, who made inquiries at the UNPA, 1000 sheets were produced by the UNPA and not sold through the UNPA or through a third party who ordered sheets. However, a limited number of the sheets were in fact sold to the public in Japan for ¥2000(about \$17) per sheet. They were sold out after several months.

As Figure 1 shows, the stamps provided are Scott UNNY #853-7. But the five vignettes of the ten contiguous labels and the selvage of the sheet were specially designed for the sheet. The sheet was enclosed in a folder (Figure 2), which explains why this personalized stamp sheet was issued and displays the five designs of the labels in both English and Japanese.

In the eighth column of the sheet, the vignettes picture (from top) the present day Hanshin Expressway Kobe line, a view of HAT Kobe (an area developed during the reconstruction), the destroyed Hanshin Expressway Kobe line (500 meters of elevated roadway tipped over), the city ablaze and Kobe Luminaire (a festival of lights commemorating the reconstruction).

The sheet issued at EXPO 2005 is more interesting because there are, in fact, at least two types. Types I and II differ in the marginal inscription in the right-hand selvage. Figure 3 shows Type I, possibly the original printing. At the extreme right is a red box in the selvage, which reads "Caution" in Japanese followed by the black text, which reads, "These stamps are permitted for use only in the United Nations Pavilion at EXPO 2005 and are not valid in Japan". The warning was not directly

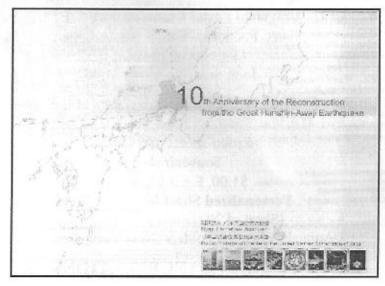


Figure 2: Folder for Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Personalized Stamp Sheet.



Figure 1: 2005 Personalized Stamp Sheet Commemorating the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake.



Figure 3: Type 1 Personalized Stamp Sheet for EXPO 2005 Aichi.

printed on the sheet, but on a separate piece of paper, which was manually pasted on each sheet. Type II sheets bear the warning printed directly on the sheet at the top of the marginal inscription in the right-hand selvage. Figures 4a and 4b show close-ups of these two inscriptions.

There is a difference in the text of the two types. In English Type I reads "Printed by United Nations. © Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition." Type II reads "Printed by United Nations. © Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition. This copyright is for the Aichi Expo's logotype and mascots."

The reason for this awkward change in text is as follows: The licensee of the sheet in Japan feared when they saw the first batch of 500 sheets from the UNPA, that the product might cause some confusion among the buyers in Japan. As the first day of issue was fast approaching and the licensee had no time to immediately reorder revised sheets (Type II), they decided to paste the warning to the sheets. The sheets with the pasted warning (Type I) were used for the first day of issue. By the time about 100 sheets had been sold, the revised sheets (Type II) arrived and immediately replaced the Type I sheets on sale. Jim Matyasovich reports that the UNPA produced and sent to Japan 1500 sheets during 7 different printings, of which about 20 sheets presented to the Attendees of the UN Day ceremony at the exposition. About 360 sheets

of the first batch were returned to the UNPA.

The Japanese licensee reports that they sold 1100 sheets total (Types I and II). The selling price for these Aichi sheets at the pavilion was ¥2900 (about \$24.50).

The Japanese licensee reports that they returned 20 defective sheets of Type I to the UNPA. They also say that the Japan Philatelic Agency (a stamp dealer) bought 55 sheets and cancelled some of them with its own rubber canceller. I imagine that the Aichi Expo sheets now available in the USA are either from this Japanese dealer or from the UNPA from the sheets returned by the Japanese licensee. What kind of defect did these returned sheets have? The licensee declines to comment. Despite such detailed information, there remain some mysteries relating to the Aichi Expo sheets.

There is at least one other variety. Types I and II both bear a seal pasted in the upper left corner selvage reading "EXPO 2005 AICHI JAPAN LICENSED PRODUCTS". Sheets currently being sold in the USA bear no such seal (Type III). Sheets on the market in the USA have a different selvage inscription. [See the Figure on the rear cover of this issue of the Journal.] Sheets exist with no red warning box or accompanying text and may be sheets printed initially and immediately rejected by the Japanese licensee.

I am indebted to Jim Matyasovich for much valuable information. I would like to express my deepest thanks to him.



Figure 4a: Detail of Inscriptions from the right-hand selvage of the Type I sheet.



Figure 4b: Detail of Inscriptions from the right-hand selvage of the Type II sheet.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

By Konrad Schräer

Translated from the German original by Richard Powers

Whenever one speaks of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the Hague, a certain amount of confusion can arise, since the United Nations has three different institutions of justice in this city. In addition, the Hague is the home of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the Iran-USA Claims Tribunal. Figure 1 shows a 2001 service cover from the Arbitration Court bearing two ICJ service stamps: 55 cent (Scott #O48) and 65 cent (#O50). Figure 2 shows the rear flap of a service cover from the Iran-USA Claims Tribunal.

In recent years the biggest news stories were made at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTFY) by the trial of the recently deceased former Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic. Figure 3 shows an ICTFY service cover bearing a handstamped priority mail cancel of a private French mailing service.

Since 2002 the International Criminal Court (ICC) has been located in the Hague and currently deals with War Crimes in the Congo and Darfur. Figure 4 shows an ICC service cover.

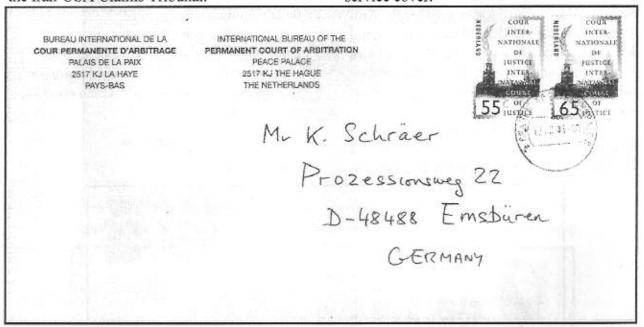


Figure 1: Service cover from the Permanent Court of Arbitration bearing ICJ service stamps.

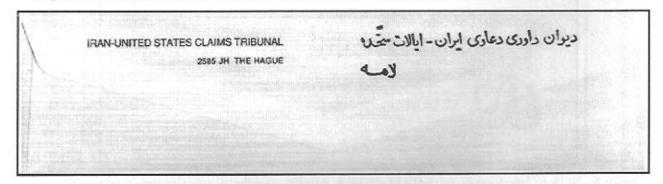


Figure 2: Back flap showing the return address of the Iran-USA Claims Tribunal.

Much older than these two Tribunals is the ICJ, one of the six principal organs of the United Nations. (The other five are the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council and the Secretariat.) Figure 5 shows a 1983 ICJ cover with three 50-cent and one 10-cent ICJ service stamps. The first members of the Court were elected by the UN General Assembly in Central Hall in London on February 6, 1946. The formal inaugural session took place on April 18, 1946 in the Peace Palace in the Hague 1.

The ICJ celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding on April 12, 2006 with a ceremony in the Peace Palace. Present at the proceedings were Queen Beatrice of the Netherlands, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the President of the 60th General Assembly Jan Eliasson. The ICJ provides photographs and additional information concerning the program on its website: www.ici-cij.org/60.

On April 10-11, 2006 the ICJ organized in cooperation with the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) a 60th anniversary colloquium on:

Issues of Jurisdiction of the Court; Procedural Issues; Issues of Access to the Court.

Among the invitees to this discussion were present and former ICJ judges and ad hoc judges as well as professors and prosecutors, who in the past ten years have served as advisors or as attorneys in trials before the ICJ.

Figure 6 shows a special envelope with a black 60th anniversary logo, which carried an invitation to the colloquium and program to Professor Abdallah Fikri El-Khani, a former ICJ judge from 1981-85. He is currently a member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport. More than 400 of these invitations were sent.

More than 200 invitations to the formal anniversary ceremony went out to guests in similar envelopes (but with gold-colored logos instead of black logos), which contained the program.

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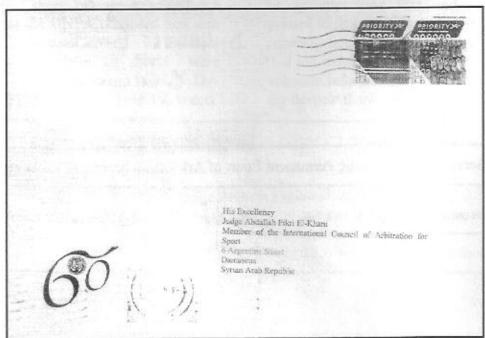


Figure 6: 2006 ICJ service cover with black 60th Anniversary logo, which contained program of the Anniversary Colloquium and which bears two 85-cent first class Dutch stamps.



Figure 3: Service cover sent first class (priority mail) from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTFY) via a French mailing service to Austria.

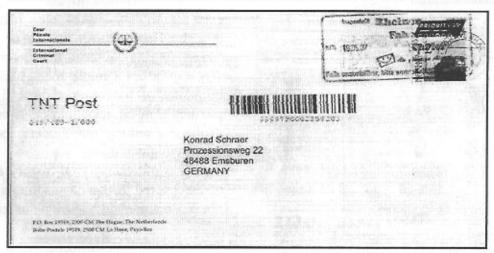


Figure 4: 2007 priority service cover from the ICC bearing Dutch priority stamp.



Figure 5: Service cover from the ICJ to an ICJ judge in Germany bearing three 50 cent (#O43) and a 10 cent (#O34) ICJ service stamps tied by three Peace Palace cancels on October 5, 1983.

UNESCO SYMPOSIUM ON MAFIC COMPLEXES

Athens, Greece - 1980

By B. Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered is a special postmark used at an UNESCO Symposium in Athens, Greece in October 1980. This postmark is shown in Figure 1, dated October 9, 1980. A cachet cover for the meeting is shown in Figure 2. The full name of the meeting was "International Symposium on Metallogeny of Mafic and Ultramafic Complexes, the Eastern Mediterranean-Western Asia Area, and its Comparison with Similar Metallogenic Environments in the World".



Figure 1: 1980 Athens cancel honoring joint UNESCO, IGS and IGCP symposium on Mafic and Ultramafic complexes.



Figure 2: 1980 cover commemorating a joint UNESCO-IGS-IGCP symposium in Athens.

The emblem in the center of the cancel is that of the IGCP, which at the time was the "International Geological Correlation Programme". Today, the acronym remains, but now refers to the "International Geoscience Programme". IGCP, established in 1972, is jointly sponsored by UNESCO and the IUGS, the "International Union for Geological Sciences".

What are mafic and ultramafic complexes? These are certain igneous rocks formed in the earth's mantle from the underground cooling of magma, which have a lot of silica, and are high in iron and magnesium. These rocks have been exposed to the surface over the eons due to earthquakes, etc. It is interesting that the Greek stamp on the cover is Scott #1368, which pictures a mineral, Gypsum. Gypsum is not a mafic rock, I don't believe, but none of the other stamps in the series pictures a mafic rock, either. If we have any geologists among our readers, perhaps they might enlighten us.

UN conference postal history continues to be discovered. If you have something that may not be documented, please let us know.

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SHOW AWARD

UNP-Vice President Greg Galletti received a vermeil award at the St. Louis Stamp Expo 2007 for his exhibit A History of the League of Nations. He received an award of excellence from the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) and the American Philatelic Congress award. The St. Louis Stamp Expo 2007, sponsored by the clubs of St. Louis and surrounding communities, was held February 23rd-25th at the Renaissance Airport Hotel, St. Louis.

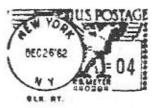
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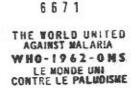








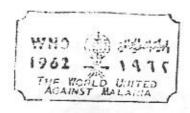
















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UNRRA (Gaines pg. 1265-1291)

- 1. #10 Window cover from US Dept. of Agric., UNRRA receiving mark US D.104, red-violet, on cover front, 1/28/47, MB \$6
- Post card from Indiana, offering a horse, UNRRA receiving mark US D.113 in blue on back, staples on card, MB \$8

Lots 3-8 are all covers sent pouch from UN-RRA-London to UNRRA-Washington, all with Pouch marks on cover front:

- 3. Small cover, Pouch mark UK 1, staples and hole punch, MB \$12
- 4. #10 cover, Pouch mark UK 2, hole punch, MB \$12
- 5. #10 cover, Pouch mark UK 3, fold, MB \$12
- 6. #10 cover, Pouch mark UK 4, MB \$12
- 7. #10 cover, Pouch mark UK 5, hole punch, MB \$12
- Small cover, Pouch mark UK 7, two hole punches, part of back flap missing, MB \$12
- 9. Small cover from UNRRA-London to London address, London meter, 1946, UK Dater D.104(c) on back, MB \$15
- UNRRA-London letterhead small letter,
 UNRRA Austrian Mission boxed receiving mark, 1946, MB \$10
- 11. #10 cover from UNRRA-Greece to UN-RRA-Washington, Dispatching mark Greece A/D.103 on front, MB \$15

1919 Peace Conferences (Gaines pg. 1001)

- 12. Versailles Congrès de la Paix, 5/7/19, two strikes on small mailed cover to Paris, MB \$12 13. St. Germain en Laye Congrès de la Paix, on small cover mailed to Switzerland, 9 cancel strikes, 6/2/19, plus large and small two line imprints, fold, MB \$12
- Versailles Chateau Congres de la Paix,
 6/26/19, on small mailed French Chambre des
 Deputès CC cover, 4 strikes, MB \$12



UNNY Varieties, etc. M VF NH unless described otherwise (Gaines pg. 1-55)

- 15. #3.2, full pane of 2¢ First Issue, diamond cutout, ink smudge in margin, 2 perf guides (pin hole and circle), MB \$35
- 16. #C1.1 (f), bottom block of 15 with 2 MI's and two control #'s, MB \$25
- 17. #C2.1, full pane autographed in margin by 7 different FD ceremony dignitaries, including UNPA Chief Renberg, One perf separation in upper right margin, MB \$25
- 18. #C3.5 (b) MI-4 Prussian Blue, MB \$150 19. #37 (b), Imperf pair, Certificate, MB \$100 20.#101a-iii)Single, 2-mm black shift,MB\$25↓



- 21. #104 (a), Miscut pane with printer's cutout, MB \$125
- 22. #105 (a), Full pane with side perfs not aligned (both sides), MB \$30

23. #130, side block of 20, 2 MI's, heavy olive ink smear through two stamps and margin, MB \$12

1948 UN General Assembly in Paris (Gaines pg. 975-980)

- 24. #10 airmail UN-Paris CC cover with C.2 (b) Assembly cancel 11/2/48, to Palestine, fold, wrinkles and fold, MB \$18
- 25. Red Cross card MISC-1 with C.1 cancel 9/21/48, MB \$10
- 26. Beautiful Collective Proof Sheetlet PR-8, MB \$100

1951-52 UN General Assembly in Paris (Gaines pg. 980-987)

- 27. FDC of Assembly stamps on cachet FDC mailed to US, Machine cancel C.1, MB \$24 28. #10 airmail UN-Paris CC cover to US, regular French stamps, cancel C.2 (b), 11/20/51, small tears on right edge, MB \$12 29. Small UN-Paris CC cover to US, cancel C.2 (b), 2/6/52, MB \$18
- 30. Assembly meter G4471, 1/22/52, on piece, MB \$50↓



UNESCO General Conferences (Gaines pg. 1339-1341)

31. 3rd Conference, Beirut, 10 Conference stamps on two unaddressed UNESCO- Beirut CC covers, Cancel GC3.1, 12/23/48, MB \$15 32. 5th Conference, Florence, Small cover to England, with one of Conference stamps, Cancel GC5, 2 strikes, 6/5/50, MB \$15

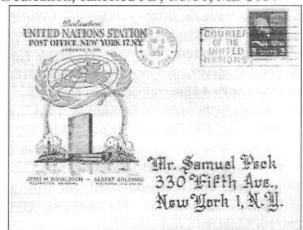
UNESCO Service Covers, Worldwide

- 33. Small cover to NY, CC of UNESCO Middle-East Science Co-operation Office, Cairo, Egypt, 1958, MB \$5
- Small cover to England, CC of UNESCO Science Co-operation Office for South Asia, Delhi, India, fold, 1952, MB \$6

- Small airmail cover to US, CC of UNESCO Southeast Asia Science Cooperation Office, Djakarta, Indonesia, 1959, MB \$5
- 36. Small cover to US, CC of UNESCO Tech. Assistance Mission, Lima, Peru, 1952, MB \$6 37. #10 airmail cover to Canada, UNESCO South East Asia Science Cooperation Office, Manila, Philippines, 1954, 2 tears, MB \$5
- 38. #10 US Penalty cover with CC of 3rd National Conference, US Commission for UNESCO, to Dept. of State, c.1951, MB \$8

UN Post Office, New York, 1951 (Gaines pg. 944-945)

39. PO Opening, Official cachet cover for Dedication, canceled FD, 1/3/51, MB \$18↓



- 40. Invitation to Dedication, MB \$8
- 41. Program for Dedication, MB \$8
- 42. Last day cancel, 10/23/51, on unaddressed cachet cover, MB \$12
- 43. Last day of machine and hand cancel #1, 10/23/51, on unaddressed small cover, MB \$20
- 44. Hand cancel #2, 10/2/51, on unaddressed postal card, MB \$12
- 45. Hand cancel #3, FD, 1/3/51, two strikes on mailed plain cover, MB \$18

UNEO-Geneva Coil Stamps (Gaines Pg. 1076-1080)

- 46. Mint single and mint pair with paste-up on one edge of #21 and #22, Mint single and mint single with paste-up on one edge of #23 and #28, no certificate, MB \$120
- 47. Coil pair of #21 on mailed post card, no certificate, MB \$20

UPU (Gaines pg. 1181-1219)

48. 5th Congress, Washington-1897, Cong. cancel C5.1 5/24/97 on mailed US postal card with US Treasury on back, MB \$75↓



49. 10th Congress, Cairo-1934, Congress CC cover to Bern, 5 strikes of C10.1 FD 2/1/34, franked with 8 low values of Congress stamps, MB \$40

50. 16th Congress, Tokyo-1969, Small Congress CC cover, mailed, 2 strikes of C16.2, franked with 4 Congress stamps, MB \$12

 Exec. Commission, St. Gallen, 1951/2 on Commission CC cover to England, MB \$12

 Exec. Commission, Lausanne, 1957/1 on Commission CC cover to Belgium, MB \$12

53. Special cover, unaddressed, for Opening of Bern Schosshalde PO serving UPU, 11/10/52, MB \$8

Austrian Balloon Flights (Gaines pg.756-773)

54. 1955-59 Flights, 10 cards and 1 cover, all franked with UNNY stamps and canceled UNNY, very nice, MB \$ 80

 1981-82, 6 covers, all franked with UNV stamps and canceled UNV, MB \$12

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57. 1998 Schonbrunn, 3 prestige booklets for NY, Geneva, Vienna, MB \$12

58. 1999 World Heritage Australia, 3 prestige booklets for NY, Geneva, Vienna, MB \$12

59. Endangered Species, MI-4's for NY, Ge-

neva, Vienna, 1993-96,1999-2001, 2003, 2007, MB \$18

60. Endangered Species, Full sheets for NY, Geneva, Vienna, 2007, MB \$35

61. 1979 IYC, Four full sheets for NY, Geneva, Vienna, MB \$15

62. UNPA Presentation Folder for FD at State College of NY 597-8, G207-8, A121-2, autographed by Designer, UNPA Directors for World, NY, Geneva, and Vienna, and Director of UN Philatelic Museum in Geneva, MB \$20

63. 1998 International Year of the Ocean, 3 sheetlets, MB \$10

64. 1999 UNISPACE III- 5 SS's, including Anaheim and Paris overprints, MB \$8

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9	\$40	10	\$250	11	\$150	12	\$125
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18	\$27	20	\$20	22	\$80	23	\$10
24	\$135	25	\$60	26	\$220	27	\$13.50*
28	\$20	29	\$20	30	\$15	31	\$85
34	\$47	35	\$100	36	\$225	38	\$50
39	\$12	40	\$12	43	\$25	44	\$15
46	\$8.10*	48	\$13.50*	49	\$9*	50	\$4.50*
51	\$5.40*	52	\$6.30*	53	\$4.50*	54	\$4.50*
55	\$4.50*	56	\$5.40*	57	\$13.50*	58	\$10
59	\$9*	60	\$4.50*	61	\$18*	62	\$9*
63	\$7.20*	64	\$65	65	\$22	67	\$35
68	\$30	69	\$15	70	\$20	71	\$20
73	\$1	74	\$1	75	\$1	76	\$0.90*
77	\$0.90*	78	\$0.90*	79	\$10	80	\$9.50
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