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#### Cover Illustrations

Front cover: UN Transport Stamps Issued September 2, 2010. Back cover: 98¢ UNNY Aerogramme and 44¢ Pre-stamped Envelope Issued June 28, 2010.

#### CLUB NEWS - AMERICOVER 2010

#### UNP Annual Meeting at AMERICOVER 2010

By Richard Powers

The UNP Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with AMERICOVER 2010 at the Chicago Oak Brook Marriott Hotel on Saturday August 7, 2010 at 1:00 pm.

Present were Larry Fillion - UNP President, Anthony Dewey - UNP President Emeritus, Blanton Clement, Jr - UNP Secretary, Michael Krejci - former UNP Board Member, Ken Grant - UNP Board Member and Richard Powers - UNP Journal Editor and UNP Board Member.

After introductions were completed, the following five "Show and Tell" oral presentations were made:

Some Interesting UN Conference FDCs Blanton Clement, Jr.

FDCs with "Big Six of Malaria" Arteraft Cachet Larry Fillion

First Day Postcards of the 1¢ UN First Issue Anthony Dewey

Selected Covers of the PCIJ and Other UN-related Agencies Michael Krejci

Some UN-related FDCs before October 24, 1951 Richard Powers

Five of the attendees appear in the photograph (Figure 1) below, which was taken at the Club Table.



Figure 1: UNP Club Table at AMERICOVER 2010: From left, Clem Clement, Dick Powers, Tony Dewey, Ken Grant and Mike Krejci.

#### Show Results

Two UNP members entered in the exhibit competition at AMERICOVER 2010.

Tony Dewey's single-frame exhibit The 1-Cent U.N. First Issue and its First Days - Solo Use received a UNP Silver medal, AFDCS Gold and Single-Frame Grand Award (AFDCS Curtis B. Patterson Award).

Tony's multiple-frame exhibit Swiss Officials for the UNEO and International Agencies received a UNP Gold medal, AFDCS Gold and APS Award of Excellence (1940-80).

Unfortunately for Tony only five single-frame exhibits were entered in the competition. If one more single-frame exhibit had been entered, Tony would have been eligible to compete in the Single-frame Champion of Champions competition to be held at AmeriStamp Expo 2011 in Charleston, North Carolina. A minimum of six single-frame exhibits need to participate for the grand award winner to qualify.

Larry Fillion's exhibit Kirlay Kundu FDCs for 2009 Malaria Issues received a UNP Bronze award and a AFDCS Bronze award.

## **Board Meeting at AMERICOVER 2010**

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

The UNP Board met at AMERICOVER 2010 at Oak Brook, Illinois on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 10:00 am. A quorum of the Board was present: Larry Fillion, Clem Clement, Dick Powers, Tony Dewey, and Kenneth Grant attending.

The minutes of the 2008 meeting, the recent Treasurer's Report, and the recent Membership Report were reviewed.

Recruiting and retention of members were discussed. Periodic mailings to APS members interested in UN have been effective and will be continued.

The Editor talked about his need to update the club computer system. Up to \$1000 was approved to be used at his discretion to purchase a new computer with 2010 MS Office, a color printer/ scanner/copier, etc.

The club auction selling Jack Mayer material, supplemented by other material has been very successful in raising money for the club and attracting new members. As the Mayer material is used up, more material is needed. Notices will be placed on the website and in the Journal.

The need for regular club publicity was shown by the number of new members resulting from articles in *Linn's Stamp News* about the UNP Monograph on Personalized Sheets. Tony Dewey agreed to be Publicity Chairman, with a goal of issuing about six press releases a year.

Monographs were discussed. It is expected that future Monographs will be on CD and/or the Website. The first chapter of the UN Conference Study, on the League of Nations, will be posted on line when completed.

The Archive of old UNP literature was discussed. An inventory will be made, and excess Journals will be given away at stamp shows with an UNP application inside. Sales lists will be sent to new members and posted annually in the Journal. A mechanism to sell literature on the website will be explored.

A brochure on "An Introduction to UN Stamp Collecting" will be investigated. Dick Powers will make an outline and solicit contributions from members.

Future meeting sites were discussed. The next two are scheduled as follows:

NAPEX, Tysons Corner, VA, June 3-5, 2011 WESTPEX, San Francisco, CA, April 2012

For future annual meetings, the UNP Board will consider meeting at the same show venue as the American Helvetia Philatelic Society (AHPS), although future Boards may have other factors they think more important.

#### NEW GENEVA CHILD LABOR EVENT SHEET

On September 2, 2010 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a new event stamp sheet on the theme "Child Labor".

In many places around the world children are forced to work, sometimes in brutal conditions and dangerous environments that are threatening to their lives and health. Typically, children who are forced into labor do not go to school or participate in recreational activities. Child labor exists for many reasons, mainly economic gain. Child labor is not confined to one particular industry and is found in most countries around the world.

Many children become debilitated, both physically and emotionally, from hazardous working conditions.

The sheet, in the denomination of S.f. 1,90, features ten stamps with artwork from a children's competition on the theme "Child Labor". The vignettes of the stamps contain the following logos: ILO (International Labor Organization) and Geneva-World.com. The design appears in Figure 1.

The stamp sheet features a statement by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Kimoon and by Juan Somavía, the ILO Director-General.

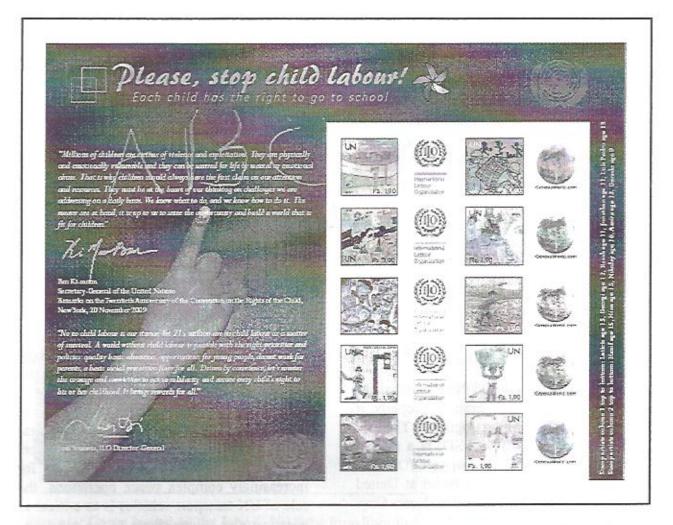


Figure 1: UN Geneva event sheet issued on September 2, 2010 concerning Child Labor with ten different designs for the stamps as well as the ILO and ChildWorld.com logos on the vignettes.

## UN TRANSPORT - LAND/SEA/AIR

On September 2, 2010, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued three se-tenant strips of five stamps each in the denominations of US \$0.44 (sea transport), S.f. 1,00 (land transport) and € 0,65 (air transport). Each sheet of 20 stamps accommodates four horizontal se-tenant strips of five stamps. The three strips appear on the front cover of this issue of the Journal.

The stamps were designed by Simon Williams from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. They were orinted in offset by UAB Garsu Pasaulis (Lithuania)

Transportation plays an extremely important role for the United Nations in its efforts to maintain its peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. United Nations transport vehicles are critical for deploying United Nations personnel to peacekeeping missions, shipping large amounts of food to meet emergency needs, supplying emergency medical supplies and transporting other cargo and equipment to the field missions throughout the world.

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) is dedicated to assisting the Member States and the Secretary-General in their efforts to maintain international peace and security. The Department's mission is to plan, prepare, manage and direct United Nations peacekeeping operations using all forms of transport, whether by land, sea or air.

In order for the United Nations to maintain its Peacekeeping Operations properly, it requires strong transport logistics. The Logistics Support Division (LSD) is a part of the Department of Field Support (DFS) at the United Nations. LSD is based at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, where a diverse and dedicated team of civilian staff provides logistical support to United Nations-led peacekeeping, <a href="https://example.com/https

www.lsd.unlib.org/Documents/PDF%20203 6.pdf> peacebuilding and political missions <a href="https://www.lsd.unlib.org/Documents/P%2">https://www.lsd.unlib.org/Documents/P%2</a> 02038.pdf> around the world.

The Logistics Support Division is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of policies and procedures for all logistic issues in United Nations peacekeeping. The Division consists of three elements:

- The Operational Support Service includes logistics, planning and program support.
- 2. The Specialist Support Service includes a range of technical logistics sections, including supply, engineering, contingent-owned equipment <a href="http:///www.un.org/Depts/dpko/COE/home.shtml">http:///www.un.org/Depts/dpko/COE/home.shtml</a> and property management, and cartographic and medical support <a href="http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/medical/">http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/medical/</a>
- 3. The Transportation and Movements Service ensures effective logistics capabilities in terms of air transport, strategic air- and sealift for movement of military and civilian personnel and cargo, and providing vehicles and spare parts at the required time and place, in the most efficient manner.

The Logistics Support Division also oversees the operations of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy, which manages reserve equipment stocks and strategic deployment stocks that assist in rapid establishment of new missions.

United Nations peacekeeping efforts continue to evolve conceptually and operationally to meet new challenges and political realities. Faced with the rising demand for increasingly complex peace operations, the role of UN transport vehicles is as critical as ever in order to contribute to the most important function of the United Nations - maintaining international peace and security.

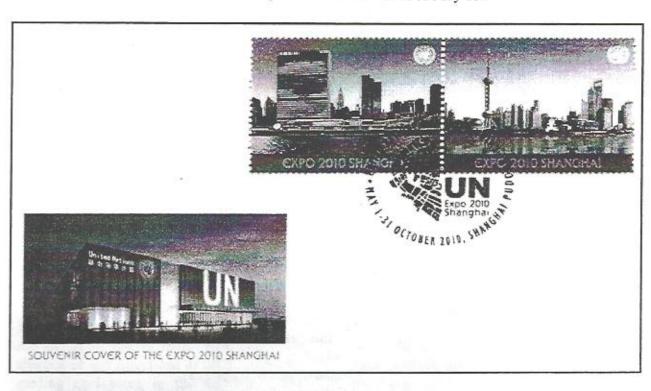
## UNPA SOUVENIR COVERS FROM SHANGHAI EXPO 2010





SOUVENIR COVER OF THE EXPO 2010 SHANGHAI

Souvenir Cover Issued on the May 1, 2010 the First Day of Sale of the 44¢ UN Logo Stamp and Vignette from the Shanghai Lunar Calendar Event Sheet with Cachet Showing the World Expo UN Pavilion with UNNY handcancel of May 1st.



Souvenir Cover Issued on the June 4, 2010 the First Day of Sale of the 98¢ New York-Shanghai Stamps from the Shanghai World Expo Event Sheet with Cachet Showing the World Expo UN Pavilion with Generic (Undated) Shanghai Cancel.

## 2010 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of September 1, 2010 but subject to changes of date and denominations.)
See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at: www.un.org/Depts/UNPA

February 5

Coin and Flag Series

44¢. F.s. 0,85, € 0,65

(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)

Human Trafficking (Special Event sheet of ten stamps - € 0.65)

April 15

**Endangered Species** 

44¢. F.s. 1,00, € 0,65

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

Set of 3 maximum cards and 2010 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder FDC with Silk Cachet

International Year of Biodiversity (Geneva and Vienna Definitives)

F.s. 1,60, F.s.1,90, € 0,05, € 0,20

(4 sheets of 20 stamps)

Revalued Postal Card for Geneva F.s. 1,90

April 25 May 1 World Malaria Day souvenir cover

Shanghai Lunar Calendar (Event sheet of ten stamps - 44¢)

Shanghai Lunar Calendar souvenir cover - 1×44¢

May 6

One Planet, One Ocean

44¢, 98¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,65

(6 mini-sheets of 4 stamps)

Three Prestige Booklets with 12×(28¢, 44¢, F.s. 0,30, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35)

June 4

Shanghai World Expo (Event sheet of ten stamps - 98¢)

Shanghai World Expo souvenir cover - 2×98¢

Definitives - New York

3¢, 4¢

(2 sheets of 20 stamps)

June 28

Postal Stationery for New York

44¢ Pre-stamped envelopes, 98¢ airletter

65th Anniversary of the UN

98¢, \$1.96, F.s. 1,90, F.s. 3,80, € 0,75, € 1,50

(3 sheets of 15 stamps, 3 Souvenir sheets of two stamps)

September 2

UN Transport Land/Sea/Air

44¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65

(3 sheets of 20 stamps with 5 designs)

Child Labor (Event sheet of ten stamps - S.f.)

October 18

International Year of Biodiversity (New York Definitives)

15¢, \$1.50 and 3 souvenir cards (2 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 21

Indigenous People

44¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65

(3 mini-sheets of 6 designs)

2010 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

UN Working Dogs Event sheet

2010 SLOGAN CANCELLATION

January 2

United for Peace (continuation of slogan for 2007, 2008 and 2009)

## SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW:

#### UNPA's 98¢ AEROGRAMME DEBUTS

By Duane E. Lamers

After a delay of nearly a month from the originally planned date of issue on June 5, 2010, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in New York released on June 28th a new aerogramme or airletter with a design incorporating the current rate for single-ounce letters sent overseas. It is well designed, a bit lighter in shade to provide more contrast between the paper and addresses to be written on it. The design appears on the rear cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

When folded, the reverse side shows a photo of an airplane on a runway and being off-loaded of its cargo of goods meant for humanitarian relief. The "when folded" part is a return of "something old." Time was when all airletter sheets were sold flat, to be folded by the sender after having written the communication and then sealed and addressed. The current design, no doubt Scott #UC29, is sold unfolded. Copies bearing the FDC are also unfolded. Another something old is a return to the format of no specific provisions on the reverse side for placing a return address. Although it is possible to write this information over the face of the photo of the plane, most users would likely think to write a return address in the upper left hand corner. We note, however, that this portion is printed in a dark gray, the darkest shade in the entire design.

New features include embossed lines for proper alignment of the folds in the sheet itself and in the sealing flaps. Also new is the absence of any directions or prohibitions regarding enclosures in the airletter. The United States Postal Service (USPS) no longer issues airletters, which always carried

a reduced lower postal rate in recognition of the fact that the mailed airletter weighed considerably less than one ounce, the maximum allowable for ordinary envelopes with contents. Thus, the current airletter does not violate postal regulations if it includes enclosures that do not bring the total weight to more than one ounce. The paper stock of the airletter is very light, however, making it a risky proposition for a sender to add enclosures, certainly beyond the weight of another sheet of paper. The same can be said, incidentally, about the previous airletters that carried the postal rate assigned to ordinary envelopes. Those airletters carried printed prohibitions, however, that did not actually apply. Absent this time is an advisory that the bottom of the printed face of the airletter can also be used for inscribing a message. That bottom portion, of course, is folded inward and becomes part of the "inside" of the folded airletter.

UC29 is destined for a short shelf life. The Postal Regulatory Commission charged with approving postal rates at the USPS has already filed a request for a domestic rate increase for first class mail to be effective in January 2, 2011. Past domestic rate increases have always included hikes in the international tariff as well. Next time however, this writer will be diligently seeking to learn whether the Vienna offices as well as the New York offices apply a surcharge to UC29. It happened with UC28 and with U27 and 28, and at least a couple specimens of UC28 with the Vienna-printed surcharge exist postally used. Vienna also printed the surcharge on UC27, and possibly on U25 and 26, but this information came to light only recently.

## A WELL-MATCHED PIECE OF UNESCO POSTAL HISTORY

By Richard Powers

The UNESCO service cover which appears in Figure 1 is a quadruply interesting piece of UN postal history: corner card, hand cancel, commemorative stamp and destination. The cover on UNESCO stationery was mailed in Paris on February 25, 1947 by E. A. Lloyd to V. Stencek in care of the Palais des Nations of the League of Nations in Geneva.

The hand cancel includes the slogan "Mois de l'UNESCO - Paris", which translates as "UNESCO Month". This hand cancel, catalogued by Gaines as GC1.1, saw limited use during eight months from October 28, 1946 until June 28, 1947 and refers to the First UNESCO General Conference in Paris which took place from November 20 through December 10, 1946.

The hand cancel ties the UNESCO com-

memorative (Scott #572) issued by the French PTT on November 19, 1946, the day before the General Conference began. Most UNESCO service mail was franked with UNESCO meter cancels. But the use of the matching UNESCO commemorative highly increases the philatelic interest of this cover.

Of additional interest is the fact that the cover was sent to the League of Nations, which was in the process of closing down its activities, which were being taken over by the United Nations. The last General Assembly of the League of Nations was adjourned on April 18, 1946. Effective January 2, 1947 the Palais des Nations post office bore the name "Nations Unies" instead of "Société des Nations". League of Nations stamps ceased to be valid for postage on March 31, 1947.

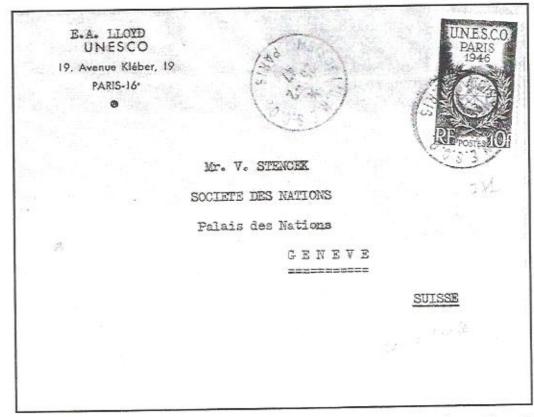


Figure 1: UNESCO service cover bearing French UNESCO commemorative and special Paris "Mois de l'UNESCO" postmarked February 25, 1947 sent to the League of Nations at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

## POST CARD FROM THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PARIS - 1948

By B. Clement, Jr.

Newly found is a beautiful post card from the United Nations General Assembly held in Paris, France in 1948. This color card, shown in Figure 1, shows the Palais de Chaillot, where the Assembly was held, with the flags of the member states on one side of the street, and post-war automobiles parked on the other side.

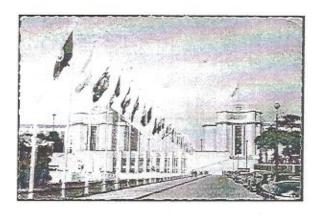


Figure 1: Picture side of post card sent from the UN General Assembly Meeting at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris in 1948.

The post card is a commercial card published by "C.A.L.F., 30, rue Chapon, Paris-3e". The card has the inscription "11. PARIS - Le Palais de Chaillot, O.N.U. 1948". The card was mailed to New York with a 12fr French stamp honoring the Assembly, postmarked with the Assembly machine cancel on UN Day, October 24, 1948. The message side of the card is seen in Figure 2.

The message on the card reads:

Enjoying every minute of lovely Paris. Toured Palace of Versailles last Sunday & are driving to Normandy this weekend to visit site of D-Day landings, etc. General Assembly ends Dec. 10 & will then visit Belgium, Holland, Switzerland & Southern France.

Milly & Jean Labelle



Figure 2: Message side of post card pictured in Figure 1 bearing a 12fr stamp (Scott #606) commemorating the UN General Assembly in Paris in 1948 and conference cancel of October 24, 1948.

Obviously Milly and Jean, apparently American and perhaps sisters, were connected to the Assembly in some way, perhaps as secretaries. If we had a United Nations General Assembly phonebook from Paris-1948, maybe we could better identify them.

This post card may be one of a series of cards published for the General Assembly Meeting in Paris. It will be included in the UN Conference Post Card Project on the UNP website (Ref. 1). If you know of others with the inscription "O.N.U. 1948", please let us know.

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## THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION IN GENEVA

By Richard Powers

When the League of Nations was set up in Geneva, Switzerland, many efforts were made to promote some sort of international organization for education as an analog to the International Labor Organization (ILO). But a common reaction was often encountered that education was too much a matter of national sovereignty to permit international coordination.

The presence of the League in Geneva did make one need evident, since a private International School was started in 1924 to cater to the children of League families. Soon afterwards a distinguished committee of patrons met in Geneva. Encouraged by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, they persuaded the Institut Jean-Jacques Rousseau to establish a new body on December 18, 1925, the International Bureau of Education (IBE), often referred to by its French This was essentially an acronym BIE. association under Swiss law, open to any person or group interested in education. The Bureau was to create a center of documentation and education, to foster research on educational problems and to serve as a bridge between institutions and organizations working in the same fields. The director was Pierre Bovet, assisted by Adolphe Ferrière and Elizabeth Rotten.

Even though the IBE maintained contacts with the League of Nations and Ministries of Education, it was established as a private institution. Initially, from 1926 to 1929, the Bureau showed remarkable vitality in the range of its activities. A variety of small exhibits were arranged, starting with one on progressive education in the USA Lectures were given in Geneva and other cities. Along with analyzing journals of education, the Bureau staff gathered descriptions of some European school systems in a public intended to help visiting teachers, and this later developed into a plan for the publication of the "International Yearbook of Edu-

cation". In 1927 a major conference was organized in Prague on the theme of "Peace through the school".

While energy and ideas were not lacking, resources remained scant. In 1928, with the departure of Elizabeth Rotten, Pedro Rosselló was appointed assistant director and he became both the motor force of the IBE and its main chronicler. The lack of financial support became dramatic in 1928 when a project to organize a large conference in Geneva for the World Federation of Education Associations (WFEA) led the IBE to make commitments which could not be honored as very few of the expected participants arrived. As a result, the Third Assembly of the IBE in July 1929 dissolved the original IBE and adopted statutes for a new body. Figure 1 shows a service cover bearing a 30-centime Swiss stamp (Scott #180) to London postmarked in Geneva on April 12, 1929 of the IBE with reference to the WFEA in English, French and Esperanto.

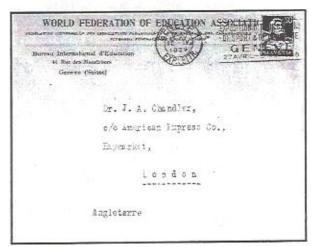


Figure 1: 1929 service cover of the original IBE referencing the WFEA.

The founding signatories of the new IBE were the Canton of Geneva, the Institut Jean-Jacques Rousseau (IJJR) and representatives of the governments of Ecuador and Poland - a strangely mixed membership but sufficient to confer intergovernmental status

on the Bureau. With the new organization came several changes. Bovet resigned his IBE post, to devote himself to the IJJR, and Jean Piaget was appointed director of the IBE. He and Rosselló continued to direct the Bureau for the next forty years.

The legal basis was now set out more clearly with the purpose and structure modified in several aspects. The IBE was defined as an information center, not a coordinating body nor directly concerned with research. Membership included governments as well as public institutions (which covered ministries of education at the national level), international unions, but not private individuals. The Council or governing body consisted of representatives of the members and it appointed an executive committee. The first Council meeting was held in July 1930.

Figure 2 shows a cover bearing an 8¢ stamp (Canada #115) from the Department of Alberta, in Edmonton, Canada on December 12, 1929 to the Director of the new IBE.. Note the address of the IBE was still the same at 44 Rue des Maraichers.



Figure 2: 1929 service cover from the Department of Education in Alberta, Canada to Director Piaget of the IBE.

Eventually the Swiss Confederation became a member of the IBE in time to act as the host of the Third International Conference on Education in 1934. These conferences continued yearly through 1939, when they were interrupted by the outbreak of World War II in September 1939. The IBE staff asked for national reports to be submitted on two or three educational topics of current interest in advance of the conference. During the conferences delegates presented and commented on their national reports and in separate sessions discussed the findings of topical surveys, leading up to the adoption of a recommendation on each theme. Typical themes included the duration of compulsory education, the professional training of school teachers, rural education, teaching of modern languages, inclusion of psychology in teacher training, drafting and choice of textbooks, salaries of teachers and organization of pre-school education.

The war caused suspension of such conferences. The IBE continued to fulfill its mission by starting a service of intellectual assistance to prisoners of war. Funds and books were collected from various parts of the world. Parcels of books were sent to prisoners of war camps, with efforts to stimulate study activities among the inmates.

In 1940 the IBE began to sell vignettes in sheets of twelve for 2 Swiss francs in order to raise funds for this intellectual aid. Figure 3 shows a cover sent from the IBE to a veterinarian in Zürich bearing a blue (Gaines Label #4) vignette in the upper left corner bearing the image of the Swiss pedague and education reformer Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi (1746-1827) tied to the cover by an IBE cachet. The vignettes were also issued in red wine (#1), brown (#2) and green (#3). The printed cachet of the envelope indicates the sender was the "Service d'Aide Intellectuelle aux Prisonniers de Guerre" (Intellectual Aid Service for Prisoners of War) of the IBE as provided by Article 39 of the Geneva Convention dated July 27, 1929. The cover was posted with a 1940 Swiss 20 + 5 centime semi-postal stamp (#B108) postmarked May 12, 1941.

Inside the cover is a four-page pamphlet (Figure 4) explaining the Intellectual Aid program. The program distributed books on such topics as ancient and modern lan-

guages, history, geography, physics, chemistry, bridge and road repair, electricity, auto repair, architecture, weaving, gardening, business and pharmacy. The IBE was obviously anticipating needs once hostilities had ceased. During the war the IBE headquarters pictured on the pamphlet cover was located at 52 Rue des Pâquis in Geneva.



Figure 3: 1941 IBE service cover containing letter soliciting contributions to the Intellectual Aid Program for War Prisonners.

The envelope also contained a cover letter from the IBE Director Jean Piaget soliciting books and/or money.

The IBE serviced military interned in Switzerland as well as prisoners of war in other countries. The internees were military personnel, who could not return to their home countries because of occupation by another country. These included Polish and French soldiers.

Figure 5 shows a cover sent by the IBE on November 27, 1940 to a miliary internment Munchwilen in the Swiss canton of Thurgau and then forwarded to a camp in Burgdorf in the canton of Bern. The cover has been sent free of postage (Franc de Port) for humanitarian reasons as the addressee was an internee. The cover bears a brown Pestalozzi vignette (#2) tied by an IBE cachet. Beneath the postal cancel is a boxed red cachet from the Swiss military post administration (Feldpostdirektion) giving per-

mission to deliver the letter (Zuzustellen).

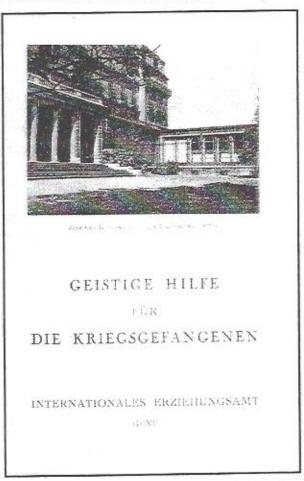


Figure 4: IBE pamphlet in German sent in 1941 describing its work during World War II picturing the headquarters at Rue des Pâquis in Geneva.



Figure 5: 1940 IBE service cover to Internee in the canton of Thurgau in Switzerland sent postage free.

The role of the IBE, which was resident in a neutral country (Switzerland), in its role of mediating on behalf of citizens of one country held as prisoners of war in a second country with which the first country was at war, was more complicated. Figures 6a (address side) and 6b (message side) shows a post card postmarked on June 27, 1942 in Geneva sent by the IBE to a donor in the Swiss canton of Vaud, who had contributed some books for prisoners of war. The message from the assistant director Pedro Rosselló indicates that the spokesman for British prisoners in Stalag III in Germany had acknowledged receipt of these books, which had been shipped on May 7, 1942.



Figure 6a: Address side of IBE service postcard sent to book donor in the Swiss canton of Vaud.

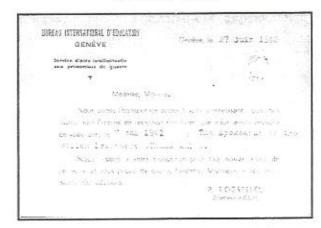


Figure 6b: Message side acknowledging receipt of books by British prisoners of war in Germany.

In the upper left hand corner of the address is a green vignette (Gaines Label #7) honoring Père (Father) Grégoire Girard, a Swiss educator born in 1765 in Fribourg, tied by different IBE cachet. In the upper right corner is a 10-centime stamp (Switzerland #230). This vignette was issued in three other colors: violet (#5), brown(#6) and blue (#8). Each of these vignettes were issued in sheets of twelve which cost 2 S.f. They were also released in a souvenir sheet of four (one of each color), which also cost 2 S.f.

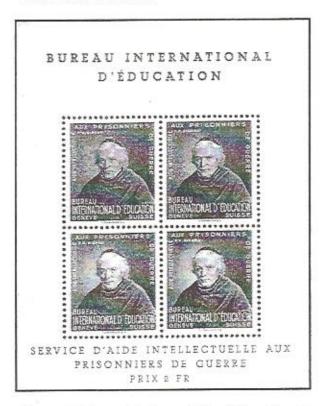


Figure 7: Souvenir sheet of four Père Girard vignettes (Gaines Label #9) priced at 2 Swiss francs.

Figure 8 shows a dispatch note to an American, who was being held in Lager 122 in occupied (by German troops) Compiegne, France, which accompanied a Russian grammar book, which was sent by the IBE on June 25, 1943 for use in the camp library. A handwritten comment indicates that the shipment was received by September 18, 1943.

# INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION

## Service of Intellectual Assistance to Prisoners of War

No. of package 60.377 Sent to Mr. Logan SERLES No. 2.163 (American)

Camp of LAGER 122 COMPIEGNE (Oise) FRANCE Date of dispatch 25 juin 1943

B.I.E. 60.377  Russian grammar  For the library of camp.  We have pleasure in sending you this Russian grammar.  Kindly acknowledge receipt.— With best wishes.	-
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Figure 8: 1943 BIE dispatch note which accompanied Russian Grammar sent to American prisoner of war in occupied Compiegne, France.

On August 15, 1944 the Swiss PTT released a set of twenty-one stamps (#401 -21) for the use of the IBE. Figure 9 shows a registered "archive" first day cover of the 1,50 S.f. (#4017) stamp on a IBE service envelope, which was obviously prepared by the IBE since the cover is self-addressed to the IBE at the Palais Wilson. The cover was serviced at 3:00pm at the Geneva 1 Dépôt office. The registered cover received a back stamp one hour later at the Geneva 1 Distr. Lettres office. This set of stamps is similar to the sets issued by the Swiss PTT for the League of Nations (#2070 - 2090) and the International Labor Office (ILO) (#3062 -3082).



Figure 9: First day cover of the 1944 IBE 1,50 S.f. stamp on IBE service stationery.

After World War II the IBE resumed its activities organizing a permanent exposition on public instruction and beginning in 1946 yearly International Conferences on Public Instruction. Figure 10 shows a IBE printed matter service cover bearing the conference cancel of the Ninth International Conference on Public Instruction on the opening day of the conference June 28, 1948 sent to Wabern in the Swiss canton of Bern. One cancel ties a 5-centime IBE stamp (#402) to the envelope. Note that the corner card mentions the "Permanent Exposition on Public Instruction".

In 1969 the IBE merged with UNESCO. UNESCO's General Conference now elects the Commission which serves as the IBE Governing Body. Figure 11 shows a 1971 airmail IBE-UNESCO service cover from Geneva to Baltimore, Maryland. The Palais Wilson cancel ties three IBE service stamps to the cover: from left, 5 centimes (#4040), 20 centimes (#4046) and 50 centimes (#4048). These three stamps are from the last series of IBE stamps issued in 1958-60 and are still valid for postal use.



Figure 10: 1948 Conference Cancel from the Ninth International Conference on Public Instruction on IBE service stationery bearing Scott # 402.



Figure 11: 1971 service cover of the UNESCO-IBE office in the Palais Wilson in Geneva bearing #4O40, #4O46 and #4O48.

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## P.P. SERVICE MAIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, THE ILO, THE IBE AND THE UPU

By Richard Powers

According to the rules of the Swiss post office printed matter mail may be sent at a reduced rate when more than a minimum number of identical items are mailed at the same time. Such items bear the legend P.P. (port payé), which means postage paid, either in a printed insignia on the item or in the town mark or in the cancellation slogan. Such mail must be brought to a post office in order to verify that conditions have been met to merit the reduced (bulk) rate. Presumably the P.P. cancel confirms that the reduced tariff is appropriate.

Between 1925 and 1967 printed matter letters and post cards weighing less than 50 g could be sent domestically in Switzerland for 3 centimes in groups of at least 20 items. The single piece tariff for domestic printed matter weighing less than 50 g was 5 centimes.

For international printed matter mail between 1924 and 1948 only publishers and book dealers were allowed a reduced rate of 3 centimes for items weighing less than 50 g. The single piece tariff was 5 centimes, except during the period from January 1, 1928 to July 1, 1930, when the tariff was 7½ centimes.

The following nine figures illustrate P.P. mail used by the League of Nations, the International Labor Organization (I.L.O.), the International Bureau of Education (I.B.E.) and the Universal Postal Union (U.P.U.) from 1929 through 1946.

Figure 1 shows a printed matter (imprimé) cover with a printed P.P. insignia in the upper right hand corner sent to the editor of the "Swiss Cooperative" in Basel. The insignia indicates that the bulk mailing was made at the Genève 10 post office, which was used by the League of Nations

from 1927 on. Unfortunately this item is undated and unstamped so that the time frame of the mailing is unknown.

Figure 2 shows a 1929 League of Nations wrapper for a journal which bears a P.P. hand cancel of the Genève 1 post office. It was sent by the Information Section of the League to a local address in Geneva. The P.P. legend appears in a hand cancel postmarked July 25, 1929 on an unfranked wrapper.

Figure 3 shows a similar wrapper for a journal on which had been printed a P.P. insignia in a box in the upper right hand corner. The insignia has been covered by a 5-centime League of Nations stamp (Scott # 2072), which was postmarked at the Genève 10 post office of the League of Nations in 1946. This suggests that this item, which was sent to Bern, was mailed separately and not as part of a bulk mailing, which would have merited a reduced tariff. Hence the P.P. insignia has been covered up.

Figure 4 shows a printed matter League of Nations double post card (with the reply half attached) sent to France by the Service of Publications with a machine cancel of the Genève 1 Exp. Lettr. dated July 2, 1930. The slogan portion of the cancel on the unfranked card consists of a banner containing the letters P. P. with a cross between the letters.

The next two figures contain I.L.O. covers. Figure 5 shows a cover on International Labor Conference stationery postmarked May 29, 1936 at the Genève Exp. Lett. with P.P. at the bottom of the town mark. The slogan contains a cross and ties the 3-centime stamp (#3O2) to the cover, which was sent to Grand Saconnex near Geneva in Switzerland. There is no legend indicating

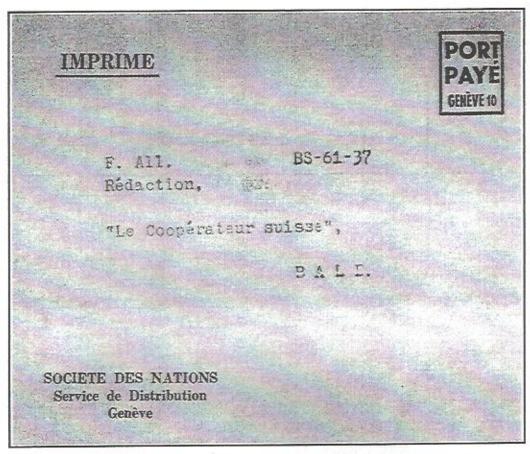


Figure 1: Printed Matter League Cover from the Service of Distribution with Printed Port Payé Genève 10 Insignia.

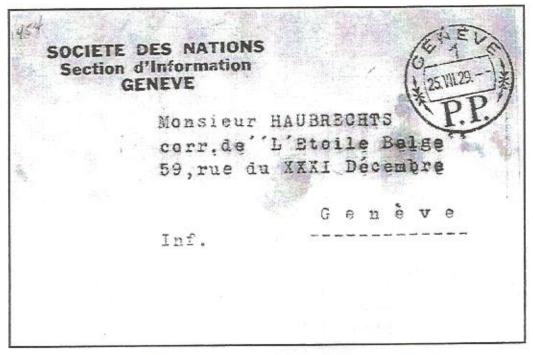


Figure 2: 1929 League Wrapper from the Service of Information with a Genève 1 P.P. Hand Cancel.

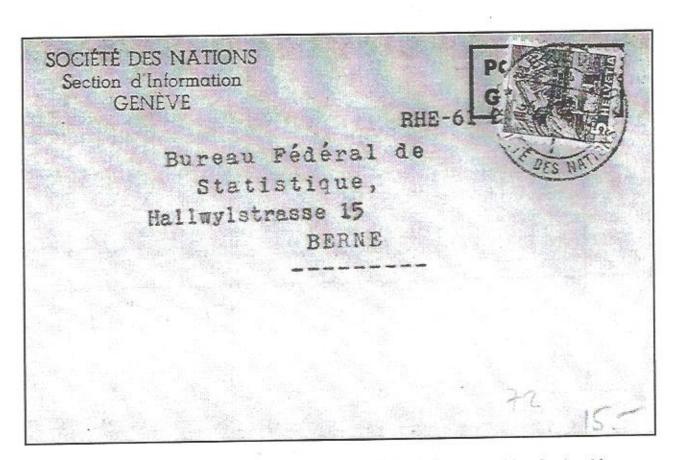


Figure 3: 1946 League Wrapper from the Service of Information with a Genève 10 P.P. insignia covered by a 5-centime Scott #2O72 stamp postmarked at the League of Nations Post Office at Genève 10 and sent to the (Swiss) Federal Statistics Bureau in Bern.

that the contents are printed matter. But the cover was mailed unsealed.

Figure 6 shows a printed matter post card sent to Bern and bears a 3-centime ILO stamp (#3O38) postmarked October 26,1943 at the Genève 1 Exp. Lettres. Both the townmark and the slogan contain the legend P.P. In the slogan the letters P.P. are to the left of a cross.

The next two printed matter covers were sent from the Service for Intellectual Aid for Prisoners of War of the I.B.E. Figure 7 shows a cover sent to Zürich bearing a 3-centime I.B.E. stamp (#401). It was mailed from the Genève 1 Exp. Lettres post office with the legend P.P. and a cross to the right in the slogan of the cancel. The town-

mark bears the date October 27, 1944.

Figure 8 was also sent to Zürich with the same 3-centime stamp from the same post office in Genève dated February 15, 1946. The slogan shows a cross to the left of larger letters P.P.

Finally Figure 9 shows a printed matter cover sent from the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union in Bern to Port Arthur, Texas on November 15, 194(2?). The hand cancel, which contains the P.P. legend, is similar to the hand cancel in Figure 2 except that it is from the Bern 1 post office instead of from Genève 1. This cover too is unfranked.

Swiss postal tariffs have been taken from the 1992 Zumstein Spezialkatalog Schweiz.

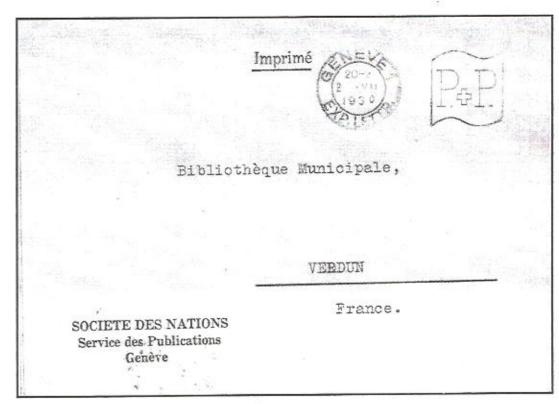


Figure 4: 1930 League Double Post Card with Reply Card from the Service of Publications with a Machine Cancel with P.P. in Slogan Only.



Figure 5: 1936 ILO Conference Cover with Machine Cancel with P.P. in the Genève 1 Exp. Lett. Town Mark and Cross in the Slogan bearing 3-centime stamp (Scott #3O2).



Figure 6: 1943 ILO Printed Matter Post Card with Machine Cancel with P.P. in the Genève 1 Exp. Lettres Town Mark and with P.P. and Cross in Slogan with a 3-centime stamp (Scott #3038).

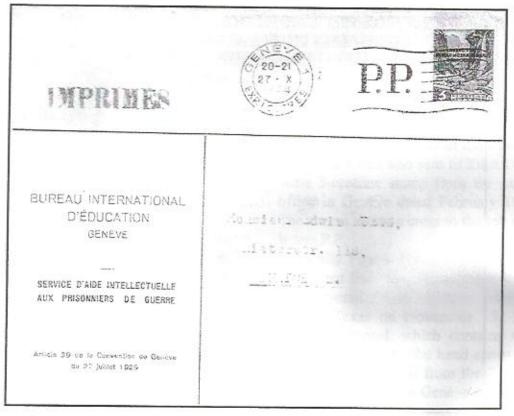


Figure 7: 1944 BIE Printed Matter Cover with Machine Cancel with Genève 1 Exp. Lettres Town Mark and with P.P. (left) and Cross in Slogan with a 3-centime stamp (Scott #401).



Figure 8: 1946 BIE Printed Matter Cover with Machine Cancel with Genève 1 Exp. Lettres Town Mark and with Cross (left) and P.P. in Slogan with a 3-centime stamp (Scott #4O1).

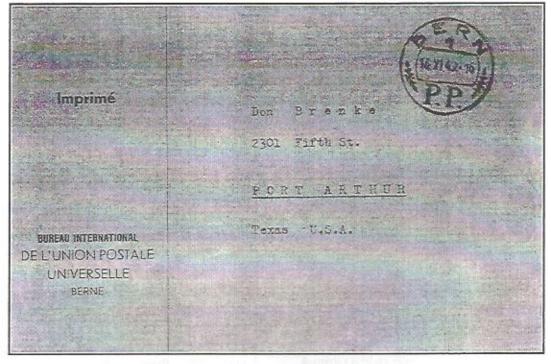


Figure 9: 194(2?) UPU Printer Matter Wrapper from the International Bureau with Bern 1 P.P. Hand Cancel.

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## UN-Forerunner Meter Tapes Gaines pg. 940-954, (LS-Lake Success, GN-Great Neck, LIC-Long Island City, NY-New York)

- GA Slogan I, NY PB #108314, Jan 5, 1944, GA \$250, MB \$75
- GA Slogan I, NY PB#108314, 3¢, Jul 6, 1945, GA\$250, MB \$75↓



- GA Slogan I, NY PB#108314, Jan 12, 1946, Ink marks, GA \$325, MB \$65
- GA Slogan II, LS PB#113436, Oct. 7, 1946, GA \$100, MB \$35
- 5. No slogan, LS PB#115515, 39¢, Oct 6, 1947. GA \$60 MB \$25↓



- GA Slogan III, LS PB#115515, 48¢, Oct 31, 1947. GA \$100 MB \$30
- 7. No slogan, LS PB#116728, 51¢, Nov 18, 1947. GA \$125 MB \$40
- 8. GA Slogan IV, LS PB#116728, Feb 27, 1948. GA \$225 MB \$75
- No slogan , LS PB#126118, Apr 25, 1949,
   GA \$50, MB \$20
- GA Slogan V, LS PB#126118, Jun 4,
   GA \$75, MB \$25
- 11. No slogan, LS PB#150815, Sep 17, 1948, GA \$150, MB \$50

- 12. GA Slogan V, GN PB#180705, Mar 26, 1951, GA \$250, MB \$75
- 13. No slogan, LIC PB#163706, Mar 16, 1950, GA \$600, MB \$175
- 14. GA Slogan V, LIC PB#163706, Feb 23, 1950, GA \$800, MB \$225↓



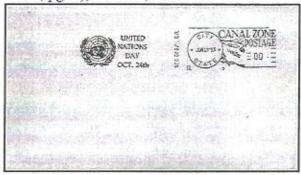
## UNNY Meter Proofs (Gaines pg.602-4)

- 15. Proof PD.1 (e) 00 mint tape, PB3 Oct 20,1951, GA \$75, MB \$20
- Proof PD.1 (e) 00 mint tape, PB3 phantom date Oct 20'51, MB \$20
- 17. Proof PD.1 (f) 00 mint tape, PB3, blank dater circle, GA \$75, MB \$20↓



- 18. Proof PD.1 (f) 00 meter on blank small cover, blank dater circle, Fold, MB \$20
- 19. Proof P.1 (c) UN Day Slogan, 00 meter on small cover, PB 000000 City, State, Sep 28'50, GA \$125, MB \$25
- Proof P.1 (d) UN Day Slogan, 00 meter on card, PB3, Oct 20 '51, GA \$125, MB \$25
   Proof P.1 (e) 00 meter tape on card with note, UN Day slogan, PB3 Oct 20'51, SEC.562 PL&R, GA \$125, MB \$25
- Proof P.1 (e) on small blank cover, GA \$125, MB \$25

23. Specimen meter, UN Day Slogan, 00 meter on blank small cover, City State, Jun 19 '53, Canal Zone (See UNP Journal Apr. 1996, pg. 6), 10 exist, MB \$10↓



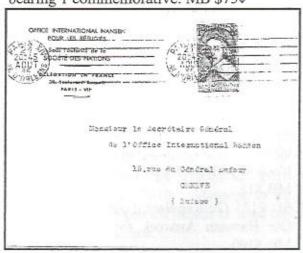
#### **UNNY Meter Service Covers**

24. #10 Air mail UNICEF-NY CC cover to Honduras, PB 108314 Slogan V, May 8, 1950, Registered, with Empty dater circle and "A.R." in oval, GA \$500, MB \$150 25. #10 UNNY CC cover to ICAO-Montreal, FD of UNNY meter PB 2, Slogan 1, Oct 24, 1951, GA \$250, MB \$125

## Nansen service covers (SC)

26. 1938 legal size SC from the Paris Nansen office to Geneva Nansen Office (1cm tear in upper right CR - almost invisible) 2 diff. French stamps. MB \$75

27. 1935 small size SC from the Paris Nansen Paris Office to Geneva Nansen Office bearing 1 commemorative. MB \$75↓



28. 193? small size SC from the Athens Nansen Office (typed return address) to the Geneva Nansen Office, 3 Greek stamps, Opened underway by the Greek Government Finance Control. MB \$30

#### League-related cover

 1935 cover sent from Zürich to the League of Nations Secretariat with League receiving cancel on the back. MB\$10

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- International Union for Child Welfare, 3 covers, 1920 Geneva cover to London-Violet cachet & 1940 CC cover & 1940 violet cachet cover to NY, MB \$25
- 31. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, 4 covers, 1922-31, 2 from Geneva & 2 from Washington, all with CC or cachets, MB \$25
- 32. International Women's Bureau-Search for Refugees, 1915 Lausanne cover-CC & cachet, MB \$20↓



- A League of Free Nations, Boston, 1918, brochure, MB \$10
- 34. League to Enforce Peace, 1919, 2 form letters (NY & San Francisco) & 3 brochures, MB \$20
- 35. League of Nations Non-Partisan Assoc, 1925 20-page brochure, MB \$10

36. UN Information Office, NY, 1944 Press Release, 2-pages, MB \$15

37. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1944 cover to Paris, Returned by Censor, back flap missing, sm stain, MB \$10 38. Carnegie Endowment Paris office 1948 cover to NY office, to Alger Hiss, President. Hiss was Sec.-Gen. of SF Conf, and later convicted of spying, MB \$15

## **UPU Regional Unions**

39. 5th UPAE (Postal Union for Americas & Spain) Congress, Rio de Janeiro, 1948, UA cover with Congress postmark and exhibition imprint, small stains, MB \$6

2 FDC's, 8th UPAE Congress, Madrid,
 1960 & 10th UPAE Congress-Santiago,
 Chile, 1971, MB \$10

41. 13th UPAE Congress, Havana, 1985, #10 Congress CC cover to Chile, Congress postmark & boxed imprint, stains, MB \$15↓



42. 3 1988 philatelic covers from UPAE meetings: Cuban FDC for Colloquium on "America" stamps; Mexican stamp for Colloquium on Mail Service Security; Uruguay cover, for the Round Table on Terminal Expenses. MB\$10

43. UPAR (Postal Union for Arab Republics) Executive Commission, Cairo, 1975, UA cover, Hotel CC, session postmark, MB \$8

## UNNY FDCs on Official NY Cachets, UA

44. #1-11 MI4 Blks on from various CRs, FDC, GA \$250 MB \$100 45. #15-16 (Refugees') Singles on FDC cachet #3 (black). GA \$30 MB \$15

46. #17-18 (UPU) MI4 Blks from LR CR (#18) and UL CR (#17) on FDC cachet #4 (blue). GA \$40 MB \$15.

47. #21-22 (HR) MI4 Blks from LR CRs on FDC cachet #4 (blue). GA \$35 MB \$15.

48. #31-32 (ICAO) Singles on FDC cachet #5. GA \$27.50 MB \$12.

## UNNY FDC on Official NY Stationery

49. UNNY #12 single on UNNY stationery with light pencil address. MB \$5

## UNNY FDC on Off Geneva Cachets UA

50. #63 (4¢ definitive) single, only 3982 FDCs serviced. GA \$35 MB \$15

51. #84 (8¢ definitive) single, only 4611 FDCs serviced. GA \$35 MB \$15

52. Unused Geneva cachet for #84 with overprint ANNULÉ. GA \$75 MB \$25

53. MI4 Blks #65(UL) and #66(UR) (ECOSOC), only 556 sets made. GA \$75 MB \$30.

Combo #65-66 (ECOSOC); only 5092
 FDCs were serviced. GA \$20 MB\$12.

55. Singles #65-66 (ECOSOC), only 525 sets were serviced; GA \$85 MB \$40.

56. Combo #67-8 (HR), GA \$18 MB \$10.

57. Singles #67-8 (HR), GA \$27.50 MB\$15.

## Special Cover on Geneva Cachet

58. UNEO single #7022 (Definitive) on Geneva cachet of UNNY #67-8. GA Misc.# 2-\$50 MB \$25

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59. #55 (Security Council), Rejected Design, 7.5"x6", by Olav S. Mathiesen (designer of #43-4), matted, beautiful, MB \$25

60 #65 (ECOSOC), 3.5x4.25in photo essay, black & white, with 3c rather than issued 4c, MB \$15

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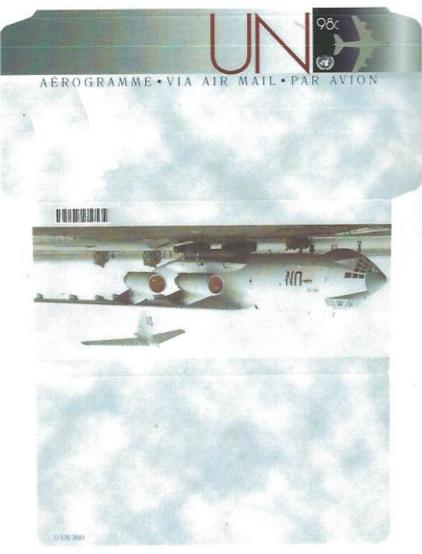
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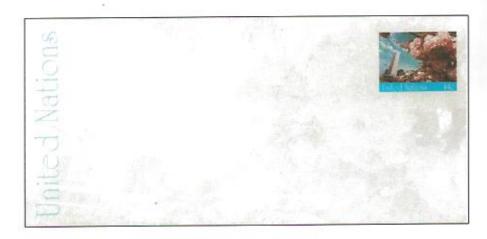
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