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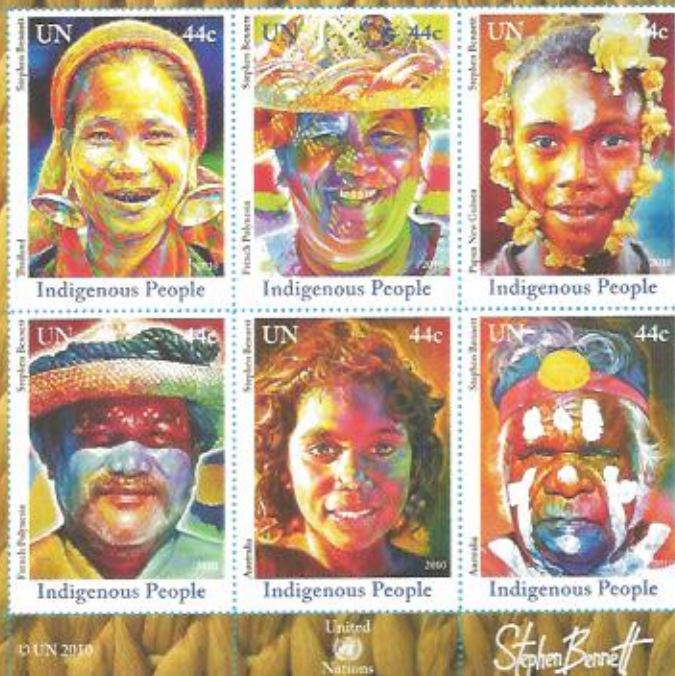


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A Look Ahead to the 2011 UNPA Stamp Program

By October 2010 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) had announced a tentative schedule of stamps for 2011. If the schedule, which appears on page 2 of this issue, holds, there will be six commemorative issues, three of which are continuing series: the Endangered Species Series (March 11th), and World Heritage (May 5th) and the Coin and Flag Series (August 11th). That leaves three sets, which have new themes and are not part of continuing series. These include the themes: 50th Anniversary of Human Space Flight (April 14th), Plant a Stamp - International Year of Forests (October 13th), and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) - Education (July).

Two more stamps will be issued noting UN Working Dogs to be issued as an event sheet in New York (April 14th) with ten stamps in the sheet and a "Tinkerbell - Ambassador of Green" to be issued as an event sheet on June 3rd.

The Endangered Species Series has been an annual issue since 1993. As usual the nineteenth set in this series will be released by the UNPA in the form of mini-sheets of four blocks of four distinct stamps for each office as well as an annual collection folder, three maximum cards and a limited edition silk first day cover.

This year the World Heritage set will honor the Nordic Countries and will consist of six sheets of twenty stamps as well as three prestige booklets, each containing twelve stamps of two different denominations. These stamps will be issued in conjunction with eight European postal administrations. This series began in 1997 with a set that honored the Terracotta Warriors of China. Since then series has been released honoring Austria (1998), Australia (1999), Spain (2000), Japan (2001), Italy (2002), the United States (2003), Greece (2004), Egypt (2005), France (2006), Latin America (2007) and Germany (2009).

The Coin and Flag set is the fifth installment of a series that is scheduled to last eight years, assuming that there are no new members of the United Nations in the meantime. In each year the UNPA releases three mini-sheets each of which displays a coin and the flag of eight member states, totaling twenty-four nations per installment.

New definitives are currently planned to appear on February 4th for all three post offices: New York, Geneva and Vienna.

On April 4, 2010, the Swiss PTT raised the tariff of priority letters of less than 20 grams to European countries to S.f. 1.40. The tariff to other countries (including the United States) was raised to S.f. 1.90. This explains the surcharge on the Geneva postal card, which was released on April 15, 2010. The United States Postal Service (USPS) had requested new postal tariffs early in 2011 but the 2¢ rise in the domestic rate to 46¢ has been refused as of October 1st.

At least two other personalized sheets will appear next year. Two personalized sheets will be released on June 3rd for use by visitors to the New York UN headquarters in appropriate denominations for domestic and for international denominations. The USPS has proposed an increase in the international tariff next year, perhaps to more than \$1, depending on the destination.

If any member is interested in writing an article tackling any of these topics or any other subject, please drop me a line or send me an e-mail, so that I can offer you my enthusiastic support and devote my own creative energies to other projects. In either case, it is crucial that this *Journal* contain contributions from as many members as possible in order to guarantee that the articles of this periodical represent the vast range of interests of its members. This is hard to achieve when many issues represent contributions of only two or three authors. I look forward to receiving your article.

2011 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of October 1, 2010 but subject to changes of date and denominations.)

See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at: www.un.org/Depts/UNPA

- February 4** **Definitives (N.Y., Geneva, Vienna)**
- March 11** **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 2011 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
FDC with Silk Cachet
- April 11** **50th Anniversary of Human Space Flight**
44¢, 98¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,65
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
3 souvenir sheets
UN Working Dogs Event Sheet
- May 5** **World Heritage - Nordic Countries**
(joint issue with eight European postal administrations)
44¢, 98¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,65
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
3 prestige booklets
- June 3** **"Tinkerbell - Ambassador of Green" Event Sheet**
N.Y. - Domestic Event Sheet
N.Y. - International Event Sheet
- July** **ECOSOC - Education**
44¢, 98¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,65
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir card
- August 11** **Coin and Flag Series**
44¢. F.s. 0,85, € 0,65
(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)
2011 Coin and Flag Collection Folder
- October 13** **Plant a Stamp - International Year of Forests**
44¢. F.s. 0,85, € 0,65
(3 mini-sheets of 4 stamps)
2011 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)
- 2011 SLOGAN CANCELLATION**
- January 2** **United for Peace** (continuation of slogan for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010)

CLUB NEWS

2010 UNESCO BULK Order

Richard Powers

The French PTT (La Poste) issued two new service stamps for exclusive use at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on November 8, 2010.

One is a € 0,75 stamp in its World Heritage Series honoring the Alhambra in Spain. The stamp pictures a view of the patio of Myrtles around which rises the palace of Yusuf the first. The Alhambra dates from 1238 and was begun under the leadership of Muhammed V, the first Nasride sovereign.

The other is a € 0,87 stamp in its Endangered Species Series picturing an alpaca, a grazing mammal, not unlike a lama, whose very light wool is highly esteemed. At the present time the exchange rate for a € 1,00 is about \$1.40.

La Poste has also issued an appropriate philatelic document (document philatélique) with monochromatic proofs of the stamps, the two stamps tied by a first day cancel and background information on the subjects of the two stamps. The philatelic document prepared for the 2009 UNESCO service stamps appears in an article in the August 2010 issue of the *Journal* (page 7). The cost of this item is € 5,00.

La Poste also issued a small monochromatic proof sheet (gravure) on "vélin d'Arches" paper of the two stamps for € 2,00. The size of the proof sheet is 14cm x 7cm. Figure 1 shows the gravure issued for the 2009 UNESCO stamps showing a polar bear and the World Heritage site in Suzhou, China. It was printed in purple.

I anticipate sending to La Poste a club bulk order about January 15, 2011. If you are interested in participating in the bulk order, please let me know by the by January 10, 2011 what you would like to order.

When the bulk order is delivered to me (probably in February), I will ship you the items you ordered with an invoice for the face value of the items ordered plus shipping from Pasadena.

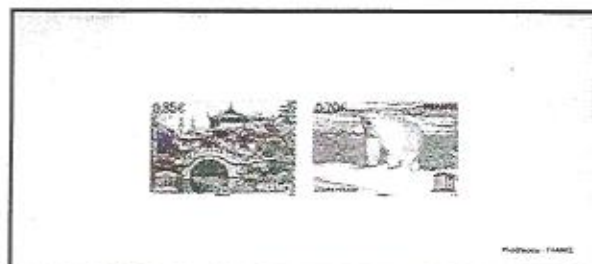


Figure 1: Gravure of 2009 French service stamps for UNESCO.

2011 UNP Annual Meeting

This coming year the UNP Annual Meeting will take place at NAPEX 2011, the weekend after the Memorial Day weekend.

The show will be held at the:

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102
(703) 761-5111

The hotel is located approximately 13 miles from Dulles International Airport and also Reagan National Airport near downtown Washington, D.C. Supershuttle service from the airports should cost about \$20 each way. The NAPEX website (NAPEX.org) mentions a special hotel rate for show attendees of \$130 per night plus taxes.

NAPEX opens on Friday June 3rd at 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Saturday hours are the same. The show will close on Sunday June 5th at 4:00 pm.

The Annual Meeting will probably be held Saturday afternoon. It is not too early to begin thinking about what you might like to share with other members in the form of a ten- to fifteen-minute oral presentation.

2010 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

On October 21, 2010, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued eighteen commemorative stamps in a mini-sheet format of six stamps, which appear on the covers of this issue of the *Journal*, each on the theme "Indigenous People". This is the second set of stamps on this theme.

Indigenous people are the inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to other people and to the environment. Indigenous people have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, the various groups of indigenous people around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

Estimates point to more than 370 million indigenous people in some 90 countries worldwide. While they are from diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds, they share such challenges as lack of basic health care, limited access to education, loss of control over land, discrimination, forced assimilation, abject poverty, displacement, human rights violations, and economic and social marginalization.

Indigenous people around the world have sought recognition of their identities, their ways of life and their right to traditional lands, territories and natural resources; yet throughout history, their rights have been violated. Indigenous people are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world today. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect the rights of the world's indigenous people.

The landmark United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, drafted and debated for more than 20 years, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2007. The Declaration is the most comprehensive statement of

the rights of indigenous peoples ever developed, giving prominence to collective rights to a degree unprecedented in international human rights law. It emphasizes the rights of indigenous peoples to live in dignity, to maintain and strengthen their own institutions, cultures and traditions and to pursue their self-determined development, in keeping with their needs and aspirations. The adoption of this Declaration is the clearest indication yet that the international community is committing itself to the protection of the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples.

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called upon Member States to promote development while respecting the values and traditions of indigenous peoples at the opening of the annual forum, held in New York in April of this year.

"The loss of irreplaceable cultural practices and means of artistic expression makes us all poorer, wherever our roots may lie," Mr. Ban told the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York. This year's theme at the forum was "Development with Culture and Identity."

The Designs

US\$ 0.44 mini-sheet

Top row (from left to right):

Parabolic Earrings Thailand, 2005

Princess of Rurutu French Polynesia, 2000

Baby Powder Flower Power Papua New Guinea, 2007

Bottom row (from left to right):

Big Blue French Polynesia, 2000

Crocodile Kid on Ski Beach Australia, 2003

Uncle Max at the Smoke Ceremony Australia, 2003

S.f. 1,30 mini-sheet

Top row (from left to right):

Joan of Arc Australia, 2003

Haji Brunei, 2006

Onion Girl United Republic of Tanzania, 2001

Bottom row (from left to right):

Red Devil French Polynesia, 2000

Goat Lady United Republic of Tanzania, 2003

Wilson French Polynesia, 2000

€ 0,65 mini-sheet

Top row (from left to right):

Kahoa! French Polynesia, 2000

Is it a Boy or Girl United Republic of Tanzania, 2001

Bario Bowlcut Malaysia, 2006

Bottom row (from left to right):

Red Ball Fruit French Polynesia, 2000

Coca-Cola Kid Namibia, 2002

Red Soil United Republic of Tanzania, 2001

The artist

Stephen Bennett (United States of America)

This set of Indigenous People stamps features World Portraits painted by Stephen Bennett (U.S.A.) who presently has his studio in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bennett is a dedicated portrait painter who over the last twenty years, has traveled to thirty countries seeking out indigenous people to capture the essence of their diversity. He has a keen sense of observation, and the ability to bring out the beauty of a face. He succeeds in his artistic endeavors thanks to his appreciation of human differences, his generosity and his desire to understand others. He has a special ability to express and bring light to a face through his interpretive use of color.

The massive scale of many portraits — up

to ten feet—conveys the dignity and vitality of cultures often overlooked, while his vivid paints that are hand-mixed from pure pigments and mesmerizing eyes evoke the spiritual essence of his subjects.

His objective is to share his experiences of humanity's diversity with the world. All too often indigenous peoples are pushed to the fringes of modern society. The power of these vibrant portraits and their public exhibition helps return the beauty and relevancy of indigenous people as the original caretakers of planet earth.

His work has been used to promote and preserve cultures in Australia, Borneo, Egypt, France, French Polynesia, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Saint Martin, the Seychelles, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the United States of America. In 2011, he will embark on a two-month long expedition to Japan and China.

Mr. Bennett's vision is cultural education through art on a global scale. He is driven by a desire to complete an international exhibition of 1,000 World Portraits, painted by his own hand. The common thread throughout his work is to show the beauty in the human face, and beauty is his universal theme that ties us all together.

In 2003, Mr. Bennett founded Faces of the World, Inc., a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to art education and cultural exchange. He works internationally teaching Portrait Workshops and creating exhibits that help children and adults alike take pride in their culture through portraiture. Faces of the World is funded from the sale of Mr. Bennett's paintings, donations and sponsorship. For more information, visit www.facesoftheworld.net.

This is Mr. Bennett's second series of stamps for the United Nations that feature his World Portraits. His first set of Indigenous People stamps were issued in October 2009.

2010 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

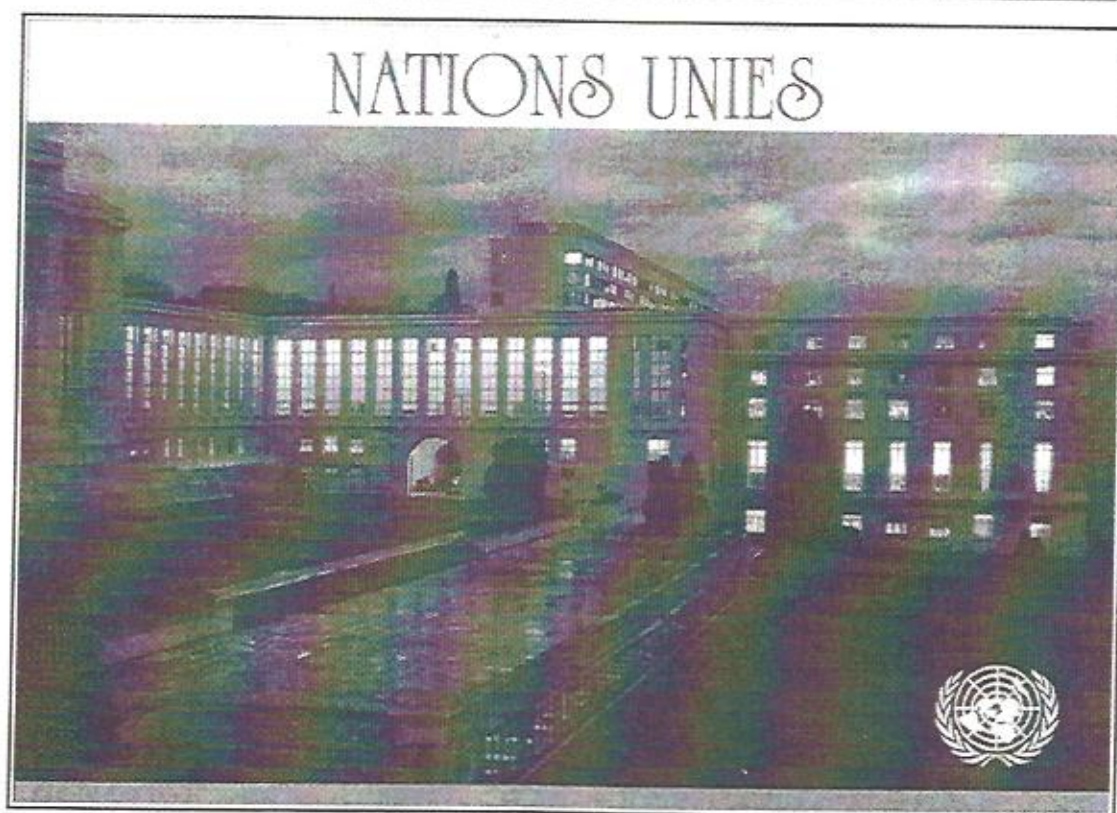
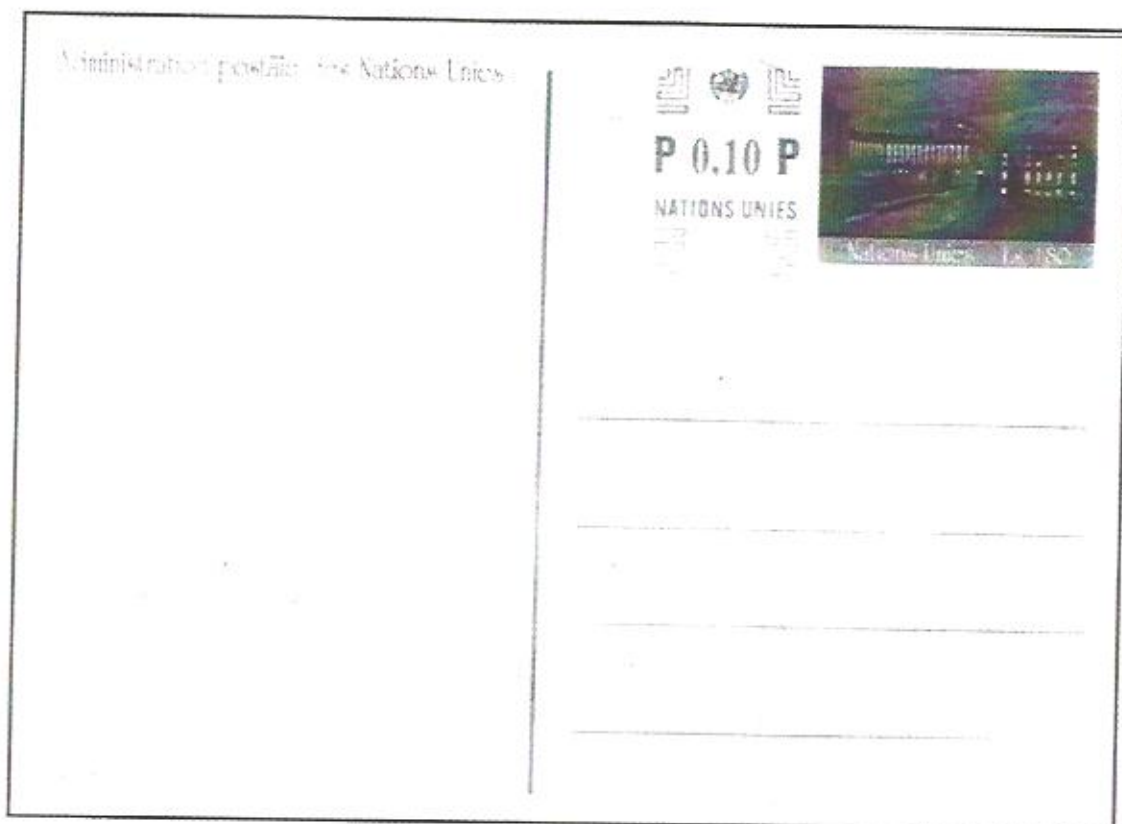
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- February 5** **Coin and Flag Series**
44¢. F.s. 0,85, € 0,65
(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)
Human Trafficking (Special Event sheet of ten stamps - € 0.65)
- April 15** **Endangered Species**
44¢. F.s. 1,00, € 0,65
(3 sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks 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 (F.s. 1,80 + 0,10)
- April 25** **World Malaria Day** souvenir cover
- May 1** **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.1,90 and two vignette designs)
- October 18** **International Year of Biodiversity** (New York Definitives)
15¢, \$1.50 and 1 souvenir card
(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)

2010 SLOGAN CANCELLATION

- January 2** **United for Peace** (continuation of slogan for 2007, 2008 and 2009)



S.f. 1,90 UN-Geneva postal card issued for use overseas on April 15, 2010 with 10-centime surcharge on S.f. 1,80 postal card (Scott Geneva #UX21) issued May 7, 2009.

PLEBISCITE IN ALLENSTEIN

By Richard Powers

In the wake of World War I articles 94 and 95 of the Treaty of Versailles provided for self-determination of the inhabitants of Allenstein by means of a plebiscite which ultimately took place on July 11, 1920. Voters were to choose between reunion with East Prussia (Germany) or Poland.

In 1346 the old Prussian Warmian forest in the vicinity was cleared and a place was selected on the Alle (now Lyna) River. It became known to Polish settlers as Olsztyn. The Teutonic Knights began construction of Ordensburg castle in 1347 to protect against Old Prussians and the settlement of Allenstein was first mentioned the following year. The German name Allenstein meant a castle on the Alle River. The settlement received municipal rights from Johannes von Leysen on October 31, 1353 and the castle was completed in 1397. Allenstein was incorporated into the Kingdom of Poland during the Polish-Lithuanian-Teutonic War in 1410 and in 1414 during the Hunger War but was returned to the monastic state of the Teutonic Knights after hostilities ceased.

Alenstein joined the Prussian Confederation in 1440. It rebelled against the Teutonic Knights in 1454 upon the outbreak of the Thirteen Years' War and requested protection from the Polish Crown. Although the Teutonic Knights captured the town in the next year, it was retaken by Polish troops in 1463. The Second Peace of Thorn (1466) allocated Allenstein and the Bishopric of Warmia as part of Royal Prussia under the sovereignty of the Crown of Poland. From 1516-21, Nicolaus Copernicus lived at the castle as administrator of Allenstein and Mehlsack; he was in charge of the defenses of Allenstein and Warmia during the Polish-Teutonic War of 1519-21.

Alenstein was sacked by Swedish troops in 1655 and 1708 during the Polish-Swedish wars, and the town was nearly wiped out in

1710 by epidemics of bubonic plague and cholera.

Alenstein was annexed by the Kingdom of Prussia in 1772 during the first Partition of Poland. A Prussian census recorded a population of 1770 people, predominantly farmers, in Allenstein, which was administered within the Province of East Prussia. It was visited by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1807 after his victories over the Prussian Army at Jena and Auerstedt. The German language *Alensteiner Zeitung* newspaper was first published in 1841.

Alenstein became part of the German Empire in 1871 during the Prussian-led unification of Germany. Its first Polish newspaper, the *Gazeta Olsztynska*, was founded in 1886. The city became the capital of Regierungsbezirk (Government district) Allenstein in East Prussia. From 1818-1910 the city was administered within the East Prussia Allenstein District, after which it became an independent city.

Article 95 of the Treaty of Versailles dealt with the details of how the Plebiscite would take place. German troops were to be withdrawn from Allenstein within fifteen days of the Treaty signing. The area was placed under the authority of an International Commission of five members appointed by the Principal Allied and Associated Powers. This Commission had general powers of administration and, in particular, was charged with arranging the vote and of taking such measures as it deemed necessary to ensure its freedom, fairness and secrecy. Ultimately the Commission consisted of England, France, Italy and Japan. The European members supplied troops to supervise the administration and the plebiscite.

In 1920 during the East Prussian plebiscite, Allenstein voted to remain in German East Prussia instead of becoming part of the Second Polish Republic. 362208 votes

(97.8%) voted for East Prussia and 7980 votes (2.2%) for Poland. On August 16, 1920 the Interallied Commission left the plebiscite area, which became German.

Figure 1 shows a registered service cover sent by the Interallied Commission for the Administration and Plebiscite in Allenstein postmarked on August 9, 1920 in Allenstein, a week before the Commission left the city. The corner card explicitly mentions Article 94 and 95 of the Treaty of Versailles. The cover bears three Allenstein 75-pfennig stamps (Scott #23) bearing a double oval overprint with the legend:

COMMISSION D'ADMINISTRATION
ET DE PLÉBISCITE
TRAITÉ DE VERSAILLES
ART. 94 et 95
OLSZTYN · ALLENSTEIN

After the Nazi seizure of power in 1933, Poles and Jews in Allenstein were increasingly persecuted. In 1935 the Wehrmacht

made the city the seat of the Allenstein Militarische Bereich. On October 12, 1939, after the invasion of Poland that began World War II, the Wehrmacht established an Area Headquarters for Wehrkreis I that controlled the sub-areas of Allenstein, Lötzen and Zichenau. Beginning in 1939, members of the Polish-speaking minority, especially members of the Union of Poles in Germany, were deported to Nazi concentration camps.

Alenstein was plundered and burnt by the invading Soviet Red Army on January 22, 1945, as the Eastern Front reached the city. Allenstein's German population evacuated the region or were subsequently expelled. On August 2, 1945 the city was placed under Polish administration by the Soviets as per the Potsdam Agreement and officially renamed Olsztyn.

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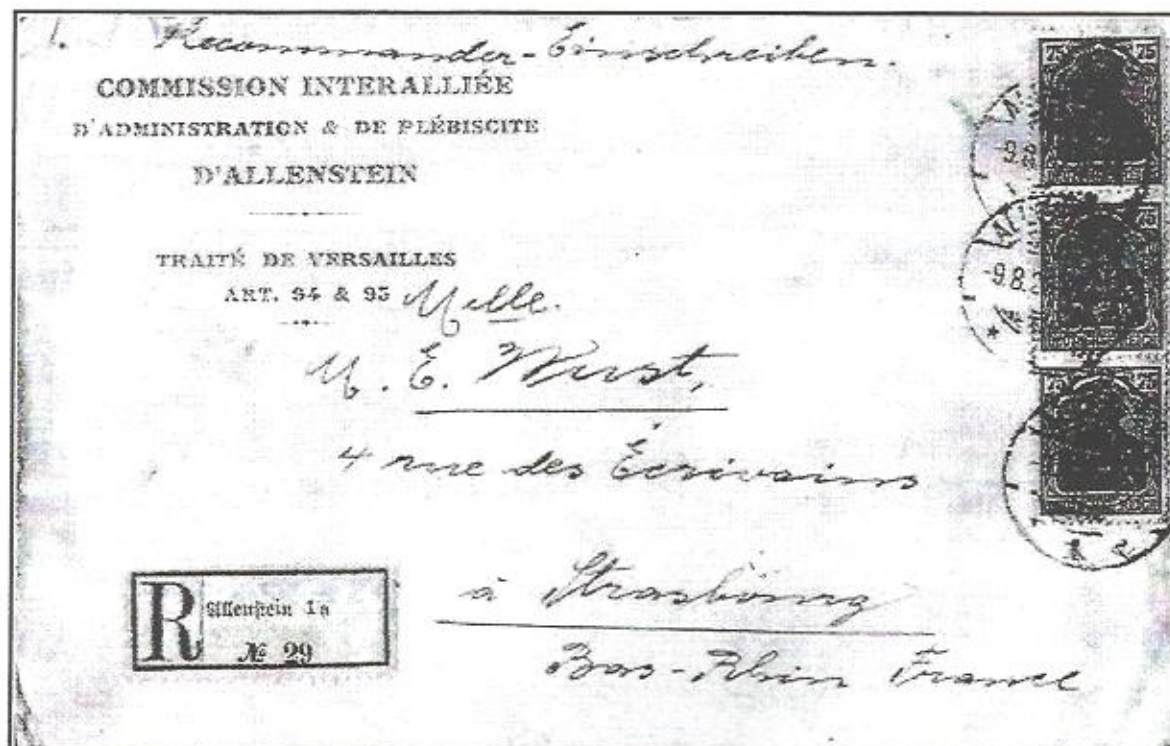


Figure 1: 1920 service cover from the Interallied Commission for Administration and Plebiscite in Allenstein as provided by Articles 94 and 95 of the Treaty of Versailles.

U.S. ARMY POSTAL OPERATIONS AT UNTSOP IN JERUSALEM

By Richard Powers

The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization for Palestine (UNTSOP) came into existence on June 11, 1948, when the first observers from France, Belgium and the USA arrived in Jerusalem and established their headquarters in Government House.

At AMERISTAMP EXPO 2010 of the American Philatelic Society (APS) in Riverside, California, I came across the interesting UNTSOP cover which appears in Figure 1. In the upper left corner it bears the corner card of the Senior U.S. Military Observer assigned to UNTSOP with a return military address APO 223. In the upper right corner is the postmark of the Army-Air Force Postal Service dated January 30, 1959. A boxed cachet indicates that "Postage and Fees Paid, Department of the Army" and that the letter was "Official Air Mail". A handstamped cachet in the lower left corner indicates that the envelope contains "Official Business". The letter was addressed to Dr. Gene J. Raymond in Houston, Texas, who had been a long-time UNP member until his recent death.

Inside the cover was the letter (Figure 2) written by MSgt (U.S. Army) Paul Funkhouser on assignment to UNTSOP to Dr. Raymond. The letter is in reply for information concerning the U.S. postal operation at UNTSOP in Jerusalem.

At the time it employed two U.S. Army sergeants part time at a satellite unit in Jerusalem of APO 223, which was headquartered in Athens. All UN personnel assigned at Government House were authorized to use these facilities even if they were foreign nationals.

On the back side of the letter are two cachets: one identifies the Military Personnel Office (Figure 3) of UNTSOP; the other is the official seal of the U.S. Military Observer Group for Palestine of UNTSOP.

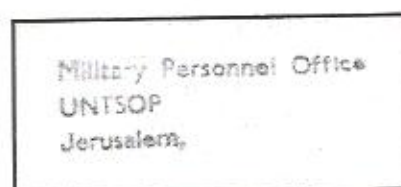


Figure 3: Cachet of Military Personnel Office.



Figure 4: Seal of U.S. Military Observer Group.

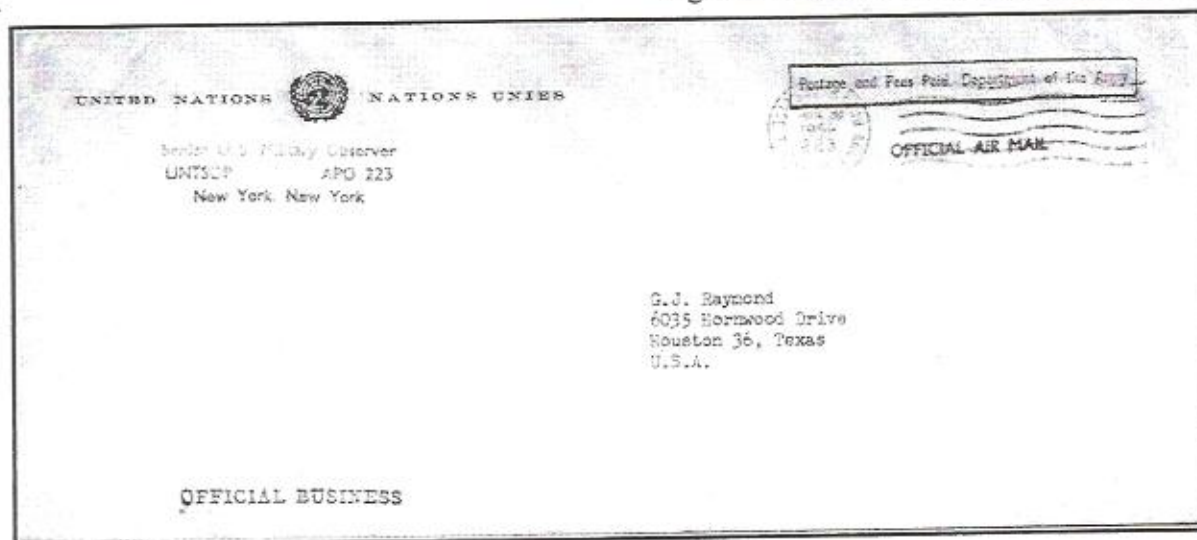


Figure 1: 1959 service UNTSOP cover from U.S. Military Observer in Jerusalem.

UNITED NATIONS  NATIONS UNIES

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP, PALESTINE
United Nations Truce Supervision Organization

Government House, Jerusalem
28 January 1959

G.J. Raymond
6035 Hornwood Drive
Houston 36, Texas, U.S.A.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of 20 January 1959, I shall to briefly explain the postal operation at UNTSOP.

Actually the operation is comparable to an Army Regimental Mail Office. Two U.S. Army sergeants, myself and an assistant, perform the operation as a part time job. APO 223 is physically located in Athens, Greece, and supervised by the U.S. Air Force. This postal section is a satellite unit of the Athens APO. The one thing which would make this postal section operation unusual is that contrary to U.S. Army-Air Force-Navy postal regulations, but by agreement between the State Department (Department of Defense) and the United Nations, foreign nationals (UN personnel only) are allowed to use this service facility. I assume that this is just an other contribution by our government to the United Nations.

I am sorry to say that we do not cancel stamps here, but shall try to assist you to the limit of our facilities.



PAUL M. FUNKHOUSER
MSGT, U.S. Army
Sergeant Major, UNTSOP

Figure 2: Letter from U.S. Army Officer assigned to the U.S. Army Postal Operation in Jerusalem as part of the UNTSOP.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON HEALTH EDUCATION

Hobart - 1982 and Helsinki - 1991

By B. Clement, Jr.

Since 1951 in Paris, the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) has held twenty International Conferences on Health Promotion and Education, the most recent one being the IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion, held in Geneva in July 2010 (Ref. 1). Although the IUHPE works closely with the World Health Organization (WHO), these conferences generally have not been sponsored by WHO. However, there are one or two exceptions.

The first such exception is the Eleventh International Conference on Health Education, held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, August 15-20, 1982 (Ref. 2). For this conference, Australia issued a special stamped envelope, seen canceled at the conference in Figure 1. The 27c indicia on this envelope is shown enlarged in Figure 2. The Indicia shows a map of the island of Tasmania with logos for the IUHPE, WHO, and the Australian Society of Health Educators. The conference postmark is shown enlarged in Figure 3. WHO probably did not co-sponsor the conference, since no references to the conference so indicate.



Figure 1: 1982 cover from the IUHPE Conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

The second exception is the Fourteenth World Conference on Health Education, held in Helsinki, Finland, June 16-21, 1991. The postmark for that conference is shown in Figure 4. In this case, the 1991 Yearbook of the UN does say the conference was co-sponsored by WHO. (Ref.3)

Perhaps there is a WHO-connection to other

of these IUHPE conferences. If a connection is found, the next question is: "Does any postal history for the conference exist?" Let us know if you uncover anything.



Figure 2: Indicia from 1982 IUHPE cover.

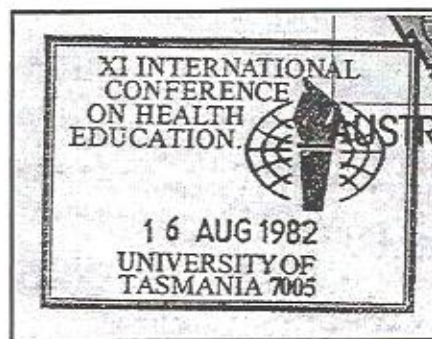


Figure 3: 1982 Cancel of IUHPE Conference.



Figure 4: 1991 Helsinki Conference Cancel.

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THIRD WHO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROMOTION

Sundsvall, Sweden, 1991

By B. Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered is a special cancel for the Third International Conference on Health Promotion, held in Sundsvall, Sweden, June 9-15, 1991. This special cancel is seen in Figure 1. The theme the Conference was "Supportive Environments for Health", which is shown in English on the cancel.



Figure 1: 1991 Conference Cancel from the Third International Conference on Health Promotion in Sundsvall, Sweden.

The Sundsvall conference is one of a series of World Health Organization (WHO) conferences on Health Promotion held every few years since 1986. (Ref.1). A list of these conferences follows:

First International Conference on Health Promotion,
Ottawa, Canada, November 17-21, 1986

Second International Conference on Health Promotion,

Adelaide, Australia, April 5-9, 1988
Third International Conference on Health Promotion,
Sundsvall, Sweden, June 9-15, 1991
"Supportive Environment for Health"

Fourth International Conference on Health Promotion,
Jakarta, Indonesia, July 21-25, 1997
"New Plans for a New Era-Leading Health Promotion in the 21st Century"

Fifth Global Conference on Health Promotion, Mexico City, Mexico, June 5-9, 2000
"Bridging the Equity Gap"

Sixth Global Conference on Health Promotion,
Bangkok, Thailand, August 7-11, 2003

Seventh Global Conference on Health Promotion,
Nairobi, Kenya, October 26-30, 2009
"Promoting Health and Development, Closing the Implementation Gap"

Perhaps others of these WHO conferences used special cancellations, or have other postal history such as special corner card stationary, special cachets, etc. Keep your eyes out and let us know if you find anything. You can help to make the postal history of UN and UN agency conferences more complete.

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STANLEY GIBBONS UNITED NATIONS STAMP CATALOGUE

First Edition

By Richard Powers

In the summer of 2010 Stanley Gibbons Publications in Ringwood, Hampshire, England published for the first time a separate United Nations stamp catalogue, which includes stamps from International Organizations and United Nations Forces. The cover of this first edition appears in Figure 1 below. It shows stamps from UNNY, UN Geneva, UN Vienna, the International Labor Organization, UNESCO, Kosovo and Indian Military Stamps issued for use by UN troops in the former Belgian Congo.

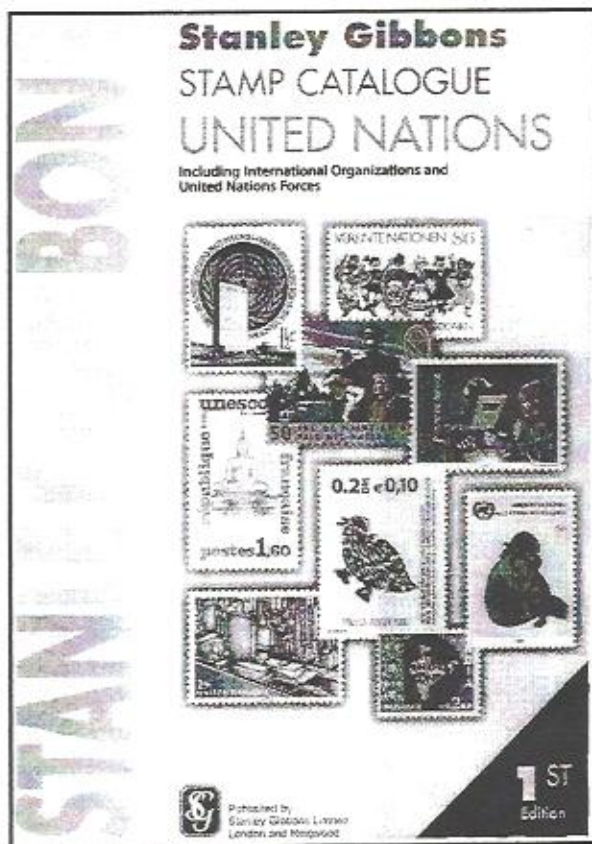


Figure 1: Cover of the first edition of the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue - United Nations

The catalogue begins with a twenty-three page introduction which describes the general principles used in organizing the cata-

logue. This includes various philatelic definitions and a four-page international philatelic glossary. This is followed by a ten-page summary by UNP-member Jean-Louis Emmenegger of the early years of the United Nations beginning with the signing of the Atlantic Charter in 1941 through the San Francisco Conference on International Organization in 1945 and the issuance of the first United Nations stamps for use at UN Headquarters in New York in 1951 and later stamps for use at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in 1969.

The catalogue has attractive color images of stamps, which are priced in pounds. Currently the exchange rate is £1 \approx US\$1.50. The minimum price is 10 pennies which corresponds to 15¢. The list price for the catalogue is £19.95, which currently corresponds to \$30. Gibbons has the following distributor in the USA:

Filatco, Inc.

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The 51-page listing for UNNY covers the period from 1951 through 2009. It includes all stamps with separate catalogue numbers for regular stamps and airmail stamps (1-1106) with the airmail stamp catalogue numbers prefixed by an A. The first 6¢ airmail stamp which has a Scott #C1 is listed by Gibbons as A12. It also lists stamp booklets (SB1-SB14).

It does not include personalized or event sheets nor stationery. In general few varieties are noted. Exceptions to this rule include the two printings of the first souvenir sheet (Scott #38) and the short V variety of the second souvenir sheet (Scott #85).

Thirty-eight pages are devoted to the stamps of UN Geneva covering the period

from 1969 through 2009. Thirty-four pages contain the stamps of UN Vienna covering the years from 1979 through 2009.

In addition to the issues of the UNPA, Gibbons includes listings for the first ten stamps of Kosovo (2000-2001), two stamps for East Timor (2000), the first two printings of UNTEA (1962-1963), sixty-two stamps for UNESCO (1961-2008), sixteen Belgian stamps issued in 1958 on the occasion of the Brussels Exhibition, fifty-eight stamps issued by the Netherlands PTT for the World Court in the Hague - Permanent Court of International Justice and the International Court of Justice - (1934-2004) and Indian Military stamps issued for the United Nations Emergency Force in 1965 and the UN Force (Indian troops) in the Congo in 1962. Gibbons also lists separately the stamps issued for the International Organizations situated in Switzerland such as the League of Nations (LN), the International Labor Office (ILO), the International Bureau of Education (IBE), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Refugees Organization (IRO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the European Office of the United Nations (UNEO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) (although the latter has no connection to the UN).

One disconcerting feature of the stamp image presentation concerns those stamps which were produced by overprinting regular stamps to produce stamps for use by UN-related agencies. These include the overprinted Netherlands stamps for the International Court of Justice, the Netherlands New Guinea stamps for use in UNTEA, the Swiss stamps for use at International Organizations in Switzerland and Indian stamps for use in military operations (Congo

and UNEF) in which Indian troops participated. Instead of showing the overprinted stamps, Gibbons shows some of the underlying stamps and then separately the overprints. For the League of Nations Gibbons shows the twelve basic designs used through 1937 but does not show the designs for the 1938 series (Palais des Nations and ILO Building) or the 1944 stamps.

There is also a tendency to combine different colored stamps with the same basic catalogue number. Consider the three 10-centime League of Nations stamps picturing William Tell. Scott gives three separate catalogue numbers: #208 (deep green), #209 (blue green) and #2010 (violet). Gibbons lists these respectively as LN7, LN8 and LN8a.

For comparison the UNPA in New York sells the 2009 English-language version of the *Michel UN Specialized Catalogue* for \$69.48 also in color (subject to the euro/dollar exchange rate). UNPA in Vienna sells the 2010 German/English version of the *Michel UN Specialized Catalogue* for €49.80 plus shipping and packing. Unlike Gibbons, the Michel Catalogue includes listings for UN stationery and personalized sheets (as does the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps*). The Michel Catalogue also includes UN-related stamps from other countries, i.e. Switzerland, France, Kosovo, Netherlands, East Timor and UNTEA.

The 2010 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps* which includes United Nations stamps issued by the UNPA for New York, Geneva and Vienna as well as UNTEA, Kosovo and East Timor costs \$79.99. The latter does not include the Swiss, French, Netherlands and Indian official stamps issued for UN-related agencies or operations. One has to buy additional volumes containing France (Vol. 2), India (Vol. 3), Netherlands (Vol. 4) and Switzerland (Vol. 6).

NEW DISCOVERY - WHO CONFERENCE IN VIET-NAM - 1952

By B. Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered is a service cover with special cancel from the 3rd Session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, held in Saigon, Viet Nam, September 25-30, 1952. The service cover, sent September 29, 1952 to Elmhurst, New York, is shown in Figure 1. An image of the special cancel, constructed from pieces of a number of can-



Figure 2: 1952 WHO Conference cancel in Saigon, Viet Nam.

cels from the cover, is shown in Figure 2.

These regional meetings are held annually. Special cancels were previously known from meetings in Hong Kong in 1957, Taiwan in 1959, New Zealand in 1961, Papua-New Guinea in 1963, New Zealand in 1973, South Korea in 1981, and New Caledonia in 2005. The 1963 Papua-New Guinea meeting was honored by a special aerogramme, and the 1981 South Korea and 2005 New Caledonia meetings were honored by special stamps. Also special dispatching marks were used when documents were sent for the 1980 Philippines meeting. (Ref. 1 and 2).

The 30th regional meeting was held in Singapore, October 2-8, 1979. Figures 3 and 4 show both sides of a registered service cover from that meeting, dated October 8, 1979.

As you can see, the Western Pacific Region of WHO already has a rich postal history. What do you have to add to the story?

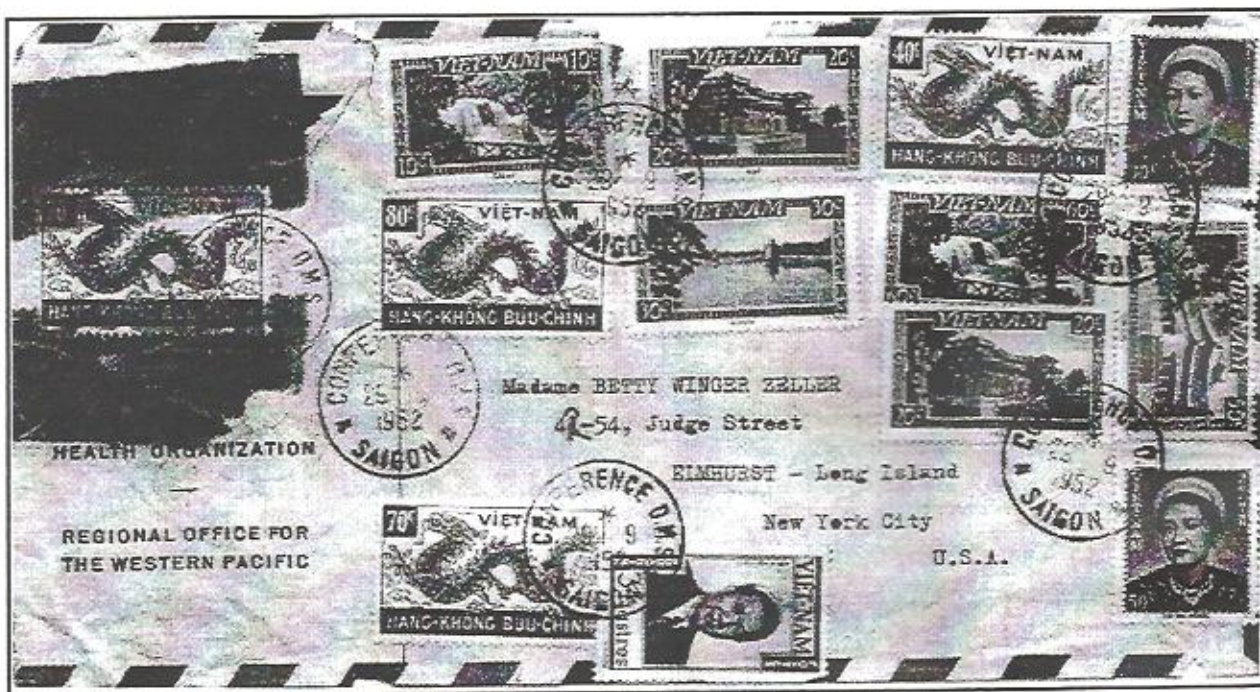


Figure 1: 1952 cover from WHO Regional Meeting for the Western Pacific in Saigon.

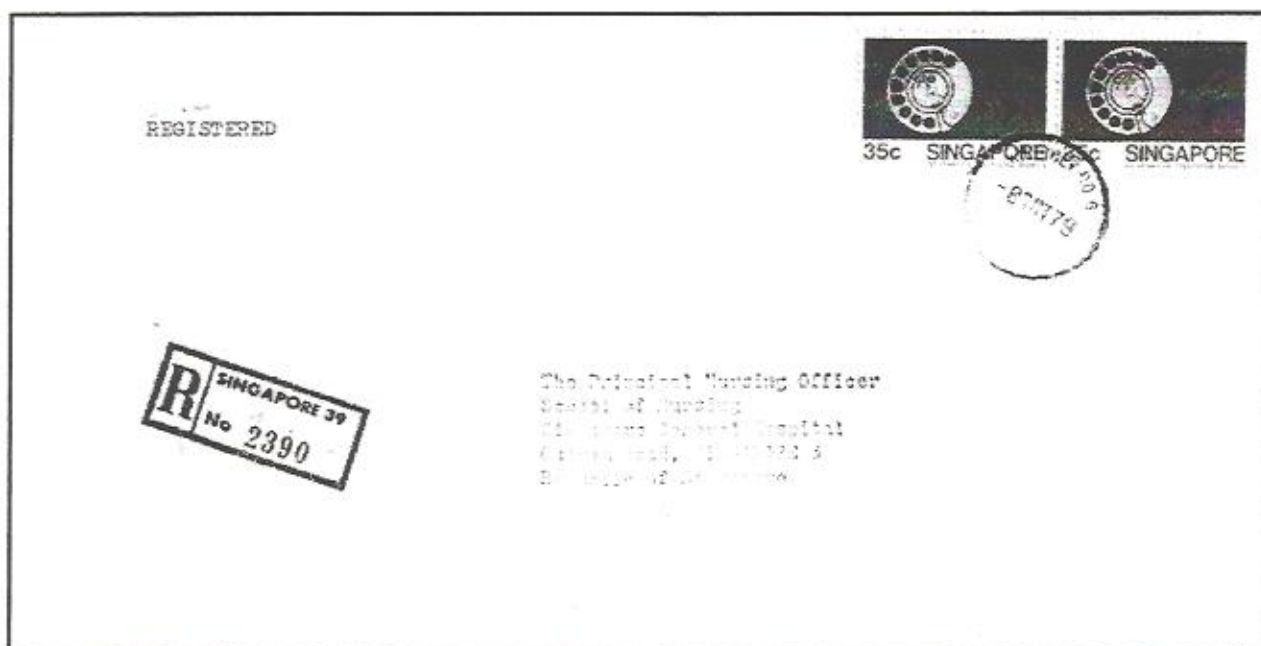


Figure 3: 1979 conference cover of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in Singapore .



Figure 4: Rear of 1979 cover in Figure 3 showing the corner card of the Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila, Philippines.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

Postal History and Memorabilia

By B. Clement, Jr.

After the General Assembly and Security Council, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is the most important UN body. It supervises the activities of the Economic Commissions and the Specialized Agencies, and well as other UN groups. It usually meets twice a year, most often in New York or Geneva. In this article, what is known of its postal history and memorabilia is presented.

The first session of the ECOSOC was held Jan. 23 - Feb. 18, 1946 in London. Nothing from that session has yet come to light. The second session was held at Hunter College from Mar. 25 to Jun. 21, 1946. An green admission card for that session is shown in Figure 1.

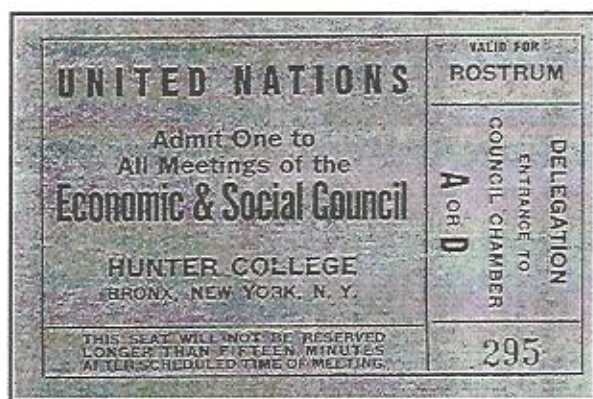


Figure 1: Admission card to 1946 ECOSOC meeting at Hunter College, Bronx.

The third ECOSOC session was held at Lake Success Sept. 11 - Oct 3, 1946. An orange admission card (for an Educational Group) is shown in Figure 2. This card is dated Nov. 23, 1946. Why an admission card was used when the ECOSOC was not meeting is not known.

The fourth session was held at Lake Success Feb. 28-May 29, 1947. A cream admis-

sion card (for Voluntary Organizations) for the session is illustrated in Figure 3. The card is dated Apr. 2, 1947, during the session.

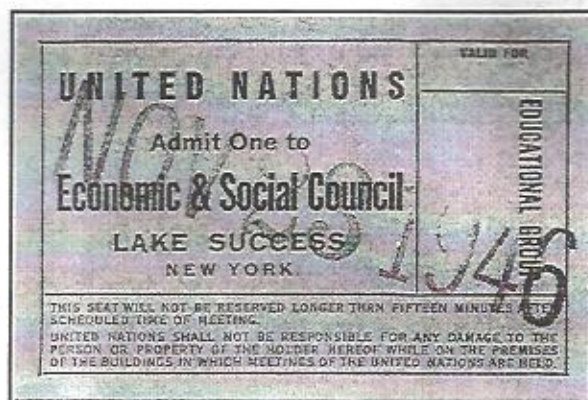


Figure 2: Admission card to 1946 ECOSOC meeting in Lake Success, New York.

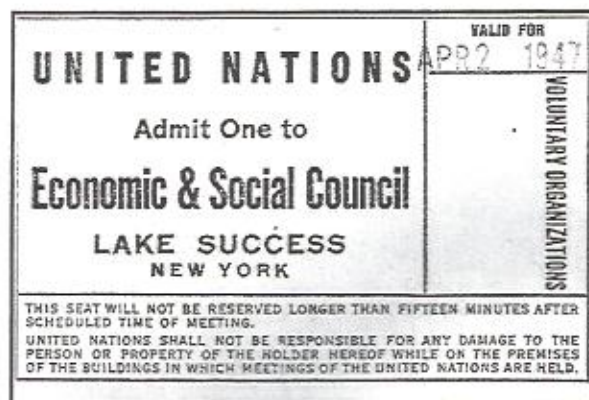


Figure 3: Admission card to 1947 ECOSOC meeting in Lake Success, New York.

Starting in 1948, the Council started holding one session in Geneva, during the summer. The 7th session was held in Geneva Jul. 19 - Aug. 28, 1948. A philatelic cover with a hand drawn cachet is shown in Figure 4. The cover is postmarked Genève Nations Unies Jul. 19, 1948, and is auto-

graphed by Lebanon delegate Charles Malik, President of the Council.

A pouch service cover from the 11th session in Geneva (held July 3 - Aug. 16, 1950) is shown in Figure 5. The cover was mailed to the UN in Lake Success, and has a boxed Geneva origin cachet, ECOSOC, in black.



Figure 4: 1948 philatelic cover honoring the ECOSOC meeting in Geneva.



Figure 5: UNEO pouch service cover with ECOSOC origin cachet from Geneva.

The 12th session of ECOSOC was the first to be held away from London, New York, or Geneva. It was held in Santiago, Chile Feb. 20 - Mar 21, 1951. A service cover from that session is seen in Figure 6. The cover has the UN-New York cover card, is postmarked "Naciones Unidas Chile" Mar. 20, 1951, and has two special cachets in violet.

In conjunction with the General Assembly meeting in Paris 1951-52, the ECOSOC

held a short second part of the 13th session (begun in Geneva) Dec. 18 - 20, 1951. No postal history of that session has been found.



Figure 6: 1951 UNNY service cover with ECOSOC cachets from Santiago, Chile.

A cover mailed to the 14th session, held in New York, May 20 - Aug. 1, 1952, is shown in Figure 7. The cover was mailed from Pakistan to the Pakistani Delegate to the session. It has Pakistani stamps and postmarks, and a New York receiving mark on Jun. 26, 1952, on the back.



Figure 7: 1952 cover sent from Pakistan to the Pakistani delegate to the ECOSOC session in New York.

A light green Delegation Admission card to the 20th session, held in Geneva, July 5 - Aug. 5, 1955, is shown in Figure 8. This is a card for a member of the United Kingdom delegation, and bears the same boxed ECOSOC cachet seen on the 1950 cover in Figure 5.

Service covers with the ECOSOC cachet have been observed from the Geneva summer meetings of the Council in 1950, 1955,

1956, 1963, and 1964. It was probably used for ECOSOC sessions throughout the 1950-1964 period. Observations from other years are solicited from readers.



Figure 8: 1955 admission card for UK delegate at ECOSOC 20th session in Geneva.

The 27th session of the Council was held in Mexico City, May 7 - 24, 1959. Mexico honored the meeting with a stamp, Scott #906, on Sept. 7, 1959, seen in Figure 6. There was a special corner card cover used by the Mexican Organizing Committee for the session, shown in Figure 9 postmarked with a special cancel on Apr. 24, the last day of the session.

The 30th session, held in Geneva July 5 - Aug. 5, 1960, was the subject a UNP Journal article in February 2004 (Ref. 2). Two interesting covers associated with that meeting are discussed.

Figure 10 shows a service cover from the 41st session of ECOSOC, held in Geneva July 8 - Aug. 8, 1966. The cover is mailed to ICAO-Montreal with a UN-Geneva postmark Aug. 2, 1966 and a boxed CONF. 5 origin cachet. This CONF. 5 cachet indicated that the cover originated from the

ECOSOC session, and has also been observed from Geneva summer sessions of the Council held in 1972, 1974, 1976, and 1979. It was probably used throughout the 1966-1979 period. Observations from other years are solicited from readers.



Figure 9: 1959 commemorative cover used by the Mexican Organizing Committee for the 27th ECOSOC session in Mexico City.



Figure 10: 1966 UNEO service cover bearing a CONF. 5 origin cachet used during the 41st ECOSOC session in Geneva.

If you have information to add to this story of the UN's Economic and Social Council, please let us know about it. You can help to make the story more complete.

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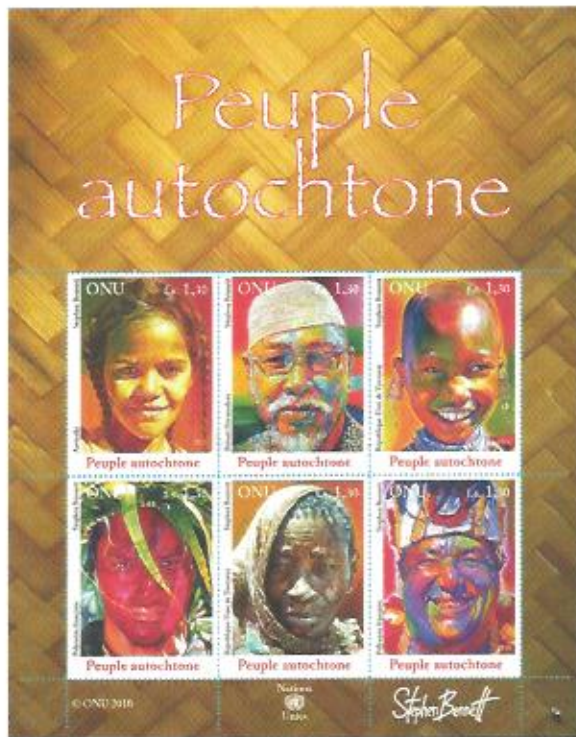
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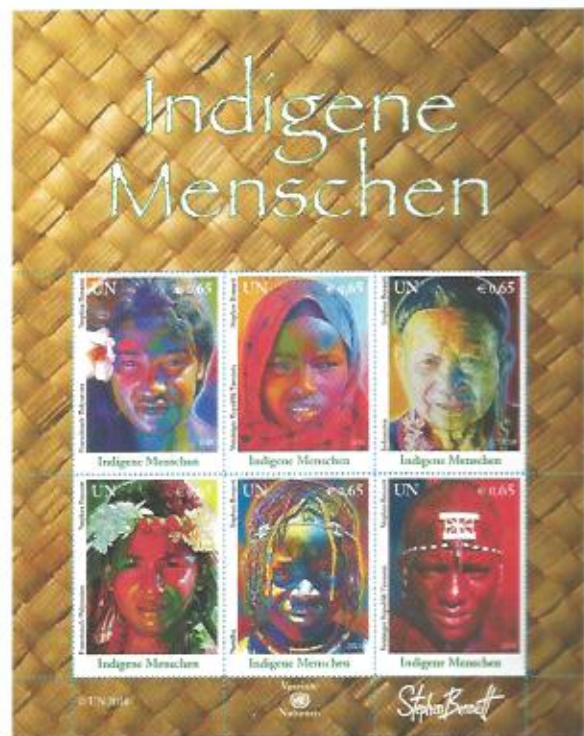
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