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Front: End Violence Against Children-
UN New York

Back: End Violence Against Children-
UN Geneva and UN Vienna

UNP Club News



APS STAMP SHOW 2015
Grand Rapids, MI • August 20-23, 2015

UNP Annual Meeting

The 2015 UNP Annual Meeting will be held at the APS StampShow at Grand Rapids, MI, August 20-23, 2015. The show hours will be 10 AM to 6 PM Thursday through Saturday, and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. The show will be at the **DeVos Place Convention Center**, 303 Monroe Ave, NW. Entrance to the show is free.

The Annual Meeting will probably be held Saturday afternoon. There will be a UNP Table at the show; visit the table to check in and get news. A number of members plan to have one-frame exhibits at the show; be sure to look at them.

If you would like to go to dinner with other UNP members, meet at the UNP table at the end of each day.

It would be great if you would participate in a "show-and-tell" at the Annual Meeting. Bring something from your collection to show the other members and to talk about. It doesn't have to be anything rare or costly, just something you like and would like to share. Maybe it's something you have questions about. Please think about it!

Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, MI is the second largest city in Michigan. It is located on the Grand River about 30 miles east of Lake Michigan. As of the 2010 census, the city population was 188,040. An historic furniture-manufacturing center, it is still home to five of the world's leading office furniture companies. Grand Rapids was the home of U.S. President Gerald Ford, who - along with his wife Betty - is buried on the grounds of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in the city.



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum,
in Grand Rapids

Call for Articles

Thanks to Fran Adams, Greg Galletti and Bob Synder for their articles in this Journal. And thanks to Thomas Radzweit for contributing an image of an ILO cover which inspired my article on Page 21 of this Journal.

We could use more writers. In order for the Journal to serve the needs of our diverse membership, we need to have articles in all of our areas of interest. Please consider submitting an article about something you are passionate about. Never written before? Please don't let that stop you. I would be happy to help.

Or, follow Thomas Radzweit's lead and send me images or something you are proud of or have questions about. Maybe that might be the germ of an article.

Sale of Arleigh Gaines Collection

The sale of the Arleigh Gaines Collection through a German auction house, Auktionshaus Christoph Gaertner, happened sooner than expected, on June 15 of this year. In addition to the Gaines collection, there were other nice United Nations collections, exhibits, and individual pieces offered.

You can see the auction results at <http://www.auktionen-gaertner.de>, if not under "Current Auction", then under "Archives". There were some nice items sold, but a number of lots were not sold, and maybe still are available.

2015 - End Violence Against Children

Violence against children and adolescents occurs everywhere – at home, families, schools, communities and public places. It occurs during conflict and even in times of peace. It manifests itself in its most prevalent forms of domestic and sexual violence. Violence also occurs in the form of child marriage, denying girls access to formal education, forced labor and trafficking.



49c - Armed Violence Reduction

Just because you can't see violence, it doesn't mean it isn't there. We must make the invisible, visible. This was the underlying message as UNICEF launched a global initiative to end violence against children and adolescents in July 2013. The initiative urges collective action to end violence against children, highlighting the fact that violence is everywhere, but often happens out of sight or is tolerated due to social and cultural norms. Under the banner 'Make the invisible, visible', the initiative aims to raise awareness as a first step toward modifying attitudes, behaviors and policies.



\$ 1.20 - Sexual Violence

Violence can be prevented. Formulation and implementation of strong laws, backed by services for protection and strong communication interventions for social and behavior change is vital to guaranteeing respect for the fundamental rights of children and adolescents, most notably their right to security and violence-free life. Protecting children is at the heart of UNICEF's mandate. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child specifies that every child everywhere has the right to be protected from all forms of violence. For more information about this topic, please visit www.unicef.org/endviolence.



CHF 1,00 - Child Marriage

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 € 0.80 100,000 stamps (5,000 sheets)



CHF 1,40 - Child Trafficking



€ 0.68 - Gender Based Violence



€ 0.80 - Child Labor

The Artist

Chris Sharp is a New York City based illustrator specializing in images for advertising, design, publishing and editorial clients. Mr. Sharp has worked and lived in both the USA and Norway. He works in several different styles including animation. Among his clients are American Express, Aveeno, Ann Taylor, Bloomberg, Businessweek, CIO, Coca Cola, Esquire, Fast Company, Forbes, GQ, Harper's Bazaar, Ink, Johnson & Johnson, Newsweek, Norwegian Olympic Committee, Neutrogena, Reader's Digest, Shape, Time Life and Vidal Sassoon.

Mr. Sharp's work has been featured in American Illustration and Lürzer's Archive. These are his first stamp designs for the United Nations.

2015 - WORLD HERITAGE – SOUTHEAST ASIA

Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Cultural heritage and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world. This is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by UNESCO in 1972. The United Nations Postal Administration is pleased to feature the 2015 World Heritage Series on six sites in Southeast Asia.

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US\$ 1.20	130,000 stamps (6,500 sheets)
CHF 1.40	110,000 stamps (5,500 sheets)
CHF 1.90	110,000 stamps (5,500 sheets)
€ 0.80	120,000 stamps (6,000 sheets)
€ 1.70	120,000 stamps (6,000 sheets)

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Vienna	17,000 booklets with stamps of € 0.30 and € 0.40

The designs

\$ 0.49 - Luang Prabang, Laos

Luang Prabang is an outstanding example of the combination of traditional Lao architecture and 19th and 20th century European colonial style buildings. Its unique, remarkably well-preserved townscape illustrates a key stage in the blending of these two distinct cultural traditions. The town is located in northern Laos at the heart of a mountainous region. It is built on a peninsula formed by the Mekong and the Nam Khan River. Known as Muang Sua, then Xieng Thong, from the 14th to the 16th century the town became the capital of the powerful kingdom of Lane Xang (Kingdom of a Million Elephants), whose wealth and influence were related to its strategic location on the Silk Route. Luang Prabang is exceptional for both its rich architectural and artistic heritage. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1995.



49c - Luang Prabang - Laos

\$ 1.20 - Borobudur Temple, Indonesia

The Borobudur Temple is one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in the world. The monument is located in the Kedu Valley in Central Java, Indonesia. It was built during the 8th and 9th centuries AD during the reign of the Syailendra Dynasty. This magnificent temple complex was built on several levels around a hill. The first level above the base comprises five square terraces, graduated in size and forming the base of a pyramid. Above this level are three concentric circular platforms crowned by the main stupa. Around the circular platforms are 72 openwork stupas, each containing a statue of the Buddha. The monument was restored with UNESCO's help in the 1970s. The Borobudur Temple is truly a masterpiece of Buddhist architecture and monumental arts. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1991.



\$1.20 - Borobudur Temple, Indonesia

CHF 1.40 - Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Angkor, in Cambodia's Northern Province of Siem Reap, is one of the most important archaeological sites in South-East Asia. Stretching over some 400 square kilometers, Angkor Archaeological Park contains the magnificent remains of the different capitals of the Khmer Empire, from the 9th to the 15th century. They include the famous Temple of Angkor Wat and, at Angkor Thom, the Bayon Temple with its countless sculptural decorations. For several centuries Angkor was the centre of the Khmer Kingdom. The architecture and layout of the successive capitals bear witness to a high level of social order and ranking within the Khmer Empire. With its impressive monuments, cultural, religious and symbolic values, the site is a unique concentration of features testifying to an exceptional civilization. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1992.



CHF 1,40 - Angkor Wat, Cambodia

CHF 1.90 - Cordillera, Philippines

The rice terraces of the Philippines Cordillera mountain range on the island of Luzon, are living cultural landscapes devoted to the production of one of the world's most important staple crops, rice. They preserve traditional techniques and forms dating back many centuries, still viable today. At the same time they illustrate a remarkable degree of harmony between humankind and the natural environment of great aesthetic appeal, as well as demonstrating sustainable farming systems in mountainous terrain, based on a careful use of natural resources. They are the only testaments in the Philippines that show no evidence of having been influenced by colonial cultures. The Cordillera tribes are among the few peoples of the Philippines who have successfully resisted any foreign domination and have preserved their authentic tribal culture. The fruit of knowledge handed down from one generation to the next have helped to create a cultural landscape of unparalleled beauty. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1995.



CHF 1,90 - Cordillera, Philippines

€ 0.80 - Ayutthaya, Thailand

The Historic City of Ayutthaya, founded in 1350, was the second capital of the Siamese Kingdom. It flourished from the 14th to the 18th centuries, during which time it grew to be one of the world's largest and most cosmopolitan urban areas and a center of global diplomacy and commerce. Ayutthaya was strategically located on an island surrounded by three rivers connecting the city to the sea. This site was chosen because it was located well above the Gulf of Siam, thus precluding attack by the sea-going warships of other nations. The city was attacked and razed by the Burmese army in 1767 that burned the city to the ground and forced the inhabitants to abandon the city. Its historic remains are characterized by the remnants of tall towers and Buddhist monasteries of monumental proportions, which give an idea of the city's past size and splendor of its architecture. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1991.



€ 0.80 - Ayutthaya, Thailand

€ 1.70 - Hué Monuments, Vietnam

The Complex of Hué Monuments is located in the city of Hue in central Vietnam. Hué was founded as the Vietnam capital city by Gia Long, the first emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty in 1802. Hué was not only the political but also the cultural and religious centre under the Nguyen dynasty until 1945. The Huang River, also known as the Perfume River winds its way through the Capital City, the Imperial City, the Forbidden Purple City (once the residence of the royal family) and the Inner City, giving this unique feudal capital a setting of great natural beauty. This massive complex features hundreds of monuments and ruins, royal tombs, flag tower, pagodas, temples, a library and museum. This historic site is known for both its rich architecture and beautiful landscaping. The site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1993.



€ 1.70 - Hué Monuments, Vietnam

Vienna Personalized Sheet for 13th UN Congress on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice

On April 15, 2015, a Vienna Personalized Sheet was issued by UNPA in cooperation with the State of Qatar to commemorate the 13th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The sheet shows Doha, the capital of Qatar. It is composed of ten Euro 0.80 stamps. The Conference logo and views of Doha are featured on the tabs next to the stamps.

The Congress was held in Doha April 12-19, 2015.



The Evolution of an Exhibit (Part 2)

By Greg Galletti

In this second installment on the evolution of an exhibit, I will focus on some of the changes that were made to specific pages as a result of feedback from a number of sources. Topics such as space allocation, highlighting, storyline and research will be covered.

Figure 1 shows my original version of a page dedicated to the early pre-league period that shows some material from the International Peace Conferences in the Hague, Netherlands between 1899 and 1913. My original page showed an example of a cover from the 1907 conference and a cut out of a hand stamp also observed on such conference material. While cutouts in general are considered acceptable, clearly the use of such might be seen as somewhat non-philatelic, and to the extent that other material is available on the subject, they should be given preference. With this in mind, and with some newly acquired material, I revised the page to show the 1907 cover as well as a full cover from the 1913 Conference. This served to add more philatelic value and also importantly used more real estate on the page for the covers. As we will see a bit later too much white space on pages is sometimes seen by the judges as indication that there simply isn't enough material to develop a suitable exhibit of the chosen subject.

Notably too, I also incorporated additional emphasis to link the descriptive text next to each cover described (use of Left: or Right:). This ensured that the reader could easily relate the text to the object shown and cut down on potential confusion as to which object I was discussing in which paragraph.

Finally I also added a bit more on the rates and/or routes for the covers to add to the philatelic knowledge aspect of the judging criteria.

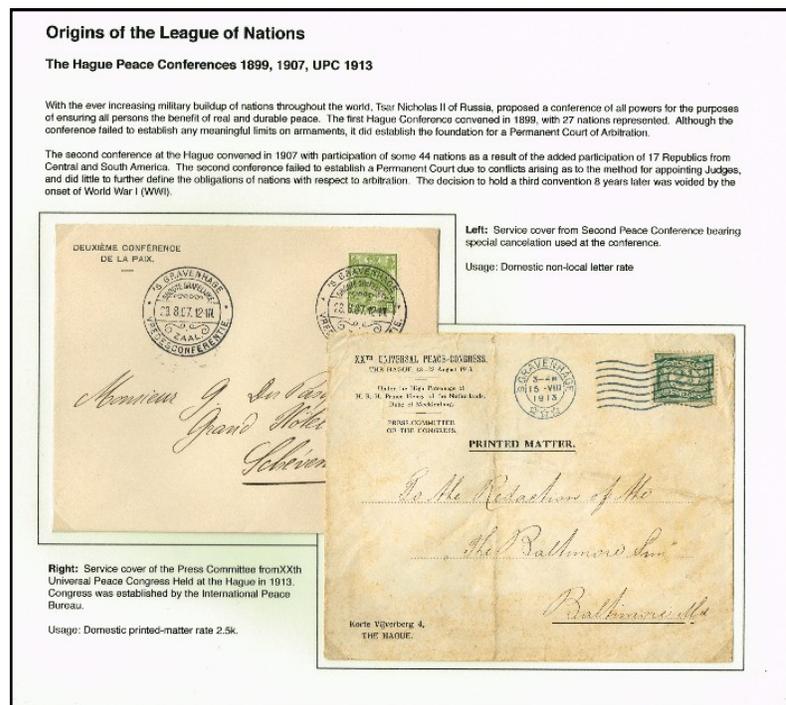
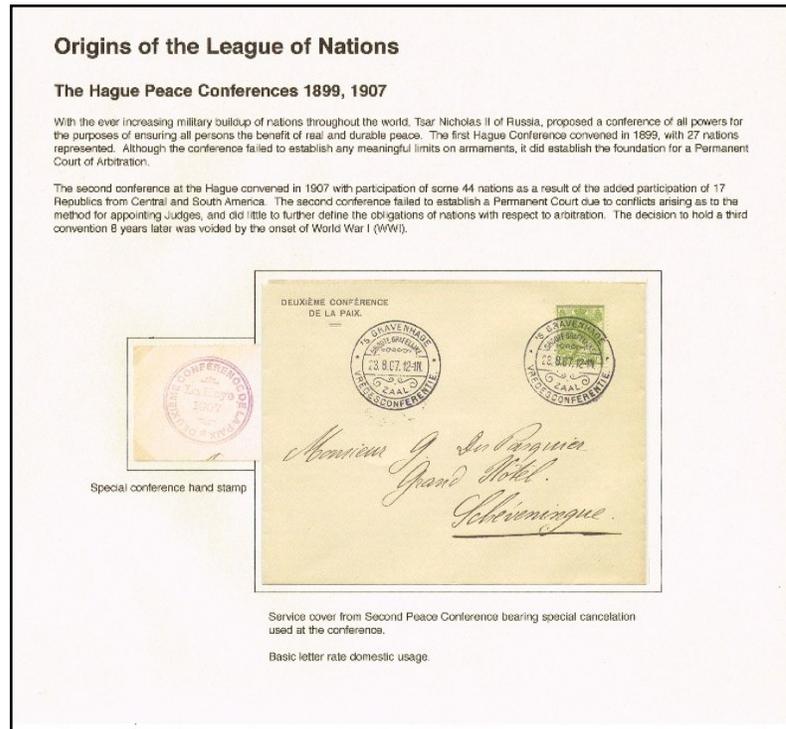


Figure 1: Original and Revised Pages on the Hague Peace Conferences

The second example of significant evolutions to the exhibit occurred as I acquired material and refined how I presented topics when I had few examples of to display.

Figure 2 represents my first attempt at the topic on the League Commission for Destitute Women and Children. I had a great cover from the High Commission for Russian Refugees that I initially used to represent the topic. Note all that white space and lack of much description about the topic. I had from previous exhibits, thought that less would be more. In other words don't write a novel on the subject that overpowers the material. So I went just the opposite and wrote nearly nothing on the subject and just focused on the cover itself. I was not happy with the end result, after all I was writing a story about the history of the League so I re-introduced a shorter discussion about the Commission and focused more on the covers. In the later generation page, I had added a cover from the Aleppo office as well as the brief description of the Commission and its activities. Again as the collection grew and I could represent the subject with more material, I did so.

The astute reader may also have recognized that, in this later generation exhibit, the typeface was reduced by a point or two in order to de-emphasize the length of the write up and highlight the material.

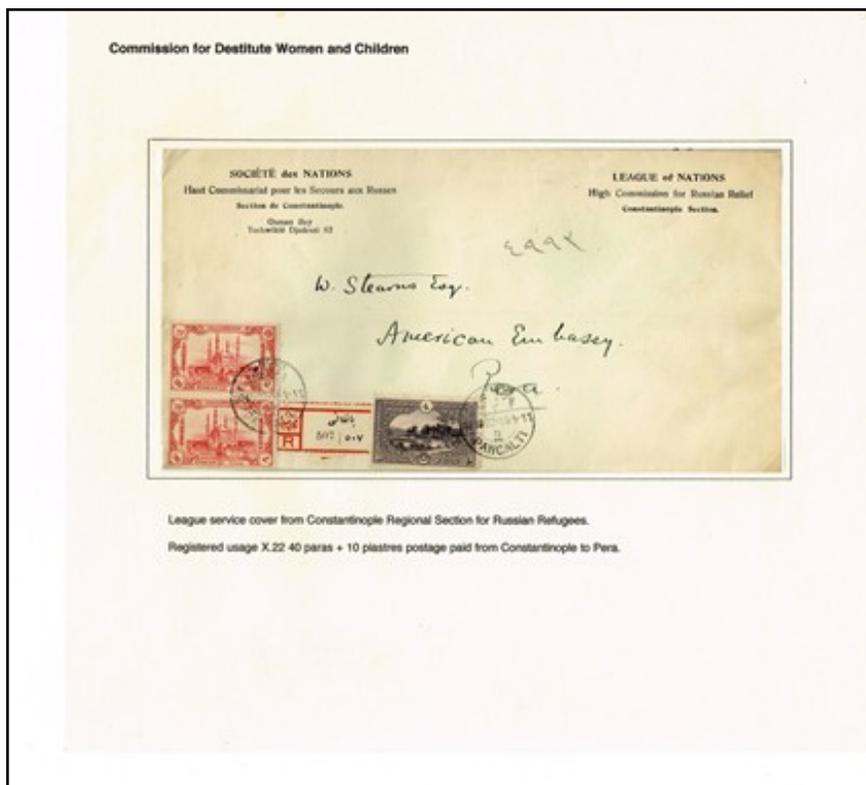


Figure 2: Original and Redesigned pages for the League Commission for Destitute Women and Children

Next we have an example of two pages (Figure 3) from the exhibit that discussed postal operations at the League. In my first version, I showed a neat image of the postal mail wagon used for transporting League mail and a nice cover showing a scarce auxiliary “box” cancel. Again the feedback was generally positive but the issue of padding was again raised. Why not show another cover instead of the postcard. After all even though the postcard had a philatelic tie, it is not in itself a philatelic item. So the later revision again added a second philatelic item. In this case a cover with a known flaw in the circular date stamp. One thing I learned over the years was if you could show an item that had an error or flaw on a subject rather than a “typical” cover that would add to the “rarity” factor and gain additional points towards your medal level. So I used the broken CDS cover instead of one with a “normal” Geneve 1 Soc. Des Nations imprint.



Figure 3 – Original and Revised Pages for the League Postal Operations

The final example for this article deals with highlighting and emphasizing good material. You may recall in my Title page I listed several key pieces in the exhibit that I really wanted the judges to notice. In addition, I mentioned how one could easily distinguish this material from everything else presented. Namely by use of what I characterized as a “Subtle Blue Border.” Well yes it was subtle, actually too subtle and many judges simply responded that it was insufficient to clearly highlight the material. So in the revised version I essentially used the same formatting but instead of a 1pt line, employed the use of a 3pt line for my borders. Additionally, I used **bold** text to identify the scarcity of the material further. I think you can see how such a small change could have so much impact.

In the final installment to this series we will explore the storyline again and especially on creating a strong ending or closure to the exhibit. Until next time, happy collecting.

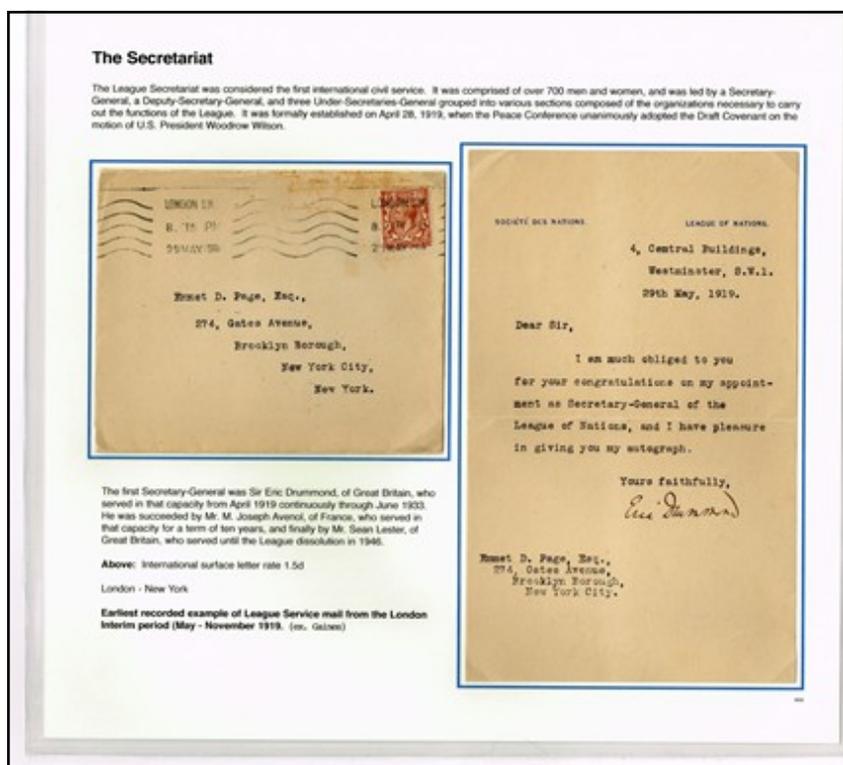
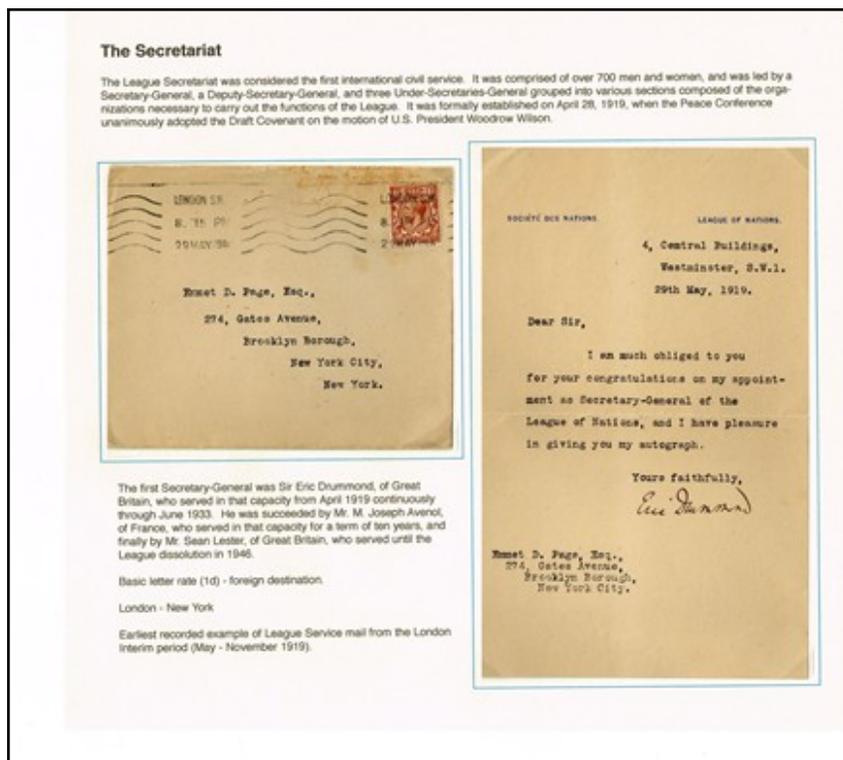


Figure 4: Original and Revised Page Emphasizing Material Highlighting

“My 5c Worth”: #928 Returned and Forwarded Mail

By Fran Adams



Figure 1: #928 Cover from USA to Palestine, 1946

Due to the upheaval of the civilian population by war, both recipients and original senders were often not at the addresses they formerly occupied. In such instances, if a forwarding address was available or if the post office was advised of a forwarding address by the current resident or a family member, the mail was forwarded to that new address. Forwarded letters often reached their intended recipients on the first try but there were also cases where the intended recipient had moved on once more and the mail attempted to follow. In this extreme example we find both parties had relocated.

Figure 1 shows a reused packet envelope sealed with brown paper tape on both ends. It carries a label meant for packages containing books. The printed legends for postmasters that would allow the post office to open the package - “This package may be opened for postal inspection if necessary”, to charge for postage should the letter be returned - “Return Postage Guaranteed” and the content statement - “Contents : Books” text have all been lined through with an added manuscript nota-

tion of - “First Class Mail”.

The letter was mailed from the Cincinnati, Ohio, Post Office Annex on 10 August 1946 and carries 3 hand cancels, one on the 5¢ UN issue of 1945 (Scott 928). The letter was mailed at the foreign surface letter rate of 5¢ per ounce.

It is addressed to L/C (Lance Corporal) M. Sternberg, Palestine 31053, 468 Palestinian General Delivery, R.A.S.C. (Royal Army Service Corps) Palestine. The R.A.S.C. was a transportation group for British supplies during WWII (Figure 2) and part of its Middle Eastern Forces.



Figure 2: Badge of the R.A.S.C., circa 1940's

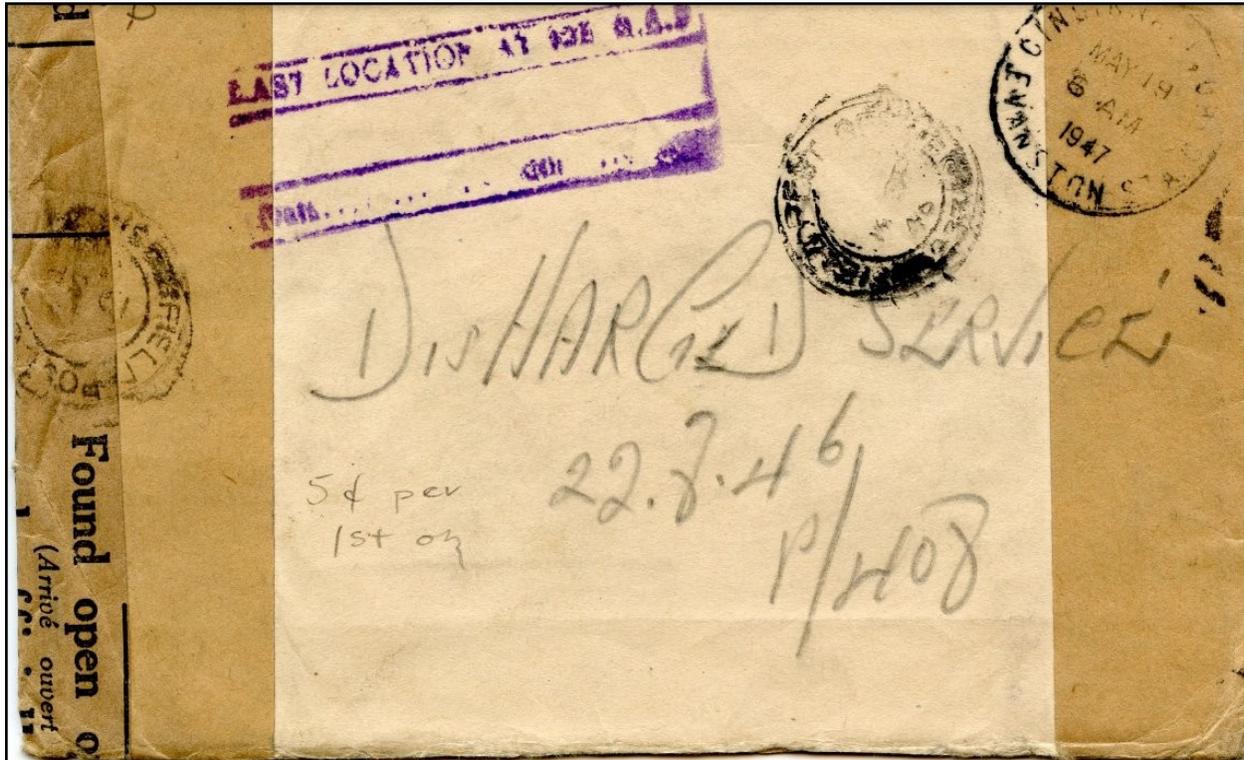


Figure 3: Back of #928 Cover to Palestine

Arriving at its destination, it was found that L/C Sternberg had been discharged as indicated by a manuscript note on the cover's rear indicating: "Discharged Service, 22.8.46, P/408". Once that status was determined, it was a question of where to forward the letter and without a forwarding address at hand, the cover was sent to the base locator service.

On the rear (Figure 3), a three lined "Last Location at M.E.F." handstamp goes without an entry, but is accompanied by a circular Field Post Office handstamp dated 14 September 1946.

On the front once more, a violet three line "No Unit Location, Brit. B.A.P.O., M.E.F." handstamp with penciled notation of 16 September 1946 is above the address. The envelope was then found open in the mails - taped shut and postmarked on 19 September 1946. This might have been a result of the postal clerk checking the content for a forwarding address.

A directory handstamp of the MEF indicated they attempt to locate a forwarding address one last time on 15 October 1946 without success and the red ink manuscript note verifies the result as of 19 October 1946. A boxed purple "Undelivered for Reason Stated, Return to Sender."

was then applied and the letter placed in the system to be returned to the sender.

It appears the original sender had also relocated in the interim to Zanesville, Ohio as evidenced by the printed return address being struck through and an additional return address added. The postal service in attempting to add the latest return address appears to have written it a number of times, adding one at the top for clarity and then applying a typical purple "Returned to Sender" pointing finger style handstamp - applied over the lined out old return address to ensure it got to its final destination.

The letter was received at Evanston Station, Cincinnati, Ohio per its receiving mark dated 19 May 1947. Where it might have traveled in the seven months between October of 1946 and May of 1947 is not re-corded and it's possible it simply lay in a dead letter pile until it was found and finally returned to the sender. This cover is one of my favorites as it's an example of a routing seldom seen and that makes it extra special once its history is deciphered and the mystery solved.

UN Commissioner in Libya, 1949-52

By B. Clement, Jr.

What is now known as Libya was called Italian North Africa after it was lost by the Ottoman Empire to Italy in about 1912. In 1927 it was split into two colonies, Italian Cyrenaica and Italian Tripolitania. In 1934, Italy adopted the name Libya (originally used by the Greeks for most of North Africa). Libya then consisted of three provinces, Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and Fezzan. Tripoli was the capital of Tripolitania, and Benghazi was the capital of Cyrenaica.



Figure 1: Map of Libya

Libya was involved in World War II, and the Italians and Germans defended Libya against the Brit-

ish and French. By 1943, Libya was in the hands of the Allies, with Cyrenaica and Tripolitania under the British and Fezzan under the French. Under the terms of the Italian Peace Treaty in 1947, Italy gave up all claims to Libya. It was then up to the United Nations to decide on its fate.

After a lot of arguments for various plans for Libya, The UN General Assembly on November 21, 1949 passed a resolution that Libya should become an independent state by January 1, 1952.

On December 10, 1949, Adrian Pelt of the Netherlands was appointed UN Commissioner in Libya, with the responsibility of preparing the way for Libya's independence. Pelt was a Dutch journalist, diplomat, and international civil servant. He was with the League of Nations for some years. During WWII, he was head of the Netherlands Information Service in London. He was part of the Dutch Delegation in San Francisco. Starting in 1946, he was an Under Secretary General of the UN.

During 1950 and 1951, Pelt spend much of his time "on the ground" in Libya. However, he did go to the UN European Office in Geneva for consultations. Figure 1 is a cover from one such "visit". Note the "CONF. 8" origin cachet. It is not known whether this cachet was used for his consultations on Libya, or if his office was simply located in the vicinity of a conference going on at the time.



Figure 2: UN Commissioner in Libya Cover from Geneva, November 9, 1950
Franked with UNEO Overprinted Stamp



Figure 3: Adrian Pelt,
UN Commissioner in Libya, 1949-1952

Pelt set up an UN Council for Libya, consisting of ten members, a representative of Egypt, France, Italy, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, the United States, a representative of each of the three regions of Libya (Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fezzan), and a representative of Libya's minorities. (Note: In the Oct. 1996 UNP Journal was shown a cover from the French Delegation to this Council. I believe the cover was incorrectly identified as being from the UN Tribunal in Libya.) (Ref. 5).

The Council held its first meeting on April 15, 1950 and discussed with the Commissioner a plan for developing a Libyan Constitution. It was decided to set up a Committee of Twenty-One with equal representation of each of the three areas of

Libya. This Committee held its first meeting on July 27, 1950. It decided to organize a National Assembly of 60, with equal representation of the three areas.

For the National Assembly, the Amir Idris selected the representatives of Cyrenaica, Ahmad Bey Seif selected the members from Fezzan, and the Chairman of the Committee, Mohamed Abul Asad chose the members from Tripolitania. The Assembly held its first meeting in Tripoli on November 25, 1950.

The National Assembly decided that Libya should have a federal government, and that it should be a monarchy, with Amir Idris as King. It established a Committee on the Constitution to draft the Libyan Constitution. Commissioner Pelt worked closely with the Committee, helping to develop a compromise when difficult issues were considered.

Finally, on October 7, 1951, the National Assembly unanimously adopted the draft constitution. Pelt reported to the UN General Assembly:

"It may be truly stated that the Libyan Constitution is of a democratic nature. The King is a constitutional monarch and exercises his powers through his Ministers who are responsible to an elected Chamber of Deputies. With report to Human Rights, The Constitution generally follows the principles of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Considering the prevailing circumstances in Libya, the Constitution is not only democratic in concept but provides opportunity for progressive development."

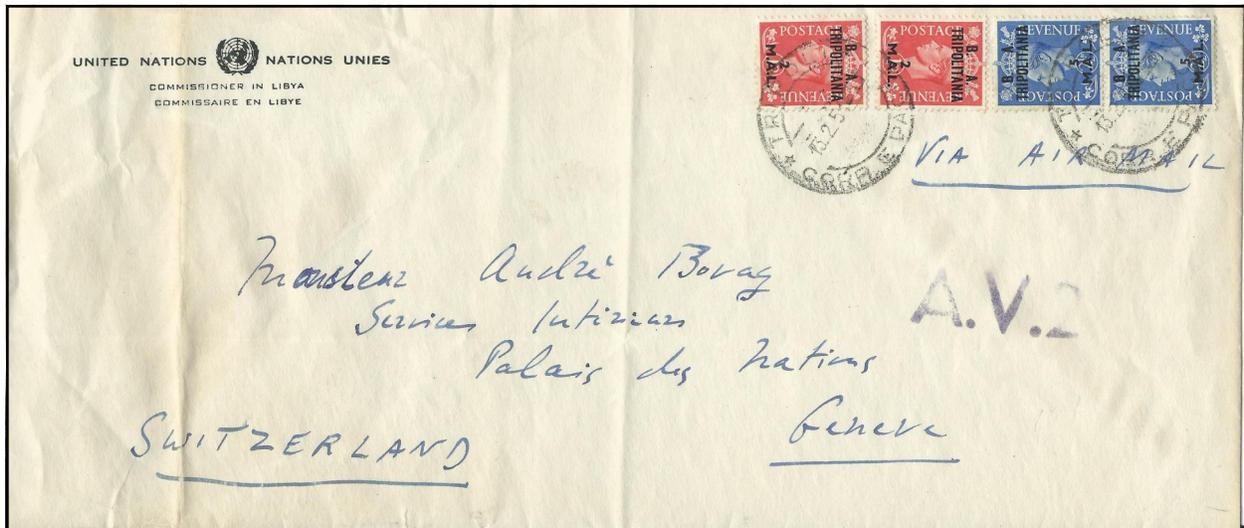


Figure 4: Cover from the UN Commissioner in Libya, mailed from Tripoli on February 13, 1951.
Franked with stamps of the British Administration of Tripolitania

The Commissioner appointed a Co-ordination Committee to plan for the transfer of powers to a Provisional Federal Government. The Council for Libya approved a plan of transfer on October 8, 1951 under which powers were gradually transferred, the last powers being turned over in December 1951. A federal administration was created, with 37 of 61 posts filled by December 1951.

The Provisional Libyan Government was terminated on December 24, 1951 and the new King Idris proclaimed the Libyan Constitution in force. Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and Fezzan became provinces of the new federated Libya, with each having a Governor appointed by the King. The first elections under the new constitution were planned for February 1952.

On December 24, 1951, three sets of overprinted stamps, one set for each province, were placed in service. These were Libya Scott #102-111 for use in Tripolitania, #112-121 for use in Fezzan, and #122-134 for use in Cyrenaica. Presumably the previous stamps issued by Britain and France were no longer valid. Figure 5 shows a UN corner card cover sent by Adrian Felt from Tripoli on December 31, 1951, still using the British issued stamps.

The UN Commissioner in Libya continued working with the new government of Libya for a time to make sure attention was given to having a good transition. The governments of United Kingdom and France assisted in making good the deficits in the budgets of their respective areas.

Agreements were entered into with the UN, FAO, ICAO, ILO, UNESCO and WHO to provide technical assistance in their areas.

The discovery of oil in 1959 and the income from petroleum sales made a big difference in Libya, but underlying problems due to poverty, illiteracy, and tribal tensions remained. Subsequent developments, the overthrow of the Kingdom by Gaddafi, his removal in the Arab Spring, the Benghazi embassy attack and the present chaos all remained in the future.

Adrian Pelt was a very popular man in Libya. A main street in Benghazi is named for him. From 1952 until his retirement in 1957, he served as Director of the UN European Office in Geneva. He died in Switzerland in 1981 at the age of 89.

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Figure 5: Cover from the UN Commissioner in Libya, mailed from Tripoli on December 31, 1951. Franked with stamps of the British Administration of Tripolitania, which were probably no longer valid after December 24, 1951. (Ref. 6)

UN First Issue Cutouts - Addendum

By Robert Snyder

Since the publication of my three articles additional information has become available which I would like to share with you.

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Scott #2.1 Add : To Table: Regular and reversed L over #3/4 upper pane.

Scott #2.2 Add: Note 2. Double spade over #2.

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Scott #2.5 Add: Note 3. Known with "ring impression" around cutout from punch edge.

Add: Note 4. Reported with small triangle cutout under #50. Unsure of authenticity .

Scott #2.5 Correction to Table: Under upper pane delete "(over)" and add "(under)" .

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Scott #3.1 Correction to Table- for lower pane delete "48-49" and add "48, 48/49".

Scott #3.4 Add: Note 2. Known with two overlapping cutouts in lower margin.

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Scott #10.2 Add: To Table: small triangle over #10 upper pane.

Scott #11.3 Add: To Table: small heart over #10 upper pane.

Discovery– Cover from UPU/IATA Meeting, Montreux, 1962

By B. Clement

A Dick Powers cover is shown in Fig. 1. This cover, with the CC of the UPU Executive Committee, was mailed from Montreux to Cologne, Germany on March 28, 1962.

There was no session of the Executive Committee in Montreux in 1962. However, a joint meeting of UPU and IATA was held in Montreux March 28-29, 1962. UPU Director Edouard Weber was probably at the meeting and sent this letter to his daughter.

This cover has been added to the catalog.



Figure 1: Cover from UPU Director to his daughter, from Montreux to Cologne, March 28, 1962, from UPU/IATA Meeting.

Japanese UN & UN Agency Conference Cancels, Addendum

By B. Clement, Jr.

Japanese conference cancels were shown in the June and August 2014 Journals. Additional cancels and information have been found, and are listed here.

ECAFE/1955 11th Session, ECAFE, Tokyo, Japan, Mar. 28-Apr. 7, 1955



H1. Red, Observed Mar. 30, 1955

FAO/WHO/1956A 4th Session, Joint FAO//Who Nutrition Committee for South & East Asia, Tokyo, Sep. 25-Oct. 2, 1956



H1. Red, Observed Oct. 1, 1956

ICAO/1957 11th Session, ICAO Legal Committee, Tokyo, Sep. 12-25, 1957



H1. Red. Additional date observed. Now: Observed Sep.12-18, 1957

FAO/1958 6th Session, International Rice Commission, Tokyo, Oct. 3-4, 1958
4th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Tokyo, Oct. 5-16, 1958



H1. Red, Observed Oct. 3, 1958

Previously listed as only the 4th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific. Cancel was used at both Conferences. Both are named in the Japanese text.

ESCAP/2002 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Conclude the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, Otsu, Oct. 25-28, 2002



H1. Red, Observed Oct. 10-16, 2002



H2. Red, Observed Oct. 10, 2002

Neither of these cancels are for Otsu. Information on other conferences for the Decade is solicited.

UNEP/2010 10th COP on Biological Diversity, Nagoya, Oct. 18-30, 2010



H1. Red, Observed Oct. 18, 2010



H2. Red, Observed Oct. 2010

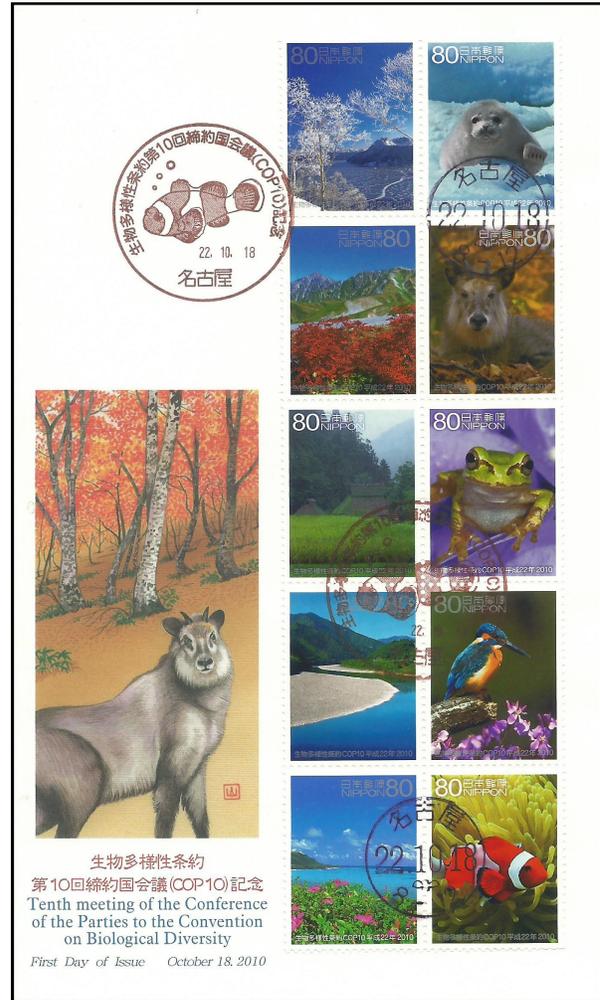
Both were probably used at Nagoya. Above, H2. is from Nagoya. H1. town is unidentified.

UN/2015 UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Sendai, Mar. 14-18, 2015

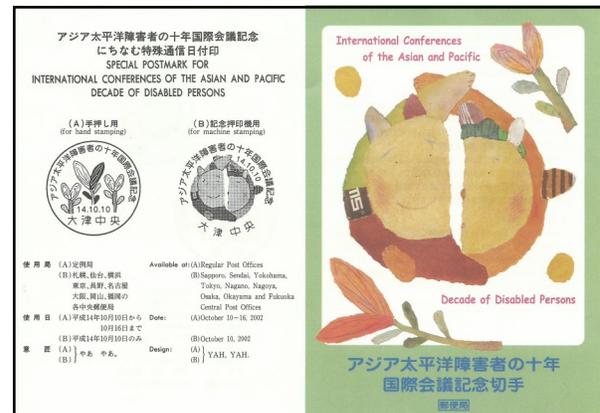


H1. Red, Observed Mar. 13, 2015

This is from Kobe. Sendai should have a similar cancel.



FDC of the 10 stamps issued by Japan for the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity



Post Office Leaflet for the 2002 International Conferences of the Asian and Pacific Decade For Disabled Persons

ITU Provisional Frequency Board (PFB), 1948-50

By B. Clement

In the Dick Powers collection was found the interesting cover shown in Figures 1 and 2. The cover was mailed from the European Broadcasting Conference held in Copenhagen, Denmark on July 3, 1948 to the ITU in Geneva. It was backstamped on arrival with a Geneve Office Temporaire postmark on July 24, 1948. The letter was addressed to a Monsieur Millot. Millot was not in Geneva when the letter arrived, so it was forwarded to him at the 5th Plenary Assembly of the Consultative Committee on Radio (CCIR), being held in Stockholm, Sweden. The letter was postmarked at the CCIR Assembly on arrival on July 27, 1948.

As a collector of postal history, I ordinarily prefer that notes in pencil or ink NOT be made on covers. On this cover, each cancel is accompanied with a pencil notation. For the two cancels on the front of the cover, the notations are certainly unnecessary, since the cancels are well known, besides the fact that the text in the cancel is adequate in deciding what they are.

However, that is not the case with the backstamp, Geneve Office Temporaire (OT). The notation indicates that the postmark is for a special post office set up for the Provisional Frequency Board (PFB). This is new information which we will explore in this article.

Geneve Office Temporaire cancels were used for temporary post offices, mostly for conferences, between 1948 and 1972. Most, but not all of these, were for conferences of the UN and its agencies. A summary will be tabulated of what has been recorded in various references about 1948 uses of the Geneve Office Temporaire cancel. In addition, we will report other observations of 1948 uses which have not been previously recorded.



Figure 1: Back of Cover sent from Copenhagen Conference, Backstamped Geneve Office Temporaire, July 24, 1948
Note Corner Card on back flap for the European Broadcasting Conference, held in Copenhagen and Elsinor, Denmark

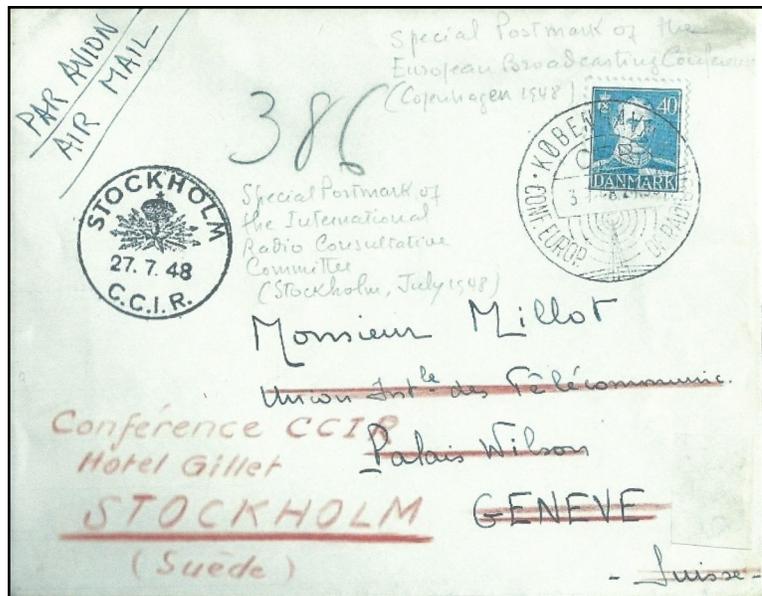


Figure 2: Front of cover, sent from Copenhagen Conference, July 3, 1948, forwarded to Stockholm Conference, with arrival postmark on July 27, 1948

Reports of 1948 Geneve Office Temporaire Cancels

Reference	Description	Dates Reported	Conference Reported
1	PEN Catalog	Jun. 28-Jul. 2, 1948	Conference des Telecommunications
1	PEN Catalog	Dec. 4, 1948	?
2	Die UIT-Studie	Jun. 28-Jul. 2, 1948	UIT-Konferenz in Genf, May 15-Jul. 28, 1948
3	Geneve Office Temporaire	Jun. 28-Jul. 2, 1948	Conference Telecommunications
3	Geneve Office Temporaire	Dec. 4, 1948	Conference Telecommunications
4	UN Conference Study	Jun. 28-Aug. 26, 1948	ITU Aeronautical Radio Conference, May 15-Jul. 28, 1948
5	Gaines Catalog	Jun. 28-Jul. 2, 1948	ITU Aeronautical Radio Conference, May 15-Sep. 25, 1948
5	Gaines Catalog	Dec. 4, 1948	Telecommunications Conference
6	UN Conference Catalog	Jun. 28-Jul. 2, 1948	ITU Aeronautical Radio Conference, May 15-Sep. 25, 1948
6	UN Conference Catalog	Dec. 4, 1948	Unknown
New	Observations, Figs. 1, 3 and 4	Jul. 24-Dec. 29, 1948	Provisional Frequency Board, Jan. 15, 1948 - Feb. 28, 1950

So what was the Provisional Frequency Board (PFB)? The PFB was set up to prepare a new international frequency list and started its work in Geneva Jan. 15, 1948. The PFB's task was to assign frequencies to fixed stations, tropical broadcasting stations, and land stations within the frequency band between 10 kilocycles and 30,000 kilocycles, taking into account the existing use of frequencies and the undesirability of making unnecessary changes. Special conferences were held to assign frequencies to regional or exclusive use bands, to be integrated into the PFB listing. This was a monumental task, and 80 or more Board members and additional ITU staff members worked on it. Finally, more than two years later, on Feb. 28, 1950, the list was turned over to the 11-member International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) for completion and on-going regulation.

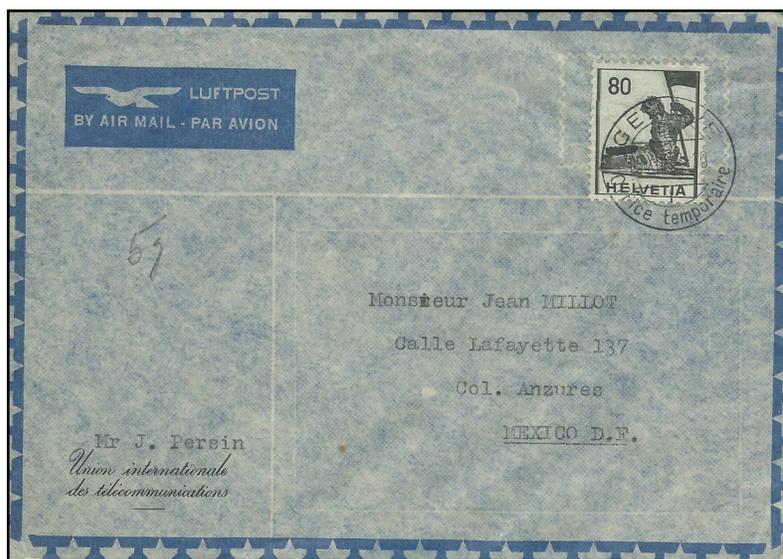


Figure 3: ITU CC cover postmarked Geneve Office Temporaire on Dec. 15, 1948, sent to Jean Millot at the International High-Frequency Broadcasting Conference held in Mexico City, Oct. 22, 1948 to Apr. 10, 1949

Who was Jean Millot? According to the ITU Library and Archive Service, he was a French radiocommunications engineer, hired by the ITU in April 1948. M. Millot continued to work for the ITU in Geneva until the 1970's. (Ref. 7).

It seems reasonable that the large number of people working on the PFB could very well have had a special post office, and that 1948 observations of the Geneva Office Temporaire postmark that aren't identified with the Aeronautical Radio Conference are for the PFB. At times, it is possible that the same special post office served both the Conference and the PFB.

Observations of the use of the Geneva Office Temporaire postmarks are solicited. You may help to add to the story.



Figure 4: Registered Philatelic Cover from the Special Post Office, Dec. 29, 1948

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Overprinted ILO Conference Envelope

By B. Clement, Jr.

The 27th Session of the International Labor Conference was held in Paris, France October 15-November 15, 1945. For the conference, the ILO had special envelopes printed with "International Labor Conference" printed in French, English and Spanish. Figure 1 shows an example of the #6 envelope used at the conference. A #10 envelope was also used.



Figure 1: Special Conference Corner Card cover mailed from Paris ILO Conference on October 29, 1945

More envelopes than needed must have been printed for the 1945 conference. The unused envelopes were sent back to the printer for overprinting, so that they might be used for at the ILO Paris office.

Figure 2 shows the overprinted envelope mailed from the Paris office in 1948. The correction made by the overprinting was a little incomplete. The French Conference name was blocked out and replaced with "Bureau International du Travail" and the address of the French ILO Office was added, but "International Labor Conference" in English and Spanish remained.

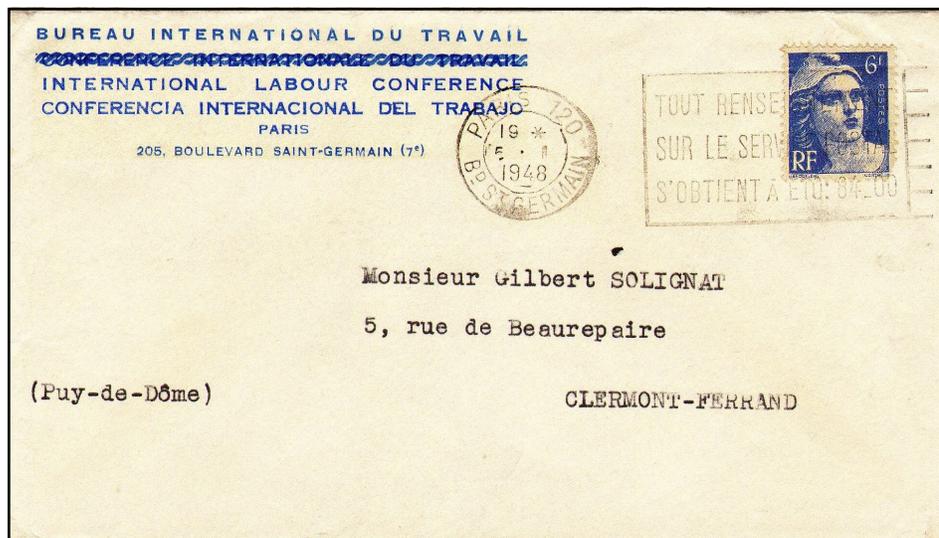


Figure 2: Overprinted Conference envelope mailed from Paris ILO Office on January 5, 1948 (Ref. 2)

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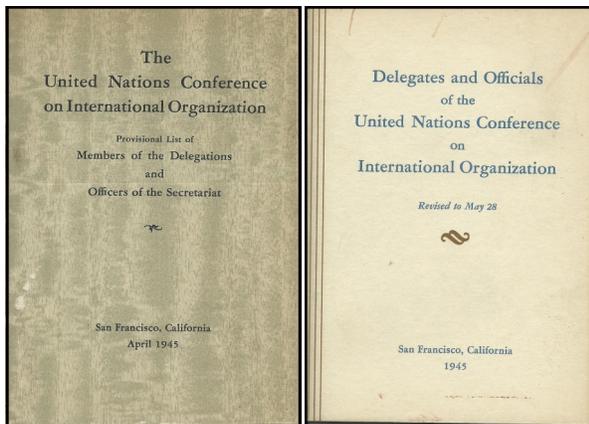


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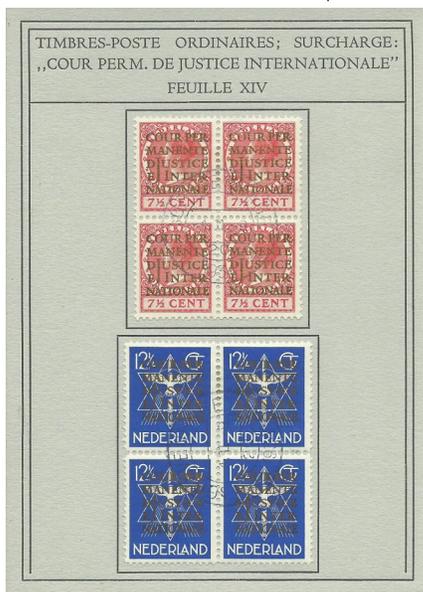
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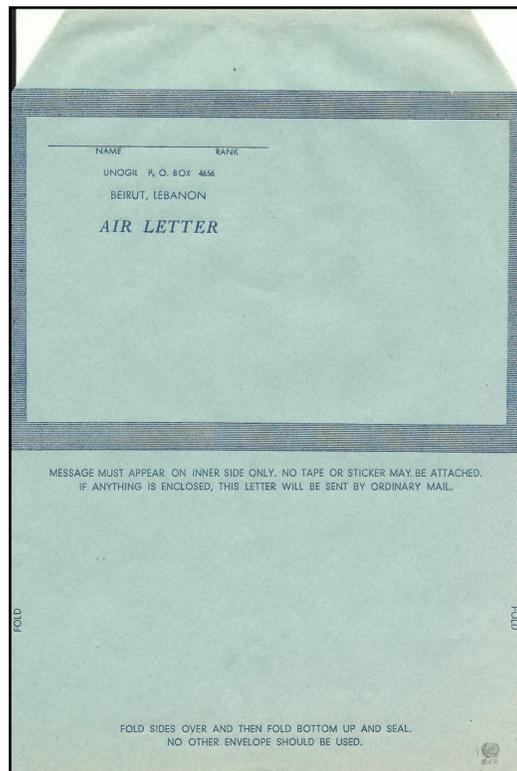
- 35. ITU Conference, Cairo-1938, Cover sent to ITU-Bern, MB \$12
- 36. 9th Plenary session CCIR, Los Angeles 1959 signed by N.J. Soberg (Norwegian Delegate), MB \$15

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- 37. 1st Paris conference hand cancel GC1.1 on cover with UNESCO issue of 1946, MB \$5
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- 40. UNOGIL-Field Service Type 2 Airletter mint (SLF expertizing mark) - Gaines \$1200, MB \$800 ↓



- 41. UNIFIL, 3 Airletters sent to Nepal, 1978,79 & 80, MB \$12
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- 43. 5th Congress of UPAA, Rio de Janeiro, 1946, Souvenir card with cancel, MB \$5

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47. 1955 WHO Geneva to Greece, OMS Origin cachet, 40c WHO overprinted stamp, UN 10th Anniversary cancel, minor tears, MB \$8
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 53. Korean Reconstruction Agency service cover 1952, MB \$10 ↓



54. Korean Reconstruction Bank cover to UN Technical Assistance Administration, 1955, MB \$5
 55. Manila cover with CC: International Criminal Court for Rwanda, Arusha, Tanzania, sent pouch to UNNY, then to Seattle, \$3 in UNNY stamps, cancelled 11/2/2000, MB \$20 ↓

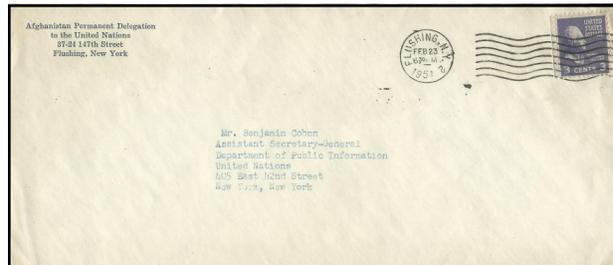


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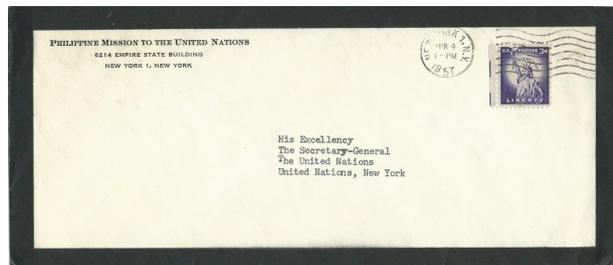
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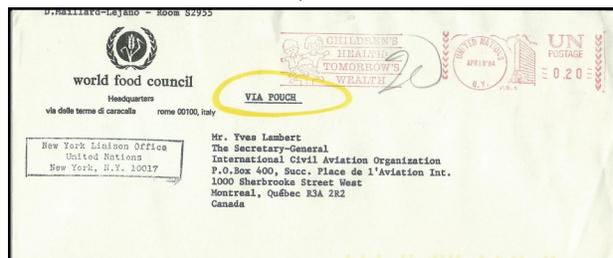


60. Philippine Delegation cover to UN Secretary General, 1957, black bordered to mourn death of President Magsaysay in plane crash, MB \$10 ↓



61. 4 metered UNDP covers to IAEA-Vienna, 1978-79, from Chile, Morocco, Peru & Sri Lanka, all with IAEA receiving meter on back, MB \$5
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