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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some time ago I received a letter from a member interested in doing a column on new issues topically related to the UN and its activities. The letter has been misplaced, and no record of it can be found in my files or the Editor's. If that member is still interested please contact the Editor. (Anyone else interested in doing such a column please contact the Editor, too.)

Our 1980 Convention is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the American Philatelic Society's **STAMPSHOW** scheduled for Spokane, Washington, in September. We are looking forward to seeing many of our West Coast members at that meeting. Plan to attend.

The Board is considering locations for the 1981 and subsequent conventions. We have an invitation from VAPEX, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as well as others. Your suggestions are invited. If you are in a position to have your show invite us, please let me know.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

I took a few minutes — I almost said "I found a few spare minutes", but that would be a lie, I just took them — and went through the 107 responses to the reader survey on the wrapper of the April issue. Here's one key set of statistics:

Publication	Regularly	Occasionally	Total
<i>Linn's</i>	82.24%	7.48%	89.7%
<i>Stamp Collector</i>	25.23%	6.54%	31.8%
<i>Stamps</i>	17.76%	7.48%	25.2%

Ten of our respondents read all three major weeklies, 18 read two, and only five do not read any of the three regularly. We did not ask what other stamp periodicals you read, but a few Canadian readers mentioned *Canadian Stamp News* and an English reader indicated he read *Stamp Collecting Weekly*.

This supports our policy on things which appear in the general philatelic press. We will not repeat them here in most instances. This applies to the Norris Robinson articles which have been appearing in all three weeklies in recent years, the Arleigh Gaines columns which appear monthly in *Stamp Collector* (see for example his fine column mostly on the "League of Nations Mandate and the UN Trust in the Cameroons", *Stamp Collector*, November 10, 1979, page 30), press releases from UNPA and WFUNA, etc. For these things, we recommend that you subscribe to the leading weeklies (which get you dated material a lot faster than we can).

Last issue I mentioned the APS/SPA/ATA Philatelic Code of Ethics, and whether the arbitration clause could be construed as mandatory. Emerson Clark, former President of APS and chairman of the drafting committee, has made it clear (in a letter published in *Stamp Collector* of November 10, 1979) that it was not intended to be mandatory. Your Board will be considering the Code of Ethics. Address your comments to the Secretary.

I should have mentioned in last issue's QQQ and AAA that the QQQs were submitted by people, not just dreamed up by the Editor. QQQ 1-12 came from Earl Merriman at the Convention. QQQ 2-12 was in response to a note on the reader survey — unfortunately it became separated from the writer's name and I could not respond directly. QQQ 3-12 came from Mitch Toop, one of our Canadian members.

One sad note must be reported. UN Collectors of Wisconsin is no longer in existence. Recent attempts to hold a meeting have resulted in minute attendance, and it was disbanded.

Finally, some of the pages of this issue are printed with proportional spacing. This gets us more text on a page, and some people like its appearance better. But the type is smaller, and that may lead to problems for some people.

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Oct. 18, 1979

Jerome H. Hosh
Executive Secretary



UNP BECOMES A UNIT OF AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION

Many months ago, your Board of Directors approved an application to the American Topical Association to become a unit of ATA. It was the belief of the Board, which is reflected in more than a small way in The Journal, it is hoped, that many UN collectors have an interest in topical or thematic collecting. Even those of us who think that we are basically "mainstream" philatelists, have a small collection of some kind than can only be called topical, especially when it comes to UN.

So it is with great pleasure that your Board learned that on October 18, 1979, ATA had accepted our application and issued the handsome certificate of unit status.

There are many benefits to UNPI in becoming a unit of ATA. Some are obvious and immediate and accrue directly to UNPI as a group. Others are less apparent. Some are of direct benefit to our members.

Publicity is one obvious benefit to UNPI. ATA will now mention our activities and publications more in its publicity and publications. That will get more members for us. More members means better financial condition, the ability to publish bigger and better Journals and monographs, access to more sources of information, more readers to draw more advertisers -- you get the idea.

A more direct benefit is a set of ATA publications on topics of interest to UN collectors for our library. These will be in the hands of our librarian about the time you get this, and he will undoubtedly be telling you about in in the next edition of "The Bookshelf".

There will be more said about ATA and its activities from time to time in the future. For now, let this suffice: for information about membership in ATA, send an SAE to Karl L. Keldenich, Box 1062, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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NOTES FROM ALL OVER

(Through this column it is hoped to present some useful and interesting notes about UN philately, UN collectors, and UNP. Some concern recent discoveries and developments; some are old stories not known to have been reduced to print before; others are things we saw elsewhere that we think some of you might have missed. All readers are encouraged to send contributions to the Editor.)

Ross Tips: It has been quite a while since John G. Ross has tipped a UN item in his weekly column in Stamps. In his column for the November 17, 1979 issue, Ross commends C11 and C12, the 15 and 22 cent air mail issues of May 1964. Buy prices, he notes, are up to \$1.20 for the pair, from just a little over face not too long ago.

Con Edison Mailings: Member Arthur E. Imperatore advises us that he worked for Con Edison at the time Con Ed used the UN for a mailing of dividend checks. He suggested having the covers cancelled on the first day (February 10), then brought to Con Ed for stuffing, then returned to UNPA for mailing on the dividend date (March 15). Then the covers could have been dumped immediately into the mail stream. But UNPA vetoed the idea of allowing already cancelled envelopes to be removed from the building and later mailed.

Imperatore also sent us two interesting items which are illustrated here. Both are on envelopes with the same "cachet" and corner cards as the dividend mailing envelopes, but without a window. Figure 1 is a combination first day cover of the IAEA stamps (Numbers 59 and 60). Figure 2 is cancelled March 24, 1958, date of the actual mailing of the dividend checks according to Imperatore, and is autographed by stamp designer Robert Perot.

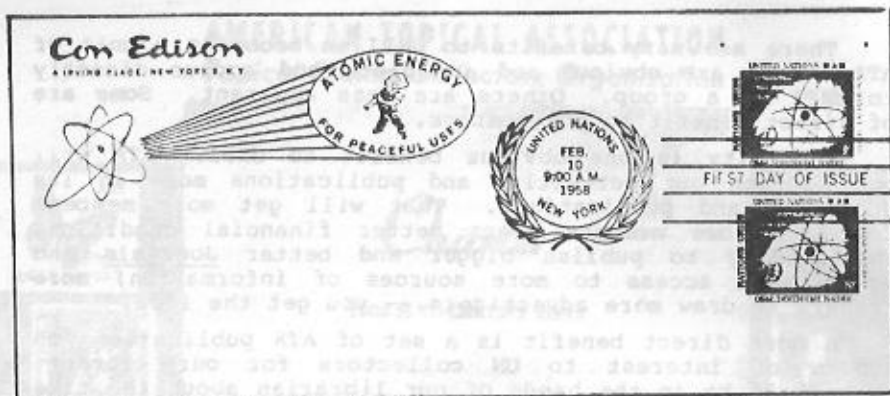


Figure 1. Con Edison "cacheted" envelope similar to envelopes used for special mailing of dividend checks to shareholders from the UN out without window, cancelled first day of the IAEA issues.

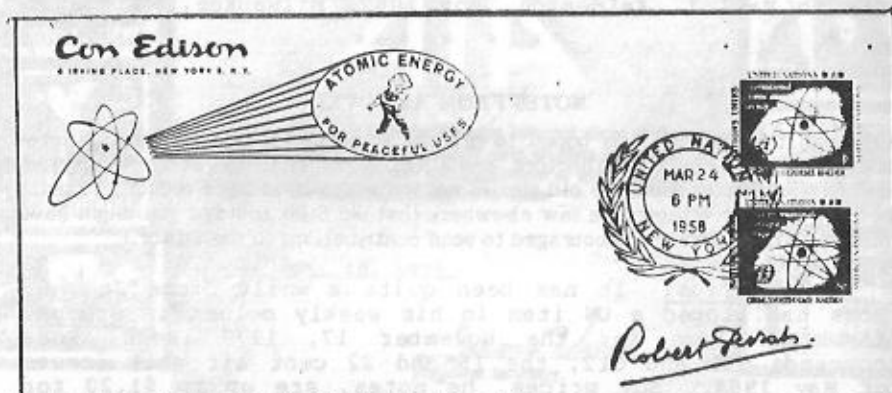


Figure 2. Con Edison "cacheted" envelope similar to envelopes used for special mailing of dividend checks to shareholders from the UN out without window, cancelled day of mailing of the dividend checks, autographed by stamp designer Robert Perot.



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By Duane Lamers

Out here in Detroit it is a real find to discover any postally used UN stationery. When I recently decided to begin adding specimens of used stationery to my collection I took it for granted that certain items would be impossible to find anywhere because of their short lives. An example is the 11¢ air mail postal card (UXC-5). Its first printing sold out within a month of its release in June 1966 and the second printing lasted only until November of that year.

The rarest of all UN stationery is the fourth printing of the 3¢ embossed envelope in #10 size, of which only 25,000 were issued. It is distinguishable by the flourescence of the adhesive of the seams under ultraviolet light. It is nearly impossible to find mint. Imagine how I felt upon discovering a postally used copy. (Figure 1.) There it was in a dealer's "junk box" of FDCs carted to a bourse in the hope that some lost soul be interested enough to buy it. I was, at five cents over face.

The envelope is cancelled with a machine cancellation without slogan (Lindner CA-M1a) without date. The neatly printed address and the offset of a different name and address on the back are evidence that it had been used by UNPA for a large mailing to Customer Deposit Account subscribers. The envelope bears no other information and made the trip from UN Headquarters to Grand Rapids, Michigan unsullied.

I managed to reach by telephone the person whose name and address were offset on the back of the envelope. He and the addressee (now deceased) both used to receive UNPA circulars at times, he said. He had no other information on this particular item, however..

My specimen may have been used after the envelope was withdrawn from sale in September 1958 since new rates went into effect August 1, 1958. The lack of a date in the cancellation and the fact that the envelope had never been sealed indicate that it was used at the "new" printed matter rate of three cents rather than at the "old" first class rate of three cents.

I'm still looking for that envelope addressed in longhand and used at the three cent first class rate in June or July of 1958 with the flap sealed to show that it went through the mails at the then current first class rate while it was still on sale.

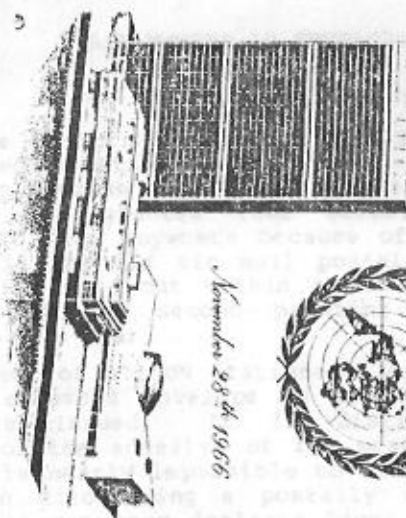
Can UXC-5 be far behind?

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Figure 1. Fourth printing, #10 size, U1a envelope, used by UNPA in publicity mailing after change in first class rate to 4¢ one month before the envelope was withdrawn from sale.

Marjorie E. Mind
553 Gladstone Ave. S.E.
Grand Rapids 6, Mich.





November 28th 1966



UNICEF

*This Day of Mine Commemorating the
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Figure QQQ 4-13. Steelogram First Day Cover for UNICEF 20th Anniversary with legend "Loew's Hotels, 1540 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036".

QQQ and AAA

This column will appear from time to time with questions that readers pose to the Editor. In some instances, the answers will appear with the question. In others, the answer is as much an enigma to the Editor (and those he has been able to consult) as it is to the person who sent it in. Your answers to questions not answered here and your improvements on answers made here are solicited. Send to the Editor.

AAA 1-12 Matters referring to Greek independence were among the early political questions considered by the UN. On January 21, 1946, the USSR complained to the Security Council that the continued presence of British troops in Greece (near the Soviet border) constituted interference in internal affairs likely to endanger international peace. Upon a statement by the Greek government that the troops were there by its invitation, the matter was closed.

On August 24, 1946, the Ukrainian SSR (part of the USSR but with separate representation in the UN) complained of provocative Greek policies. Greece responded by denying the charges, and accusing Albania of border incidents.

On December 3, 1946, Greece complained of aid allegedly being provided to Greek guerillas from Greece's northern neighbors, Albania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia. On December 19, 1946, the Security Council established an inquiry commission to recommend measures to settle the disputes. Each member of the Security Council appointed one member to the Commission.

The cover shown with the QQQ is a first day cover of the set of Bulgarian stamps commemorating the treaty establishing peace between Bulgaria and the USSR, the UK, and the USA following World War II. (Bulgaria had sided with Germany.) The cancellation is a special one used for the sessions of the UN Inquiry Commission. March 29, 1947, by coincidence I believe, was also the last day of the meetings of the Inquiry Commission in Bulgaria. (This information is gleaned from a letter sent on that date from a Bulgarian, possibly connected with the UN, to a US collector in a similarly cancelled, but uncached cover.)

Ultimately, the UN established a UN Special Committee on the Balkans (UNSCOB) which continued the investigative and recommendation functions until December 7, 1951, when it was disbanded. The answer was found in Everyman's United Nations, 1945-1964, UN Publication 64.L9, at page 157. (Ron Ginn)

QQQ 4-13 Illustrated is a first day cover of #162. Printed in brown ink on buff paper, the trade name "Steelogram", not legible in the reproduction, appears on it. The legend on the left says "Loew's Hotels, 1540 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036." Was this a publicity item? Was there someone at Loew's with a UN or UNICEF connection? Readers, HELP!

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MIDAPHIL REPORT

UNPI's second annual convention was a low key affair conducted out in the American heartland in Kansas City, Missouri. I arrived on Friday at about noon to find Treasurer Jack Mayer and New Yorker Steve Cohen already ensconced behind the table of the dealer who had the most promising "junk" boxes, leisurely going through acres and acres of material, or so it seemed. A number of interesting items surfaced as the dealer tables, from #38 sheets to an ordinary looking cover from Afghanistan which proved to have a UN agency return address rubber stamped on the back.

I wandered into the exhibit areas a number of times. There were 105 frames of UN material, not including UNPA. (A list of awards to UN exhibits is at the end of this report.) I'm looking forward to getting a better look at the UNPA's exhibit "UN Philatelic Themes", which had its debut at MIDAPHIL. This exhibit included not only items sold by UNPA, such as mint stamps, first day covers, souvenir folders and the like, but also a wide variety of forerunners, Geneva agencies issues, meters, peacekeeping forces mail, cancellations, first flights, errors, and proofs. The exhibit is to be shown at STAMP EXPO in Los Angeles in December and at other shows to be announced. Unfortunately, there was a mixup in communications, and the frame size was too small to accommodate the boards on which the exhibit was mounted. As a result it was necessary to mount the boards vertically instead of horizontally and only a fraction of the material was shown. It looked good, and we were all sorely disappointed that we could not see it all and mounted right side up.

Friday evening a small group gathered for dinner at a steak house (what else in Kansas City?). But none got a steak to match the one Paul Kravitz had at last year's Board meeting in Indianapolis!



From the left, Treasurer Jack Mayer, Librarian Phil Okney, Director Ruth Grissman, member Carl Grissman, and Military Mail Study Unit Co-Chairman Steve Cohen, in front of the Golden Ox restaurant on Friday evening.

The planned Board meeting had to be scrubbed. President Gus Knoecker had to substitute for someone who broke a leg and could not get alternate plane reservations to get to Kansas City. Director Greg Galletti was in the opening weeks of college studies at the University of Michigan and not yet in a position to take a weekend off. Director Joel Siegfried couldn't get away from a new job

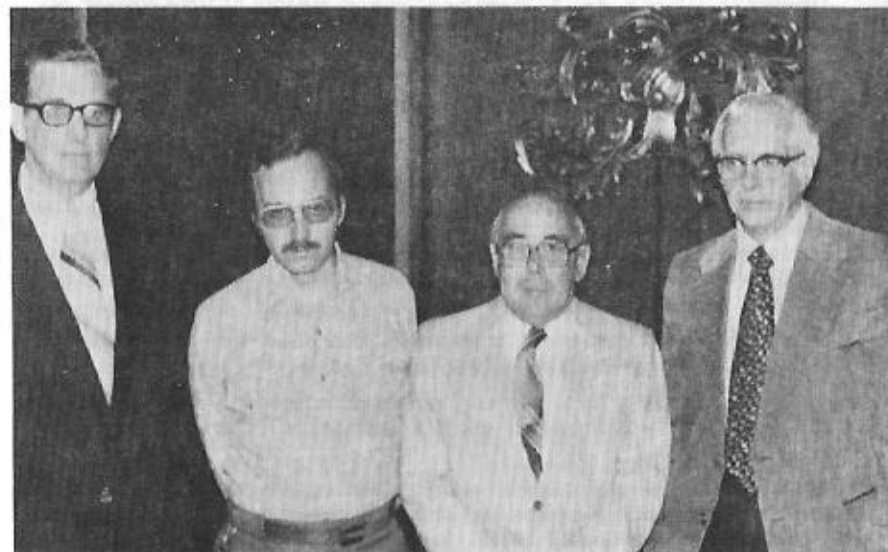
situation, and Vice President Paul Kravitz was ill. But Treasurer Jack Mayer, Director Ruth Grissman and I met informally for more than four hours on Saturday to discuss all the items on the agenda. Steve Cohen sat in on most of the meeting.

We broke about noon for the luncheon arranged by congenial Earl Merriman, a UNPI member and MIDAPHIL Exhibition Chairman. Our UNPA guest was Director of Promotions Barbara Ettelson.

UNPA's Director of Promotions
Barbara Ettelson at the UNPI
luncheon at MIDAPHIL. ➤



Attending the MIDAPHIL banquet
were award winners (from the
left) Earl Merriman, Steve Cohen,
Robert B. Smith, and Jack Mayer.



After the discussions broke up Jack Mayer and I headed down to that multi-faceted commercial development called the Crown Center, to browse in the shops for a few trinkets for the non-collectors at home. The indoor collection of shops was quite as fine as we've seen anywhere, and the center proves it's still true that "Everything's up to date in Kansas City".

Saturday evening after the close of the show was a delightful buffet awards dinner. The exhibits were judged on a national show basis without a separate UN section. UNPI awards were given by the judges at essentially the same levels as the show awards. After dinner I repaired to the hotel's lounge with member (and exhibition judge) Eileen Maisannes and chief of judges Harry Meier to talk until well past the witching hour about UN exhibiting, judging, and other interesting topics. They have promised an interesting article about UN collecting, exhibiting, and judging, as viewed by two APS accredited judges. With their experience and interest in UN collecting, it promises to be most interesting.

After breakfast on Sunday Jack Mayer and I wandered in the shopping area near the hotel until the show opened, when it was back to the exhibits and the dealer tables. Unfortunately, I had to catch an early plane and was unable to stay for the meeting early Sunday afternoon, so this report ends here.

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UN AWARDS AT MIDAPHIL

UNPI Silver and Midaphil Silver	Paul J. Kravitz, "Pilgrimage: San Francisco to Turtle Bay" (also UNPA Award and UNPI President's Award)
	Jack Mayer, "Meter Impressions of the United Nations"
	Greg Galletti, "Les Timbres SDN et BII" (also Junior Philatelic Association Award)
UNPI Silver and Midaphil Silver-Bronze	Stephen Cohen, "Peacekeepers"
UNPI Bronze and Midaphil Bronze	Mark Brudney, "UNESCO" (also ATA Award)
	John McDougall, "United Nations Forces Mail"
	Earl S. Merriman, "Postal History of UN-Geneva"
	Donald W. Miller, "A UNTEA Retrospective"
	Phillip J. Rooke, "UNEF Peacekeeping Forces"
	Robert B. Smith, "United Nations Aerogrammes"

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CLASSIFIED AND MEMBERS' EXCHANGE ADS

BLUE CARDS & EXHIBITION COVERS! Which ones do you need? I'm offering my personal collection and stock in trade for material I need for my collections of: League of Nations official service covers 1946-47; United Nations forerunners and service covers 1941-47; Geneva office service covers 1945-69. Don't hesitate to write, I can use most any item in these areas. Francis Adams, 53 Cairnhill Road 3203, Singapore 0922.

EXCHANGE: My UN stationery, mint and FD cancelled, for your UN stamps, mint or used. Sydney Kay, Rte 5, Twin Lakes #70, Denton Texas 76201.

WANTED: Buy or trade for any errors, varieties, autographs, or unusual covers of #38, first or second printing. Mark S. Kauffman, MD, 491 Higley Ave, Sarasota, FL 33581.

WANTED: Contact with English-speaking collectors in Geneva and Vienna to establish chain for multiple cancelled 35th anniversary material. Saul Fisher, 640 W 239th St, Riverdale, NY 10463.

WANTED: Early blue cards, European mobile stamp exhibition material, and 1967 Saarlouis and Heidenheim exhibition items. Charles C. Smith, 5520 Peppercorn Dr, Burke, VA 22015.

UNITED NATIONS EUROPEAN EXHIBITION IMPRINTS

By Charles C. Smith

My wife Harriet and I have just returned from a wonderful trip through Western Europe. Among the many memorable highlights was a three day visit with one of Europe's most knowledgeable imprint collectors, Helmut Middeldorf. Helmut and his wife Ruth are well known to European imprint collectors, as well as to most collectors in this country who were members of the predecessor organization headed by Francis Adams. Helmut and Ruth were gracious hosts, wonderful tour guides through their beautiful city of Bremen, and unselfishly shared their time and knowledge in many hours of discussions about European exhibition imprints.

If you read this column (see the *Journal*, volume 2, page 135) or Herb Conway's "United Nations Commentary" in *Linn's* (July 9, 1979) regularly you are aware of the existence of blue cards with an unimprinted, white reverse from the exhibitions at Malmo, Sweden (March 24, 25, 1979) and at Courbevoie, France (April 24-26, 1979). This major error in the printing and distribution of blue cards is now known not only from the first nine shows of 1979, but also from the Stuttgart, West Germany, exhibition held September 30 and October 1, 1978. As reported previously, these official "blue/white" cards are exceedingly rare, with only seven to ten cards known from each of the exhibitions. These cards will seldom be offered for sale or trade because of their rarity. As of this writing, however, recent exchanges of these items have been at prices in excess of \$250.00. UNPA authorities in Geneva have assured me that future occurrences of this type will be eliminated by more extensive visual examination of each printed card.

Collectors of blue cards should examine their material for two other types of printing errors. First, blue cards from the Naposta exhibition held May 20-25, 1978 in Frankfurt, West Germany, have been discovered with a blue left margin. (Figure 1) This error undoubtedly resulted from a cutting or trimming error as the "error" cards are precisely the same size as the normal cards and the white border along the right side is twice the normal width. To date I have not seen or heard of other blue cards with this type of error, nor do I have any information regarding the possible number of these cards sold during the exhibition.

The second type of error involves a printing mistake, evidently occurring when an excess of blue ink was applied to the face of the card. A comparison of a normal card (Figure 2) with an excessively inked card (Figure 3) reveals several distinct differences including (a) excess inking of windows in the picture of the New York Headquarters Building, (b) broken rings and damaged leaves in the white UN wreath in the center of the card, (c) damaged columns in the picture of the Palais des Nations, (d) and usually an irregular margin between the blue



Figure 1. Naposta blue card with no white in left margin, double wide white margin at right.

background and the white border along the right margin of the card.

Although there appears to be a great deal of gradation between a normal and an excessively inked card, those showing distinct damage should be isolated in our collections and catalogued separately as printing errors. Although many details are still lacking, I suspect the printing of the excessively inked cards was done in September or October 1975, during the routine reprinting of blue cards.

To my knowledge these excessively inked cards are known only from European exhibitions held from October 24, 1975 to March 13, 1976. Documented occurrences are known from the exhibitions held in The Hague, Netherlands (October 24, 1975), Antwerp, Belgium (November 1-2, 1975), Vienna, Austria (November 27 - December 7, 1975), Brussels, Belgium (December 13-21, 1975), and Bonn, West Germany (March 12-13, 1976). Although exhibitions at Duesseldorf, West Germany (November 8-9, 1975), and Itzhoe, West Germany (November 22-24, 1975), were held during this period, I am not aware of this inking variety on blue cards from those exhibitions.

These and other blue card errors and varieties, as well as the official and unofficial blue cards will be included in a special study now being prepared for publication. I will appreciate hearing from any collector regarding the presence of the blue card errors mentioned in this column, or other blue card errors and varieties in



Figure 2. Normal blue card from the Bonn, West Germany show of March 12-13, 1979.



Figure 3. Excessively inked blue card from the Bonn, West Germany show of March 12-13, 1979, showing differences from normal card.

your collections. Write to me at the address on the inside front cover of the Journal.

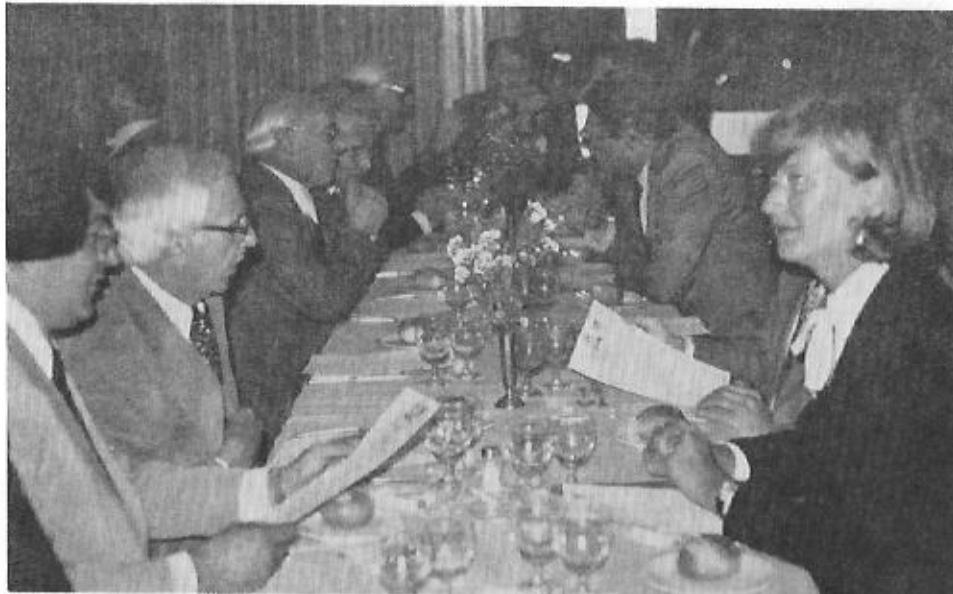
In an earlier column (the Journal, volume 2, page 94) I was admittedly puzzled and unable to offer a satisfactory explanation for the extraordinarily large number of blue cards (17,711) sold during the exhibition at Hamburg, West Germany on September 15-16, 1978. Hans H. v. Renesse has kindly provided the answer to this puzzle. One of the better known German dealers made arrangements with UNPA in Geneva to purchase an extra 9,000 blue cards from the Hamburg show. The cards were then given free to his customers, evidently in the hope of generating interest among those not collecting blue cards and thus increasing future sales of his stock of earlier cards.

***** GENEVA TENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

By Charles C. Smith

(Editor's Note: Jack Mayer has promised a more complete report on the Geneva Tenth Anniversary events, but this teaser came in first!)

At the recent international gathering of UN collectors on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of UNPA's first emissions from Geneva, UNPA held a reception and dinner for participants. The scene was the Assembly Building of the Palais des Nations. It was with some degree of surprise that we found on the dinner tables a handsome engraved dinner menu souvenir, cancelled -5.10.79-20 "j", the exact date and hour of the dinner. The menu measures 8 1/4 by 11 3/4 inches and all diners agreed that it was an appropriate prelude to the delicious meal that concluded the first day's events.



Among those attending the UNPA dinner at the Geneva Tenth Anniversary meeting were John Terins (left front), Jack Mayer (second from left), UNPA-Geneva Chief Rene Gavard (far end of the table), and UN-NY's Gisele Grunewald.



UNPA's souvenir dinner menu from the international gathering of UN collectors on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of UNPA-Geneva.

RECENT CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS AGENCIES

By Blanton Clement

A number of conferences have been held in 1979 by the United Nations and its agencies. Those for which there have been philatelic recognition are listed below. Where there is no other indication, a special cancellation was used on the dates indicated and there was only one type of cancellation.

Australia Working Party XI/3, SPC Languages, of the International Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee (CITT) of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Melbourne September 24 through October 1 (Figure 1)

Austria United Nations Conference on Science and Technology Vienna August 20-31 (Figure 2) Cancellation has numbers 1 through 16. A stamp honoring the conference was issued on August 20.



Figure 1. Special cancellation for Working Party XI/3, SPC Languages, of the International Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee (CITT) of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), first day.



Figure 2. Special cancellation for United Nations Conference on Science and Technology, first day.

Brazil Eighteenth Universal Postal Congress Rio De Janeiro September 12 through October 16 Two special cancellations were used (Figures 3 and 4) and a special registry label was in use (Figure 5) Five stamps were issued on September 12 honoring the Congress, and four stamps were issued on October 9 for UPU Day.

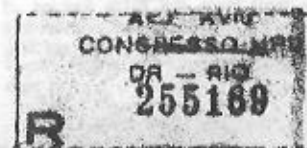


Figure 3. Special cancellation for Eighteenth Universal Postal Congress, first day.



Figure 4. Special cancellation for UPU Day at Eighteenth Universal Postal Congress

Figure 5. Registry label for Eighteenth Universal Postal Congress.



Germany Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) Conference on Search and Rescue Hamburg April 9-27 Two types of cancellations exist, one with the year "1979" the other with the year "79" plus the time (Figures 6 and 7)



Figure 6. Special cancellation for Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) Conference on Search and Rescue, year "1979" style, first day.



Figure 7. Special cancellation for Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) Conference on Search and Rescue, year "79" plus hour style, first day.

Phillipines Fifth Session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Manila May 7 through June 1 Mail from the conference received the regular International Convention Center Post Office postmark (Figure 8).

Two stamps were issued on May 3 honoring the conference. A special first day cancellation was used (Figure 9).



Figure 8. International Convention Center Post Office postmark used on mail from the Fifth Session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, last day of conference.



Figure 9. Special first day cancellation for stamps issued honoring Fifth Session of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Switzerland Fifth World Meteorological Congress
Geneva
April 30 through May 26 (Figure 10)
Thirty-Second World Health Assembly
Geneva
May 4-25 (Figure 11)



Figure 10. Special cancellation for Fifth World Meteorological Congress, first day.



Figure 11. Special cancellation for Thirty-Second World Health Assembly, last day.

Sixty-fifth Session of the International Labor Conference
Geneva
June 6-27 (Figure 12)

Thirty Seventh United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Education Conference
Geneva
July 5-14 (Figure 13)

United Nations Conference on Refugees (concerning the Southeast Asia "boat people")
Geneva

July 19-21

Two of the regular UN cancellations were used on mail: the UNPO hand cancellation "e" (no stars) (Figure 14), and the UNPA Musee Philatelique hand cancellation "b" (Figure 15).



Figure 12. Special cancellation for Sixty-fifth Session of the International Labor Conference, first day.



Figure 13. Special cancellation for Thirty Seventh UNESCO International Education Conference, first day.



Figure 14. UNPO hand cancellation "e" for mail from United Nations Conference on Refugees, second day.



Figure 15. UNPA Musee Philatelique cancellation "b" for mail from United Nations Conference on Refugees, second day.

The author would welcome correspondence (in care of The Journal) concerning United Nations conference cancellations from interested readers.

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METER NOTES

By Jack Mayer

This column includes a compendium of interesting items that have come to light recently.

Dateless Meter Tapes: As we know, postal regulations require that meter tapes must have dates, regardless of the class of mail, to prevent reuse of the tape. I have earlier (The Journal, Vol. 1, No. 3, p. 15) listed all known dateless tapes. This list can now be expanded to include the following more recent slogans:

P.B. #2	Peace-keeping Operations
P.B. #1, 2, 4	Special Session on Disarmament 1978
P.B. #1, 3	Decade for Women 1976-1985
P.B. #3	Stop Drug Abuse 1909-1979

While on the subject of dates, I can update the -- (double dash) variety listing on page 11 of the same issue:

Without slogan	P.B. #1	Mar -- '79
Support United Nations	P.B. #1	Mar -- '79
Institute for Training		Apr -- '79
and Research		May -- '79
	P.B. #2	Apr -- '79
	P.B. #4	Jun -- '79
Stop Drug Abuse 1909-1979	P.B. #2	Aug -- '79

I have also seen a slight variation on the double dash variety in which the second dash is raised and the apostrophe is missing. (Figure 1) This is the first time I have noted a missing apostrophe.

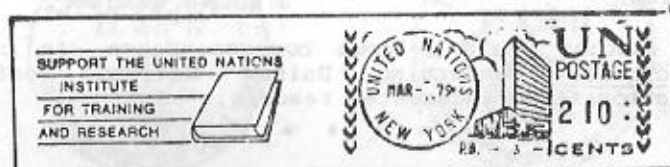


Figure 1. "Double dash" meter impression with second dash raised and apostrophe missing.

The same variety has also been seen with the same variety dated May -- 79 also.

A new date variety has now been created by the mail room clerks. This variety can be called the "-0" ("zero dash") variety. Figure 2. It was first seen with a May -0 '79 date.



Figure 2. "Zero dash" meter impression.

The Stop Drug Abuse 1909-1979 slogan also exists with this variety with a Jul -0 '79 date, on P.B. #3.

On UNESCO: UNESCO put a new International Year of the Child slogan (Figure 3) into use in early 1979. It is found on all machines in use. earliest reported date is Feb 7 '79 on #T-1473. The last reported use of the previous slogan, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights . . ." is Jan 19 '79 on #T'1752.



Figure 3. UNESCO International Year of the Child meter slogan on Meter T-1762.

Meter T-1762 has a change of townmark design. This machine with the old townmark and the UDHR slogan was last seen on Jun 27 '78, not appearing again until Oct 23 '78, this time with no slogan but with the new town mark. (Figure 3) This machine was apparently used without a slogan until the IYC slogan was available. Tapes without the slogan are known on both yellow and violet papers, the latter reported on Dec 1 '78 only.

Meter tapes have been on yellow paper since the first reported use on Sep 12 '78, with the above exception. A new narrower tape has now appeared on meter #T-1752. Normal tape width has been 40 mm. This new tape is 35 mm. and the color has reverted back to violet. It is a different paper quality than the previous paper stock. Yellow paper tapes have been seen from this machine with later dates. At this time we have no explanation for the different width stock.

Two temporary meters were used in the summer of 1978 with the UDHR slogan. Known usage is as follows:

#TW - 2069	Jun 13 - Jun 20
#TW - 86534	Jun 30 - Aug 14

At Random: An interesting tape surfaced recently, showing once again that varieties can be caused by just about anything. Meter tapes of UN agencies in Geneva are actually labels, each having a blue single line border 1 to 2 mm. from the outer edge. For some reason this line was omitted from half the tape during its printing as seen in Figure 4 on BIT meter # 818.



Figure 4. Meter tape label from BIT meter #818 showing blue border partially missing.

The World Health Organization is supporting the International Year of the Child with an appropriate slogan. Shown below (Figure 5) is the slogan used at the European Region Headquarters at Copenhagen.



Figure 5: WHO meter at European Regional Headquarters in Copenhagen with slogan for International Year of the Child

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is using a new meter from their office in Vienna. Figure 6 shows the red impression on tape. The tape is light yellow with deep yellow wording and logo. Note how the tape perforation differs substantially from those commonly seen with other Pitney Bowes machines. Figure 7 shows the meter impression only. First use of this machine is not known, but it is believed to be early 1979.

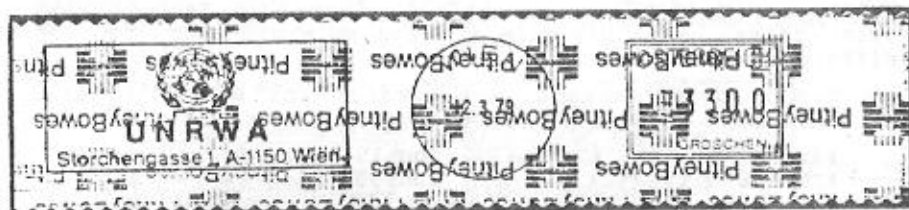


Figure 6. New UNRWA meter on tape.

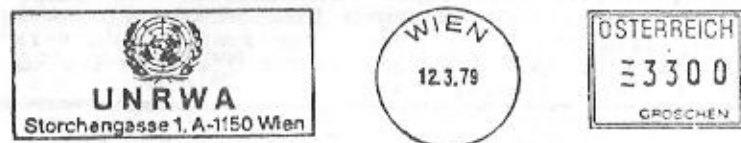


Figure 7. New UNRWA meter impression only.

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