

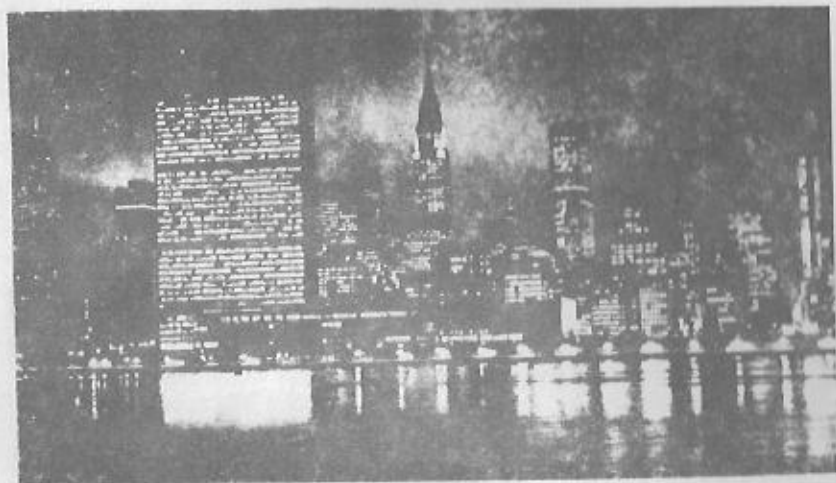


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Charles C. Smith

Our new set of officers are at your service. Fortunately, we have our outgoing President as an ex officio director, our outgoing Treasurer, Jack Mayer, as Vice President, and our outgoing Secretary, Ben Cohen, as Director-at-Large (as well as continuing Editor). A hearty thanks to all of our other outgoing officers and directors.

It's almost convention time! I hope that you have pointed your feet toward Spokane, Washington, for the last weekend in September, starting on Thursday, September 25, ending on Sunday, the 28th. There you will find the APS STAmPSHOW and the first day of the UNPA's flags issue, as well as our convention. Director Bob Paterson is heading up the "local" effort. We have been allotted 50 exhibition frames. Exhibitors, get your letter off to our exhibition chairperson, Greg Galletti, 1231 St. Pauls St., Baldwin, NY 11510.

Present plans include a Board meeting on Friday morning, UN First Day Ceremony at 2:00 p.m., annual membership meeting at 4:00 p.m., with a film from UNPA and Gisele Grunewald of UNPA as our guest speaker. The Board meeting will probably continue on Saturday morning. There will be more events planned, so watch this space, the rest of the Journal, and the weekly philatelic press.

Vice President Jack Mayer and Director Bob Paterson have already indicated their plans to attend, as has Librarian Phil Okney. Others are working on their plans. I hope to see you there, too.

I have been off in Mississippi most of this summer, doing my geology bit. It will be a few weeks after you get this issue of the Journal (Ben Cohen tells me) that I get back home. Your letters are welcome, but please understand that it may be a little while before I dig out from under the paper pile when I get back.

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REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

The by-laws require the appointment by the President of an Election Committee to count the ballot. Unable to contact the President, and no appointments having been made, by agreement among the Secretary, the Vice President, and the Treasurer (the latter two being the two candidates for the only contested position), three members from Chicago were appointed in order to be able to meet the mailing deadline for ballots. The members were Rudolf Waldukat, Curtis Clemmer, and Ted Stock. The Election Committee is to count all ballots as soon as practicable after the election and to send a report to the President, the Secretary, and all candidates by June 23. The report of the canvass of the votes is to be published in the Journal as soon after the report as practicable. The report is as follows:

President	*Charles Smith	362
Vice President	*Jack Mayer	280
	Paul Kravitz	96
Treasurer	*Michael Meyer	362
Secretary	*Ronald Hollinger	359
Directors	*Benjamin Cohen	340
	*Robert Paterson	232
	*Robert Kvarnes	215
	(* = Elected)	

One member inquired why there was no place for an indication of abstention or "no" vote. The by-laws do not provide for such a vote, nor for write-ins. It was reasoned that the open election process, which gives members the

names of the nominating committee members at an early date, advises members of the nominating committee report, and then allows time for nominations by petition of six members, was sufficiently open that such options were not needed.

THE TWO CENT DEFINITIVE, SCOTT #249

By Duane E. Lamers

The current 2¢ definitive, Scott #249, is a popular stamp in UN philatelic circles, as seen by the use of its design by UNPA as its logo, and by numerous dealers in their ads and lists. As postage the stamp is quite popular, too. It is now in its third printing.

The first printing of four million stamps in 1974 lasted until October 1978 when a second printing of one million stamps went on sale. The second printing lasted barely a year, and the third printing was released on November 14, 1979.

A few notes about the various printings have appeared in print so far. Most of these notes mention the similarity between the two reprints and acknowledge the difficulty most people will have in distinguishing between the two.

Now is the time to begin assembling notes about the three printings. It is still easy to find quantities of the first two printings in dealers' stocks, and the third printing is readily available from UNPA. Why the alarm? The popular Courvoisier definitives of the 1960's, Scott numbers 126, 127, and 150, were generally ignored as they went into four printings, (five for #126). Now it is extremely difficult to assemble satisfactory notes on these stamps to enable the specialist to search for them. Courvoisier must be delighted, of course, for our difficulties are proof of their skills.

Fournier in Spain is likewise doing a very good job of duplicating the characteristics of the first printing of #249 in the reprints. At the moment, though, it appears that we can distinguish among the three printings with nothing more sophisticated than natural or incandescent backlighting.

Hold up a block of stamps (selvage gives a clear view of paper qualities) to the light and observe:

1st printing: the paper is the whitest of the three. There is a decided splotchiness or smudginess to the paper. The blue ink seems to be the darkest of the three printings.

2nd printing: The paper is not quite so white, but it is "cleaner", not as smudgy as the first printing. The blue ink is a shade lighter.

3rd printing: the paper is somewhat grayish when compared to the second printing. More importantly, there is a grainy quality, akin to leather or simulated leather with a very fine grain. This quality can also be noted rather easily when light falls on the face of third printing specimens with selvage.

In ordinary natural or incandescent light the gum sides of the three printings are also distinguishable:

1st printing: whitest gum, without a gloss.

2nd printing: creamy gum, again without a gloss.

3rd printing: white gum, though not quite as white as the first printing. The gum is slightly glossy compared to the first two printings.

In ultraviolet light the paper of the first printing is heavily mottled, of medium fluorescence, and grayish in color. The two reprints are on high-bright paper, and are virtually indistinguishable.

I am interested in any comments that qualify any of the above findings. Anyone aware of other paper differences can do a service to UN philately by sharing this information. (Interested members may write the author in care of the Editor.)

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Last year UNICEF came at us with its high priced sets of IYC first day covers, and now UNICEF is back at it again. The scope of the program, and the flavor of the come-on, show that it is designed to appeal to the gullible collectors of "collectibles" who know nothing about stamp collecting but who think that they know something about stamp investing: flag issues are consistently among the most sought-after of all stamps, desirable Miniature Sheet format, a se-tenant block of four stamps is a genuine philatelic rarity, well, you get the idea. The puff sheet goes on to trumpet the prices of the 25th Anniversary and IYC miniature sheets.

The price is \$89.60 for 16 FDC, 64 illustrated narrative pages, 4 mint sheets with mounting pages, plus a "Collector's Album". Unless you want the Proof (\$139.60) edition or the Deluxe Proof (\$179.60) edition.

If you think that's a lot, the shipping charges alone for "The International Year of the Child Gold and Silver Proof Coin Collection" are \$161.25. This "collection" of up to 30 silver and 12 gold coins will take three years to come out. The two silver coins will be \$138. The first gold coin shipment will be \$325. Prices of later coins will be set as they are issued. If they are the same as the first shipments, the total will be \$5,970. Don't forget the shipping charges of \$161.25.

Of course, most "real" collectors know that the UNICEF first day covers are grossly overpriced. (Compare the prices of WFUNA's covers, or the UNPA official covers.) UNICEF has been told as much. So, they are coming out with a set for "real" collectors. Singles with marginal inscription singles. Four extra covers with se-tenant blocks of 4. Price: \$35. There's even a single cover with all 16 flag stamps at \$7.50.

We don't tell you what to collect. If you have the money and want to buy the \$90 set with the padding, that's your choice. But, don't expect to find a market for them at a big profit. Consider it a contribution to UNICEF and (especially) their promoters. Better yet, buy some the "collector's" set or some Geneva or NY official or WFUNA FDC for less, and contribute the difference in price to UNICEF. That will be tax deductible and will probably give UNICEF more than their promoters would.

WHAT'S ON THE MAILING LABEL?

It's often been asked, so we'll tell you. The first line tells what year dues have been paid through. "80" means that you are a member or subscriber in good standing until October 24, 1980. "LM" means life member. "HM" means honorary member. People who get complimentary copies, don't have an entry in this column.

The second entry is a membership number. A % sign after the number means originally a "CDA" person. "CDA" means a subscriber whose subscription was paid for by UNPA for becoming a C(ustomer) D(posit) A(ccount) holder during its special promotion early last year. "CDA" people can become members "free" by filling out the special application on the inside of the wrapper of issue #13. Write the editor if you need another one. (Send a stamped, return addressed envelope, please.)

There are some special codes, such as WWW(writers), NNN(newspapers), LLL(libraries), and AAA(advertisers who are not members).

The next number (for US residents) is the parcel post zone from Chicago. A "1C" here means that I think you live in Cook County. Who cares, you say? Well, USPS cares. We pay by the pound and the piece. In county, Cook in our case, there is a different piece rate. For the advertising portion of the Journal we pay by distance, too. USPS measures distance by parcel post zones. For each mailing we must therefore tell USPS how many to each zone. (Computers make all this rather easy.)

Those outside the US have a letter code. "U", for German übersee (overseas), means that the member's Journals are to be sent airmail. "C" means that the issues are to be sent second class. (When this code was

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selected, the only people in this category were in Canada, but we now have a member in Mexico. We also send copies to overseas recipients who do not pay for them, such as libraries, second class.

An "*" after the "zone" code means that I have recorded that you do not wish to have your address published in any membership directory which the club may publish. If you do not want your address published and you do not have an "*" after the zone, drop me a line.

Some people will soon be finding a fourth code on this line, for the mailing list of UN Collectors of Chicagoland.

Finally, I intend to put on the label an indication of the issue number and the date of mailing. The latter will consist simply of a four digit entry, the first two digits representing the month, the last two the day. If we mail this issue on July 15, the entry will read #16-0715.

VIENNA NIEO UPROAR

The missing imprints on the lower half of the Vienna NIEO issue issues hardly seemed to be a great deal to fuss over in the US, where the announcement was published in Herb Conway's "UN Commentary" column in Linn's on December 17, 1979, well before the first day. But in Europe the first published announcement came three months later, more than two months after the release of the issue on January 11, 1980. UNPA has been duly chastised at length in the March-April issue of the Philatelic Bulletin of the United Nations Study Group, as well as in UNO Philatelic, where Hans H. v. Renesse wrote at length about the subject (a translation appears in the UNSG publication mentioned).

UNPA's failure to announce the missing marginal inscriptions in Europe, and the rationing of sales on the first day to one sheet in Vienna against ten sheets in New York, all seem to be signs of poor organization and coordination. Let's hope that the new Chief of UNPA can get things pulled together.

UNP BOOKSHELF

By Philip Okney

Excitement abounds surrounding the UN flag series to be commenced in September of this year. But now comes another unique event being billed as the "newest, best catalog of UN philately ever produced." With a publication date targeted for September 1980, UNPI member Arleigh Gaines is editing a UN catalog to have 700 pages and 4,000 illustrations. The catalog will be in looseleaf format with a ring binder. Quarterly supplements will update the catalog as well as provide coverage for areas not covered in the original edition or for expanded coverage as new information becomes available or as the editor and others are able to do additional research.

The catalog is intended to improve and update the 1976 edition of Lindner, minus the section on medals. (Speaking of Lindner, you can still get a copy for only \$10 through UNPI. Send your check, payable to UNPI, to Lindner Offer, Box 1674, Chicago, IL 60690.) New areas to be covered will be peacekeeping forces and agency meters. Official and semi-official material will be included, but privately made material will not, says Gaines.

Gaines told us that at \$22, some \$6 less than the original issue price of the Lindner catalog (over four years ago!), the catalog is priced to sell, not to make a profit, and thus there is no fat margin to allow a substantial discount on club bulk orders. See ads in this issue or contact your usual UN dealer for details on ordering the catalog.

The catalog will be published in English only. It is being published, Gaines says, by collectors for collectors. Contributions come from UN specialists and collectors from all over the world. One contributor told us that during his week in New York to assist in one area of the catalog he saw proofs of some pages and that the catalog looks "very good". We hope to have a review at an early date.

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A REPORT ON GENEVA FIRST FLIGHTS

By Michael Konnick

One of the interesting and sometimes confusing Geneva areas has been first flights. Many collectors tended to collect only those covers for which Phila Service and Philatelisten-Club Swissair prepared cachets. But did they prepare covers for every flight? Other collectors will contend that they did not. A quick glance through Lindner shows many flights not serviced by Phila Service or Swissair. It's also possible that the Lindner editor used his discretion in a liberal manner.

On my 1975 trip to Geneva I collected a great deal of material, all of which has not yet been digested. Here, for what it is worth, is information I gathered from a file kept by the UNPA cancellation chief in Geneva. The list contains some fresh information, including many flight numbers, departure times, and unlisted cancellation varieties. It also gives collectors more information about cancellation times, which probably reflect mail dispatches, and actual flight departures from the airport.

Can this be considered an "official" flight list? At the least, the data produced will lead to more intensive research into UN-Geneva flight collecting.

Origin-Destination	Flight Number	Cancellation			Quantity
		Date	Time	Letter	
1969					
Geneva-Toulouse		11/01	11	b, c	6,187
Geneva-Bombay	AI-126	11/02	14	d	6,286
Geneva-Douala	RK-81	11/05	17	d	4,199
Geneva-Douala	AI-128	11/06	17	d	5,377
1970					
Geneva-Kinshasa		03/31	19	d	7,995
Geneva-Douala	SW 268	04/02	07	b, c, d	6,819
Geneva-Moscow	SU 738	04/04	08	d	6,885
Geneva-Warsaw	LOT 220	04/07	10	a, b, c, d	6,590
Geneva-Oslo	Cancelled	04/01	05	d	
Geneva-Hamburg	SR 500	10/31	06	a, b, c, d	3,784
Geneva-Paris		11/15	09	b, c	7,159
1971					
Zurich-Geneva-NY	SR 110	04/01	09	f	13,930
Geneva-Luxembourg	LUX 361	04/02	09	f	4,714
Geneva-Karachi	SW 318	04/03	09	f	7,361
Geneva-Libreville		05/13	09	f	7,428
Geneva-Vienna	OS 212	06/07	10	a	1,646
Geneva-Libreville	AIRAF				
	KR 081	11/03	08	f	7,136
1972					
Geneva-Prague	TU134				
	OK 773	01/07	10	b	860
Geneva-Copenhagen	SKSR 608				
	DC-9	04/04	14	b	7,269
Geneva-NY	SR 101	05/02	09	b, f	8,134
Bale-Bruxelles		11/03	09	b, c	243
Zurich-Monrovia	SAS SK 957	11/06	09	b, c	307

Origin-Destination	Flight Number	Date	Cancellation Time	Letter	Quantity
1973					
Geneva-Dacca	SW 300	01/02	10	b, f	2,490
Geneva-Abu Dhabi	SR 390	01/09	09	b	357
Geneva-Muscat	via Beirut				
Geneva-NY	SR 110	02/13	17	f	704
Zurich-Geneva-Nairobi-Johannesburg	SR 280 DC-10				
		03/30	15	b	1,136
Geneva-Vienna	OS-122 DC-9				
		03/30	18	b, f	4,358
Geneva-Zurich-Boston	(Departed 1235 hours on 04/01) SR 166 DC-8				
		04/04	10	b, f	7,601
Geneva-Toronto via NY	(Departed 1340 hours) SR 110 Boeing 747				
		05/01	10	b	2,984
Geneva-Kinshasa	(Departed 1635 hours) SW DC-10	07/24	18	b	645
Zurich-Geneva-Abidjan-Monrovia	SR 258	10/24	12	b, m/c	538
Geneva-Prague	OK 773	10/29		b	841
	(Departed 1130 hours)				
Geneva-Istanbul	TK-976	11/09	12	b, m/c	531
Geneva-Dakar-Rio de Janeiro	SR 204 DC-10				
		11/20	18	b	625
	(Departed 2355 hours)				

1974					
Geneva-Zurich-Bangkok	SR 304 DC-10				
		03/15	18	f, m/c	7,949
	(Departed 03/17)				
Geneva-Zurich-Hong Kong	SR 304 DC-10				
		03/15		f, m/c	8,065
	(Departed 03/17)				
Geneva-Zurich-Tokyo	SR 304 DC-10				
		03/15		f, m/c	8,065
	(Departed 03/17)				
Geneva-Bombay	SR 308 DC-10				
		03/21	14	b, f, m/c	8,077
	(Departed 1825 hours)				
Geneva-Tel Aviv	SR 330 DC-10				
		03/29	18	f, m/c	7,905
	(Departed 04/01, 1320 hours)				
Geneva-Prague	SR 470	04/01	06	f, m/c	7,202
	(Departed 0645 hours)				
Geneva-Stockholm	SR SK 608	04/01	06	f, m/c	7,290
	(Departed 0820 hours)				
Geneva-Dublin	EI 663	04/01	11	f, m/c	7,244
	(Departed 1450 hours)				
Geneva-Oslo	SR SK 4222	04/01	11	f, m/c	7,409
	(Departed 1835 hours)				
Geneva-Marseilles	SR 762	04/01	11	f, m/c	7,827
	(Departed 1420 hours)				

Origin-Destination	Flight Number	Date	Cancellation Time	Letter	Quantity
Geneva-Accra	SR 250 DC-10				
		04/02	11	f, m/c	7,942
	(Departed 1355 hours)				
Geneva-Lagos	SR 250 DC-10				
		04/02	11	f, m/c	7,940
	(Departed 1355 hours)				
Geneva-Tripoli	LN 103	04/03	11	b, m/c	7,192
	(Departed 1650 hours)				
Geneva-Bombay-Tokyo	SR 312 DC-10				
		04/06	18	b, m/c	877
	(Departed 1045 hours, 04/07?)				
Geneva-Bari-Catania-Palermo-Napoli	SR 614	05/27	16	b, m/c	1,833
	(Departed 2115 hours)				
Geneva-Kinshasa	Air Zaire KC 081				
		06/28	17	b, m/c	399
	(Flight is cancelled, but the mail went by the usual way)				
Zurich-Geneva-Karachi-Peking	SR 2004	08/01	16	f	7,156
	(Departed 1835 hours)				
Geneva-Stuttgart	SR 570	10/31	18	b, m/c	502
	(First dispatch from the UN)				
Zurich-Geneva-Dakar		11/01		b, f, m/c	6,773
Zurich-Geneva-Rio de Janeiro		11/01		b, f, m/c	6,930
Zurich-Geneva-Sao Paulo		11/01		b, f, m/c	6,919
Zurich-Geneva-Santiago		11/01		b, f, m/c	6,957
	Dispatch 11/03 2335 hours)				

1975					
Geneva-Zurich-Karachi-Colombo-Singapore	SR 318 DC-10				
		01/07	15	e, m/c	95
	(Departed 0108, 1330 hours)				
Geneva-Mahe (Seychelles)		01/08	12	b	2,000
Geneva-Beirut-Teheran	SR 372	03/19	10	b, c, m/c	850
	(Departed 1400 hours)				
Geneva-Istanbul	SR 376	03/24	10	b, m/c	293
	(Departed 1400 hours)				
Zurich-Geneva-Karachi	SR 314 DC-10				
		03/31	16	b, f, m/c	6,916
	(Departed 1830 hours)				
Zurich-Geneva-Colombo	SR 314 DC-10				
		03/31	16	b, f, m/c	6,923
	(Departed 1830 hours)				
Zurich-Geneva-Singapore	SR 314 DC-10				
		03/31	16	b, f, m/c	6,930
	(Departed 1830 hours)				
Zurich-Athens-Dharan-Abu Dhabi	SR 394 DC-10				
		04/01	08	b, f, m/c	2,552
	(Only one dispatch left Geneva for the flight; SR 657 on 04/01 1020 hours))				
Geneva-Amman	Air Jordan RJ-152				
		04/02	10	b, f, m/c	6,555
	(Departed 1220 hours)				

Origin-Destination	Flight Number	Date	Cancellation Time	Letter	Quantity
Geneva-Athens-Bombay-Peking-Shanghai	SR 316 DC-8	04/06	16	f, mc	
	Bombay				6,553
	Peking				11,512
	Shanghai				11,227
	(Departed 1830 hours)				
Zurich-Geneva-Beyrouth-Teheran	SR 372 DC-10	05/23	12	b, c, m/c	6,917
	(Departed 1412 hours)				

UNPIS "INTERPEX '80" MAIL AUCTION #2 PRICES REALIZED

Note: Auction list included 118 consecutively numbered lots. Lots not listed drew no bid.

1	160.00	27	61.00	59	6.00	90	22.00
3	3.00	28	61.00	60	15.50	91	55.00
4	2.00	29	6.00	61	9.00	92	26.00
5	30.00	20	4.50	63	5.50	93	9.00
6	30.00	31	2.50	68	9.50	94	27.00
7	30.00	32	15.00	69	25.00	95	4.00
8	85.00	34	22.00	72	50.00	96	4.00
9	3.50	35	10.00	73	15.00	98	8.50
10	10.00	37	5.25	74	26.00	99	11.00
11	10.00	38	70.00	75	45.00	100	11.00
12	22.00	40	17.00	78	8.00	102	1.50
13	3.50	41	150.00	79	37.00	104	10.00
14	8.00	43	52.00	80	40.00	107	5.00
15	5.50	44	46.00	81	11.00	108	11.25
17	9.50	50	36.50	82	16.00	110	19.00
18	8.00	51	7.25	83	2.75	111	8.00
19	69.00	52	16.00	84	18.50	112	12.00
21	47.00	53	47.00	85	16.00	113	50.00
22	34.00	54	70.00	86	16.00	114	4.00
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AID TO REFUGEES - THE FIRST DECADE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS

By Arleigh Gaines and Paul Kravitz
(Concluded from Journal #15, page 59)

On February 1, 1950, Switzerland issued a set of eight service stamps for use by the IRO. (Scott #601-608, Figure 21) Each denomination bore the overprint ORGANISATION / INTERNATIONALE / POUR / LES REFUGIES. Printing totals ranged from 24,000 to 29,000. Official Swiss PTT collection sheets are found mint, cancelled first day, and cancelled on subsequent days. The mint and working day cancelled varieties remained on sale through May 31, 1952. Last day of postal validity was January 31, 1952, one month after IRO went out of existence.



Figure 21. Two of the eight service stamps issued by Switzerland on February 1, 1950, for use by the IRO, on registered service cover, cancelled on first day of issue.

Several varieties exist in the overprint. On stamp positions 13 and 28 of each sheet of the 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, and 40c values, the "R" of "POUR" has a shortened leg. (Figure 22A) There were 960 of the variety in the 5c, 10c, and 25c denomination; 1,000 of the 20c, and 1,040 of the 40c. On stamp positions 12 and 46 of these denominations the "I" of "REFUGIES" extends below the line of type, like a "J". (Figure 22B) There were 960 of these. On the three top denominations the leg of the "R" in "REFUGIES" is short in positions 32 and 37, 1,000 of the 80c, 1,120 of the FS1, and 1,160 of the FS2.

As with other UN agencies, the IRO employed a variety of receipt and routing markings. (Figure 23)

One major IRO function was to administer refugee camps and evacuation centers. One of the major camps for Asian refugees was located at Samar, Guinan, in the Philippines. The philatelic significance of that camp is that the camp post office used a special dater which read "IRO - UNEC/POST OFFICE". Mail dispatched from the evacuation center would be dated by the post office,

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Figure 22A. Center stamp shows shortened "R" in "POUR" in overprint.



Figure 22B. The "I" in "REFUGIES" extends below the line of the type, like a "J".

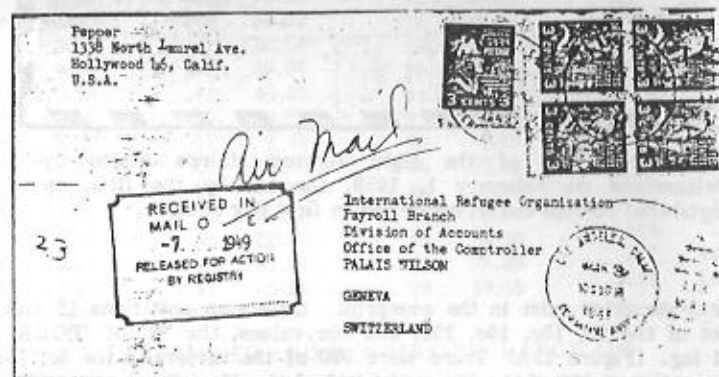


Figure 23. Receipt marking on letter to IRO. Note that letter was apparently first logged in, then turned over to registry section.

carried to Manila by truck, and placed in the civilian posts with a Manila cancel on Philippine stamps. (Figure 24) Mail addressed to the center received the date upon arrival.

The IRO was replaced by the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Statute for UNHCR was adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 14, 1950, and it came into being on January 1, 1951. (Figure 25)



Figure 24. Letter to IRO refugee camp at Samar, Guinan, in the Philippines, with "IRO-UNEC/POST OFFICE" date, showing receipt in the camp.

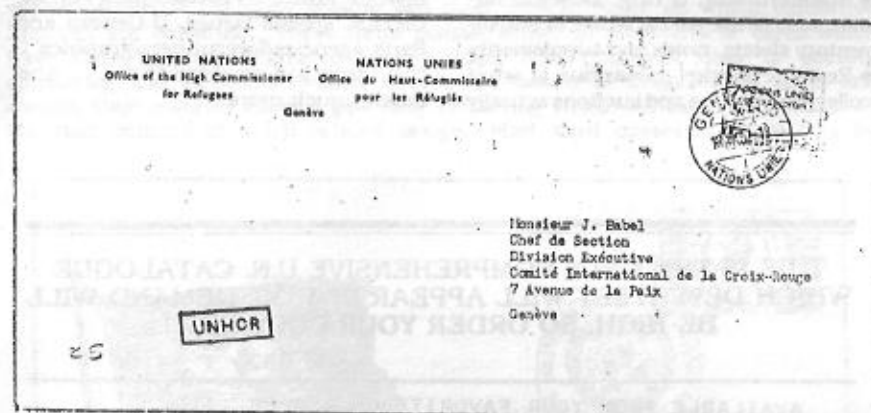
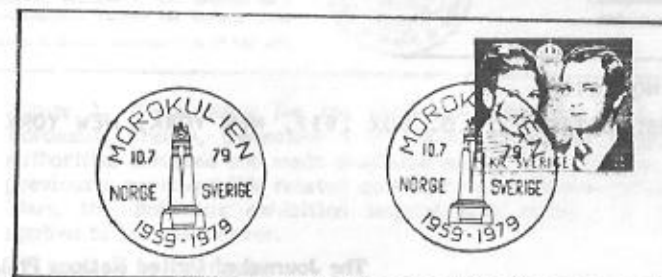


Figure 25. 1952 cover from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, which replaced the IRO in 1951.



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UNITED NATIONS EUROPEAN EXHIBITION IMPRINTS

By Charles C. Smith

Without question, the UN Geneva exhibition imprint program is highly successful, with the popularity of European imprints among collectors far exceeding the fondest dream of those responsible for their development and continued use. Like postage stamps, exhibition imprints are an integral part of UNPA. Among other responsibilities, this organization is charged with publicizing the various activities of the United Nations, this publicity being especially evident through their attendance at philatelic exhibitions throughout Europe. The great success of the European imprint program is due to its professionalism, the design of beautiful imprints for use at each exhibition, the occasional use of unique commemorative cancellations, and the availability of attractively cacheted philatelic items on which the imprints may be applied. Most important, however, has been the restricted use of the exhibition imprint. UNPA Geneva has quite specific regulations. Their imprints may be applied only to (a) official UN stationery (postal cards, Globe cacheted covers, etc.), (b), on items sold by UNPA Geneva at the exhibition (for example, the popular "Blue Card"), (c) on official or previously approved philatelic items forwarded to Geneva for cancelling, and (d) on local privately produced items on which there has been applied a UN day or UN theme cancellation. Although most European exhibition imprints are collected on official UNPA Geneva stationery items, UNPA New New York issues many attractive philatelic items on which European exhibition imprints may be collected.

United Nations European exhibition show covers and cards certainly represent one of the most popular and most diverse items on which exhibition imprints are collected. These items consist either of envelopes or cards which have been specially cacheted by the local host philatelic club or society sponsoring the exhibition. Show covers are issued in a variety of sizes and shapes, their colorful cachets generally reflecting either the cultural heritage of the host country or a UN related design. Mint show covers or cards may be



Figure 1. Show cover for the philatelic exhibition held in Bordeaux, France, December 9-10, 1972. The local French authorities designed and made available during the exhibition a previously approved UN related commemorative cancellation. Thus, the Bordeaux exhibition imprint was allowed to be applied to the show cover.

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Figure 2. Show cover from the philatelic exhibition held in Groningen, Holland, May 2-4, 1975. This beautifully designed show cover has a circular hand cancellation applied by UN postal authorities in Geneva on May 9, five days after the closing of the Groningen exhibition.



Figure 3. Show cover from the philatelic exhibition at Linz, Austria, October 20-24, 1979. This show cover, commemorating the International Year of the Child, was machine slogan cancelled in Geneva on October 31, 1979.

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Figure 4. Show cover from the philatelic exhibition held in Rorschach, Switzerland, December 1-2, 1979, with the UNPA Geneva circular hand cancellation of December 3, only one day after the closing of the exhibition.

purchased from the show organizers, then taken to the attending UNPA representatives for franking, application of the exhibition imprint, and subsequent cancelling in Geneva. On rare occasions, the cancellation date will coincide with one of the show dates. These normally occur when an exhibition coincides with a UN first day of issue or when the host country designs an approved UN Day or UN theme cancellation. More often, however, imprinted items are returned to Geneva for application of either a circular hand cancellation or a machine slogan cancellation a few days after the conclusion of the exhibition.

Although the Geneva "Blue Card" continues to dominate as the most popular exhibition imprint item, show covers are destined to gain in collector popularity. Quantities of imprinted show covers are small, especially when compared to recent totals of blue cards. Furthermore, earlier show covers are inexpensive compared to blue card prices. More collectors of exhibition imprints will certainly in time want to add these attractive show covers to their collections.

METER NOTES

By Jack Mayer

The United Nations issued its first postage stamps in Austrian currency rates on August 24, 1979. In addition to the UNPO, four other UN agencies were in the process of moving into the new buildings at the Vienna International Centre, resulting in a change in their mailing designations. These agencies were the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Austrian

Committee for UNICEF, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). Impressions of meters from two of these agencies follow. UNRWA's first reported date was November 21, 1979, and the Austrian Committee for UNICEF's first reported date was October 8, 1979.

VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE



Figure 1. Earliest reported day of use of UNRWA meter at Vienna International Centre.

Österreichisches Komitee für



Vienna International Centre (UNO-City)
22, Wagramer Straße 1400 Wien



Figure 2. Earliest reported day of use of Austrian Committee for UNICEF meter at Vienna International Centre.

UNESCO in Paris is still using the IYC slogan with their meters, as previously reported. However, we note a new temporary meter in service with the familiar wavy lines, meter #GW 3354.



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Figure 3. UNESCO, Paris, temporary meter #GW 3354, with wavy lines, no slogan.

TWO MORE MAE WIEGAND 928 FIRST DAY COVERS

by Benjamin H. Cohen

(This is the 5th installment of a series on different cachets of the US stamp issued in 1945 to commemorate the opening of the United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco. Previous installments appeared in issues numbers 8, 9, and 10, all in volume 2, and in issue number 15, in volume 3.)

No sooner than I had committed the first article on this subject to print than I received an auction catalog with two more Mae Wiegand cachets of #928

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offered. It was not surprising that they were different from the one I had already purchased, since copies of correspondence furnished by the auctioneer when I has purchased the first cover noted the sale of three first day covers of each issue to the customer. That suggested three different cachets for each issue.

I sent my bids off and in due course received an invoice and then the covers. I have not had time to search out additional information about Mae Wiegand, but here are the illustrations of the two additional covers.

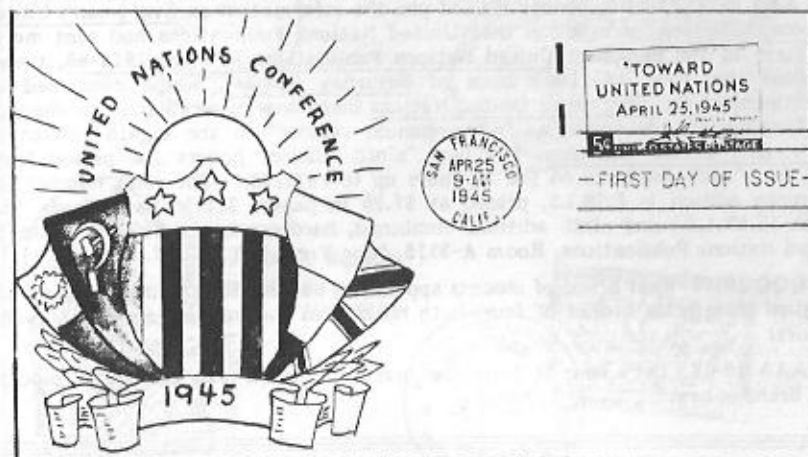


Figure 1. Second hand drawn multi-colored Mae Wiegand first day cover.

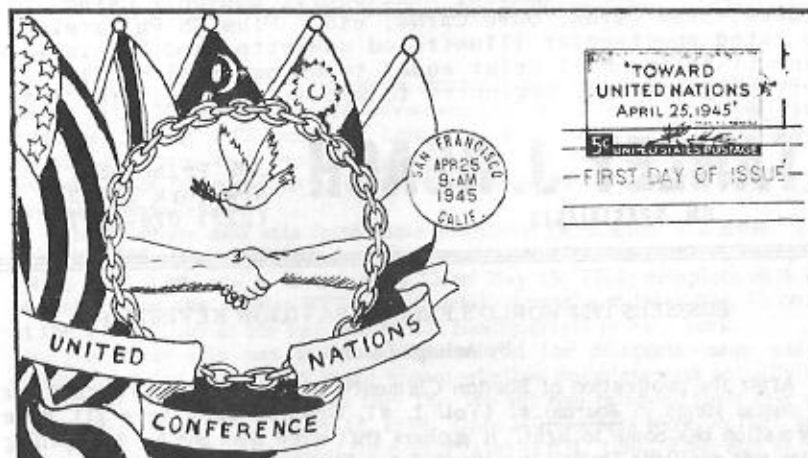


Figure 2. Third hand drawn multi-colored Mae Wiegand first day cover.

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

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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.

QQQs are numbered consecutively, together with an indication of the issue in which they appear, viz.: QQQ 1-12 is question number 1 which appeared whole number 12 of The Journal. AAAs which do not appear in the same issue will not repeat the QQQ.

AAA 6-14 I had no sooner mailed you the information on Everyman's United Nations, based on information that United Nations Publications had sent me in the form of the pamphlet United Nations Publications in Print 1979-80, than I received the April 12, 1980 issue of Saturday Review, which contained an advertisement for Everyone's United Nations (note how "Everyman's" go changed to "Everyone's"), described as "a companion volume" to the eighth edition of Everyman's United Nations. The new "ninth edition" covers the period from 1945, but "with emphasis on the 12 years up to 1977/78." The sales number for the ninth edition is E.79.1.5, priced at \$7.95 in paper, \$12.50 hardbound. The eighth (E.67.1.2) and ninth editions combined, hardbound, are \$20.00. Write to United Nations Publications, Room A-3315, New York, N.Y. 10017.

QQQ 10-16 What brand of mounts appears to be best for the mounting of UN marginal inscription blocks of four, both horizontal and vertical formats? (John M. Burt)

AAA 10-16 Let's hear it from the users of mounts who collect MI blocks. What brand is best?

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BUSSELS 1958 WORLD'S FAIR UN PAVILION REVISITED

By Arleigh Gaines

After the publication of Blanton Clement's article on the 1958 World's Fair UN postal items in Journal #7 (Vol. 2, #1, October, 1978, page 21), more information has come to light. It appears that more than one hand cancelling device was available for use on a given date. Figure 1 shows a cover cancelled 11 a.m. on August 8, 1958 which received different hand cancellations. Number 1, at the lower right, is Type A described in the Clements article; number 2 is Type B, and number 3 is Type C. It is not known whether more than one cancelling device generally was used on a particular day or whether their use on this cover as a favor to a collector is the only such instance.

It still appears that the Type D hand cancellation was used only on the first day of the UN Brussels Fair set (Belgium 476-476, C15-20) and of the UN Pavilion, April 17, 1958. Generally, the special first day cancellation was used



Figure 1. Three different types of cancellations shown used on the same day at the UN Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair.

for complete sets (on one or more covers), and the hand cancellation for broken sets. Figure 2 shows the cover and part of the interior of the French language Belgian PTT publicity brochure for this set. (A corresponding Flemish brochure may exist.) The complete set has been affixed to this brochure over the respective illustrations, and cancelled with the Type D first day hand cancellation.

The brochure also sets forth some additional facts about the issue. There were 600,000 stamps (20,000 sheets) of each denomination printed, except the FR 1, 1.50, 2.50, and 5. From April 15 to May 15, 1958, complete sets were available from the Belgian PTT (at a special address) and from May 15 on also at the UN Pavilion at the Fair and at UN Headquarters in New York.

The latter sale was to have been only if the complete issue was not subscribed to by May 15. It is not known whether complete sets actually were not sold at the Pavilion prior to May 15. The set was removed from sale when the Pavilion closed on October 19, 1958. Only 340,771 sets were, in fact, sold.

The denominations needed for postal rates (FR 1, 1.50, 2.50, and 5), were printed in larger quantities and sold separately as well as in the sets. They were available at the Pavilion on April 17.

The UN Pavilion prepared official FDC, listed in Lindner at page 623, and in Borek at page 134. Only a combo in large format and sixteen single covers on small format cacheted envelopes were sold. Figure 3 shows a small format cover with only the four values being sold separately on the first day. As the official cachets were not reported to have been sold blank, this combo cover is very unusual, probably prepared by a collector working at the Pavilion.

That other denomination combos have not been seen on the official cachet

leads me to believe that no other stamps were available for sale at the Pavilion until May 15 (or at least not on April 17).

Finally, Figure 4 depicts a cacheted cover prepared by the National Philatelic Museum for the "Visit UN Pavilion Brussels Fair 1958" slogan introduced at UN Headquarters on April 17, 1958. (Lindner SL-C1) Lindner does not list this cachet (but does list a 1952 souvenir cover for a UN exhibition at the National Philatelic Museum, page 252).

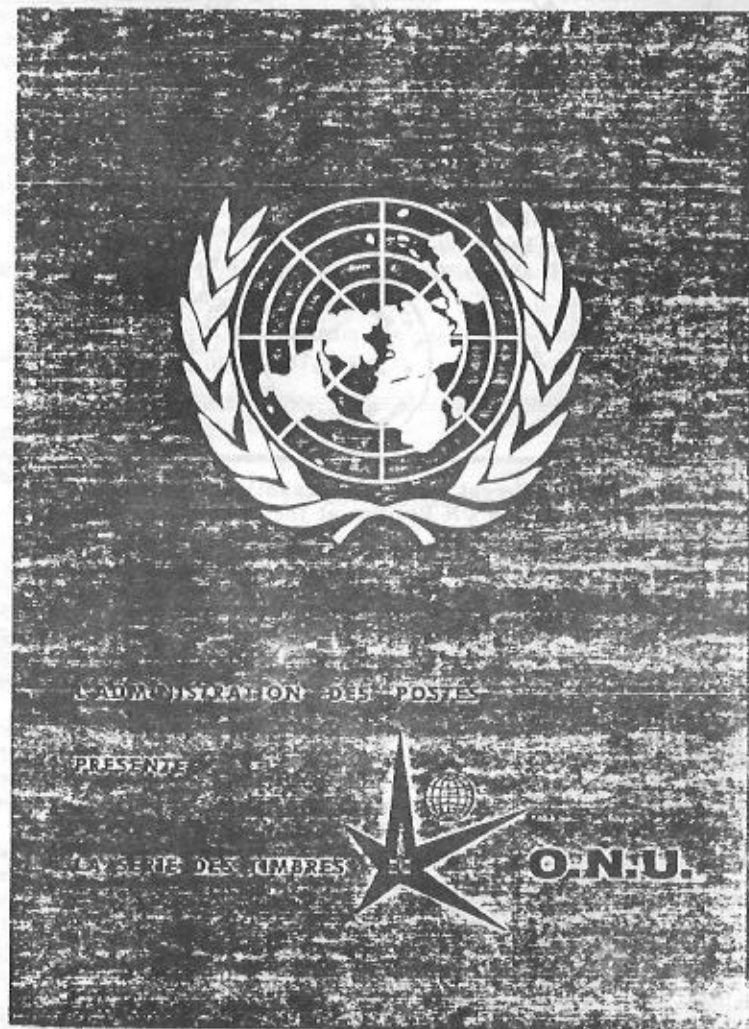


Figure 2a. Cover of French language publicity brochure for the Brussels Fair set issued by Belgium.

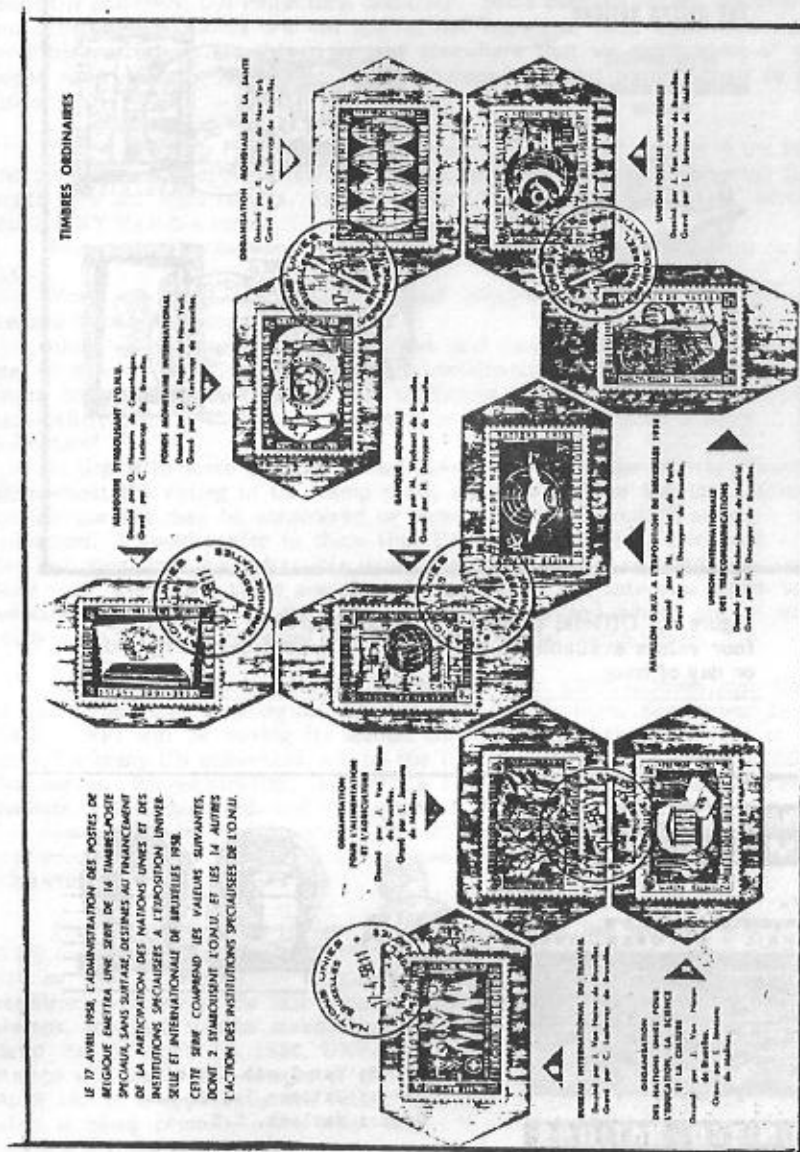


Figure 2b. Inside of French language publicity brochure with stamps pasted over the illustrations and cancelled on day of issue.



Figure 3. Official cachet for the Belgian Fair set with the four values available at the Fair on the first day cancelled on day of issue.

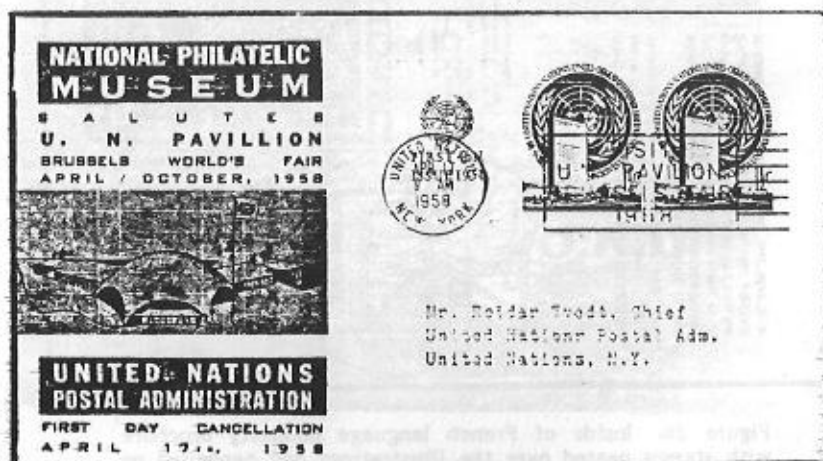


Figure 4. National Philatelic Museum cachet for first day of special slogan cancellation for the UN Pavilion at the Brussels Fair, cancelled first day of the slogan.

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.)

1979 UN Stamp Poll Results: There were not a lot of entries in the Poll, and perhaps (we decided later) the format was not the best. For what it is worth here are some results. Favorite stamp was Geneva IYC. Least favorite was the NY Namibia issue.

Best design kudos went to Geneva IYC. Worst design award went to NY IYC.

Most important was NY IYC, least important was NY Namibia with Geneva Namibia second.

While we had one correspondent who said that the issues he would like to see most was "none", others wanted a continuation of the art series, world peace and world unity themes, UN statesmen series, a series on nationless nationalities, and a \$2 stamp. Diversity of opinion is certainly a mark of UN collectors!

In line with some comments that have appeared in the weekly philatelic press about the voting in US stamp polls, the vote for the Namibia issues as least important may be considered by some as a sign of racism among stamp collectors. I would prefer to think that UN collectors simply feel that after I've lost count how many Namibia issues that the topic has reached a philatelic dead end. Certainly, there are a good many other UN interests which have persisted for as long as the problem of Namibia and which are of some importance but which have not been marked by annual stamp issues.

APS STAmPshOW to have UN Flags First Day, UNPI Convention: Come to lovely Spokane, Washington, for the APS STAmPshOW, September 25-28, 1980. UNPI will be having its annual convention, but the big event of the show, for many UN collectors, will be the first day of the UN's long ballyhooed flag series. Preregistration, including a four day admission, four unserviced cachets, a souvenir card, and a program, is \$7 plus 35¢ tax, a \$1.50 saving. The pass and program alone are \$5 plus 25¢ tax. For information on the show and accommodations, write APS Convention Manager, Box 800, State College, PA 16801.

Flags Finally Chosen: One of the things that has worried UNPA for many months was the possibility that the flags of the countries that it chose to put on each years stamps would be changed by political changes in the countries involved at the last minute. In as complex a matter as getting UN stamps, the last minute means about four or five months before the issue date! So, on April 14, 1980, UNPA put out a release stating that the flag stamps will match the designs of the flags flying outside UN Headquarters on April 14. It is apparently the intent of UNPA to go ahead with the sale of what is being printed, come what may. It will be interesting to see what happens if there is a change!

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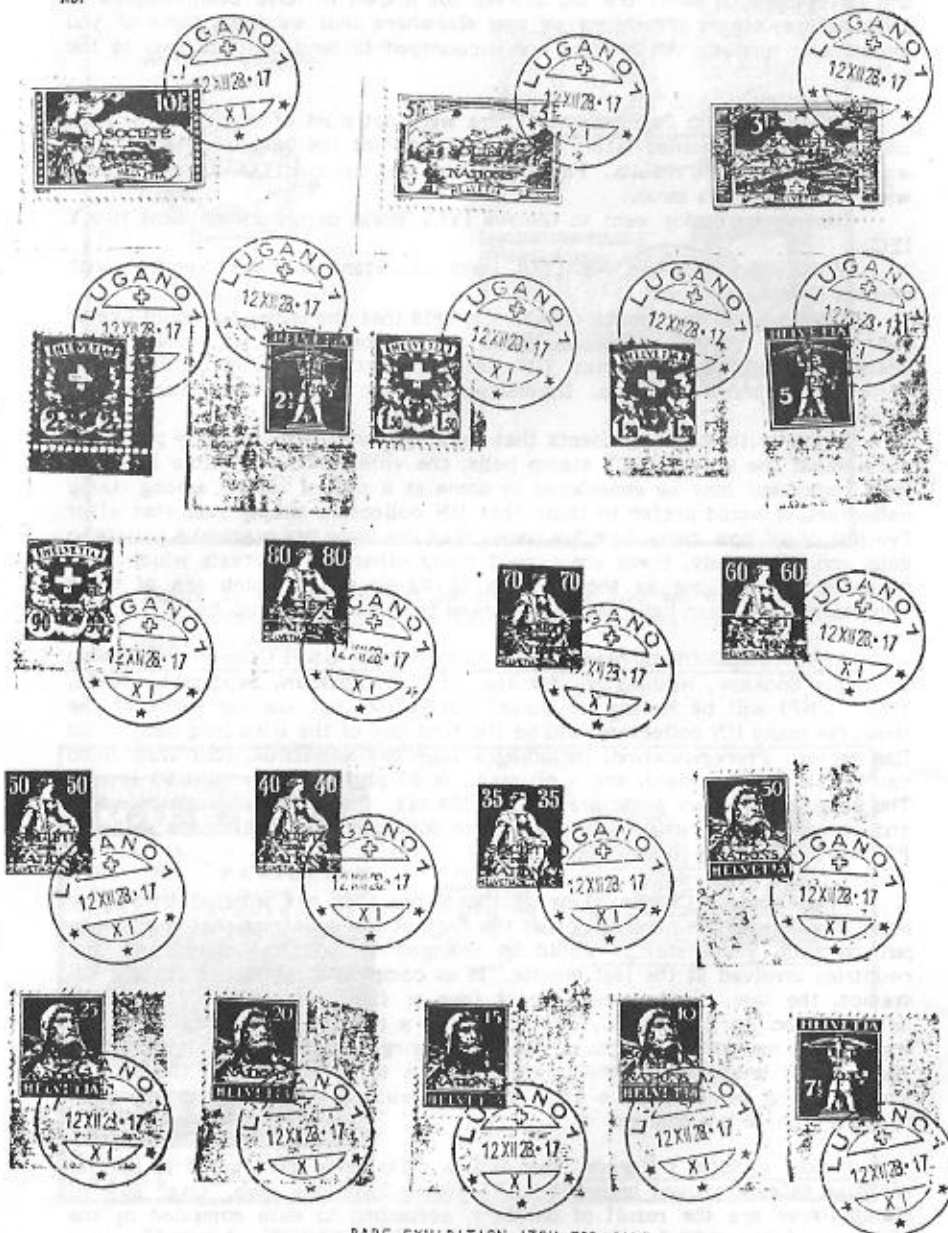
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