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# EDITOR'S NOTES

The editor needs some help. Our "Notes" section in The Journal undoubtedly could include more information of use to the membership. Unfortunately, time does not permit us to scan various philatelic publications to pick up and pass on pertinent information. We do receive press releases directly from New York and Geneva and have applied for future releases from Vienna. WFUNA also obliges us. So do APS and ATA.

We would be most grateful to have a member compile useful information from sources other than those already mentioned.

As this issue goes to press our thoughts turn to CIAPEX in Des Moines 11-13 June. The Board of Directors of UNPI will hold its meeting there, on Saturday, 12 June. We plan to attend in order to meet the current Board, match names with faces of other members, attend our first UNPA first day ceremony, and have a good time. We hope many other members will do the same. For us in the Midwest and Great Lakes areas the trip is a drive down the interstate rather than a costly flight. Carpooling and room sharing will further reduce the expenses. Let's go.

We sometimes get to wondering about the things we do, including those things we are almost certain we won't change:

Why must our FDC's be "clean and unaddressed"? Stamps are for mail, which needs addresses.

Why is the special first day cancel so important? We all know it is in use for weeks rather than a single day.

Why are cancelled stamps, seldom seen, worth less than the mint stamps found in everyone's collection and every dealer's stock?

Why do we ask these questions?

# THE FIRST ISSUE

by Robert G. Kvarnes

So that this column does not go over explanatory material found in all the previously-mentioned literature on the first issue (see October 1981 column) the writer assumes the reader has access to at least one of those reference works. Currently still available are the Wolke first book, the Gaines catalog, and the Kvarnes & Goodey Handbook. Basic information on plate layouts, cutouts, control numbers, and fluorescence can be found there.

Are there four or five printings of the 50¢ stamp? Are there six or seven printings of the \$1.00 value of the first issue? These are questions which arose long ago when it was explained by the UNPA that the first printings of the 50¢ and \$1.00 values could be found with two types of cutouts: on the 50¢ a cross or a small triangle, and on the \$1.00 a keyhole or an arrowhead. This was recognized by the early students of the first issue as an unusual situation, since it was known that the printer (Jon Enschede and Sons of the Netherlands) followed the Dutch P.T.T.'s regulations and used only one cutout form for any specific stamp printing. Each of the other U.N. Enschede stamps and printings showed but one cutout shape, although there were two sizes on the fifth printing of the 2¢ and on the third printing of the 13¢.

Then why were there two cutout forms on these two high value denominations? In all its reference literature to date, the UNPA lists both cutout forms as the first printing. However, that was not satisfactory to England's Ramon Goodey, the dean of the students of the first issue. Goodey, in the early 70's, undertook to compile all the available information on the first issue and then to publish as comprehensive a text as possible. Volume I of the two volume work, A Study of the First United Nations Regular and Airmail Postage Stamps, 1951-1966,

appearing in 1976, examined the Enschede printings. Goodey had consulted with the Enschede firm and un-

earthed the explanation of the two cutouts in each denomination.

The first order of a half million each of the 50¢ and \$1.00 stamps was delivered to the UNPA in September, 1951. The \$1.00 stamp was placed on sale 24 October 1951 and the 50¢ stamp on 16 November 1951. These 50¢ stamp panes carried the cross cutout and the \$1.00 panes bore the keyhole cutout.

Apparently nearly one-third of the stamps of these two values had failed to meet the UNPA's standards and were rejected by inspectors. The particular reasons for rejections have never been noted. It would be an interesting sidelight to have any of those UNPA inspectors who are still alive to provide us with this information.

At any rate, replacements were ordered from Enschede, necessitating a new batch of paper with a new cutout form (a small triangle for the 50¢ stamp and an arrowhead for the \$1.00 value) and a new press run. New press runs always carry the possibility of some change from the previous printing (in paper, ink and color qualities and in plate marks, etc.).

Reprintings totaled 285,000 for the 50¢ stamp and 240,000 for the \$1.00 stamp. These were delivered to the UNPA in April, 1952, but the actual release date was not recorded. One wonders if any of the readers possesses a cover with the 50¢ triangle and/or the \$1.00 arrowhead in either single or M I Block form. If so, it might be possible to establish the earliest known dates on which these items appeared on cover.

Goodey has asserted that the 50¢ triangle and the \$1.00 arrowhead printings need to be regarded as separate printings--second printings--because another press run was required after an interval of at least 8 months. Using his printing numbering system pushes back the number of the subsequent reprintings, making a total of five for the 50¢ and seven for the \$1.00 denominations.

Goodey's work resulted in pressure on the UNPA to change its system of numbering the printings. Mr. Ole Hamann, Chief of the UNPA at the time, gave this explanation to Mr. Goodey and this writer:

"It is not unusual to request replacement quantities of stamps from our printers when a particular issue has an inordinate amount of rejects. We do not, however, consider a replacement printing as a bona fide reprint in the true sense. You made mention in your letter, that to serious philatelists, the number of printings convey valuable information about the history of the stamps, their issue, life, etc. The last point - life of a stamp is the key to our objection to changing our catalog to list a replacement run of the original printing as the first reprint.

The accurate listing of the time span between the original printing, the first reprint and subsequent printings of an issue provide the collector with important information on the postal use and/or philatelic popularity of a particular stamp, inasmuch as the United Nations Postal Administration's policy provides for the depletion of one printing before the introduction of another.

Despite the different cut-out in the replacement run of stamps, we nevertheless consider both runs as part of the original printing."

Of course, Mr. Hamann's statements are justified, but in the philatelic world it seems that over time the opinions of the UN First Issue specialists have turned strongly to Goodey's interpretation. The Gaines catalog uses this designation of the printings and consequently whenever the Gaines prices are utilized in auction catalogs, the prices conform to the Goodey system of numbering the printings.

This long explanation was given to alert the collector to ascertain which system is being used to describe auction or retail sale material when contemplating bidding or purchasing.

New subject: in our last column, we wondered out loud what had happened to the left panes of the 15¢ second, third, and fourth printings, and the 20¢ and the 25¢ second printings. Obviously, this is of little concern to most of the First Issue collectors, but to the full pane collectors, of which there are probably a dozen or so in the world, the gaps are the cause of bewilderment. After about ten years of searching by several full-pane collectors, none of these panes has shown up. One of the purposes of a full-pane collection is to provide reference material on all stamps of all panes and sheets of the First Issue that were ever released.

Except for the airmails, the First Issue stamps were printed in press sheets of 100, which were cut into two post office panes of 50 each. Perforation differences on the first printings and perforation guideline marks on all the printings enable the left and right panes of the de la Rue and the upper and lower panes of the Enschede issue to be differentiated. Since some panes are missing, it isn't possible to tell what particular guideline marks are to be found on all reprintings of the de la Rue issues of the 15¢, 20¢ and 25¢ values. The left panes of the 15¢ and 25¢ flag stamps of the reprintings show horizontal cross (+) on the left margin of the left pane and a small cross (+) on the right margin. These occur between the 5th and 6th horizontal rows of stamps on the pane. On the right panes, only the right margin shows the guideline mark, one similar but in reversed direction to that found on the left margin of the left pane (+).

If one examines full right panes of the printings in which the left panes have not been found, one will usually see a slight registration "twist" which brings the upper left corner of the flag closer to the flagpole on the upper left stamp (#1) compared with the position on the lower right stamp (#50) on the full pane.

The most probable explanation of the missing panes has been offered by Mr. Goodey. His surmise is that progressive flag shifts occurred during the printing, always affecting the left pane more than the right. If the misregestration of the flags resulted in too great a degree of shift, the left panes may well have been culled by the printer.

Perhaps not all. With luck one of our readers may turn up with one of these 5 "missing" panes!

We will leave for the next column the explanation of how it is known that right panes of the 10¢ second printing existed, although this writer and his colleagues do not know of the current existence of a full pane of the 10¢ second printing. Included will be some surprising data on the scarce upper right control number blocks of the 10¢ second printing.

## CORRECTION

by Duane E. Lamers

First it is important that we correct an observation made in the February, 1982 issue of the <u>Journal</u> concerning characteristics of the paper used for this issue. One paper used was referred to as dull, mottled. That is in error. Acutally, the paper is heavily sprinkled with fine fluorescent fibers of varying brightness. Some of the fibers are shorter, less bright, and seemingly clustered more closely. At first glance one might compare this paper to mottled papers. Mottling in the paper is not produced by distinguishing fibers, fluorescent or otherwise.

The 28¢ stamp has been noted on FDC in paper of medium fluorescence containing few fluorescent fibers. Thus, there are the two basic paper varieties used in printing this stamp also. It is this writer's suspicion that both papers were used for each of the six stamps issued.

The ultraviolet lamp will also reveal shade varieties or inking variations for the 17¢ stamp. Under the lamp, the writer's specimen on first day cover varies noticeably in shade from mint samples.

Should these stamps never be reprinted, the notations being made will do no more than record varieties within the printing. On the other hand, if reprints are eventually released, we will need as many notes as we can acquire in order to categorize accurately any specimens for which identification is desired.

Readers are invited to submit their observations.

by Blanton Clement, Jr.

Outgoing mail from the United Nations in Geneva is frequently given a small cachet to indicate the office from which the mail originated. When this is a temporary usage, such as for a conference or meeting, this cachet is usually "CONF.1", "CONF.2", etc., indicating Conference 1, Conference 2, etc. These "CONF." cachets, numbered from 1 to 12, have been observed from 1947 to 1974. The author is involved in a project to take a census of all such temporary cachets and to identify the particular meeting for which each was used.

An example of such a temporary usage is "CONF.3", shown on the two illustrated covers. The first cover, Figure 1, is dated 7 July 1953. This cover has no return address and was sent to the Division of Human Rights at the UN in New York. With this one cover it would be difficult to identify the originating meeting, since several meetings were in progress at Geneva on this date.

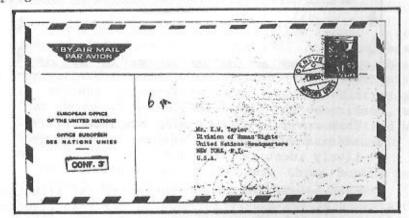


Figure 1

This cover bears the postmark of 7 July 1953. Several conferences were in session on this date. An incomplete return address made identification of "CONF.3" impossible.

The mystery was solved when the cover shown in Figure 2 was found. This cover also uses "CONF.3", and is dated 16 May, 1953. Fortunately, this cover indicates the origin was the "UN Commission on Racial Situation in South Africa." With this information UN records were examined, and it was found that the UN Commission on Racial Situation in South Africa met in Geneva from 13 May to 3 October, 1953. Both covers were sent during this period. Without this notation it might have been possible to make a tentative identification of this meeting if it could be shown that this was the only meeting which spanned both dates. This type of identification becomes more likely with a more complete record of dates of usage.

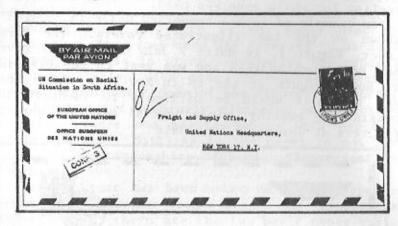


Figure 2

This cover, with its more complete return address or "corner", enables us to positively identify "CONF.3."

The three-man commission on the racial situation in South Africa was established by the resolution of the General Assembly on 5 December, 1952. South Africa was invited to cooperate, but it claimed domestic jurisdiction and refused to recognize the commission. Nevertheless, the commission met and submitted reports to the Assembly in 1953, 1954, and 1955. The 1953 report apparently was one product of the Geneva meeting which resulted in the "CONF.3"

cachet.

Readers are encouraged to submit information on temporary Geneva office of origin cachets of which they have knowledge. These may include cachets other than the "CONF." series. One such cachet which is believed to be of temporary usage is "ECOSOC", which has been observed during a 1963 Geneva session of the Economic and Social Council. A photocopy would be appreciated, but a listing of pertinent information for the item would be a suitable substitute. For photocopies, please indicate the date if not legible. Submit to the author in care of the Editor, UNP Journal. Results of this project will be published. The author will be happy to reply with information found in the cachets sent if requested.

# TOPICAL CHITCHAT

# by Marty Andresen

By now you have received your tax forms. I considered deducting all of my 1981 stamp purchases from the USPS on the grounds that such purchases represented a donation to a "charitable" institution in serious financial trouble but was discouraged from doing so by my wife (and tax consultant, and lawyer, and local IRS agent). Can't understand why they objected; it certainly sounded reasonable to me.

On a brighter note, the past three months have witnessed an outpouring of UN topical issues. Included are issues commemorating World Telecommunications Day (WTD), sponsored by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialized agency of the UN. Likewise, several countries demonstrated their support of the UN's efforts on behalf of the world's disabled by commemorating the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) with stamp releases.

New to the topical listing this time are several issues commemorating World Food Day (WFD), 16 Octo-

ber 1981. World Food Day marks yet another step in the Food and Agricultural Organization's continuing efforts to eliminate hunger throughout the world. From the topical stamp collector's point of view effort began in 1963 with the FAO's Freedom From Hunger (FFH) Campaign which saw 153 countries participate with the release of 312 stamps, 13 souvenir sheets, and numerous special cancellations. These issues were designed to commemorate the FAO's five year campaign (1960-1965) to eliminate world hunger. As part of the campaign, 21 March 1963 was designated as World Freedom From Hunger Day.

Later, in 1979, the UNPA and member nations commemorated the World Food Program (WFP). This program had been initiated in 1963 as a three-year program. The program was created to distribute food on an emergency basis to developing nations. However, the need was so great that the program was extended. Five years later, in 1976, the UNPA publicized the World Food Council (WFC) with the release of two stamps and a souvenir card. The World Food Council had been established in 1974 as the highest political body in the world to deal exclusively with the problem of world hunger.

Having acquired all of the issues to date released to commemorate World Food Day, I must admit that the stamps are among the most beautiful that I have ever seen.

My next column will include a check list for the 1963 FFH campaign for those interested in starting (or completing) their FAO topical collection.

Until next time - happy collecting!

#### RECENT TOPICAL RELEASES

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COUNTRY	DATE	BUBJECT	VALLE	DESCRIPTION
Afghanistan	05-17	wTO	9af	Depicts dish serial ground station and ITU logs.
Algeria	06-18	IYOP	1.20d 1.40d	Depicts symbolic figure with a crutch. Depicts a hand holding flowers, a wheel- chair user, and a blind person.
Andorra (F)	11-09	1405	2.30Fr	Depicts stylized designs (500,000 issued).
Andorra (S)	10-08	TADS	500	Depicts ceiling of Our Lady of Meritxell School,
Anguilla	07=31	UNICEF	5¢ 10¢ 15¢	All three designs depict children playing.
	09-30		53 54	Depicts children slaying. Souvenir Sheet. All issues designed to commemorate the 35th anniversary of UNICEF.

Antiqua	10-7	IYOP	10¢ 50¢	Dapicts polic victims swimming. Depicts discus thrower with an artificial hand.
			90¢ \$2 \$4	Depicts a one handad archer. Depicts a disabled basketball player. Souvenir Sheet
Argentina	09-19	IYOP	7	Depicts two stylized hands holding up a human.
Austria	09-25	WFD	ba .	Depicts various food symbols and the FAO emblem. Commemorates World Food Day. (3.5 million issued).
Bahamas	10-16	WFD	56 20¢ 30¢ 50¢	Commemorates poultry farming. Commemorates sheep farming. Commemorates lobster farming. Commemorates sig farming. Souvenir Sheet depicts each of the designs.
Bangladesh	09-01	UN	50p	Design commemorates the UN Conference on Least Developed Nations held in Paris.
Sarbuda	09-14	IYUP	50¢ 90¢ \$1	Supports travel for the disabled. Cedicts Braille and the sign language. Cedicts a helping hand supporting a wheel- chair. Cedicts mobility sids for the disabled.
Benin	04-10 05-30	IYUP WTD	115Fr 115Fr	Depicts IYDP logo, Depicts ITU pettern design.
Brazil	09-23 10-16	IYUP WFO	12c 12c	Symbolic design of a bent flower. Cepicts hungary people carrying bowls.
British Virgin [slands	10-16	IYDP	15¢ 20¢ 30¢	Encourages development through education. Depicts Fort Charlotte Children's Center. Encourages cultural awareness through music.
			\$1	Depicts Fort Charlotte Children's Center.
Brunei	12-16	IYUP	10sen 75sen	Capicts a blind person using braille. Dapicts a disabled person in a wheelchair.
Surma	05+17	WTD	25p	Depicts ITU pattern design.
Caymen Islands	?	IYUP	5¢ 15¢ 20¢	Depicts disabled scube divers. Depicts a school for the handicapped.
			\$1	Depicts disabled people perticipating in sports.
Central African Republic	05-17	WTO	150Fr	7
Chile	05-17	WTD	3.50p	Depicts ITU pattern design.
China (PR)	11-10	IYDP	Břen	Depicts official IYUP logo (18 million issued).
Congo (PR)	06-29	IYDP	45Fr 75Fr	Oepicts healthy and handicapped people. Depicts disabled people.
	10-16	WFD	150Fr	1
Cock Islands	11-10	IYUP	+6¢ +10¢	Charity surtax added to sech value of the Royal Wedding issues. Charity surtax added to the Royal Wedding Souvenir Sheat.
Costa Rica	09-7	1405	1 co 2 co 1 0 ca	Stylized design of a man in a wheelchair. Stylized design of a man in a wheelchair holding the scales of justice. Desicts a healthy person helping a disabled person.
Denmark	09-10	1YDP	2kr 20are	Depicts a tree in full bloom on one side with dying branches on the other side.
Cominican Republic	05-15 10-16	WFD WFD	10c 10c 50c	Oepicts ITU pattern design. Depicts netural fruit. Depicts fish and vegetables.
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El Selvador Ethiopia	08-14	IYUP	10g 25g 50g 75g 1c	Slind man using braille.  IYDP logo.  Slind man using braille.  IYDP logo.
Ethiopia		IYUP	50¢ 75¢ 10	Blind man using braille. IYOP loco.
Ethiopia		IYUP		
			15g 20g 40g	Each stamp depicts symbols of the disabled. 60,000 sets issued.
	10-15	WFO	15irr 5e 15e 20e 40e 1 birr	? 100,000 sets issued.
Fiji	09-21	WFD	20∉	Depicts a Fijian women sitting on a met with fruit and vegetables around her.
Finland	09-02	IYOP	1.10mk	Stylized dediction of handicapped person. 7 million issued.
france	11-09	TYUP	1.50Fr	Handicapped illustrator and a healthy man.
	12-14	UNESCO	1.60Fr	9 million issued. Depicts Fes. Morocco. Depicts Sunkatai, Thailand. Depicts Fort Saint-Elme, Malta.
Gabon	08-06	IYDP	100Fr	Depicts a heelthy and handicapped person
	10-16	WFD	350Fr	holding hands. Depicts a tractor, grain, and the FAO logo.
Germany (East)	06-23	IYDP	Spf 15pf	Javelin throwers in wheelchairs. People in wheelchairs visiting a museum.
Chana	05-7	WTD	20p 65p	Depicts dish serial. Depicts globe surrounded by talacommun- ications satellites.
			80p 2c	Dedicts various satellites. Dedicts a telecommunications satellite. Souvenir Sheet dedicts all four designs.
Gibraltar	11-19	IYDP	90	Depicts IYDP logs and child. This issue may have been a 14p value.
Custosky	11-03	IYDP	6p 12p 22p	Depicts disabled competing in a rifle match Depicts disabled riding horseback. Depicts a handicapped team participating in a swimerathon.
			25p	Depicts the handidapped working on printed circuit boards.
Guyana	11-02	1YOP	15¢ 50¢ \$1	Depicts Louis Breille. Depicts Helen Keller and Rajkumerie Singh. Depicts Ludwig van Besthoven and Sanny Thomas.
			\$1.10	Depicts Pierre Agustus Renoir.
Iceland	09-29	IYUP	200c	Depicts a group of people and the IYDP logo,
India	10-16	WFD	1000	Depicts grain. ? million issued.
Iran	05-17	wTD	br	Ompicts ITU pattern design.
Iraq	05-17	WTD	25Fils 50Fils 75Fils	All three designs depict various telecommunications symbols.
Italy	10-16	WFD	1501	Depicts painting Still Life by Gragorio Sciltian. 6 million issued.
Ivory Coast	10-18	MFD	100Fr	7
Jamaics	09-7	TYUP	20e 45e 60e \$1.50	Depicts blind at work. Geoicts handicapeed obinter. Depicts deaf student using sign language. Depicts handicapeed playing besketball.
	10-16	WFO	20¢	Decicts Arraek making caseva flour.
			\$2 \$4	Depicts benana reaping. Depicts sugar came resping.

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Japan	09-01	1406	60y + 10y	Depicts a bluebird and LYDP logo.
Jordan	06-17	WTD	25Fils 40Fils 50Fils	All three designs depict ITU pattern design.
Kenya	10-16	WFD	50e 1s 2s	Depicts plowing by hand and tractor. Depicts Mwea rice project. Depicts irrigation techniques.
			5s	Depicts breeding livestock.
Kumait	10-16	WFD	30fils 80fils	Soth designs decict symbols of nutrition. 100,000 sets issued.
Malagasy	06-12	IYOP	25fr 80fr	7
Mali	10-09	UPU	400Fr	Commemorates 150th birthday of Heinrich von Stephan, founder of UPU.
	10-16	WFD	200Fr	Ven Stephan, rounder or over the construction of the construction
Mexico	07-04	IYUP	4p	1
Mozambique	10-16	WED	10=	Depicts e globe with sliced bread.
	Manua.		9776	560,080 issued.
Nauru	10-09	UPU	?	Publicity card depicting UPU monument in
	10-24	ESCAP	15¢ 20¢	Sern, Switzerland. Depicts J. B. P. Maramis giving a speech. Cepicts Maramis presenting his credentials to the Nauruian president.
			25¢ 30¢	Depicts inaugural plaque, Depicts the raising of the UN flag. Issued to commemorate Economic and Social Ecompission for Asia and Pacific.
New Caledonia	09-02	IYDP	45Fr	7
Niceria	10-16	WFD	10k	Nigerian president and the Green
		30k 25k	Revolution. Harvesting of tomatges. Depicts food crops.	
			45k	1,000,000 sets issued.
Paraguay	08-18	UPU	5q 10g 20g 25g 50g	Issue commemorates centenary of Paraguay's entrance into UPU. Designs depict the UPU monument in Born. Switzerland. 700,000 sets issued.
Peru	06-30	TYDE	100sol	Depicts map of Peru and the 1YDP logo.
Qatar	05-17	WTD	2ri	Both designs depict the ITU and WHO logos.
ENNER WELL	10-16	WFD	2.80ri 2ri	,
	70 171		2.80ri	minoria se nisa, bata salam a leteral
Oman	10-16	WFD	50b	?
Republic of Korea	05-7	IYDP	30won 90chon	Depicts various symbols of the disabled. Depicts disabled person in a wheelchair watching sunset.
Rwanda	09-01	WTD/	20c 30c 2Fr	All designs depict stylized representations of telecommunications and health.
			2.5Fr 10Fr 15Fr 70Fr 200Fr	
San Merino	10-23	WFD	3001	Depicts a piece of bread, the staple of man's diet. 600,000 issued.
Sierra Leone	10-16	WFD	6¢ 31¢ 50¢ 11e	Depicts pineapples. Depicts deanuts. Depicts cassava fruit. Depicts rice. All four designs also contain the FAG logo

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Somalia •	10-20	WTD	1sh 3sh 4.6sh	Shepherd near disc satellite. Both designs contrin the MTO logo.
St. Vincent	09-01	UPU	\$2	Se-tenant pair depicting Kingstown General Post Office. Commemorates memberahip in UPU.
Suriname	09-16	IYOP	50g 1g 1.50g	Depicts a deaf child. Depicts a blind child using braille. Depicts a handicapped woman in a wheelchair
Trinicad & Tobago	10-16	WFD	10¢ 15¢ 45¢ 55¢ \$1.50	Depicts acricultural products. Depicts farming. Depicts fish. Depicts an animal farm. Depicts coultry. Depicts fish. Souvenir Sheet depicts all six designs.
Tonga	09-09	1709	29s 32s 47s 2ps 3ps	Commemorates Tongs. Depicts the Red Cross and IYDP logos. Depicts the IYDP logo. Depicts Tongs flag and Red Cross logo.
Tunisia	10-15	WFD	200m	Depicts a bird, fish, and plants.
Upper Volta	08-20	IYOP	70Fr	Depicts a handicapped sculptor in a wheelchair.
Vatican City	09-29	IYDP	6001	Depicts the IYDP lood superimposed on a drape depicting Christ's head crowned with thorns. 1.1 million issued.
Wallis & Futura	09-02	IYOP	42F r	Depicts a satellite sicture of the globe with the IYDP logo.
Zimbabwa	09-23	IYOP	5e 7e 11e 17e	Depicts blindness. Depicts deafness. Depicts the loss of a leg. Depicts the loss of an arm.

#### ADS

WANTED: Official mail covers of International Court of Justice at The Hague (see Gaines catalog pages 1351-1356). Bid with photocopy, please, or delivery on approval to Konrad Schraer, Prozessionsweg 22, D-4448 Emsburen, Federal Republic of Germany.

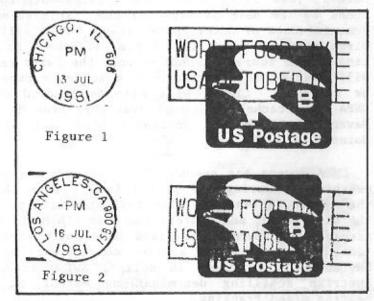
WANTED: Postally used UN stationery, addressed, with messages; no additional postage applied. D. LAMERS, 19963 Emory Ct. W., Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

WANTED: France UNESCO 1961-65, Scott #201-205 on cover. Seeking official UNESCO envelope with any value from this series. Eileen Meier, 128 Bartholdi Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07305.

# WORLD FOOD DAY: U.S. CANCELLATIONS

by Benjamin H. Cohen

The United States Postal Service announced the authorization of a machine slogan cancellation "World Food Day/USA/October 16" to be used from 30 April through 16 October 1981, at Chicago, IL 60607, (Figure 1) New York, NY 10001; and Los Angeles, CA 90052, (Figure 2). I eventually got around to sending out covers for cancellation and received examples from Los Angeles and Chicago. The New York cover never showed up. When I got back from vacation near the end of August, it took a while to realize what was going on and on 8 September 1981, more than a month before the published withdrawal date, I sent a second batch of covers to New York. My covers were returned uncancelled with a note that the cancellation was removed from the machines in New York on 31 August! Why a cancellation with the date 16 October in the slogan would be removed on 31 August is one of those little mysteries that make collecting interesting and frustrating.



There are other mysteries, too. The examples of the World Food Day slogan that were returned to me from my two separate special requests to the postmaster in Chicago came in black. While I had not seen any on the mail at that time, one of our members showed up at a meeting of UN Collectors of Chicagoland with a fistful of covers all bearing purple World Food Day slogan cancellations. I now have 17 covers from about 12 different dates ranging from early June to 30 October, all cancelled in Chicago with purple ink and several covers philatelically requested, all cancelled in black on two intermediate dates. My inquiry about this to the Chicago postmaster has gone unanswered.

If anyone has any New York World Food Day cancellations, I'll be pleased to swap some Chicago or Los Angeles ones for them.

# NOTES

CIAPEX will hold its annual exhibition at Des Moines, Iowa 11-13 June. The opening date corresponds to the date of issue of the "Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" stamp. UNPA will hold first day ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. 11 June. In addition to the four adhesives -- only the Swiss release will consist of two stamps -- a souvenir card will be released. CIAPEX will also be honored with a UNPA show cachet, which is available from Ms Susan Davenport, 3140 S.E. Indianola Road, Lot 41, Des Moines, IA 50315.

UNPA Geneva has announced its attendance at five exhibitions during the period from 1 June through the middle of October. The following listing gives the date, town, and address for dispatching of mail. According to recently revised UNPA policy, exhibition imprints will be applied to any mail bearing United Nations stamps in dollar, Swiss franc, or Austrian schilling denominations except on mail bearing mixed franking.

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ADDRESS FOR DESPATCH OF MAIL 4-6 June Skara (Sweden) UN Postal Administration Scarex 82 c/o Mr. G. Karlsson Djakne Skolan Klostergatan 15 S-53200 Skara Paris (France) UN Postal Administration "Philexfrance 82" c/o Programme philatelique et numis-CNIT Paris La Defense matique de l'UNESCO 7, Place de Fontenoy F-75700 Paris 23-27 June Kristiansand (Norway) . UN Postal Administration c/o Norsk FDC Service "Sorland 82" Postboks 109 N-4601 Kristiansand 24-26 Sept. Basel, Switzerland UN Postal Administration c/o Schweizerischer Philatelistenverein Postfach 4139 CH-4002 Basel Switzerland Sion, Switzerland UN Postal Administration c/o Mrs. H. Schnyder 53, rue des Creusets 1950 Sion Switzerland











Because the arrival of the June 1982 issue of The Journal could be delayed until sometime in July, we note the introduction of a new meter slogan and new slogan cancellations scheduled for 26 July.

"Fight Cancer" will replace "Second Special Session on Disarmament 1982" on this date. It will

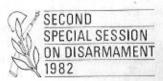
be in use until 15 October.

New York and Vienna require that your covers be in their hands by 19 July, franked only with UN stamps appropriate to that office (cents or schillings, respectively). Meter slogans will be in 30¢ denomination only; include 10¢ for service charge.

Send New York orders to: UNPA, Box 1586, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Mark outside wrapper "Slogan" or "Meter Slogan" to expedite service. Meter slogans must be paid for with certified check.

Send Vienna orders to: Postverwaltung der Vereinten Nationen, Sloganstempeldienst, Box 900, A-1400 Wien- Vereinte Nationen, Austria.

Geneva has a deadline for orders of 21 July. The last day for the Disarmament slogan will be 23 July.













#### NEW ISSUE - 11 JUNE 1982

#### EXPLORATION AND PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE



### COVER

Our cover depicts an inscription block of the fifty-cent stamp in the first definitive series of 1951. The triangle cutout, long regarded as one of two cutouts found on sheets of the first printing of this stamp, is now generally accepted as the hallmark of the second printing. The subject forms part of the current installment of Bob Kvarnes' continuing series covering the first definitives issued by UNPA.

## MAYER ON METERS

by Jack I. Mayer

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

FAO is currently using four different meter machines for mailings from Rome. An interesting error occurred recently on meter P.B. 5000 CC 2083 D. The usual impression was placed in the upper right corner of a large manila envelope with the amount of postage, but the date was set incorrectly as -4.1.81.

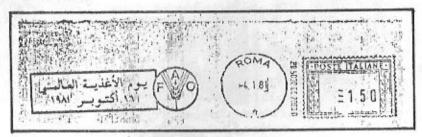


Figure 1: Note incorrect date of -4.1.81.

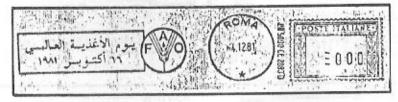


Figure 2: Note corrected date.

One may note that this slogan was not put into use until March 1981. The error was caught by the postal clerk and corrected by placing another impression in the lower left corner of the envelope. This one reads -4.12.81. The postage value is indicated at "0,00" as it was not necessary to make any change here. Similar correction varieties are noted on metered mail franked at the United Nations in New York. These make interesting additions to a meter collection.

Though the Universal Postal Union has been around since 1874, there has been little interest in this agency's meter imprints. The earliest known meter use dates back only to 1947. Since the imprints did not include slogans, there was no incentive to acquire these items. Now that collectors are realizing that meter imprints form an important part of UPU postal history, they are being more actively sought, though we find the supply extremely small. After nearly 35 years, we now find the UPU postage meters including interesting slogans. The first one shown, Figure 1, translates: "The Post Knows No Borders." It was in use from September to December, 1981.



Figure 1: "The Post Knows No Borders"

The above slogan was replaced with another slogan, Figure 2, whose first use has been noted in January, 1982. This one translates: "1982, 35th Anniversary of the Executive Council."



Figure 2: 1982, 35th Anniversary of the Anniversary of the Executive Council.

Switzerland is a multi-language country, and Bern is in the German section. The slogans are in the French language, however.

#### UNESCO

Nearly every year, in January or February, UNESCO puts into use a new slogan. This year was no exception. The new slogan promotes the World Heritage Convention. This subject could take some exploration as little has been said of it. Apparently, enough is thought of the subject to assign an interesting logo to it. Perhaps we will see this logo used elsewhere.

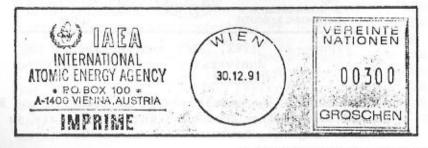


UNESCO's new slogan honoring the World Heritage Convention, here used on Meter T-1752.

UNESCO is still using the same machines that have been in service the past several years: G-2253, T-1473, T-1645, T-1759, T-1769, and T-2544. Thus far this new slogan has been seen on only three of the six machines but was probably inserted in all machines on the same day. The earliest date noted is 15 February 1982. It is only a matter of time before we should have a more comprehensive listing for this new slogan.

## International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

The following illustration shows a date error, very rarely seen from this office:



Note that the date is shown with year of 1991. Though it has not been mentioned previously in this column, the slogan used above is a variation of a similar one which was put into service when the new United Nations indicia was introduced in 1979. The last known date of the former type is 29 May 1981 and the earliest reported date of the above illustrated style is 26 June 1981.

It probably should be mentioned, to save confusion, that another variation of this same slogan was used in 1978-79 with the former Austrian indicia prior to the time when the IAEA moved into the new Vienna International Centre facilities. All three types are also known with the wording "IMPRIME A TAXE REDUITE."

#### International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

Each year 17 May is set aside by the ITU as World Telecommunications Day. Nearly every year a slogan has been developed for use on ITU meters promoting this day. The following illustration shows the slogan put into use for the 1982 commemoration. The earliest reported use of this slogan thus far is 7 December 1981.



Meter 899 with 1982 Telecommunications Day slogan.

Note: In the <u>Journal</u> for December 1981 (Vol. 5, #2; Whole #26), page 44, we failed to include a use of the double dash in the dater for the "35th Anniversary of UNESCO". The last entry, JUN -- '81, should read: R.B. #1, 2, 4. Followers of this column might wish to make the correction.

# TOPEX '82 CANCELLED

The American Topical Association (ATA) has recently announced that its TOPEX '82, scheduled for 25-27 June at Anaheim, California, has been cancelled. Exhibit fees will be refunded.

BALPEX '82, to be held 4-6 September at Hunt Valley, Maryland, near Baltimore, will be the rescheduled site of ATA's convention. BALPEX is reserving exhibition frames in the topical section for ATA members, but judging will be according to BALPEX rules rather than ATA's criteria.

A stamped, addressed envelope to BALPEX '82, 8207 Daren Ct., Pikesville, MD 21208 will bring complete details. The deadline for Study Unit notice of participation is 1 June, to Don Brenke, P.O. Box 179, Washington, DC 20044.

### SHOW CACHET DESIGN

As CIAPEX coincides with the first day of issue of the "Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" stamp, a special "show cachet" as illustrated below, will be available. To obtain copies of the show cachet, please write to:

Mrs. Susan Davenport CIAPEX 3140 S.E. Indianola Road Lot 41 Des Moines, IA 50315



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