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Cover

Pictured are first days of two items of revalued UN postal stationary. UN-Geneva revalued its 70 c postal card by adding a 10 c surcharge overprint on 2 January 1986. UN-Vienna revalued its S9 aerogramme by adding a S2 surcharge overprint on 3 February 1986. No special first day cancellations were used. First days should be available at a reasonable price from dealers, unlike the revalued 4 cent air postal card of UN-New York in 1959; that first day now lists for \$135 in Gaines.

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Notes

1. There was a good showing of UN exhibits at Milcopex '86 which was held in Milwaukee 28 February to 2 March with "United Nations Philately" as its theme. UN exhibits occupied 43 of the 216 frames shown. The following is a list of the exhibits and the awards they received:

"UN Definitive/Postal Stationary Criteria for Different Printings" by Charles Berg - UNP Gold Medal
 - UNPA Grand Award for UN Best of Show
 - Show Silver Bronze Medal

"The 2c UN Definitive of 1964 - A Detailed Study" by Charles Berg - Silver Bronze Medal

"A Study of the First Issue of the UN, New York" by Dr. Reuben A Ramkisson - Silver Bronze Medal

"UN Conferences and Meetings" by B. Clement, Jr.
 - UNP Silver Medal
 - Show Silver Bronze Medal

"London 1945 UN Slogan Cancellation" by Earl S. Merriman - Silver Bronze Medal

"From Nations United to United Nations" by Bernard J. Kosmoski
 - UNP Bronze Medal
 - Show Silver Bronze Medal

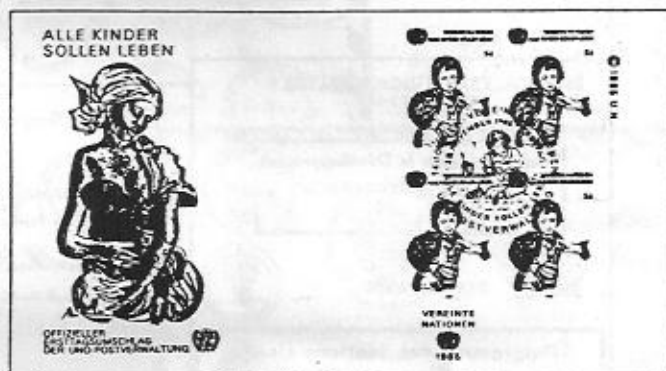
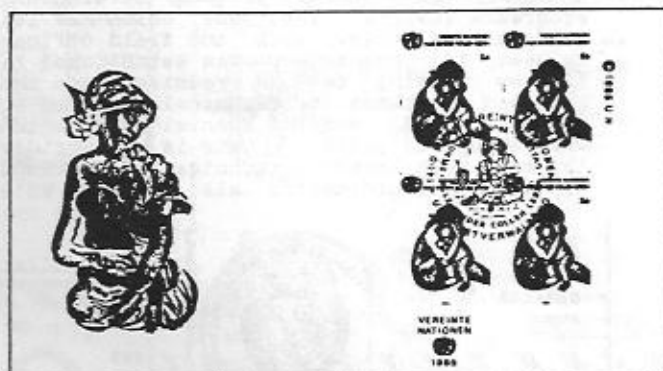
"United Nations Philately" by Robert J. Mather - Silver Bronze Medal

"UNTEA Stamps and Stationary; Usages" by Rudolf Waldukat - Bronze Medal

2. Elsewhere in this issue, Hans Renesse discusses private UN-related meters used in the U.S. Here is a current meter being used by the U.S. Committee for UNICEF in New York, NY.



3. One of our members received a FDC cachet error for the Child Survival issue in his regular Customer Deposit material from UNPA. Comparing the two pictured covers, it is seen that all the printing and the UN emblem are missing.



4. New International Reply Coupon rates went into effect as of 1 January 1986. Illustrated are the old and the new IRC's for New York and Geneva.

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE COUPON-RÉPONSE INTERNATIONAL C22

Ce coupon est échangeable dans tous les pays de l'Union postale universelle contre un ou plusieurs timbres-poste représentant l'affranchissement minimal d'une lettre ordinaire, expédiée à l'étranger par voie de surface.

Emplacement de contrôle du pays d'origine	Prix de vente (indication facultative)	Timbre du bureau qui effectue l'échange
fr. 1.40		

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65 cents	

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80 cents	

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Emplacement de contrôle du pays d'origine	Prix de vente (indication facultative)	Timbre du bureau qui effectue l'échange
fr. 1.80		












Worldwide Origin Cachets Used by the United Nations Development Programme

By B. Clement

On 14 March, UNPA issued stamps honoring the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP, which has its headquarters in New York and field offices in over 100 countries, was established in 1965 by merging two UN organizations: the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, set up in 1949, and the Special Fund, which was set up in 1958. UNDP is the world's largest multilateral technical assistance programme, coordinating all of the UN's

development activities.

A postal history record of the worldwide activities of UNDP can be made by noting the origin cachets used on its official mail. Below are listed UNDP origin cachets which have been observed to date, not including those for Geneva, which were included in a recent article. The writer would welcome a photocopy of additional observations.

<p><u>Bhutan</u> Violet Undated</p> 	<p><u>Congo</u> (Brazzaville) Type 2 Black 1969</p> 	<p><u>Panama</u> Type 1 Unknown color and date</p> 
<p><u>Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)</u> Type 1 Violet 1968</p> <div> <p>Programme pour le Développement B.P. 575 - OUAGADOUGOU HAUTE-VOLTA</p> </div> <p>Type 2 Black 1970</p>	<p><u>Fiji</u> Blue-gray 1984</p> <div> <p>UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME Private Mail Bag. Suva, Fiji</p> </div>	<p>Type 2 Black 1971</p> 
<div> <p>Programme des Nations Unies Pour le Développement B.P. 575 Ouagadougou Haute-Volta</p> </div>	<p><u>Guinea</u> Black 1966</p> <div> <p>PROGRAMME POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT BOITE POSTALE 222 Conakry, République de Guinée</p> </div>	<p>Type 3 Black Undated</p> 
<p><u>Cambodia</u> Color unknown 1972</p> 	<p><u>India</u> Purple 1977</p> <div> <p>United Nations Development Programme 55, LODI ESTATE NEW DELHI-110003</p> </div>	<p><u>Salvador</u> Blue-violet 1968</p> 
<p><u>Chile</u> Black 1970</p> <div> <p>NACIONES UNIDAS PROGRAMA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS PARA EL DESARROLLO Casilla 197 - D Santiago - Chile</p> </div>	<p><u>Lebanon</u> Blue Undated</p> 	<p><u>Syria</u> Red Undated</p> 
<p><u>Congo</u> (Brazzaville) Type 1 Blue 1968</p> 	<p><u>Malagasy</u> Red Undated</p> 	<p><u>Tanzania</u> Purple 1984</p> <div> <p>United Nations Development Programme P. O. Box 9182 - Dar-es-Salaam. Tanzania</p> </div>
		<p><u>Zambia</u> Unknown color and date</p> <div> <p>UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME P.O. BOX 3626 LUSAKA ZAMBIA</p> </div>

UN Vienna Balloon Mail (V)

Varieties in the Issues of 1983

By Joseph E. Full

In 1983 seven Balloon Mail flights were scheduled and two balloons joined the fleet: HB-BCV and OE-KZM. Balloon D-ERGE VII continued in use for the fifth straight year with two flights: Anthering and Gutzendorf. No technical difficulty or bad weather conditions were encountered by any of the balloons for the first time since the flights began in 1979.

The Balloon Mail statistics are as follows for the scheduled 1983 flights:

1. Wolfurt (OE-AZR)	21,426 Cards	15 Apr.
2. Lauterach (D-ERGE V)	Covers	15 Apr.
3. Gnißl (HB-BCV)	Covers	21 May
4. Anthering (D-ERGE VII)	30,339 Covers	21 May
5. Mattsee (OE-DZE)	Covers	21 May
6. Gutzendorf (D-ERGE VII)	UNK	Covers 22 Oct.
7. Ebergassing (OE-KZM)	UNK	Cards 22 Oct.

The use of FDC's continued in 1983 with stamps numbered 33 and 34 on the May flights. The Najubria 83 Exhibition cachet was applied to some of the Wolfurt cards. Many of the May flights have the Rhein-Ruhr and Ovilava Exhibition cachets. A small number of covers and cards from both October flights have the Bonn Exhibition cachet.

Cachets	Stamp	Slogan	Landing	Exhibition
Numbers	Cancels	Cancels	Cancels	Cachets
1. 1,2,3,4	W		a,c	Najubria
2. 1,2,3,4	W,z	Aging	a,d	
3. 1,2,3,4	FD1,V,W,y	IMO	d,e	Rhein Ruhr/Ovilava
4. 1,2,3,4	W,y,z	IMO,Aging	b,c	Rhein-Ruhr
5. 1,2,3,4	FD2,W		c,d	Rhein Ruhr/Ovilava
6. 1,2,3,4	y,z	IMO,Nature	b	Bonn
7. 1,2,3,4	y,z	IMO,Nature	a,b,c	Bonn

A new "final destination" delivery procedure began in 1983. Most, but not all, covers were returned from the Landing Site to the UNPO in Vienna. A second cancel, always as "d", was applied to any open space on the front of the cover. Normal carrier means delivered the mail. The longest time period between the Landing Site Cancel date and the "d" cancel date that I have seen was eighteen days. About 90% of the time, the interval was only five days.

Through 1983, I have not seen any Balloon covers missing a "BORDSTEMPEL", and a search of 1984 covers has not turned up any "finds" either. In 1985 one cover came into my hands without a "Bordstempel". Since Balloon Mail goes through so many hands and various steps prior to delivery it is no wonder that a cover would get by all the inspections and checks at least once.

Example of
Wolfurt Card.



Example of
Lauterach Cover.



Example of
Gnißl Cover.



Example of
Anthering Cover.



Example of
Mattsee Cover.



Example of
Gutzendorf Cover.



Example of
Ebergassing Card.

Military Mail Notes

By Stephen Cohen

1. The DJC (Dutch Infantry Coy) said goodbye to UNIFIL after one year of service. The main body of 160 men were out by 17 October 1985, with a few men at UNIFIL headquarters there until 7 November 1985. The DJC had special stationary (Fig. 1) which, according to Willem Put of Holland, was in limited supply because most was lost in a storm. Also, the factors of few men there, and short term period of use, should make this a hard cover to find. Note also the different box cancel, used by DJC, Veltpost 49, is "Mail not cancelled in Lebanon". This marking was used on mail from members at remote posts, such as the airport in Beirut, where there were no cancelling devices; such mail was sent to Holland, and cancelled there.

Gaines also doesn't list special markings, such as that in Fig. 3. This shows that men are dying, as indicated by this French marking. Most of the time, such mail would be hand returned to the sender, who is most likely a friend or loved one.



Fig. 1

2. Internal cancels are used to cancel incoming documents, sometimes letters, and rarely on interforces mail. Fig. 2 shows such a cover from Ghanbatt to the CMPO, Chief Military Personnel Officer. This is a very fancy one, well done. This is not listed in Gaines, but the value should be in the \$10 range.

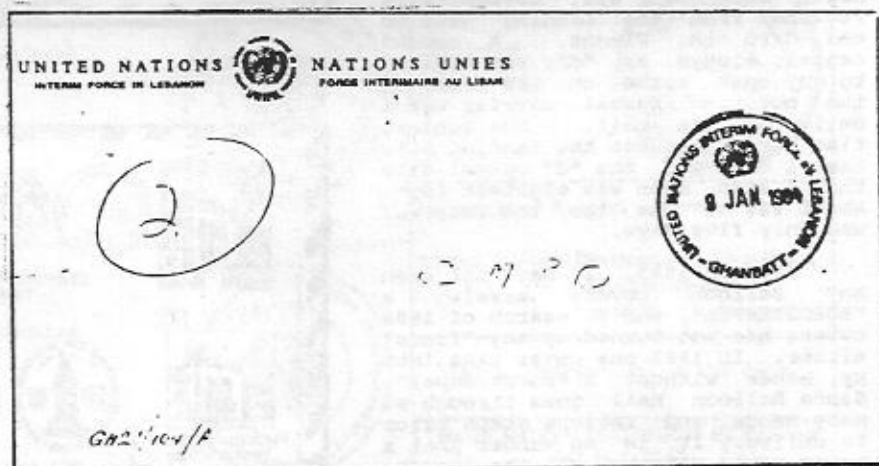


Fig. 2

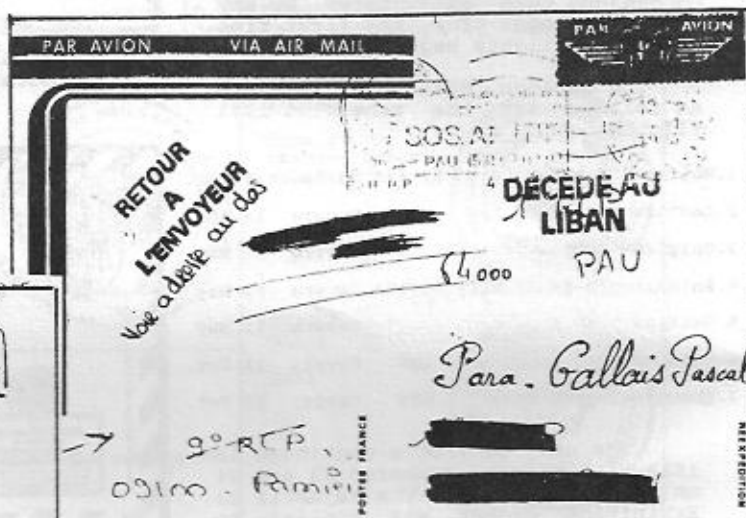


Fig. 3

3. Canada has been using test mail with UN Forces mail since 1956. Aerogrammes were used in the early days. Later covers were used. See Figs. 4, 5, and 6. The words TEST MAIL were typed on the outside. The letter inside was like the UNRRA test letters; they had all the needed information. Only a few were saved, most being discarded. Some of the letters have stamps; these go by civilian aircraft back to Canada. The Canadian post office insures this mail. Without stamps, it is official military mail and goes by Canadian military aircraft, so arrival times can vary.

4. Nepal is back with UNIFIL, after two years away.

Fig. 4

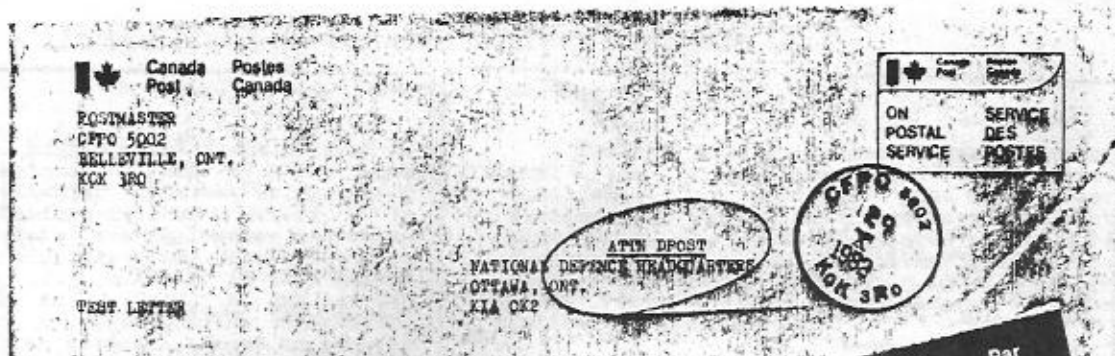


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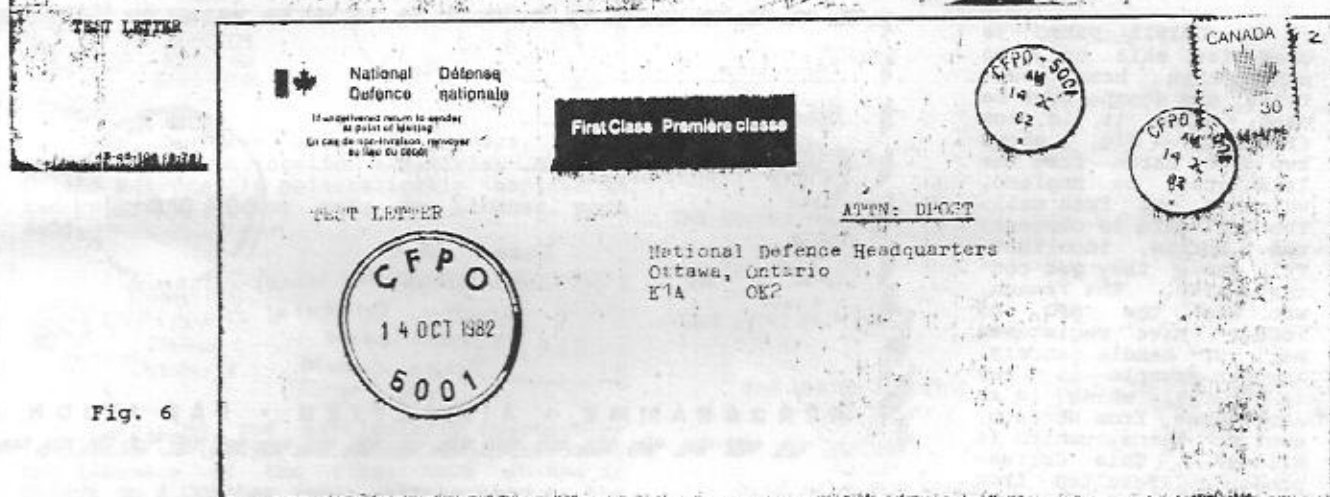


Fig. 6

5. The Finnish force, according to Putt, arrived in 1982. The advance party of twelve officers arrived on 5 November, another 66 men arrived on 15 November, and the main force arrived 8 and 10 December. There was a total of 493 men, with the headquarters at Burj Oallwiyah. The Field Post Office was opened 3 December 1982 using a temporary cancel, Kennatposttikontorori, without an APO number. On 8 December the cancel shown in Fig.7 was put into use. Special stationery is used, similar to that used by Norway and France.



Fig. 7

Finbatt mail using the FPO requires stamps, but mail up to 10 grams can go free, via UNIFIL Base Post Office, with the UNIFIL cancel.

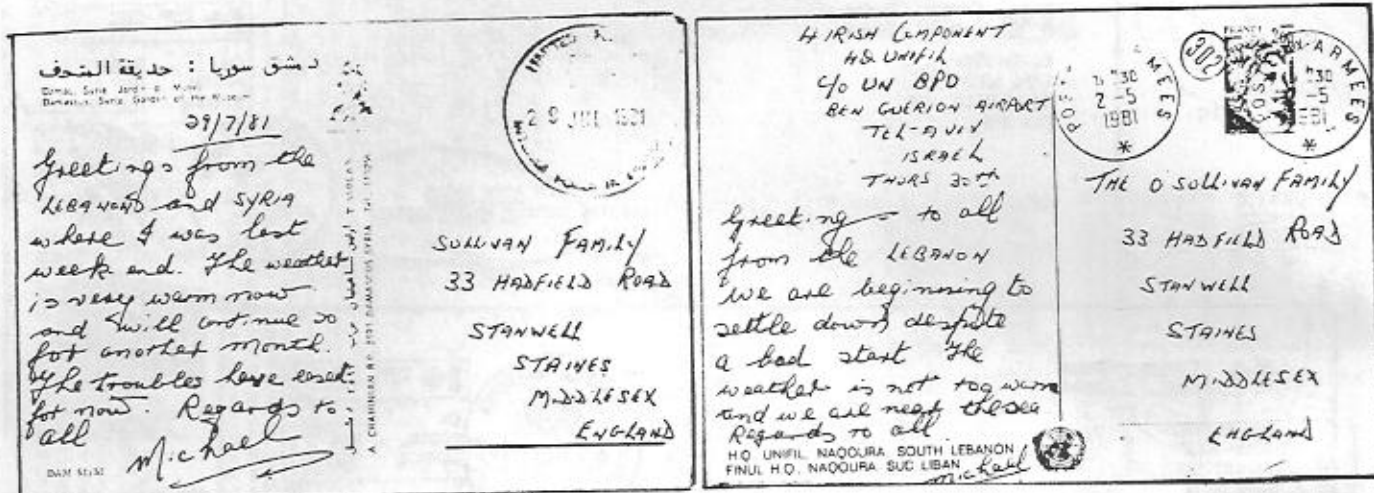


Fig. 8

6. UNIFIL UNBPO is used for mail going to other than home countries, and stamps must be used, since it is not free mail. Fig. 8 shows two post cards from the Irishbatt, to England, which is not free mail. The top card is correct; the bottom, incorrect. This shows they get confused also. The French, who man the BPO, no longer have registered mail or handle parcels. Another example is shown in Fig. 9, which is an aerogramme from NorBatt, sent to Ghana, which is allowed. This correspondence resulted from the Ghana and Norway battalions working together and forming friendships.



Fig. 9

7. Fig. 10 shows a cover sent to Nigeria. To avoid postage due, the words LAGOS NIGERIA were stamped on. The bulk of mail from UNIFIL was sent by aerogramme and went free. To avoid this problem with letters, which were rarely sent, this method was devised.



Fig. 10

United Nations-Related Meters from the USA

By Hans H. v. Renesse*

Collectors highly prize items related to the United Nations. One type of such material of particular interest is privately used United Nations-related meters. In Germany such meters are well-known and catalogued. But naturally they exist in other countries too, for example in the United States. As far as I know, no one has yet attempted such a corresponding systematic study for American meters. I hope to show by the following article concerning the United Nations-related meters with which I am familiar, that it would be worth the effort. In the following, I have not included the meters from meetings of United Nations-related organizations, for example, the 11th or the 22nd World Health Assembly. Often I have available only deliberately produced "favor" meter impressions. Usage on normal (non-philatelic) mail seems to be quite rare. The meters seem, in my opinion, to be strongly "philatelically inspired".



The familiar meter PB 500748, which indicates a philatelic exhibition of the United Nations, is philatelically inspired in two regards. (Color red; see Lindner, page 263).



Inspiring and particularly spectacular (and easy to insert): a meter slogan honoring the issuance of the first UNPA stamps in Geneva on 4 October 1969. It was used by the prominent UN dealer Stanley Frankel. Known dates of use are 3 June, 4 June, and 5 June in 1969. We picture this meter PB 543742 above and one of the letters sent at that time below. Unfortunately the meter was printed with a light blue ink and thus is difficult to read.



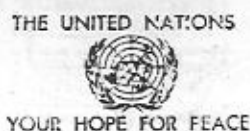
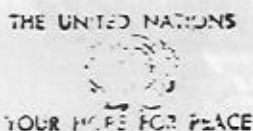
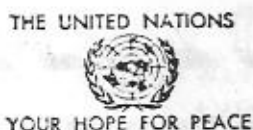
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DO NOT BEND

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DO NOT BEND

For the United Nations meter collector the firm Pitney-Bowes is, of course, familiar. It produces not only meter machines for the United Nations itself, but also makes available UN-related slogan dies for private use. To the latter belongs the slogan "THE UNITED NATIONS - YOUR HOPE FOR PEACE", which I have found assigned to the following meter machines:



Fond du Lac, WI
PB 153112 (Color: ?)

Milwaukee, WI
PB 320907 (Color:red)

Fond du Lac, WI
PB 322252 (Color:green)

Chilton, WI
PB 330161 (Color:green)

Chicago, IL
PB 359640 (Color:black)

Fond du Lac, WI
PB 384045 (Color:red)

The known dates are all from the years 1960 and 1961. (It was still popular in the USA to publicize the UN.)

* Translated by Richard Powers from an article in UNO-Philatelie, 6-85, page 37.

Another standard slogan of Pitney-Bowes can be documented: "UN - WE BELIEVE" declared a second slogan die, which "P.B." offered. Known dates of use run from 1959 to 1962 and again (or still) in 1968. Below is an illustration of correspondence with PB 616333 to the International Labor Organization.

Apparently the slogan die wandered around from place to place. Among three of the four above pictured meters can be found a defective printing of the UN emblem on the lower left side. This must be the same slogan die. But I do not know how many of these dies were prepared.



Chilton, WI
PB 413169 (red)

Fond du Lac, WI
PB 436571 (blue)

New York, NY
PB 455788 (?)

Milwaukee, WI
PB 449232 (red)

St. Louis, MO
PB 317608 (blue)

Keene, NH
PB 342402 (red)

St. Louis, MO
PB 179934 (blue)

Jamaica, NY
PB 370481 (red)

St. Louis, MO
PB 377997 (blue)

New York, NY
PB 616333 (red)



Besides these two standard dies there are numerous other UN-related meters from the USA. I can show about a dozen. Next on this page is the slogan die "JOIN UNA - USA" used with meter PB 824973 in New York, NY with violet ink. "UNA" stands perhaps for "United Nations Associations" and could be a call for membership in the Association for the United Nations in the USA. But then does "A.A.U.N." mean the "American Association for the United Nations"? Then the call "SUPPORT THE A.A.U.N. and The U.N." used by meter machine PB 325124 in New York, NY in red ink in the accompanying figure would make the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) happy. This meter was used by the "Speaker Services for the United Nations", which cannot be abbreviated to "A.A.U.N."

JOIN
UNA-USA

SUPPORT
A.A.U.N.
THE U.N.

Two additional meters were used with the call to "SUPPORT the United Nations" on machines CC 7550 and CC 8794 in blue ink by the IBM Corporation in New York, NY.

SUPPORT
the
United Nations



SUPPORT
the
United Nations



New York, NY
PB 440283
(Color: red)



New York, NY
PB 437820
(Color: blue)

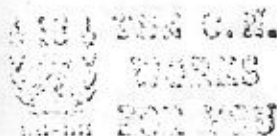
Two groups used meter machine PB 170684 (red) in New York, NY: the "Conference of Consultative Non-Governmental Organizations" and the "Carnegie Endowment for International Peace". Two slogans have been observed and are illustrated below. The slogan with the text "KNOW YOUR UNITED NATIONS" appeared previously in the years 1952 and 1953.



The UN Collector group in Chicago (UNCC) celebrated the 30th anniversary of the UN in 1975 with the red meter PB 1178725.

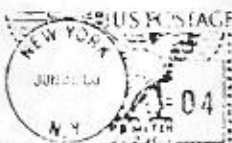


On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the United Nations in 1955 a red meter PB 315642 was used in Dallas, Texas. I do not know the user.



I also do not know the users of the last four UN-related meters used in the USA displayed below:

WORLD
REFUGEE
YEAR
1959-1960



New York, NY 2 different slogans PB 222966 (Color: red)

Before the meters honoring the United Nations, as it exists today, there were also meters referring to the Allied forces in World War II as the "United Nations". As a "transitional item", one could include the

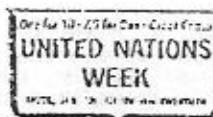


UNITED NATIONS

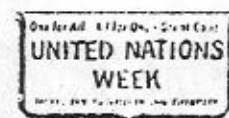
meter used in San Francisco in 1945. Actually the meters from January 1943, which announce "UNITED NATIONS WEEK" are only "United Nations"-related. An announcement by the "War Activities Committee" of the Film Industry appeared in the New York Times on 1 January 1943 that a "United Nations Week" would be held throughout the land in support of the "United Nations" accords. Radio, Film and Theater participated and made available their meters for use with special slogans. Thus the first philatelic items with the words "United Nations" came into being. The following meters are known:



Meter of the War Activities Committee itself (1501 Broadway, New York, NY) with the very early date 4 January 1943.



Meter of RKO Pictures, Inc. (Radio City, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY)



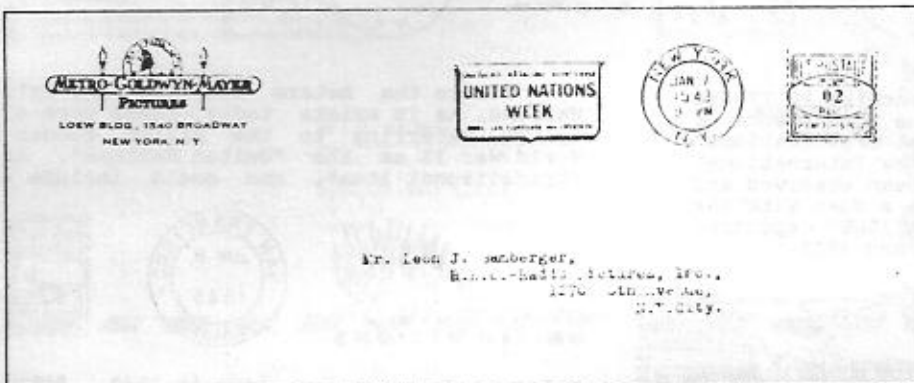
Meter of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures (Loew Building, 1540 Broadway, New York, NY)



The user of the fourth illustrated meter is unknown.

Paramount Theaters Service Corp. (Times Square, New York, NY) also used the slogan. No illustration is available.

The meter which was used in 1943 by the "United Nations Information Office" with the famous slogan "In War and Peace-UNITED NATIONS" can be considered a "transitional item" since the machine, PB 108314, was later transferred to the United Nations.



"One for All - All for One - Great Cause / UNITED NATIONS WEEK / January 14th through 20th" proclaims the text in the slogan on this letter from "MGM" with meter PB 58602.

Two Printings of #249 in Ten Months!

By D. Lamers

Collectors who were in no hurry to purchase the fourth printing of 249, the current 2 c definitive, will probably have to do without. One million of these stamps were placed on sale at the very end of January 1985. By all previous sales figures, this printing should have lasted a couple of years at least. It received heavy use, of course, in the few months before the release of the 22 c stamp on 10 May 1985, but there was also the 1 c stamp to help out as well. This writer purchased a sheet and a half at the counter late in February and did not plan to buy more until a year later, to check for possible ink, paper and gum varieties.

Instead, UNPA released the fifth printing 4 November 1985, in a quantity of 500,000. No, the stamps of the fourth printing did not get used up. Rather, they proved to be unusable. It seems that the gum was of poor quality, bringing complaints from users, including, no doubt, UNPA staff members themselves. This writer noticed a problem trying to affix one of these stamps to a postcard, but thought maybe the problem was his for not moistening the gum sufficiently.

No matter. 249.4 is history. Enter 249.5.

The latest printing is glossy, like the third and fourth. This time the gum is somewhat shiny, like the third, but with a bluish cast. In UV light the latest printing is hibrite white compared to the blue-gray high fluorescence of the third. In ordinary light the paper is whiter than the third and fourth also.

If you want this printing, don't delay. None of the later definitives has had a sixth printing.

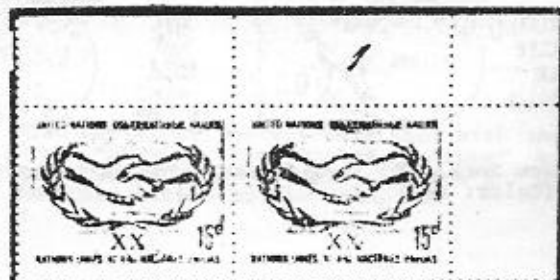
A Study of Control Numbers and Plate Numbers of UNNY Stamps: Epilogue

By Richard Powers

This is an update of the two part article "A Study of Control Numbers and Plate Numbers of UNNY Stamps", which appeared in the October and December 1985 issues of the *Journal*. I received a kind note from John Terins a few days after the second installment appeared. He reminded me that I neglected to mention the 15-cent ICY issue, Scott # 144. According to Mr. Terins, "a full miscut sheet was found with the '1' in the upper right-hand corner. Since this sheet was purchased by me from the UNPA and the fact that the sheet was miscut and since the '1' is in the same red as the color of the stamp, there is no question of its authenticity". Mr. Terins went on to point out that a reinforced picture of this item can be found on page 71 of the Terins UN catalog.

I was aware that such an item had been reported in the *Gaines* and *Lindner* catalogs but had never seen a photograph. I appreciate Mr. Terins filling me in on the background of this "plate number", which could conceivably be unique for this issue.

Editor's note: Here is an the illustration of the above-mentioned item from Terins catalog.





1985 NEW YORK SHOW CACHETS



1985 GENEVA SHOW CACHETS



1985 VIENNA SHOW CACHETS