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Local UN CLUBS

Midwest United Nations Collectors, meets intermittently, usually at shows in the Iowa-Kansas-Nebraska area. For information, write to Ruth Grissman, 2817 61 St., Des Moines, IA 50322.

Turtle Bay Philatelic Society, meets the first Friday of each month from September through June at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York City, at 7:45pm. For information, write to Paul Kravitz, Box 369, New City, NY 10956.

United Nations Collectors of Chicagoland, Inc., meets the first Tuesday of each month September through June at the Swedish Club of Chicago, 1258 N. LaSalle St., Chicago. Dinner is at 6pm; the meeting is at 7:30pm. For information, write to: UNCC, Box 1674, Chicago. IL 60690.

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UN Collectors of Wisconsin, meets intermittently, usually at shows in Wisconsin. For information, write to John G. Taddy, Box 265, Two Rivers, WI 54241.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this, we will be on the eve of our first convention exhibition. By all indications, it promises to be a great show. Several months ago, we assumed the obligation of presenting 100, sixteen page frames of UN material. I have been advised by Marcia Galletti, our exhibits chairperson, that we have made the mark. It proves our point- and a major reason why UNP was created- that UN collectors were only looking for a medium through which to learn about and exhibit their material. INTERPEX '78 promises to assemble the greatest exhibit of United Nations material ever displayed to the public. And, it is not too soon to start thinking about an exhibit for INTERPEX '79 and the UNP exhibition-convention, which will be held in a city yet to be selected. In the meantime, I encourage each of you also to participate in local and regional shows and show the UN flag!

Not only will INTERPEX '78 be a philatelic extravaganza, but it also will have its social counterpart, starting with an awards luncheon scheduled for Saturday, April 1, at 12:30pm, at the very posh Keewah Yen restaurant, serving Chinese cuisine at its best. Keewah Yen is just around the corner from the Hilton Hotel, site of INTERPEX. A most memorable affair has been arranged, and we are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Saturday morning at 10a.m. UNP will hold its first general membership meeting. Please try to attend, if at all possible. After all, this is your organization and it is you who should be there to voice an opinion. Let us know what we can do to make UNP even better!

During INTERPEX weekend, UNP will host a hospitality suite jointly with the Turtle Bay Philatelic Society. It will provide a setting in which we will be able to get acquainted, socializing or just to talk shop. Ask about the suite when you stop by the UNP booth.

Pictured on the cover of this issue are the crested plate and the medal which will debut during INTERPEX. The plate will be presented as the UNP President's Award (UNP's Grand Award). It will be presented only at shows in which UNP meets in convention around the country. The smaller medals have been produced in gold, silver and bronze tones, and will be awarded as merited. Suitably inscribed gold medals will be presented for Court of Honor exhibits and special awards.

The UNP gold medal also will be available as a UNP award to any organizer of an exhibition wherein there are a minimum of three UN or UN related exhibits. Blank UNP gold, silver and bronze UNP medals also are available to local and regional exhibits, at cost, when these shows would like to present UN awards in addition to the UNP award. [Since UNP has ordered these medals in quantity, the price per item will be rather small. For further information, contact John Taddy, c/o this Journal.]

In closing, please accept my invitation to meet at UNP's first Convention-Exhibition, INTERPEX '78, New York City, March 31 to April 2. I am looking forward to meeting with you all.

Sincerely, Gustave Knoeckel

IMPORTANT NOTICE

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Art. VIII, Section 2, of the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee, Ronald L. Ginns, Chairman, Marcia Galletti and Stephen Cohen, Members, respectfully report as follows and nominate the following persons to elective office:

For President:	Gustave Knoeckel, Placida, Florida.
For Vice President:	Paul Kravitz, New City, New York.
For Treasurer:	Jack Mayer, Anacortes, Washington.
For Secretary:	Fred H. Bloedow, Evanston, Illinois.
For Directors At Large:	Greg Galletti, Baldwin, New York.
	Ruth Grissman, Des Moines, Iowa.
	Joel Siegfried, San Diego, California.
	Isidore Kusminski, New York, New York.

In making these nominations, the Committee has taken note of these individual's contributions during UNP's first year, and a need for regional representation on the Board.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Art. VIII, Section 3, of the Bylaws, petitions nominating candidates in addition to those proposed by the Nominating Committee may be submitted to the Secretary, Fred H. Bloedow, 810 Dobson, Evanston, Illinois 60201, on or before April 30, 1978. Petitions may nominate candidates for one or more offices as set forth above, and must be signed by a minimum of six members (which may include the person/s nominated). Accompanying each petition should be a brief biography of the candidate (50 words or less), to be included with the ballot.

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EDITORS NOTES

First, let me thank each of you who has written to praise our new appearance and the contents of the Journal. In truth, most of the credit must go to our writers. If each of you would contribute something- articles, questions to be answered (see QQQ and AAA, page 6), topical notes, auction results, advertisements- we not only will be able to continue to aim for top quality, but we will be able to expand considerably the number of pages in each issue. Next issue will appear in May.

In addition to our new look, you will notice that we now have legible, peelable address labels. Would you please take a minute to examine the address and make sure that we have it correct. (All of this is done by computer!) If there is an error, or you move, send a card with the correction to Fred Bloedow (address inside front cover), and you will not miss an issue.

Greg Galletti's column in this issue provides a very useful review of the available UN literature. A particular favorite of mine is the new Borek catalogue. It does not replace Lindner's (nothing could), but it is most attractive, with useful information not in Lindner's, is supposed to appear annually, and costs less than \$5.00. It is the perfect catalog for a casual collector, or beginner, and a must for the serious specialist.

GREG'S CORNER

By Greg Galletti

We United Nations stamp collectors sometimes overlook one of the more important aspects of our hobby- the literature. The UN collector has a variety of information available on all possible topics of interest, from the first issue (1-11, C1-4) printing varieties to the world-wide issues related to Malaria. This column, therefore, is devoted to describing some of the publications available.

One of the most popular fields of interest is the printing varieties of the first fifteen definitive issues, and there are several good publications covering this broad subject. The 1951 Definitive and Airmail Issues and Reprints, by Otto Wolke, c. 1974, is a 96 page study which offers an easy and understandable approach to collecting these varieties. It is useful for the beginner as well as the specialist. A supplement, entitled A Follow Up Study, is printed in both German and English editions. All photographs in the second volume are in color.

A second and much more detailed account of the first issues is Ramon Goodey's United Nations Regular and Airmail Postage Stamps 1951-1966. Part I, published in 1976, covers the five stamps printed by Enschede. Housed in a four-ring binder, this 120 page study is profusely illustrated and covers every aspect of the topic. Included are the cutouts, printing details, and a special section on identification of the various printings by ultra-violet techniques. Part II, expected in 1978, will cover the ten stamps printed by De La Rue. When completed, this study should prove to be the definitive work on these printings.

Another area of much interest is first flight covers. Once again, there are several good publications which should be considered for your library. The Strite Catalog of U.N. Flight Covers, published in 1960, is a good starter book. This 58 page, soft bound study covers many cachets and cancels with illustrations. A second, more recent, paperback, is United Nations First Flight Covers 1959-1976, by Wolf Hanke. In German, this work covers all flights from 1959 to 1976. Photographs of cachets and backstamps are included. A supplement prepared by Hanke appeared in 1977, and lists flights not mentioned in his first volume, including forerunner flights. This set is a must for the student of flight covers.

A third area of interest is UN world-wide and related issues. This is a broad and fascinating field. Miriam Zinsmeister prepared a series of catalogs covering some of these issues for the S.P.A. The series has six volumes, and is fairly complete for the period 1945 - 1962. Included are special studies on the Burssels 1958 exhibition and the Antimalaria campaign. Most issues mentioned are illustrated.

A second paperback treating UN world-wide is Postage Stamps of United Nations Philatelic Interest (Study #3). Published by the UN Philatelic Society, the 77 page work lists all issues from 1920 through 1966.

The official service stamps used by the European agencies of the United Nations also are well represented in the stacks. U.N.O.P., a European UN group, has published

several good works, including Die UIT-Studie. (Printed in 1975, this 96 page soft bound volume, in German, details the history of the ITU.) A second U.N.O.P. study, WGO - OMS-WHO, printed in 1973, covers the World Health Organization from its inception through the end of 1972. Another book, planned for this year, will cover the I.L.O., and is expected to be about 200 pages.

Among the most popular of literature items are those which reprint columns from the philatelic press. And, when we think "columns", we think "Herb Conway". The series known as One Hundred and One on UN are reprints of UNP member Herb Conway's Commentaries which appear weekly in Linn's. Recently the sixth volume was released, covering the period between September 1975 and August 1977.

In 1976, the UNPA itself issued a book, entitled, 25 Years of Philatelic Highlights. Written also by Herb Conway, this hard cover work is divided into several short stories about some of the more fascinating aspects of UN philately.

The last, and probably the most important source of information to all UN collectors, is a good, reliable catalog. For basic information about printings, designers, and amounts sold, Postal Issues of the United Nations is unmatched. Published soft cover by the UNPA every two years, this pamphlet contains basic information and statistics on stamps, stationery and souvenir cards.

A second catalog, which made its debut in English in late 1977, is Borek's United Nations Stamp Catalog. It covers all stamps, cards, covers and folders issued by the UNNY and Geneva (albeit not all of these topics yet have been fully researched and described.) It also has a very informative section on the League of Nations issues, which matches the annual Zumstein volumes. All illustrations are in color. It is one of the best catalogs available for the beginner, especially at its price of under \$5.00!

Last, but certainly not least, is that Grand Master of UN catalogs, the Lindner United Nations Stamp Catalog. It has been referred to as the "Bible of UN philately", which it certainly is. The latest edition, printed in English in 1976, is over 600 pages and covers almost every aspect of UN philately in as much detail as appears outside of a Journal such as UNP's. What more can be said about Lindner's other than that I like it so much that I did an exhibit about it!

I hope that this article is of use. I would enjoy hearing from anyone who knows of additional reference works in the United Nations area. Remember, a philatelist is not just a stamp accumulator, but rather a student of philately.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"...I hope the UNP exhibition at INTERPEX '78 will be very successful. 100 frames seems like quite a bit for a first show.

...What is the possibility of having life memberships payable in installments. It would save a lot in future dues.

...Also, what do you think of convincing the UN to issue the [blue] cards on the 'standing order' accounts... It seems to me that they would consider it if they could make a nice profit on each issue..."

--Norman Stewart Kozen #315

THE AUTOGRAPHS OF THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL

By Arleigh Gaines

Autographs are a popular adjunct to any stamp collection. In the UN field, there are many possibilities: stamp designers, cachet designers, UNPA chiefs, and commanding officers of military operations, just to name a few. At the heart of any such collection are the autographs of the Secretaries-General. In the United Nations' 33 years, there have been but four:

Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway) (1946-1953). A lawyer by training, Lie served in Norwegian Governments supervising the Ministries of Justice, Trade, Shipping, Industry, and Fishing, and finally, as Foreign Minister. Lie was a delegate to the San Francisco Conference on International Organization in 1945, where he chaired the Committee which drafted the Charter provisions concerning the Security Council. Lie headed the Norwegian delegation to the First General Assembly in London, before his appointment as Secretary-General.

Dag Hjalmar Hammarskjöld (Sweden) (1953-1961). A political economist by training, before becoming Secretary-General Hammarskjöld was Chairman of the Bank of Sweden, had served in the Swedish Finance and Foreign Ministries, and had been a member of the Swedish delegations to the General Assemblies in 1949, 1951, 1952 and 1953.

U Thant (Burma) (acting 1961-1962; 1962-1970). Was Burma's Director of Press, then Broadcasting, before becoming the Prime Minister's secretary and advisor. Ambassador to the UN from Burma, 1957-1961. 1933, Thant wrote a book on the League of Nations.

Kurt Waldheim (Austria) (1970-). Prior to becoming Secretary-General, Waldheim was Foreign Minister of Austria, and lost in general elections to the current Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky.

Trygve Lie was a prolific autographer- of everything, and his signature (Figure 1) can be found on letters, notes and philatelic items. His successor, Dag Hammarskjöld, was just the opposite. Hammarskjöld rarely granted requests for autographs, and almost never signed philatelic items. Accordingly, his signature (Figure 2) is rare, prized even by non-philatelic autograph collectors. U Thant also was

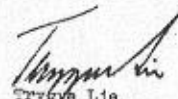
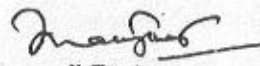

Trygve Lie
Secretary-General

Figure 1 - Lie.



Figure 2 - Hammarskjöld.

far less prolific a signer than Lie, but did on occasion comply with autograph requests, even on philatelic items such as official presentation folders. Even so, his signature (Figure 3)


U Thant
Secretary-General

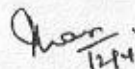

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Figure 3 - Thant. Left is formal, full signature; right is note form.

is still very scarce. The current Secretary-General, Kurt Waldheim, has followed more or less along Thant's position on autographs, which seems to be about what could be expected from a busy world figure.

Waldheim's signature (Figure 4) however has become familiar to UN philatelists because it appears on the UN souvenir cards. However, the familiar signature on the souvenir cards varies considerably from Waldheim's actual letter signature (Figure 5). The variation could be attributable to normal differences between signatures of a person on different occasions. However, the differences are so great that it is possible that the souvenir card signature deliberately was altered- perhaps for graphic purposes, or perhaps in order to ensure that Waldheim's signature did not become so commonly known as to be easily forged.


Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Figure 4 - Waldheim on Souvenir Card.


Kurt Waldheim

Figure 5 - Waldheim From Letter.

QQQQQQQQQQQQ and AAAAAAAAAA [Questions of general interest addressed to the Editor will be published and answered in this column.]

Q: What is the address of the UNPA in Geneva? A: Administration postale des Nations Unies a Geneve, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneve 10, Switzerland.

Q: How do people (especially dealers) get hold of all those so-called elusive items that the UN puts out? A: There is no one general answer. Some items are obtained through patiently developed contacts. Most other items come from local agents who attend shows or first days and service dealers' needs for a fee, buy ads in newspapers, bidding at auction or by purchase of collections and estates. Estate sales often bring to the market rare items given to top officials as presentation pieces. Also, some "elusive" items are concocted privately, and therefore of necessity can be obtained only from a single source.

Q: How can I obtain first flight covers on a regular basis?

A: Other than subscribing to a dealer's service, there is no automatic way of ensuring receipt of first flights. For UNNY, you might watch for USPS announcements of first flights in stamp newspapers such as Linn's. Usually there will be sufficient time to send in self-addressed covers with the appropriate rate UNNY postage affixed, although occasionally the notice appears too late even for that. The notice will direct you to mail these covers to the Superintendent, United Nations Post Office, Room 1-B-26, United Nations, New York 10017. This applies only to flights receiving official treatment and a green rubber stamped cachet. For other flights, you must depend on a dealer or other agent.

For UN Geneva, there are two private groups creating first flight covers, and they will send them to you on a customer deposit basis: Philatelisten Club Swissair, Postfach CH-8058, Zurich Flughafen, Switzerland, and PhilaService, P.O. Box 2945, CH-8023, Zurich, Switzerland. The cachets of these two organizations are the ones listed in the 1976 Lindner's beginning at page 554. There are no official announcements or cachets such as in New York. Cost per cover by subscription, including postage, averages around \$2.

Q: Lindner's lists official souvenir booklets for Switzerland 7o21-27. Borek does not. Who is right? A: Borek. The booklets have been serially numbered since the first one appeared. Folder no. 3 (ILO; Switzerland 3o94-99) was issued on October 22, 1956, together with collection sheet 152. 7o21-26 and 7o27 were issued on October 24, 1955, together with collection sheets 147 and 148. It would appear that the souvenir booklets did not begin until early 1956, with booklet no. 1 accompanying the issue on collection sheet 150.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS: RUTH GRISSMAN

Ruth Grissman, a Director of UNP, is a retired teacher and cost accountant who has been collecting UN stamps since 1951. She collects everything UN, and has exhibited widely, most often in the Midwest. Ruth has been active in all the CIAPEX shows (serving as General Chairperson in 1976) and in Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society and Iowa Federation Shows held in Des Moines. She was one of the founders of Midwest United Nations Collectors, and was MUNC's President for its first four years.

Ruth also has been President and Editor of the Iowa Women's Philatelic Society, Vice President and Editor of the Iowa Federation of Stamp Clubs and its Journal, and Vice President of the U.S. Cancellation Club.

Ruth was prevented by illness from attending the organizational meeting of UNP at COMPEX 77, but her husband and fellow collector Carl did attend and he is currently working with UNP on a project to translate UN related philatelic literature appearing in German. Hopefully some of this material can be reprinted in this Journal.



THE 1 1/2¢ PRECANCEL

By R. L. Ginns and
Paul J. Kravitz

[This is the third in a series of articles on this subject.]

New Discovery On the Fourth Mailing

In Volume I, Number 2 of this Journal, we described our theory that the fourth precancel mailing actually was similar in appearance to the UNESCO fifth mailing. That conclusion appears to have been wrong. New material brought to these writers' attention as a result of the first two installments of this series, leads us to the conclusion that the fourth mailing mystery has at long last been resolved definitively, albeit differently than originally theorized.

Figures 1 and 2 on the opposite page illustrate fourth mailing covers. These contained a two-page letter dated "May 1955", signed "Basil Larthe, Sales Promotion Officer, Sales and Circulation Section, Department of Public Information" (U.N.). The letterhead incorporates the United Nations tenth anniversary design (See Figure 3 below).



Figure 3 - Fourth Mailing Letterhead

Subject of the mailing was the United Nations Review, and it also included a brochure on that publication, a reply card, and permit envelope addressed to the Columbia University Press.

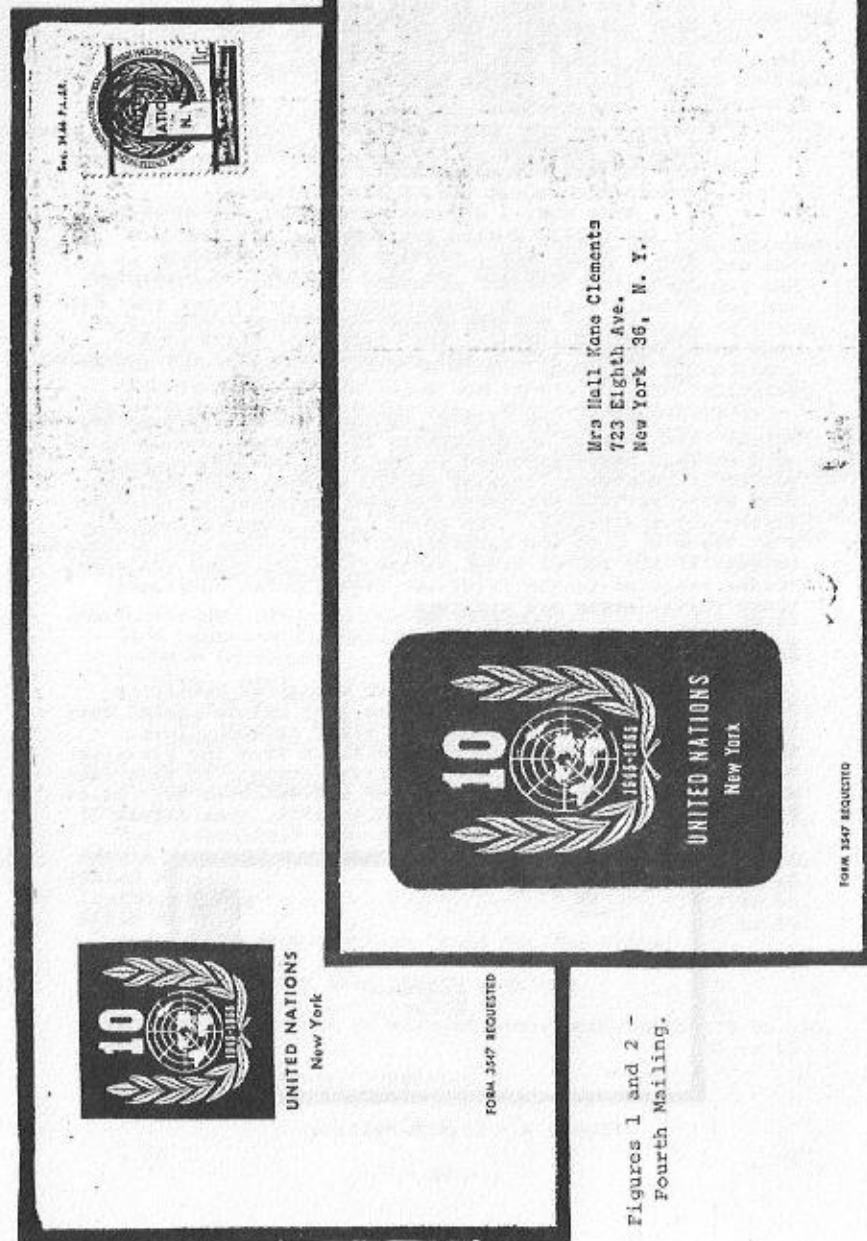
So much for the fourth mailing. But what of the cover illustrated as Figure 9 in issue no. 2, which led us to our original conclusion? That question has been answered by an article which appeared in Volume II, No. 1 of The Globe-Trotter (September 1955), the official bulletin of the United Nations Stamp Clubs, which were organized for young students by Scholastic Magazines:

Precancelled Stamps Offered To UNSCers

Like to have a choice item for your U.N. album? It's a U.N. 1 1/2 cent precancelled stamp.

Precancels are stamps which have been postmarked and cancelled before actual use. This saves time for postal workers handling bulk mail for businesses and organizations. The men can route the mail as soon as it arrives in the post office. They need not lose time cancelling the stamps.

Collecting precancels is popular among many stamp collectors. Since the U.N. has not often issued precancels, they are in constant demand. (A precancelled U.N. stamp is used only on official U.N. mailings from U.N. Headquarters in New York City.)



Figures 1 and 2 -
Fourth Mailing.

By special arrangement, every UNSC member can now obtain ONE U.N. precancel. Here's all you need to do:

1. Write your name and address on a gummed label. Give the label to your club secretary.
2. Have him mail all the labels to:
Stamps, UNESCO Publications Center, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

Within a few days you'll receive an envelope from the Center. It will bear the U.N. 1 1/2 cent precancel. You can hinge it under the 1 1/2 cent stamp of 1951 shown on page three of your U.N. album. There is space in the second row, next to the 50 cent stamp.

The envelope you receive will contain papers describing the UNESCO Courier. This is an illustrated monthly magazine of the U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. You'll also receive information about U.N. postage stamps.

This U.N. 1 1/2 cent precancel was offered to the public during the summer. The deadline was July 31. As a service for UNSC members only, the deadline has been extended to September 30.

Do NOT enclose any money when sending in the gummed labels. This precancel stamp is NOT for sale. And do NOT request more than one precancel per member."

Clearly, the "fifth" mailing was spread over several months: the initial announcements of precancel availability on a written basis appeared in May 1955, and covers were mailed in June-July (regular UNESCO mailing list and May-July writeins) and September/October (writeins in response to the above article). The cover illustrated in Figure 9 in Issue 2, with the handwritten "7/55" notation, obviously belongs to the former group. [Note: In all other respects, reader response to the first two installments indicates those installments are accurate.]

Eighth Mailing - January 1958

This final mailing, which contained publicity for the United Nations Review, came just before postal rate increases made the 1 1/2 cent minimum piece rate obsolete. The format of the envelope front differs from the previous two mailings (See Issue No. 2 of this Journal) in type face and in the much belated deletion of reference to Sec. 34.66 P.L.4R., which had been renumbered in 1954. (see Figure 4)

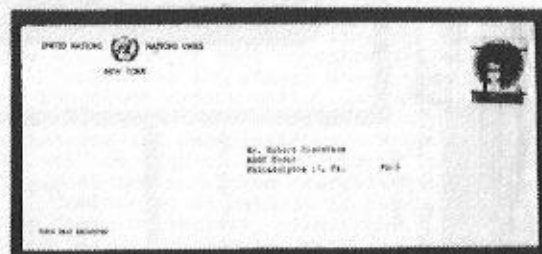


Figure 4 - Eighth Mailing

The reverse format complies with postal inspection regulations, in that the left side flap was ungummed, and there was the required legend "Pull Out For Postal Inspection". 31,600 precancels were reported used on this mailing.

In Retrospect

In all, 361,700 of the original printing of 500,000 precancels were reported used- a figure which includes those wasted and the few genuine mint copies which escaped. At 1/2¢ per cover, the maximum savings to the United Nations, not considering the cost of the precancelling, or the extra labor in sorting, was only \$1800. In short, the experiment was a dismal failure. It was an experiment with an official service stamp which the United Nations never repeated.

Minicatalog

The estimated values which follow are not intended to be definitive prices for precancel items. They are solely the authors' opinions, based on current market trends, and in many cases are approximations of relative value due to the extreme scarcity of covers and the infrequency of transactions in some mailings. Sales both above and below the values indicated have been observed, generally depending on the condition of the stamp and cover, and the individual bargaining or auction situation. The current generally rising trend in the market for U.N. specialty material also must be kept in mind. It is estimated that only about one thousand fully intact covers of all mailings survive, although this is only, by necessity, a rough estimate. Covers with their correct contents generally are worth a \$5 to \$10 premium. Covers dated by additional postal or receipt markings should add 25% to 50% premium. Values are for genuine precancels only, in sound condition.

Used, single, off paper or on cutsquare (add premium if identifiable cutsquare of scarce mailing.)	\$15 to 20.
----pair, used	45.
----triplet, used	75.
----for larger multiples, generally 50% premium over value as singles.	
Mint, single	125.
----control number, MI4	700.
First Mailing	50 to 65.
----"Librarian" address variety	65.
Second Mailing	50 to 65.
Third Mailing	50 to 65.
Fourth Mailing	50 to 65.
Fifth Mailing	50 to 60.
----UNESCO envelope with "Pull Out For Postal Inspection" legend	100.
----Use of other than UNESCO envelope	75.
Sixth Mailing	75.
Seventh Mailing, with or without meter underneath	125 to 150.
Eighth Mailing	50 to 65.

[Next: The Precancel Forgeries.]

MAYER ON METERS:

DATE VARIETIES ON UN METER STAMPS (II)

by Jack Mayer

Another important error on meters is the setting of the incorrect date. We first shall deal with the incorrect year.



Figure 15 - October 14, 1938
Cutsquare.

Figure 15 shows a year of 1938. Note that the UN did not institute the four Pitney Bowes meters now in use until October 24, 1951 (and indeed the organization itself did not exist in 1938). This specimen is a manila paper cutsquare. It is believed that the date was intended to be 1953.

Many bulk mailings pass through the mail room at the UN in New York. One such mailing was printed matter in a wrapper from "Development Forum, CESI, United Nations, New York, NY 10017". The wrappers used for this mailing were printed with the postage permit "Bulk Rate, US Postage Paid, New York, N.Y., Permit No. 8355". These were franked with a "No slogan" tape placed over the printed permit box and dated "JUN 26 '76". Any person at the time could have noticed that the date really should have been '75. Several of these wrappers are in philatelic hands, however only one copy is known with the additional POSTAGE DUE tape dated JUL 26 '75. The postage due was applied because it was forwarded printed matter originally sent at less than first class rates. (See Figure 16 on opposite page.)

Additional year errors are as follows:



Figure 17 - JUN 29'86 P.B.#2.



Figure 18 - SEP 29'86 P.B.#4.

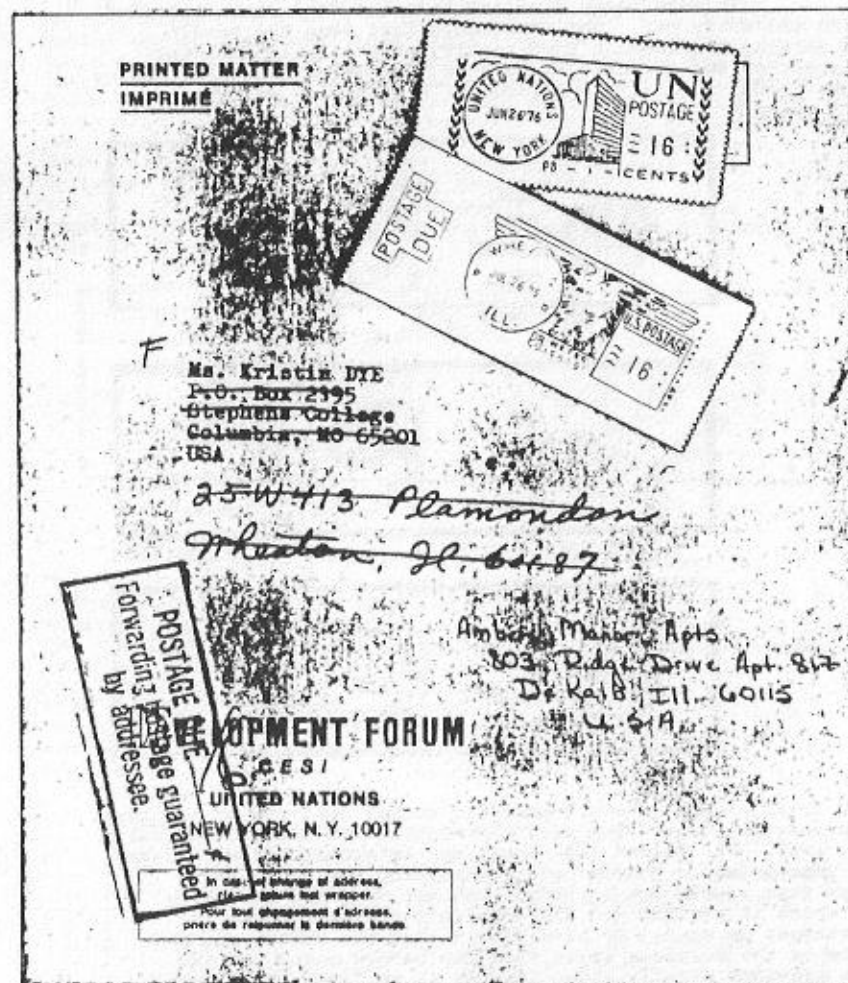


Figure 16 - Wrapper with postage due affixed.

Both Figures 17 and 18 should have read '76 instead of '86. A more recent year error occurred on July 29, 1977, when, as below, P.B.#4 was set at JUL 29'70. [The Figure 17 error is also known on June 28 and June 30. The Figure 18 and 19 errors are known only on the dates shown.]



Figure 19 - JUL 29'70, P.B.#4.



In some cases, we find that the mail was postmarked with the wrong day. Now this could have been the result of setting the machine incorrectly, or the mail not being dispatched and the date changed to that of the actual shipping time. Note the following sequence of activity on P.B.#4, all tapes:



Figure 20A - FEB 22'64.



Figure 20B - FEB 22'64 overprinted 24 FEB 1964.

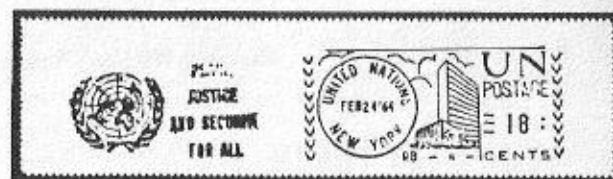


Figure 20C - FEB 24'64.

The first example shown represents normal activity on Saturday, February 22, 1964. The last tape represents Monday, February 24, 1964. The second tape shown can be either of two things - an impression on Monday before resetting the date, or a tape that was run on Saturday, but not used (or the piece to which it was affixed did not leave the mail room) and restamped on Monday by hand. Note that the rubber stamped date is the European style with day before month, unlike the previous example shown (Figure 11 in Issue No. 3) which used the American style. January 13 (Figure 21) was a Thursday and the 17th was the following Monday. Correct dates have been seen on the meter P.B.#3 for both dates so what happened here is anyone's guess!



Figure 21 - JAN 13'77 overprinted JAN 17 1977.

Figure 22 on the following page shows an envelope with the original date of NOV 6'73 on P.B.#3 crossed out with a heavy pencil and an additional tape added from P.B.#4 with the correct date of NOV 16'73. It should be noted that the dash is located in the raised position as in Figure 2 (Journal Issue No. 2). Figure 23 shows the same meter machine with a misaligned "1". Perhaps the numeral, not being properly set, slipped to the next digit, which in this case was a dash. Prior to dispatch, those incorrectly printed were corrected with the tape addition from P.B.#4.

Rarely do we see misalignment of more than one segment of the date. The following "freak" appeared, presumably, on October 5, 1973:

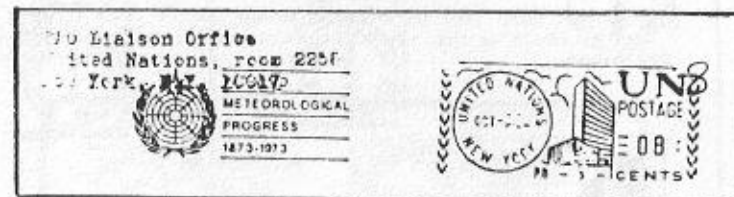


Figure 24.

When mail is dispatched from the United Nations Post Office, it goes to the Grand Central Station U.S. Post Office which carries the same Zip Code as the UNPO - 10017. Sometimes by error the metered mail is then run through the machine cancelling device at Grand Central. This generally carries the same date. In the following example, of which only a portion of the complete envelope is shown, we see that the meter cancel is on May 28, 1970, whereas the machine cancel is May 27, the day before! In this case, the machine cancel may have been deliberate to show the error of the meter date.



Figure 25 - Meter with Grand Central machine cancel overprinted.

Errors in the month seldom are seen, but they do exist. Figure 26 shows the date of APR 9'74 inked out

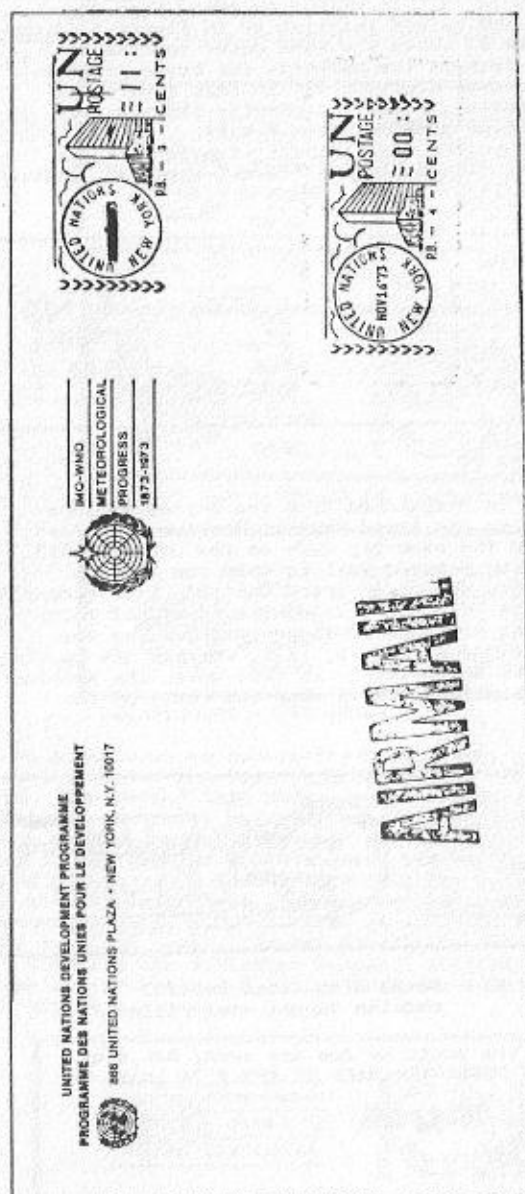


Figure 22 (above) - Envelope with date crossed out and P.B.#4 no slogan tape added.



Figure 23 (right) - NOV 16 '73.

and overprinted with the rubber-stamped date of MAY 9 1974.



Figure 26 - Meter overprinted May 9, 1974.

This is the only known month error that has been corrected. Those known without the correction are quite discernible because of differences in slogan.

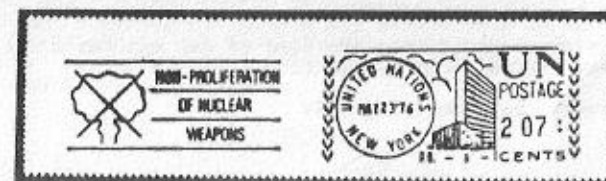


Figure 27 - MAY 23 '76.

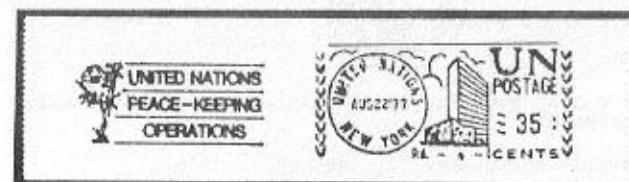


Figure 28 - AUG 22 '77.

Note that Figure 27 should have been APR 23 '76. The slogan, "Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" had its last day of use on May 1, 1976. Figure 28 should have been September 22, 1977. The slogan "United Nations Peace-Keeping Operations" had its first day of use on September 7, 1977. The undetected month of August also has been additionally reported on SEP 14 (AUG), SEP 20 (AUG) and SEP 21 (AUG). Since no other impressions on P.B.#4 have been noted on the intervening August dates, it is not known whether the machine was in use, and if used, had the correct or incorrect month.

[To be continued, with more about month and other errors, in the next Issue of the Journal. The details of the illustrations for this article have been more clearly defined by David P. Walsh. Every attempt has been made not to alter any impression deterioration or variety. Addresses on covers illustrated have been removed for publication.]

The following typographical errors appeared in "Mayer on Meters" in Vol. I, No. 1:

- page 11: 4th paragraph "Figure 2" should read "Figure 3".
- 5th paragraph "Figure 3" should read "Figure 2".
- 6th paragraph, the parenthetical should read: "I have been unable to verify this latter date".

page 16: 3rd paragraph, last parenthetical should read: (this cover shows UNITED NATIONS TREASURY backstamp).

A STUDY OF HAND CANCELLATIONS OF THE PARIS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

On two occasions before its permanent hall at Headquarters in New York was completed, the UN General Assembly met in Paris, France. The first part of the Third Session was held in Paris from September 21 through December 12, 1948. The Sixth Session was held there from November 6, 1951 through January 1952. The Lindner catalog illustrates special meters, machine and hand cancellations used at these sessions. This article concerns only the hand cancels. Although Lindner's illustrates two types of hand cancel for each Paris Assembly, in fact, four different types exist for each, as described below.

1948 Session

Type A: Uses a star rather than the time of day and has a dot between "UNIES" and "ASSEMBLEE".

Observed: September 21, 1948.



Type B: Uses a star but also has a dash between "UNIES" and "ASSEMBLEE".

Observed: September 21, October 7, 1948.



Type C: Uses the time of day and has a dash between "UNIES" and "ASSEMBLEE".

Observed: September 21, December 10, 1948.



Type D: Uses the time of day and has a dot between "UNIES" and "ASSEMBLEE".

Observed: September 21, October 15, October 25, October 29, November 19, November 22, 1948.



There appear to be some minor varieties of Type D. There appears to have been several cancelling devices which were nearly identical at the start of use, and which were damaged in different ways during use. The October 15 cancel shown below appears to be the same as the September 21 example, except that there is a dent in the circle on the former (at the lower right, c. 3:30 o'clock) and the second "E" in "ASSEMBLEE" on it has a shortened bottom cross-bar. The October 25 cancel also appears to be of the same type, except that the circle dent appears further down and the "E" has a normal bottom cross-bar. The October 29, November 19 and November 22 cancels all have a dent in the upper left of the circle (c. 11 o'clock), as illustrated below. On these, the middle of the "S" in "PARIS" has less slope than appears on other dates.

1951 Session

Type A: Uses a star rather than the time of day and has a dash under the "L" in "GALE".

Observed: November 6, 1951, January 2, 1952 and February 22, 1952.



Type B: Uses a star also but has a longer dash under the "L" in "GALE".

Observed: November 6, 1951.



Type C: Uses the time of day and has a short dash under the "L" in "GALE".

Observed: November 6, 1951.



Type D: Uses the time of day but has a long dash under the "ALE" of "GALE".

Observed: November 6, 1951.



The author would like to hear from any readers who have additional information on these cancellations. Letters should be addressed to him c/o this Journal.

UN TOPICALS AROUND THE WORLD

Through this regular feature, the editors hope to keep you informed of recent issues relating to United Nations themes, other than those issued by the United Nations or for the use of its specialized agencies. [Anyone with a serious interest in this area who is interested in writing this column on a regular basis should contact the Editors.]

I.C.A.O. - Republic of Korea: December 11, 1977; 25th Anniversary of ICAO membership; 20w.

Somalia: October 21, 1977; design with UN seal; Designer A. Medina-Medina; 45c; offset; printing 50,000.

Uruguay: 30th Anniversary of ICAO; four values: 1, 1.50, 2 and 2.90 sh.; photogravure; Stamp Printing Office, Rome.

WORLD RHEUMATISM YEAR - Chad: November 10, 1977; three values: 30, 60, 120fr.; designer and engraver - J. Combet; French Government Stamp Printing Office.

Hungary: November 1, 1977; 1 ft.; 2.187 million perf, 3000 imperf; offset; Banknote Printing Office, Budapest.

Maldives: December 1977; four values: 1 laree, 50 l, 2 rupees; 3 rupees.

UNESCO - September 8, 1977; International Literacy Day - United Arab Emirates: two values: 50 fils, 3 dirhans; offset; Thomas DeLaRue Ltd.

UNESCO - Save the Moenjhadara (Pakistan) Monuments - Saudi Arabia: October 1977; 50h; Government Press, Riyadh.

THE GENEVA REPORT:

by J. L. Emmenegger

UN/GENEVA STAMPS ARE "NUMBER ONE"!

[This is the first of a regular series of reports which will report and comment upon UN philatelic developments in Europe.]

European collectors' interest in the United Nations stamps of Swiss franc denominations has been growing over the past few years. Last month, one prominent German dealer reported that UN/GENEVA stamps were "Number 1" in popularity among European collectors. (This report was not based, however, on any poll of collectors.)

Why is it so? European collectors can point to many positive aspects of UN/Geneva: a serious, conservative stamp-issuing policy (with only 75 stamps since 1969); good illustrations relevant to the UN's activities; reliable prior information on the issues; active participation in philatelic exhibitions... One could go on and on. However, one reason is not often confessed: that the value of these items is rising due to the small quantities printed (averaging 1.8 to 2.0 million for UN/Geneva as compared to 7.5 million for West Berlin, for example). Many dealers in West Germany and Switzerland also have taken advantage of the favorable exchange rates with the US dollar and have invested considerable sums in these UN/Geneva stamps. Now they are offering their material in large advertisements.

But this good news may show another face. UN/Geneva could become, little by little, a speculative area. It is not yet to this stage, but the danger already exists. If possible, we should resist any such evolution so that our niche in philately does not become a new "San Marino".

UNP MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Already underway is a project which will generate the first UNP membership directory, hopefully to appear by late Summer or early Autumn. In addition to listing the names and addresses of UNP members, the directory will attempt to list areas of collecting interest of each member, to be provided on a form which will be enclosed with a future Journal issue.

In the meantime, we thought you might be interested in knowing a bit about your fellow members. All of the statistics hereafter describe the first 518 members, who joined on or before December 31, 1977. We are grateful to Jack Mayer for putting this in usable form.

Most UNP members are between the ages of 26 and 65, and are almost evenly divided among age groups within that range. Two UNP members are over 80 years of age, and four are under 21.

UNP members live in 40 of the 50 states, and in 10 countries other than the USA: Canada (21); Germany (4); Australia (3); Japan, Netherlands and Switzerland (2 each); and one each in the U.K., Israel, South Africa and Sweden. Of those who live in the United States, 20% live in New

York. The next largest contingents are California (with 46 members) and Illinois (with 41). New Jersey (with 37 members) follows close behind. In case you're interested in bringing our membership to every state, do you know a UN collector in Alaska, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North and South Dakota, South Carolina, Utah or Wyoming. These are the states in which we have no members as yet.

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NOTES FROM ALL OVER

[Editors Note: Through this column we hope to present interesting and useful notes about United Nations philately. Some concern recent discoveries and developments; others, old stories never before reduced to print. All members are encouraged to send contributions to the Editors.]

IMCO Permit: Pictured below is a permit currently being used by IMCO in London. It appears to be applied by a machine canceller. Anyone with further information on this permit is invited to write to the Editors.



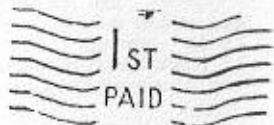
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Local UN Clubs: Speaking of joining, the local UN clubs listed inside the front cover of this Journal generally have meetings and provide a good opportunity to meet other UN collectors. If you are near one of their home cities, why not drop in for a meeting? If you are not, why not form another local club in your own area?

Exhibition/Imprint Study Unit: In Issue No. 3, we reported that Francis Adams had been appointed the interim Chairman of the Exhibition Items Study Unit of UNP. Unfortunately, Mr. Adams now is in the midst of moving from Germany to Singapore, so the task of organizing this study unit has been assumed by Joel R. Siegfried, 4032 Valeta Street 322, San Diego, California 92110. Anyone interested should write to him about the Study Unit.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31, 1977, UNP had an overall surplus of \$1848.16. Assets were: cash on hand, \$2053.92; prepaid postage, \$333.74; and accounts receivable (for Journal advertising) \$35.00. Liabilities outstanding as of that date were \$574.50, which represents Journal advertising which has been paid in advance.

To date, UNP's sources of income have been membership dues, interest on savings accounts in which unused funds are retained, and Journal advertising. Principal expenses have been mailings to the membership, printing and mailing of the Journal, membership cards, and UNP awards (plates and medals). The latter two expenses were for sufficient quantities that they should not be recurring annually.

A detailed report is available from the UNP treasurer for a SSAE, Size 10.

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27 - 28	7.80	8.10	8.60
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