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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the new philatelic season has begun in earnest, maybe it is time to think about a contribution that all of you can make. Think about it: you get to define exactly what that contribution can be. What can you offer? Perhaps an article for the ***Journal***. Maybe a monograph you thought about starting but allowed to remain dormant. Perhaps volunteering your expertise to our group. The options go on and on. The point is to get involved.

The first time I wrote an article for the ***Journal***, I was apprehensive and unsure. I thought that no one would be interested in my knowledge on the subject. I thought that the topic might have already been covered before and that it would be a waste of time.

But guess what? What I found out was that all information has value when carefully organized and written from the philatelic heart. I have never submitted an article to the ***Journal*** that remained unpublished.

Believe me, the current editor of this journal would love to have too many articles on subjects of interest to UN collectors. Freshness and vitality are the twin sisters of editorial content. So go ahead and try it.

Take ONE HOUR or less some weekend afternoon or evening, relax and share your own expertise on your favorite topic within the realm of UN philately.

The editor will certainly rejoice and we shall benefit from your contribution to present and future U.N. journalism and documentation.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A Look Back at 1997 and a Look Towards a Promising 1998

This issue introduces a new feature that I hope will be useful to members, now and in the future. It is my intention to include in the December issue of each year a subject Index of the concluding year. You will find this at the end of the issue after the auction.

I am anxious to receive your comments about this new feature. It is my hope to establish this feature as a yearly tradition in hopes of fostering research efforts by members. I would also like to issue as a Monograph a comprehensive Index covering the first twenty volumes through 1996. But before this project gets off the ground (hopefully during the summer of 1998) I would like to get some "input" from you members on what you would like to see in the Index and what format might prove useful.

On the next page you will find the tentative philatelic program of the UNPA for 1998. I hope that among the subjects being honored philatelically you may be inspired to write an article for the ***Journal***. 1998 will see the fiftieth birthday for many UN agencies and programs.

The WHO constitution officially came into effect on April 7, 1948, which now is observed annually as World Health Day. On December 10, 1948 the Declaration of Human Rights was signed in Paris. The ITU moved to Geneva in 1948 into the Palais Wilson from Bern and joined many of its sister organizations. The year will mark 50 years of UN Peacekeeping activities. Surely such memorable events ought to inspire an article or two.

SHOW AWARDS

UNP-member Kenneth W. Blevins received a bronze award at **DELPEX 97** for his exhibit "50th Anniversary of U.N. FDCs". This year **DELPEX** was held April 5th and 6th in Wilmington, Delaware.

In the open competition at **Stampshow 97** held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 21st-24th, William C. Norby won a vermeil award for his exhibit "International Postal Development and the Universal Postal Union, 1840-1929". This show is sponsored annually by the American Philatelic Society.

1998 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(Subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

February 13

Flag Series
8 × 32¢ stamps.
(2 Sheets of 16 with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4.)

Definitives
1¢, 2¢, 21¢, F.s. 2.00, S 6.50, S 9 stamps.
(Sheets of 20 stamps.)

Postal Stationery
21¢, 50¢, F.s. 70, F.s. 1,10, S 6.50 postal cards, S 13 pre-stamped envelope.

March 13

Endangered Species
32¢, F.s. 0.80, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 16 with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4.)
Set of 3 maximum cards.
1998 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder.

April 22

Rainforests
32¢, F.s. 0.70, S 6.50 stamps.
(Sheets of 20 stamps.)
$2, F.s. 3.00, S 22 souvenir sheets.
Set of 3 maximum cards.

May 20

International Year of the Ocean
33¢, F.s. 0.45, S 3.50stamps.
(Sheets of 12 stamps.)

October 14

50 Years of Peacekeeping
33¢, 40¢, F.s. 0.70, F.s. 0.90, S 4, S 7.50 stamps.
(Sheets of 20 stamps.)
Souvenir card

October 23 **50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
33¢, 50¢, F.s. 0.90, F.s. 1.80, S 4.50, S 7 stamps
(Sheets of 20 stamps.)
Souvenir card.

December 4

Schönbrun Castle
33¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.70, F.s. 1.10, S 3.50, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 20 stamps)
3 Prestige Booklets.
1998 Annual Collection Folder.
1998 Flag Series Folder

NEW SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 5 **International Year of the Ocean.**
June 2 **50th Anniversary of the United Nations Women's Guild.**
August 3 **50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

From a UNPA Press Release

On November 19, 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme **The Terracotta Warriors** in commemoration of the 25th Jubilee of the World Heritage Convention.

This is the third set of United Nations stamps illustrating World Heritage sites. The first set (UNNY 421-2, G124-5, A42-3) was issued in 1984. The most recent set (Scott UNNY # 601-2, G211-2, A125-6) appeared in 1992. The new issue, however, is the first in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site such as the Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum and its terracotta armored warriors and horses, the theme of this issue, or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location. Tentative plans call for one such stamp and prestige booklet issue each year.

The subjects of this year's Heritage series were discovered in the early spring of 1974 when a number of peasants at the northern foot of Mount Lishan, 50 miles from Xian, China, accidentally discovered some ancient bronze weapons and pieces of broken terracotta armored warriors while sinking a well. The accidental discovery proved to be one of the most significant modern archeological finds, which added greater understanding to China's history.

After years of drilling, excavation and research, the site was determined to be an attendant burial pit of the huge army of terracotta armored warriors and horses in the mausoleum of China's first feudal emperor, Qin Shi Huang. By 1976, a total of three pits had been found, encompassing a total area of more than five acres in which were buried nearly 8,000 terracotta warriors and horses and more than 100 chariots.

The Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage was adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1972 and to date has been signed by more than 146 countries. The international treaty seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world which is considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

Cultural and natural heritage are among the most priceless and irreplaceable possessions of each nation and of mankind as a whole. The loss of any of these prized possessions would constitute an impoverishment of the heritage of all the peoples in the world. Parts of this heritage, because of their exceptional qualities, have been considered worthy of special protection against the dangers which increasingly threaten them.

By cultural heritage one means monuments, groups of buildings and sites with historical, aesthetic, archeological, scientific, ethnological or anthropological value. Natural heritage refers to outstanding physical, biological and geological formations, habitats of threatened species of animals and plants and areas with scientific, conservation or aesthetic value.

The Convention's focus on both cultural and natural heritage makes it unique. This is expressed in the World Heritage emblem, which appears in inscriptions found in the selvage of this year's Heritage Series. It is round like the world, but at the same time it is a symbol of protection. The central square is a form created by man and the circle represents nature, the two being intimately linked.

A FEW DAYS WITH UNIKOM

By Tabaka Benoît

During my holidays, I decided to visit Kuwait and to experience for myself a United Nations Peacekeeping Operation. For ten days I lived in the French United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) villa in Sulaibikhat (Figure 1). I became acquainted with hot weather, desert, sandstorms and UN blue helmets (Figure 2).

Figure 1: The UNIKOM French Villa in Sulaibikhat (north of Kuwait City).

Sixteen weeks of anxiety, argument and fierce battle held the world breathlessly glued to their television screens from November 1990 to February 1991. In New York on March 2, 1991, the Security Council put together Resolution 606, which set down steps towards consolidating the provisional cease-fire. All twelve UN resolutions were to be unconditionally accepted by Iraq. Hostile and provocative action would cease immediately. Prisoners were to be exchanged and released. The following month Resolution 687 was issued outlining in detail in thirty-four sections in stringent terms the conditions under which sanctions would be lifted and the military presence by the allies ended. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kuwait would be guaranteed through respect for frontiers and provided for a demilitarized zone under the scrutiny of UN observers. By mid-April 1991, 1,440 members of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) were in position to insure that cease-fire conditions were being honored.

UNIKOM's operative mandate in accordance with paragraph 5 of Security Council Resolution 687 is to monitor the Khor Abdallah and a demilitarized zone (DMZ) extending ten kilometers (km) into Iraq and 5 km into Kuwait on either side of the boundary referred to in the Agreed Minutes be-

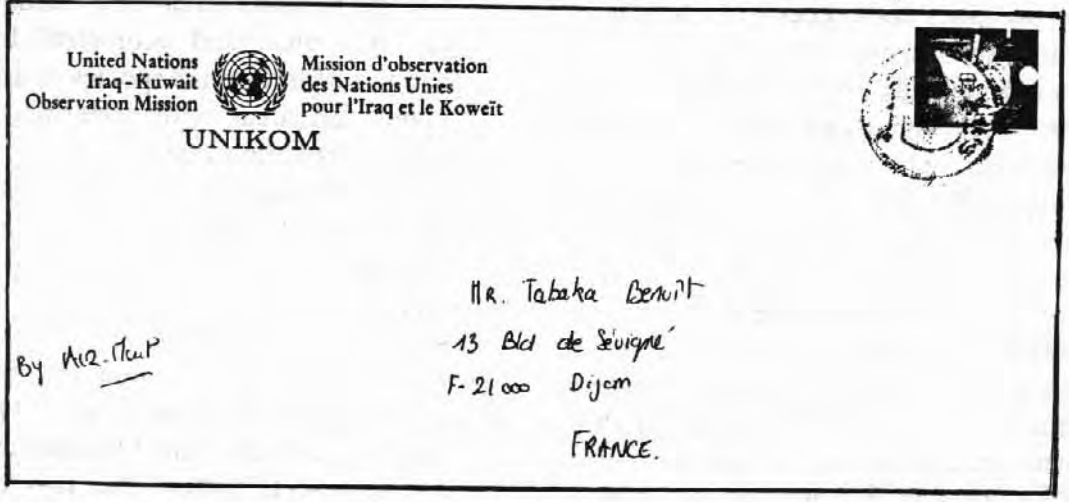

Figure 2: Service Cover from UNIKOM bearing Kuwaiti franking.

tween the State of Kuwait and the Republic of Iraq regarding the Restoration of Friendly Relations, Recognition and Related Matters on October 4, 1963. Moreover, its mandate is to deter boundary violations via its presence in and surveillance of the DMZ and to observe any hostile or potentially hostile action mounted from the territory of one state against the other. In accordance with this mandate, UNIKOM's responsibility is to monitor the withdrawal of any armed forces now in the zone to be demilitarized, to operate observation posts (Figure 3) on the main roads in order to monitor traffic into and out of the DMZ; to operate observation posts at selected locations in the DMZ; to conduct patrols throughout the DMZ by land and by air; to monitor the Khor Abdallah from observation posts set up on its shores and from the air and to carry out investigations.

Figure 3: Watch tower at the Patrol and Observation Base (POB) No. 8.

The demilitarized zone is about 200 km long; the Khor Abdallah, about 40 km. For the most part, the zone is barren and almost uninhabited, except for the oilfields and two towns, Umm Qasr and Safwan. There is a small airfield at Safwan and a port and airfield at Umm Qasr, which became Iraq's only outlet to the sea after the Shatt al-Arab was blockaded.

UNIKOM consists of 300 military observers from thirty-three members states and is led by a Force Commander with the rank of Major-General assigned for two years. The mission headquarters is at Umm Qasr, with liaison offices in Kuwait City and Bagdad. Operationally, the DMZ is divided into two sectors: northern and southern, each with suitably composed teams of international military observers. These observers are supported by different special units: a helicopter unit from Bangladesh, a medical unit from Germany, a logistic unit from Austria, a unit of engineers from Argentina and an infantry battalion from Bangladesh, the only armed contingent in the UNIKOM family and which is in charge of the security of the installations and organizing check-points at the boundary.

Each Patrol and Observation Base (POB) normally consists of eight military observers from eight different countries. But usually, there are only five military observers in the POB while the remaining three are on leave (CTO: Compensatory Time Off) in Kuwait City or on stand by (shopping day). Life in a POB is not very exciting as there is little to do but to patrol the desert or monitor the radio.

There are two or three patrols lasting three hours every day. Radio monitoring occurs between 7AM to 4PM and from 4PM to 7AM. The patrol and observation base consists of four bungalows, a watchtower located in a 40 m by 40 m square surrounded by barbed wire. It is an island in a sea of sand under a deep blue sky. Most contingents have an apartment in or around Kuwait City. Only the French and American contingents have their own house.

The Military Observer (MILOB) is the basic element of UNIKOM, which mans the POBs and the headquarters. There are thirty-three nationalities with one officer and one common language: UN-glish.

UNIKOM Military Police

Over the years United Nations military peacekeeping missions invariably had military police elements integrated into their operations. Policing in UNIKOM is on a smaller scale because of its status as an Observer Mission. It has significantly fewer participants composed on commissioned MILOBs, complemented by Logistics, Engineering, Medical and Air Support units. Recently it has been upgraded to Force Category with the arrival of a Bangladesh Battalion. Accordingly, it has required a smaller military police presence. This has taken the form of a Section of ten MILOBs, selected by the Chief Military Personnel Officer (CMPO) from the general corps of MILOBs as the situation demands and is very dependent on the needs for rotation, general compatibility subject to national-balance considerations.

Duties include:

- Investigative duties throughout the Mission Area;
- Regulatory enforcement patrols throughout the Mission Area;
- Speed checks on coastal, Abdally, Salmi/Atraf, Moon roads and in the DMZ and in Kuwait City;
- Searches for contraband;
- Bank escorts in Camp Khor and in Kuwait City;
- Special tasks from the Force Commander;
- Random documentation checks of UNIKOM personnel.

The Section operates from its duty base in UNIKOM Headquarters (HQ) in Umm Qasr, with six MPs located there manning both the HQ and Camp Khor as well as patrolling the Coastal Road, the North Sector, Abdally Highway and the South Sector. Four MPs are engaged in operations in Kuwait City and the Salmi/Atraf/Circle Roads. Emphasis throughout is on maintaining a high visible presence to deter and prevent violations. This is considered more cost-effective in the long term than merely reacting to infringements. Liaison is also conducted with the Investigative Branch of the Kuwait City Police and Technical Inspectors of the Traffic Department. The support of the Liaison Office in Kuwait City (LOK) is especially helpful in this area. Liaison is also conducted with the Department of Criminal Investigations and Forensic Medicine in Kuwait is also under the auspices of LOK. Equipment employed involves Decatur Electronic Speed guns, cameras, night vision equipment, alcohol breathalyzer kits and binoculars. Movement normally is via six patrol vehicles equipped with auxiliary lights and sirens or via helicopter, as required.

The most time-consuming and unpredictable MP duties relate to the investigation of traffic accidents. UNIKOM accident statistics for the past three years reveal 83 accidents in 1994, 76 in 1995 and 68 last year. During the first two months of this year there have been 17 mishaps.

Speedy notification, clear identification of location and preservation of the accident scene are critical requirements in the investigative process. Producing valid, rational conclusions via investigative techniques are essential for any further action considered necessary to protect the interests of the United Nations and UNIKOM staff.

It is obvious that the technical status of Kuwait roads, including those in Kuwait City, are among the best in the world. There is nothing surprising about this, as the road network of the relatively young state was built with expansion in mind, both in terms of infrastructure and the number of fast, powerful cars using the roads. These two facts - the existence of multilane highways and a proliferation of cars with powerful engines on the roads - have resulted in a speed culture of 100 to 180 km/h in the coun-

tryside and inside Kuwait City. One of the factors decreasing traffic safety is the large number of young and inexperienced drivers and expatriates with little driving experience in Kuwait. The use of mobile phones by drivers is now having a significant negative impact on road safety. Most traffic accidents are caused by speeding. For this reason, UNIKOM drivers must drive defensively and take nothing for granted. Some local drivers will perform the most reckless and outlandish maneuvering on the road. These include stopping and reversing direction against traffic, high-speed tailgating, crossing diagonally from outer to inner lanes without signaling. High-speed passing in the outer lanes is another disconcerting habit. One must expect lack of courtesy and be aware that lane discipline is "honored more in the breach than in the observance". One must anticipate the most bizarre behavior by some drivers, both in the City and on the roads to the DMZ. There is a need to be particularly alert at traffic light intersections.

For a considerable time now, an ad-hoc approach to the staffing of the MP Section has been deemed to be less than satisfactory. Thus the Force Commander has decided, with the approval of the UNNY, to staff the MP Section with experienced professional MP officers with investigative skills from contributing countries and to increase the strength from ten to twelve MPs. The CMPO has completed planning for the rotation program of MPs for the next three years to carry out this decision. The transition period began in March 1997 and will continue until October 1997. The new rotation will involve specifically trained professional military police officers from the five Permanent Members of the UN Security Council, supplemented by nominations from contributing countries, which have responded to a request from UNIKOM for professional MPs.

GERMED: To serve and protect UNIKOM

The medical unit from Germany consists of civilians, who are considered to be troops in support of UNIKOM. Therefore, they can face some minor problems. The medical team is led by the Force Medical Officer. The Senior Medical Officer and three additional medical officers complete the board of doctors, all educated in advanced rescue medicine. The Senior Paramedic has to protect GERMED from the mountains of paperwork with the Mission. The six other paramedics support the sectors and deal with medical evacuations (MEDEVACs). It is well known that the backbone of GERMED are the nurses. They handle the admission of patients and support the doctors with their work. The daily admission hours are from 8 AM to noon and after lunch from 1 PM to 4PM.

Processing daily admissions for all UNIKOM personnel and well as for Kuwaitis and Iraqis for humanitarian reasons is only part of its duties. Twenty-four hours a day GERMED provides two MEDEVAC teams, each comprising one doctor and one paramedic. These teams are easy to recognize. Their members can be found in the officers' club, drinking soft drinks with sadness in their faces the whole evening. Ready to move out at ten minutes notice, both teams are equipped with highly sophisticated medical equipment. ECG, Oxylogs, resuscitation units as well as surgical kits, allow each team to tackle almost every possible emergency case in the DMZ and on the roads to Kuwait City. With the assistance of BANAIR, the medical support group, they can reach the most distant POB within one hour. Fortunately they had not had to treat many UNIKOM casualties. It is sad enough just having to treat Iraqi mine victims. To support the sectors, GERMED mans South HQ and POB No. 7 with a paramedic at all times. These paramedics are well trained

and carry the same equipment as the two MEDEVAC teams. In addition they carry a supply of drugs to fight everyday ailments of their comrades in the sectors. They also look after an increasing number of POB pets. Assisting at UNIKOM sport events and taking care of out-patients at Kuwaiti hospitals are other tasks of the paramedics. As GERMED also supports the ARGENG EOD (Engineering Group from Argentina handling mine removal) teams in their dangerous work, the everyday life of the paramedics at UNIKOM HQ begins quite early. However with a couple of cups of Argentinian mate tea under their belts, they manage to cope. The scheduled hygiene inspections are good opportunities for the MILOBs to see a GERMED doctor in their POB. Of course the AUSLOG (Austrian Logistics Group) Pub is their favorite haunt for inspections but they are glad to visit everybody in the DMZ in order to have a better understanding of the problems of the military observers. GERMED is always ready to serve and support UNIKOM.

BANAIR: The Wings of UNIKOM

Air support operations form an essential part of many United Nations peacekeeping missions. Without wings UNIKOM would likely fall short of its mandate. The terrain in the DMZ dictates the regular use of the air. UNIKOM envisioned a military component to its Air Operation and thus the civilian contractor was replaced by the Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Contingent on October 12, 1995. The BAF contingent was deployed to UNIKOM under a Letter of Assistance (LOA) between the UN and the BAF. The detachment has been dubbed BANAIR and is the first BAF contingent to participate in a UN peacekeeping mission. BANAIR arrived in Kuwait in two groups. The advance party arrived on September 22, 1995 with one helicopter and seventeen support personnel. It spent two weeks familiarizing itself with the area and training the air crew before taking over duties from Abu Dhabi Aviation on September 12, 1995. The second group arrived at Camp Khor with the second helicopter on October 14, 1995. That completed the full BANAIR Contingent with two Bell-212 helicopters (Figure 4) and twenty-nine personnel.

Figure 4: A Bell-212 helicopter in the South Sector.

The main role of BANAIR in UNIKOM is to provide operational air support which includes planned flights (air patrols, area familiarization flights, movement of personnel, stores and equipment) and unplanned flights (medical evacuation, urgent unplanned operation or logistical tasks). The flying tasks require a total of 180 hours flight time per month. All air tasks are controlled by UNIKOM Operations. The planned flights are tasked twenty-four hours in advance. For unplanned emergency missions, one helicopter is always on 10-minute alert at Camp Khor. BANAIR provides operational air support to maintain one helicopter on standby at all times for MEDEVAC or for movement of armed troops in response to any incident. This aircraft is generally used for Northern Sector air work. BANAIR provides a second helicopter for a daily air exercise in Southern Sector and remains on standby to provide air support for other contingencies on order from UNIKOM HQ.

During a MEDEVAC alert, the helicopter is deployed to the Umm Qasr helipad, the GERMED Team is embarked and the UNIKOM Operations briefing is taken in flight. A second helicopter is immediately prepared for any additional medical support. In case of any other emergency, the helicopters are immediately manned and await instructions from UNIKOM OP.

To carry out these tasks BANAIR is organized in a two-tier system of Operation and Maintenance. It provides six pilots including the Commanding Officer (CO) and Second in Command (2IC), one engineers, three flight engineers, fifteen aircraft technicians, two office staff and two aircraft cleaners. As per the LOA, BANAIR needs to provide the minimum of one helicopter at any time. BANAIR has provided both helicopters more than 90% of the time. This has been achieved through the dedication of the BANAIR maintenance crew. All scheduled maintenance and repairs are done through the night, keeping one helicopter ready for any emergency mission. From initial deployment on September 24, 1995 till today, all task have been achieved satisfactorily and on time. In all MEDEVAC missions a two-minute reaction time could be achieved due to the agility of the BANAIR crew.

BANBAT in UNIKOM

After the events of January 1993, UNIKOM's expansion by three infantry battalions was authorized by Resolution 806. The Security Council decided to reenforce UNIKOM with an Infantry Battalion. BANBAT is the only armed contingent in the UNIKOM family and took over the responsibilities of the DMZ on January 14, 1996 from BANBAT-2. The advance party consisting of 175 men arrived on December 15, 1995. Just after their arrival, they began orientation training under BANBAT-2. During the process a second group arrived and joined the training. Within a very short span of time they were familiar with the area of operation, their mission, the terrain, weather and, of course, with Kuwait. Then they assigned their officers and men to various duty posts, crossing points (Figure 5) and patrols.

Figure 5: UNIKOM Check-point at Umm Qasr.

The mandate authorizes UNIKOM to use armed force in order to prevent violations by either side. Such action would prevent or redress small-scale violations of the **DMZ**, violations of the boundary between Iraq and Kuwait by civilians or police or problems arising from the presence of Iraqi installations, citizens or assets in the DMZ on the Kuwaiti side of the newly demarcated boundary. Such actions would be performed by the deployed infantry battalion.

AUSLOG

The DMZ is barren and sparsely populated. The climate is harsh and the infrastructure in the area has suffered greatly. The military observers need a greater degree of logistic support here than in the more settled areas and have less severe climate. Thus UNIKOM also has a logistic unit responsible for medical care, supply and transport. The transport section of AUSLOG

knows all the roads in the DMZ both in Iraq and Kuwait. The section operates a Toyota 4-Runner, a Nissan pick up truck, a Mitsubishi bus, refrigerator trucks, fuel tankers, a Mercedes low-bed truck and a Mack low-bed truck. The main task of the section is the delivery of diesel, gasoline, helicopter fuel, water and anything else needed in the desert. They recover stranded and broken-down vehicles from the desert. Each month, the AUSLOG transport delivers 250,000 liters (65,000 gallons) of diesel, 75,000 liters of gasoline, 350,000 liters of helicopter fuel and 185,000 liters of water. They drive 35,000 km a month. The second section is the autoshop, which is well equipped with a crane, pit and sufficient tools to enable them to fix most any mechanical breakdown. The main task of the autoshop is to maintain not only AUSLOG's vehicles, but also the 185 heavy vehicles of UNIKOM.

ARGENG

Mines and unexploded ordinance are a serious hazard in the area. A considerable effort was required to clear areas required for UNIKOM observation posts and other installations and to build roads to enable UNIKOM to patrol the length and breadth of the DMZ. Thus a field engineer was needed as the necessary clearance of mines and unexploded ordinance had not been completed by the time UNIKOM was deployed.

UNIKOM and Philately

Each contingent has two possibilities for mailing letters home: by the Kuwaiti post office or by the UN post office in New York. To send mail by UNNY, MILOBs must send their letters to the Post Office in Umm Qasr, where one can buy UN stamps. Then their letters will be sent to New York. But it is the longer way. More often than not MILOBs use the Kuwaiti Post Office.

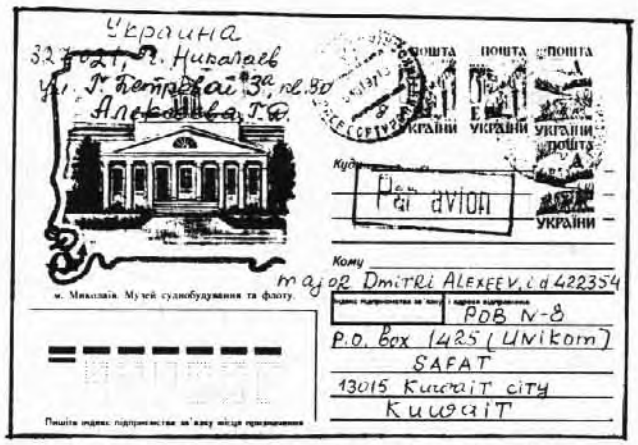

Figure 6: Letter from Ukraine to Major Dimitri Alexeev, a MILOB.

The French contingent has a special procedure. They send their letters to France via the French Embassy. Returning mail arrives from Paris. Of course, some letters are cancelled in other French cities because a MILOB, when he returns to France, can carry letters on a stand-by basis and mail these letters from his final destination in France.

In Conclusion

You can see on various monuments the inscription. "We will never forget." The Kuwaitis will never forget the war nor their prisoners of war (Figure 7).

Figure 7: One of the Kuwaiti Monuments.

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HELLO AGAIN AND GOODBYE

By Duane E. Lamers

The first day of July 1997 brought with it new postal rates for Austria. The result is that eight pieces of stationery are no longer valid for use as issued and two of them have been demonetized.

First, we say goodbye forever to the aerogramme. This species of stationery is no longer being accepted for mailing by the Austrian Post Office. The most recent air-letter sheet A/UC5 was valued at 12 schillings and was released September 4, 1992 to replace the surcharged A/UC4 which went into service January 2nd of that year. The surcharged sheet was withdrawn from sale when A/UC5 went on sale, but both were valid for use as issued until July. Collectors will remember that Switzerland also abolished the aerogramme, making G/UC1 valid for just under two years. We said our goodbyes to that item back in June 1971.

The first of the two stamped envelopes issued by Vienna was also withdrawn at the end of June. The minimum charge for mailing letters in Austria is no longer A.s. 6. The other envelope A/U2, at A.s. 7, is now useful for letters of 20 grams or less destined for domestic or European delivery.

The biggest change came in the inventory of postal cards that can be used from UN-Vienna. No longer useful as issued are the old surcharged A..s. 5 card and its replacement, the A.s. 6 card A/UX7 issued for European use in 1993. Of course, the surcharged card A/UX4 had been withdrawn when A/UX7 was issued, but both were valid for use until the end of June this year. Gone too is A/UX8. That also was a surcharged card that allowed the old A.s. 5 card to remain valid for domestic use.

Current rates call for a tariff of A.s. 6,50 for postal rates to domestic addresses or to domestic addresses or to Europe on a non-priority basis. Priority mail to Europe, both letters (20 grams or less) and postal cards, now requires A.s. 7. To service both domestic and European needs, stocks of A/UX7, the old A.s. 6 card and A/UX5, the A.s. 6 card issued in 1992, have been surcharged. A 50-groschen imprint (the current definitive) has been added to A/UX5 to give it new life on the domestic scene. An imprint of the current 1-schilling definitive has been added to remaining stocks of A/UX7 to put it to use within Europe.

By now we all know what happens in the marketplace to surcharged stationery, or at least to most of it. It is much more gratifying to purchase these items at postal counter prices than at market rates. Collectors, ***carpe diem***! Search for something truly distinctive for your album: postally used pieces. They are not easy to find, but they make a rare addition to any collection. Perhaps some of our European members of UNPI would be willing to help collectors obtain such pieces..

CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES

By B. Clement, Jr.

An undocumented postmark for an international exhibition of forestry and related industries, held in conjunction with the 7th World Forestry Congress, which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina October 4-18, 1972. The date is October 19th. The figure below displays this cancel.

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL CONVENTIONS

By B. Clement, Jr.

There are a number of world-wide environmental conventions which have been negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) each of which has an International Bureau and has Conferences of the Parties (COP) every few years. Most of these conventions are relatively unknown, although some have been honored by UN stamps. I have been researching these conventions through the Internet in hopes of finding previously undocumented postal history of the international Bureaus and of the Conferences. The following describes what I have been able to find so far. Known postmarks, meters and origin cachets are illustrated.

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

UNEP/Secretariat of the Basel Convention
15 Chemin des Anemones
CH 1219 Châtelaine (Geneva), Switzerland
Website:www.unep.ch/sbc.html

The Basel Convention was adopted in March 1989 and entered into force in May 1992. It establishes legally binding rules of law to control the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, their disposal and environmentally sound management at both the national and international levels. Eighty-eight countries plus the European Community are Parties to the Convention (Figures 1 and 2).

First COP Meeting:
Pinapolis, Uruguay, December 1992.
Second COP Meeting:
Geneva, Switzerland, March 1994.
Third COP Meeting:
Geneva, September 18-22, 1995.
Fourth COP Meeting
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Oct. 6-10, 1997.

UNEP / ISBC
Case postale 59
CH-1292 Chambesy (GE)

Figure 1: Origin Cachet for Basel Convention Secretariat (1992). "I" in ISBC may mean "interim" as first COP had not yet met.

UNEP / SBC
Case postale 356
CH-1219 Châtelaine (GE)

Figure 2: Later Origin Cachet for Basel Convention Secretariat (1993) at current location.

Convention on International Trade un Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

CITES Secretariat
Case postale 456
CH 1219 Châtelaine (Geneva), Switzerland
Websites: www.unep.ch/cites.html and
www.wcmc.org.uk/CITES

CITES was signed in Washington, D.C. on March 3, 1973 and amended in Bonn, Germany on June 22, 1979. With 134 member countries, CITES is the world's most widely accepted conservation agreement (Figure 3).

First COP Meeting:
Bern, Switzerland, November 2-6, 1976.
Second COP Meeting:
San José, Costa Rica, March 19-30, 1979.
Third COP Meeting:
New Delhi, India, Feb. 25-March 8, 1981.
Fourth COP Meeting:
Gaborone, Botswana, April 19-30, 1983.
Fifth COP Meeting:

Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 22-May 3, 1985.
Sixth COP Meeting:
Ottawa, Canada, July 12-24, 1987.
Seventh COP Meeting:
Lausanne, Switzerland, Oct. 9-20, 1989.
Eighth COP Meeting:
Kyoto, Japan, March 2-13, 1992.
Ninth COP Meeting:
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Nov. 7-18, 1994.
Tenth COP Meeting:
Harare, Zimbabwe, June 9-20, 1997.

Figure 3: Corner Card for CITES Secretariat in Lausanne (1985). Secretariat later moved to its present location.

Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat
Convention on Biological Diversity
World Trade Centre
393 St. Jacques Street
Office 300
Montréal, Québec, Canada H2Y 1N9
Websites: www.biodiv.org and
www.wcmc.org.uk/convent/projects/cbd.htm

The Convention was opened for signature on June 5, 1992 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio Earth Summit). It remained open for signature until June 4, 1993, by which time it had received 168 signatures. The Convention entered into force on December 29, 1993 (Figures 4 and 5).

First COP Meeting:
Nassau, Bahamas, Nov. 28-Dec. 9, 1994.
Second COP Meeting:
Jakarta, Indonesia, November 4-7, 1995.
Third COP Meeting:
Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 3-14, 1996.
Fourth COP Meeting:
Bratislava, Slovakia, May 4-15, 1998.

CBD / UNEP

Figure 4: Origin Cachet for Biological Diversity Convention Secretariat.

CBD / UNEP
Case postale 356
CH-1219 Châtelaine (GENEVE)

Figure 5: Different Origin Cachet for Biological Diversity Convention Secretariat.

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

UNEP/CMS Secretariat
UN Premises - Bonn
Martin-Luther-King-Str. 8
D-53175 Bonn, Germany
Website: www.wcmc.org.uk/cms

The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (also known as the Bonn Convention or CMS) aims to conserve terrestrial, marine and avian migratory species throughout their range. Since the Convention's entry into force on November 1, 1983, its membership has grown steadily to include fifty-one parties from Africa, Central and South America, Asia, Europe and Oceania (Figure 6).

First COP Meeting:
Bonn, Germany, 1985.
Second COP Meeting:
Geneva, Switzerland, 1988.
Third COP Meeting:
Geneva, Switzerland, 1991.
Fourth COP Meeting:
Nairobi, Kenya, June 1994.
Fifth COP Meeting:
Geneva, Switzerland, April 10-16, 1997.

Figure 6: Origin Cachet for Bonn Convention Secretariat.

Convention to Combat Desertification

Interim Secretariat CCD
Geneva Executive Center
11/13 Chemin des Anemones
CH 1219 Châtelaine (Geneva), Switzerland
Website: www.unccd.ch

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) was adopted in June 1994. During the time it was open for signature, from October 1994 to October 1995, it received 115 signatures.

First COP Session:
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, September 29-October 10, 1997.

Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) (Figures 7, 8 and 9)

UN Climate Change Secretariat
Haus Carstanjen
Martin-Luther-King-Str. 8
D-53175 Bonn, Germany
Websites: www.unfccc.de and
www.unep.ch/iucc.html

First COP Meeting (Figures 10 and 11):
Berlin, Germany, March 28-April 7, 1995.
Second COP Meeting:
Geneva, Switzerland, July 8-10, 1996.
Third COP Meeting:
Kyoto, Japan, December 1-10, 1997.

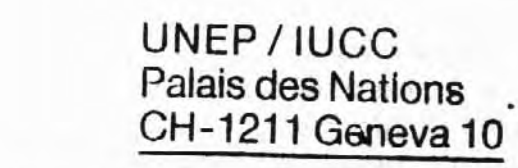

Figure 7: Origin Cachet for Information Unit on Climate Change.

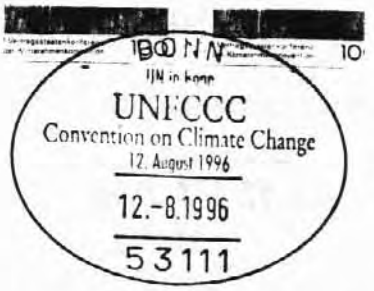

Figure 8: Bonn special cancellation honoring the location of the Secretariat for the Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn in 1996.

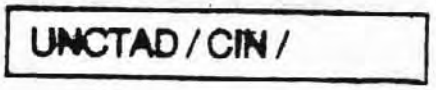

Figure 9: Origin Cachet for Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (CIN) for a Framework Convention on Climate Change.

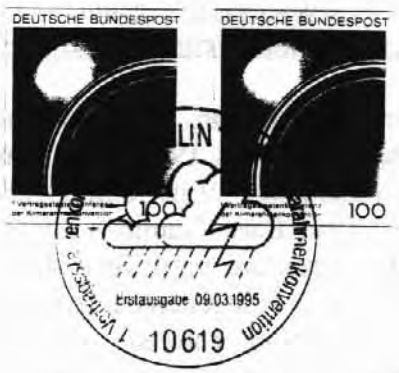

Figure 10: First Day Cancel for German Stamp for the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change in Berlin in 1995.

Figure 11: Meter Cancel for Conference Secretariat for the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change, Berlin in 1995.

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Ozone Secretariat
United Nations Environment Programme
P.O.Box 30552
Nairobi, Kenya
Websites: www.unep.ch/ozone/home.htm and www.unep.no/unep/secretar/ozone/home.htm

Under the auspices of the UNEP, the Governments of the world arrived at the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer in 1985. Through this Convention, they committed themselves to protect the ozone layer.

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was agreed to by Governments in 1987 and has been amended twice so far: in London in 1990 and in Copenhagen in 1992. The Protocol aims to reduce and eventually eliminate the emissions of man-made ozone-depleting substances.

The Ozone Secretariat is the Secretariat for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The Secretariat is based at the UNEP offices in Nairobi, Kenya (Figure 12).

First COP Meeting (Vienna Convention): Helsinki, Finland, April 26-28, 1989.
Second COP Meeting (Vienna Convention) Information not available.
Third COP Meeting (Vienna Convention) Bangkok, Thailand, November 23, 1993.
Fourth COP Meeting (Vienna Convention) San José, Costa Rica, Nov. 25-27, 1996.
First COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) Helsinki, Finland, May 2-5, 1989.
Second COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) London, England, June 27-29, 1990.
Third COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) Nairobi, Kenya, June 19-21, 1991.
Fourth COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) Copenhagen, Denmark, November 23-25, 1992.
Fifth COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) Bangkok, Thailand, Nov. 17-19, 1993.
Sixth COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) Nairobi, Kenya, October 6-7, 1994.
Seventh COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) (Figure 13) Vienna, Austria, December 5-7, 1995 .
Eighth COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) San José, Costa Rica, Nov. 25-27, 1996.
Ninth COP Meeting (Montreal Protocol) Montreal, Canada, Sept. 15-17, 1997.

OZONE SECRETARIAT

Figure 12: Origin cachet for Ozone Secretariat.

Figure 13: Conference Cancel for the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Vienna, Austria in 1995.

IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

[The following is a response to a ***Letter to the Editor*** by Earl M. Herrick which appeared in the October 1997 issue of the ***Journal of United Nations Philatelists***]

Thank you for the Letter to the Editor of the ***Journal*** regarding the review that I published on the postal rates book. I became interested in postal rates when I started collecting covers for my collection and exhibit on the UN First Issue. Now I am constantly on the lookout for an unusual rate, destination or postmark. Until these books were published, it was rather difficult to figure out modern rates. I used the rate information provided in almanacs, but they were not specific on dates that rates became effective. My best references were the copies of the US Postal Laws & Regulations and the US Postal Manuals that I found at used book stores and from philatelic dealers. I also gathered together a collection of the biweekly Postal Bulletin published for postal employees. The two "Beecher books" are much easier to use. The domestic rate book is long out of print, but you should be able to get it from a philatelic literature dealer. The international rate book should still be available from the publisher.

As far as Swiss postal rates are concerned, I can help there too. I also collect the Swiss Official stamps issued for use by the UN European Office and UN agencies headquartered in Switzerland. There are two excellent books available on Swiss rates. One covers domestic rates; the other covers foreign rates (alas except for airmail). You can at least get rates to the US from Switzerland from the International Beecher book. The two Swiss books are primarily in German, but have plenty of sections in French, as well. The domestic rate book is entitled ***Die Posttaxen der Schweiz ab 1862: Band I - Inland***; the international rate book is ***Die Posttaxen der Schweiz ab 1875: Band 2 - Ausland***. I purchased my copies from Styne Co., P.O.Box 6647, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365-6647, telephone: (718) 454-3368.

Swiss air rates are rather complex, or so I am told. I have been looking for a good reference for the last two years, and until now, have not had any luck. However, in the September 1997 issue of ***Tell***, the bimonthly journal of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, they announced a new Swiss air rate reference book. The book by Roland Kohl is entitled ***Die Schweizerischen Flugpost-Zuschlagstaxen ab 1919***. It is available for 80 Swiss francs from Postgeschichte-Verlag, Oberdorfstrasse 8, Postfach 174, CH-8024 Zürich 1, Switzerland. I plan to order a copy and will provide a review for the ***Journal*** in the near future.

Unfortunately I cannot help with Austrian postal rates. You might contact the American Philatelic Research Library, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. It is the largest philatelic library in the US and is available to all American Philatelic Society members. They also loan books through the interlibrary loan program via your local public library. (Editor's Note: I understand this service is open to non-members of the American Philatelic Society too!) They might also be able to get you in touch with a national stamp club that specializes in Austrian philately.

Hopefully, I have been able to provide with some useful information. An excellent source of information on UN philately is ***United Nations Philately*** edited by Arleigh Gaines, This is a massive loose leaf catalog covering just about every aspect of UN collecting and its forerunners. For more information write to Arleigh Gaines, R & D Publications, Inc., P.O.Box 1032, New York, NY 10028. Good luck with your collecting.

Anthony F. Dewey
Hartford Connecticut

MAXIMUM CARDS

forerunners

What's a forerunner? - A forerunner is a precursor, predecesor, ancestor, something that came before. These forerunner Maximum Cards were made by individuals, usually in very small quantities, for their own collections and sometimes for friends, prior to the UNPA manufactured Maximum Cards specifically produced for sale to collectors.

What's a Maximum Card?
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Sc.#105 3c on OUNPC..... $ 9.75

Sc.#590 30c on OUNPC..... $ 7.95

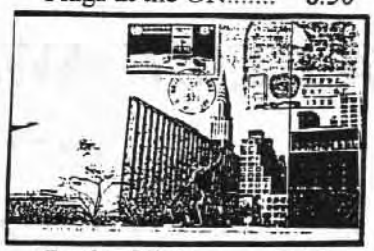
Sc.#106 6c UN BUILDING

UNHQ..... 8.50

UNHQ-Flag..... 5.50

Sc.# 222 8c UN BUILDING

Flags at the UN..... 8.50



Garden View..... 8.50

River View..... 8.50

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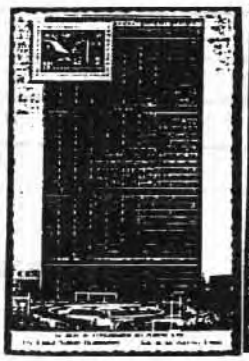

UN HQ..... 8.50

UNHQ.... 8.50

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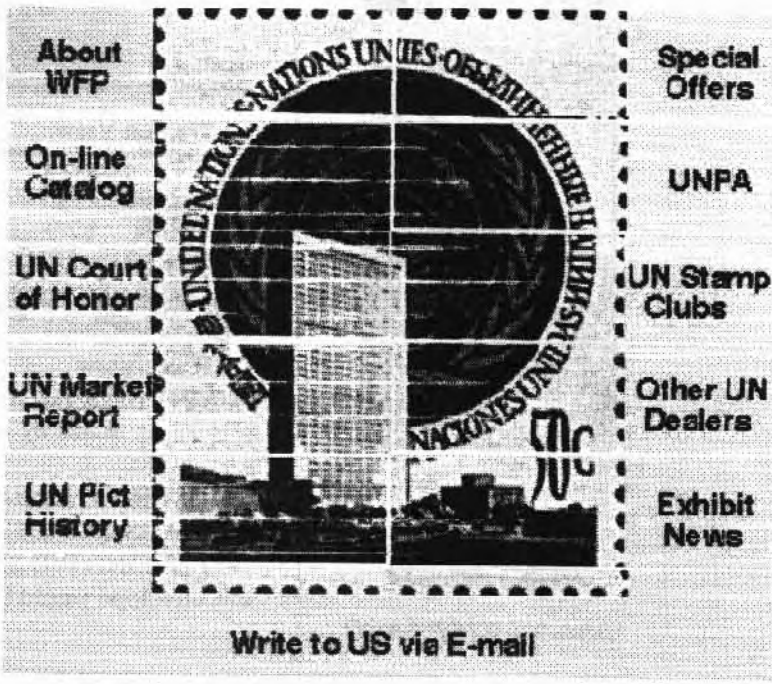

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. UPU 1929 England £1 #209 VF+ MINT SPECIMEN overprint no gum, with recent APS Certificate which states "SPECIMEN" overprint, unused, no gum, genuine, inclusion removed from bottom on reverse" (couldn't find any trace of inclusion with magnifier on reverse) - a showpiece! MB$600 **PHOTO**
2. UNICEF rarely seen COMPLETE collection of 196 UNICEF flag art graphics for ten years in deluxe albums with slipcases PLUS 196 UNICEF FDCs vf unad with color pages (no flag stamps) original cost over $1400 MB$350
3. League of Nations #6 official service cover #2O17A SDN CDS type addr to Mobile, Alabama, with circular INF cachet vf grilled gum GAINES photo certificate, genuine in all respects, vf Gaines cat $650 MB$350 **PHOTO**
4. ILO rare hi-value service cover 8"x10" official ILO cc type addr to American Federation of Labor official in Washington, marked 240 grams - legitimate rate for 22,35 francs. pair of #3O82 10 fr tiny tear in top stamp, #3O69, 3O79 6/21/49 CDS f/vf Gaines $445 MB$175
5. ILO rare hi-value service cover 8"x10" official ILO cc type addr to American Federation of Labor official in Washington marked 175 grams with 16,40 franc postage #3O70, 76, 81, 82 7/1/49 CDS f/vf Gaines $424 MB$170

UNTEA all f/vf MNH

6. 1-19 set 2nd printing Gaines$75 MB$50
7. 1-19 margin singles set 1-17 have #3 in margin all position #21 Gaines$75+ MB$65
8. 1-19 left margin blocks of four 1-17 have #4 and 5 in margin, 18-19 have perf guide marks all are position 31-2, 41-2 Gaines $300+ MB$300
9. 2.1 single w/3mm+ left shift overprint MB$25

9A. 2.1 right margin block of 4 with overprint shifted left 3mm+ MB$100 **PHOTO**

10. 2.2 margin block of 4 with plate #2, perf guide mark and extra perfs in margin Gaines $25+ MB$20
11. 10.2 top margin block 12 with plate #2 with partial heart cut-out in left margin Gaines $117+ MB$100
12. 19.1 Bottom margin block of 4 with full horiz gutter pairs plus 3mm tab with 3 vertical perfs MB$180

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SERVICE COVERS

13. #2O9 10c 10-7-30 SDN CDS #10 official service cover neat type addr to Geneva light vertical fold not affecting stamp MB$20
14. #2O13 pair 20c #10 Registered SDN registry label type addr to Zurich with back-stamp 5-12-25 SDN CDS xf MB$30
15. #2O17 30c official cover typed addr to Brussels SDN CDS 1929 vf MB$35
16. #2O17 30c #10 official cover type addr to Berlin 9-26-31 SDN CDS vf light vertical fold not affecting stamp f/vf MB$35
17. #2O17 30c small #6 official cover addr to League of Nations Commission for Destitute Women and Children, Constantinople great destination neatly type addr. vf SDN CDS minor back flap fault MB$40 **PHOTO**
18. #2O17 30c #10 service 6-17-28 type addr to Rome forwarded to Strasbourg early League of Nations embossed imprint on back flap slightly reduced at left f/vf MB$30
19. #2O17 30c small #6 service cover typed addr to The Hague, Netherlands, 1929 SDN CDS vf MB$35
20. #2O20 40c #6 small cover addr to "Bible House, Constantinople" Geneva 1923 CDS light vertical fold not affecting stamp f/vf MB$15
21. #2O22 pair of 50c 1942 #10 service cover WWII censor tape registered with purple PERS cachet type addr to Washington f/vf MB$60
22. #2O24 70c #10 registered SDN label type addr to Constantinople, beautiful Turkish receiving cancels on reverse 1925 SDN CDS f/vf MB$60
23. #2O25 80c #10 LofN registered label type addr to Brussels 1925 SDN CDS f/vf MB$40
24. #2O33, 2O51 #10 official cover WWII censor tape registered 1942 SDN CDS type addr to Washington purple cachet partially covered by censor tape vf Gaines$375+ MB$200 **PHOTO**
25. #2O34a, 2O55 #10 service cover 1941 SDN CDS registered type addr to Washington DC f/vf Gaines$300+ MB$175
26. #2O37 10c on 8"x4" periodical wrapper with League Distribution Branch cc addr to Political Dept, Univ of Bern vf MB$12
27. #2O39 30c #10 serv. cov. addr to Gorinchen, Holland vf minor toning spots MB$60
28. #2O53 30 #10 service cover type addr to Geneva Registry SDN label 1941 SDN CDS vf light vertical fold at left not affecting stamp f/vf MB$20
29. #2O62 30c small #6 service cover type addr to Brussels "BIBL" purple cachet xf 1939 SDN CDS MB$30
30. #2O63 60c registered #6 small service cover type addr to Dublin SDN reg label "BPERS" purple cachet xf MB$50- **PHOTO**
31. #2O63 #10 official service cover SDN registry label type addr to PARIS "PERS" purple cachet vf MB$40

MILITARY COVERS

all addressed f/vf expect some philatelic

32. UNOSOM Somalia 5 covers (2 Belgium, 2 Turkey, 1 Bangladesh) MB$10
33. UNAMIR Rwanda 5 covers Australia, Belgium, Nigeria, France, Canada MB$10
34. UNDOF Golan 5 covers Poland MB$10
35. UNDOF Golan 5 covers Canada MB$10
36. UNPROFOR 5 covers 3 Canada, Poland, France MB$10
37. UNPROFOR 5 covers 3 Turkey, Belgium, Turkey MB$10
38. UNPROFOR 5 covers Denmark, 3 Belgium, Canada MB$10
39. IFOR 5 covers 3 Canada, USA, Russia MB$10
40. IFOR 5 covers Britain, France, Turkey, Austria MB$10
41. UNEF Egypt 5 covers Poland, Canada, 2 Sweden, Denmark MB$10
42. UNEF Egypt 5 covers 2 Canada, Norway, 2 Denmark MB$10
43. UNMIH Haiti 5 covers all Canada MB$10
44. UNIFIL Lebanon 5 covers Nepal, 2 Norway, 2 Italy MB$10
45. UNIFIL Lebanon 5 covers Ghana, Ireland, France, Poland, Sweden MB$10

CARDS

46. White Card #5C ERROR: albino cancel & imprint Gaines$40 MB$25
47. White Card set #1-6 ERROR: Type I: blue line under Palais MB$20
48. White Cards set #1-7 ERROR: Type II: broken border under Palais MB$20
49. White Card #59K ERROR: no cancel or im-print applied, stamp only MB$10
50. White Card Error: Type 1A no cancel or imprint stamp only. Card #2-6 but exact # unknown MB$15
51. White Card #8G ERROR: wrong text (type A) on reverse MB$75
52. White Card #5 Gaines unlisted error: normal imprint plus second light (double) cancel MB$60
53. Blue Card #26 ERROR: reverse text 1H MB$250
54. Blue Card #13 ERROR: reverse text 1J MB$250
55. Blue Card #40, 41 & #43 MB$15
56. Blue Card #105ii ERROR: missing imprint MB$20
57. Blue Card #23 MB$11
58. Blue Card #18 MB$11
59. Blue Card #13 MB$10
60. UNEO Einstein ppc 8-20-55 Exposition Peaceful Uses of Space cancel vf neatly addr to Geneva, UNEO HC S.48 type 2 on pc 7-23-55 last day cancel, UNEO S.8 on Lumineuse card 1959 MB$7
61. Blue Cards #46-60 1977 year complete retail $95 MB$30
62. Blue Cards #61-72 1988 complete retail $46 MB$16
63. Blue Cards #81-3,85-88-92, 95-7 retail $62 MB$14
64. Blue Cards #98-105, 110-112, 135-6, 138-140 retail$35 MB$8

Miscellaneous & Late Arrivals

65. Belgium Brussels 1958 World Fair set Scott #516-25, C15-20 complete in SHEETS of 30 xf MNH with control/plate numbers complete set of 15 MICHEL DM660 US$365.00 MB$65
66. Union Carbide Co. 1964 IMCO FDC typed addr to Helena Rubinstein Co NY, with original UC letterhead letter describing FDC as first in a series from the UNNY, the letter also invites the recipient to order Union Carbide's aerosol study gratis. Interesting commercial marketing use of UN FDCs vf Artcraft cachet MB$10
67. UN Show cover collection 1983-9 (100+) diff cacheted covers with Geneva & Vienna show imprints nearly all unad very attractive and great franking PLUS HARCO Kleer-Vue cover album in vf condition MB$30
68. SILVER MEDALLIC FDCs 1973 set of 4 Drug Abuse, Volunteers, Namibia, 25th Anniv. Human Rights all vf neatly typed addr. PROOF crown size beautiful sterling medals each with diff. design matching issue and UN emblem on reverse. MB$20
69. First Flights mostly scarce Gaines $3-$8 approx 1000 flown all vf ua #22, 38, 48-9, 53-6, 59, 68, 72, 82-5, 88-90, 94-5, 97, 99, 100, 103-5, 107-8, 110, 112, 123-8, 137-8, 142-3, 145-6 all with backstamp cancel but no airline rubber cachet MB$15
70. First Flights scarce ones all airletters, vf ua backstamped with airline cachet #54-6, 59-60 (5) MB$10
71. Velvetone small #6 FDC vf ua Oct 24, 1951 UN flag cachet on NY#1-3 MB$5
72. FLAGS 1981 sheetlets on 4 jumbo Artcraft FDCS vf ua (includes USA flag) face value $12.80 MB$8
73. Mission Planet Earth sheetlets of 10 vf MNH Vienna #133-4, Geneva #220-1, MB$14
74. UN FLAGS sheetlets vf MNH COMPLETE set 1980-1989 (44 mini-sheets) MB$145
75. 12 UN cacheted FD & Meter FD covers 3 Geneva, 6 NY, 2 Philippines topical, 1 Denmark unad MB$10
76. Vienna #1-6 FDC matching MI4s official Geneva & WFUNA cachets 2 com-plete sets vf unad MB$14

77. Vienna #1-6 FDCs official Geneva & WFUNA singles 2 complete sets vf unad + combo #1-6 WFUNA & Geneva MB$6

78. NY #3.3b square cutout MI6 vf MNH + #2A precancel FORGERY vf MNH MB$5

79. Swiss agencies vf MNH #10O1-6, 10O10-3, 5O26-34, 3O94-9, 7O28-33 MB$10

80. Geneva #1-14 FDC MI4 off cachet vf ua MB$20

81. Geneva #1-14 off cachet combo FDC vf ua MB$5

82. "C" Folders 15 diff. mint condition MB$40

83. World's Fair souv folder w/FDC cancel 7/1 Autographed by Clement rare date MB$15

84. Dali Souv Folders FD NY, G, V (3), '89 Human Rts (2) mint, IYC folder (2) mint MB$15

85. Expo'67 Folders two color varieties, '81 UNICEF flag cards FDC (2), Erni Refugee pack MB$15

86. ICY 20th Anniv Souvenir folder 1965 + Erni Refugee pack MB$15

87. IYC-UNICEF souvenir cards (4) mint + FDC English & German, Relais card Brussels & NY cancel MB$15

88. souvenir cards #2a & #2b broken Waldheim signature varieties MB$8

89. WFUNA autographed FDCs vf ua: Gomez, Roberts, Groat, Hibel (cachet only), Reddy, Levy (these 3 lots are all diff issues) MB$15

90. WFUNA autographed FDCs vf ua: Groat, Stareck, Janota, Khalil, Hamann MB$15

91. WFUNA autographed FDCs vf ua: Groat, Hibel, Janota, Groat (Vienna), Janota (German stamp Geneva cachet) MB$15

92. Blue Card #14 MB$10

93. Slogan FDCs on official UN HQ cachets vf (12) diff 1959-60 period ua or light pencil addr. MB$5

93. UNPA Presentation Booklet Gaines PB9A contains UNNY #143-4 with SF FD cancel cat$20 MB$10

94. Pitney Bowes #10 cover w/NY Meter Slogan #1 First Day United Nations Meter Stamp PB1 with 3c denomination cancelled Oct. 24, 1951 unad vf Gaines$50 MB$25

95. Mystery Lot - official HQ FDCs, first flights, protest cards, agency covers, etc., etc. Well worth $100+ $5O

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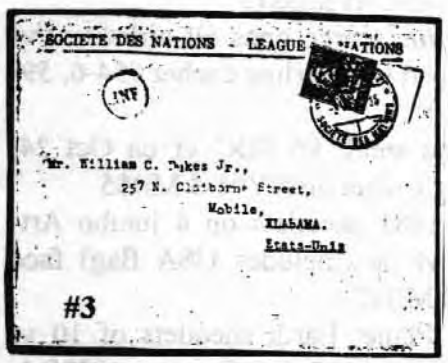

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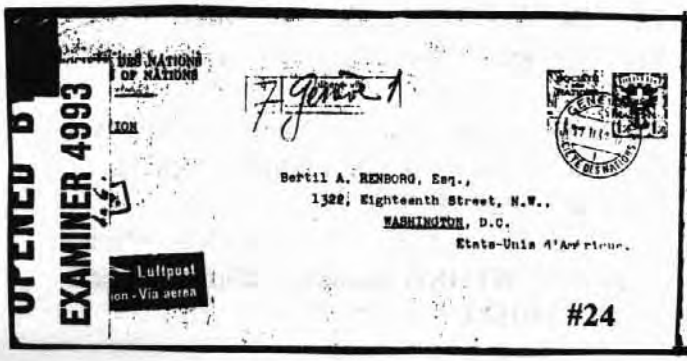

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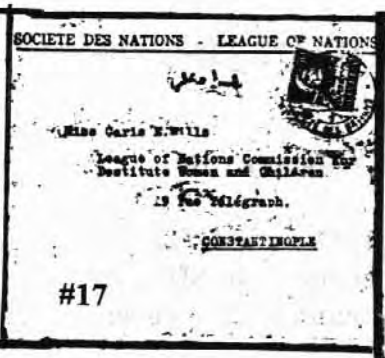

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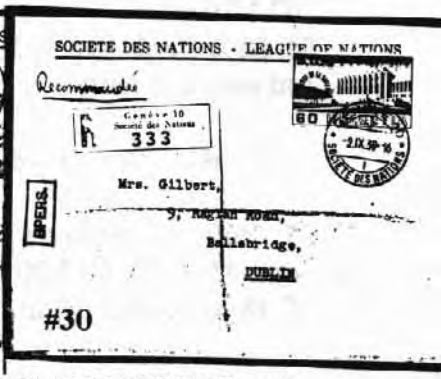

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