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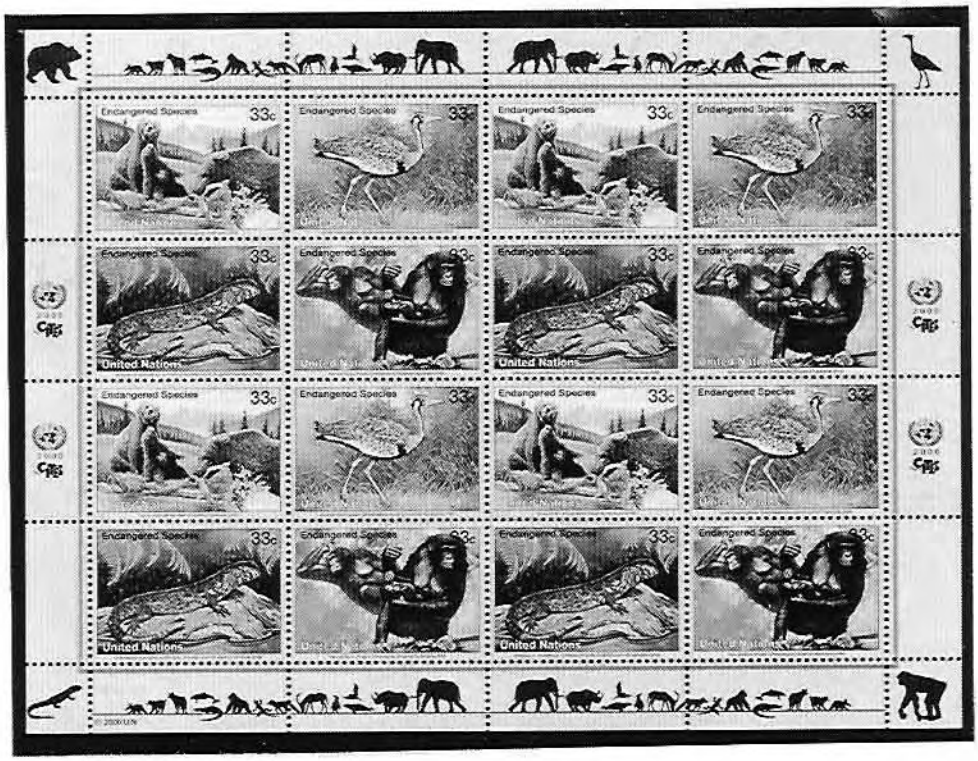

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

In the February issue of the ***Journal*** I began revealing my plans for future articles in upcoming issues. But with the exception of featuring one or more articles on U.N. activities helping refugees in the December issue, I was somewhat stymied by my inability to be inspired by the themes selected for the commemoratives to be released in the year 2000 by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA). (I also ran out of space!)

During the intervening two months, I have had a chance to think about what I would like to see published during the next few months. The fact that the UNPA will be issuing a set honoring the Fifty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations has inspired me to use the June issue to include at least one article on a look back at the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco. A few years ago I came across a copy of the final report of personnel in charge of security during the conference. And just six months ago I came across a letter written by one of the officers, who was assigned to security work during the conference, to his parents. The two-page letter on conference stationery gives interesting insights into the behind-the-scenes activities at the conference as well as glimpses into everyday life fifty-five years ago. If any of you have something relating to the San Francisco Conference, you might consider submitting it for the June issue.

June of this year also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of hostilities in Korea. It would be appropriate to look back at United Nations participation in this affair during the next few months. I have a few ideas but would appreciate receiving relevant ideas and photocopies of philatelic material which would document United Nations activities in the Korean peninsula.

I would like to include one or more articles on the United Nations Trusteeships in the Pacific, which were the responsibility of the United States, perhaps in the August issue. I have come across several attractive philatelic covers produced about twenty years ago, which nicely document the islands involved. I have a few commercial covers to display but I would be pleased to include a more comprehensive selection of commercial covers which demonstrate United Nations activities in these Trusteeship Territories. At various times postmarks for many of these territories included a TT reference as part of the townmark to indicate the special nature of these territories.

BULLETIN FOR THE 2000 UNP ANNUAL MEETING

The UNP Annual meeting has been set for Saturday July 15, 2000 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at World Stamp Expo 2000 in the Anaheim Convention Center. In addition to a program of short presentations by members, it is anticipated that a representative of the UNPA will be present to discuss and, perhaps, unveil upcoming UNPA issues. If you are interested in giving a ten or fifteen minute presentation, please write the Editor. There are still a few slots available. There will be an overhead projector available for transparencies. The "show and tell" sessions are usually the highlight of the meeting.

This Meeting will be the occasion for the installation of new or re-elected Officers and Directors, who will be serving for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2000. The untimely death of former President Don Bakos necessitates the election of a fourth Director.

It is likely that there will be a UNP Board of Directors Meeting on the same day. If you have any issues that you would like the Board to discuss, you are encouraged to write the Secretary Blanton Clement.

MOTELS NEAR WORLD STAMP EXPO 2000

Jim Matyasovich and the Editor have assembled the following list of some motels, which are situated within walking distance (~one mile) from the Anaheim Convention Center. They all lie on the roughly two-mile perimeter of Disneyland in the city of Anaheim. The Anaheim Convention Center is located at 800 West Katella Avenue, which runs along the south side of Disneyland.

The following motels represent only a small fraction of the more than 100 motels and hotels, which are within walking distance of the Anaheim Convention Center. The prices with an * were taken from the 1999 Travel Guide of the American Automobile Association (AAA) and represent fairly moderately priced lodging. Cheaper motels can be easily found. And discounts can be had for the asking. Most Motel 6 give discounts to members of the AARP.

Name	Address	Telephone	Rates (1999)
Anaheim Hilton‡	777 W. Convention Way	(714) 750-4321 (800) 445-8667	
Best Western - Anaheim Stardust	1057 W. Ball Road	(714) 774-7600 (800) 222-3639	$58+
Comfort Inn and Suites	300 E. Katella Boulevard	(714) 772-8713 (800) 228-5150	$64*
Comfort Suites at the Park	2141 S. Harbor Boulevard	(714) 971-9134	
Comfort Inn - Maingate	2200 S. Harbor Boulevard	(714) 750-5211	
Days Inn - Disneyland Park	2171 S. Harbor Boulevard	(714) 703-1220 (800) 329-7466	
Days Inn - Maingate	1604 S. Harbor Boulevard	(714) 635-3630	
EconoLodge	871 S. Harbor Boulevard	(714) 535-7878	
Holiday Inn at the Park	1221 S. Harbor Boulevard	(714) 758-0900 (800) 465-4329	
Motel 6	100 W. Freedman Way	(714) 520-9696 (800) 466-8356	$40-50*
Residence Inn by Marriot	700 W. Convention Way	(714) 533-3555 (800) 331-3131	$99-189*
Rodeway Inn	1030 W. Ball Road	(714) 520-0101 (800) 228-2000	

‡ Official Convention Hotel

Map of Northern Orange and Southern Los Angeles Counties

Courtesy of the United States Postal Service

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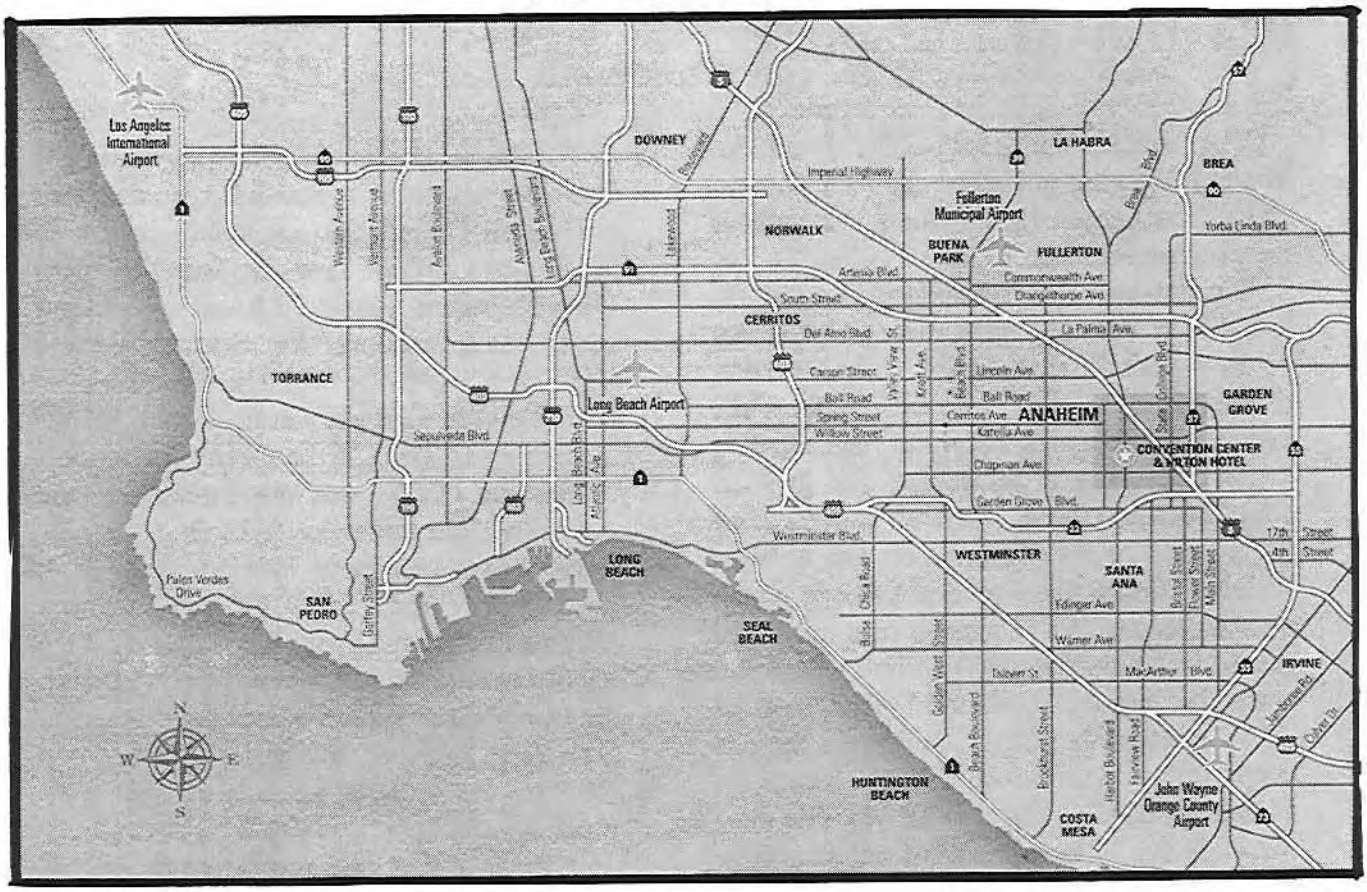

Map of Anaheim Adjacent to the ConventionCenter

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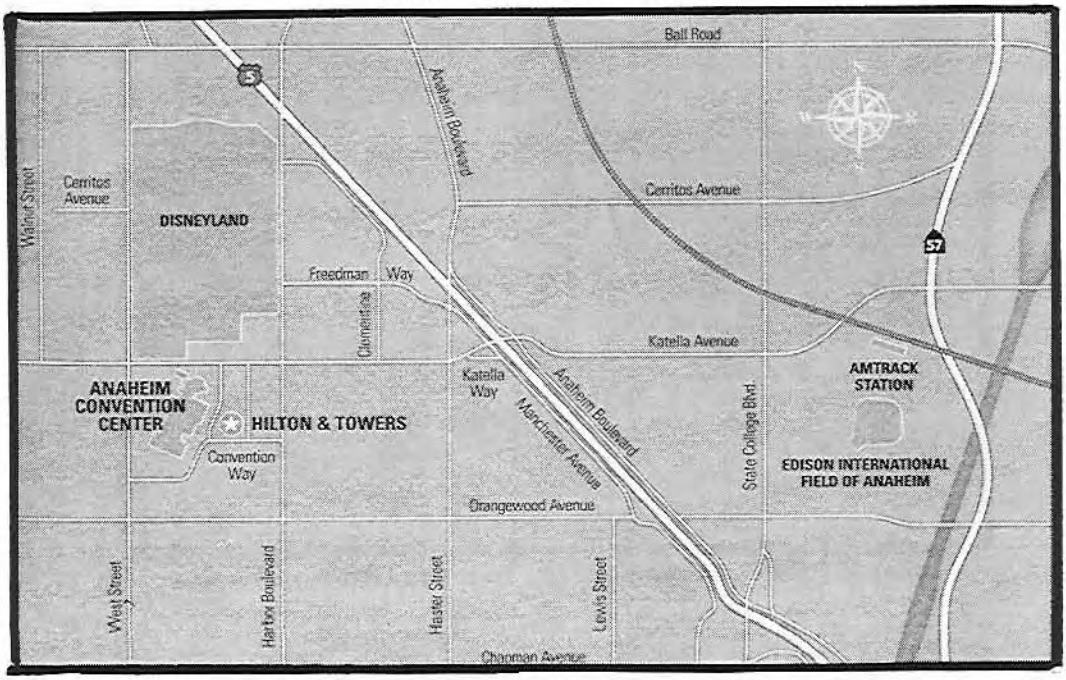


MILLENNIUM WATCH

A Tale of Three UNPA Cities

By Richard Powers

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) did not allow the year 2000 to arrive unacknowledged. Nor did it survive the event unscathed.

Besides issuing a stamp honoring the International Year of Thanksgiving on January 1, 2000, the Vienna office of the UNPA produced a special souvenir noting the event. Holders of subscription accounts in Vienna received a millennial gift in their copy of the UNPA Bulletin ***Faszination*** (Volume 2/2000). In appreciation of their "fidelity", subscribers received a copy of the UNPA-Vienna AS 7 postal card picturing the Schönbrunn Palace (Figure 1) canceled with the regular postmark (letter v) of UN-Vienna on January 1, 2000. As far as I know these were the only items which received a working day cancel on this momentous day. I have heard of nothing similar being produced in Geneva or New York.

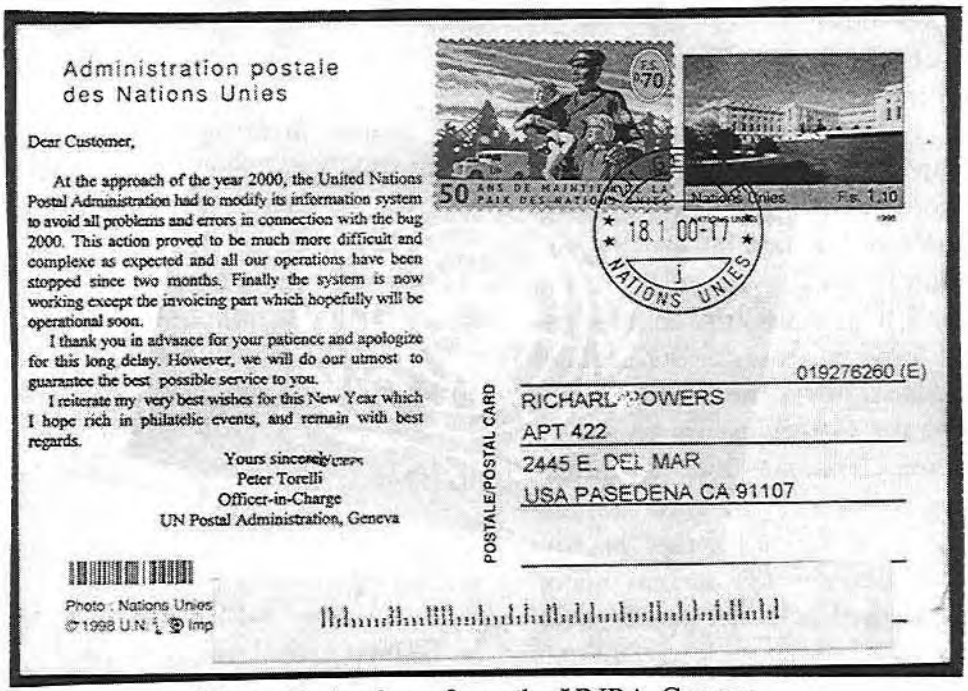
On the reverse is the following message: The UNPA thanks its faithful customers and wishes all United Nations stamp collectors much joy in the new Millennium with United Nations Stamps. Even my modest subscription account for Special Covers rated such a gift. In addition the Editor received a complimentary copy, which he dutifully passed along to me for my collection!

But the UNPA was not immune to the caprices of the infamous Y2K bug. An official acknowledgment was released on a postal card from the UNPA in Geneva (Figure 2). Your Editor received an apology dated January 18, 2000 explaining that subscribers had not yet (as of that date) received their first issue of the year because of a problem in the invoicing part of their computer operation.

I suspect that this problem affected all three UNPA offices. I did not receive my

Figure 1: Millennium Souvenir from the UNPA in Vienna.

standing order of the stamps issued January 1st from the UNPA in New York until the last week of February. Fortunately the UNPA had a bit a breathing room as the next issue - the Endangered Species issue - was not released before the beginning of April. Presumably the UNPA computer problems are now history.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Dear Customer,

At the approach of the year 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration had to modify its information system to avoid all problems and errors in connection with the bug 2000. This action proved to be much more difficult and complexe as expected and all our operations have been stopped since two months. Finally the system is now working except the invoicing part which hopefully will be operational soon.

I thank you in advance for your patience and apologize for this long delay. However, we will do our utmost to guarantee the best possible service to you.

I reiterate my very best wishes for this New Year which I hope rich in philatelic events, and remain with best regards.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Torelli
Officer-in-Charge
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Figure 2: Apology from the UNPA-Geneva.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Several of you responded to my letter about your being overdue on your dues payment, saying that this was the first notice that you had received. I thought that I might review with everyone our procedure.

First of all, each of you can find the status of your membership by looking at your address label. The first four digits indicate your membership number. This is followed by two digits for the year through which your dues are paid. Thus '00" means that you are paid through December 2000; "01" indicates that you have paid through December 2001; etc.

On the back of the wrapper for the October and December issues of the ***Journal*** is a MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL notice. In this notice, you are asked to determine your membership status and to pay your dues if necessary. To send this notice separately in a first class mailing to every member would cost the club over $100.

We send the February issue of the ***Journal*** to everyone, including those who have not yet renewed. If, by early February, your dues have not been paid, then you will receive a personal letter.

The April issue is being sent only to those whose dues have been paid through the year 2000. The mailing labels were prepared in mid-March and sent to Dan Gapinski, our Production Manager. Thus, if I have not received your dues by that time, your copy of the April issue of the ***Journal*** was not be sent with the regular mailing. If you pay late, a special mailing, not using United Nations discount postage, may be necessary.

THE 2000 UNITED NATIONS ENDANGERED SPECIES SERIES

From a UNPA Press Release

On April 6th of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued its eighth set of twelve stamps depicting endangered species of fauna. The purpose of these stamps is to publicize the work of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which was signed in Washington, D.C. on March 3, 1971. As of 1998 the convention had a membership of 139 nations. The Government of Switzerland serves as the depository of the Convention.

The aim of the Convention is to ensure that international commerce does not threaten the survival of species of wild animals and plants in recognition of the fact that unrestricted exploitation is the second major threat to the survival of some species, the first being the destruction of their habitat. For this purpose, species of wild animals and plants are listed in three appendices to the Convention. Appendix I concerns species where international trade is prohibited except under exceptional circumstances. Appendix II handles species where trade is controlled. Appendix III lists species where international trade is restricted from certain countries.

The 2000 Endangered Species

Ursus arctos: Many subspecies of the brown bear have been described. Recently, authors have reduced these to the grizzly bear, the Kodiak bear as well as to four subspecies found in Eurasia. Brown bears are medium to massive in size, varying in weight from 150 to 1700 lbs.. They are omnivorous. Humans represent the most significant source of mortality for adult brown bears. The American populations are included in Appendix II; those of Bhutan, India, Mexico and Mongolia, in Appendix I.

Lissotis melanogaster: The black-bellied bustard looks like a large chicken, but is related to cranes. It prefers dry areas and can be found in the shrub plains of Eurasia, Africa and Australia. This Appendix II species is among those used by Arab falconers to train their hawks and is bred for this purpose. It is currently not threatened.

Shinisaurus crocodilunus: The Chinese crocodile lizard is found only in a small area of Guangxi Autonomous Region in China. It lives in and near clear pools with slowly moving water. Though currently not threatened, this Appendix II species remains vulnerable because of its limited distribution and dependence on clear water.

Pan paniscus: The Appendix I bonobo or dwarf chimpanzee lives both on the ground and in trees. It is seriously threatened not by international trade but by habitat destruction and poaching.

Hippopotamus amphibius: Hippopotamuses are true amphibians, well adapted to aquatic life. It is found only in sub-Saharan Africa. This Appendix II species may be declining because of conflicts with humans, who convert its grazing habitat into farms.

Coscoroba coscoroba: Coscoroba swans belongs to the Anatidae family of ducks, geese and swans. It feeds on fish and aquatic insects from southern Argentina to southern Brazil. The total population of this Appendix II bird is probably less than 10000.

Varanus prasinus: The emerald monitor occurs in Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and northern Australia. Many monitor species are exploited by man as food and for leather. All of this species are included in Appendix II, except for the Appendix I Komoto varan.

Enhydra lutris: Sea otter populations were widely hunted for fur in the 17th and 18th centuries. A major conservation effort re-established populations along the North American coast. They are found in Appendixes I and II.

Panthera parsus: Leopards can be found in the dense forests and high mountains of East Africa. The main threat is the expanding human population. They are currently well protected but remain in Appendix I.

Platalea leucordia: White spoonbills breed in the delta of the Danube, southern Yugoslavia, Albania and southern Spain. The disappearance of this Appendix II species is caused mainly by the loss of breeding sites as a result of land clearance.

Orcinus orca: Male killer whales can be as long as 30 feet long. No marine organism is safe from the large appetite of this marine carnivore. It can be found in all oceans and is not regarded as being seriously threatened.

Hippocamelius bisulcus: South Andean deer live in fragmented populations in Argentina and Chile. The main factor of its decline is man: conversion of its habitat for logging and cattle grazing. Fewer than 1000 of this Appendix I specimens survive.

PROFILE OF A UN PHILATELIST

By Richard Powers

UNP Military Editor Jean-Louis Emmenegger has been collecting United Nations military mail since 1974. He started collecting the "marvelous small bits of paper coming from all parts of the world" as a way of learning more about the world: its history, politics and geography. This interest in UN philately was triggered by his first cover, sent by a Peruvian General commanding the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in Syria in 1974.

His philatelic interests include, among other things, worldwide used air letter sheets, registered covers, return receipt cards, self-adhesive stamps, and "return-to-sender" envelopes. Besides UN forces and missions mail, Jean-Louis is interested in UN-Geneva, both before and after 1969, as well as general UN postal history.

He is a member of the American Philatelic Society, UNO-Philatelie (Germany), Military Postal History Society (USA), Forces Postal History Society (UK), the Aerogramme Society and the Société lausannoise de timbrologie (SLT). He has also served as "Press Officer" for OLYMPHILEX, as well as for "100 Years of the SLT", both in Lausanne.

Jean-Louis was born in the Swiss city of Bienne. He majored in Economics at the University of Neuchâtel. He then moved to Basel and, in 1978, to the Lausanne area, where he lives today. He began his professional career as an economist, but quickly moved to a career in publishing. After having been editor of two bank magazines, he is now Publications Manager in a bank in Lausanne.

Jean-Louis can be reached by e-mail at: jlemm@worldcom.ch.

IN MEMORY OF STEVE COHEN

By J.-L. Emmenegger

Steve Cohen passed away this past summer but I learned this sad news only recently. One reason is that Steve recently became interested in Chinese philately at the expense of his free time for United Nations philately.

As collectors of U.N.-Forces mail, we had corresponded for a long time and exchanged information about U.N. peacekeeping activities. From time to time he was lucky enough to find good material of which he was kind enough to share photocopies with me. Steve had some major projects for editing monographs on U.N.-Forces mail in mind, but the task was so huge that he decided to choose other channels in philately. May his contributions to U.N.-Forces

KOSOVO STAMP UPDATE

The UNPA in New York has announced that it intends to sell a limited number of mint Kosovo stamps and first day covers, when they become available. More information can be obtained at the following telephone number: 1-800 -234-UNPA.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was with deep regret that we heard that Bill Barnes (Mr. UN-GB) passed away on October 6, 1999. We (Anton van Deutekom and Clay Wallace) were asked to write a little "In Memoriam" for our good friend. A few months ago we were informed that Bill died in good spirits. We both feel this was a very big loss, not only for ourselves, but for all of United Nations philately.

I (Anton) got to know him several years ago through our mutual hobbies, philately and world politics. He called himself a social philatelist. I knew Bill for more than twenty-five years. He called me the "Dutch pirate" because I was successful in finding items in his home country. We shared our interests, finds and political ideas. Once he said to me, "Anton, my friend, it is good that you live in Maastricht and I here in Orpington. Otherwise we would talk all day about philately, politics and gardening."

Did you know that he was a poet? Some years ago he sent me a book filled with his little poems. Through the poems I could see Bill in his garden with his lovely wife Alma.

Bill was born on March 2, 1914. He and Alma were married August 7, 1937. For more than sixty years, they had a fantastic marriage: two very loving people, living in a beautiful home with a fine garden.

I cherish the photo of Bill and me taken when we first met at the National Exhibition in the Peace Palace in the Hague in 1985. At that time he had the highest awarded exhibit in Great Britain on the History of International Organizations, Part 1 and Part 2. This exhibit included the League of Nations. If I remember well, he received a large vermeil. He was very pleased when I received my first gold medal on the national level there. He was almost more pleased with my success than with his own. Since then he guided me in the translation of my exhibit into English. He was very proud when I received my first international gold medal at the International Thematic Exhibition in Geneva in 1992.

I (Clay) also considered Bill a cherished philatelic friend. He and I were frequent correspondents for more than fifteen years. He was opinionated and stubborn. He railed against the established philatelic exhibiting hierarchy because they could not understand the importance of the social philately he exhibited. He refused to exhibit "their" way (less write up, no philatelic items, etc.), because he had a story to tell that had to be told his way. He was frequently down-graded a medal level because of these "transgressions". Through it all, Bill remained a dedicated believer in the ideals of the United Nations. In all the years I knew him, he never lost faith in the ideals of the United Nations (even when the press would denounce the UN) and truly believed that this organization represented the best chance mankind had for world peace.

He told me that he kept a picture of my children, from a Christmas card I had sent him, on his desk. He said that he would think of me when he looked at the picture, even when we were "in between" letters. What more could anyone ask of any friend?

I followed Bill's lead into the world of London 1945 United Nations Slogan Cancellations, and was fortunate to revise his original book, not just once, but twice. As of the publication of this obituary, few people have seen the third revision, but he continued to edit it up until just a few months before his passing. When it is published, I will dedicate it to his memory.

Bill, we miss you. Alma, our deepest thoughts are with you.

Anton van Deutekom
Maastricht, Netherlands
Clay Wallace
Alamo, California

WORLD PEACE FOUNDATION - BOSTON

By Richard Powers

I first came across the name of the organization known as the World Peace Foundation (WPF) about fifteen years ago, when I was researching an article about the refugee activities of the League of Nations. The WPF was the publisher of ***The Handbook of the League of Nations***, a twelve-volume set of bound pamphlets, reporting the activities of the League beginning 1917 and ending in 1930.

A few years ago I came across the parcel card pictured in Figure 1, which indicated that a 9.8 kg package had been sent to the World Peace Foundation in Boston in July 1927 from the League of Nations. (The postage came to S.f. 5,10 paid by League stamps 208 and 2028.) I suspect that this shipment may have contained reports documenting the activities of the League. This card induced me to visit the Pasadena Public Library to find out what I could about the background of the WPF.

The World Peace Foundation is a non-profit organization, which was incorporated July 12, 1910 in Boston, as the International School of Peace. Its name was changed to its present form on December 22, 1910. It was founded by Edwin Ginn, the educational publisher for the purpose "of educating the people of all nations to a full knowledge of the waste and destructiveness of war, its evil effects on present social conditions and on the well-being of future generations, and to promote international justice and the brotherhood of man; and, generally, by every practical means to promote peace and goodwill among all mankind". The above quote was taken from the by-laws of the corporation.

Mr. Ginn elaborated on this theme by adding that it "is this patient and thorough work of education through the school, the college, the church, the press, the pamphlet and the book, that the World Peace Foundation addresses itself."

According to a statement that appears in most volumes of ***The Handbook of the League of Nations***, the Foundation operates upon the policy that the actual facts concerning international relations and official international cooperation constitute the best possible arguments for lasting peace and improved international understanding. Its activities are, therefore, focused upon the task of making these facts available in clear and undisturbed form.

When Ginn, who died in 1914, bequeathed a part of the income from his estate to the Foundation, he defined what lasting peace would entail: It would occur when "the nations shall so far cooperate in the settlement of controversies by the substitution of peace methods for

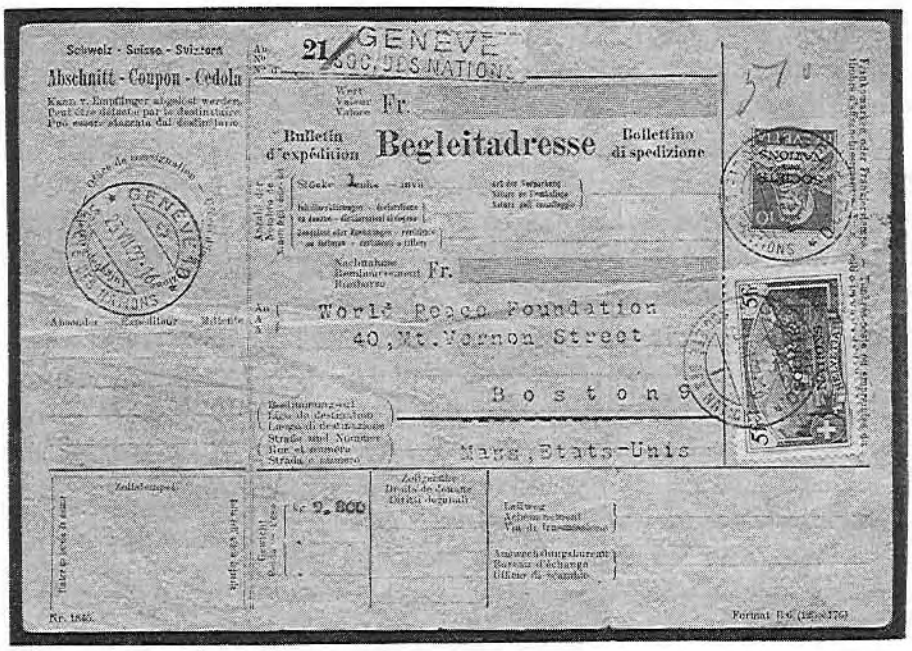

Figure 1: Parcel card sent from the League to the World Peace Foundation .

those of war as to constitute an International Supreme Court, an International Executive, an International Police Force. or something substantially equivalent thereto...and an International Parliament". Ginn welcomed disarmament, but did not himself believe that nations would willingly lay down their weapons.

The Foundation produced short and long pamphlets during its earlier years. John W. Foster wrote ***War is Not Inevitable*** in 1911 and President William Howard Taft produced ***The Dawn of World Peace***.

Lecturing, lobbying, and pamphleteering continued to preoccupy a very busy Foundation until the onset of World War I took the steam out of peacemaking. For a few years the Foundation reprinted official documents, and sought a new direction. That direction, promoted by Foundation Trustee and President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, led the Foundation to put its resources behind the promotion of a post-war **League of Nations** capable of policing aggression. The Foundation appropriated funds to support the **League to Enforce Peace**, an advocacy group with that goal as its mission.

After the war, in the wake of the failure of the U.S. Senate to ratify the Treaty of Versailles, the Foundation became the exclusive American distributor of the publications of the League of Nations (which the United States had refused to join), the World Court, and the International Labor Organization. It published the ***Yearbook of the League of Nations***. The Foundation further helped to develop an **American League of Nations Association**, and lobbied unsuccessfully for the ratification of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

During the 1930s, the Foundation eschewed pacifism, fought isolationism and favored military preparedness for the United States. In 1939, the Trustees sought to halt the flow munitions to Japan "so long as the invasion of China continues".

Leland Goodrich, a leading scholar of international organization, directed the Foundation from 1942 to 1946. He focused the Foundation on the reorganization of the post-war world, recruiting a committee of leading university scholars to produce reports on such trenchant issues as the ***Post-War Treatment of Japan*** and ***Post-War Relations with the Soviet Union***. Goodrich, along with several subsequent trustees of the Foundation, was a member of the secretariat of the San Francisco conference which created the **United Nations**. In 1946, the Foundation published the first definitive work on the UN - ***Charter of the United Nations: Commentary and Documents***. A year later, it established ***Intentional Organization*** (IO), for more than fifty years the leading scholarly journal in this area.

After World War II, the Foundation supported analytical surveys of Soviet Russia and the Far East, and a study of the effects of air bombarding. It prepared short booklets on U.S. relations with Argentina, Australia, Canada, Eastern Europe and the Netherlands.

Throughout the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, the Foundation focused on key issues of international concern, as well as on problems of multilateral peacemaking. The Foundation sponsored the writing of a noteworthy early treatment of Africa by Rupert Emerson and Norman Padelford and a central treatment of the Arab-Israeli dispute, oil and petrodollars by J.C. Hurewitz (1976). Lawrence Finkelstein edited the ***United States and International Organization: The Changing Setting*** (1969).

More recently, the Foundation sought to influence the debate on how the West should respond to apartheid in South Africa; cosponsored several dialogues across the racial and political divides in South Africa; analyzed whether and how Namibia should and could achieve independence, and what the consequences of that independence, would be. It examined how change for the better could be accelerated in Mozambique and Angola.

The World Peace Foundation can be reached at the following address:

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Telephone (617) 491-5085.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA - V

By Richard Powers

On December 13, 1999, I received a shipment of special covers with "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations) on specially prepared cacheted envelopes issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna during the previous year. These included special items issued between March 20, 1999 and ending with October 8, 1999. This year's shipment cost $10.30 plus a $2.50 mailing fee, for which I received AS 23 in cancelled UN-Vienna stamps with first day cancels. It is a nice touch that the UNPA in Vienna shipped the covers using AS 65 in postage but enclosed the equivalent of the mailing fee in used stamps. Below is a summary of the six covers which I received.

On March 20, 1999 the UNPA issued a commemorative cover on the occasion of NUMIPHIL - ALPHA in Vienna. The cover consisted (Figure 1) of the current AS 13 UN-Vienna stationery envelope Scott Vienna #U3 imprinted with a green Europa '99 inscription along with the legend Nature Reserves and Nature Parks situated next to the insignia underneath a symbolic forest scene in green. This is the theme chosen for the Europa stamps of 1999. The UN cancel features an antlered stag.

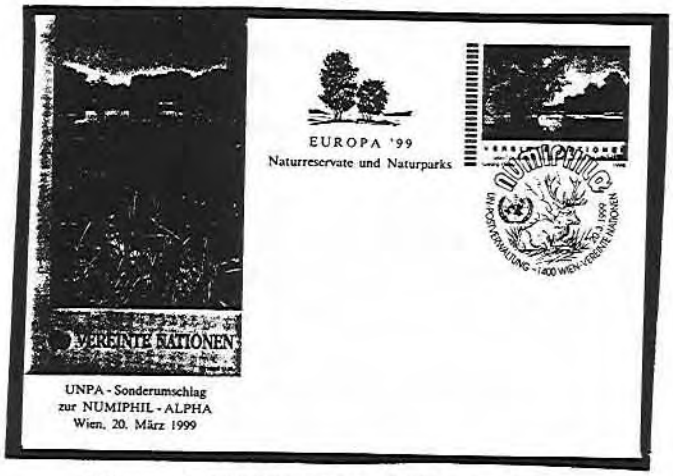

Figure 1: NUMIPHIL-ALPHA cover.

To commemorate the fact that the United Nations has proclaimed 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons, the UNPA set up a special post office at the 26th ***Senior Aktuell***, the Information and Counseling show at the Vienna Kaufmannschaft of the Vienna Stadthalle beginning March 23rd. It also released a special cover (Figure 2). The cancel pictures the design used in the 1993 Sfr 1,60 stamp (Geneva #227) of the commemorative set: Aging: Dignity and Participation, which shows a senior citizen in front of a computer screen. The cachet of the cover takes its design from the 29¢ New York #618 stamp. On my cover the cancel ties an endangered species stamp from the 1996 series showing a lady's slipper orchid (Vienna #196).

Figure 2: Cover Honoring the International Year of Older Persons.

On April 16th the UNPA issued a special cover (Figure 3) on the occasion of a special program at the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna at which the UNPA was the guest of honor. The cachet and the cancel both depict the palace, the latter tying the two Schönbrunn commemoratives (Vienna 246-7), which were issued in December 1998 as part of its

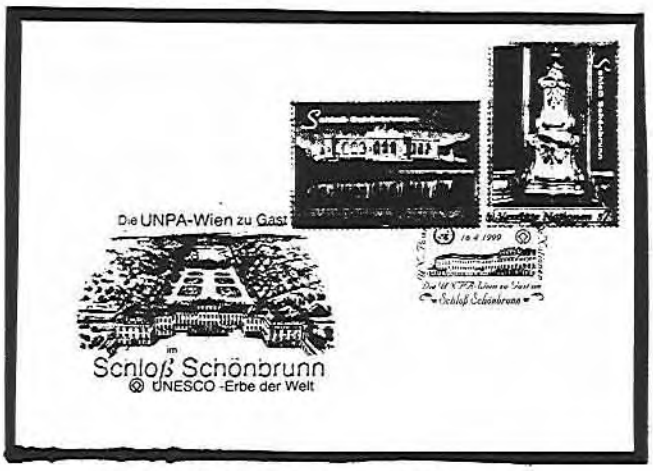

Figure 3: Schönbrunn Palace cover.

UNESCO - World Heritage series.

In conjunction with UNISPACE III, the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in Vienna, the UNPA in Vienna issued a special cover (Figure 4) bearing the conference cancel tying a pair of UNISPACE stamps Vienna #257-8 on the first day of the conference July 19th. This cover was sold as part of a Souvenir Folder prepared by the UNPA for the UNISPACE III Conference for AS 100 without a conference telephone card or AS 150 with the card. The cover alone currently costs $1.67. The cancel bears the legend: ***The Use of Outer Space for Mankind in the Twenty-first Century*** beneath a radio antenna scanning the heavens. The cachet shows an astronautical relay runner bearing the number 20 passing a "baton" in the form of a space vehicle to an athlete bearing the number 21.

Figure 4: UNISPACE III cover.

The UNPA anticipated its participation in Vienna International Postage Stamp Exhibition (WIPA 2000) beginning June 4, 2000 by releasing a special cover (Figure 5) bearing a special cancel on October 1st. The cancel shows the Austria Center Vienna the venue for the show. The cachet shows the same building located in the shadow of UN Headquarters in Vienna. This theme is echoed in the choice of stamp: the AS 6,50 In Memoriam stamps (Vienna #264). It is accompanied by the current 50-gröschen definitive Vienna #167.

The last cover that I received was released by the UNPA in conjunction with UPU Day

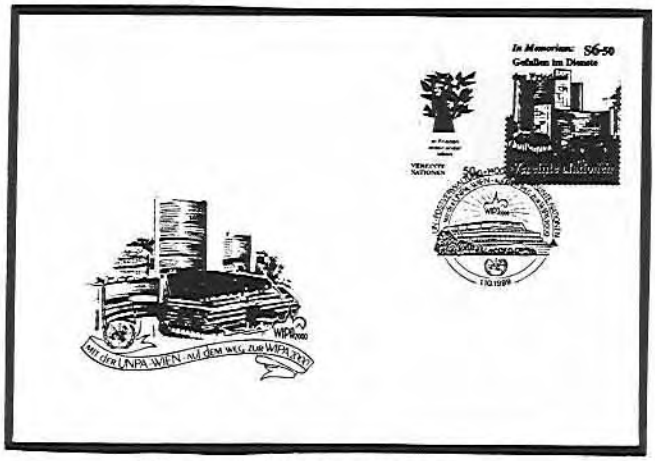

Figure 5: WIPA 2000 cover.

October 8th, which actually marked the 125th Anniversary of the UPU. Both the UNPA and the Austrian Post prepared special cancels for the occasion. They both show post horns and the logo of the UPU, which has been taken from the UPU monument in Bern, Switzerland. The UN post horn contains the UN map logo; the Austrian post horn, the Austrian Post logo: a stylized post horn. My cover (Figure 6) bears the upper se-tenant pair (removed from the se-tenant block of four) of the current UPU commemoratives (Vienna #260-263). (I presume my stamps are #260-1.) I suspect that

the UNPA broke up the block to make room for the Austrian Post stamp and cancel. My cover bears the AS 2,20 Austrian commemorative (Austria #733), which was issued in 1964 on the occasion of the UPU Congress in Vienna. It pictures a post coach and complements nicely the cachet, which features a similar subject. The UNPA should be complimented for this highly attractive cover honoring a significant anniversary, which cost only $2.32 and is probably still available.

According to my copy of ***Faszination, #7 (1999)***, which is the UNPA-Vienna information magazine sent to customer account holders seven times a year, at least four more covers were issued by the UNPA before the end of the year 1999 but were not yet available when my shipment was made. These include covers honoring the ***Senior Fair*** in Vienna (November 18th), ***PINKABRIA '99*** (a philatelic salon in Pinkafeld, Austria beginning November 26th), ***NUMIPHIL ALPHA*** (the Vienna Christmas Stamp and Coin Bourse on December 8th) and ***WEIHNACHTSPHILA '99*** (a stamp show in Vienna beginning November 26th). You will have to wait until the February 2001 issue of the ***Journal*** for more information.

Figure 6: Cover Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the UPU

Or you can order them yourself. Future "Sonderstempel" can be ordered via a customer account from the UNPA-Vienna and delivered once a year. A year's worth of these covers cost about $20, which can be paid with a check written in US$ and drawn on a bank in the U.S.A. One can obtain more information and/or establish such an account by writing the following address:

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MYSTERIOUS COVER FROM BANGKOK

As an update to his article in the December issue of the ***Journal*** concerning the special United Nations cancel associated with the United Nations Building in Bankok, Dr. Gale Raymond has sent in a photocopy of a cover he received recently in the mail bearing a pair of 1996 UNNY endangered species 32¢-stamps New York #675 and 677. The latter is tied to the cover with a nice strike of the Bangkok United Nations cancel. Unfortunately there are no additional postal markings indicating that the cover actually travelled. Dr. Gale suspects that a "civilian" merely deposited the cover in a mail slot. Occasionally the USPS delivers mail with UNNY stamps bearng postmarks from post offices other than UN headquarters, contrary to postal treaty regulations. Mistakes do happen!

Figure 1: UNNY stamps on from Bankok bearing a United Nations cancel.

2000 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of March 1, 2000 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

January 1

International Year of Thanksgiving 2000
33¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/Euro 0,51 stamps
(Sheets of 20 stamps)

April 6

Endangered Species
33¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/Euro 0,51 stamps.
(Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4.)
Set of 3 maximum cards.
2000 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

May 30

Our World 2000
33¢, 60¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,40, S 7/Euro 0,51, S 8/Euro 0,58
(Sheets of 20 stamps)

July 7

55th Anniversary of the United Nations
33¢, 55¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,40, S7/Euro 0,51, S 9/Euro 0,65
(Sheets of 20 stamps)
$1.00, F.s. 2,30, S 16/Euro 1,16 - Souvenir Sheets

September 19

The United Nations in the 21st Century
33¢, F.s. 0,45, S 3,50/Euro 0,25
(Sheets of 6 stamps)

Flag Series
4×33¢
(Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4)

October 6

World Heritage - Spain
33¢, 60¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,10, S 4,50/Euro 0,33, S 6,50/Euro 0,47
(Sheets of 20 stamps)
(3 Prestige Booklets)

November 9

Refugees
33¢, 60¢, F.s. 0,0*, F.s. 0,0*, S 0,0*, S 0,0*
(Sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir card
Annual Collection Folders 2000

* Denominations are yet to be established.

1999 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

March 6

International Year for the Culture of Peace

SHIFTED PERFORATIONS REPORTED ON SOME OF THE *IN MEMORIAM* SOUVENIR SHEET FOR VIENNA

UNP-member John R. Connolly reports an interesting small variety on the Vienna Souvenir Sheet issued ***In Memoriam*** for those fallen in the cause of peace. Figure 1 shows a copy of the variety, which was found on a triple first day cover. It appears that the left column of perforations has been shifted to the left leaving a gap, which gives the impression that the second perforation of the top and bottom rows are missing. Actually a normal souvenir sheet and the variety have the same number of horizontal perforations: 25. He also reports having seen a mint Vienna Souvenir Sheet with the same perforation shift. It would be interesting to see if other examples of this shift appear and whether this is a con stant variety. Presumably the souvenir sheets were printed several at a time on a press sheet.

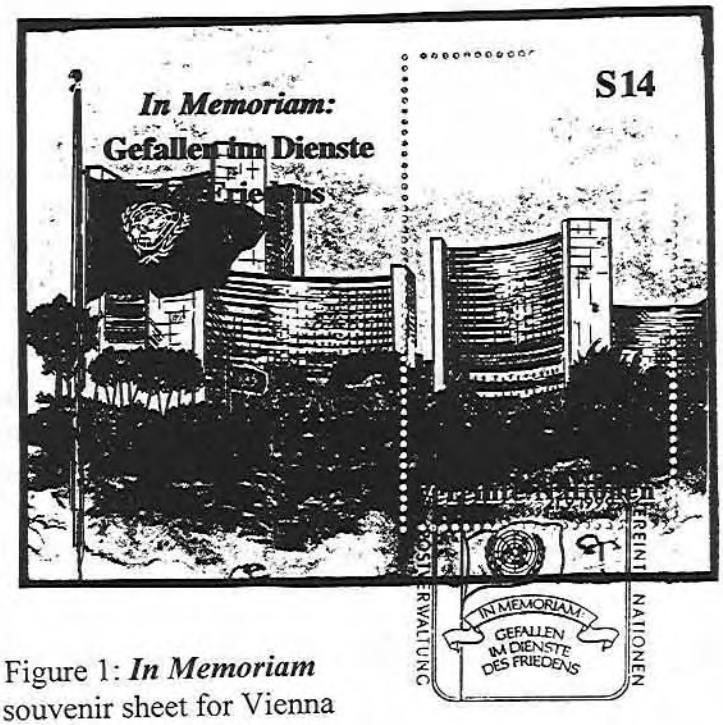

Figure 1: ***In Memoriam*** souvenir sheet for Vienna showing perforation shift.

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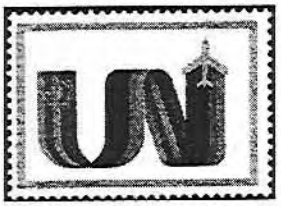

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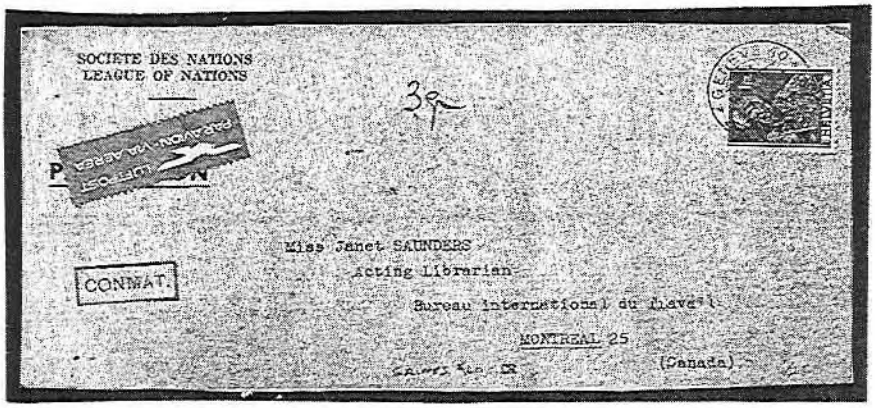

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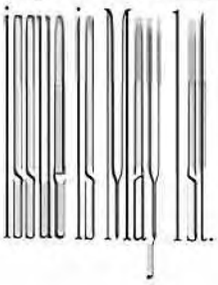

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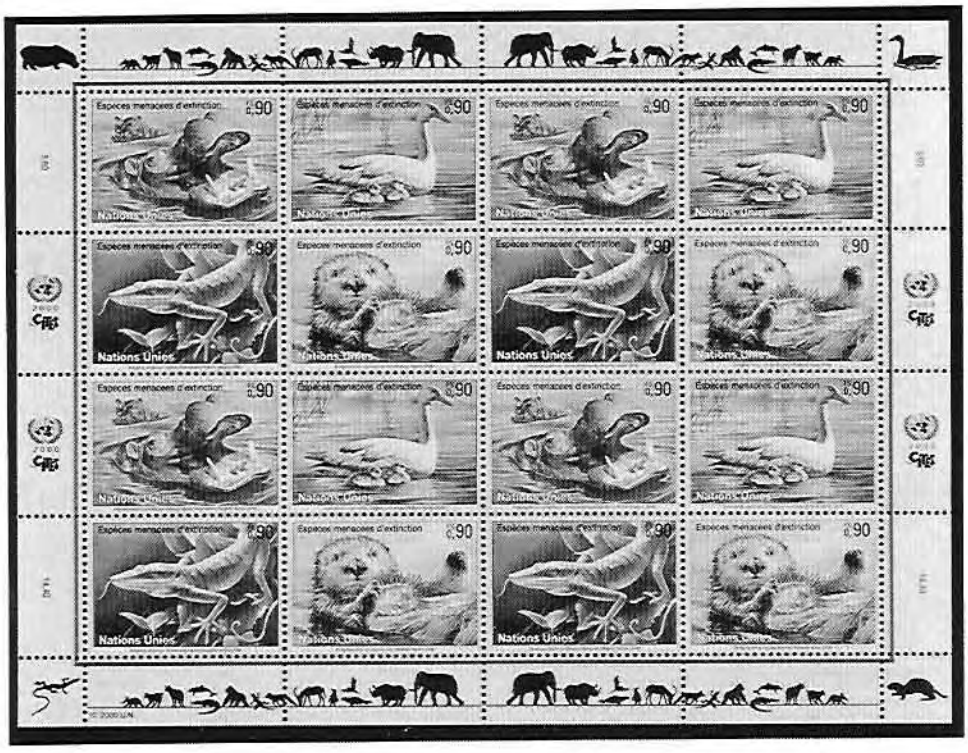

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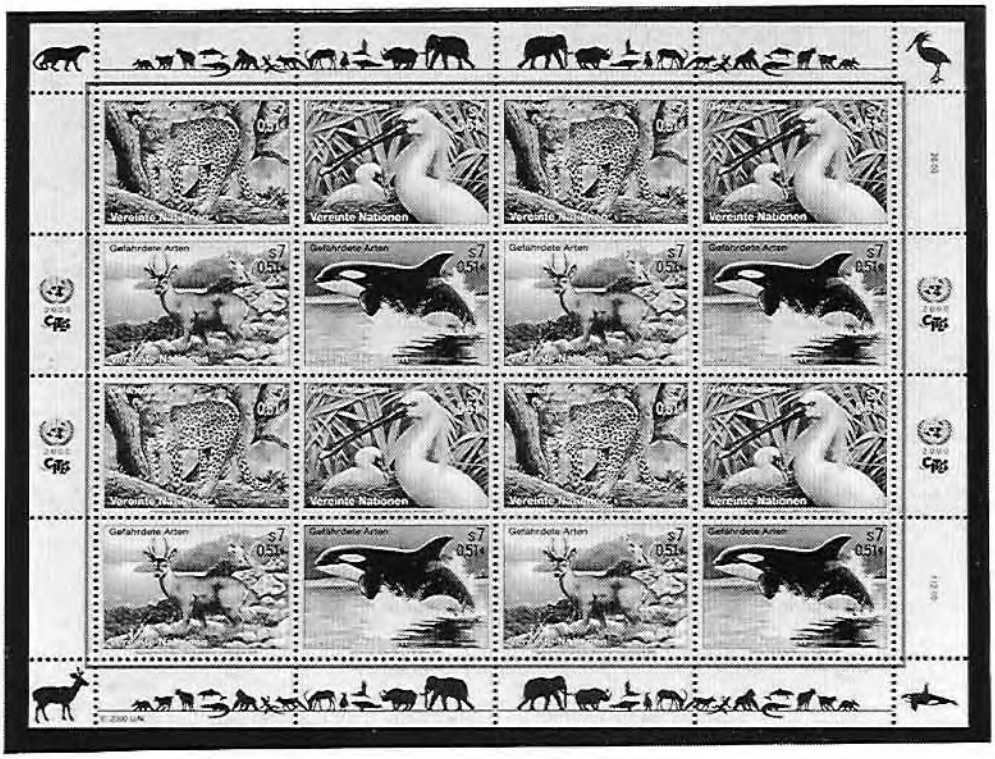

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