

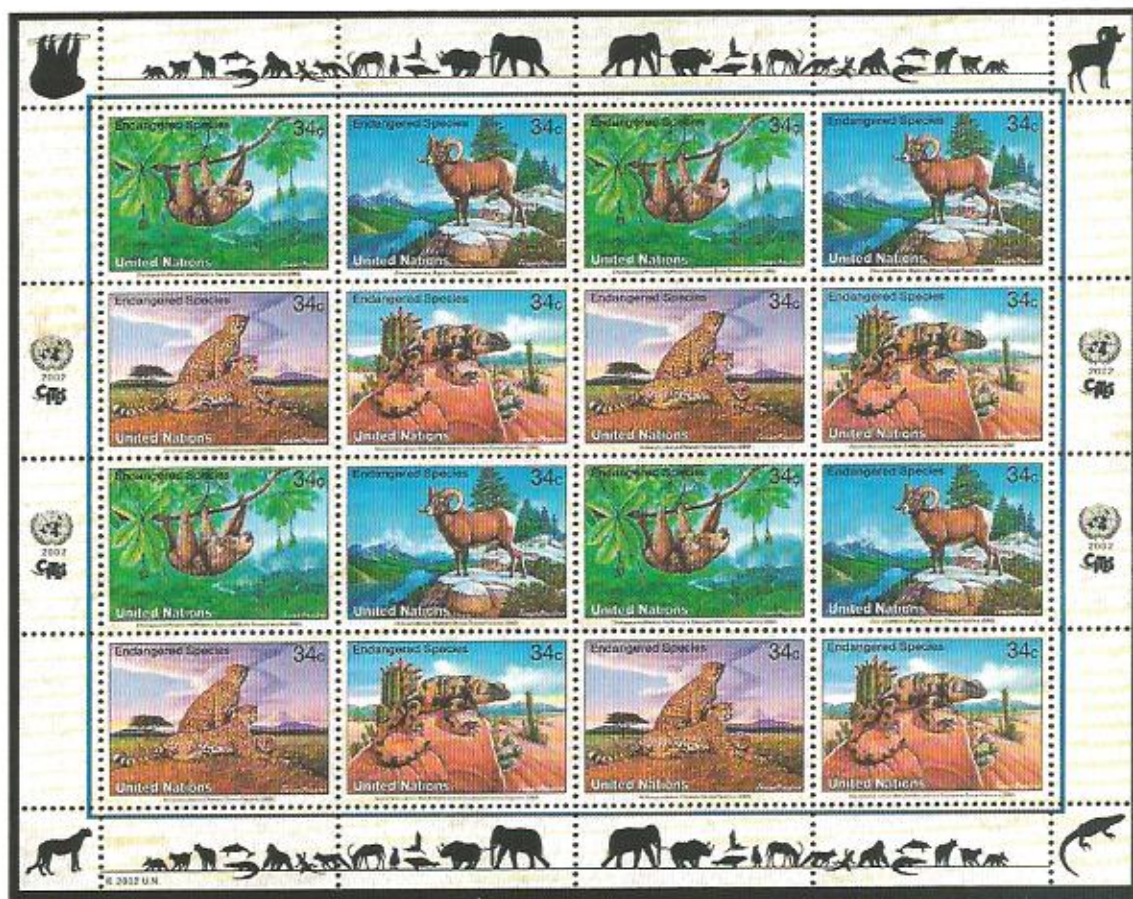
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Front cover: UNNY 2002 Endangered Species sheets issued April 4, 2002. **Rear cover:** UN Geneva and UN Vienna 2002 Endangered Species sheets.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It's a Go for St. Imier, Switzerland

In the February issue of the *Journal*, I mentioned the possibility of the Editorial Office moving to St. Imier, Switzerland for about five months. As we read this April issue, I shall have already begun my sabbatical stay at the following address:

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I am currently teaching the introductory college physics courses of a former colleague from Caltech to first and second year (French-speaking) students in applied engineering. My colleague is teaching my students at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, California. I arrived on March 3rd. I plan to return to Pasadena on July 31st.

I hope that there will be a minimal impact on the dates of appearance of this journal in the months of June and August. I plan to prepare most of the August issue of the *Journal* in Switzerland before I return. However, I will probably delay producing the final photo-ready copy for the printer until I return so that I can use the club computer in order to maintain the format of the journal. This means that members may not receive the August issue before the end of September. I plan to return to the normal schedule for the October issue. Members should receive this issue on or about October 15th.

The June issue should appear on time as most of it was produced in Pasadena before my departure. However, timely articles and features will have to be produced with another computer. I hope to be able to use the

school computer for producing text but I am not sure that I shall have convenient access to a scanner. As a result I ask that contributors send their text to me directly for the June and August issues at the address above. It would help if figures could be "sized" so that they fit into either a single-column or a double-column width. It would be ideal for me if two copies of the figures could be sent - one in each of these sizes.

Needless to say, my return to Switzerland brings me the welcome opportunity to scour Europe again for United Nations-related material. And I hope to solicit more articles from Europe-based members of UNP for the *Journal*. I have already marked my calendar to attend the Annual Meeting of UNOP (the Germany-based club of United Nations Philatelists) in Soest, Germany on May 4th and 5th. Visits to the Philatelic Museum at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and the Paris Stamp Flea Market are on my agenda during my two-week Easter vacation.

UNP ELECTIONS FOR 2002

Your attention is directed to the ballot for selecting four UNP officers and four members of the UNP Board of Directors, which can be found on the rear side of the mailer. These eight persons have volunteered to serve or to continue to serve as club overseers beginning July 1, 2002 for two years. Election chairman Steven Scheibner and your President Greg Galletti tried valiantly to locate additional candidates to allow members more choice. Unfortunately no other volunteers stepped forward.

As a sign of solidarity for the efforts of the club officers and directors, all members are urged to mail in their ballots by the deadline June 15, 2002.

2002 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of April 1, 2002 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

March 1

Definitive stamps and Stationery

80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,07, € 0,51, € 0,58, € 0,73, € 0,87, € 2,03
(8 Sheets of 20 stamps)
F.s. 1,30 Postal card, € 0,51 Postal card

April 4

Endangered Species

34¢, F.s. 0,90, € 0,51
(3 Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)
Set of 3 maximum cards.
2002 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

May 20

Independence - East Timor

34¢, 57¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 1,09
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

May 24

International Year of Mountains (IYM)

34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 1,20, € 0,22, € 0,51.
(3 Mini-Sheets of 12 stamps.)
Set of 6 maximum cards

June 27

Environment Summit + 10 (Johannesburg Summit)

34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, € 0,51, € 0,58
(6 sheets of 12 stamps)

August 30

World Heritage - Italy

34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, € 0,51, € 0,58
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(5¢, 20¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, € 0,07, € 0,14)}

October 24

UNAIDS Awareness - Semi-postal

70¢, F.s. 1,30, € 1,53
(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)
 $34¢ + 6¢ = 40¢$, F.s. 0,90 + F.s. 0,30 = F.s. 1,20, € 0,51 + € 0,25 = € 0,76.
(3 Souvenir sheets.)
Souvenir card
2002 Annual Collection Folders

2002 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 7

United Nations - for a Better World

April 8

The UN works to build a society for all ages

CORRECTED SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBERS OF 2001 UNITED NATIONS STAMPS

Date of Issue	Item
January 9	Stationery Surcharged 1997 50¢ air letter revalued to 70¢ New York UC22
February 1	Endangered Species 34¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51 New York 789-92a, Geneva 367-70a, Vienna 284-7a
March 29	International Year of Volunteers 34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, S 10/€ 0,72, S 12/€ 0,87 New York 793-4, Geneva 371-2, Vienna 288-9 Souvenir Card 56
May 25	2001 Flag Series 8×34¢ New York 795 (Slovenia), 796 (Palau), 797 (Tonga), 798 (Former Yugoslav Rep. Macedonia), 799 (Croatia), 800 (Kiribati), 801 (Andorra), 802 (Nauru) Definitive stamps and Stationery 7¢, 34¢ New York 803-4 34¢ pre-stamped envelope (small and large), 70¢ postal card, 70¢ air letter New York U14, U15, UX22, UC23
August 1	World Heritage - Japan 34¢, 70¢, F.s. 1,10, F.s. 1,30, S 7/€ 0,51, S 15/€ 1,09 New York 805-6, Geneva 373-4, Vienna 290-1 {3 Prestige Booklets with 3×(5¢, 15¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,20, S 1/€ 0,07, S 2/€ 0,14)} New York 807a-f, Geneva 375a-f, Vienna 292a-f
September 18	Dag Hammarskjöld 80¢, F.s. 2,00, S 7/€ 0,51 New York 808, Geneva 376, Vienna 293
October 18	50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration 34¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,30, S 7/€ 0,51, S 8/€ 0,58. New York 809-10, Geneva 377-8, Vienna 294-5 \$2.00, F.s. 3,10, S 28/€ 2,04 - Souvenir Sheets New York 811, 811a Geneva 379, 379a, 379b Vienna 296, 296a, 296b
November 8	Climate Change 34¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51 New York 812-5a, Geneva 380-83a, Vienna 297-300a
December 10	Nobel Peace Prize 34¢, F.s. 0,90, S 7/€ 0,51 New York 816, Geneva 384, Vienna 301

THE 2002 UNITED NATIONS ENDANGERED SPECIES SERIES

From a UNPA Press Release

On April 4th of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued its tenth 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 2002 Endangered Species



Sauromalus varius: The San Esteban Island chuckwalla is a rather large lizard, typically 18 inches in length and is restricted to an island in the Gulf of California. This desert iguana spends many hours lying in the sun on exposed rocks. These reptiles, very popular with collectors, are included in Appendix I.



Acinonyx jubatus: Cheetahs are famed for being the fastest mammals on Earth over short distances. They weigh on average a bit more than 100 pounds. It is threatened due to severe depletion of its prey base and direct persecution by man. This Appendix I animal is found in sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and South-West Asia.



Ovis canadensis: Bighorn sheep are best known for their head-to-head combat between males. Rams typically measure six feet from head to tail and weigh about 250 pounds. They are found in the Rocky Mountains of North America. The main threats to this Appendix II species are human encroachment on their habitat, hunting for their meat and horns and diseases.



Choloepus hoffmanni: Hoffmann's two-toed sloth is a unique animal. This Appendix III mammal spends most of its life upside down. It weighs about 20 pounds and occurs from northern Brazil, through Guyana and Venezuela up to Nicaragua. The main threat to this species is habitat destruction and hunting for its meat.



Varanus exanthematicus: The African Savannah monitor is found throughout most of Africa, south of the Sahara. It can measure up to 4 feet long. This Appendix II reptile are hunted and traded in large numbers. World-wide, thousands of skins and a large variety of lizard-skin products are traded each year.



Otocolobus manul: The manul is a solitary cat, which has adapted to cold, arid climates and is found throughout Central Asia. This Appendix II feline can weigh as much as ten pounds. It has long been hunted for its fur and is threatened by major poisoning campaigns to control populations of its favorite prey, the pika.



Melivora capensis: The honey badger is a nocturnal animal that can weigh up to 30 pounds. This Appendix III mammal can be found from the semi-deserts of sub-Saharan Africa to the moist savannas of South Africa. Habitat destruction menaces this species.



Cacajao calvus: The white uakari is a medium-sized monkey with a short tail. This Appendix I species can be found in the Upper

Amazonia region, where they live in tropical rainforests.



Hylobates syndactylus: The Siamang or Great Gibbon is found in tropical lowlands and hill forests in Peninsular Malaysia and Sumatra. These Appendix I mammals are endangered primarily via habitat destruction by logging.



Spheniscus demersus: The jackass penguin is found only off the coast of South Africa and Namibia. It can measure up to 28 inches tall. Oil spills and excess fishing in nearby waters are major threats to this Appendix II bird.



Prionodon linsang: The banded linsang is a night animal that mainly lives in trees. It occurs from the south of Thailand through Malaysia to Indonesia. Habitat destruction probably is a bigger threat to its survival than trade for this Appendix II creature.



Bufo retiformis: The Sonoran green toad occurs in southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It can be as long as 2 inches. The demand by collectors was so great that it was included in Appendix II until May 2000.

THE IB OF THE UPU RELEASES NEW INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS

By Richard Powers

An announcement in the October issue of the *Journal* mentioned that the International Bureau (IB) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in Bern, Switzerland would be issuing new reply international reply coupons (IRC) on January 1, 2002. More details appeared in the April 2001 issue of the quarterly *Universal Postal Union Review*.

Figure 1 shows the front side of a international reply coupon, which was valid for use until December 31, 2001. This particular specimen bears a value in Japanese yen.



Figure 1: Specimen of the old version of the IRC.

The 1999 UPU Beijing Congress saw a need for a new IRC and an International Reply Coupon Project Team was established to examine different options for the new format. The new design was approved during the April 2001 session of the Postal Operations Council (POC).

The new IRC is larger than the old one and has a new design (Figure 2) to provide a distinct visual difference in the coupon series. The theme of the new coupon "*La lettre - une voie vers l'alphabétisation*" (*The letter - a path to literacy*) is printed in French between the name of the country of origin and the date stamp of the exchanging country. It is also printed on heavier paper commonly used for bank checks to allow for machine processing.

As one of its security features, it has a more distinctive watermark. Other security features

include a security rainbow, a fluorescent zone and micro-lettering that will protect both postal administrations and the IB from accepting counterfeit coupons. The new coupon also has a bar code and optical character readable (OCR) characters on the back.

The value of the new coupon remains at 0,74 SDR (approximately \$1). Whereas the old IRC is valid indefinitely, the new coupon is valid for only five years until December 31, 2006. This will allow post administrations to increase postal rates in the future.

Approximately four million IRCs from around the world are returned to the IB for processing each year, with developed countries being the largest users. The service is particularly popular among radio amateurs who commonly use it when they request colleagues elsewhere in the world to send them what is known as a QSL card to confirm details of a radio contact.

The following timetable has been established for retiring the old IRCs. December 31, 2001 was the last date of sale for the old IRCs. The following day the withdrawal of the old IRCs and return to the IB began. September 30, 2002 marks the last date for the IB to receive returned stock. On October 31, 2002 the IB will send recapitulative statements of returned stock. By November 30, 2002 the postal administrations will check the recapitulative statements. On November 20, 2002 the IB will send final liquidation statements to the postal administrations, which should pay liquidation debts by January 31, 2003.

The timetable for implementing the new IRCs began in May 2001 with the distribution of order forms to postal administrations. Coupons were to be ordered by June 2001. Billings for orders took place during June and July of 2001. The coupons were printed in from August to October 2001. Coupons were distributed to postal administrations in November 2001. Beginning January 1, 2002 coupons became available to customers.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

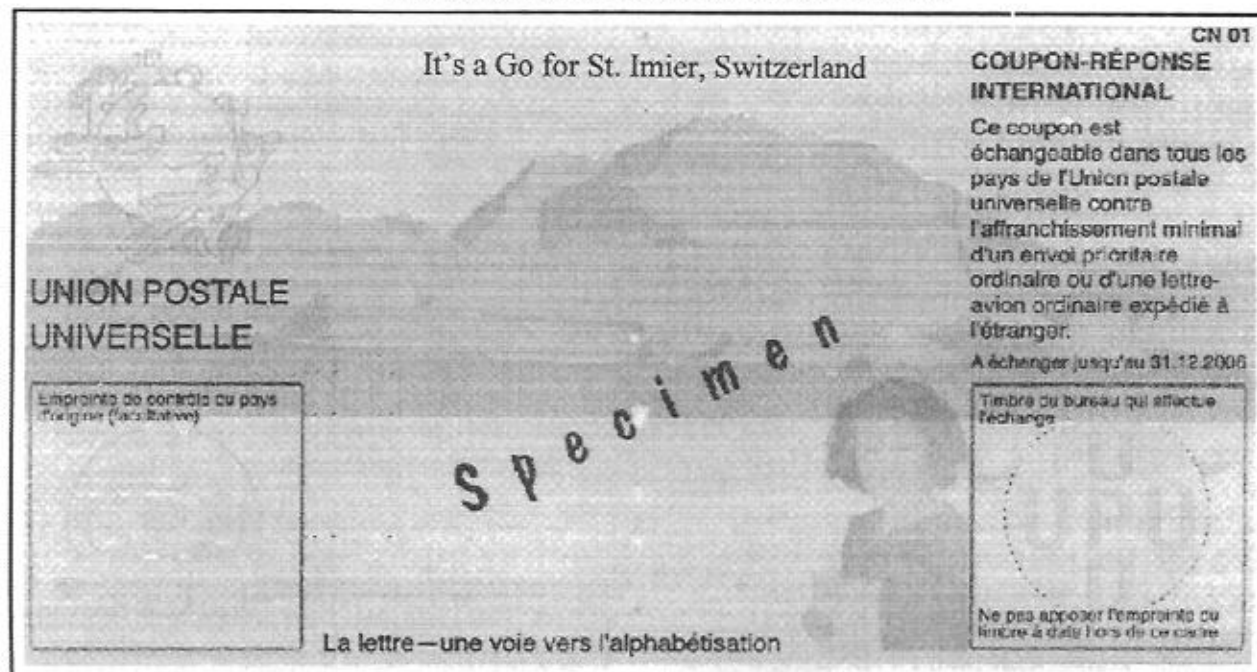


Figure 2: Specimen of the new version of the IKC available since January 1, 2002.

DELIVERY DELAYS AT THE UNPA

By Richard Powers

An article by Rick Miller in the February 4, 2002 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* mentions that all mail addressed to the United Nations in New York is being irradiated in Florida prior to delivery. Presumably this is in response to feared anthrax-loaded letters received in Washington, D.C. and in New York City. Perhaps this explains in part the peculiar servicing of covers submitted to received first day of service cancellations for the new slogan cancels (United Nations - for a Better World) scheduled to be placed in service January 7, 2002.

On December 16, 2001 I sent covers to be serviced by the UNNY for the new slogan and meter cancel, as well as covers to the UNPA offices in Geneva and Vienna for the new slogans. Under normal conditions three weeks should have been adequate for my requests mailed in Pasadena to arrive in New York City, Vienna and Geneva.

United Nations For a Better World



My cover from Vienna canceled January 7th arrived on schedule about January 14th. It had gone through the mail stream. About January 20th I received the New York slogan cancel (dated January 7th) and meter cancel (dated January 16th) covers in a protective UNPA cover so that neither of these covers actually passed through the mail stream. I speculate that the meter cancel probably reflects the date of servicing and that the machine slogan cancel was back-dated. In any case there seems to have been a delay in the UNPA receiving my request. My cover from Geneva passed through the mail stream (apparently by surface mail) and arrived on February 13th bearing a slogan cancel of January 17th.

Apparently persons sending orders destined for the UNPA in New York are well advised to mail such orders at least one month in advance.

GOOD-BYE SCHILLING, HELLO EURO

By Duane E. Lamers

Effective March 1st, 2002 all stationery and stamps issued for use at the United Nations offices in Vienna have been denominated only in euros. This is the result of Austria complying fully as a member of the European Union with the requirement that all commerce be transacted in the currency known as the euro, now designated by the symbol €. (Editor's Note: The euro currently has a value of about US 90¢.) New definitive stamps and a postal card for domestic and European use were released on this date to reflect this conversion.

For six months beginning with the new year 2002, stamps and stationery issued in Austrian schilling values only will continue to be valid for use. In addition, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna has agreed to "redeem" the older schilling-valued stamps for those issued in euro values, for any holders desiring to exchange these stamps. Effective July 1, 2002, however, all stamps and stationery bearing denomination only in schillings will be demonetized. They will be worthless as postage or for use.

UNPA bulletins provide instructions for holders of postage stamps, wishing to exchange them. No mention is made, however, about the possibility of exchanging stationery.

The new postal card, made available March 1, 2002, is denominated € 0,51, the tariff Austria currently charges for postal cards with domestic or other European destinations. Austria does maintain a different rate for destinations outside Europe. It has not yet been announced whether the UNPA-Vienna will replace the two pre-stamped envelopes with values of S 7 (Scott # A/U2) and S 13 (#A/U3), which were issued in 1995 and 1998, respectively.

Switzerland does not participate in the European monetary union and is not required to denominate its stamps and stationery in euro values. On March 1, 2002, however, the UNPA in Geneva did release a new F.s. 1,30 postal card to reflect the current rate for destinations in Europe outside Switzerland. The domestic rates for postal cards are F.s. 0,70 (G/UX13) for regular delivery and F.s. 0,90 (G/UX8) for priority delivery. Thus, cards previously issued in these destinations are currently valid as issued (in 1998 and 1992, respectively) for one of these domestic mail categories.

Austria and Switzerland do not provide for the posting of aérogrammes (air letters), leaving only the UNPA in New York with authorization to provide for such service.

CORRECTION TO DECEMBER ISSUE

In the article *A Survey of Some United Nations First Issue Postal History* in the December issue of the *Journal* there was an incorrect Figure 9, which appeared on page 10. The corrected figure, bearing two 20¢ stamps from the first issue set, appears below.



Figure 9: Two 20¢ stamps to pay the 40¢ registration fee on this 1956 service cover.

THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO

By B. Clement, Jr.

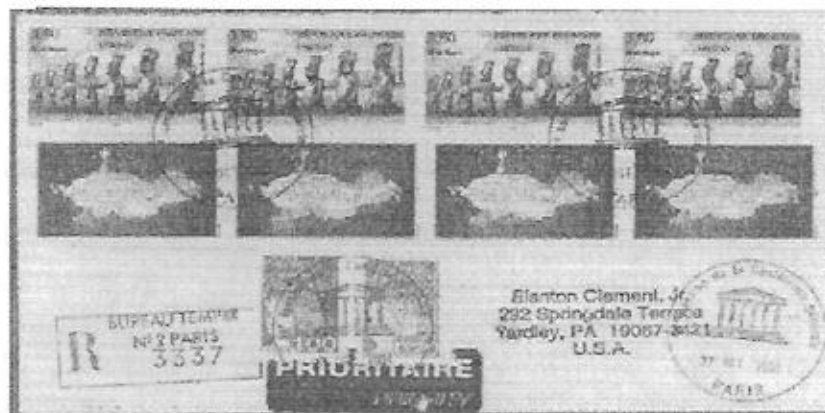


Figure 1: Registered cover bearing 2001 UNESCO Conference cancels.

The 31st UNESCO General Conference was held in Paris from October 15 until November 3, 2001. Four postal history items associated with this conference have been identified. Figure 1 shows a registered letter from the conference, bearing 1998 UNESCO stamps, (Scott France #2049-50) mailed to the U.S.A., with a special postmark (Figure 2) and special registry label (Figure 3) for Temporary Bureau No. 2.

Figure 4 shows an auxiliary postmark for Temporary Bureau No.2, which was used on the registered letter receipt shown in Figure 5.



Figure 4: Auxiliary conference postmark. A dispatching dater in violet black used by the Conference Secretariat is shown in Figure 6.



Figure 2: Special conference postmark.

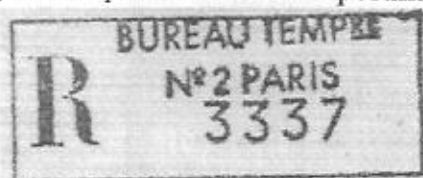


Figure 3: Conference registry label.



Figure 6: Conference dispatching dater.



Figure 5: Receipt for registered letter bearing auxiliary conference postmark.

DOMESTIC POSTCARD RATES IN SWITZERLAND (1921-1946)

By Richard Powers

During the brief postal history (1921-1947) of the League of Nations and the corresponding era of the International Labor Organization (ILO), the postal tariffs in Switzerland associated with postcards with domestic destinations were unusually stable. According to the Zumstein *Spezialkatalog Schweiz 1992* there were only three unchanging rates during this period: ordinary postcards with written messages (10 centimes), printed-matter postcards with a printed message (5 centimes) and reduced-rate printed-matter postcards with a printed message for mailings of at least twenty cards (3 centimes). The latter are identified by the use of a special P.P. cancel, when stamps are used or by the use of a printed indicia in a box such as



The unstamped variety was valid for use both inside Switzerland as well as abroad.

Figure 1 shows an ordinary postcard sent from the Publications Service of the ILO in response to a request for information concerning the periodical *Revue internationale du travail* (International Labor Review). The card bears a 10-centime ILO stamp (Scott #3060) postmarked at the Gare Cornevin on March 5, 1942. (Incidentally this was the fourth day of use of this stamp which was released on March 2nd.)

A relatively rare rate appears in Figure 2. It shows an ILO printed-matter postcard (as indicated by the printed legend **IMPRIMÉ**). The printed message from the ILO Publications Service on the rear is an advertisement for a 60-page brochure entitled: *The Co-operative Movement in the Americas*. The postcard bears a 5-centime League of Nations stamp (Scott #2048) postmarked October 30, 1943 at the Geneva 1 Office for the Expedition of Letters. It is



Figure 1: Ordinary ILO postcard with ILO stamp (Scott #3060) mailed in 1942 at the Gare Cornevin (Train) Station in Geneva.

not obvious to me why the ILO should be using League of Nations stamps aside, perhaps as a matter of convenience. Normally League stamps bear the postmark of the post office at the Société des Nations (League of Nations). However, other Geneva post offices were used, particularly if a special postal service were required.

An even rarer postal tariff appears in Figure 3. It shows another printed matter ILO postcard from the Publications Service. The message is an announcement of the publication of the 1942 Labor Statistics Annual. Presumably the mailing list had more than twenty names so that a reduced rate of 3-centimes (Scott #3038) could be used. The same Geneva 1 post office was used as in Figure 2. The difference is the use of the P.P. (Port Payé) reference, which occurs in both the townmark but also the slogan.

The last category of domestic postcard appears in Figure 4. It shows a unstamped postcard sent at the discounted printed matter rate for mailings of more than twenty items. This particular card is a double card

with the anticipated reply card attached to the original card (and folded underneath). It was sent by the League of Nations Publications Service advertising the League's monthly periodical *Bulletin Mensuel de Statistique*.

Of the four post cards the stamped bulk-rate card is my favorite because of its rarity and the cleanness of the cancel. Bulk rate postcards with stamps from either the League of Nations and the ILO are extremely rare. In fact it is the only one that I have seen in more than twenty years of searching for League of Nations and ILO material from the classic period of 1921 - 1946. The vast majority of surviving bulk rate cards carry printed indicia.

The illustrated stamped postcards also demonstrate nicely what I look for most in League of Nations associated material. It should bear clear cancellations on well-centered stamps. And, when possible, single franking is desirable. It makes understanding the postal tariffs less ambiguous and produces a less cluttered effect.



Figure 2: ILO printed-matter postcard with LoN 5c stamp (Scott #2048) mailed in 1943 at the Geneva 1 Office for Expedition (Exp.) of Letters (Lettres).



Figure 3: Bulk-rate printed-matter ILO postcard with ILO 3c stamp (Scott #3038) mailed in 1943 at the Geneva 1 Office for the Expedition (Exp.) of Letters (Lettres) with special P. P. (Postage Paid) cancel.

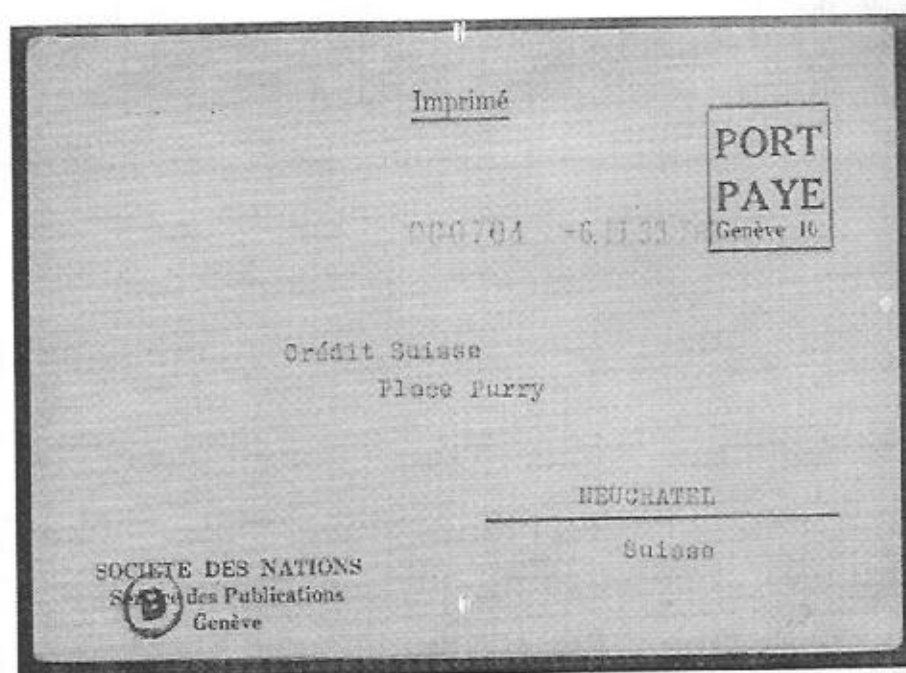


Figure 4: Bulk-rate printed-matter League of Nations postcard with printed indicia mailed at the Geneva 10 post office in 1933.

INTERNATIONAL POSTCARD RATES IN SWITZERLAND (1921-1946)

By Richard Powers

In contrast to the stable domestic postal tariffs during the brief postal history (1921 - 1947) of the League of Nations and the corresponding era of the International Labor Organization (ILO), the postal rates in Switzerland associated with postcards with international destinations were somewhat more complicated. According to the Zumstein *Spezialkatalog Schweiz 1992* there were only two rates during this period for ordinary postcards with written messages: 25 centimes from 1921 to 1924 and 20 centimes thereafter until 1948. According to Zumstein, the printed matter rate varied from 10 centimes in 1921 to 5 centimes in 1924 to 7½ centimes in 1928 and then back to 5 centimes in 1930 until 1948. During part of this time frame a reduced tariff of 3 centimes was available to publishers and booksellers.

Figure 1 shows an ordinary post card sent by the Service for Sales and Publicity of the International Labor Organization (ILO) sent on December 2, 1923 in response to a re-

quest by a Book Store in Brussels for a publication entitled *Professional Orientation*. The card bears a 25-centime ILO stamp (Scott #3011) postmarked at the Geneva 1 Office for the Expedition of Letters (Exp. Lettr.).

Figure 2 shows a picture postcard used by Radio-Nations (of the League of Nations) in Geneva to confirm a broadcast that it had made in July 1939. The broadcast had been received in Lisbon, Portugal. The ordinary postcard bears a League of Nations 20 centime stamp (Scott #2061) postmarked by the Geneva 10 post office at the Société des Nations. It is interesting that the card is typed and not printed since such printed confirmation postcards for Radio-Nations had existed for at least two years.

Figure 3 shows a printed-matter postcard sent October 21, 1937 to a listener in Derry, Pennsylvania who had picked up a broadcast on September 4, 1937. The card was a printed form to which had been added just the date of broadcast and the call letters of



Figure 1: Ordinary ILO postcard with ILO stamp (Scott #3011) mailed in 1923 at the Geneva 1 post office to Brussels.



Figure 2: Address side of ordinary postcard from Radio-Nations in 1939 sent to Lisbon bearing a 20-centime stamp.



Figure 2: Picture side of postcard sent by Radio-Nations showing the Court of Honor and Terrace at the League of Nations.



Figure 3: Address side of printed matter postcard from Radio-Nations in 1937 sent to Derry, PA bearing a 5-centime stamp.

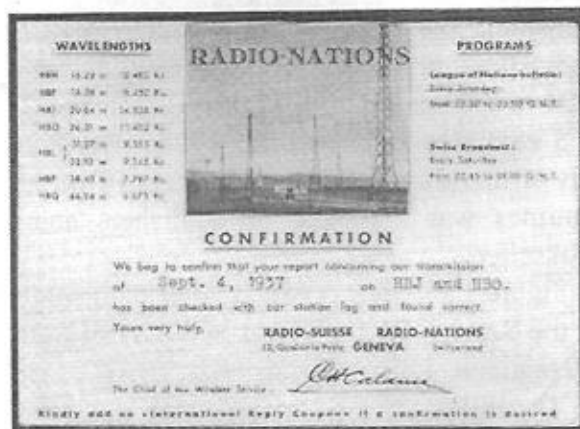


Figure 3: Message side of printed matter postcard from Radio-Nations confirming broadcast in 1937.

of the stations. The postcard bears a 5-centime Swiss stamp (Scott #228). At this time the printed matter rates inside of Switzerland and abroad were the same.

Figure 4 shows an ILO printed matter postcard sent to Aarhus, Denmark bearing a 10-centime stamp (Scott # 306). The card was postmarked July 22, 1924 at the Geneva 1 Office for the Expedition of Letters (Exp. Lettr.) The card announces the availability of a catalog listing all documents on sale at the ILO in Geneva. The recipient appears to be an journalists' organization.

For two years between 1928 and 1930 the

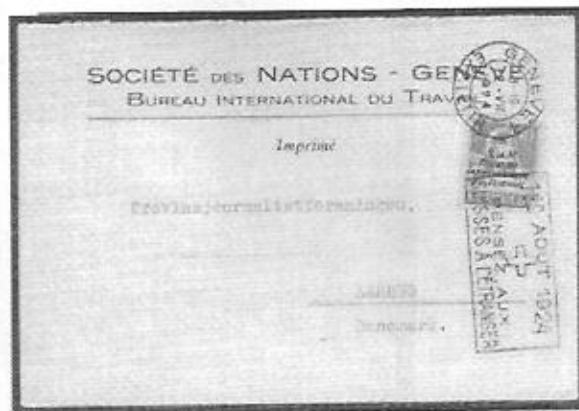


Figure 4: ILO printed matter postcard in 1924 sent to Aarhus, Denmark bearing a 10-centime stamp.

printed rate postcard rate became 7½ centimes. The Swiss PTT issued stamps in this denomination for the League of Nations (Scott #208) and the ILO (Scott #305). It also issued a 2½-centime stamp (Scott #201 and #301), which was made available as a supplementary stamp to make up an appropriate tariff.

Figure 5 shows a League of Nations a double printed matter postcard from the Service of Publications bearing the 7½-centime stamp. It was postmarked at the Geneva 10 League of Nations post office on April 19, 1929 and sent to Prague. It announces the availability of a Report from the Second International Conference on Sleeping Sickness in Paris in November 1928. The addressee, Dr. Merkl had died, as indicated by a purple label with the legend **Décédé** and a large cross after the name. The card was returned to the League.

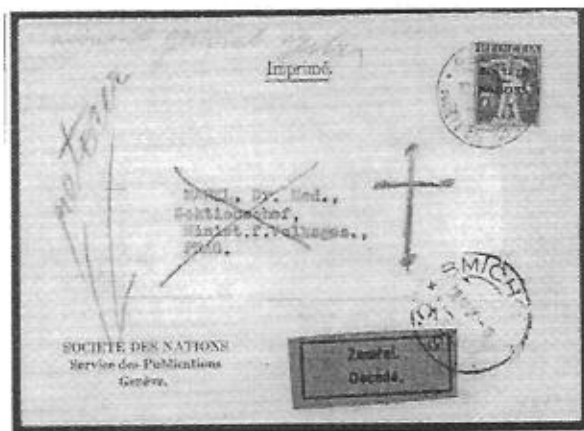


Figure 5: League printed matter postcard sent to Prague in 1929 bearing a 7½-centime stamp.

Figure 6 shows an alternative way of making up the 7½-centime rate: with a 5-centime stamp (Scott #205) and a 2½-centime stamp (Scott #201). This League of Nations printed matter postcard was postmarked on May 11, 1929 at the Geneva 1 Office for the Expedition of Letters and sent to Freiburg, Germany. The Publications Service was announcing the

availability of the 1928 International Statistical Year-Book. Since the minimum postal tariff during the period from 1921 to 1947 was 3 centimes, the 2½-centime stamp could serve only as a stamp to "make-up" rates. This stamp is particularly challenging to find on cover.



Figure 6: League printed matter postcard sent to Freiburg, Germany in 1929 using a 2½-centime and a 5-centime stamp to make-up the rate of 7½ centimes.

Figure 7 shows an unstamped printed matter double postcard sent by the League of Nations Publications Service in 1932. The card announces the publication of the 330 page document entitled **World Economic Survey, 1931-32**. The reply card allowed the sender to mail in an order to a book publications house in Berlin.



Figure 7: League bulk rate printed matter card sent to Hannover, Germany in 1932.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA: 2000 - 2001

By Richard Powers

On December 28, 2001 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 twelve months. These included special items issued between November 16, 2000 and July 22 2001. This year's shipment cost \$17.76 plus a \$2.50 mailing fee, for which I received AS 29 in canceled UNVienna stamps with first day cancels. Below is a summary of the twelve covers which I received.

On November 16, 2000 the UNPA issued a commemorative cover at the Fourth Fall Senior Fair at the Fairgrounds in Vienna. The cover bears a special UN-Vienna cancel tying the 2000 AS 7 Refugee stamp (Scott A283) which pictures a pair of senior citizens strolling through the woods with a dog. A similar design appears in the cachet (Figure 1).



Figure 1: 2000 Fall Senior Fair cover.

On November 25, 2000 the UNPA and the Austrian Post Office in partnership issued a joint souvenir postcard noting their participation with WIPA (Vienna International Philatelic Exposition) in the Open House at VÖPh (Austrian Stamp Club Union) in Vienna. The card (Figure 2) bears a

AS 14 Social Summit commemorative (Scott A179) issued in 1995 as well as a complementary Austrian stamp also designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser. The UNPA cancel pictures the VÖPh Building.



Figure 2: Open House at VÖPh

On the same day the UNPA issued its own souvenir cover commemorating the same event. This cover bears the 50 gröschen definitive (A167) and the AS 6,50 Spanish World Heritage stamp (A280) tied by the same UNPA cancel picturing the event venue. The cachet echoes the cancel design.



Figure 3: 2000 VÖPh Open House cover.

From December 1st through 3rd the UNPA participated in ÖJUBRIA 2000 (the Aus-

trian National Children's Stamp Exposition) in Stockerau, Austria, which took place in the City Hall in its modern Exhibition Center. Both the cachet and the UNPA cancel picture the venue of the exposition. The cover bears the same 50-gröschén definitive as well as the AS 6,50 1999 Memoriam commemorative (A264).



Figure 4: ÖJUBRIA 2000 cover.

The UNPA continued its traditional participation at the annual Christmas Stamp Show sponsored by the UBSV **Weihnachtsphila 2000** at the Vienna City Hall on December 9th and 10th. The cachet and cancel show a view of the City Hall. The cover (Figure 5) bears the AS 7 2000 International Year of Thanksgiving stamp (A268).



Figure 5: Weihnachtsphila 2000 cover.

The Flugpostauswechslungsamt at 1150 Wien (Flight mail exchange office at 1150 Vienna) organized a special Christmas eve

2000 flight cover from Vienna to Rome. The UNPA prepared a special cachet and cancel showing a papal Swiss guard at work next to a Christmas tree. The cover (Figure 6) bears the same Thanksgiving stamp on the address side and a Christmas return cancel from Vatican City on the reverse side picturing the Holy Family.



Figure 6: 2000 Christmas eve flight cover from Vienna to Rome.

On the occasion of the program **Senior AKTUELL 2000** at the Vienna Stadthalle, which took place last year from March 27th through the 30th, the UNPA released a special cover (Figure 7) bearing a AS 7 Our World commemorative (A273) tied by a special cancel picturing a pair of senior citizens, who also appear in the cachet, which portrays seven active seniors involved in various recreational activities. Visitors at the information stand of the UNPA were able to buy UNPA stamps and post mail at this spring Senior Fair.

On April 28, 2001 the UNPA prepared special first flight covers (Figure 8) for the Austrian Airlines flight OS 507 from Vienna to Toronto. The cachet shows a view of the Toronto skyline as seen from Lake Erie. This theme is repeated in the special UNPA cancel, which ties a AS 15 definitive (A51) to the cover. Next to the stamp is the Toronto receiving cancel of the Canadian post office commemorating the first flight.



Figure 7: 2001 Senior Aktuell cover.

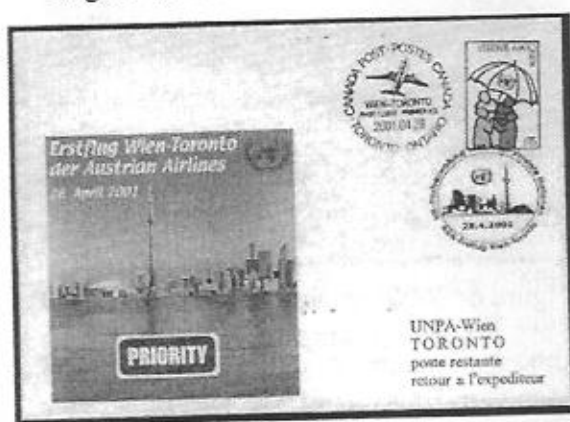


Figure 8: Flight cover to Toronto.

The UNPA in Vienna chose to release its new all-purpose cacheted envelope (Figure 9) on March 4, 2001 at its special post office on the occasion of the Presentation of the "Jahresgabe" of the Verbandes Österreichischer Philatelisten Vereine (Union of Austrian Stamp Clubs). The special cancel shows a view of the Vienna International Center, which also appears in the cachet as



Figure 9: Special cancel used on the first day of sale of the new UNPA Vienna cachet.

well as in the AS 7 definitive (A138).

A second special flight cover (Figure 10) was prepared by the UNPA-Vienna on May 24, 2001 for use on a Greetings Flight to **NAPOSTA 2001** in Wuppertal. The cachet, the special Vienna cancel and the receiving cancel of the German Post Office in Wuppertal on the reverse side, all show the famous suspended city train over the Schwimmoper in this German city on the occasion of its century of operation. At points the train straddles the river bed on steel legs. The cancel ties the AS 7 UN 55th Anniversary commemorative (A275).



Figure 10: Special Greeting flight cover to NAPOSTA 2001.

On June 8, 2001 the Austrian Post Office released a AS 21 stamp honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1950. The UNPA in Vienna prepared a cover (Figure 11) with special cancel and cachet portraying refugees in flight. The UNPA cancel ties both the Austrian stamp and the analogous AS 7 UN stamp, which had been released in November 2000 (A283). The Austrian stamp was officially released at the Headquarters of the Verband Österreichischer Philatelisten-Vereine during a ceremony featuring an exhibit by the Austrian Representative of the UNHCR and a Stamp Presentation by the Ukrainian Stamp Collectors' Club.



Figure 11: First Day cover of the Austrian stamp honoring the 50th Anniversary of the UNHCR with UNPA Vienna cancel.

The UNPA Vienna established a special post office to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Schlossspiele (Castle Festival) in Kobersdorf, Austria in Burgenland. Last year the drama festival featured the play Molière *Der Bürger als Edelmann* (Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme). On this occasion the Mittelburgenländische Briefmarkensammler-Verein (the Stamp Collectors Club of Central Burgenland) organized a thematic stamp exhibit dealing with Literature, Music and Painting from July 19th through the 22nd.. The UNPA released a special cover (Figure 12) and cancel which picture the Schloss Kobersdorf. A AS 7 endangered species stamp from the 1993 series featuring a gray wolf (A146) is tied to the cover.



Figure 12: Schlossspiele Kobersdorf cover.

The above mentioned special commemorative items were obtainable only from the UNPA in Vienna by ordering the item specifically in advance or by establishing a customer account and specifying that you wish "Sonderstempel". I also have included in my standing order, a set of the Prestige Booklets with each stamp canceled on the first day of issue. It is very easy to establish a customer account in Vienna so that one can receive these items automatically via one shipment per year. The UNPA can easily cash checks written in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank. For more information on how to establish such an account in Vienna, write to the following address:

Postverwaltung der Vereinten Nationen
Postfach 900
A-1400 Wien - Vereinten Nationen
Austria.

UNPA ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN DAY OF RELEASE FOR THE 2002 DEFINITIVES AND POSTAL STATIONERY

After the February 2002 issue of the *Journal of United Nations Philatelists* went to press, the UNPA in New York announced that all of the definitives and stationery previously announced to be released on January 1, 2002 on the occasion of the introduction of euro in twelve member states of the European Union had been delayed until March 1, 2002. The article on the postal items for the UNPA offices in New York and Geneva anticipated that the release date would be the first day of the year as originally announced.

In a separate announcement from Vienna the UNPA explained the delay of the Vienna definitives by not being able to release the announced stamps with the quality, which the UNPA normally requires.

PRINTED VERSION OF UN GENEVA "CONF" ORIGIN CACHET

By B. Clement, Jr.

Small boxed origin-cachets containing the legends "CONF. 1" through "CONF. 16" have been observed on mail from United Nations conferences held in Geneva from 1947 through 1995. A detailed list, which is somewhat out of date, can be found on page 1103 of the Gaines catalog *United Nations Philately*. This list will be updated in the planned UNP monograph on Conferences of the United Nations, its Agencies and Predecessors, tentatively planned to appear about 2004.

Two printed versions of these cachets have been observed. The first example is shown in Figure 1. This is a mailing label for printed matter from the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology, held in Geneva, February 4 - 20, 1963. The label has the corner card of the conference, which includes the conference logo and the printed boxed "CONF.1" above the stamp. The rubber-stamped cachet "CONF.1" has also been applied above the hand cancel on the left-hand side of the label. One of the two stamps issued by Switzerland (Scott #7039) for the UN Geneva Office honoring the conference is canceled by the conference postmark on February 20, 1963. This stamp is applied over a printed boxed "Port Paye Geneva 10". Other examples of this cachet on conference mail have been observed, but this is the first observed example of the printed version.

The second example is shown in Figure 2. This is from an unknown conference in the 1963 - 66 time period. This cover was mailed Port Paye from Geneva to Cologne, Germany. The cover is an odd one in that it has both New York and Geneva features. It has a UN-New York corner card and the inscription "Form 3547 Requested" which refers to a United States Postal Service (USPS) form. To that have been added the

boxed "CONF.8", "IMPRIME" and "Port Paye Genève 10". The rubber-stamped cachet "CONF.8" was used during this time period for the UN Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee in 1963 and the UN Conference on Trade and Development in 1964.

There are two things in common about both of these printed versions of the "CONF." cachet: they are both on Printed Matter and have a printed "Port Paye" imprint. Normally printed matter post paid mail is sent out in bulk to a mailing list. Such mail would not receive the personal attention required to add a hand stamped cachet.

All of these "CONF" inscriptions, whether stamped or printed, are uncommon. If readers have any examples of either, they are urged to report them to me. A photocopy and indication of cachet color would be appreciated. Your information will be invaluable in making the upcoming monograph as complete as possible. Your contribution will be acknowledged.



Figure 1: Mailing label bearing both printed and rubber-stamped origin cachet "CONF.1" from the UN Conference on the Application of Science and Technology in Geneva in 1963.

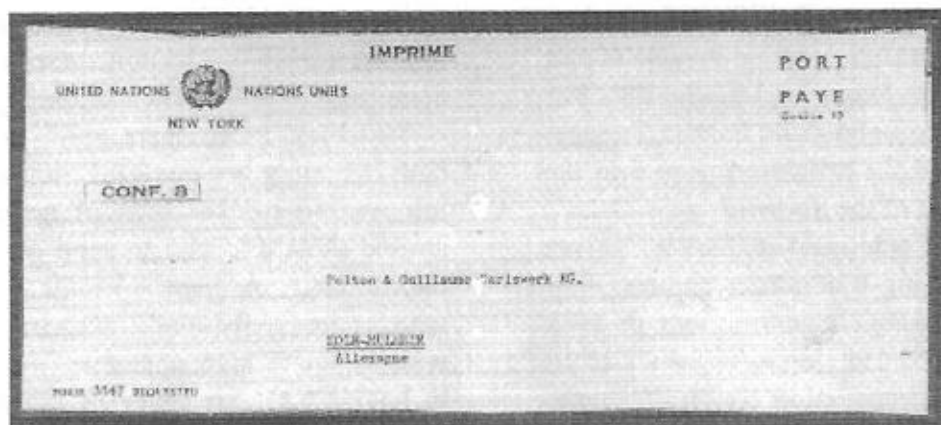


Figure 2: Printed matter postage paid cover bearing printed "Conf.8" origin cachet from Geneva.

A QSL CARD DURING THE '82 UNICEF EXPEDITION

By Richard Powers

During STAMPSHOW 2001 I came across a somewhat mysterious card which seems to have originated in a program involving UNICEF called '82 UNICEF Ex-

pedition. Figure 1 shows the picture side of the card showing children from Ponape Island, one of the East Carolinas Islands, which in 1982 was a part of the United Na-

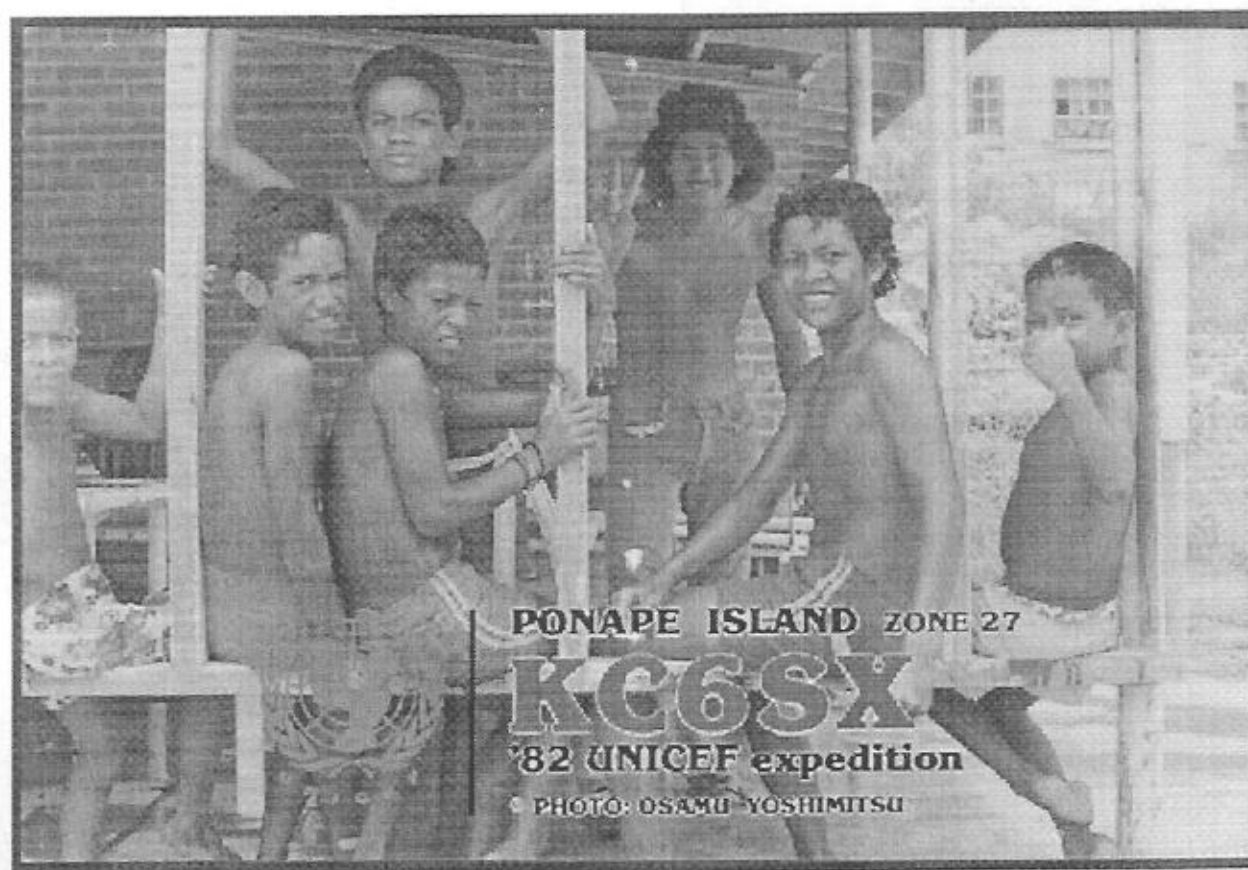


Figure 1: Picture side of QSL Card from Ponape Island in 1982.

tions Trusteeship in the Pacific under United States Administration. Today Ponape is part of the Federated States of Micronesia. For more information about the Pacific Trusteeship Islands see the article on page 6 in the June 2001 issue of the *Journal*

The reverse side seen in Figure 2 gives details concerning a communication (QSO) between two ham operators, which took place on July 31, 1982 on a frequency of 14 MHz. As my knowledge concerning amateur radio was nil, I went to my local library and found the book by Vince Luciani, *Amateur Radio, Super Hobby*, which was published by the McGraw-Hill Book Co., to be quite useful.

To Radio W7FDU

CONFIRMING OUR QSO

DATE	TIME	FREQ	MODE	RST
Jul 31 1982	1536 GMT	14 MHz	20-100 12-CW	57

KC6SX/OP JALSDV
QTH: PONAPE E.C.1-96741
QSL MANAGER
JASOW K. TANIMOTO
P.O. Box 3 NOBORIBETSU 029-01 JAPAN

LET'S HELP UNICEF

Even in 1982 the "silent catastrophe" continues. Every day 40,000 children die. Every night 340,000 children go to bed hungry. Today 200,000,000 children could not go to school. UNICEF helps these children of developing countries. All radio amateurs are invited to participate in UNICEF activities.

UNICEFは、世界中で毎年40,000人の子どもが死に、毎日340,000人の子どもが空腹で眠る。今日、200,000,000人の子どもが学校に行けず、UNICEFは、これらの発展途上国の子どもたちを助ける。すべてのアマチュア無線家は、UNICEFの活動に参加を促される。

JAPAN UNICEF HAM CLUB
P.O. BOX 3 YAKUMO 049-01 JAPAN

Figure 2: Reverse side of QSL card.

One of the time-honored traditions of amateur radio practitioners when they first make contact with each other is to exchange QSL postcards in order to document the

contact. The expression QSL is radio code for "I acknowledge receipt". Originally each operator sent out his own cards.

However, as contacts grew, enterprising ham operators became QSL managers, who job was to receive logs of contacts from around the world and to send out the cards themselves. A ham operator on Ponape, who undoubtedly made numerous contacts with Japanese ham operators, might choose to have a QSL manager in Japan. In this case the QSL manager was K. Tanimoto in Noboribetsu, Japan

The recipient of the card was an ham operator in the seventh district of the United States, whose call letters were W7FDU. The radio sender of the card had the call letters KC6X. The code QTH indicates that the location of this radio was Ponape. After the call letters of the Ponape radio is the legend /OP JA1.SDV, which I speculate means that the actual operator was a visiting ham operator from Japan, with the call letters JA1.SDV. The card documents this contact. Apparently the traditional QSL postcard has evolved into a simple card, which is mailed, perhaps along with cards from other radio contacts made by the addressee W7FDU, by the QSL manager.

At the bottom of the card one sees the address of the Japan UNICEF Ham Club in Yakumo, which seems to have had something to do with formatting the card as there is a paragraph in Japanese, presumably a translation of the preceding message urging support for UNICEF activities. Up till now, I have been unable to identify the '82 UNICEF Expedition referred to on the picture side of the card. I speculate that UNICEF was interested in soliciting the aid of amateur radio operators in obtaining information about the "silent catastrophe" of hunger among 340,000 children each day, particularly in remote areas. Can anyone supply more information about this UNICEF program?

A LETTER INSPECTED AT UN HEADQUARTERS

By Richard Powers

The Security and Health Section at United Nations Headquarters is well experienced in dealing with suspicious looking mail. The letter, which appears below, was mailed from Brooklyn, New York on April 21, 1974. It easily falls into the category of suspicious-looking mail. It bears no return address. It was addressed to the Swedish Ambassador to the United Nations Gunnar Jarring in blue script. The address is printed, somewhat ominously, in red ink, perhaps by a second person. The fact that

the letter bears no exact address suggests that the writer did not know the addressee. All of these factors weigh heavily in favor of an inspection.

This was carried out two days later as indicated by the inspection label, which was used to reseal the envelope. (See the article by Clem Clement on page 22 in the October 2001 issue of the *Journal*.) I speculate that the penciled inscription 1543 is the final destination in the UN Secretariat, probably the office of the Swedish Delegation.

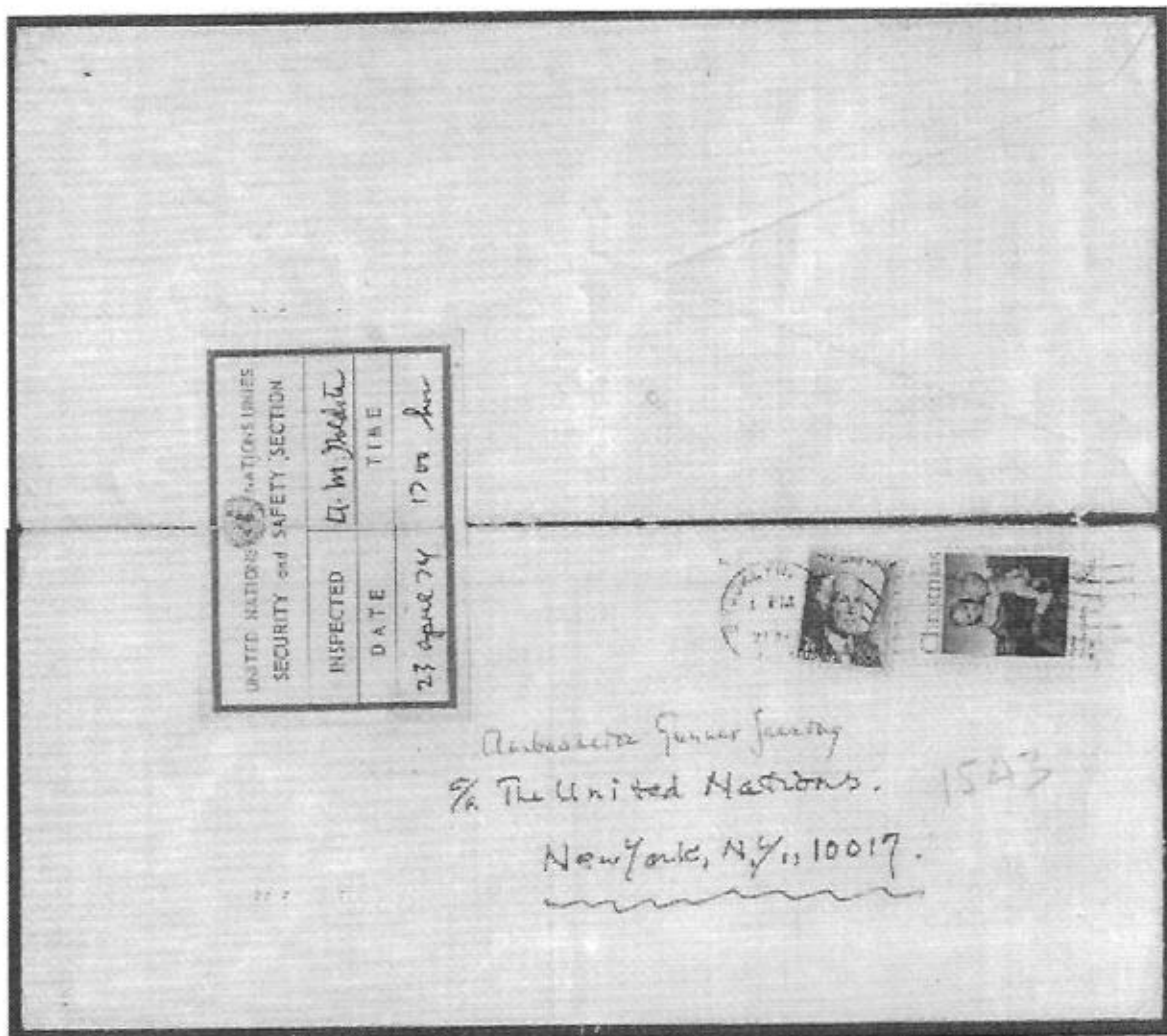


Figure 1: Address side and reversed side of a letter sent to the Swedish Ambassador to the United Nations sealed with a Security and Health Label after inspection.

TWO WIPO-FORERUNNER POST CARDS: International Office for the Protection of Industrial Property in Bern

By Richard Powers

Since July 14, 1967 the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a specialized agency of the United Nations lo-

cated in Geneva, has been responsible for the protection of patents and copyrights. Prior to that these issues had been the concern of two organizations in Bern: the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property founded in 1883 and the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, which has shared a common Secretariat since 1893. Here I present two service post cards, which illustrate nicely typical work carried on by these former WIPO forerunners.

The post card in Figure 1 was mailed from the International Office for the Protection of Industrial Property on June 9, 1931. It bears the meter cancel 792 used by this organization. The message on the card concerns the return of photographs originally sent to the Office when the applicant, a paper company with headquarters in Paris, applied for a patent.

The card in Figure 2 is a reply card returned on August 14, 1945 to this office in Bern from the Hague just after World War II ended in Europe. It bears a receiving cancel of the International Trademark Registration Service dated August 27, 1945 on the message side of the card. It is an inquiry whether the holder of a trade-

mark, a chocolate producer in the Hague, intends to renew its trademark. The company declined to renew the trademark.

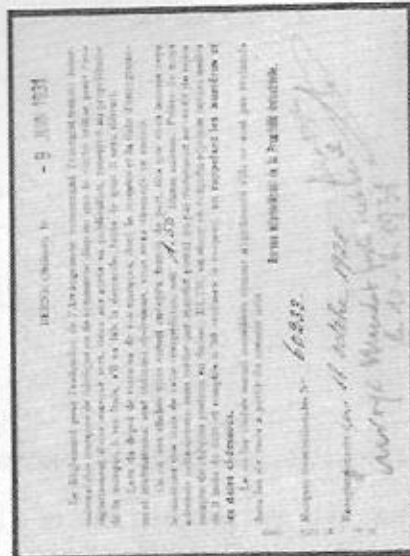


Figure 1: Address (top) and message side (bottom) of post card sent from WIPO-forerunner office in Bern in 1931.

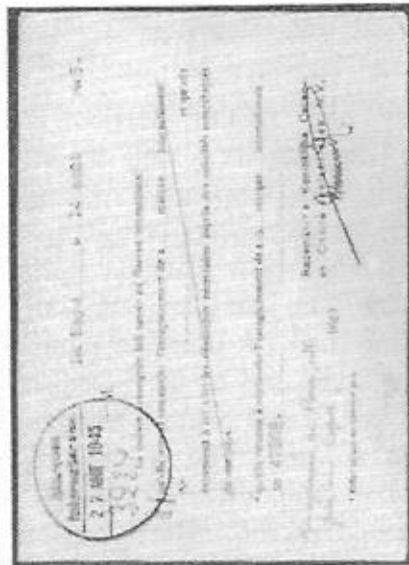


Figure 2: Address (top) and message side of post card sent to the WIPO-forerunner office in Bern from the Hague in 1945.

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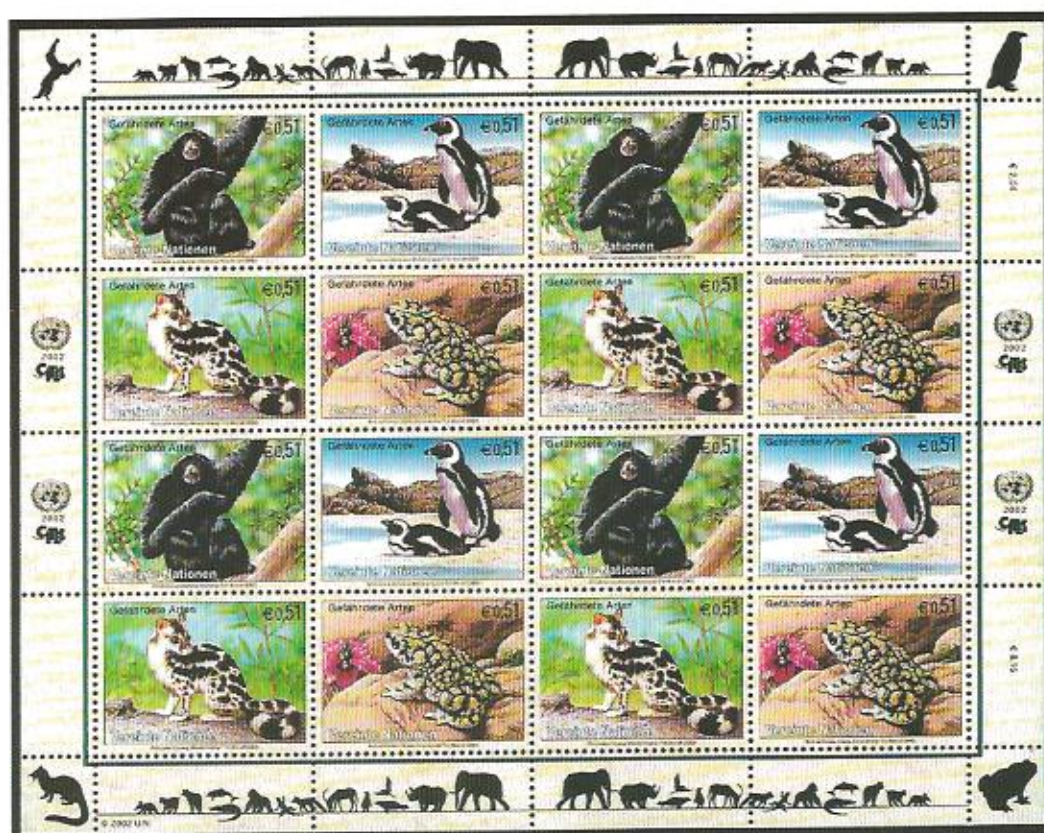
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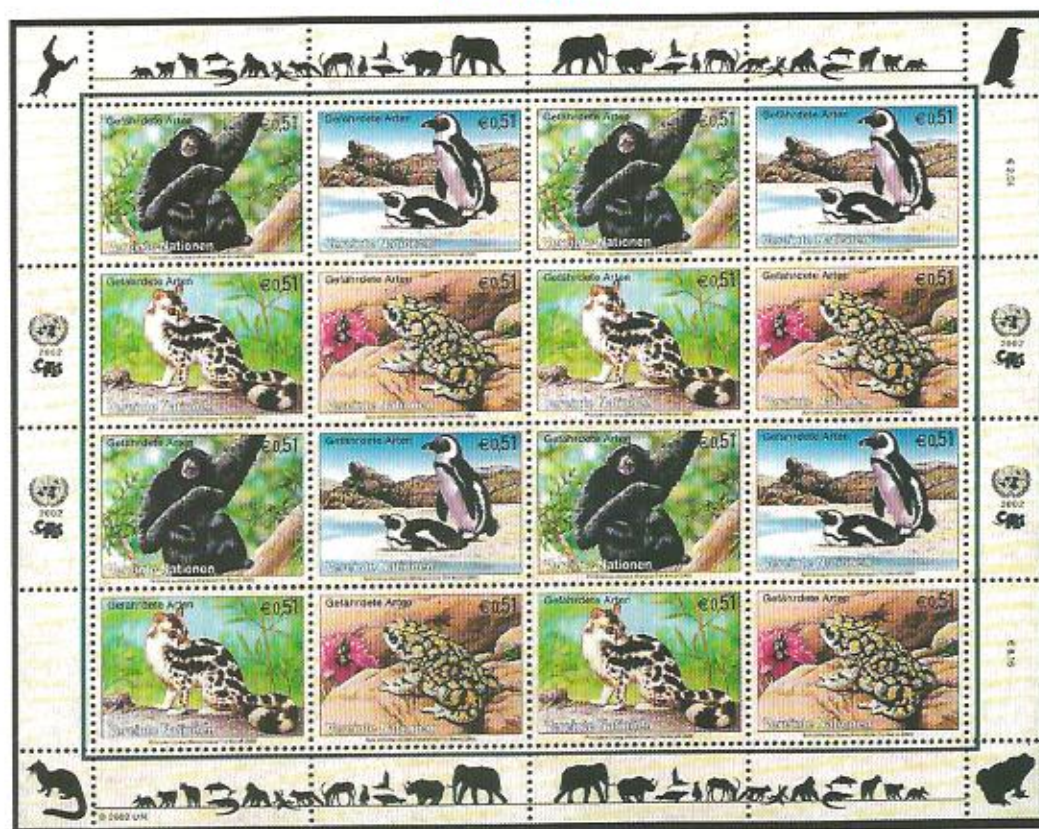
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