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Front cover: New € 0,55 Postal card for UN Vienna. **Rear cover:** New € 1,20 (above) and € 0,55 (below) pre-stamped envelopes for UN Vienna.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for electing me to the position of President of the UNPI. I appreciate your confidence in me and my abilities to lead this organization. I will do everything in my powers to live up to that trust. Thanks, too, to our immediate past President, Greg Galletti, who has agreed to stay active and assist me as Vice President. Greg's enthusiasm for our hobby in general and UN philately in particular is a most valuable asset for the club. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the elected officers, directors, committee chairs and all those that donate their time and efforts to keep UNPI running. In particular, I'd like to single out our editor, Dick Powers, for putting together our well-crafted, educational, and entertaining journal. I look forward to working with all of you.

Many of you know me. But, for those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, allow me to briefly introduce myself. I started collecting at the age of six when a neighbor gave me a stamp book as a reward for running some errands. My father was a collector and guided my newfound interest. Having a hobby shop just half a block up the street was a great help, too! I began collecting US commemoratives in a Minkus album. The album also included pages for UN stamps and I began to fill those spaces, as well.

After college my interest in collecting grew, as did the desire to "complete" a collection, but the cost of early US stamps was daunting. I considered two relatively new "countries", Israel and the United Nations. The UN won. With a steady income my collection quickly grew and neared completion. (At least, the album was nearly full.) The late Mike Armus steered me to specializing in the UN First Issue around 1982. That set of stamps has been my passion since.

Besides the First Issue I also collect and exhibit the Swiss official stamps issued for the UN European Office and the various International Agencies headquartered in Switzerland. I also collect UN First Flight covers, BIE labels used in WWII, 1972 Great Britain strike mail related to the UN, and UNESCO gift stamps. My non-UN collecting interests include the Czechoslovakian postal items of the First Republic designed by Alfons Mucha, the US "G" rate stamps and postal stationary, and Olympic stamps issued by the host countries.

I belong to a number of philatelic clubs and societies: the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (Director of Local/Regional Exhibiting), the Manchester Philatelic Society (Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Exhibit Chair), the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, the Society for Czechoslovak Philately, the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain, the American Philatelic Society, the Bittersweet Exhibitors, the Philatelic Computing Study Group, the Collectors Club, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

In my first official act as UNPI President, I call upon all members to meet at our annual convention being held in conjunction with CHICAGOPEX 2004. The show will be held November 19-21 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights, a suburb north of Chicago. UN philately will be a major theme of the show and I am told that Robert Gray, Chief, UNPA, will be an honored guest of the show. Special exhibits on the UN are planned. Our new Board of Directors will hold a meeting at the show and we will conduct our usual open meeting which will include some interesting presentations.

The UN Collectors of Chicagoland will be involved in the show and will have en-

tries in the exhibition. I urge UNPI collectors to enter their exhibits in the competition, too. There are many wonderful collections among our members and this would be a great opportunity to share them with fellow UN enthusiasts. The show committee has negotiated a special room rate of \$109 per night, which when split with a friend is most reasonable. Information on the show, as well as the exhibition prospectus and application is available at the show web site. I hope to meet many of you at our convention.

CALL FOR LOTS FOR THE OCTOBER 2004 AUCTION

Auction Chairman Alex Bereson is soliciting lots to be included in the UNP Auction which will appear in the October 2004 issue of the *Journal*. Lot submitters are asked to follow the following guidelines.

1. Each lot must have a minimum bid of \$10.
2. An inventory sheet with lot description and minimum bid value should be included.
3. Send no more than 20 lots per member per auction.
4. Please ship items via INSURED mail and pack protectively.
5. Lots should reach the auction chairman at least 40 days before the *Journal* date of the next auction. For the October auction the lots should be shipped before August 20th to the following address:

Alex Bereson
18 Portola Drive
San Francisco, CA 94131-1518.

If you have any questions, you might contact Alex via his e-mail address:
bereson@comcast.net.

NEW FRENCH SERVICE STAMPS FOR UNESCO

By Richard Powers

On December 6, 2003 the French post office (La Poste) released two more stamps in its series of World Heritage stamps for use at the Headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris. This series began in 1980 with Scott France # 2021.

The higher denomination € 0,75 (France # 2054) pictures the Church of the Resurrection in St. Petersburg in Russia. This exquisite church was under construction from 1893 until 1907 at the behest of Czar Alexander II. In 1990 it was placed on the UNESCO list of World Heritage sites.

The lower denomination € 0,50 (France 2053) honors Lapland, which is a region located in the northern parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. The stamp pictures a reindeer standing underneath the Northern Lights.

I presume that the philatelic service of UNESCO will ultimately release maximum cards with first day cancel for these two stamps as they did for the last series released in 2001. I understand that UNESCO has not prepared first day covers since the 1998 issue.

I also suspect that the French post office will release in due time a "philatelic document" with background information on the stamps as well as monochrome proofs and the set of stamps tied to the document with a black (machine?) first day cancel. Typically first day cancels are blue cancels which appear to be hand stamped. As of late June 2004 I have not verified that these are available.

More information is available from the website of the French post office: www.laposte.fr.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership Census

As of early May, when essentially all renewals for the year 2004 are in, UNP has 231 members. It should be noted this is the low point of the year, since additional renewals and new members would add to that. Of the 231 members, 212 are from the United States, 7 from Canada and 12 from other countries.

Of the US members, 36 are from New York, 25 from California, 21 from New Jersey, 16 from Pennsylvania, 15 from Illinois, 8 from Virginia and Texas. There are 7 from Missouri, 6 each from Massachusetts, Michigan, Colorado and Wisconsin, 4 each from Maryland, Connecticut and Florida, 3

each from Delaware, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Arizona, Iowa, and Washington. Alabama, Louisiana, Oregon and Oklahoma have 2 members each, while the following have 1 each: Rhode Island, Nevada, New Hampshire, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Nebraska, Arkansas, Alabama and the Marshall Islands.

Of our Canadian members, 4 are from Ontario, and 1 each from British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Alberta. From other countries we have 3 from the Netherlands, 2 each from Israel and Switzerland and 1 each from Japan, Australia, France, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom.

UNITED NATIONS PHILATELISTS, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

For the fiscal year: May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004

Prepared by UNP Treasurer Jim Matyasovich

Balance: May 1, 2003		\$9121.96
Income		
Dues	\$5402.00	
Auctions	\$163.60	
Sales	\$89.85	
Total income		\$5655.45
Expenses		
Journal and Monograph printing and shipping	\$6021.98	
Secretary's expenses	218.08	
Treasurer's expenses	68.65	
Journal Editor's expenses	284.97	
Delaware Franchise Tax	25.00	
Total expenses		\$6618.68
Balance: April 30, 2004		\$8158.73

NEW DISCOVERIES AND MYSTERIES FOR UN TENTH ANNIVERSARY PRECANCEL COVERS

By Anthony F. Dewey

To celebrate and promote its tenth anniversary in 1955 the United Nations had standard #10 business-size envelopes imprinted with the 10th anniversary logo using the official blue color of the organization. Two versions/sizes of the logo were used. The larger format (Figure 1) depicted the 10th anniversary logo over the wording "UNITED NATIONS / New York" as drop-out in a rectangular blue box with rounded corners. For the smaller format (Figure 2), just the logo is shown as drop-out in a smaller squarish blue block with the wording printed in blue beneath the logo. Both envelopes were imprinted with "FORM 3547 REQUESTED" in the lower left corner, "Sec. 34.66 P.L.&R." in the upper right corner and "PULL OUT END FLAP FOR POSTAL INSPECTION" on the black flap, indicating that they were intended for use on third-class bulk-rate mail. Like the logo, these indicia were printed in blue.

The use of these envelopes in a mailing franked with the 1½¢ precancel was virtually unknown until reported by Ron Ginns and Paul Kravitz in the March 1978 issue of *The Journal*.¹ These covers were brought to their attention by readers of their earlier articles about the precancel. Illustrations of both envelope types accompany their article. They described the covers as containing a two-page letter, dated May 1955, promoting the *United Nations Review*, a monthly magazine published about the UN. The mailing also included a brochure about the publication, an order form and a business reply envelope addressed to the Columbia University Press, the printer of the magazine.

Given the date on the letter(s), Ginns and Kravitz concluded that the covers were part

of what the UN reported as the fourth mailing consisting of 23,000 pieces. In *United Nations Philately*, the definitive UN catalog edited by Ginns (a.k.a. Arleigh Gaines), the envelope with the larger format logo is designated as Type G, while the envelope with the smaller logo is Type H.

Census

The fact that it took 23 years for the most prominent UN collectors to become aware of the existence of these envelope types, suggests that they might be rather scarce. A census of the UN precancel used on cover, conducted since 1993, verifies this. On 34 Type G and 16 Type H covers have been recorded, exclusive of fakes. To put this in perspective, approximately 550 covers have been accounted for in the database to date.

A long accepted theory about the eight official mailings is that they are summaries of smaller batches.² There is substantial evidence to support this theory. To qualify for the reduced bulk rate for third-class mail, a minimum of only 200 pieces was required. Thus, "mailings" could be prepared and posted over a period of several days or even weeks. Like most bulk mailers, the UN probably prepared its mailings from multiple mailing lists. Evidence of this is provided at the end of letters from known mailings, which include a disclaimer similar to "When making an informational mailing some duplication is inevitable". It is very conceivable that batches may have corresponded to each separate mailing list used.

The census provides more evidence in support of the batch theory. Among envelopes of the same design used on the same "mailing" multiple address types could be found. The different address types might correspond to a separate mailing list or oth-

erwise to a separate batch. A summary of Types G and H covers by address type is given in Table 1.

New Discoveries/New Questions

Another phenomenon related to addresses came to light via the census. While the addresses of Type G covers span the country spread among sixteen different states, as well as Washington, DC, all of the Type H covers had California addresses. Why were the Type H covers targeted for the Golden State? While Ginns and Kravitz note the date and purpose of the letter in their article, they do not provide other details about it. Alas, the covers illustrated in their article, have not been reported to the census.⁴ Nor had any other Type H cover been reported with contents - until recently, that is.

At the 2003 APS STAMPSHOW held in Columbus, Ohio, I purchased two UN precancel covers from the same dealer, one Type I and one Type H. Both covers were significant finds, particularly the Type H because it included contents. (The story about the Type I cover will appear in a future issue of *The Journal*).

Shown in Figure 2, the cover, like all other authentic Type H covers, has a California address, in this case to Commander E. W. Paynter of Laguna Beach. Like the cover described by Ginns and Kravitz, it contains a two-page letter dated "May 1955" with a blue banner letterhead depicting the 10th anniversary emblem and the words "United Nations Review". The letter is printed on watermarked bond paper with the watermark reading "HAMILTON BOND" when the page is held upside down. Other contents include a four-page brochure for the United Nations Review, and a response coupon for subscribing to the magazine. Unfortunately, the business reply envelope was missing. All enclosures are pictured in Figure 3.

While the letter's purpose is to promote subscriptions to the magazine, it is the first

two paragraphs which are particularly interesting since here we find out why California appears to be the target:

"To commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter in San Francisco, a Special Meeting will, as you know, be held in the San Francisco Opera House during the week of June 20th to the 26th. This meeting is convened by invitation of the people of San Francisco, expressed through their mayor, Mr. Elmer E. Robinson...

This generous hospitality is tangible evidence of the warm relationship between the people of the 'West Coast Area' and the United Nations..."

Given the wording in the above text, it is possible we may yet find legitimate Type H covers addressed to another west coast state. It is also a logical deduction that this letter, which draws the connection between the United Nations and the people of the "West Coast Area", would not make much sense to residents of other parts of the country. One must conclude that the letter in the Type G covers, especially those addressed to state other than on the west coast, must have been different. Unfortunately, this theory could not be verified as no Type G cover with contents had been reported to the census.

Once again, though, Fate played her hand. On February 16th I received an e-mail note from fellow collector and UNP Secretary, Blanton Clement, alerting me that another UN precancel cover was being offered on eBay. The lot's descriptor "UN #2 Precancel Cover with Letter - RARE!" was intriguing, but I expected nothing more than a relatively common Type I (UNESCO) cover. My heart skipped a beat, though, when the cover picture was a Type G. My elation was somewhat tempered as the detailed description noted "with part of a letter regarding the stamp." But there was enough of the letter

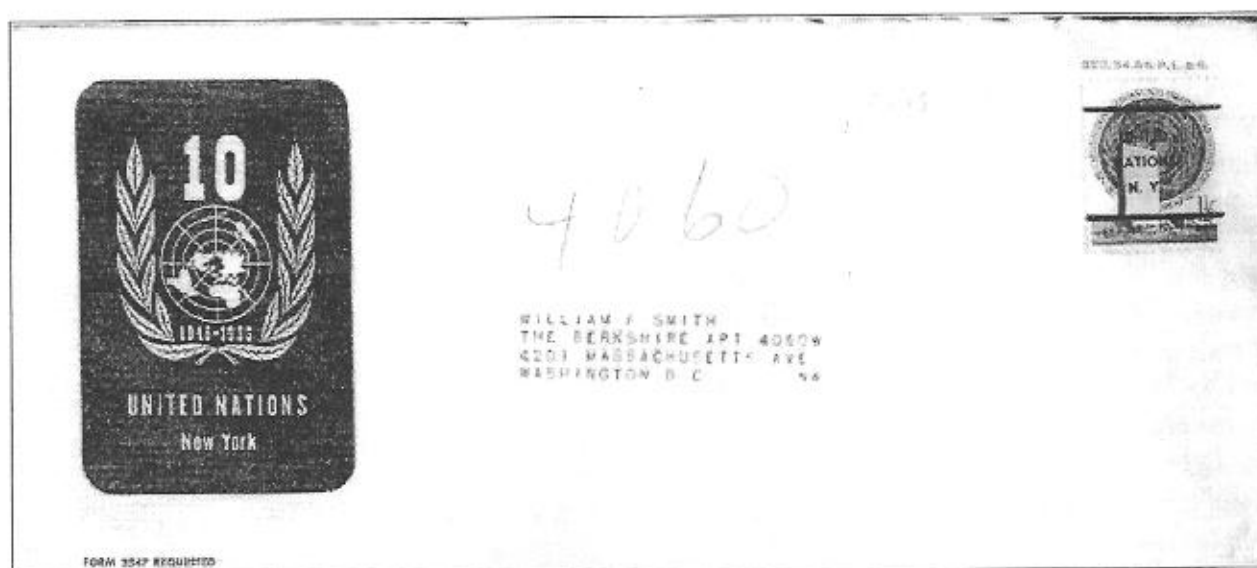


Figure 1: Type G cover with large 10th anniversary logo.

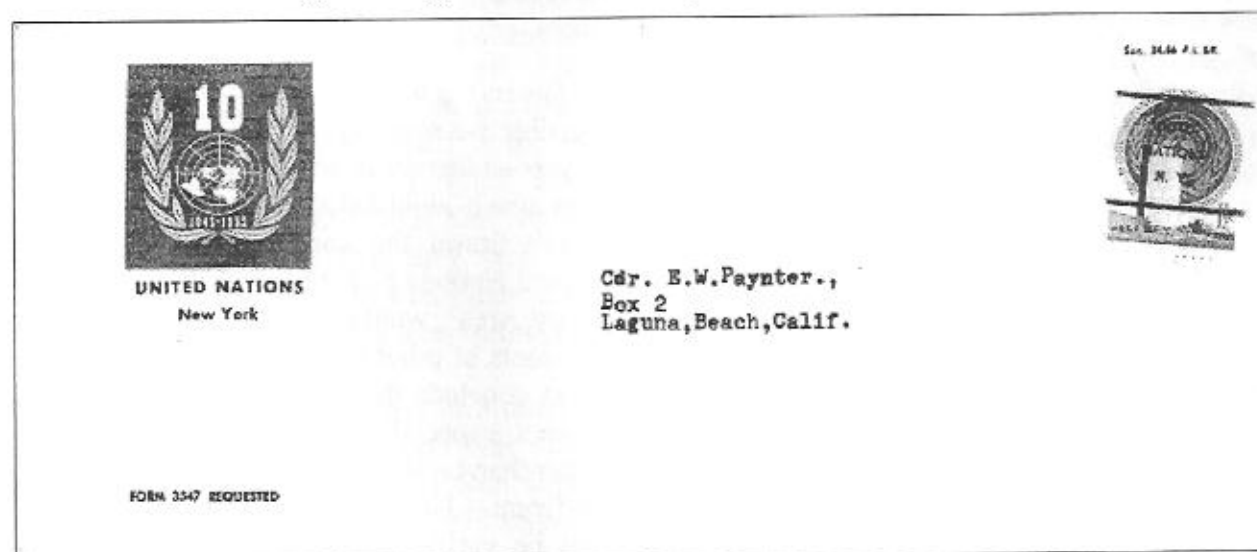


Figure 2: Type H cover with small 10th anniversary logo

TABLE 1: Summary of Type G and H Covers by Address Type			
	Type G	Type H	Both
All capital letters, sans serif, approximately 2.5 mm	24	10	34
Mixed case, with serifs, approximately 2.7-3.0 mm	10	4	14
Mixed case, with serifs, approximately 2.5 mm		1	1
Address type unknown ³		1	1
Totals	34	16	50

TABLE 2: Measurements from Authentic and Fake Type H Covers		
	Authentic	Fake
"PULL OUT END FLAP FOR POSTAL INSPECTION"	54.00 mm	57.75 mm
"FORM 3547 REQUESTED"	28.00-28.25 mm	28.50 mm
"Sec. 34.66 P.L.&R."	18.50 mm	18.50 mm
Logo - Top	35.00 mm	35.50 mm
Logo - Left Side	39.00 mm	39.50 mm

to establish that it was different from the letter in the Type H cover.

The cover itself (Figure 1) is typical of the Type G covers with an address in sans serif capital letters. The notation "4060" in large figures in pencil above the address is the recipient's apartment number and may have been added by the letter carrier. Most importantly, the addressee resides in Washington, DC, which is definitely not on the west coast!

Only a bit more than the top third of the first (only?) page of the letter (Figure 4) has been preserved, but it is enough to establish it as genuine and decidedly different. Like the letter in the Type H cover the top sports a dark blue banner with the UN 10th anniversary logo and the words "United Nations Review" in white drop-out. When overlapped and held up to a bright light the two are a perfect match. The paper is also a watermarked bond paper, although the watermark is different, reading "ADVERT BOND/RAG CONTENT" in two lines when viewed from the back of the page.

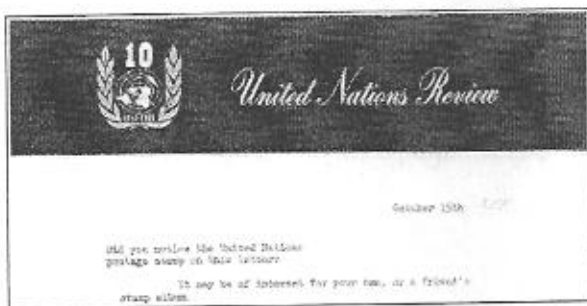


Figure 4: Part of letter in Type G cover.

The text of the letter reads,

"Did you notice the United Nations postage stamp on this letter?....It may be of interest for your own, or a friend's stamp album."

which is completely different from the opening of the Type H letter. Interestingly enough, it is rather similar to the opening of letters enclosed in the first mailing using Types A, B and C envelopes.

The most startling difference is the date - "October 15th" - to which someone has added "1955" in pencil. This would place the letter in the sixth mailing, for which the UN reported 53,000 pieces posted.⁵ Undeniably this contradicts the statement by Ginns and Kravitz. However, we may never know exactly what they saw almost thirty years ago unless the two covers they describe are brought to light. The implication is that the Type G envelopes may have been used in at least two mailings, the fourth in May 1955 and the sixth in October 1955.

Fakes and Forgeries

Counterfeit UN precancel covers are generally not very common. To date, no fakes of the Type G cover has been detected. However, fakes of the Type H cover are well known, abundant and have been offered recently via eBay. Touted as "rare UN precancel covers", they are anything but. Virtually all of the fakes are franked with a forgery of the precanceled stamp and bear no address and are offered as "skips".⁶

Not all Type H fakes are without an address, however. One fake offered on eBay bore the address of the New York Public Library. The address was in a format not used on authenticated Type G or H covers. What is most interesting about this fake is that it was "franked" with a forgery of the UN precancel with a double overprint. All precancels with double overprints are forgeries (as are those with inverted overprints).⁷ Even with this glaring forgery, the cover sold to an apparently unaware buyer for \$179.

Difference between the fake Type H covers and the authentic ones make it relatively easy to distinguish one from the other. The most obvious difference is the length of the imprint "PULL OUT END FLAP FOR POSTAL INSPECTION" on the back of the envelope. On authentic covers the length is 54 mm while on fakes it measures almost 58

mm. Dimensions of other imprints vary between the covers, though not so drastically, and are summarized in Table 2. The fake envelopes have the circular "Cent- A-Post" logo printed on the left flap (when viewing covers from the back), but is positioned near the center of the flap as opposed to the authentic covers where the logo is closer to the top of the flap. The dimensions and "knife" of the envelopes are identical.

Under long wave ultraviolet light more differences can be seen. The paper of the fake covers appears a rich cream color compared to the paler authentic envelopes. The ink used to print the logo and other blue imprints for the fake covers is darker and a bit purplish in contrast to the genuine items.

Conclusion

With the discovery of Types G and H covers, Ginns and Kravitz concluded "that the fourth mailing mystery has at long last been resolved definitively, albeit differently than originally theorized". New information provided by the census has created new mysteries. Recent discoveries have answered some, leaving others to be solved. Were Type G envelopes used in both the fourth and sixth mailings? If used in the fourth mailings, were two or more letters used? Do Type H covers addressed to west coast states other than California exist? As more information is accumulated in the census, perhaps we can put these questions to rest, too.

Readers are requested to provide clear images of the front and back, as well as all contents, for any precancel covers in their collection to the author. Color images from high-resolution scans are preferred. Contributors may send printed images to the author at the address listed on the inside back cover of *The Journal*. Image files (jpeg or bitmap format) may be sent on disk or CD or via e-mail, as well. All submissions will be gratefully acknowledged.

Notes

1. "The 1½¢ Precancel" [Part 3], *The Journal of the United Nations Philatelists*, Vol. 1, No. 4, pp 8-11.
2. "The 1½¢ Precancel" [Part 1], *The Journal of the United Nations Philatelists*, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 9.
3. While the address style is unknown, information provided by the owner confirms that the cover was addressed to a woman in Pasadena, California.
4. The Type H cover shown accompanying the March 1978 article was also used to illustrate an article written by Ginns (as Arleigh Gaines) entitled "United Nations Philately - The UN's only official stamp" in the December 2, 1978 issue of *Stamp Collector* magazine. The cover is shown unobstructed, albeit greatly reduced, revealing the complete address, which appears to be: Mr. Lionel Wacha (sic) / Lional Wache (sic) Co / 1416 Broadway / Oakland, Calif.
5. In a letter published in the Dec. 1955 issue of *The Precancel Forum* (Vol. 16, No. 12, p. 19) E.J. Newcomer describes a promotional mailing for the *United Nations Review* which had a letter with the same opening sentences as that which accompanied the recently discovered Type G cover.
6. Skips are known for the first mailing, where some covers (Types A, B and C) were franked with the precancel and were imprinted with a generic address title such as "Librarian" or "Administrator", but not otherwise processed or mailed. Skips are also known for Type F covers used in the fourth mailing, as well. Some Type I covers (the UNESCO mailing) are known without addresses, but these are the result of the address label either falling off or being peeled off. As the adhesive always left some residue, evidence of the missing label is visible to the eye or under long wave UV light.
7. United Nations Philately, R&D Publications, Arleigh Gaines, ed., p. 6-C.

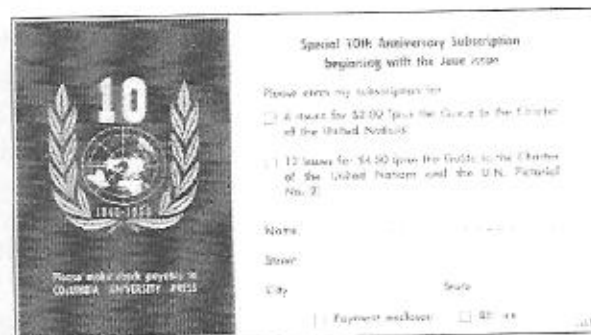
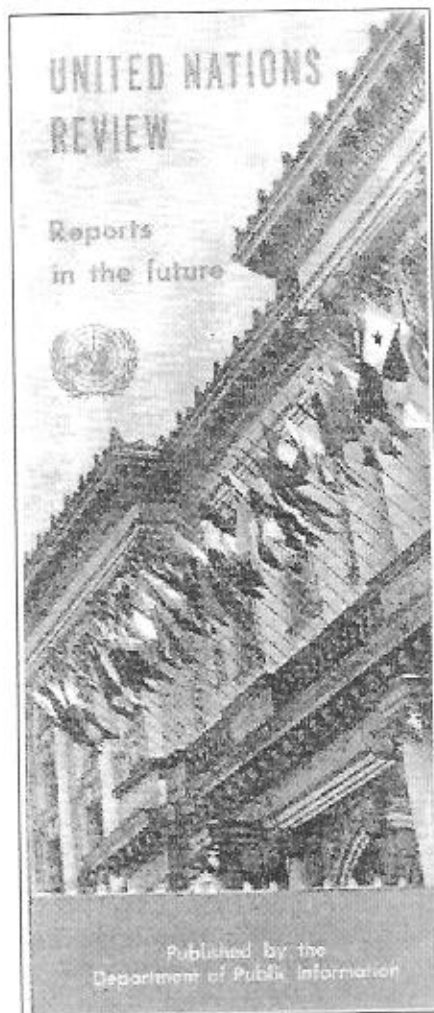
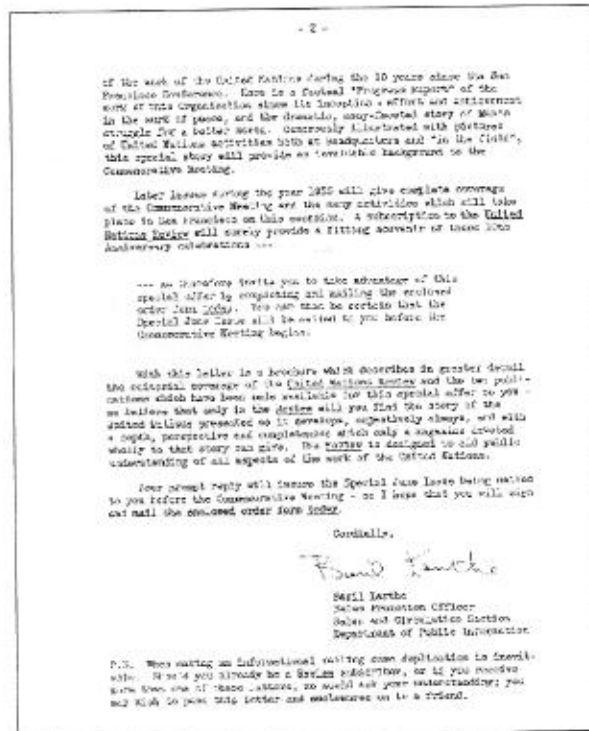
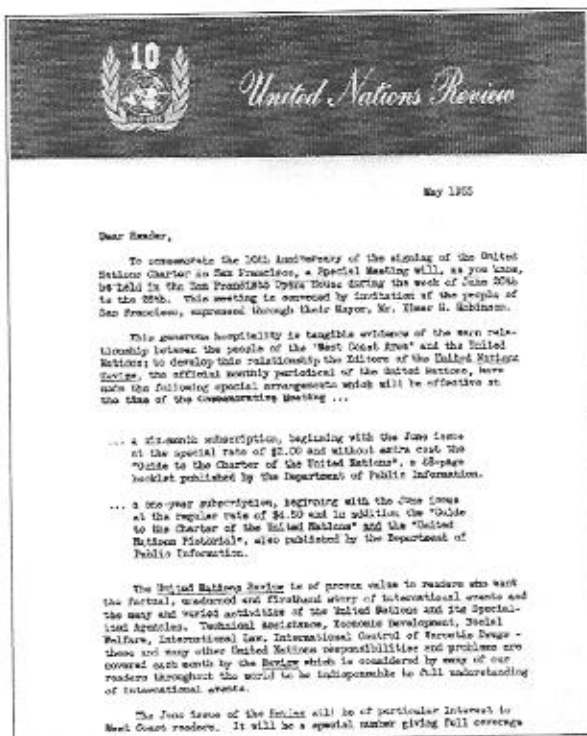


Figure 3: The contents of the Type H cover (shown in Figure 2).
 Top: the 2-page letter; Bottom Left: The front of the 4-page brochure; Bottom Right: the reply card (front and back).

2004 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of July 1, 2004 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)
See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

- January 29** **Endangered Species**
37¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55
(3 Sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)
Set of 3 maximum cards and 2004 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
- Vienna Definitive**
 € 0,55
 (1 sheet of 20 stamps)
- March 4** **Indigenous Art - Europe**
6×37¢, 6×F.s. 1,00, 6×€ 0,55
(3 Sheets of 6 stamps)
- April 7** **Road Safety**
37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- June 3** **50th Anniversary of Japanese Peace Bell**
80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 2,10
(3 sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir card
- Vienna Stationery**
Postal card € 0,55, pre-stamped envelopes € 0,55, € 1,25
- August 12** **World Heritage - Greece**
37¢, 60¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(10¢, 20¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,30, € 0,15, € 0,20)}
- September 21** **My Dream for Peace One Day - Opening of the General Assembly**
37¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,00
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- October 14** **Human Rights (Education Decade 1995 - 2004)**
37¢, 70¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,25
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- October 15** **Disarmament Definitive**
37¢
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)
2004 Annual Collection Folders

2004 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

- January 2** **Eliminate Terrorism**

A MYSTERIOUS WREATH CANCEL

By Richard Powers

I recently came across an "interesting" block of sixteen stamps of the 1991 commemorative honoring the Economic Commission for Europe (Scott UNNY #584-7). On the gum side of the mint never hinged block appear what seem to be four undated wreath cancels neatly centered on each block of four stamps. The cancel seems to be identical to the printed form of the wreath cancel listed by Gaines as S.6 on page 568 of *United Nations Philately*. This cancel was introduced in printed form on the UN Day 1985 folder with the date 10/24/85. It also exists as a rubber cancel.

The cancel looks authentic. If so, one is certainly entitled to ask how and why this cancel came about. I would like to speculate that this item may have been a test cancellation that was to be used to produce canceled-to-order

(CTO) UNNY stamps for the European market. The UNPA in Geneva and in Vienna offers its stamps for sale in two forms: mint never hinged uncanceled and mint never hinged canceled. In contrast the UNPA in New York has never tried to sell CTO stamps, presumably because American philatelists look down on such manufactured cancels. Possibly a first run was made with the undated cancels being tested for centering on the gummed side of a sheet of stamps. If the test proved successful, the date slug could be added and sheets of canceled stamps could be produced with neatly centered wreath cancels and be sold as CTO's or be used for presentation items containing a canceled block of four.

Readers are encouraged to send in alternative explanations for such a mysterious cancel.

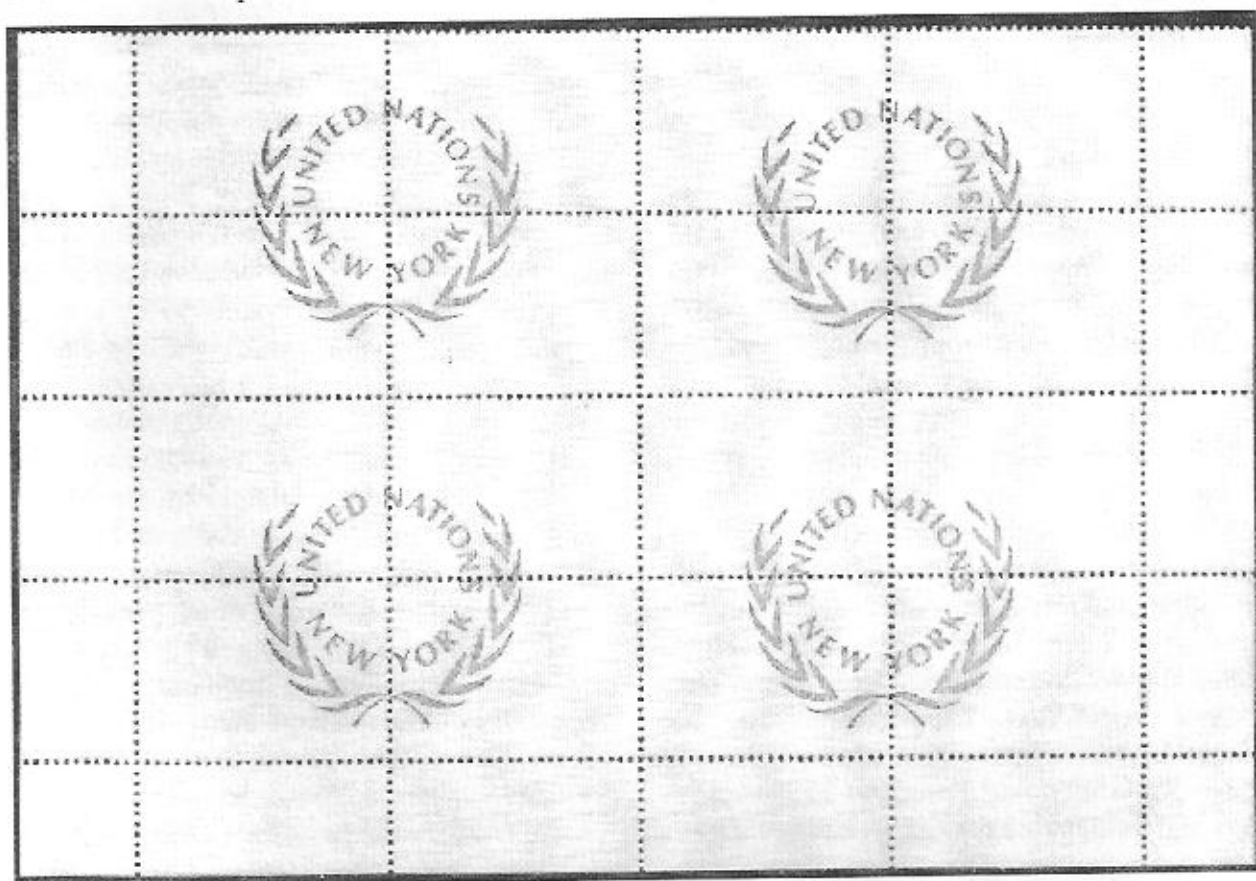


Figure 1: Gum side of a Block of 16 of ECE Commemoratives UNNY # 584-7 with Wreath(?) Cancel.

MICHEL ISSUES ITS 2004 SPECIALIZED UN CATALOG

By R. Powers

If you are in the market for an updated specialized UN catalogue, you might consider the recent Michel catalogue: *UNO - Spezial Katalog 2004*. As the title indicates, the catalog is exclusively in German, but the numerous illustrations and the prices given in euros make it not too much of a challenge to use even if the reader has never studied German.

In the April 2004 issue of *UNOPost*, the German-language journal of UNO-Philatelie with editorial offices in Wegberg, Germany, the editor Hubert Brender reviews the newest reference book for United Nations philately. The following information is based exclusively on the material in this review as I have not yet personally seen the new Michel catalog (as of July 1, 2004). One should not consider this as a substitute for the Gaines catalog *United Nations Philately* as will be evident by what follows. But it does contain information past 1997, which is where the Gaines catalog ends due to the death of the editor. And it certainly is much more detailed than the United Nations listings in the Scott *Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps*.

The specialized Michel catalog has the basic format of the old *Briefmarkenkatalog Vereinte Nationen* published by Verlag Richard Borek and is known simply as the Borek catalog. This catalog contained not only stamps from the three offices of the UNPA but also those issued by forerunner organizations such as the League of Nations, the International Labor Organization and the International Court of Justice as well as the specialized agencies such as the Universal Postal Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Telecommunications Union, the World Intellectual Property Organization and UNESCO. The Michel catalog continues this coverage. The 308-page book (ISBN 3-87858-368-0) has about 2700 illustrations and 9000 price entries. The publisher is Schwaneberger Verlag GmbH in Munich. The list price is €21.80 or about \$27 at current ex-

change rates.

What is new about this catalog is the effort to include more detailed information on covers and first day covers for each stamp. Michel lists for each stamp the "values" for a mint unhinged stamp, a used stamp, a single on service cover, a single on non-service cover, a commercial first day cover, a FDC with NY headquarters or Geneva or WFUNA cachet. The values for FDCs with the complete set are also given. In contrast Gaines does not give the "values" of UNPA stamps on cover, either service or non-service. And to find the listings for the various types of FDCs, one has to look up the "values" in separate lists for Headquarters cachets, Geneva cachets and WFUNA cachets. Michel lists them all together on the same page.

The "values" in German-language catalogs tend to be higher than in Gaines. This is a reflection of the fact that prices are generally higher in Germany for non-specialized material than in the United States. As an example let us consider the 1986 UNNY Scott #473, the 22¢ Philately stamp. For a mint stamp Gaines (1989 price) gives 30¢; Michel gives 60 (European) cents, which corresponds to 72¢. The single FDCs with Geneva cachets for the set (473-4) is evaluated as \$3 by both Gaines and Michel. (The Gaines price is from 1995, but I doubt that the price has changed.) Gaines sets the WFUNA set of FDCs at \$6; Michel at \$3, the same as the Geneva cachet.

If you have no interest in the "values" of souvenir cards or white cards or blue cards or souvenir folders, this catalog might be for you.

On a more personal note, I might mention that I have been using a battered copy of Michel's Specialized Switzerland catalog to carry with me to stamp shows when I am looking for UN-related material from the Swiss offices. It is much more convenient than toting the Gaines catalog. Now I am strongly tempted to switch over to this new Michel specialized UN catalog to contain all my want lists.

LANDMINE BAN CONFERENCE - Managua, Nicaragua 2001

By B. Clement, Jr.

The Third Meeting of the States Party to the Ottawa Convention to Ban Landmines was held in Managua, Nicaragua September 18-21, 2001. In honor of the conference Nicaragua issued two stamps, the first day cover of which appears in Figure 1.



Figure 1: FDC of the Nicaraguan stamps commemorating the Third Landmine Meeting.

What is the Ottawa Convention, and what connection does it have to the United Nations? The Mine Ban Treaty, also called the Ottawa Convention, is an international agreement to ban the use of landmines, signed by 122 countries in Ottawa, Canada in December 1997. Till now, 150 countries have ratified the treaty, with the United States being a notable exception.

This treaty was proposed and developed outside the United Nations system, being a result of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), which was founded in 1992. The final version of the treaty was negotiated at the Diplomatic Conference on an International Ban on Anti-Personnel Landmines, held in Oslo, Norway, September 1-18, 1997.

Since the signing at Ottawa, annual meetings of the parties have been held, as follows:

1st-Maputo (Mozambique), May 3-7, 1999

2nd-Geneva, September 11-5, 2000

3rd-Managua, September 18-21, 2001

4th-Geneva, September 16-20, 2002

5th-Bangkok, September 15-19, 2003

To illustrate the involvement of the UN,

Kofi Annan was the kick-off speaker at the Oslo conference. The Geneva conferences have been held at the Palais des Nations. The Bangkok conference was held at the UN Conference Center. The UN is the depository of the treaty and keeps track of its ratification. [Editor's Note: In October 1997 the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) was formed. For more information on this service, refer to the article by Jack Mayer in the October 2003 issue (page 22) of the *Journal*.]

In 2004 the first Review Conference, the Nairobi Summit on a Mine Free World, will be held at the UN Office in Nairobi, in the Gigiri compound, November 29-December 3.

The ICBL and its then coordinator Jody Williams were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for their efforts to develop this treaty.

Since the treaty went into force, 68 of the parties to the treaty have destroyed 30.5 million mines. The compliance rate is reported to be 88%. Despite this, there are about 15,000 to 20,000 new landmine victims every year.

So what about the USA? Initially the US wanted a special exemption for Korea, to allow mine protection from a North Korean invasion. Recently, the US has said it will phase out all mines except for "smart mines", which automatically deactivate themselves after a period of time. These contrary positions of the US are not finding any support in the rest of the world.

Another organization which has provided technical support in the implementation of the Mine Ban treaty is the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). It is an independent foundation supported by 18 governments.

Perhaps there are other philatelic reminders of these Ottawa Convention conferences. These Nicaraguan stamps are the only one I know so far. We shall watch for developments in this interesting and important area.

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www.icbl.org - www.gichd.ch/index,

www.mines.gc.ca

SPECIMENS OF INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS

By Richard Powers

Recently I came across a couple lots offered by a German Stamp Auction Firm offering two specimens of international reply coupons (IRC) for sale. According to the firm they date from about 1989, which was the year that the 20th Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) was held in Washington, D.C. The two specimens appear in Figures 1 and 2 below.



Figure 1: IRC specimen with two-line horizontal overprint.



Figure 2: IRC specimen with single-line diagonal overprint.

The two specimens differ from each other only in the format of the red overprint. In

Figure 1 the IRC has a two-line horizontal red overprint reading **SPECIMEN / SANS VALEUR** (Specimen - without value). The IRC in Figure 2 has the same overprint printed in a single line diagonally across the face of the IRC.

Both specimens appear to be on IRC stock which was used for more than twenty years beginning in 1976 in the wake of the 17th UPU Congress in Lausanne in 1974. Figure 3 shows an IRC canceled at the World Health Organization (WHO) post office on the first day of use there January 2, 1976. The Lausanne format is listed by Gaines as Geneva #6 and New York #12.



Figure 3: Lausanne-format IRC Geneva #6 canceled on the first day of use at the WHO post office in Geneva.

The prime difference between this IRC and the specimens is the printed price in red. In the case of the Swiss version it was 90 centimes. Note that according to the printed message in the middle box the indication of the sale price was optional. It is, however, only this price, which distinguishes the IRCs from one country to another.

Ten years later a modified version of the IRC was released in New York on January 2, 1986. This appears in Figure 4.



Figure 4: Figure 3: Rio-format IRC New York #16 canceled on the first day of use at the UN post office in New York.

This modified version is known as the Rio format and was the result of decisions made at the 18th UPU Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 1983. The United Nations post office in New York first put this format in use on January 2, 1986 as seen in Figure 4. According to Gaines the United Nations post office in Geneva put this format into use as early as July 11, 1984. The major difference in the two formats can be found in the UPU logo located in the upper left-hand corner of the front side. In the original version four of the five persons in the logo appear to be passing a letter in the right hand to the person to the right. The sole exception is the full figure person located front and to the right who has no such letter. In the revised version this person also has a letter. A comparison of the two logos appears in Figure 5, with the Lausanne format to the left and the Rio format to the right.



Figure 5: Detail of UPU logo: (left) Lausanne format, (right) Rio format.

Another difference between the IRCs pictured in Figure 4 and in Figure 3 is the suppression of the third line of text of the Rio format in the first box: **date facultative** (date optional).

A third major change appeared in Geneva in July 1992 (G #15) and in New York in January 1993 (NY #18). The new version allowed the exchange of the IRC for the equivalent in local postage stamps for air-mail service at the first weight level. Prior to 1992 the exchange was made for stamps corresponding to the surface tariff. In February 1993 the IRCs in Geneva were released without any price indicated (G#16). As my article in the April 2002 issue of the *Journal* (page 6) this general format of IRC was in use until December 31, 2001. In January 2002 a completely overhauled design was released as a result of the UPU Congress in Beijing in 1999. This new design appears in the above mentioned article.

The specimens which appear in Figures 1 and 2 correspond to the Rio format in Figure 4. Thus the specimens must have been issued by the UPU between 1986 and 1992, consistent with the claim by the German dealer that the IRCs were issued in 1989, perhaps for presentation purposes to the delegates at the Washington UPU Congress.

I suspect that every time a significant change in the IRC format is made, the International Bureau of the UPU in Bern, Switzerland sends out specimen copies to its Member States. Such a speculation begs the question: How did the German firm come by these items?

Readers interested in more comprehensive background articles on IRCs are referred to the article in the October 1998 (page 15) issue of the *Journal* or to the UNOP-Monograph *Die UPU-Studie* (p. 272) by Hans Paikert, Armin Gasser and Dietrich Oldenburg, published in Cologne, Germany in 1979.

15TH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO GATT - TOKYO

By B. Clement, Jr.

The 15th Session of the Contracting Parties (CP) to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was held in Tokyo, Japan October 26 to November 1959. Japan issued a stamp on November 2nd honoring the meeting. The stamp (Scott # 684) and the red pictorial cancel on the first day are shown in Figure 1. As a postal historian, it is always my goal to find something more from a UN meeting than the first day of a stamp. In this article, two such items are presented.



Figure 1: GATT conference cancel on the first day of issue (November 2nd) of commemorative stamp for 1959 session.

Figure 2 shows a cover mailed to East Stroudsburg, PA on November 9, 1959. The cover is franked with the GATT stamp, postmarked with the red conference cancel as well as two other Japanese stamps tied by a regular Tokyo cancel. This usage demonstrates that the red pictorial cancel was used on days other than the first day of the stamp.

Figure 3 shows a cover mailed to Wash-



Figure 2: GATT conference cancel used November 4, 1959 in Tokyo.

ington, DC on November 4, 1959. This cover has the GATT-Geneva corner card (with Geneva marked out and Tokyo written in) and bears a regular Japanese stamp postmarked with a regular Tokyo cancel. The cover has a violet oval cachet reading "15 SESSION, SANKEI KAIKAN, TOKYO". Obviously the first line refers to the GATT session, but what does the second line "SANKEI KAIKAN" mean?



Figure 3: 1959 GATT service cover from the 15th Session meeting in Tokyo.

In the digital age we have the Internet as a valuable resource in researching such questions. Using Google.com and searching

for "Sankei Kaikan GATT", I found the picture shown in Figure 4 with the caption: Japanese Prime Minister Nobuske Kishi (standing, center rear), welcomes the delegates to the 15th general meeting of GATT at the start of the four-week conference here. More than 400 delegates and observers from 46 countries (including 34 of the 37 member nations), gathered in the International Conference Room of the Senkai Kaikan. (www.findpicturesofhorses.com/Japanese/Prime/Minister/Gives/Speech/Search.aspx). Apparently the Sankei Kaikan is a commercial building providing conference services for meetings such as this. [Editor's Note: Kaikan means Meeting Hall in Japanese.]

UN postal history continues to be written.



Figure 4: Japanese Prime Minister Kishi addresses the GATT session in Tokyo 1959.

What do you have that might help write another chapter?

FAO CONFERENCE DISCOVERY - Nigeria 1957

By B. Clement, Jr.

A previously unknown conference cancel for a Study Group of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has been discovered. The cancel from Ibadan, Nigeria on September 24, 1957 is shown in the following figures. The cancel was socked-on-the-nose (SON) on six Nigerian stamps. One of the clearer ones is shown in Figure 1. Images from a number of the stamps were pieced together to create the composite image shown in Figure 2.

No reference to this study group has yet been found in UN or FAO literature or from Internet searches. In other years, a number of such study groups were found, many of them in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO) or the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Typically such a study group would be created to study a health or agricultural problem and to recommend action. If anyone has any information on this postmark or the study group to which it refers, please let me know.



Figure 1: One of the FAO Study Group cancels.



Figure 2: Composite image of cancel.

THOSE ELUSIVE 3-CENTIME STAMPS OF THE ILO, IEB AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By Richard Powers

How long has it been since you saw a 3-centime stamp fulfilling proper postal duty on a cover from the International Labor Organization (ILO), the International Education Bureau (IEB) or the League of Nations? From July 1930 until December 31, 1954 3-centime stamps were available for use on mail from these three international organizations. In all the Swiss PTT issued basically four such stamps for the League of Nations (Scott #202 (grilled and ungrilled), 2042, 2047 (grilled and ungrilled), 2070) and for the ILO (Scott #302, 3038 (grilled and ungrilled), 3048, 3062) and one stamp for the IEB (Scott #401). Gaines gives values for these stamps used singly on cover that vary from \$20 for 202 and 302 to \$1500 for 3048. Yet during more than twenty years of actively searching for such covers both here and in Switzerland, I could count the number of ILO and League covers that I seen bearing a 3-centime stamp with the fingers of one hand. The IEB stamp is the sole exception. It can be found on philatelic covers if one is persistent.

To understand this scarcity, one need only check Swiss postal rates to see how this denomination was used. According to Zumstein, addressed printed matter (bulk rate) letters up to 50 grams mailed to Swiss destinations from July 1, 1925 until October 31, 1967 for 3 centimes. Unaddressed printed matter (bulk rate) up to 50 grams sent to Swiss addresses from January 1, 1947 through December 31, 1973 were also eligible for this tariff as were unaddressed printed matter (bulk rate) from 50 grams to 100 grams sent from July 1, 1936 through December 31, 1946. For foreign printed matter (book rate) sent by either publishers or book sellers cost 3 centimes for each 50 grams of weight. Needless to say such use

was directed to the normal regular mail receivers. Such mail tended to be discarded immediately upon receipt.

I would like share with you some of these elusive covers that I have managed to encounter. Figure 1 shows a post card bearing Scott #3038 postmarked October 26, 1943 to an insurance company in Bern. The PP (Port Payé) cancellation shows that the card was part of a bulk mailing. The printed (generic) message announces the publication of the 1942 Annual of Labor Statistics published by the ILO.



Figure 1: Address side of 1943 bulk rate post card bearing Scott #3038.

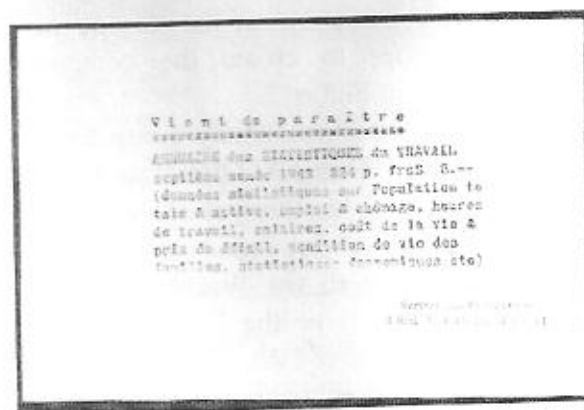


Figure 2: Printed generic message on the reverse side of the post card in Figure 1.

Figure 3 shows a cover set from the IEB bearing Scott #401 postmarked February 15, 1946 and sent to an address in Zurich. The PP inscription in the cancellation shows that this letter was part of a bulk mailing.



Figure 3: 1946 printed matter (bulk rate) cover sent from the IEB to an address in Zurich bearing 401.

The cover in Figure 4 shows use of two 3-centime IEB stamps to pay the individual 5-centime printed matter rate. The cover bears the conference cancel from the International Conference of Public Instruction in Geneva postmarked June 4, 1949. The fact that the sender used two 3-centime stamps instead of a single 5-centime stamp suggests strongly that the cover is philatelic, inspired by a collector who wanted a cover with 3-centime IEB stamps.

Figure 5 shows an example of Scott #3062 having been used on a registered package of printed material sent by the ILO to the library of the Dutch School of Commerce in Rotterdam on July 18, 1943. Besides the 3-centime stamp the package also bears a 1-franc stamp (Scott #3076) and a 15-centime stamp (Scott #3065) totaling S.f. 1.18. At this time registration cost 30 centimes. Thus the basic printed matter rate was 88 centimes suggesting that the package weighed 1450 grams (about 3 pounds) with an overpayment of 1 centime. An exact payment of S.f. 1.17 could have been made with a 90-centime stamp



Figure 4: 1949 printed matter IEB cover with a Public Instruction Conference cancel and bearing two 3-centime (401) stamps.

(Scott #3075), 4×3-centime stamps and a 15-centime stamp (Scott #3065). Apparently the desire to avoid a clutter of six stamps justified an overpayment of 1 centime.



Figure 5: 1943 printed matter package label sent by the ILO to Rotterdam bearing Scott #3062.

I do not remember ever having seen a League of Nations cover bearing a single 3-centime stamp. I would appreciate hearing about other examples of 3-centime stamp usage. Even more challenging is the 2½ centime stamp (201 and 301), which I believe could be used only to make up other rates such as 7½ centimes.

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WORLD BANK - IMF ANNUAL MEETING

Dubai 2003



Blanton Clement, Jr.

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was held September 23rd and 24th in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). In honor of the meeting, UAE issued four stamps. A first day cover of these stamp is shown in Figure 1.

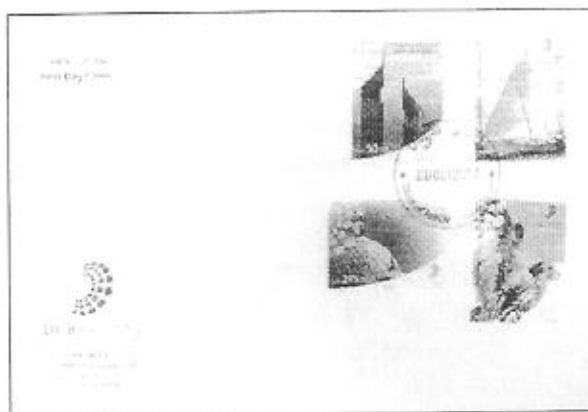


Figure 1: FDC of the 2003 UAE stamps honoring the World Bank-IMF meeting in Dubai.

Both the World Bank and IMF have their headquarters in Washington, DC. The annual meetings occur in three-year cycles. They are held in Washington for two years and then in a foreign city during the third year. Usually the host country issues a set of stamps for the meeting. There are two exceptions: Paris, in 1950 and Copenhagen, in 1970. In these cases no stamps were issued but there were special conference postmarks.

There is a Joint Secretariat of the IMF-World Bank Group that organizes these meetings. Figure 2 shows a 1955 cover from the Istanbul meeting with an early corner card for this secretariat ("JOINCOM"). This cover was mailed from the conference

with the Turkish stamps (Scott # 1171-4) for the meeting and a special meeting postmark. Figure 3 shows a 1977 cover from Ethiopia sent to the Joint Secretariat weeks before the annual meeting in Washington. Figure 4 shows a cover from the Joint Secretariat; this contained correspondence concerning the meeting held in Prague the previous September.

If you have covers to or from the Joint Secretariat in other years, please let me know. These help to document the postal history of these meetings.

[Editor's Note: In the header of this article appears the logos of the IMF and the major players in the World Bank Group: the World Bank, which consists of the International Development Administration (IDA) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The World Bank also includes the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), which works closely with the IDA. Figure 5 shows the commemorative stamp (Scott #9N572) and conference cancel for the 1988 annual meeting, which was held in West Berlin, about a year before the Wall came down.]



Figure 5: Conference cancel and commemorative from the 1988 Meeting.]



Figure 2: Service cover from the 1955 Istanbul meeting.



Figure 3: 1977 cover from Ethiopia to the Joint Secretariat in Washington, DC.

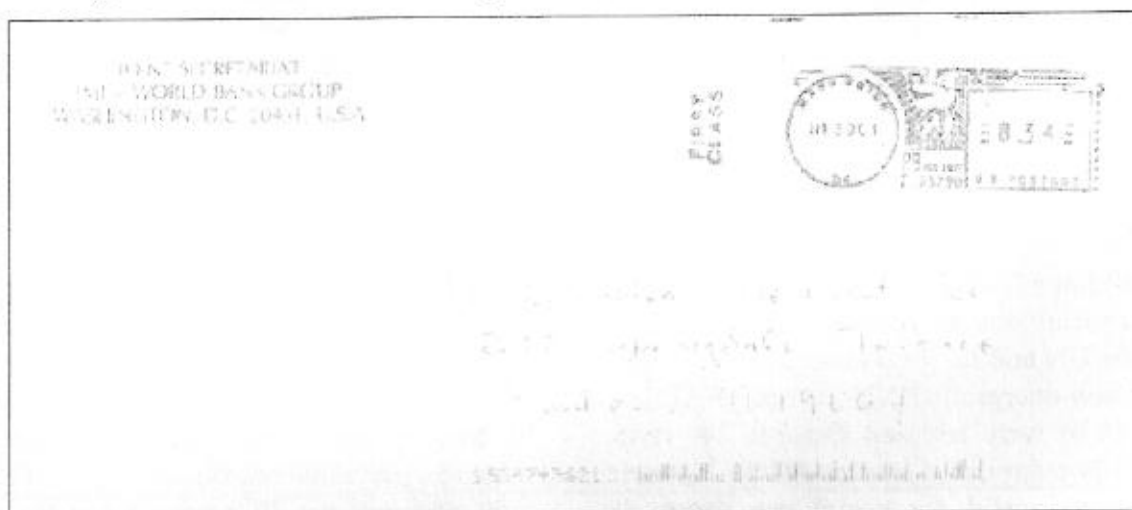


Figure 4: 2001 service cover from the Joint Secretariat of the IMF-World Bank Group.

THE TRANSITION FROM OVERPRINTED SWISS SERVICE STAMPS

By Richard Powers

On February 1, 1950 the Swiss PTT released eleven stamps (Scott #329 - 339) from its Technology and Landscape series from 1949 overprinted for use by the United Nations and three of its specialized agencies: the International Labor Organization (ILO), the International Education Bureau (IEB) and the World Health Organization (WHO). It also overprinted five of these stamps for use by the International Refugee Organization (IRO).

Figure 1 shows a registered first day cover on service stationery of the 10- and 20-centime ILO (#3084, 86) stamps of this series. (FDCs for Swiss service stamps before 1955 are extremely rare. The PTT did not begin issuing official FDCs for its service stamps before 1955.) Figure 2 shows the complete series on ILO service stationery.



Figure 1: Registered FDC of Scott #3084, 86.

Within a few years the PTT began releasing special non-overprinted service stamps for the UN and its specialized agencies. The first non-overprinted UN stamps (#7021-3, 26, 28-9) were released October 24, 1955. The UN overprinted stamps (#701-11) were declared invalid for postal use about six months later (April 30, 1956). The first non-overprinted ILO stamps (#3094-6, 99,

101-2) were released October 22, 1956. The last ILO overprinted stamps (#3083-93) became invalid for postage beginning April 30, 1957. The first non-overprinted WHO stamps (#5026-8, 31, 33-4) were released October 16, 1957. The last WHO overprinted stamps (#5006-16) were removed from use on April 30, 1958. The first non-overprinted IEB stamps (#4040-2, 45, 46-8) were issued October 22, 1958. The IEB overprinted stamps (#4029 -39) were made invalid for franking on April 30, 1959. The IRO was liquidated in 1952, before the issuance of non-overprinted service stamps.

In principle, overprinted and non-overprinted stamps co-existed for about six months for the UNEO, ILO, WHO and IEB and can be found on service mail side-by-side. However, after the six-month period elapsed, this was against regulations.

Figure 3 shows an ILO service cover mailed to Argentina on December 19, 1956. It bears a 25-centime overprinted stamp (#3087) and a 60-centime non-overprinted stamp (#30101). This usage is barely four months before the former stamp ceased to be valid for postage.

The amount of franking is also interesting. The bulk rate printed matter 21-gram cover was sent by airmail. According to the *Zumstein Specialized Catalogue - Switzerland* (1992), the normal printed matter tariff overseas for letters weighing less than 50 grams was 10 centimes. If the reduced rate for publishers were 50% of this, the basic tariff would be 5 centimes. (I say "would be" because Zumstein apparently mistakenly gives the tariff as 10 centimes, the same as the non-reduced rate.) To this would be added the airmail surcharge for printed matter to Argentina beginning July 1, 1953 of 40 centimes per 20 grams. Since the cover was 1 gram too heavy, the final tariff was 85 centimes, the postage actually used.

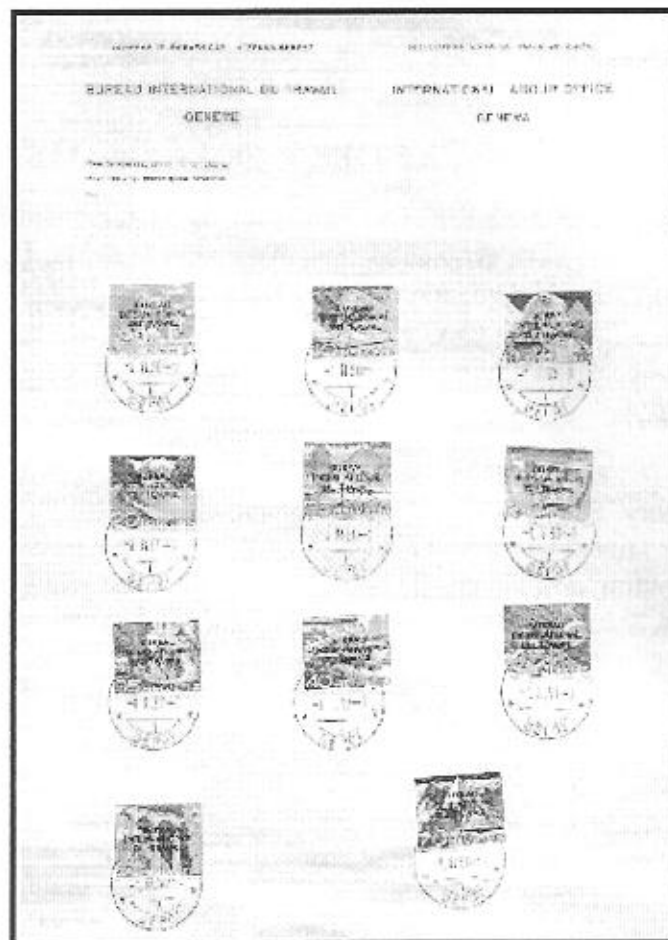


Figure 2: Scott #3083-93 on ILO service stationery canceled on the day of issue.

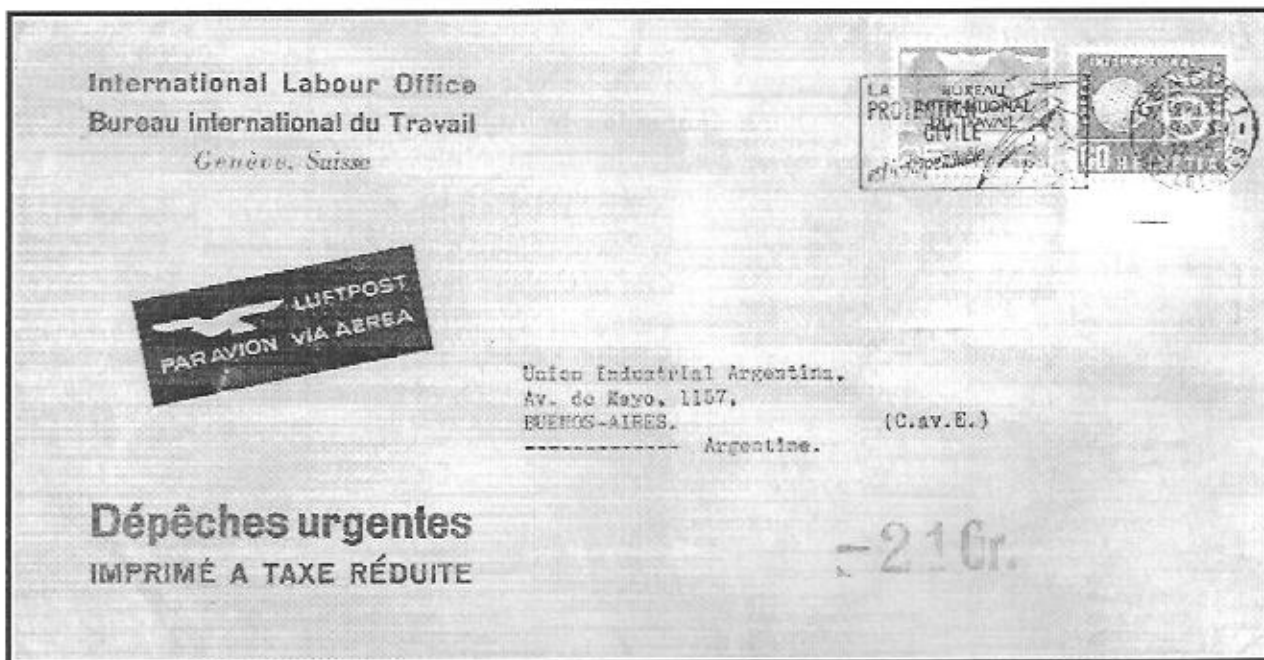


Figure 3: 1958 ILO service cover bearing both an overprinted 25-centime stamp (Scott #3087) and a non-overprinted 60-centime stamp (Scott #30101).



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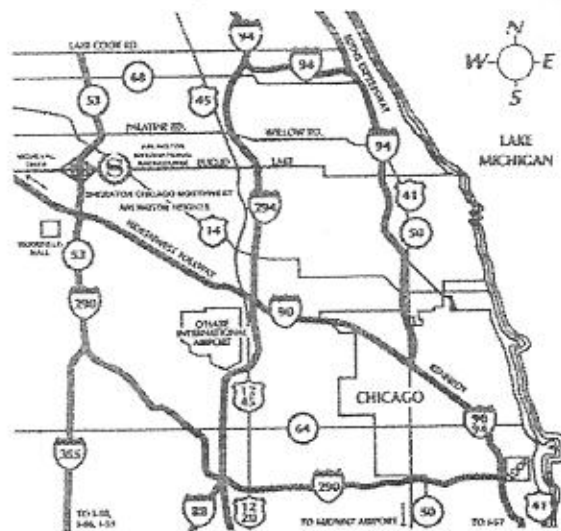
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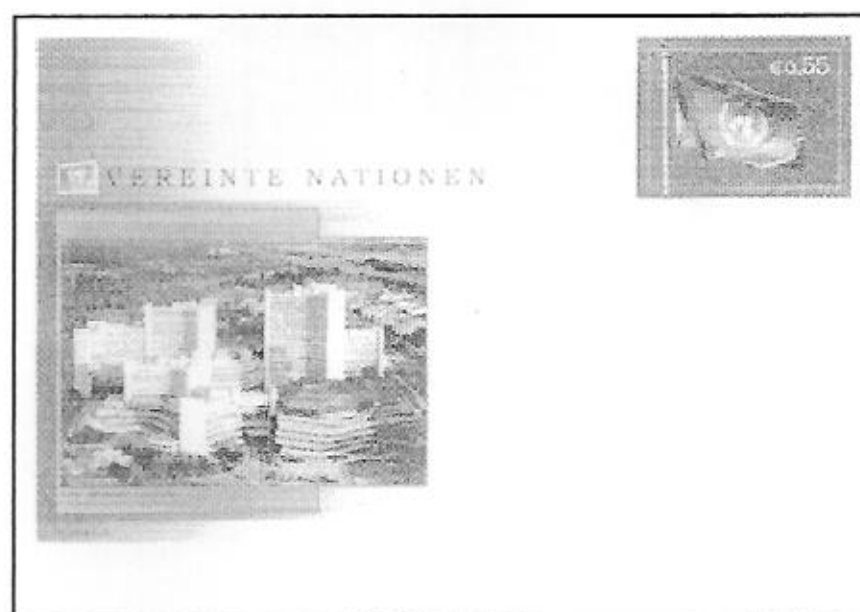
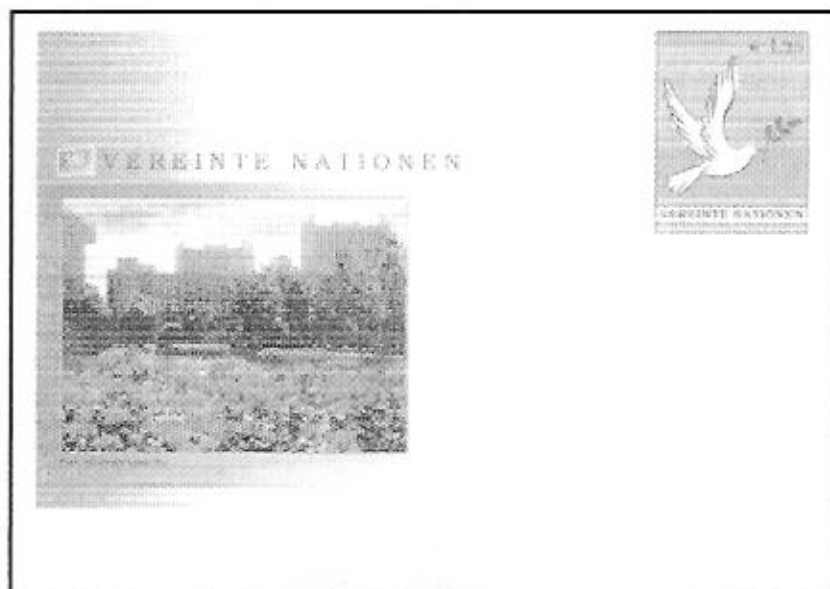
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