

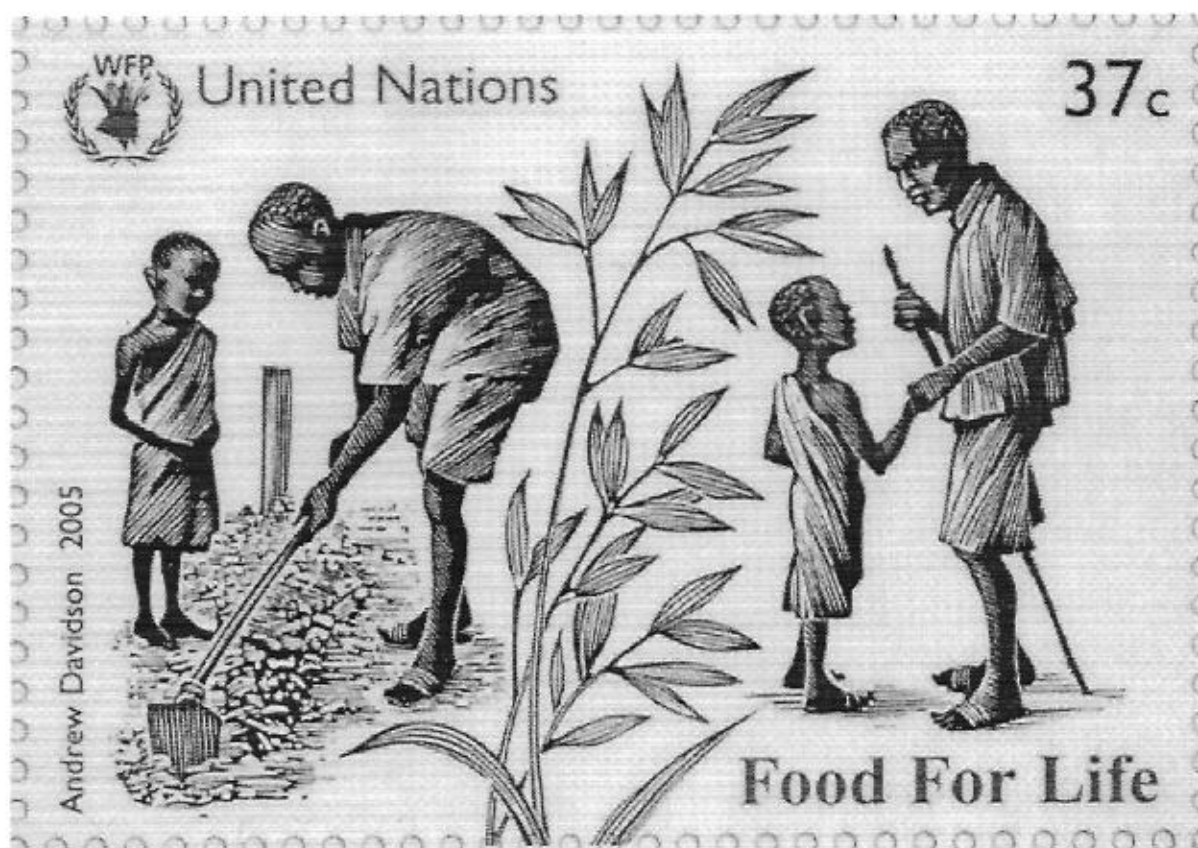
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Front cover: Detail of UNNY 37¢ stamp honoring the World Food Program with the theme *Food for Life* issued October 20, 2005.

Rear cover: Complete set of six 2005 UNPA commemoratives honoring the World Food Program issued on October 20th for UN offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna..

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

New UPU Stamp and the First UNP Bulk Order

On September 6, 2005 the Swiss Post Office (Swiss Post) issued a new S.f. 1,00 stamp for use at the Bern headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). The stamp illustrates the many different ways mail is sent worldwide, reflecting the dynamism of the world postal network and the global scope of the postal service. Figure 1 shows the official FDC prepared by Swiss Post for this stamp. A close-up of the stamp and the first day cancel appears in Figure 2.

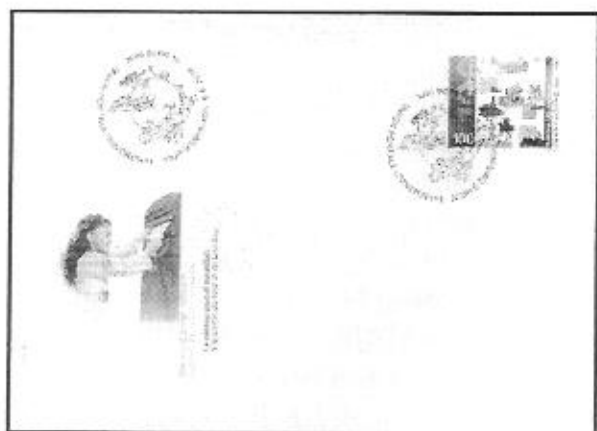


Figure 1: FDC of 2005 UPU stamp.



Figure 2: Close-up of stamp and first day cancel.

I received the announcement of the new stamp from Swiss Post about three weeks before the stamp was issued. I immediately

contacted the twenty UNP members, who had indicated their interest in participating in club bulk orders by filling-in the survey, which appeared on the back-page of the mailer in the October 2004 issue of the *Journal*. Swiss Post encourages bulk orders by dropping all fees for orders over S.f. 15 (approximately \$12). The fifteen members with e-mail addresses received a notice by e-mail. Otherwise I sent an announcement postal card. I sent in a bulk order for S.f. 55 on August 31st in a postage-free business-reply envelope supplied by Swiss Post (Figure 3). I received the order on September 20th. I mailed the nine orders that I had received from UNP members on September 30th.

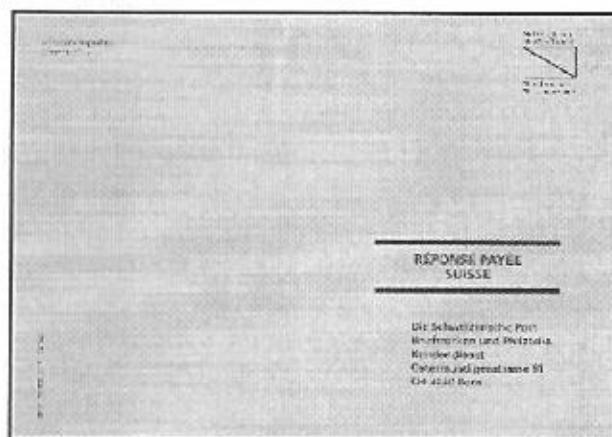


Figure 3: Postage-free mailer supplied by Swiss Post for sending in mail orders.

For this stamp Swiss Post offered mint or canceled singles for S.f. 1,00, official FDCs for S.f. 1,90, souvenir booklets containing either mint (in a hingeless mount) or FDC-canceled stamps for S.f. 1,90 and collection sheets bearing mint (also in a hingeless mount) for S.f. 1,60. Members were charged at face value for the philatelic items plus forwarding postage and handling which varied from 37¢ to \$1.36 depending on weight and the nature of the mailing envelope.

Members, interested in participating in bulk orders, should send me the survey form which appeared on the October 2004 mailer.

FOOD IS LIFE

Richard Powers



World Food Program

The World Food Program (WFP) is the front-line agency of the United Nations in the battle against worldwide hunger. It constitutes the largest humanitarian organization in the world and supplies with food help on the average 90 Million people, among which are 56 Million children, in over eighty countries. Its activity concentrates on saving lives during refugee crises and other emergency situations, on improving the nutrition and quality of life of the most vulnerable people in the world in critical life-threatening conditions and to be able draw essential supplies for the support of people by the establishment of centers as well as making possible the fostering of self-reliance of poor people and community development.

Each year on October 16th the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) commemorates its creation on the same day in 1945 in Quebec City with World Food Day, which was established in

1979. Figure 1 shows a 1981 meter tape (Gaines Slogan #20) of the FAO in Rome honoring this day.



Figure 1: 1981 FAO meter tape commemorating World Food Day on October 16th.

The goal of this annual event is to heighten public awareness of the world food problem and to strengthen solidarity in the battle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. In light of this in 1980 the UN General Assembly endorsed the observance of World Food Day in consideration of the fact that "food is a requisite for human survival and well- and a fundamental human necessity". The worldwide yearly celebration occurs together with TeleFood, the initiative



Figure 2 1971 service cover from the WFP when it was located at current FAO headquarters in Rome on the Via delle Terme di Caracalla.

of FAO to increase awareness of the suffering of famished populations in the world and to mobilize resources for their help. The theme of World Food Day this year is "Agriculture and Intercultural Dialogue".

Figure 2 shows a 1971 service cover from the WFP when it was located at current FAO headquarters in Rome on the Via delle Terme di Caracalla. The cancel is a Gaines' type S.9 with a letter "F" in the hand cancel of the FAO. It was created by parallel resolutions of the UN General Assembly and the FAO Conference in 1961 in Rome. It formally came into existence on January 1, 1963. Its headquarters is now located in Rome at Via Cesare Giulio Viola 68/70. In the middle of the envelope to the left is a rubber-stamped cachet in red with the UN and FAO logos with the motto: WFP - Food Aid for Development

According to FAO estimates, 852 Million people worldwide suffer from chronic hunger. The great majority, 815 Million, live in developing countries. About 28 Million live in Eastern Europe and in countries of the former Soviet Union. Nine million, more than the total population of metropolitan New York, live in the richest countries of the world.

According to the FAO, "In moral terms, just stating the fact that one child dies every five seconds as a result of hunger and malnutrition should be enough to prove that we cannot afford to allow the scourge of hunger to continue. In economic terms the case is more complex but no less cogent. On a global scale, every year that hunger persists at current levels causes deaths and disability that will cost developing countries future productivity with a present diminished value of US\$500 billion or more."

Every year, more than twenty million low birthrate (LBW) babies are born in the developing world. From the moment of birth, the scales are tipped against them. LBW

babies face increased risk of dying in infancy, of stunted physical and cognitive growth during childhood, or reduced working capacity and earnings as adults and, if female, of eventually giving birth to LBW babies themselves.

On October 20, 2005, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in cooperation with the World Food Program issued a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Food for Life". The designs of the six stamps appear on the rear cover of this issue of the *Journal*. The stamps depict various grains as well as scenes showing the production and distribution of such. Two stamps bearing values of 37¢ and 80¢ were released for use in New York City; two with values of S.f. 1,00 and 1,30 for use in Geneva; and two with denominations of €0,55 and 1,25 for use in Vienna. The stamps were designed by Andrew Davidson of the United Kingdom.

In 1971 the UNPA honored the WFP with two commemoratives (Scott UNNY #218 and UNGeneva #17). In 1976 the UNPA released two additional stamps (UNNY #280 and UNGeneva #63) in honor of the World Food Council, which was created by the General Assembly in 1974 to review and make recommendations on all matters relating to food production and distribution. It is located in Rome at FAO headquarters. In 1984 the UNPA commemorated World Food Day with six stamps (UNNY #419-20, UNGeneva #122-3 and UNVienna #40-1). The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was honored in 1988 by the release of six stamps (UNNY #519-20, UNGeneva #162-3, UNVienna #78-9). The role of IFAD, created in 1977, is to mobilize financial resources for the development of agricultural sectors of developing nations, mostly through reduced rate, long-term lending. Its headquarters is in Rome at Via del Seratico 107.

2005 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of November 1, 2005 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)
See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

- February 4** **Celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the UN**
80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55
(3 Sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir Sheets \$1.00, F.s. 3,00, € 2,10
Vienna Definitive (Hologram)
€ 0,75
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)
- March 3** **Endangered Species (Orchids)**
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 2005 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
FDC with Silk Cachet
Personalized International Stamps
1 sheet of 10 stamps @ 80¢ for \$14.95
Personalized Student Sheet
1 sheet of ten canceled stamps @ 37¢ for \$4.95
- April 21** **Nature's Wisdom**
37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
Souvenir Card
- June 3** **International Year of Sports**
37¢, 70¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,10
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- August 4** **World Heritage - Egypt**
37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30)}
- September 21** **My Dream for Peace One Day (2nd series out of 3)**
37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,00
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- October 20** **World Food Day (October 16th)**
37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,25
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
Personalized Stamps (Seasons Greetings)
2005 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2005 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

- January 3** **Sixty Years of Building Foundations for Lasting Peace**

UN COLLECTORS' CLUBS FOR STAFF AT UNNY AND UN GENEVA

By J.-L. Emmenegger

It might be interesting to know that both at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and at the European Office in Geneva, there have long been clubs for collectors of U.N. Philately, whose membership was strictly restricted to U.N. personnel and staff. Unfortunately I do not know if these clubs still exist but I assume they do.

In Geneva the club's exact name was "Club Philatélique International de Genève" (CIPG). Its postal address was "1211 Genève 10" (which is the post office inside the Palais des Nations). Membership was open not only to the personnel and staff working at the U.N. Office in the Palais des Nations but was also extended to personnel working with the other specialized agencies established in Geneva such as the International Telecommunications Union, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labor Organization (ILO).

The CIPG had its own stationery for its correspondence. Figure 1 shows a cover mailed at the Swiss post office inside the Palais des Nations bearing a WMO stamp (Scott #805) postmarked February 24, 1968.



Figure 1: 1968 CIPG cover.

In New York the club was known as the United Nations Philatelic Society (UNPS). Figure 2 shows a third class cover bearing a dateless UNNY roller cancel (Gaines #RB3). It bears two stamps: UNNY #249, 240.

Each club published its own bulletin or newsletter, which was sent only to club members. It was written in English in New York and

and in French in Geneva. They were produced on printing machines installed in the U.N. printing offices of UNNY and UN Geneva. The content of these two publications was mainly oriented on upcoming issues of the United Nations Postal Administration. They also had some "trading ads". But as far as I can see, they never published research articles on the U.N. Philately or its related postal aspects.



Figure 2: Third class letter sent by the UNPS.

If readers have further information on these two U.N. collectors' clubs, I would be pleased to hear from you at the following address:

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[Editor's note: Figure 3 shows an invitation to a UN first day ceremony of the "Stop Drug Abuse" stamp on Friday 13, 1973 sponsored by the UN General Services and the UNPS on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary. Thus the UNPS was organized in 1948.]



Figure 3: Invitation to FD ceremony.

BOX 686 IN GREAT NECK, NEW YORK

By Richard Powers



Figure 1: 1948 service cover sent by a UN Staff member from Box 686 in Great Neck, New York to her family in France.

In April 2005 I received a letter containing photocopies of a set of correspondence from a UN staff member stationed in Lake Success in 1948 to her family in France from UNP member Moss Fairmont. Figure 1 shows the most interesting of the seven covers. From this cover and from the other six I was able to deduce that this letter was sent on February 17, 1948 by Miss Simonne I. Pourot of the United Nations Editorial Division to her family Mr. and Mrs. Pourot in Bois-Coulombes, France.

In general, Miss Pourot preferred to use several large commemorative stamps to pay the 15¢ airmail postage to France. In Figure 1 she used five Everglades National Park (Scott # 952). As a result the machine cancel (Gaines LS/C.1) of the United Nations at Lake Success could only cancel four of the stamps. A hand cancel (Gaines LS/C.2) was used to cancel two stamps.

Notice that in the corner card in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope, the town name Lake Success and been replaced by Box 686, Great Neck. Technically the

Lake Success post office was a branch of Great Neck post office. But when the UN moved to the Sperry Building at Lake Success in August 1946 from Hunter College in the Bronx, it generally used Lake Success corner cards and not Great Neck. Service covers with Pitney-Bowes meter cancels are known with the town name Great Neck for a month from August 20, 1946 through September 20, 1946 (PB# 113436) and from March 24, 1951 through May 14, 1951 (PB# 180705) but the corner cards do not read Great Neck. Neither do the cancels used at the UN post office at Lake Success. Figure 2 shows a cover with a Great Neck PB# 113436 meter cancel postmarked on the last day of use of this meter with a Great Neck townmark and a Lake Success corner card. I am aware of a cover with a bulk rate meter cancel (PB# 180705) from Great Neck with a New York City corner card. Undoubtedly most bulk mailings were from New York City, necessitating a NYC address.

Figure 3 shows an interesting hybrid cancellation dated April 23, 1948. The letter

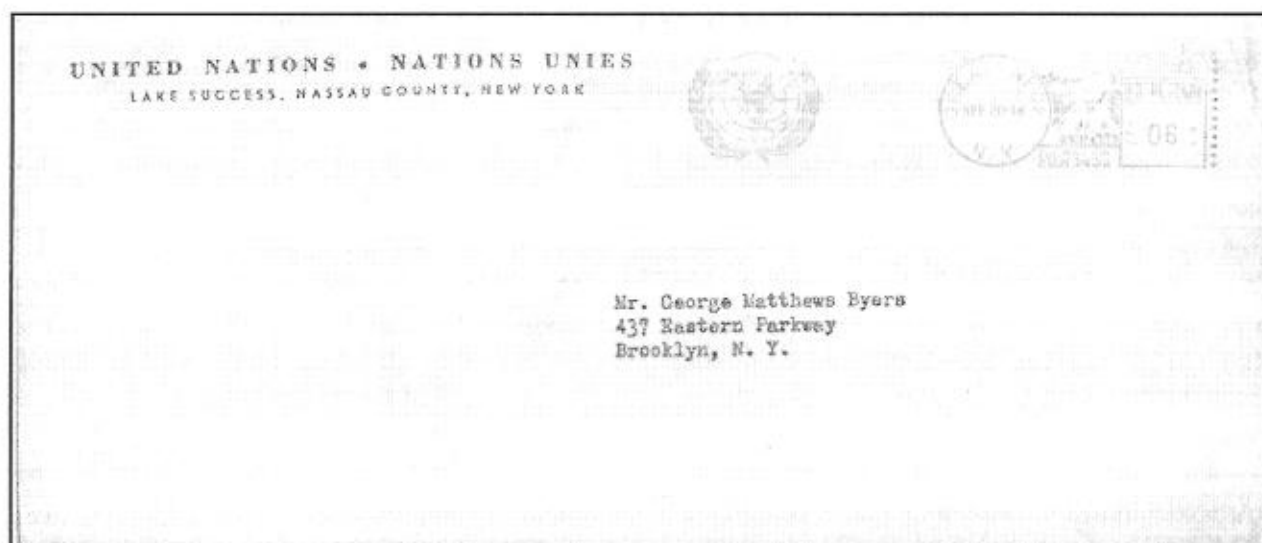


Figure 2: 1946 service cover with Great Neck meter cancel and LakeSuccess corner card.



Figure 3: 1948 cover with Lake Success machine cancel and two Great Neck hand cancels.

apparently weighed more than ½ ounce and the affixed postage is 30¢: one 15¢ airmail (Scott # C35) and five 3¢ stamps (Scott # 955). Note that a machine cancel from Lake Success is on four of the 3¢ stamps and two Great Neck cancels appear on the airmail stamp and on two of the 3¢ stamps. I suspect that the letter slipped through the machine canceler without canceling the airmail stamp and forwarded to the main office in Great Neck where the cancels were applied.

So why did Miss Pourot insist on using P.O. Box 686, Great Neck as her return ad-

dress? According to Norris G. Robinson on page 56 in his book *Postal History of the United Nations* P.O. Box 686 at Great Neck was to be used for personal mail destined for staff members at the United Nations. P.O. Box 686 was closed on December 15, 1950 and mail was redirected to P.O.Box 20, Grand Central Station in Manhattan.

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UNITED KINGDOM MANDATE IN PALESTINE

By Richard Powers

On December 9, 1917, as World War neared its end, Jerusalem surrendered to the British forces. Two days later General Allenby entered the Jaffa Gate on foot, at the head of a victory procession. This act marked the end of four centuries of Ottoman-Turk rule and the beginning of thirty years of British administration.

The mandate system was established by Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations as formulated at the Paris Peace Conference (January - June 1919). Under this article it was stated that the territories inhabited by peoples unable to stand by themselves would be entrusted to advanced nations until such time as the local population could handle their own affairs. This concept was incorporated into the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. More background information can be found in an article which appeared in the April 1999 issue of the *Journal* (page 10).

In the case of Palestine, the administrative control, in the form of a League of Nations Mandate was given to the British. With the name the British Mandate for Palestine this territory, that is today Israel and Jordan, became the first and only geographic division with the name Palestine since before the Ottoman Empire assumed control in 1517. In July 1920 the civil administration of the Mandate took over from the military. For the first time since Crusader days Jerusalem was again a capital city.

During the ensuing twenty-eight years there were seven British High Commissioners in Palestine: Sir Herbert Louis Samuel (1920-5), Herbert Onslow Plumer (1925-8), Sir John Chancellor (1928-31), Arthur Grenfell Wauchope (1931-38), Sir Harold MacMichael (1938-44), John Vereker, 6th Viscount Gort (1944-5) and finally Sir Alan G. Cunningham (1945-8).

On a superficial level documenting philatelically the British presence in Palestine is no major challenge. Commercial mail during British military occupation between 1918-20 bearing Palestinian stamps (Scott #1-14) and during British administration between 1920-45 (Scott #15-84, J1-20) is readily available. Finding official mail relating to the British High Commissioner is a bit more challenging.

Figure 1 shows a letter sheet sent by a policeman (Constable) in Tel-Aviv November 1944 to a family member (probably his brother) in County Armagh, Northern Ireland.

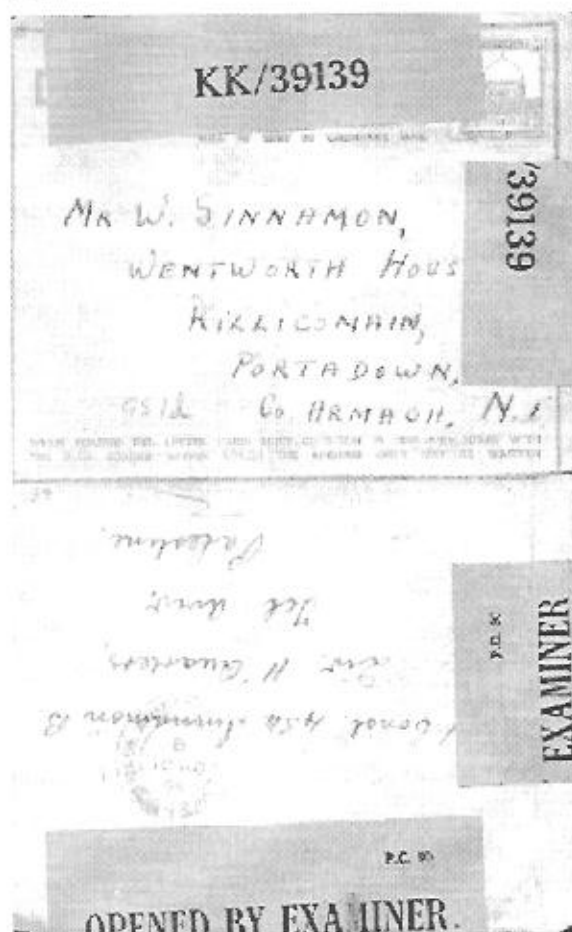


Figure 1: 1944 letter sent from Tel Aviv to Northern Ireland.

The letter was written on November 6th and was examined by military personnel. It was expedited on November 10th when it was resealed with green tape and received a "BASE ARMY POST O(F)F(IC)E" #4 cancel. The letter bears an uncanceled 13 mil stamp (Scott #75) featuring the Dome of the Rock and which is partially covered by the tape.

The message provides several interesting insights into the life of a policeman during World War II. Below are a few excerpts which easily could have been written for "Masterpiece Theatre" on PBS:

6/11/44

Dear Wenty,

...There has not been much excitement here lately, except as you may have heard that the new High Commissioner for Palestine is Lord Gort. He visited Tel-Aviv on Friday last and I saluted him no less than four times. We were posted at different spots on his route armed with T.G.s and other arms. Another chap and I were posted outside the Municipality, Tel-Aviv and I had a close-up view of him when he got out of his car. However, everything went according to schedule, and a good time was had by all....

The weather is very bad here at the moment as we are in the middle of a "khamseen". It has been raining for two days now and looks as if it will keep on for several more...Now that the winter is here we will be into khaki very soon and there is a rumour that we will be allowed to wear a collar and tie. If this is so, I intend to have my photograph taken and will send one home....

Yours as ever. Bertie

I have come across three official covers from the offices of the High Commissioner.

Official correspondence bore no postage and generally bore handstamped oval cachets of modest legibility indicating the provenance.

Figure 2(a) shows a cover mailed in Jerusalem on April 15, 1937. The cachet indicates that it was sent by the Private Secretary to the High Commissioner at the Government Office(s) in Jerusalem. The rear flap of the envelope bears an engraving with the lion and unicorn logo of the United Kingdom and the mottoes "Honi soit qui mal y pense" (Shame on those who think evil) and "Dieu et mon Droit" (God and my Law) (Figure 2(b)).



Figure 2(a): 1937 service cover from the Private Secretary of the High Commissioner.



Figure 2(b): Rear flap of the above cover.

Figure 3 shows a much less formal cover with no engraved corner card and only the legend "On His Majesty's Service". This cover was mailed locally in Jerusalem on

August 21, 1935 and failed to find the addressee. It was returned to the sender indicated by the oval cachet with the legend: "(High) Commissioner's Offices - Jerusalem District"

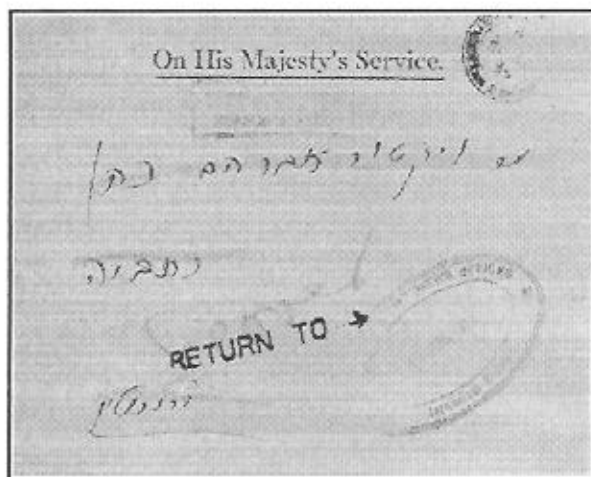


Figure 3: 1935 service cover returned after failure to find the addressee.

Figure 4 (a) shows a most interesting cover, which was sent January 31, 1940 and bears the oval cachet of the "(Aide) de Camp to the High Commissioner". On the rear flap is a modest engraved blue crown (Figure 4 (b)). The true nature of this letter is revealed by the enclosed letter which appears in Figure 5. The letterhead bears the same blue crown and the address: Government House, Jerusalem. It is a response from the Private secretary to the High Commissioner to a request for financial assistance for House Tafic Habaseh, a home for vagrant children in Jerusalem. According to the letter, funds could be available in the fiscal year 1940/41.

When the United Kingdom referred the future status of its Palestine mandate to the UN General Assembly, that body appointed a Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) to examine and report on the problem. It spent more than a month gathering facts in the mandate area (circa June 10 - July 20, 1947). Figure 6 shows a UN service cover sent in 1947 from the UNSCOP

meeting at the YMCA in Jerusalem to Dr. Nawratzki in Haifa, who had supplied the committee with a memorandum dealing with the fiscal policy of the Palestine Government. The cover bears a 10 mil stamp (Scott # 73) and pictures the citadel at Jerusalem.

UNSCOP prepared reports (majority and minority) which were issued on August 31, 1947. The majority report, adopted by the General Assembly on November 29, 1947, called for the mandate's partition into independent Arab and Jewish states. The Jewish state Israel was established the following year. The Palestinians are still waiting.



Figure 4 (a): 1940 service cover from Government House in Jerusalem.

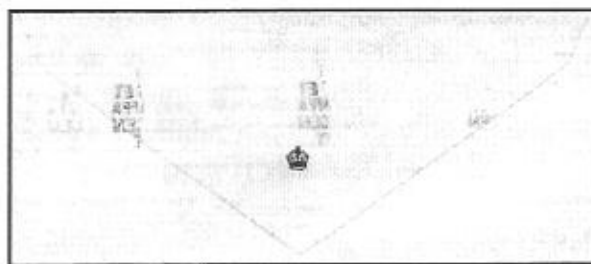


Figure 4(b): Rear flap of the above cover with a small blue crown.

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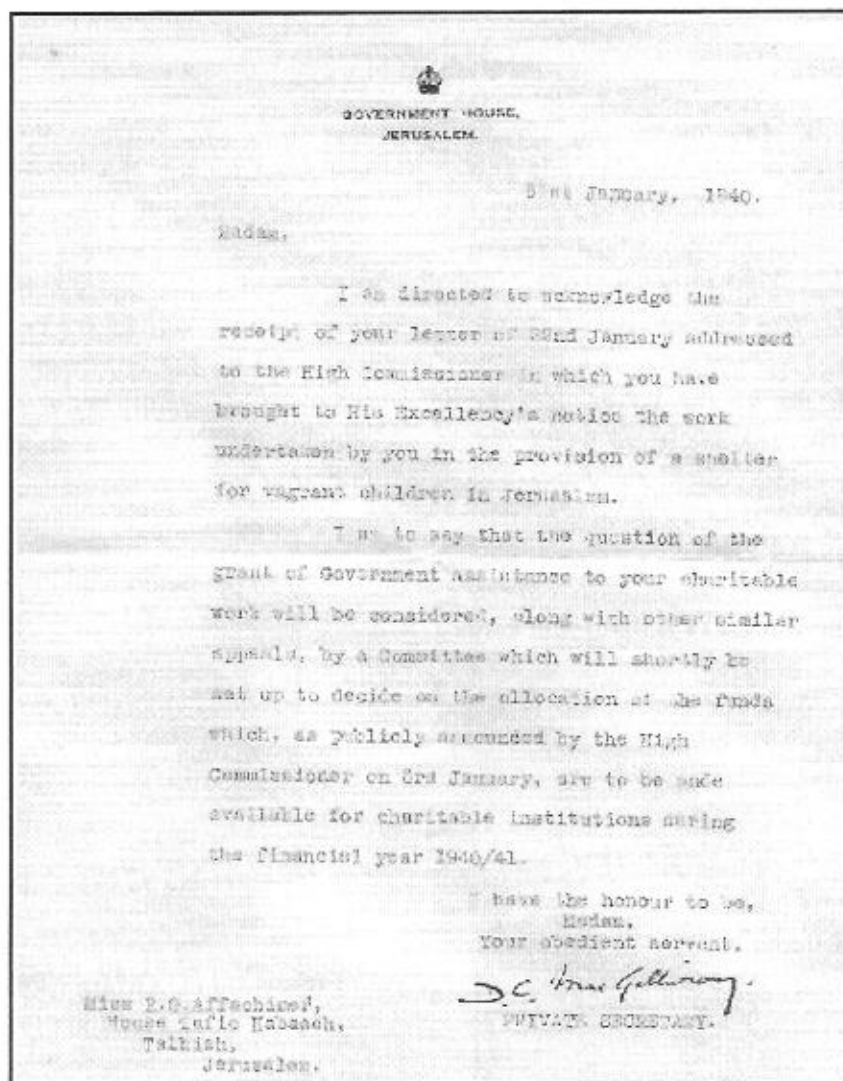


Figure 5: 1940 service letter from the Private Secretary to the High Commissioner responding to request for funds in support of House Tatic Habasch, a home for vagrant children in Jerusalem.

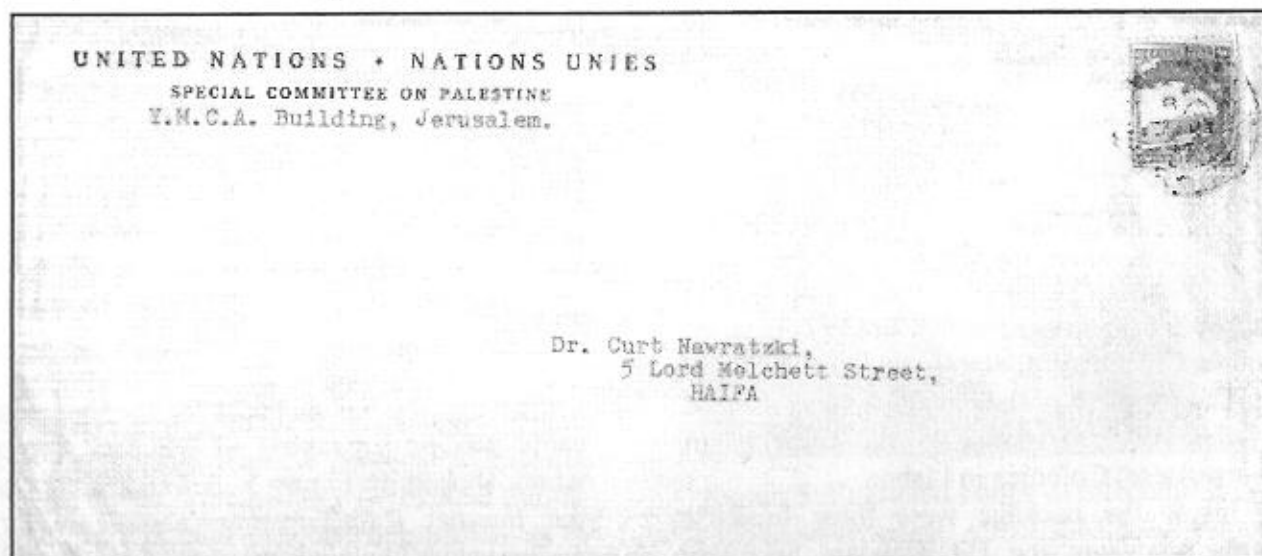


Figure 6: 1947 service cover from the UN Special Committee on Palestine in Jerusalem.

AN INTERESTING PACKAGE FROM THE ITU

By Richard Powers

I recently spied the interesting cover, which appears in Figure 1, on eBay. It is a service cover mailed from the headquarters of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva on December 13, 1951. At that time the ITU was headquartered in the Palais Wilson.

What attracted me to the cover was the meter tape, which had been used on the printed matter envelope, which measures 250 mm x 180mm. The tape bears the denomination (20 centimes) and identifies the originating institution (here the ITU) preprinted at the bottom of the tape, but lacks a date and city identification. The machine number is 899 (Gaines Machine Type X). Hence the meter cancel had to receive an additional cancel to indicate the post office and date from which the envelope was mailed. A detail (Figure 2) of the meter cancel and postmark (Genève Exp. Lettres) appears.



Figure 2: 1951 ITU meter tape with preprinted ITU identification.

In the lower left corner of the envelope is a rubberstamped origin cachet of the ITU headquarters in Geneva, which appears in Figure 3. The recipient of the envelope was the Head of the P.T.T. Division at the Ministry of (Portuguese) Colonies in Lisbon.

Inside the package were three business cards: one from the ITU assistant Secretary General, Mr. Gerald Connop Gross, another

was from Mr. William F. Studer, ITU Conseiller (Advisor); the third was from the ITU Secretary General, Léon Mulatier. The latter card appears in Figure 4. Note the handwritten remarks: *Meilleurs vœux* (Best Wishes). *Bien amical souvenir* (Very fond memory). The tone of the comments suggests that the Secretary General knew the recipient personally and was wishing him "Seasons Greeting".



Figure 3: ITU Origin cachet at its Geneva Headquarters.



Figure 4: Business card of the ITU Secretary General Léon Mulatier.

Sharing the envelope with the business cards was an engraving of Michael Pupin, which appears in Figure 5. A quick glance at the Internet (<http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blpupin.htm>) provided the following information about Mr. Pupin. He was

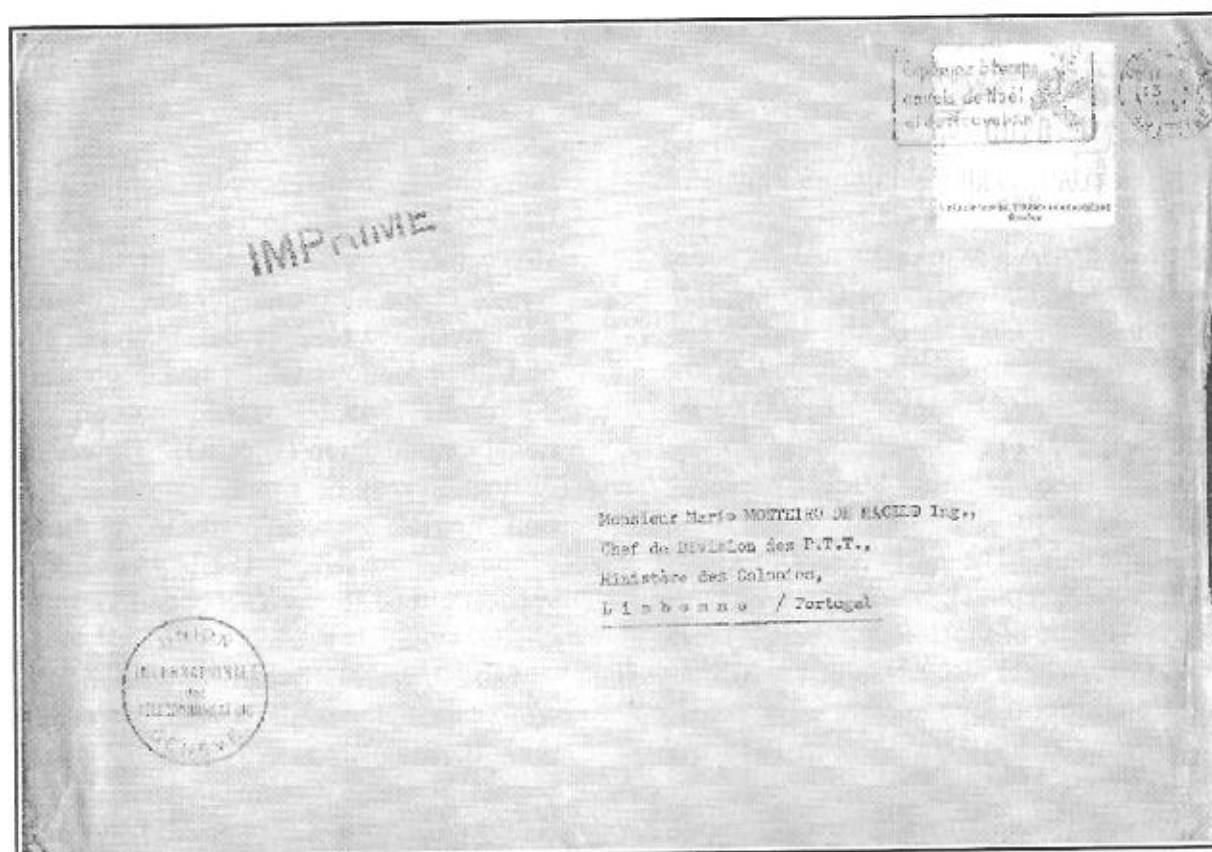


Figure 1: 1951 ITU service cover to the Ministry of Colonies in Lisbon.

an American physicist and inventor, born in the former Yugoslavia in 1858. He immigrated to the USA in 1874. He taught at Columbia University for more than forty years, thirty of them as a professor of electromechanics. He is famous for his improvement of long-distance telephone and telegraph transmission by inserting coils in the long lines at intervals in 1899. He held thirty-four patents for his inventions.

Presumably the Head of the P(ost), T(elephone), T(elegraph) for the Portuguese would have appreciated the attractive engraving of an outstanding scientist and inventor in the field of telecommunications offered by the ITU Secretary General. This same engraving appeared in a book published by the ITU in 1965 on the occasion of the century of international telecommunications. It would appear that the package was the result of a personal request by the Portuguese PTT official during some professional encounter, probably at a conference.



Figure 5: Engraved image of telecommunications inventor and scientist Michael Pupin (1857-1935).

ANOTHER LOOK AT THE UN MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

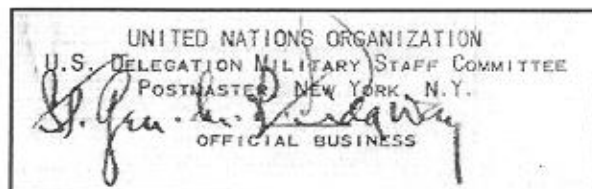
By Richard Powers

I recently had a chance to check out the UN Museum on the World Forum Philatelist (WFP) Website of Greg Galletti (www.unstampz.com). A few months ago he added five frames of sixteen pages from the Jack Mayer exhibit "Genesis of the United Nations". I was particularly attracted to the page containing two covers from the American and French delegations to the United Nations Military Staff Committee dating from 1946.

In the article "The Early Years of United Nations Peacekeeping", which appeared in the April 1998 issue of the *Journal* (page 4) there is a short historical discussion of the Military Staff Committee and a picture of a penalty cover postmarked in New York in 1948 with the following corner card:

United States Army Representative
United Nations
Military Staff Committee
2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.

Figure 1 shows a similar cover from the Mayer exhibit postmarked April 24, 1946 with a few significant differences. Over the penalty inscription in the upper right has been written "FREE MAIL", a legend generally reserved to indicate mail sent by a military personnel on active duty. A detail of the corner card appears in Figure 2. Over the corner card is the signature of the sender Lt. Gen(eral) M(atthew). B. Ridgway. The corner card reads:



United Nations Organization
U.S. Delegation Military Staff Committee
Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Notice the reference to the United Nations Organization instead of the usual United Nations normally used in English. References in

French are often ONU (Organisation des Nations Unies). References in German are often UNO. Both seem to be distinguishing between the expression United Nations, which was often the term used for the anti-Axis Allies and United Nations Organization, a group of United Nations which had been achieved during the 1945 UN Conference on International Organization (UNCIO). However, this distinction may be simply ease in pronunciation. English speakers prefer to use the names of the separate letters: U-N, whereas French speakers, tend to say O-NU and German say U-NO.

Most members over fifty-five should recognize the name of the sender. General Matthew B. Ridgway (1895 - 1993) became the second Supreme Commander of the United Nations Forces in Korea after President Harry S. Truman had "fired" the first Supreme Commander General Douglas MacArthur for insubordination, when he threatened North Korea and its chief supporter the Peoples' Republic of China with the use of nuclear weapons during the UN "Police Action" in Korea from 1950 to 1953. From the Internet (www.ibiblio.org) I learned that General Ridgway commanded the 82nd Airborne Division in operations against Axis forces in Italy and France from 1942-44 during World War II. He then led the XVIII Airborne Corps in European operations, notably in the Battle of the Bulge. He was representative of the United States to the UN Military Staff Committee from 1946-8. He commanded the Eighth Army against Communist forces in Korea from 1950-1 before he became Supreme Commander in the Far East including Korea in 1951.

It is not clear to me why General Ridgway chose to send the letter by "Free Mail" instead of by penalty mail. I presume that either method would have meant that the United States Post Office Department would have transported the letter free of charge to the

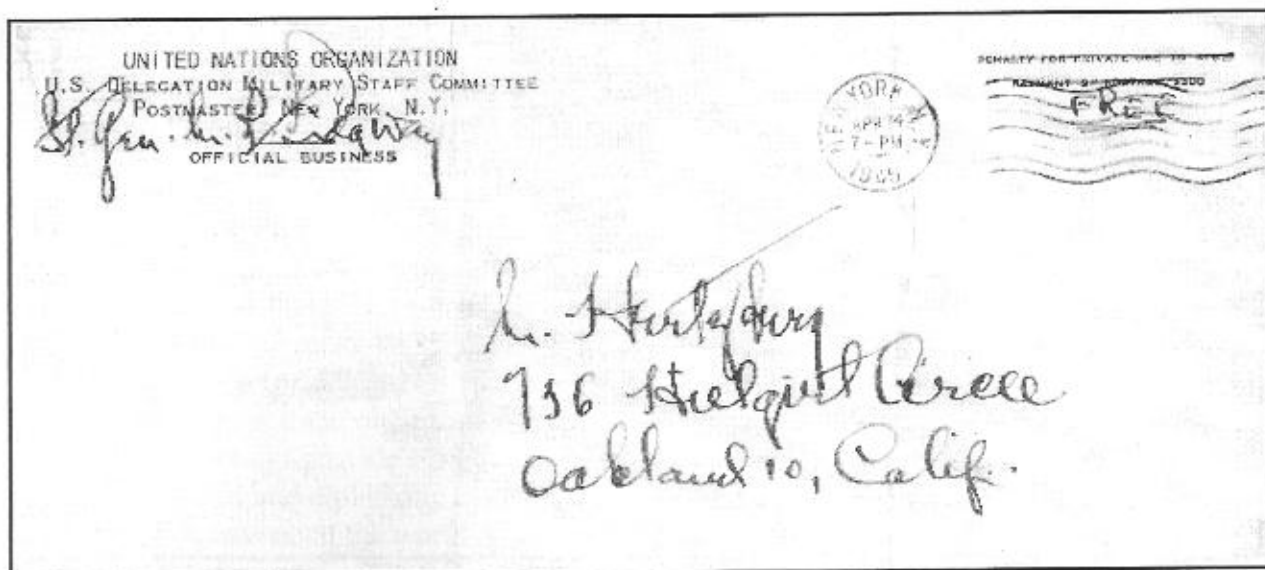


Figure 1: 1946 service cover signed by Lt. Gen. M. B. Ridgway from the U.S. Delegation (to the) Military Staff Committee of the United Nations Organization and sent by "Free Mail".

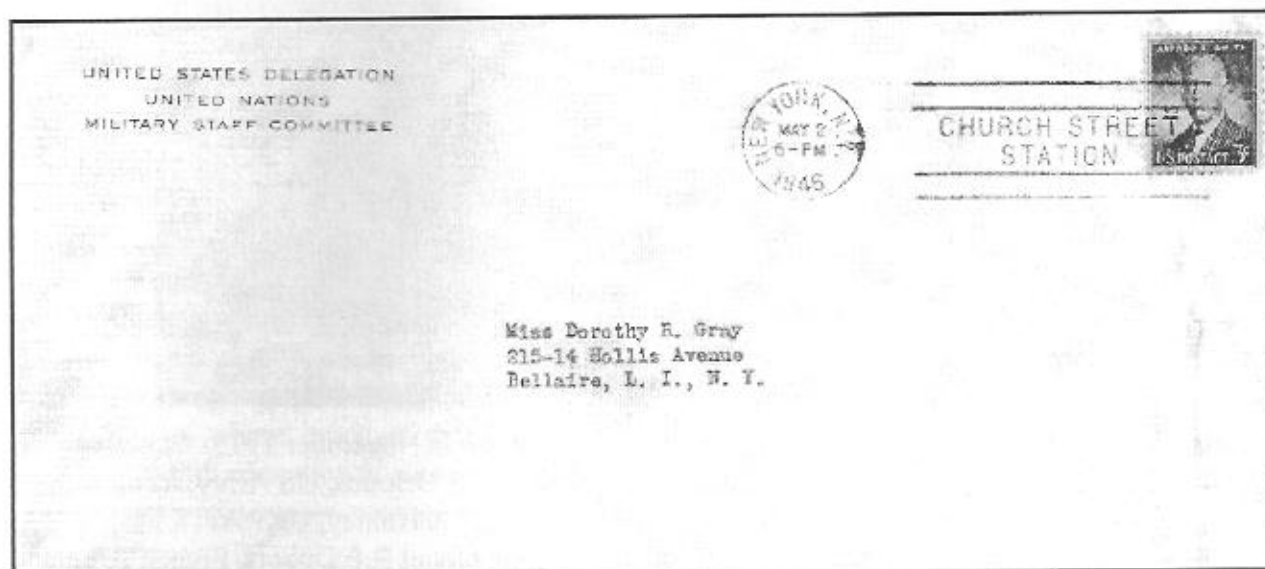


Figure 3: 1946 service cover from the US Delegation to the MSC sent by regular mail.

sender, assuming it was "official business". I understand that the use of the "Free Mail" privilege requires the sender to sign the letter and is usually reserved to personnel on military assignment in war zones. But in April 1946 the war was over.

This may have been a way of providing an autograph to the addressee. I recognize the name and address of Mr. Hertzberg of Oakland, California. I have come across covers from numerous United Nations Organizations, including the UN Economic Council in Africa at Addis Ababa and the UN European Office

in Geneva, which he had written "for information".

Figure 3 shows a non-penalty cover from the UN Military Staff Committee postmarked May 2, 1946 and bearing a 3¢ stamp (Scott #937). Here the corner card is just:

United States Delegation
United Nations
Military Staff Committee.

Figure 4 shows a similar 1946 cover from the Chinese Delegation to the MSC from the 1990 UNO-Philatelic Auction. At the time China was the Republic of China.



Figure 4: Cover from the Chinese Delegation to the UNMSC to the UN Department of Administrative and Financial Services at Lake Success (1990 UNOP Auction).



Figure 5: The UN Military Staff Committee met in New York in November 1975. Standing from left to right are: Colonel N.A. Gallagher, USAF; Colonel W.R.D. Jones, US Army; Yang Ming-liang, Naval Representative of the PRC; Group Captain A.D.A. Hohley, UKRAF; Chang Wu-tang, Air Force Representative of the PRC; Lieutenant-Colonel R.F. Dubois, French Army; Major-General V.S. Tovma, Colonel V.L. Linkevitch and Captain A.P. Koval, USSR Armed Forces (courtesy of the UN Chronicle, December 1975, p. 15 and J.-L. Emmenegger).

Figure 5 shows members of the MSC during a meeting in November 1975. At that time China was represented by the Peoples Republic of China (PRC).

In his 1980 book on the UN, Seymour Finger expresses his observations of the status of the MSC. "The UN Charter foresaw this committee as a sort of allied command for forces to be provided under Article 43 of the Charter. However, negotiations on agreements in accordance with Article 43 failed; hence there are no forces to command. For

the past three decades MSC meetings have been an empty ritual. Every second Thursday at 11:00 AM the MSC representatives of China, France, the United Kingdom, the USSR and the United States meet for five minutes, during which the sole business is to decide on the date of the next meeting."

Reference

Finger, Seymour Maxwell, *Your Man at the U.N.*, (New York and London, New York University Press, 1980) p.17

LEAGUE OF NATIONS YOUTH PROGRAMS

Model Council and Assembly Conferences

By Richard Powers

Part of the mission of international organizations such as the League of Nations and its successor the United Nations is to interest young people in its programs. This is often done on the college level through the organization of mock or model conferences, which give participants first hand experience as to how these organizations function. Such meetings provide insight into the cultural, political and diplomatic interactions of the various nations of the world.

Such programs are in general organized locally by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) even in countries which are not members of the international organizations. Figure 1 shows a 1927 cover from the Central Committee (Comité Central) of the Swiss University Association (Groupement Universitaire Suisse) for the League of Nations which was sent from Bern to Stockholm. One might expect that such an association would more naturally have established itself in Geneva, the location of the League of Nations. However, I suspect that this association was headquartered in the Swiss capital where much of the financing of Swiss higher education is coordinated.



Figure 1: 1927 Swiss University Association for the League of Nations sent from Bern to Stockholm, Sweden.

I have not come across any detailed youth programs in Switzerland, but I assume they must be similar to those in England. Figure 2 shows the message side of a 1927 post card mailed by the North Hackney Branch (London) of the League of Nations Union, which outlines the program of the winter season of its Youth Section. Activities include a debate, a dance, a model assembly and a play on five separate days.

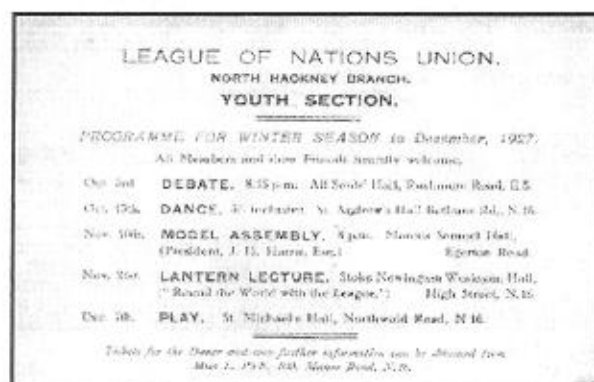


Figure 2: 1927 postcard announcing the winter season program of the Youth Section of the League of Nations Union of the North Hackney Branch (London).

Remarkably Model Assemblies and Model Councils of the League of Nations were even organized at universities in the United States, although the USA never joined the League. Figure 3 shows the first Plenary Session of the Model Assembly of the League of Nations, which took place in April 1932 at Syracuse University. Students from twenty-seven universities and colleges participated as delegates from various nations. Visible are portions of the delegations from Belgium, Canada, Cuba, India, Columbia, Finland, Hungary, Australia, Bulgaria, China, Denmark and Italy.

Figure 4 shows the program from the Model Assembly which was held at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in April 1937. In the course of the three-day meeting

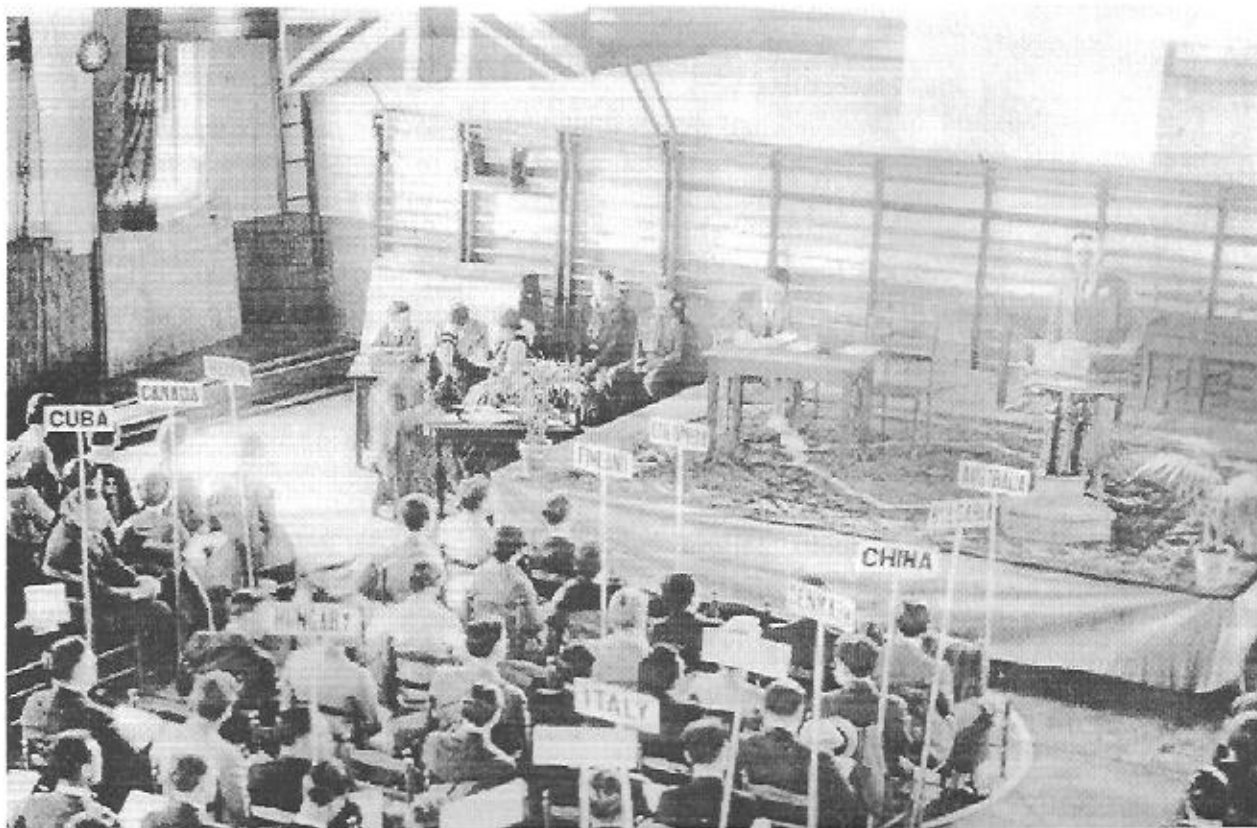


Figure 3: First Plenary Session of the 1932 Model Assembly of the League of Nations held at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. (photograph courtesy of International News Photos, Inc.)

commissions were organized which held debates on topics such as "Peaceful Change", "Improvement of Trade Relations" and "Sanctions and Collective Security". Thirty-five institutions of higher learning participated representing a like number of Assembly members. One of the more visible financial supporters of this Model Assembly was *The New York Times*, which supplied educational background material and the programs.

A week later a Model Council of the League took place at Union College in Schenectady, New York. Only fourteen schools participated as members of the League Council. On the Agenda were discussions on "The Spanish Situation" led by the Australian delegation, the "Restoration of Certain Mandates" proposed by the Portuguese delegation, the "Possibilities of Disarmament" by Turkey, "International Mone-

tary Stabilization" by Rumania, "Covenant Revision" by Denmark, "Turkey and Syria" by Ecuador, "Propaganda" by Argentina and "Egypt's Entrance into the League" by Spain.

Today there are at least two organizations in the USA which continue the tradition established by the Model Councils and Assemblies of the League of Nations. The American Model United Nations International (www.amun.org) was founded in 1989 and organized its 16th Annual American Model United Nations International Conference November 19-22, 2005 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in Chicago. In 2000 its Model UN Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York. In February 2006 the Harvard National Model United Nations (www.hnmun.org) will organize a conference at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Afternoon:

1:00-4:30 P.M. Registration of Delegates. Barnes Hall.
4:30 P.M. Meeting of Presidents, Rapporteurs, and Technical Advisers. Willard Straight, East Lounge.

Evening:

7:00-7:45 P.M. Informal Coffee Hour. Willard Straight, Memorial Room.
7:45-8:45 P.M. Address: The League of Nations. Hon. James G. McDonald, Member of the Editorial Staff, The New York Times. Illustrated with motion pictures—Willard Straight Theatre.
9:00 P.M. Musical Clubs Concert—Bailey Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Morning:

9:00 A.M. First Plenary Session of the Assembly. Myron Taylor Hall, Moot Court Room.
Address of Welcome: President Livingston Farrand, Cornell.
Formal Opening of the Assembly. President of the Council, A. Bonham Campbell, Cornell.
Appointment of the Credentials Committee.
Report: President of the Council.
Report: Credentials Committee.
Election of the President of the Assembly.
Address: President of the Assembly.
Report: Agenda Committee, Secretary-General.
Adoption of the Agenda.

Constitution of Commissions and Distribution of Topics.
Debate upon the report of the President of the Council.

Austria: Miss Grace Berger.
China: T. C. Koo (Interpreter will be Henry Sun).
Ethiopia: Paul Kahen.
Haiti: Carleton Krathwohl.
Irish Free State: Miss Marjorie White.
Poland: Robert Arnold.
Spain: Elmer Kemick, Wm. A. Foster.
Union of South Africa—Miss Emeroy Burton.
The United Kingdom: Miss Shirley Adelson.

Critique on First Plenary Session: James G. McDonald.

Afternoon:

1:30 P.M. Commission Sessions.
Commission 1... (Peaceful Change)—Boardman Hall, Room A.
Commission 2... (Trade Relations)—Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A.
Commission 6... (Sanctions)—Goldwin Smith Hall, Room C.

Evening:

6:30 P.M. Banquet—Willard Straight Hall, Memorial Room.
Critique of Commission Sessions: James G. McDonald.
Address: Europe of Today and the League of Tomorrow.
Dr. Hans Simons.
9:30 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Semi-formal Dance. Willard Straight, Memorial Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Morning:

9:00 A.M. Sub-commission Sessions. Willard Straight Hall, Activities Rooms 11, 14, 16.
9:00 A.M. Meeting of Heads of Delegations and Faculty Advisers. Barnes Hall, South Room.
10:00 A.M.-12 Noon. Commission Sessions.
Commission 1... (Peaceful Change)—Boardman Hall, Room A.
Commission 2... (Trade Relations)—Goldwin Smith Hall, Room B.
Commission 6... (Sanctions)—Goldwin Smith Hall, Room C.
(Note change as to Second Commission).

Afternoon:

1:30 P.M. Final Plenary Session. Myron Taylor Hall, Moot Court Room.
1:30 P.M. Report of First Commission. Peaceful Change. Debate and Vote.
2:15 P.M. Report of Second Commission. Improvement of Trade Relations. Debate and Vote.
3:00 P.M. Report of Sixth Commission. Sanctions and Collective Security. Debate and Vote.
3:45 P.M. Critique of Assembly. James G. McDonald.
4:15 P.M. Awards.
4:30 P.M. Adjournment of Final Plenary Session.
4:30-5:00 P.M. Informal Discussion of the Assembly by Delegates.

Note: Delegates are advised to watch the bulletin board on the main floor of Barnes Hall for additional announcements and changes in program.

Refectory Schedule:

Caterina—Willard Straight Hall.
Breakfast—7:15-8:15 A. M.
Lunch—12:15-12:45 P. M.
Dinner (Thursday evening)—6:00-6:45 P. M.

Figure 4: Program of 1937 Model Assembly held at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

ILO CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered are International Labor Organization (ILO) conference cancels from 1932 and 1973. The first is a previously unknown registry cancel for the 60th session of the ILO Governing Board, held in Madrid, Spain, held October 24-8, 1932. This conference is documented in Gaines (page 1061) as 1932/1. The listing shows the conference hand cancel of October 24, 1932 and mentions conference stationery.

Figure 1 shows a registered cover sent to Geneva with a conference corner card and the newly discovered registry cancel. This cancel is shown in full size in Figure 2. I suspect that this cancel is rare, since it is not documented in Misteli (1), Gaines (2) or the UNOP ILO Study (3).



Figure 1: 1932 registered ILO conference cover with special registry cancel.



Figure 2: Special registry cancel from the 1932 ILO Governing Body session in Madrid.

The second discovery is a previously unknown slogan cancel used for the Fourth ILO African Regional Conference, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from November 26 to December 12, 1973. Figure 3 shows a cover mailed to the ILO in Geneva with two impressions of this red cancel. The cancel is shown full size in Figure 4.

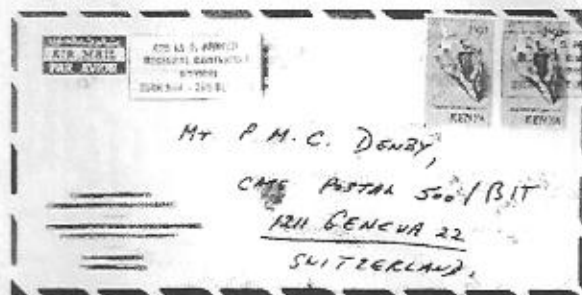


Figure 3: 1973 cover with conference slogan cancel for the 4th ILO African Regional Conference in Nairobi.

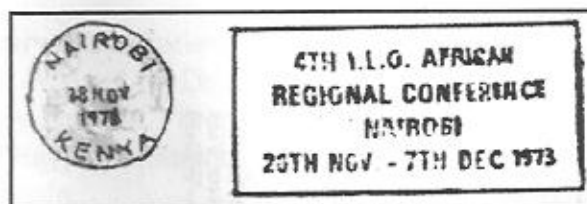


Figure 4: Detail of slogan cancel.

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