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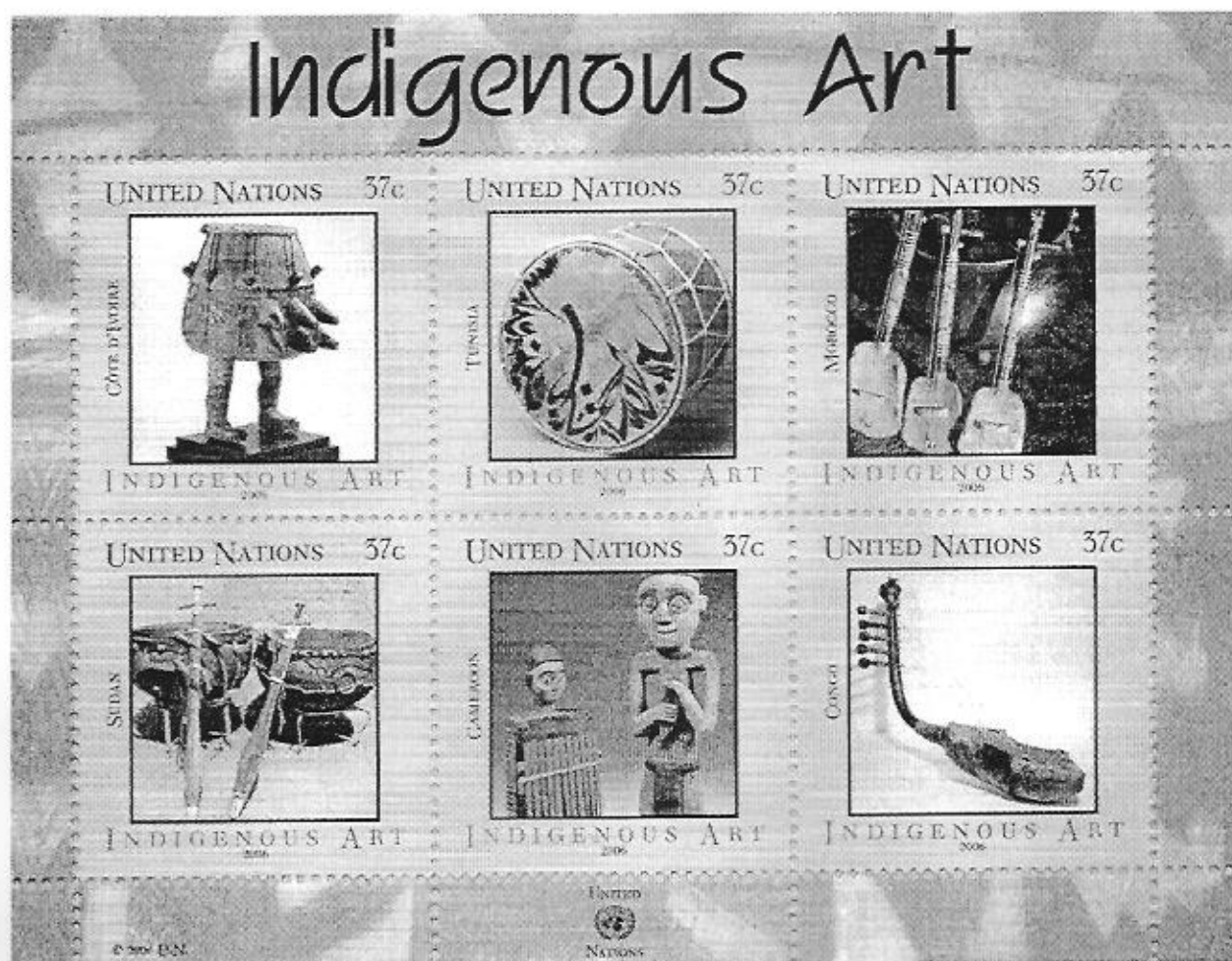


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## Death Announcement

The Editor regrets to inform you that long-time UNP-member Dr. Gale Raymond of Sugar Land, Texas has passed away.

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## Cover Illustrations

**Front cover:** Mini-sheet of 6 stamps for the 2006 Indigenous Art series for use at UNNY. **Rear cover:** Mini-sheets in the 2006 Indigenous Art series for use at the UN in Geneva and Vienna.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

### UNP'S THIRTIETH YEAR

Have you noticed that this is the first issue of volume 30 of the *Journal*? One might assume that UNP's 30th Anniversary of its founding ought to be coming up in the near future. Actually the first Board meeting was held on May 27, 1977. (For more information on the history of UNP and its forerunner club the UNSU, see the article by J. L. Emmenegger in the October 2005 issue of the *Journal*, page 10.) Thus we will have to wait until next year for that celebration. However, this year's Board Meeting and Annual Meeting at Washington 2006 will indeed be the thirtieth such annual meeting. I hope to see you there.

Our sister society of United Nations philatelists based in Germany UNOPhilatelie is in the process of preparing its 50th Anniversary celebration to be held in April 2006 in Koblenz, Germany. In 1955 the forerunner of UNOPhilatelie was known as the Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen (German Society for the United Nations) and was a working group in the BDPh (the German equivalent of the American Philatelic Society).

In anticipation of this momentous occasion UNOPhilatelie anticipates publishing a Festschrift (Celebration Issue of UNOPost, the journal of UNOPhilatelie) in April 2006. Normally Festschriften chronicle the history of the organization. However, UNOPost editor Hubert Brender has a somewhat different vision for this project. He plans to organize with substantial contributions from current UNOPhilatelie members, an issue which describes their personal interests in United Nations philately and how they are engaged in pursuing these interests. He is currently soliciting articles on such themes as:

- Description of special collecting interests;
- Specialized items in my collection;
- My favorite item;

Items which I find difficult to locate;  
What caused me to join UNOPhilatelie;  
Items that I have exhibited.

I will keep you informed on how the project proceeds. And it occurs to me that our journal ought to organize a similar issue (June 2007?) to celebrate UNP's own 30th birthday. I would appreciate input from members on what we might include in such a UNP "Festschrift".

### CLUB NEWS

#### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2006 UNP ELECTION

UNP President Tony Dewey has been soliciting nominations for positions of UNP officers and board of directors who will take office beginning July 1, 2006 and will serve until June 30, 2008.

Thus far the following names will appear on the ballot, which will be printed on the rear page of the mailer for the April issue of the *Journal*:

President:	Anthony Dewey*
Vice President:	Greg Galletti
Secretary:	Blanton Clement, Jr.
Treasurer:	Jim Matyasovich
Board of	
Directors (4):	Larry Fillion
	Mike Krejci*
	Richard Powers
	Brian Reiser

\*to be confirmed.

Tony would appreciate receiving any other nominations - including self-nominations - from members, who are interested in giving a little extra of their time to the Club. Nominations should reach him by February 25th so that they can be included in the April issue of the *Journal*.

## INDIGENOUS ART - 2006

By Richard Powers

On February 3rd the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) continued its series of stamps based on the theme *Indigenous Art*. This year the designs highlight musical instruments from Africa. The stamps were issued in the form of three mini-sheets of six differently designed stamps, one each for the UN offices at New York, Geneva and Vienna.

This series was inspired by an art exhibition entitled *Voices*, which was organized in conjunction with the first Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Department of Public Information, representatives from the Indigenous Working Group and a team of designers and artisans. The exhibition took place at United Nations Headquarters in New York in May 2002.

The complete mini-sheet for UNNY appears on the front cover of this issue of the *Journal*; the mini-sheets for UN Geneva and Vienna appear on the rear cover.

The New York mini-sheet has the following six designs (from left to right and top to bottom) each with a 37¢ denomination:

- a) An anthropomorphic wooden drum made in Côte d'Ivoire.
- b) A double membrane drum decorated with Kufic-style script made in the 20th-century in Tunisia.
- c) Hand-made stringed-instruments from Tangiers-Medina, Morocco.
- d) Traditional Sudanese drums.
- e) A musical instrument with a human head and a male figure with a knife carved from wood in the 19th-century in Cameroon.
- f) A harp with a decorated frame with a Mangbetu-head made of wood and leather from Northeast Congo in the 19th- and 20th-centuries.

The Geneva mini-sheet has the following designs (from left to right and top to bottom) each with a F.s. 1,20 denomination:

- a) A bronze Yoruba horse-headed gong from Benin.
- b) A carved drum from Swaziland.
- c) An African marimba from Congo, similar to a xylophone with a resonance chamber beneath the wooden keys.
- d) Musical instruments from Mindelo, San Vicente, Cape Verde.
- e) African percussion instrument known as a Caixixi from Ghana, made from dried calabash covered with seeds in a woven net.
- f) Three brass bells in the form of General Charles De Gaulle, raising his arms and evoking his famous phrase in Algiers: "I have understood you." The piece was made in Central Africa.

The Vienna mini-sheet has the following six designs (from left to right and top to bottom) each with a € 0,55 denomination:

- a) A wooden drum in the style of the Baga Culture from the Republic of Guinea.
- b) A wooden hunter's pipe in the form of a male figure, decorated using a hand-made brass tool from North Angola/Southwest Congo.
- c) A snuff horn from South Sotho (South Africa/Botswana) in the form of a man made from an animal horn and a wooden plug.
- d) Drums like the Gitaga Men in Burundi use.
- e) A curved harp with a head ornament from Gabon.
- f) A double bell (the clapper is not visible), which is struck by law in order to indicate the approval of the Oba (King of Benin) made in Benin state in Nigeria.



## NEW DEFINITIVE FOR UNNY

On February 3, 2006, the UNPA issued a 25¢ stamp, which shows flags arranged in the form of a heart, which is held by two supporting hands. The design appears in Figure 1. This denomination appears to have been chosen in anticipation of the increase in United States domestic tariffs on January 8, 2006. Actually the postcard rate went from 23¢ to only 24¢ as did the second ounce supplement. Presumably the UNPA will quickly prepare a 24¢ definitive as well as a 39¢ one to cover the new first class rates.



Figure 1: New UNNY 25¢ definitive.

## NEW UN-GENEVA DEFINITIVE

February 3rd also saw the release of a new F.s. 1,30 definitive for use at the UN office in Geneva. This denomination corresponds to the priority rate (first class mail) inside Europe. The stamp's design includes a hologram and pictures the Armillary Sphere ("Cycle of Life") by Paul Manship, which is located at UN Headquarters in Geneva. This definitive is the third UN stamp to include a hologram in its design, which appears in Figure 2. The UNPA released in 2003 a 70¢ stamp (Scott UNNY#839) for use in New York and in 2005 a €0,75 stamp (UN Vienna #359) for use in Vienna.

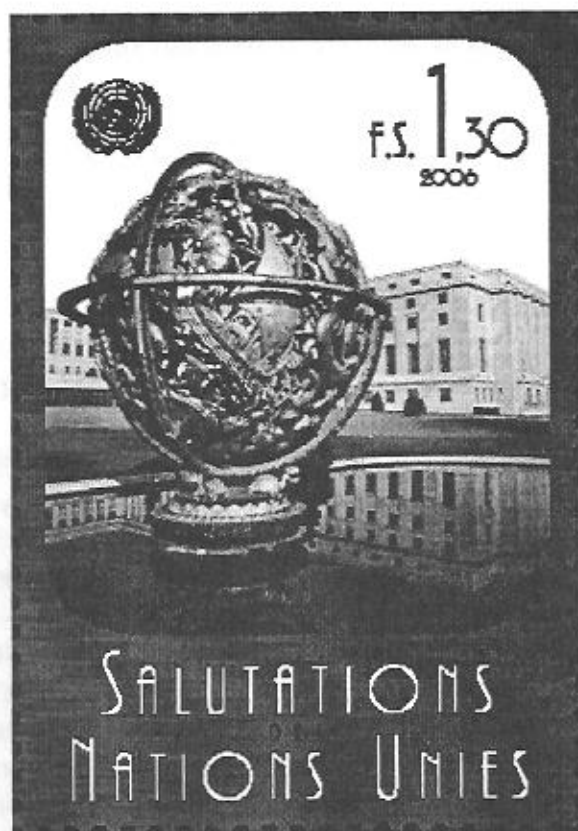


Figure 2: New UN Geneva hologram stamp with F.s. 1,30 denomination.

## UNP SPECIAL AUCTION #2 PRICES REALIZED

Amount Realized \$4876.5-  
Lots Sold 35/66 (53%)

Lot#	Price	Lot#	Price	Lot#	Price	Lot#	Price
1	\$240	2	\$32	3	\$9*	4	\$200
5	\$425	7	\$35	9	\$325	11	\$70
12	\$1550	14	\$90*	16	\$112.50*	25	\$20
27	\$13.50*	29	\$27*	30	\$40	32	\$27
33	\$80	35	\$15	36	\$30	37	\$55
38	\$13.50*	39	\$80	43	\$425	44	\$15
45	\$130	46	\$30	48	\$75	49	\$95
59	\$200	61	\$25	62	\$200	63	\$47
64	\$65	65	\$40	66	\$40		

\* Sold after auction deadline.

## 2006 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of January 1, 2006 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 8**                      **Personalized Stamps (Seasons Greetings)**  
New York
- February 3**                      **Indigenous Art**  
37¢, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55  
(3 Sheets of 6 stamps)  
**Geneva Definitive (Hologram)**  
S.f. 1,30  
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)  
**New York Definitive**  
25¢  
(1 sheet of 20 stamps)
- March 16**                      **Endangered Species (Orchids)**  
39¢, 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 2006 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder  
FDC with Silk Cachet
- May 27**                      **Day of Families**  
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,25  
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- June 17**                      **World Heritage - France**  
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75  
(6 Sheets of 20 stamps)  
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30 )}
- August 24**                      **UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction**  
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,00  
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- September 21**                      **My Dream for Peace One Day** (3rd series out of 3)  
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,00  
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- October 5**                      **Coin Series**  
75¢, F.s. 1,00, € 1,00  
(3 panes of 8 stamps)  
**New Personalized Sheets**  
2006 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

## SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBERS OF 2005 UNITED NATIONS STAMPS

- February 4**      **Celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the UN**  
                          80¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55  
                          Souvenir Sheets \$1.00, F.s. 3,00, € 2,10  
                          New York 874-5, Geneva 634-5, Vienna 357-8  
                          **Vienna Definitive (Hologram)**  
                          € 0,75  
                          Vienna 359
- March 3**              **Endangered Species (Orchids)**  
                          37¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55  
                          New York 876-9, Geneva 436-9, Vienna 360-3  
                          **Personalized International Stamps**  
                          1 sheet of 10 stamps @ 80¢ for \$14.95  
                          New York 880-4  
                          **Personalized Student Sheet**  
                          1 sheet of 10 canceled stamps @ 37¢ for \$4.95  
                          New York 853-7 (same design as 2003 personalized stamps)
- April 21**              **Nature's Wisdom**  
                          37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75  
                          New York 885-6, Geneva 440-1, Vienna 364-5  
                          Souvenir Card No. 60
- June 3**                **International Year of Sports**  
                          37¢, 70¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,10  
                          New York 887-8, Geneva 442-3, Vienna 366-7
- August 4**              **World Heritage - Egypt**  
                          37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75  
                          New York 889-90, Geneva 444-5, Vienna 368-9  
                          {3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(23¢, 37¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30 )}  
                          New York 891a-f, Geneva 446a-f, Vienna 370a-f
- 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  
                          New York 892-3, Geneva 447-8, Vienna 371-2
- October 20**              **World Food Day (October 16th)**  
                          37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,25  
                          New York 894-5, Geneva 449-50, Vienna 373-4  
                          2005 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

## IN SEARCH OF UN SERVICE COVERS FROM FLUSHING MEADOWS

By Richard Powers

Before the United Nations Secretariat settled in its present permanent headquarters in Manhattan in 1951, it found temporary housing in London (1946), Manhattan (1946) and Lake Success in Nassau County (1946). During the third (1948) and sixth sessions of the General Assembly (1951) in Paris, much of the Secretariat was relocated to the French capital. All of these locations served as the source of service covers with which one can document postally the history of the United Nations.

But during this forerunner period, another venue played an important role in the history of the United Nations: Flushing Meadows in the Borough of Queens. The UN General Assembly met in the New York City building constructed for the 1939 World's Fair in New York City during sessions in 1946, 1947, 1949 and 1950.

According to the Gaines Catalog a central mail and messenger unit operated in Room 193A during the 1946 and 1947 Assemblies. It was open around the clock, linked by messenger to other UN sites in Manhattan and Lake Success. During these Assembly periods, meter PB115515 was located at the Flushing Meadows Central Mail and Messenger Unit. Mail franked with this machine during, and shortly before or after the General Assembly dates, is from UN staff supporting those Assemblies. At other times, it was a backup machine in Lake Success.

According to Norris Robinson in his book "Postal History of the United Nations" this Pitney-Bowes meter machine was installed on October 30, 1946. According to the Gaines Catalog this machine was first in use at Flushing Meadows on November 8, 1946. This suggests that this machine was not available for use at Flushing Meadows during the first week of the Assembly.

Room 193A contained a full service unit of the Lake Success branch of the Great Neck Post Office in Nassau County. As the Flushing Meadows unit reported to Lake Success, the meter PB1154515 retained its "Lake Success" town mark during Assembly use.

The second session of the First Assembly met from October 23, 1946 through December 15, 1946. Figure 1 shows a service cover sent November 12, 1946 to the site of the former United Nations Secretariat at Church House in London.

A Special Session on Palestine was held from April 28, 1947 through May 15, 1947. Figure 2 shows a service cover mailed May 13, 1947 to a member of the Board of Directors of the Rome Institute for the Unification of Private Law in Felp, Holland.

The Second Assembly met from September 16, 1947 through November 29, 1947. Figure 3 shows a service cover mailed October 22, 1947 to the Montreal office of the International Labor Organization.

All of these three service covers bear meter cancels from machine PB115515 with the townmark Lake Success although the machine is physically present in Flushing Meadows. However, "Official" philatelic covers were prepared for the opening of the Second Session of the First Assembly on October 23, 1946 with a Flushing, New York postmark. Figure 4 shows such a cover using a Nielsen-Smartcraft cachet bearing Scott #907 on the right and #908 on the left. The latter stamp commemorates "Nations United for Victory". The cachet bears the names of the U.S. Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan and Flushing Postmaster Joseph A. Doyle. I suspect that local postal authorities commissioned this cachet.



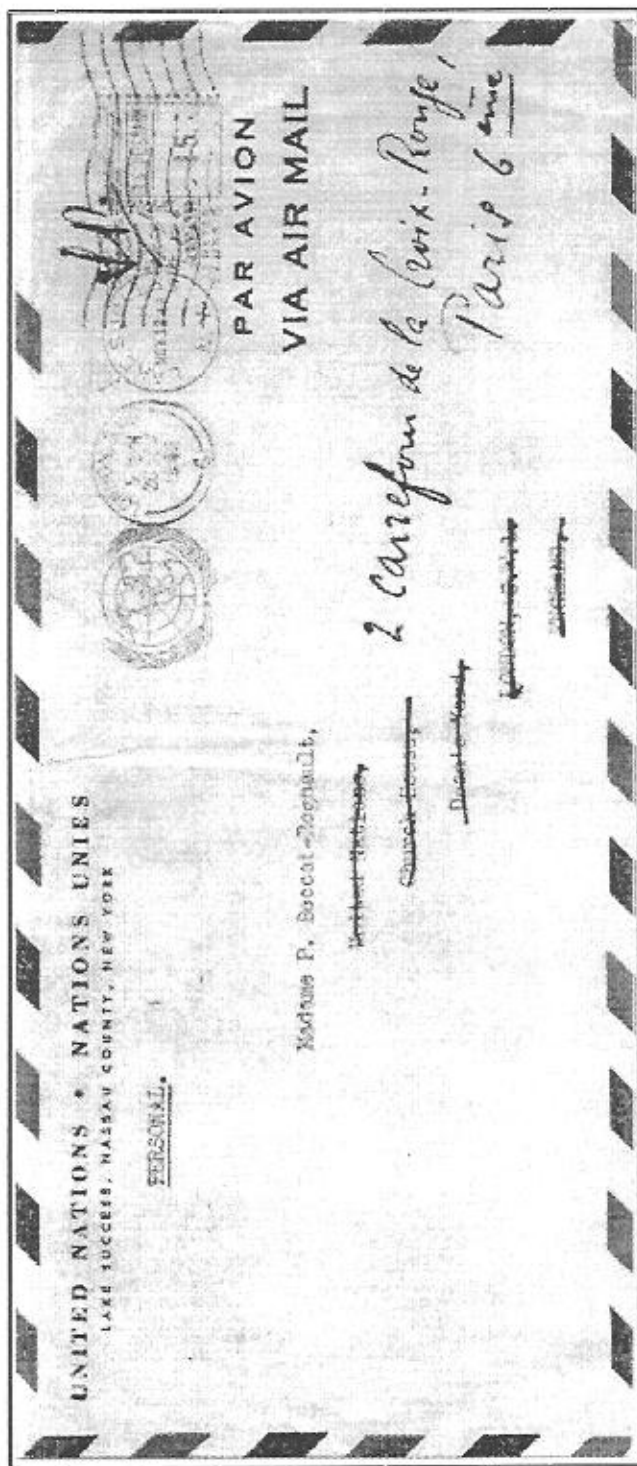


Figure 1: Service cover sent from the Second Session of the First Assembly at Flushing Meadows postmarked November 12, 1946.

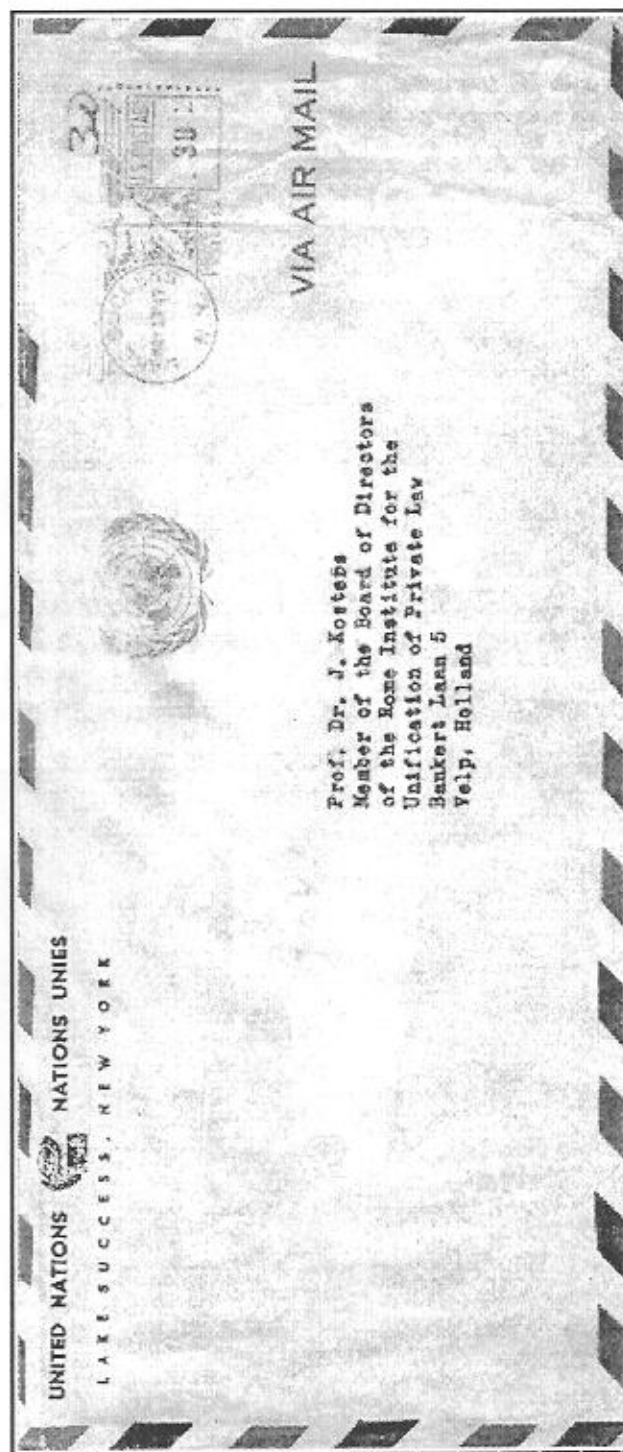


Figure 2: Service cover sent from the Special Session on Palestine at Flushing Meadows postmarked May 13, 1947.

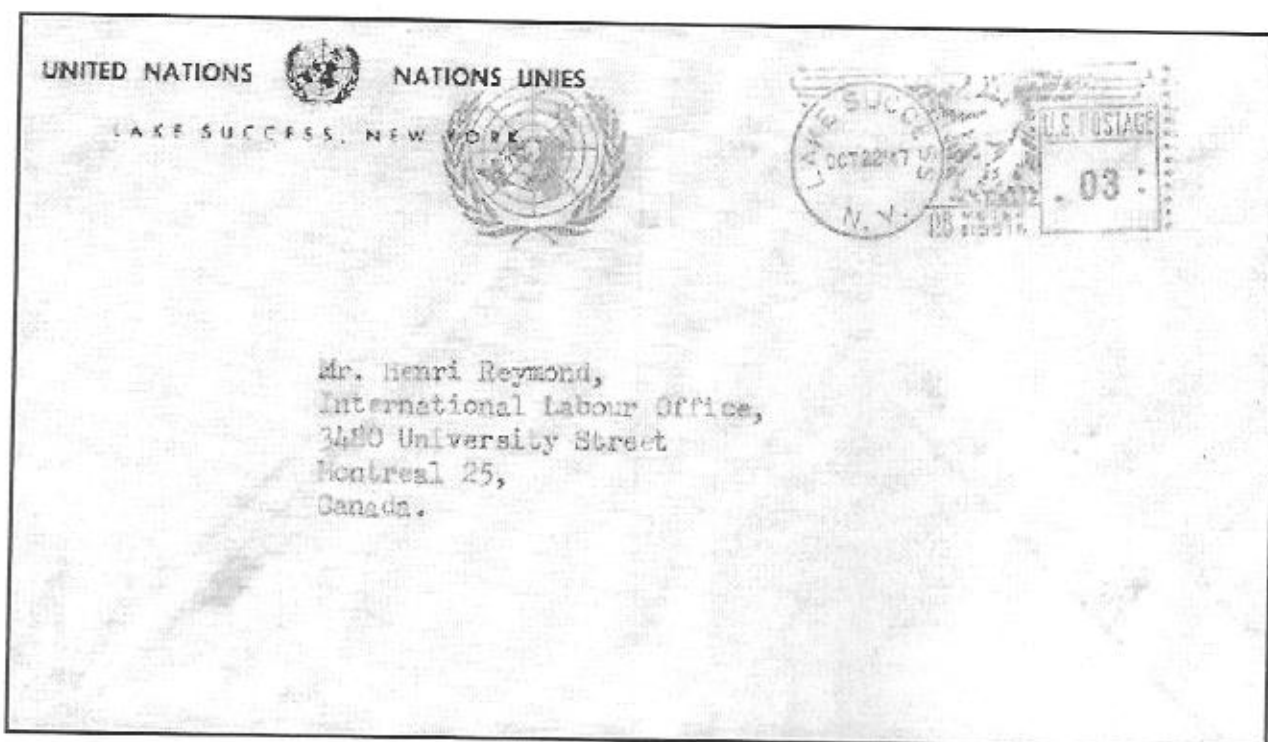


Figure 3: Service cover sent from the Second Assembly at Flushing Meadows postmarked October 22, 1947 to the Montreal office of the International Labor Organization.



Figure 4: "Official" philatelic cover postmarked in Flushing, New York on October 23, 1946 commemorating the opening of the Second Session of the First Assembly.

I do know of at least one (possibly contrived) cover on service stationery (Figure 5) with a meter cancellation postmarked October 23, 1946 with machine PB113436. In the lower left corner of the cover is a typed notation that this was the first day of the General Assembly of UNO in the US. Figure 6 shows the enclosed letter, which indicates the accompanying cover is a favor item suggested by Byron F. Woods (a UN Director at Lake Success) as a "cancellation indicia of the United Nations General Assembly", which would commemorate the first day of the Assembly in New York.

I know of no proof that this machine was actually ever in Flushing Meadows. Presumably Assembly mail destined to bear a meter cancellation had to be transported to Lake Success during the first couple weeks of the Assembly. However, it is not impossible that some Assembly mail was taken to the local post office in Flushing franked with U.S. postage stamps. But I have yet to see such covers.

Recently I came across an interesting postcard with a 1949 Flushing postmark sent by the United Nations Amateur Radio Sta-

tion ZC6UN in Haifa, Israel. Both sides of this card appear in Figures 7 and 8. It is interesting to note that the radio contact was made on February 26, 1949 but the acknowledgment mailed in Flushing, New York is postmarked July 13, 1949. Might this suggest that a UN Amateur Radio Station was operating at least occasionally from Flushing? The card mentions that the QSL card was being sent to Brooklyn, N.Y. by way of a transmission via Station K2UN, which are the call letters of the UN Amateur Radio Station based in Lake Success (see the article which appeared in the October 2005 issue of the *Journal* on page 13) which bore a PB126118 meter cancel. The card was signed by Joe with an identification W2NUP.

Figures 9 and 10 show both sides of a QSL card sent from a neighboring United Nations Amateur Station ZC6UNJ in Jerusalem, Palestine in 1949 after contact had been made on January 7, 1949. This card was mailed to Essexville, Michigan directly from Jerusalem and bears Israeli stamps. I have no explanation why one card was mailed directly from Jerusalem whereas

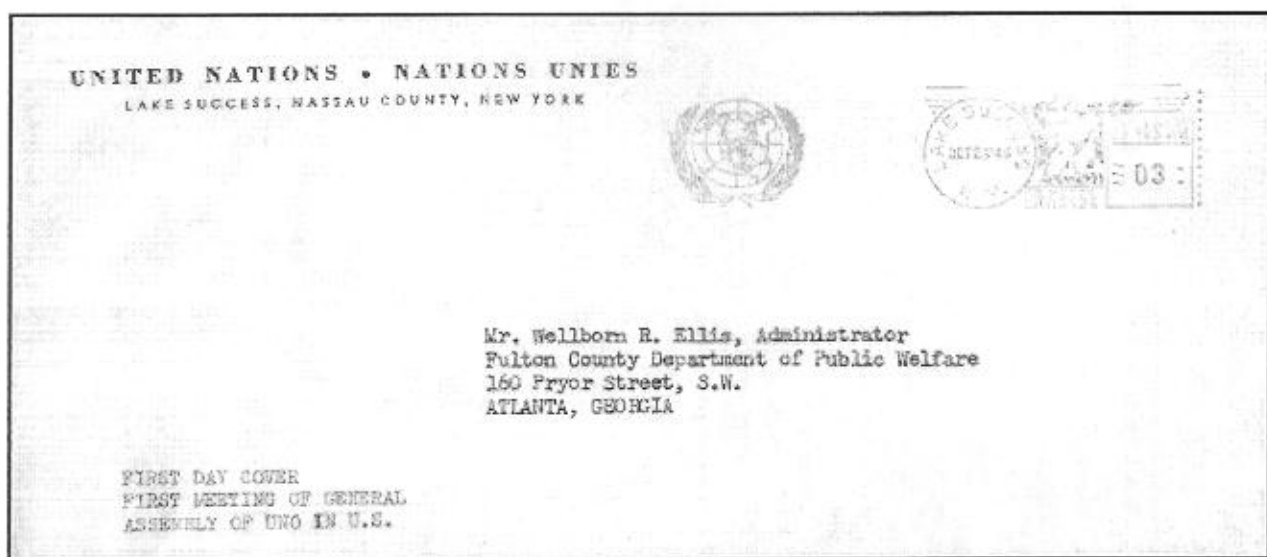


Figure 5: Service cover bearing PB #113436 meter cancel of October 23, 1946 commemorating the first meeting of the General Assembly in the U.S.A.

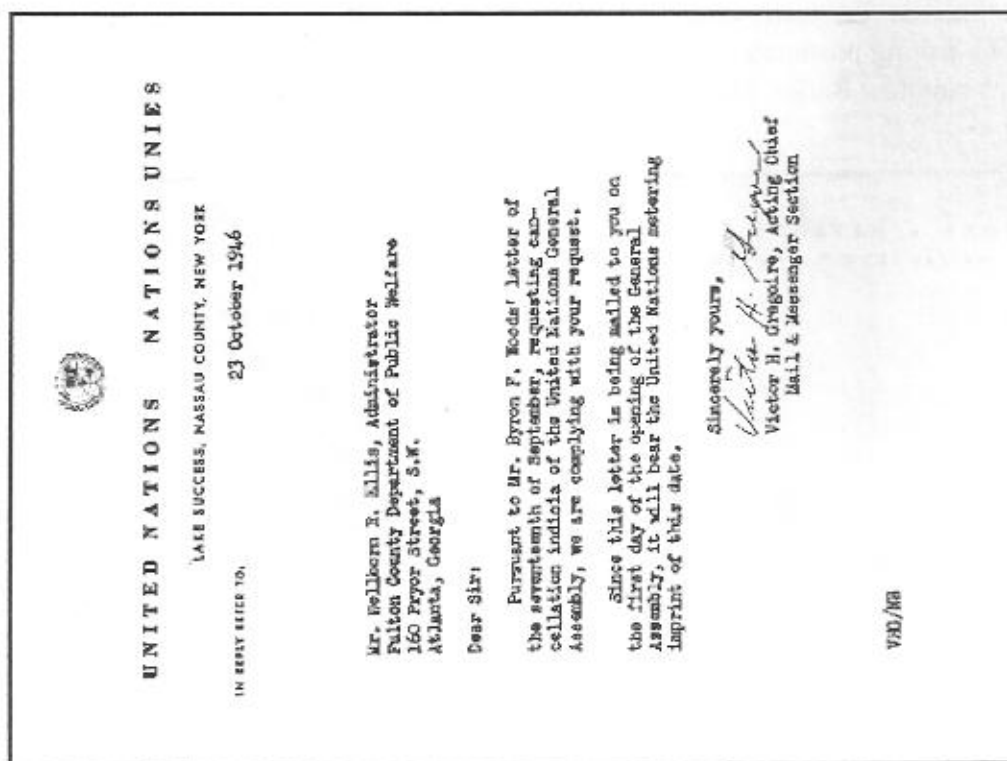


Figure 6: Letter enclosed in the service cover in Figure 5 responding to a request for a "Cancellation indicia of the United Nations General Assembly" on the first day of the opening of the Assembly in the U.S.A. on October 23, 1946.

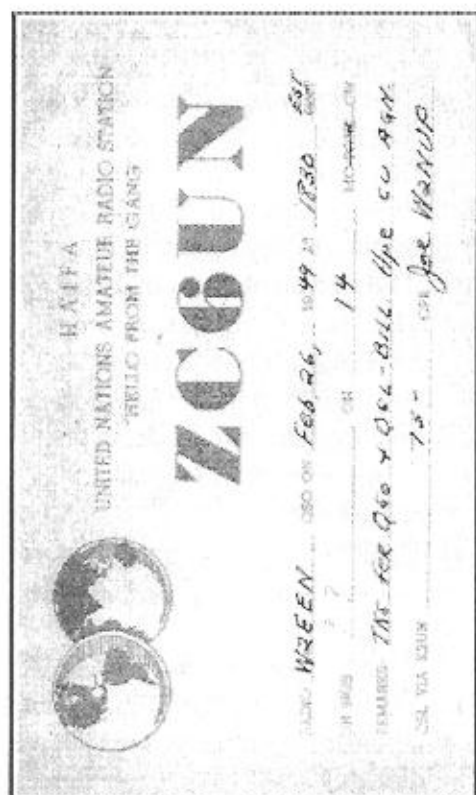


Figure 7: Front side of 1949 QSL card coming from the UN Amateur Radio Station in Haifa, Israel.



Figure 8: Address side of QSL card from Haifa (Figure 7) mailed in Flushing, New York on July 13, 1949.



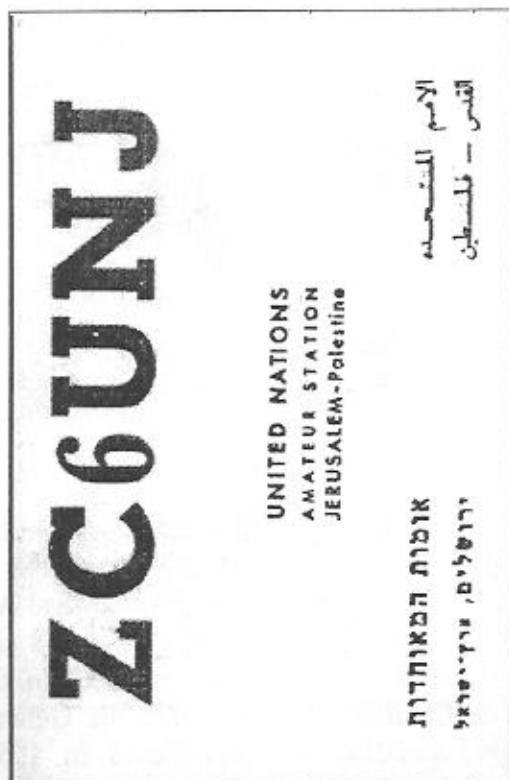


Figure 9: Front side of 1949 QSL card coming from the UN Amateur Radio Station in Jerusalem, Palestine.

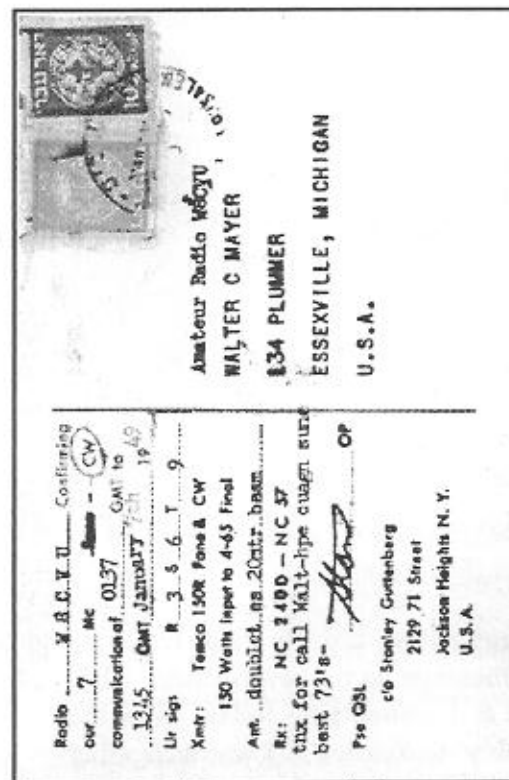


Figure 10: Address side of QSL card from Jerusalem (Figure 9) mailed in Jerusalem with Israeli stamps in 1949.

the other was mailed in Flushing. Perhaps in this first year of the State of Israel, the UN Amateur Radio Station was not always able to make use of Israeli postal channels.

Can any knowledgeable reader supply deeper insight into the process in which QSL cards are sent?

I close this article with a clever attempt by A. Terins, an active stamp dealer in New York in promoting UN philately, to commemorate the first venue of the General Assembly at Flushing Meadows. On March 30, 1959 the UNPA issued two stamps (Scott UNNY #69-70) featuring the Flushing site. Figure 11 shows the reply portion of a double post card bearing the 4¢ stamp cancelled on April 3rd in Flushing, New York. The cancel is illegal as UN stamps may be normally cancelled only at the post office in the Secretariat building in Manhattan. He apparently was trying to around this regulation by pretending the card was an international reply card. There is no indication that this card ever passed through the mails with this cancel.



Figure 11: Irregular reply postal card bearing Scott UNNY #69 postmarked in Flushing, New York on April 3, 1959.

# THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Richard Powers

A few years ago at a postcard and paper memorabilia show in Pasadena, I came across an interesting picture post card produced by the UN Department of Public Information. It showed a General Assembly Committee in Session at the UN Interim Headquarters at Lake Success, New York. It was mailed in Flushing, NY on July 30th. The year is unclear but must have been some time between 1948 and 1950 for reasons that will become clear below. The picture side appears in Figure 1; the message side, in Figure 2.



Figure 1: A General Assembly Committee in Session at Lake Success, New York.



Figure 2: The message mentions a visit to the "Little Assembly"

What intrigued me are the first two sentences of the message on the reverse side. They read: "Esther & I visited here today. Saw the 'Little Assembly' in Session." I was unfamiliar with the term "Little Assembly". And where

was "here"? Lake Success or Flushing? Lake Success was the home of the UN Secretariat, whereas General Assembly meetings were held at Flushing Meadows in 1946-7 and 1949-50. With the help of Google under United Nations "Little Assembly", I was able to clarify a bit, the session referred to in the message.

The Interim Committee of the United Nations General Assembly was established by a resolution of the General Assembly on November 13, 1947. Known as the "Little Assembly", the Committee was to function between the closing of the Second Session of the General Assembly (in 1947) and the opening of the next session (in Paris in September 1948). Each member of the General Assembly had the right to appoint one representative. The Committee was, inter alia, empowered to consider and report its conclusions to the General Assembly on any dispute or situation which had been proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the Assembly or brought before the Assembly by the Security Council, provided the Committee determined the matter to be important and requiring preliminary study.

The United States had advocated the creation of the "Little Assembly" to serve throughout the year allowing the Assembly to be in session all the time, ready to deal with problems as they arose, instead of meeting only once a year. The Soviet Union opposed this suggestion, calling it "an ill-conceived scheme to substitute and by-pass the Security Council".

The "Little Assembly" met for the first time on January 5, 1948. The session was boycotted by Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Ukraine and Byelorussia.

I speculate that the session mentioned in the message was being held probably in 1948 at Flushing Meadows, where plenary General Assembly sessions were held except in 1948 and 1951, when the Assemblies were held in the Palais de Chaillot in Paris before the General Assembly building was completed in 1952. This would explain the Flushing postmark.

## SPECIAL UNPA 2005 ENDANGERED SPECIES ITEMS

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) produced a limited edition silk first day cover to commemorate the 2005 Endangered Species stamp series. Figure 1 shows this special cover, which sells for \$3.95 (Item Number 424.3111). It bears three single stamps, one from each office,

which match the images of the cachet, which are tied to the cover by first day cancellations (March 3, 2005).

On the same day the UNPA issued its twenty-sixth set of maximum cards. Three different cards (Figure 2) were produced to accommodate the three different se-tenant



Figure 1: Silk First Day Cover of the 2005 Endangered Species Series.

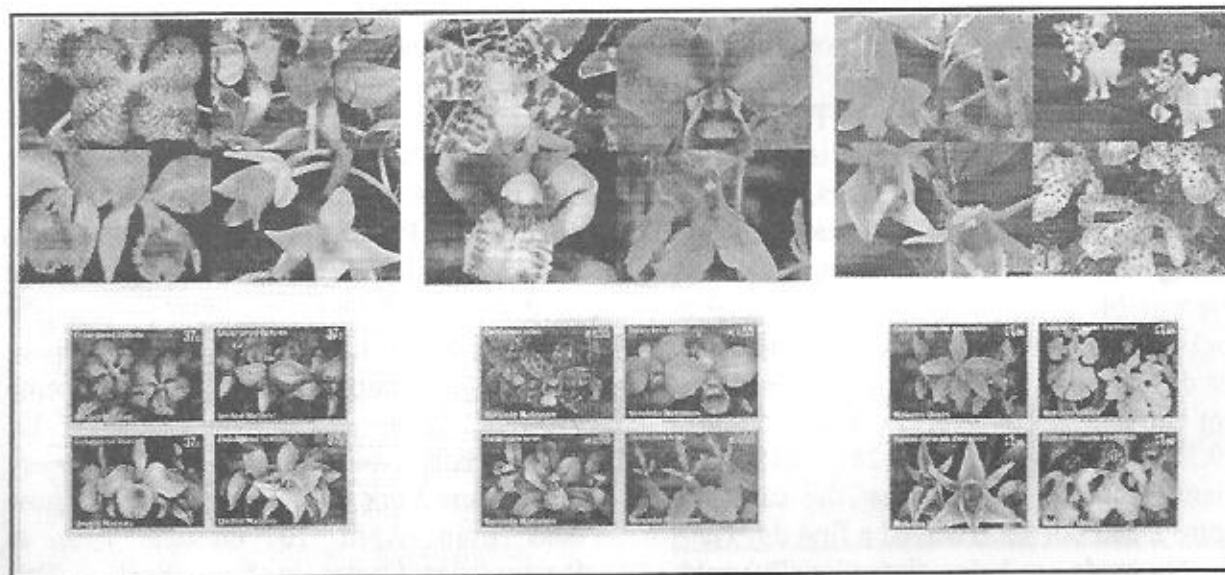


Figure 2: Maximum Cards for the 2005 Endangered Species Series

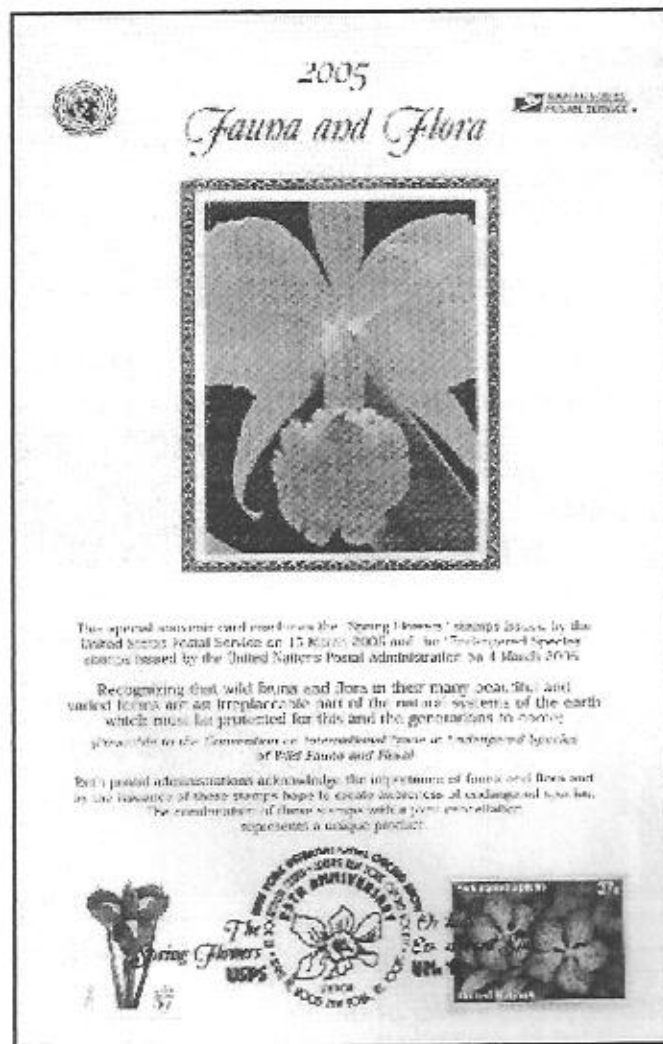


Figure 3: UNPA-USPA Souvenir Card Issued at the NY International Orchid Show.

blocks of four stamps released. To conform with the maximum cards issued for Endangered Species in prior years, each card reproduced photographs of the species appearing on each of the stamps in the se-tenant block. The appropriate se-tenant blocks of stamps were affixed and canceled first day of issue for each office. These have Item Numbers 419.3107 (New York - \$2.05), 619.3108 (Geneva - \$4.28), 819.3109 (Vienna - \$3.63). Note that the cards in Figure 2 had not yet received a first day cancel. No cards are being (intentionally) sold with mint stamps attached. Mint cards are being sold for 25¢ each but do not bear any

stamps (New York - 319.3107), (Geneva - 519.3108), (Vienna - 719.3109).

On April 12, 2005 the UNPA and the United States Postal Service (USPS) issued a special joint silk souvenir card. This special product combines a 37¢ stamp from the UNPA's 2005 Endangered Species series and a 37¢ stamp from the USPS "Spring Flowers" series and is canceled April 12, 2005 to honor the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the New York International Orchid Show held from April 12 through 17th at Rockefeller Center in New York. This item, which appears in Figure 3, costs \$5 (Item number 424.3163).



# UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE CACHETS ON UNESCO-PARIS MAIL

By B. Clement, Jr.

UNESCO General Conferences are held every two years. For the period 1968 to 1997, mail from UNESCO Headquarters in Paris concerning the General Conference received a special cachet for the particular conference. Figure 1 shows such a cover for the 21st UNESCO General Conference, sent to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal. This cover is unusual, in that most of the observed cachets have appeared on large manila covers.



Figure 1: UNESCO cover from 21st General Conference.

Cachets have been observed for all of the General Conferences from the 15th to the 29th. Two or three different cachets have been observed for several conferences. Also, two different generic cachets, with no reference to a particular General Conference, have been observed.

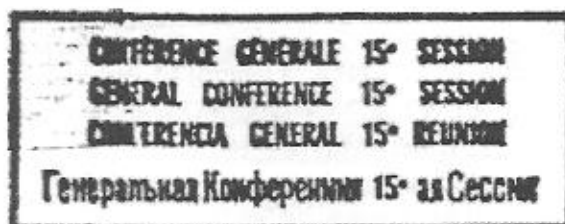
UNESCO mail with these cachets has been observed to the following addresses:

1. ICAO-Montreal
2. UN Information Offices
3. UN Depository Libraries
4. UNICEF- New York
5. Foreign Ministries
6. NGOs, e.g. Anti-Slavery International

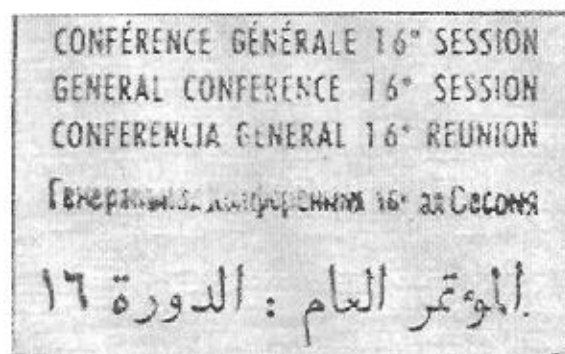
The great majority of these covers have been franked with UNESCO-Paris meters. The

remaining have been sent by UN Diplomatic Pouch.

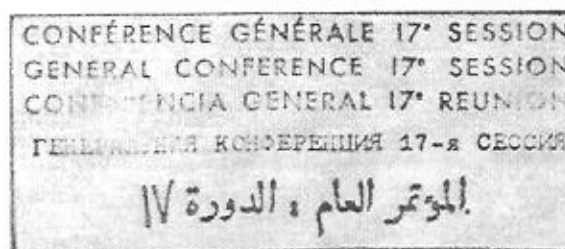
All of the observed cachets are listed below. There very well may have been such cachets used before or after this listing. The author would welcome about other such observations, as well as earlier or later dates, or different colors of the ones listed. All cachets are shown at 75% of actual size.



CONF.C15. 15th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 15 to Nov. 20, 1968. Cachet observed in Violet-black, Nov. 6 to Dec 31, 1968.

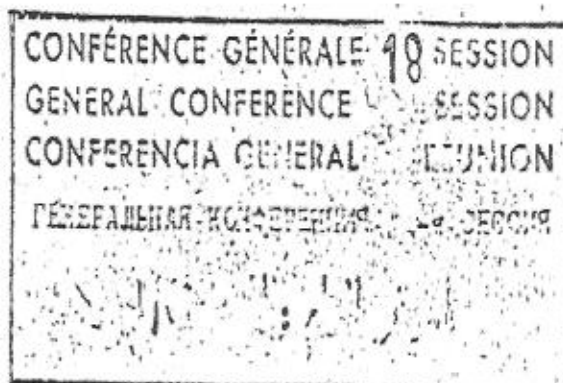


CONF.C16. 16th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 12 to Nov. 14, 1970. Cachet observed in Violet-black, Mar. 26, 1970 to Jun. 17, 1971.

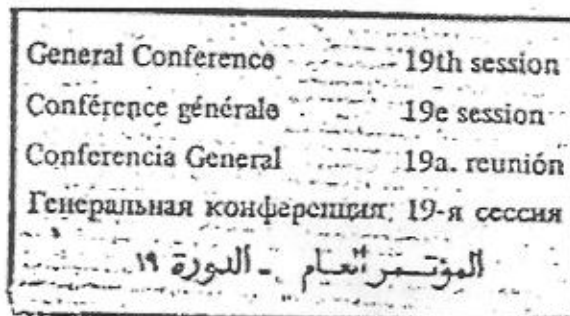


CONF.C17. 17th General Conference, Paris, Oct 17 to Nov. 21, 1972. Cachet ob-

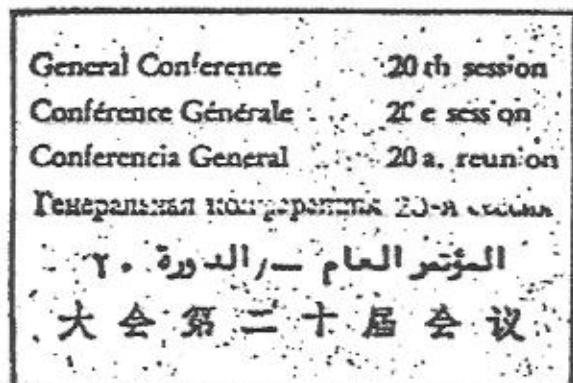
served in Black, Jul. 27, 1972 to Apr. 11, 1973



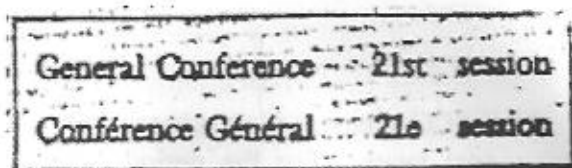
CONF.C18. 18th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 17 to Nov. 22, 1974. Cachet observed in Black, May 13, 1974.



CONF.C19. 19th General Conference, Nairobi, Oct. 26 to Nov. 30, 1976. Cachet observed in Violet-black, Jun. 21, 1976 to Jul. 12, 1977.

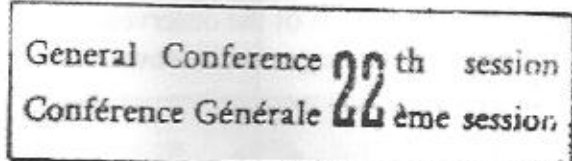


CONF.C20. 20th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 24 to Nov. 28, 1978. Cachet observed in Violet-black, Apr. 14 to Dec. 15, 1978.

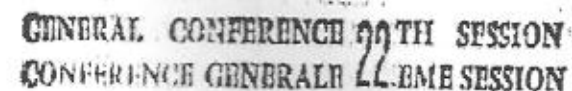


CONF.C21. 21st General Conference, Belgrade, Sep. 23 to Oct. 28, 1980. Cachet observed in Violet-black, May 8, 1980 to Aug. 11, 1982.

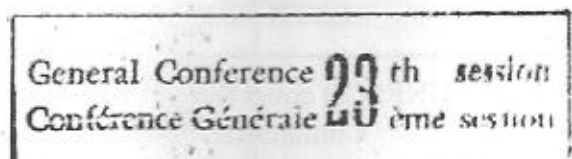
CONF. C22A and B. 22nd General Conference, Paris, Oct 25 to Nov. 29, 1983.



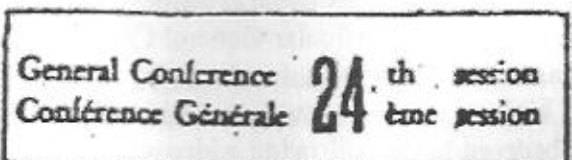
Cachet A. observed in Violet-black May 31, 1983 to Mar. 20, 1985.



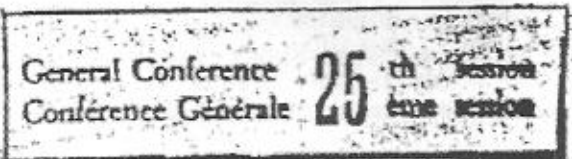
Cachet B observed in unknown color Mar. 7, 1984.



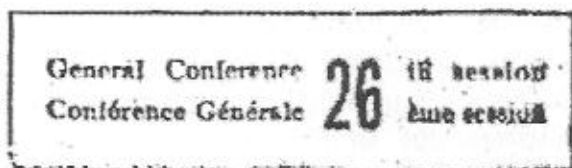
CONF.C23. 23rd General Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria Oct. 8 to Nov. 12, 1985. Cachet observed in Black Feb. 2, 1984 to Jun. 24, 1987.



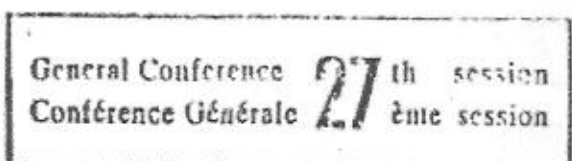
CONF. C24. 24th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 20 to Nov. 21, 1987. Cachet observed in Black and Violet, Apr. 17, 1987 to Dec. 14, 1988.



CONF.C25. 25th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 17 to Nov. 16, 1989. Cachet observed in Black, Apr. 6, 1989 to Oct. 24, 1990.

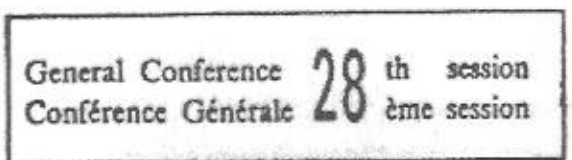


CONF.C26. 26th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 15 to Nov. 7, 1991. Cachet observed in Black and Blue, Jun. 18, 1991 to Jul. 31, 1992.



CONF.C27. 27th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 23 to Nov. 16, 1993. Cachet observed in Black and Red, Jun. 10, 1993 to Jul. 28, 1994.

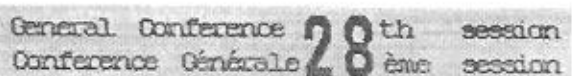
CONF.C28A, B, and C. 28th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 25 to Nov. 16, 1995.



Cachet A observed in Violet-black Jul. 20 to Aug. 2, 1995.

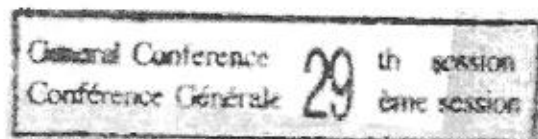


Cachet B observed in Dark Blue, Aug. 14, 1995 to Jun. 26, 1996.



Cachet C observed in Dark Blue, Jul 3 to Aug. 24, 1995.

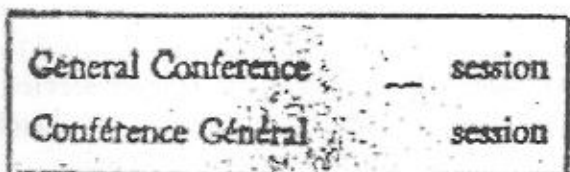
CONF.C29A and B. 29th General Conference, Paris, Oct. 21 to Nov. 12, 1997.



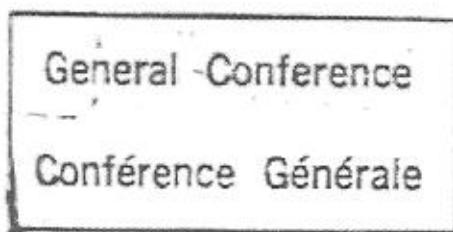
Cachet A observed in Red, Jul 29, 1997.



Cachet B observed in Dark Blue Jun. 2, 1997 to Apr. 17, 1998.



CONF.CG1. Generic cachet observed in Violet black, Jul 20, 1982 to May 31, 1983, which is probably associated with the 4th Extraordinary General Conference, Paris, No. 23 to Dec. 3, 1982. This generic cachet has also been observed Sep 12, 1986, Sep. 12, 1988, and Sep 6, 1990. It is assumed that these "strays" are associated with the 23rd, 24th, and 25th General Conferences.



CONF. CG2. Generic cachet observed in Black, May 17 to Jun. 7, 1991, in Black, Jun. 4, 1993, and in Red and Black May 4 to May 18, 1995. It is assumed that these are associated with the 26th, 27th, and 28th General Conferences.

These interesting cachets are part of UNESCO Conference postal history which will be documented in the future UNP Monograph on Conferences and Meetings of the UN, its agencies, and its predecessors. With your help, we can make that story more complete.

## UNESCO AND THE FRENCH POSTAL STRIKE (1974)

By Richard Powers

In the fall of 1974 the French post office was unable to accept or deliver mail because of a strike that lasted a month and a half. It began at the distribution center at the Gare de Lyon in Paris on October 17th. The following day it had spread to all the distribution centers. By October 23rd the strike was total. The work stoppage finally ended on December 5th.

Presumably the United Nations and its specialized agencies such as UNESCO were less impacted because urgent mail could be handled via the diplomatic courier service. However, for non-urgent mail UNESCO had to make use of mailing services abroad.

Figure 1 shows a cover sent by the UNESCO Personnel Bureau to its Mission in Morocco in care of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Figure 2 shows the origin cachet on the reverse side of the cover located below the corner card on the rear:

B.P. 3.07, Paris.

B.P. means Boîte Postale (postal box).



Figure 2: Origin cachet of the UNESCO Personnel Bureau on rear of the cover.

The cover was part of a group of twenty-five which were taken by special courier (a UNESCO employee of Belgian nationality) to a mailing service Post-Service in Antwerp, Belgium which applied a meter cancel and forwarded the letter to Ra-

bat-Chellah, Morocco. The meter cancel bears the date November 18, 1974 of Berchem (in Antwerp). Near the corner card is a cachet (Figure 3) indicating the routing of the letter via a special courier from Paris to Antwerp due to the postal strike (*grève postale*).

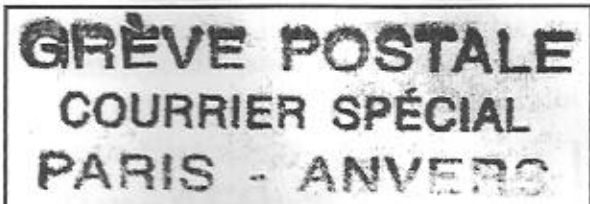


Figure 3: Courier handstamp showing routing from Paris to Antwerp due to a postal strike (*Grève Postale*).

Of course, the postal strike prevented mail destined for France from being accepted by the French Post Office. In the United States the post office levied an embargo on such mail and returned it to the sender. Figure 4 shows a commercial cover mailed October 25, 1974 in New York destined for Paris which was returned to the sender on November 5 as the strike continued. The letter bears a "Return to Sender" hand cancel and the legend "EMBARGO" above the destination address.

Recently various United Nations offices use foreign mailing services to save on mailing fees. Figure 5 shows a label on the

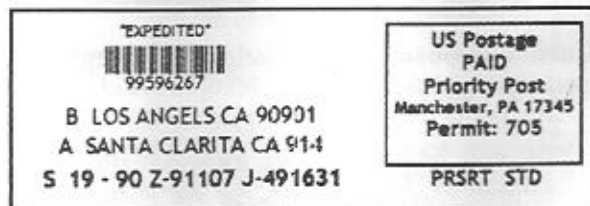


Figure 5: 2005 UNPA Geneva mailing label.

envelope containing the most recent copy of the philatelic bulletin *Fascination* published



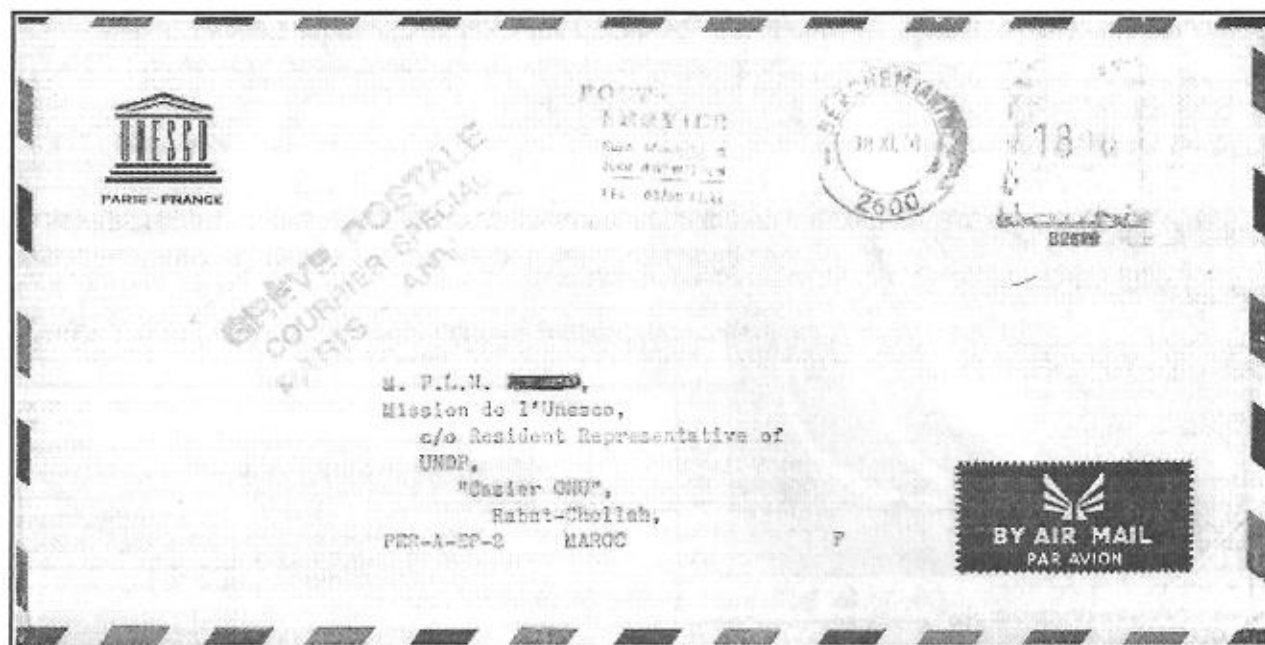


Figure 1: 1974 strike-impacted UNESCO service cover sent via special courier to a mailing service in Antwerp for forwarding to the UNESCO Mission in Rabat-Chellah, Morocco.



Figure 4: 1974 embargoed commercial mail destined for Paris during the French postal strike which was returned to the sender in New York City.

by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Geneva. It bears the mailing permit indicia of a private mailing service in Manchester, PA to be used on presorted standard (PRSRT STD) mail. The term

standard mail is the expression the USPS uses for third class (non-priority) mail. The routing information contains a bar code and the destination zip code CA 91107 in Pasadena.

# CONGO: THE CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

Richard Powers



A few years ago I came across the 1961 cover (Figure 1) sent from Geneva, Switzerland, with an extensive corner card explaining its purpose. I learned more from the website of CONGO, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations ([www.ngocongo.org](http://www.ngocongo.org)). Its logo appears above. A detail of the corner card appears in Figure 2.



Figure 1: 1961 CONGO cover sent from Geneva to the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations in Washington, D.C.

CONGO is an independent, international, not-for-profit membership association of non-governmental organizations that facilitates the participation of NGOs in United Nations debates and decisions. It is most

active in the major UN centers of New York, Geneva and Vienna but extends its work to all regions of the world. It was founded in 1948 and works in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), as its corner card shows.

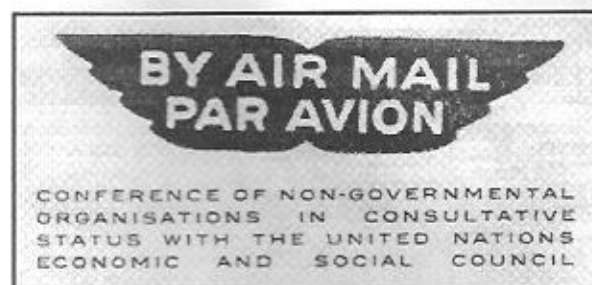


Figure 2: Corner card of CONGO cover pictured in Figure 1.

CONGO does not take positions on substantive matters but does provide, through special ad hoc NGO Committees, for a discussion of substantive matters by its members with members of the UN Secretariat, UN delegations and other experts.

Following the recommendations of the Millennium Forum Declaration and Agenda for Action, CONGO has currently decided to put the spotlight on Africa, Asia and Latin America and to focus its activities on NGOs in these regions. CONGO has helped to initiate a process to have African NGOs, in particular, African women's voices heard through a series of roundtable/panel discussion on topics such as Sustainable Development, HIV/AIDS, Armed Conflict and African Women as Peace Brokers and racism. The objective was to give high visibility to the work done by African NGOs at local and regional levels and to collect their recommendations for input into UN deliberation, particularly via its consultative status with ECOSOC.

## DOUBLE CANCELLED FDC'S



Figure 1: 143-4 NY machine cancel  
145 s/s San Francisco Hand cancel



Figure 2: Arcraft FDC: #143 NY machine cancel  
# 144 San Francisco hand cancel

Double cancels were prohibited by US postal regulations. The first known US - UN double FD cancelled item was made at the request of United States and United Nations postal authorities. To commemorate the joint 1965 ICY issue a special ceremony folder was prepared. This folder contained both the 5c US ICY commemorative (Sc#1266) and UN ICY (Sc#143-4) issue. The folder was prepared for distribution at the First Day of Issue ceremony in San Francisco. The UN ICY issue (Sc.# 143- 5) consisted of two stamps and a souvenir sheet, which had two FDOI cities - and two FDOI cancellations -New York and San Francisco.

The cancellers at the UN First Day cover unit were US Postal Employees and operated under US Postal Rules and Regulations. They reasoned that, if the regulations could be overlooked by their supervisors, they could also "bend the rules" a little themselves to create a new desirable collectible. So they did.

Very discreetly, for themselves and a few friends, they applied both the New York and the San Francisco FD cancels to stamps on the same fdc. To be discovered doing this they would have faced disciplinary action. They could have been removed from their "jobs" at the UN, which was a choice assignment or possibly even terminated.

In October 1974- US postal regulations were revised to allow dual cancels. The first UN issue double cancelled under the new regulations was the 1974 "World Population Year" -New York (# 252-3) and Geneva (# 43-4). This cover is illustrated below .



Fig. 3 World Population Year FDC Double cancelled Geneva issue with Geneva FD cancel and below that the New York issue with a hand FDOI cancellation. Arcraft cachet.

Every issue between 1965, when the first issue was double cancelled, and 1974 when the regulations were revised, was prepared, in small quantities, with double cancellations. If you are interested in assembling a collection of double cancels, please contact us. We will e-mail a list.

- Fig. 1 UNNY 143-4 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Of the UN - Int. Co-operation Year Double cancel fdc ..... \$ 29.50  
 Fig. 2 UNNY 143-4 and #145 s/s - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Of the UN - Int. Co-operation Year Double cancel fdc ... \$ 29.50  
 Fig. 3 World Population Year - double cancelled - New York hand FD cancel / Geneva cancel..... \$ 21.00  
 These three covers make a mini-collection by themselves - showing the first of each type.

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### From UNIO (Information Office) Exhibit

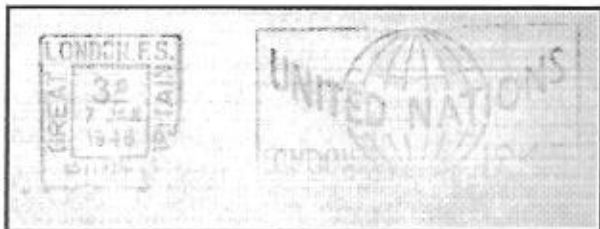
1. #10 or smaller covers from Information Services of Britain, Czechoslovakia, Free France, and Norway, 1944-47, MB \$ 20
2. "In War and Peace" meter tape, NY, NY, 1943, early PB meter 109534, MB \$125
3. "In War and Peace" meter tape, NY, NY, 1945, PB meter 108414, MB \$100

### From UNCIO (Conference on International Organization) Exhibit

4. Small Dept. of State San Francisco penalty cover, postmarked Apr 29, 1945 (used to mail conference tickets), MB \$40
5. PO Penalty Card announcing #928 stamp, two copies (to see front & back), MB \$10
6. #10 window cover front, CC of Walter & Co., with advertising meter "World Peace City", San Francisco Jun 19, 1945, MB \$30

### UN-London Exhibit (London slogan)

7. GA/C1.8 London E.C. D 14 Dec 1945 on OHMS official small manila cover, MB \$25
8. GA/C1.2 Bulk rate triangle -L- S.W.1, on small cover to USA, MB \$20
9. GA/C1.2 Bulk rate triangle -O- MTP, on small cover to Kent, MB \$20
10. CA/C1.2 Bulk rate triangle -C- MTP, on cut square, MB \$10
11. CA/C1.7 London 89 15 Dec 1945, Mis-sent mail on back of airletter, MB \$60
12. CA/C1.7 London 73 10 Jan 1946, Mis-sent, on cut square, MB \$20
13. GA/C1.3 London F.S. Red double box, 7 Jan 1946, on #10 cover to France, MB \$75↓



### UNEO (European Office) Exhibit

14. Switzerland 701-20, MNH VF, MB\$200
15. Switzerland. 701, MNH VF Blk-25, including 6 stamps with plate flaws, MB \$25
16. Switzerland. 7015, Fs1,20, on small 1952 UNEO CC service cover, UN Registry label, PERS.DIV. origin cachet, MB \$50
17. Switzerland. 703 & 7017, 15c & Fs2,00, on #10 1953 ICITO CC cover to UNNY, GATT origin cachet, MB \$60
18. UN Geneva hand cancel S.2, with incorrect accent, FD, 2 Jan 47, on small mailed cover, MB \$75↓



### UN New York First Issue (1-11, C1-4)

19. 1-11, MI-6's, all with control #'s, MNH VF, no cut-outs, MB \$40
20. 1-5, MI-4's, different printings, MNH VF, 2 of 1¢, 5 of 1-1/2¢, 5 of 2¢, 2 of 3¢, and 1-5¢, MB \$8
21. #3 (2¢), blocks, etc., all with diff. cut-outs, triangles, diamonds, shields, etc., 2-MI4s, 10-MI6s, 1-MI10, 1-strip5, MB \$100
22. #3 (2¢), MI6 with full gutter perforations, MNH VF, MB \$20
23. #7 (15¢), MI4, Flag touching 15c, MNH VF, MB \$20
24. #10 (50¢), MI6 with cross cutout, MNH VF, certificate, MB \$50



25. #10 (50¢), MI4 with triangle cutout, MNH VF, MB \$60
26. #10 (50¢), MI6 with cloverleaf cutout, MNH VF, MB \$60
27. #11 (\$1), MI4 with keyhole cutout, MNH VF, 1st printing, MB \$40
28. #11 (\$1), 2 MI4s (UR & LR), one with control #, MNH VF, 2nd printing, MB \$30
29. #11 (\$1), MI4 (UR) with control # and heart cutout, MNH VF, 3rd print, MB \$100
30. #11 (\$1), 2 MI4s (UL & LL), MNH VF, 5th printing, MB \$30
31. #11 (\$1), 2 MI4s (UR & LR), MNH VF, 6th printing, MB \$20
32. #11 (\$1), 4 MI4s – matched set of all 4 corners, full gutter perforations, undetermined printing, MNH VF, MB \$30
33. #C1, MI4 with control #, extra vertical perforations in bottom selvage beginning at sheet edge, MB \$10
34. #C1, 2 MI6s with control #s, one erased and corrected control #, both with extra perforations in bottom selvage, MB \$20
35. #1 unadd. Cachet Craft FDC, autograph of Jawaharlal Nehru of India, MB \$8
36. #1 unaddressed Artcraft FDC, autographed by Ralph J. Bunche, MB \$15
37. #2 unaddressed Artcraft FDC, autographed by Jacob Malik of Russia, MB \$8
38. #C1-4, unaddressed FDCs on HQ's cachets Type 2B, each autographed by dignitary attending ceremony (Renborg, Goldman, Davis & Johnson), MB \$40
39. #1-11, C1-4, three unaddressed HQs cachet FDCs, combos, beautiful, MB \$75
40. #1-11, C1-4 single unaddressed HQs cachet FDC's, Types 1 & 2B, MB \$85
41. #1 unaddressed Artcraft FDC, autographed by Trygve Lie, MB \$15

#### League of Nations

42. Small manila cover with SF, CA precancelled stamp, CC; "League to Enforce Peace...San Francisco", MB \$125
43. 211x140mm manila cover, CC: "Primer League of Nations...League for the Preservation of American Independence", incl.

contents, postmarked Washington, DC 7/19/19, MB \$25

44. #10 cover with CC: "League to Enforce Peace..New York", postmarked NY, NY 5/2/19, MB \$75



45. 211x140mm manila cover, CC: Article X League of Nations...League for the Preservation of American Independence", incl. contents, postmarked Washington, DC 8/2/19, MB \$25

46. Small cover with CC: SdN International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation, Paris", to Germany, postmarked 11/24/27, MB \$75



47. Small cover with CC: "SdN Institut International de Cooperation Intellectuelle, Paris", to Philadelphia, dated 4/24/40, MB \$50

#### More UNCIO-San Francisco 1945 Items

48. United Nations Theatre Complimentary Program, May 7-13 (Blue), MB \$20
49. United Nations Theatre Complimentary Program, May 14-20 (Red-brown), MB \$20
50. United Nations Theatre Complimentary Program, May 21-27 (Green), MB \$20
51. United Nations Theatre Complimentary Program, May 28-Jun 3 (Black), MB \$20
52. United Nations Theatre Complimentary Program, Jun 4-9 (Blue), MB \$20

53. United Nations Theatre Complimentary Program, Jun 17-23 (Green), MB \$20

**International Court (PCIJ and CIJ)**

54. Small PCIJ CC cover to Italy, 1926, incl. PCIJ letterhead letter, MB \$150



55. PCIJ stamps O9-15 used, VF, MB \$30

56. PCIJ stamps O16-19 First Printing, used, VF, MB \$25

57. PCIJ stamps O16-19 Second Printing, used, VF, MB \$25

58. ICJ stamps O20-4 mint, VFNH, MB\$300

59. Congress of Europe card with ICJ stamps, 1948, (Gaines C-2, p.1367), MB \$20

60. PTT card with ICJ stamps, 1951(Gaines C-6, pg. 1369), MB \$15

61. Small ICJ CC cover to NY, 1951, O20 and O22, CIJ Officiel cachet, MB \$125



**Nansen Passport and Stamps  
(Gaines p.1295-96)**

62. Belgian Certificat d'Identite, 1932, with

two Nansen stamps (one with fold through it), other Belgian and British consular stamps, Palestine imprint, MB \$250

63. Nansen stamp #9, Black overprint "1927", VF, MB \$60

64. Nansen stamp #10, Red overprint "1928", Fine for issue, MB \$50

65. Nansen stamp #16, Green overprint "1934", Fine for issue, MB \$50

**UN Temporary Executive Authority  
(UNTEA), Gaines pg. 1601-1612**

66. 1st print., set of 19, MNH VF, MB \$25

67. 2nd print., set of 19, MNH VF, MB \$25

68. 3rd print., set of 8, MNH VF, MB \$60

69. 4th print., set of 2, MNH VF, MB \$60

70. 5c, Inv. overprint, MNH VF, MB \$50

71. 10c, Inv. overprint, MNH VF, MB \$50

72. 15c, Inv. overprint, MNH VF, MB \$50

73. 45c, Inv. overprint, MNH VF, MB \$50

74. 55c, Inv. overprint, MNH VF, MB \$50

75. f1, Double transfer, MNH VF, MB \$40

76. f2, Double transfer, MNH VF, MB \$50

**WFUNA Graphics, Mint (Gaines p.901-4)**

77. Law of Sea 1974, Cousteau, MB \$100

78. New Econ. Order 1980, Gross, MB \$80

79. UN Volunteers 1973, Christian, MB \$150

80. Airmails 1977, Hall Groat, MB \$80

81. ICAO 1978 Ole Hamann, MB\$80

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17	\$110	18	\$44	19	\$75	20	\$20
21	\$50	22	\$60	23	\$25	24	\$65
25	\$30	27	\$55	28	\$75	29	\$75
30	\$55	32	\$120	34	\$42	37	\$40
40	\$50	44	\$25	45	\$12	46	\$12
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		69	\$22				

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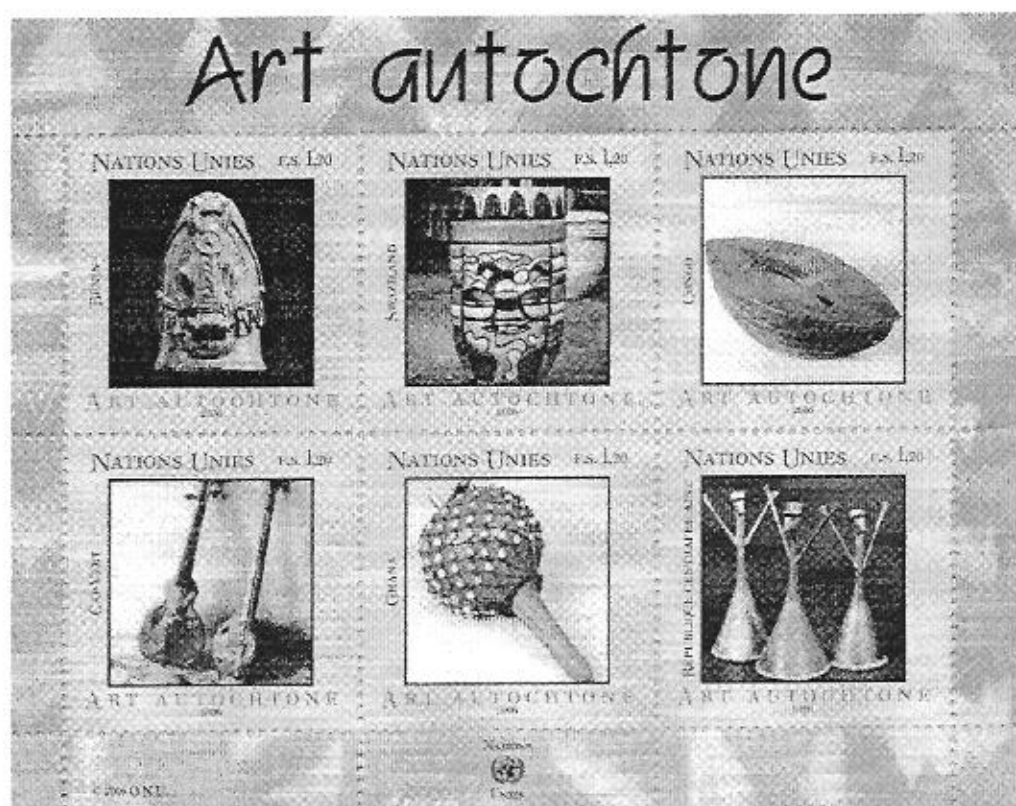
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