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Deceased Member

We regret to announce the death of UNP-member Albert E. Ellison of San Mateo, California.

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1503 William S. Sanger.....Reston, VA

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Front cover: 2006 UNPA stamps honoring the Day of Families.

Rear cover: Sheets of generic personalized stamps for new USPS tariffs: 39¢ (domestic) and 84¢ (international).

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It is almost ten years since the untimely death of Arleigh Gaines, the editor of the definitive catalog *United Nations Philately*. With his sudden death the catalog became frozen in time as of the last update in October 1997.

Fortunately, the UN Postal Administration (UNPA) continues to release updates of its attractive and useful *Stamp Catalogue*, a compilation of the stamps and stationery issued for use at UN offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna. It is currently complete up to the World Heritage (USA) set issued October 2003. However, only UNPA issues are included. If one wants to learn about recent (since 1997) stamps issued for use at UN agencies in Switzerland, France or the Netherlands, the only other specialized catalog available is the Michel *UNO-Spezial-Katalogue*, which appears yearly. This catalog was reviewed in the August 2004 issue of the *Journal*, page 12.

With the appearance of the Gaines Catalog in 1980, UN philately took a giant leap towards recognition as "serious stamp collecting" with a history reaching back into the World War I era if one counts the philately of the League of Nations and into the nineteenth century if one considers the philately of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and International Telecommunications Union forerunners. Unfortunately with the end of the updating process, the Gaines Catalog has ceased to be a complete compilation as it currently lacks the most recent decade.

Missing are items related to peacekeeping and assistance missions in Afghanistan (UN Assistance Mission - UNAMA) and Rwanda (UN Assistance Mission - UNAMIR), inspection teams in Iraq (Baghdad) and Iran (Teheran) and stamps being issued in Kosovo under UN Administration. All of these topics will have appeared in the *Journal* by the end of 2006. Slipping through the cracks are such topics as UN slogan cancellations and meter cancellations from UN

agencies throughout the world.

It is simply not practical to present in the 24 pages of the *Journal*, which appear every two months, a complete treatment of the topics handled in the Gaines Catalog. This begs the question whether UNP should be trying to organize attempts to continue the work begun by Gaines. It is quite likely that such a work could not be published as an "Update of the Gaines Catalog" unless the current holders of the Gaines Catalog copyright relent. Gaines felt strongly that he did not wish to have his work continued by others. On the other hand I suspect that no one would object if systematic continuations of "Modern UN Philately - since 1997" were pursued. Indeed, the one way of insuring that Arleigh Gaines catalog remains a vibrant source of "classic UN philately - before 1998" would be to undertake systematic continuations in order to preserve interest in UN philately. In a sense these would be UNP Monograph-type publications. The principle distinction is that the catalog continuations would tend to deal with less specialized material.

The question is then: Which topics should be developed systematically and by whom? Arleigh Gaines was able to coordinate compilations from six contributing editors. Unfortunately at least half of these have since died.

I would appreciate receiving feedback from members on how we might proceed. What topics deserve systematic continuation? Is there some topic that you would like to coordinate as contributing editor? As I have mentioned before in these editorial pages, the fact that the *Brookman Catalog* no longer carries UN listings and *Linns Stamp News* no longer carries a column devoted to UN philately, has made UN philately much less visible to the world of philately in general. A UNP Catalog of "Modern UN Philately" might help to reverse the trend.

2006 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of May 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 **Surcharged Postal Stationery**
39¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes (revalued 37¢ envelopes issued in 2003)
75¢ aerogram (revalued 70¢ aerogramme issued in 2001)

February 3 **Indigenous Art**
37¢, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55
(3 sheets of 6 stamps)
Geneva (Hologram) and New York Definitives
S.f. 1,30, 25¢
(2 sheets of 20 stamps)

March 16 **Personalized Stamps**
1 sheet of 10 (international) stamps and 10 vignettes @ 84¢ with 5 different designs
1 sheet of 20 (domestic) stamps and 20 vignettes @ 39¢ with 5 different designs
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. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,25
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

May 28 **Washington 2006 Personalized Stamps**
1 sheet of 10 (international) stamps and 10 vignettes @ 84¢ with 5 different designs

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 12x(5¢, 15¢, F.s. 0,10, F.s. 0,20, € 0,25, € 0,30)}

September 21 **My Dream for Peace One Day** (3rd series out of 3)
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 0,55, F.s. 1,20, € 0,55, € 1,00
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 5 **Coin and Flag Series**
84¢, F.s. 1,00, € 1,00
(3 panes of 8 stamps)
Souvenir card

New Personalized Sheets
2006 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2006 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 3 **International Year of Deserts and Desertification 2006**



DAY OF FAMILIES

By Richard Powers



On May 27, 2006 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) released six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card honoring the theme "Day of Families". This release coincides with the Stamp Show "Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition", which took place from May 27th through June 3rd at the brand new Washington, D.C. Convention Center. As a souvenir of this Stamp Show the UNPA will release a limited number of "Day of Families" souvenir cards with a gold foil overprint.

In its Resolution 47/237 of September 20, 1993 the United Nations General Assembly declared that May 15th of each year should be celebrated as the International Day of Families. This was meant to indicate that the international community of families should be recognized as the fundamental element of society and to heighten the concern of the situation of Families throughout the entire world. The International Day of Families offers the opportunity to become aware of Family issues and to find the corresponding means of fostering these issues. The Day ought to be a strong means of mobilization to the benefit of Families in all nations, which can use this occasion to demonstrate support for Family issues in a culture-specific way.

The designs for the six stamps appear on the front cover of this issue of the *Journal*. Each of the stamps bear a legend indicating the important contributions of Families to Mankind.

The UNNY 39¢-stamp features the idea: Families Nurture Health. The UNNY 84¢-denomination indicates the theme: Families Foster Peace. The UN Geneva F.s. 1,00-stamp displays the benefit: The Family as Source of Education. The F.s. 1,30-issue shows the theme: The Family as Agent of Development. The UN Vienna €0,55- stamp

portrays the mission: Families Fight Poverty. The €1,25-denomination portrays the thought: Families Create Community.

This is not the first time that the UNPA has featured the theme of Families on its stamps. On the occasion of the International Year of the Family in 1994 the UNPA issued six stamps: UNNY 637-8, UN Geneva 244-5, UN Vienna 160-1. The UN General Assembly issued a proclamation in 1994 that the theme of the year should recognize "Family resources and responsibilities in a changing world".

Three years later in 1997 the General Assembly sought (in Resolution 54/124) to follow up in 2004 the International Year of the Family in order to strengthen and support families in performing their societal and developmental functions and to build upon their strengths, in particular at the national and local levels.

The objectives of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family were to:

- (a) increase awareness of family issues among Governments as well as in the private sector;
- (b) strengthen the capacity of national institutions to formulate, implement and monitor policies in respect to families;
- (c) stimulate efforts to respond to problems, affecting, and affected by, the situation of families;
- (d) undertake at all levels reviews and assessments of the situation and needs of families, identifying specific issues and problems;
- (e) enhance the effectiveness of local, national and regional efforts to carry out specific programs concerning families, generate new activities and strengthen existing ones;
- (f) improve collaboration among national and international non-governmental organizations in support of families.

UNPA-NEW YORK SURCHARGES PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPES AND AEROGRAMME TO MEET NEW POSTAL TARIFFS

By Duane E. Lamers

The United States Postal Service (USPS) increased the rates for all postal categories effective Sunday, January 8, 2006. First-class tariffs climbed 2¢ to 39¢ for the first ounce for envelopes and increased 1¢ for each additional ounce and for postcards. International tariffs have also risen: aerogrammes are now posted at 75¢ and postal cards to destinations other than to Canada and Mexico are charged 70¢.

UNPA-New York has surcharged only the current domestic-use envelopes, Scott #U-18 (Figure 1) and U-19 and the aerogramme, UC-23 (Figure 2) to meet current tariffs. Each of the items will carry a catalog number one digit higher, of course. The single postal card and the two five-card sets are being withdrawn from sale shortly.

Existing stocks of envelopes and aerogrammes have been surcharged; no new printings were required for this purpose. The surcharge consists of the usual wreath enclosing the numeral 2 or the numeral 5, printed about one-half inch to the left of the indicium ("stamp") found on the envelopes and aerogramme. The first-day cancellation is the customary wreath with date of rate increase, touching the indicium and the surcharge.

One might ask a couple questions regarding this issue. The first one concerns the surcharging of relatively little-used items instead of the more popular postal cards which are more likely to be purchased by tourists and mailed to friends and relatives. This is especially true of the single "stand alone" card, UX-20 that was first released in 1998 at 21¢ and surcharged to 23¢ in 2002 (UX-23). If all remaining stock had been upgraded at that time, of course, it would be impractical to imprint another surcharge on the cards. This writer does not know whether UNPA surcharges all remaining stocks at one time or imprints only limited quantities based on

projected short-term needs. Surcharging the five-card sets is a practical impossibility, given the fact that sets are shrink-wrapped.

We note with interest that for this issue the UNPA has provided a first-day cancellation that is the actual first day the surcharged envelopes and aerogramme were available for sale and use, in this instance, January 9, 2006. It seems more logical to provide a first day cancellation on the actual first day the emission is available rather than use the date of the rate change, a Sunday, when the UNPA has no postal operations running. This is in contrast to the practice in 2002 when the wreath cancel date was June 30, 2002, a Sunday, the first day of the last rate increase. Surcharged stationery, like the predecessor, is a new issue and seems to merit treatment like any other new issue and be given first day cancellation on the first day it is released. The UNPA does not design a special first day cancellation device for surcharged stationery, but only uses the standard wreath cancel for this purpose—actually printed on the items at the time the surcharge is printed—of the type that is routinely used for hand cancellation of pieces. Here we are talking style rather than substance, however; "first day" traditionally means the first day of availability and use. The UNPA is to be commended for its decision to make a "first day" consistent with the reality of postal operations. We note, however, that the UNPA website announcement indicates, as of this writing, that the surcharged items were available on January 8th.

There has been talk that postal rates are likely to increase within a year. Perhaps the UNPA is waiting for USPS decisions before designing and releasing new stationery. We have not heard, as of this writing, of plans to replace the surcharged pieces or the postal cards being withdrawn.

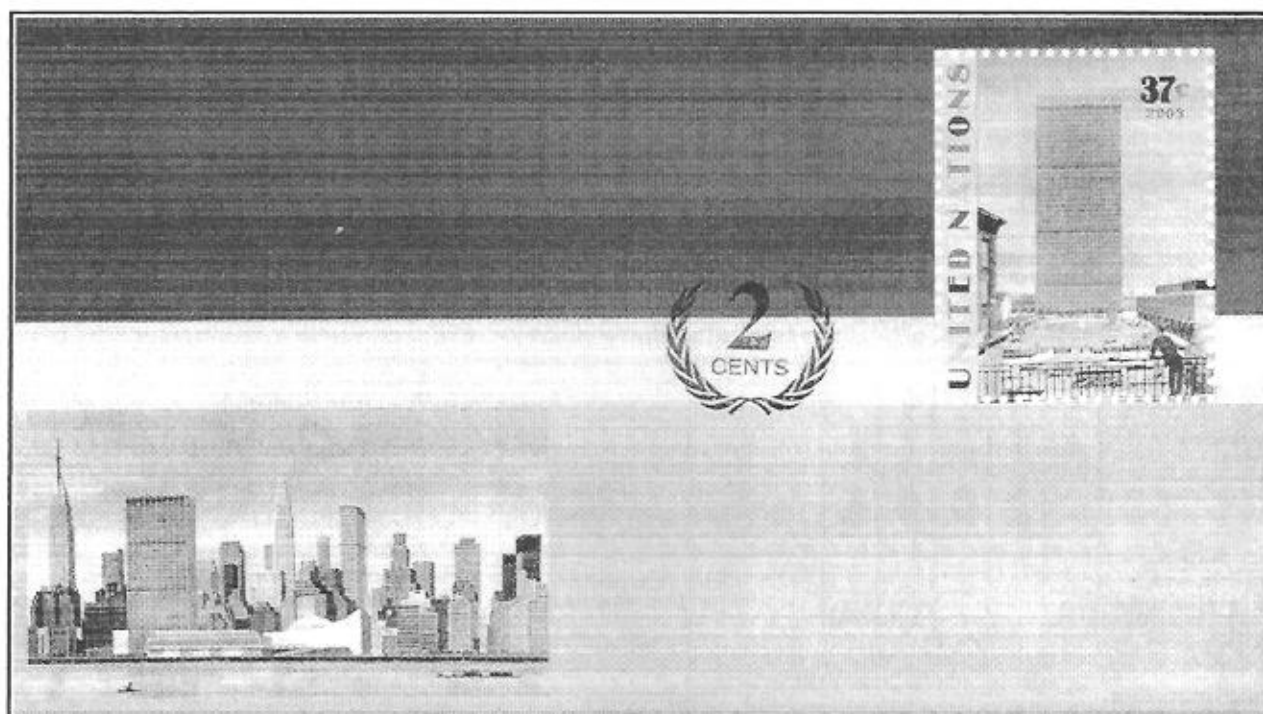


Figure 1: Small pre-stamped envelope (Scott #U-18) surcharged to meet new domestic postal tariff (39¢) on sale beginning January 9, 2006.

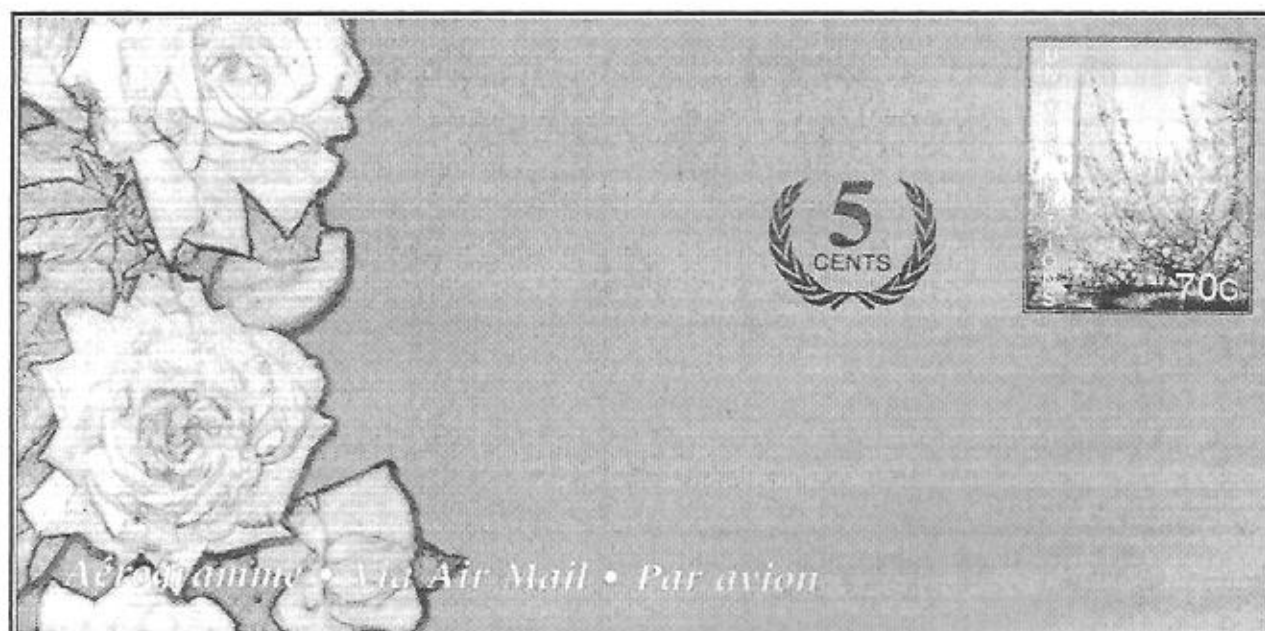


Figure 2: Aerogramme (Scott # UC-23) surcharged to meet new international tariff (75¢) on sale as of January 9, 2006.

A PERQU(ISIT)E OF UNOP MEMBERSHIP

By Richard Powers

On March 22nd I, as a member, received an invitation (Figure 1) from UNOP, the Germany-based UN Collectors group to its 50th Anniversary Celebration in Koblenz on April 1, 2006. It bears a lovely reproduction of the 1951 1¢ UN stamp. It was sent from the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Post Office (CH -

3000) in Bern 15 in an envelope (Figure 2) bearing the origin cachet of the UPU Library. The S.f. 1,80 airmail postage was paid by a S.f. 1,40 UPU stamp (Scott # 9015) tied by a UPU post office cancellation and a 40-centime PVI (Postage Validation Imprinter) label from this office. I believe these labels are quite new.

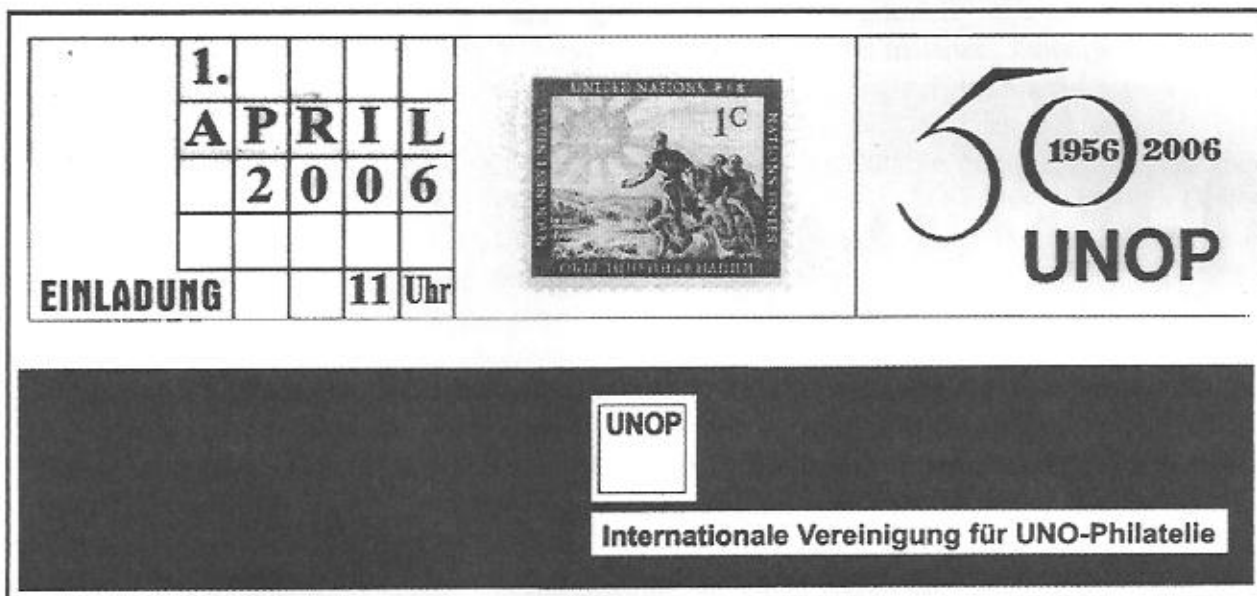


Figure 1: Invitation to UNOP 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 1, 2006 in Koblenz.



Figure 2: UNOP cover sent from UPU post office in Bern with PVI label.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA: 2004 - 2005

By Richard Powers

On January 7, 2006 I received a shipment of special covers with "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations) on specially prepared cacheted envelopes issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna during the previous twelve months. These included special items issued between December 4, 2004 and September 3, 2005. This year's shipment of four covers cost \$8.00 plus a \$3.00 mailing fee, for which I received € 1,97 in CTO-canceled UN Vienna stamps with first day cancels. Below is a summary of the covers which I received.

On December 5, 2004 - UN Day - the UNPA issued a commemorative cover (Figure 1) for Numiphil 2004 in Vienna. The show was held in Hübners Kursalon in the Stadtpark. The UNPA issued a special cover bears a special UN-Vienna cancel which features a winged letter superposed over a UN emblem and ties the 2004 € 0,55 UNPA My Dream for Peace One Day (Scott # A371). The cachet echoes the theme of world-wide peace.



Figure 1: Numiphil 2004 cover.

On Saturday December 12, 2004 the UNPA released a special cover honoring the 24th Weihnachtsphila 2004, the two day exhibition sponsored by the Ukrainian Stamp Collectors' Association in Austria

(UBSV) in the Wappensaal in the Vienna city hall. The motto of this event was "Lvov philatelists exhibiting in Vienna". The special cancel in the shape of a Christmas ornament features a fir tree branch and a candle and ties a 2004 Indigenous Art stamp, whose design depicts Ukrainian-style decorated eggs (Scott # A346). The cachet depicts both the Lvov and Vienna City Halls in a wintry festive atmosphere.

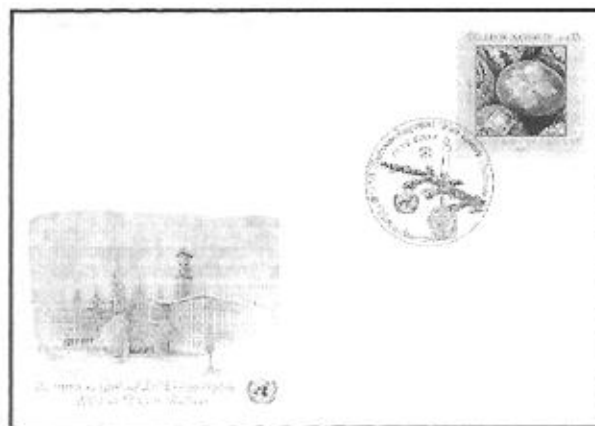


Figure 2: Weihnachtsphila 2004 cover.

The UNPA in Vienna was invited to set up a special post office in Ebreichsdorf/Unterwaltersdorf, Austria on April 24, 2005 on the occasion of a major stamp swap day organized by the Ebreichsdorf Stamp Collectors' Association. A special cover (Figure 3) has a special cancel and cachet portraying a local town view. The cover bears the € 0,55 2005 Nature's Wisdom stamp (Scott # A364).

On September 3, 2005 the UNPA established a special post office in Korneuburg as part of a presentation of "Princess Nofretete" with music by Nico Dostal, who is honored by both the cancel and the cachet. Presumably the UNPA was commemorating its newest World Heritage Series of stamps honoring Egypt, which had been issued a month earlier on August 4th. The cancel ties the € 0,55 stamp depicting the Abu Mena

Monastery (Scott #A368).



Figure 3: Cover honoring the Stamp Swap Day organized by the Ebreichsdorf Stamp Collectors' Association in Unterwaltersdorf.

None of the above covers were available from the UNPA in New York. The only way to purchase them is to order each item in advance or to set up a customer account for Sonderstempel items. The account can



Figure 4: Cover honoring the presentation of "Princess Nofretete" in Korneuburg.

be set up by sending a check (U.S. checks are welcome) or by paying with a credit card (Visa or Mastercard) to the following address:

UNPA - Europe
P.O.Box 900
A-1400 Vienna - United Nations
Austria.

A RECENT REGISTERED LETTER FROM THE UN IN GENEVA

By Richard Powers

Have you seen a registered service cover mailed from the United Nations Post Office (UNPO) recently? Figure 1 shows a registered cover that I received recently from a staff member of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva, who mailed it at the UNPO in the Palais des Nations. The hand cancel of this post office lacks stars between the upper text 1211 GENEVE 10 and the lower text Nations Unies (Figure 2a). The hand cancel from the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) post office has two stars on either side between the upper and lower text (Figure 2b). The hand cancel indicates that the cover was canceled at 2pm on Halloween (October 31, 2005).



Figure 2a (left) UNPO hand cancel.
Figure 2b (right) UNPA hand cancel.

I would like to draw your attention to the new registration label shown in Figure 3 in detail. This Swiss Post registration label indicates that it was printed at 14:01 (2:01pm) at CH-1211 in Geneva 10 (UNPO) for a 79-gram package - in perfect



Figure 1: A 2005 Quasi-official registered cover from a UNITAR staff member in Geneva.

agreement with the postmark. At the bottom of the label is the request that the receiving post office should scan the label and obtain a receiving signature. Presumably all this information is encoded in the bar code. Does anyone have an idea how long this label has been in use in Geneva? I understand that this registration label has been in use at least



Figure 3: UNPO (Geneva) registration label.

since the fall of 2005.

My contact at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) at the Palais des Nations sent this service cover to me neatly decorated with UN Geneva commemoratives going back to 1979 in recognition of the fact that we are both UN philatelists. Otherwise it would have had a run-of-the-mill meter cancel.

He is legal counsel for UNITAR and apparently is involved in the Training Program for Civilian Personnel in Peacekeeping Operations on the Special Needs of Women and Children in Conflict as indicated by the origin cachet beneath the return address in the upper left-hand corner. His work has taken him often to Kosovo to the UN Office of Gender Affairs there. (See the articles on pages 19 and 22 of the April 2005 issue of the *Journal* for more information on this Office.)

MIXED COMMISSION FOR GRECO-BULGARIAN EMIGRATION

By Richard Powers



Figure 1: National boundaries of Eastern Greece (Macedonia) as a result of the Treaty of Versailles (1919). The arrows indicate Aegean coastal regions occupied by Bulgaria during World War I. (Map courtesy of www.historyofmacedonia.org)

In the wake of the Balkan Wars (1912-1913) and World War I (1914-1918), the treaties of Versailles (1919) and Lausanne (1923) established the borders of eastern Greece in the region known historically as Macedonia. Figure 1 shows a map of this area with the borders resulting from the treaty of Versailles. During World War I there had been significant occupation by Bulgarian troops in this region.

On November 27, 1919 the Bulgarian and Greek Governments concluded a convention to regulate the reciprocal and voluntary emigration of their respective nationals

from territories transferred as a result of World War I. A Mixed Commission to supervise this emigration was established by the Council of the League of Nations on September 20, 1920. Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Corfe from New Zealand and Major Mariel de Roover from Belgium were appointed by the Council to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission. The commission also included representatives of Bulgaria and Greece. Hence the term "mixed".

Figure 2a shows the front side of a 1930 registered service cover from the Mixed

Commission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration mailed in Athens to the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Figure 2b shows a detail of the corner card. On the rear of the cover, which is shown in Figure 2c, one finds two Greek stamps (Scott # 254 and 325) in the upper left corner tied by an Athens postmark, whose date is illegible. In the lower right corner is a Boston receiving cancel dated January 13, 1930. In the center of the cover is a red commission seal, shown in Figure 2d. Such seals are commonly found on official correspondence originating in Balkan countries during this era. The words GRECO-BULGARO can be read in the center of the seal. Remnants of the words (EMIGRA)TION DELEGATION can be read in a circle at the edge of the seal.



Figure 2a: Front of a 1930 registered cover from the Mixed Commission in Athens.

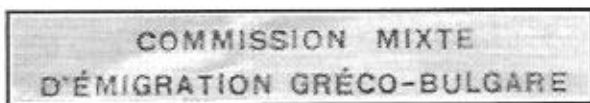


Figure 2b: Detail of the corner card of the Mixed Commission in Athens.

Figure 3a shows a cover from the Subcommission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Bulgaria. This cover mailed from Sophia, Bulgaria is postmarked October 23, 1926 and was sent to La Chaux de Fonds,

Switzerland. It bears three stamps (Scott # 195, 188-9). Figure 3b shows a detail of the corner card.

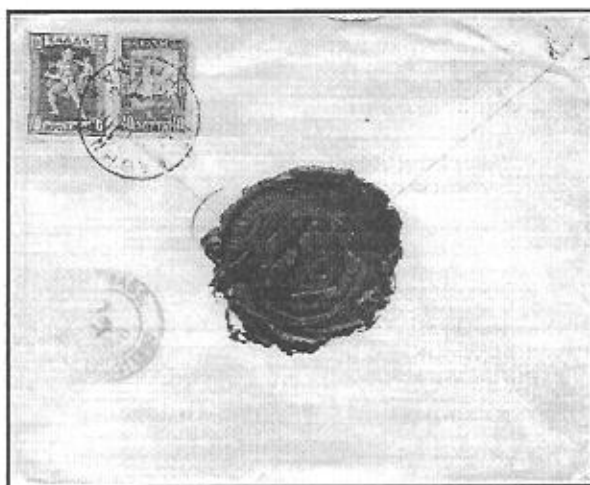


Figure 2c: Rear of cover showing Boston receiving cancel in lower left and commission seal in the center.

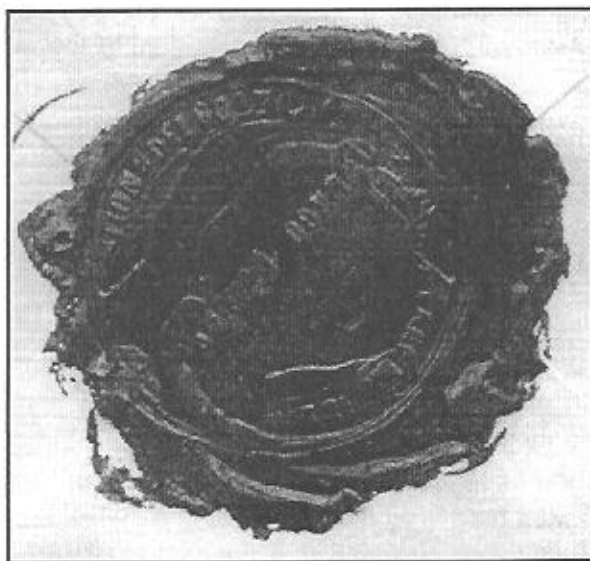


Figure 2d: Commission seal.

An arrangement for the issuance of liquidating bonds to settle the accounts of the property interests of the exchanged persons was made on December 9, 1927. The Mixed Commission itself ended its functions in 1931 and its remaining duties were transferred to the Financial Committee of the League of Nations.



Figure 3a: 1926 service cover from the Subcommission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Bulgaria.



Figure 3b: Detail of the corner card of the cover in Figure 3a.

The Greek Refugee Settlement Commission, established originally by a protocol of September 29, 1923, was liquidated December 31, 1930. Under its direction the Autonomous Office for the Establishment of Refugees in Greece settled about 145,000 rural and 25,000 urban families costing £13,400,000 or about £79 per family. A striking feature of the settlement scheme was the colonization of Macedonia, where nine-tenths of the allotted land is situated. In ending its work the Commission believed that the extensive agricultural program which Greece had undertaken in coping with the refugee problem would contribute to the prosperity of Greece.

Figure 4a shows the front side of a 1929 service cover sent from Athens to the Economic Section the League of Nations in Geneva arriving on September 6th. A detail of the corner card appears in Figure 4b. On the reverse side is a rubber-stamped handcancel of the Commission shown in detail in Figure 4c. A detailed article on the historic

and philatelic aspects of this cover appear in the October 1994 issue of the *Journal*, page 9.

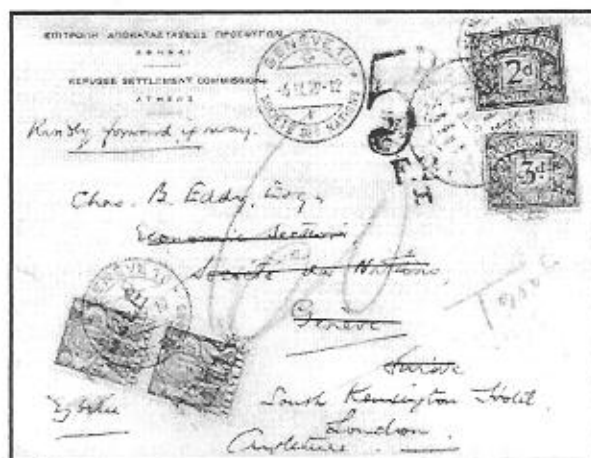


Figure 4a: Service cover from the (Greek) Refugee Settlement Commission in Athens.

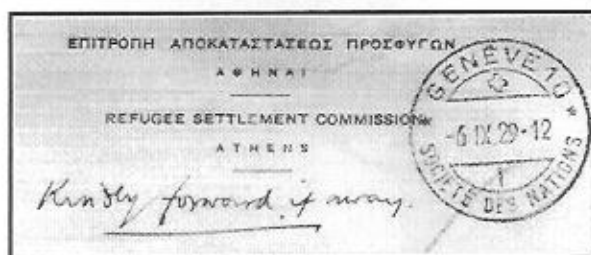


Figure 4b: Detail of the corner card of the cover in the above cover.



Figure 4c: Hand cancel origin cachet of the Refugee Settlement Commission on the rear.

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INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE



By Richard Powers

Established in 1885, the International Statistical Institute (ISI) is one of the oldest scientific associations operating in the modern world. Today it is incorporated in the Netherlands and has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Permanent Office of the ISI is situated in Voorburg (near the Hague) in the Netherlands. Figure 1 shows a service cover from the Permanent Office postmarked in the Hague on September 28, 1936 and sent to the Governor of Montana.

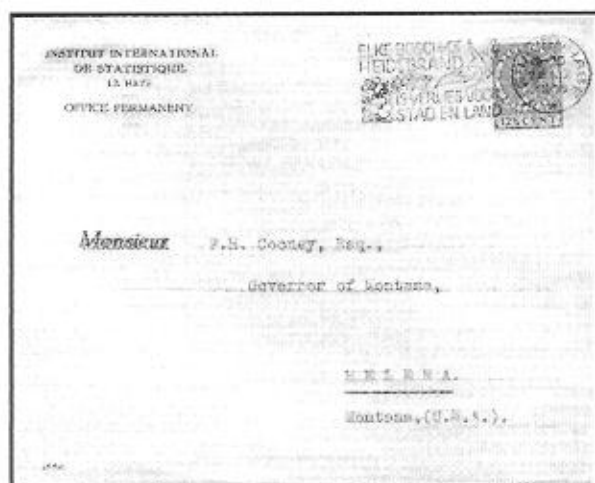


Figure 1: 1936 ISI cover from its Permanent Office in the Hague.

According to its website (www.cbs.nl/isi) the ISI has as its objective "the development and improvement of statistical methods and their application throughout the world. In particular it seeks:

- to encourage international cooperation and association between statisticians and the further exchange of their professional knowledge and findings;
- to further the integration of statistics by developing world-wide relations between statistical societies and other official and unofficial organizations having statistical interests;
- to contribute to the improvement of statistical education and to promote training in statistics;
- to advance the study of statistical theory, to appraise statistical methods and practices, to encourage statistical research and to further the application of statistical methods in all relevant fields;
- to promote the international compatibility of statistical data."

The Institute's activities are funded by grants from intergovernmental organizations, governments, local authorities, foundations, private business and other bodies, in addition to membership fees and proceeds from the sale of ISI publications.

The ISI is especially renowned for its biennial meetings in which the entire membership congregates to exchange ideas, develop new links and discuss current trends and developments in the statistical world. The XVIIIe Session was held in Cairo in 1927-8. On this occasion the Egyptian Post Office issued three stamps: Scott (Egypt #150-2). Figure 2 shows a philatelic cover bearing the three stamps tied by a conference cancel dated January 5, 1928.

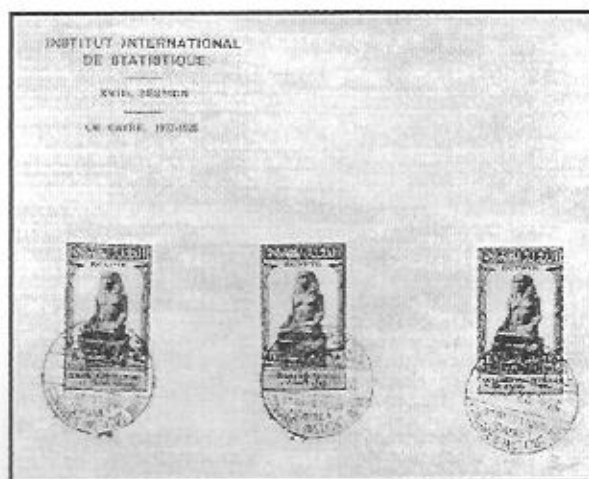


Figure 2: 1927-8 ISI Conference cover in Cairo.

UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRE IN SHANGHAI

By Richard Powers

The Information Centres Service of the Department of Public Information (DPI) coordinates sixty-nine (as of 1998) United Nations Information Centres (UNIC) and Services and eight United Nations Offices with information components around the world. These centers are responsible for disseminating throughout the world an up-to-date stream of news regarding the work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies. In many countries these centers are the actual sites of the offices of UN agencies in those countries.

In 1949 there were only fifteen such offices, one of which was in Shanghai in the Republic of China. According to the Gaines Catalogue this center was located from 1948-50 at 212 Embankment Building, which is located at 370 North Soochow Road in Shanghai. This building had served as the headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA, which was never part of the United Nations but was an agency of the Allies during and after World War II) from early 1946 until December 31, 1947, when the UNRRA program was terminated. The Interim Commission of the World Health Organization was also housed here. According to Gaines, after the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) was officially proclaimed on October 1, 1949, the UNIC office moved to Beijing. According to the United Nations there is currently (1998) no UNIC office in China.

An article on the history of United Nations offices in China during the 1940s appeared in the February 2004 issue of the *Journal*, page 10. Service covers depicted in this article show that there were at least two other locations for UN offices in Shanghai. The International Labor Office (ILO) was located at 754 Bubbling Well Road. The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) was located at 106 Wangpoo Road as was the Preliminary Commission of the International Refugee Organization (IRO) -

Far East. ECAFE headquarters moved to its present location in Bangkok, Thailand in 1948. By 1950 the IRO was operating from Hong Kong.

Undoubtedly the fact that the United Nations continued to recognize the Republic of China, whose capital is currently Taipei, Taiwan, as the official representative of China until 1971, was important in motivating the United Nations to vacate its offices in Shanghai in the 1940s.

In the ensuing years the United Nations seems to have had a very low profile in the Peoples Republic of China. In the course of more than twenty-five years of accumulating UN service covers from around the world, I have come across about 500 covers. During this time I have seen only two covers associated with the PRC. Both of these were sold on eBay recently. One of these was from the Representative of UNESCO and appears in Figure 1. The second was sold on New Years Day 2006 on eBay and sold for \$102.50. It was a 1951 meter cover with the typed address of the UNIC at 106 Wangpoo Road in Shanghai. It is addressed to a Deputy Executive Officer at the United Nations in New York. The entire cover appears in Figure 2. A detail of the meter cancel appears in Figure 3. It bears a denomination of \$23500 (yuan) and is dated April 2, 1951. Figure 4 shows a detail of the destination address of the letter at UNNY. There is a black circular cancel above and to the right of the destination address from Shanghai dated April 20, 1951. On the back of the cover is a cancel from Canton with an illegible date. This cancel suggests that the cover was heading for Hong Kong for international forwarding. Unfortunately there is no receiving cancel showing that the cover ever reached the UN in New York.

It would be interesting to see if any other covers from the UNIC from Shanghai after 1949 come on the market particularly with official corner cards. It is not obvious



Figure 1: Service cover from the UNESCO Representative in China.



Figure 2: 1951 meter cover from the UN Information Centre in Shanghai, China sent to a Deputy Executive Officer at the UN in New York. (courtesy of eBay)

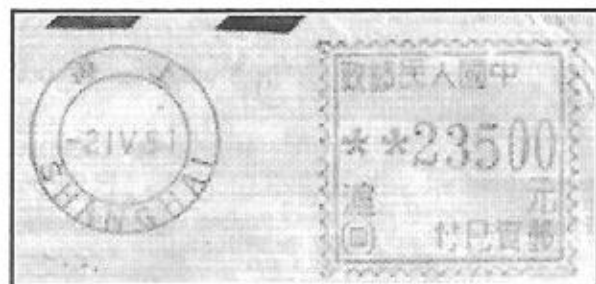


Figure 3: 1951 meter cancel from UNIC cover in Figure 2.

that the meter was located at the UNIC in Shanghai. I have been unable to document independently that the UNIC in Shanghai was still officially open in 1951 or for that matter anywhere in China, such as Beijing.

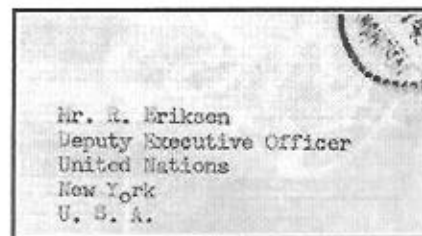


Figure 4: Destination of the UNIC cover.

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A PHILATELIC GEM FROM THE CCEP MEETING IN WASHINGTON - 1963

Richard Powers

In 1963 the Consultative Committee for Postal Studies (CCEP) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) held its sixth annual session in Washington, D.C. The first session of the CCEP meetings had been held in Ottawa, Canada in 1957. Recently these meetings have been held in Bern, Switzerland

1963 marked the one hundredth anniversary of the first International Postal Conference in Paris. This conference was called by the Postmaster General of the USA Montgomery Blair (1861-64) and was the first step leading to the founding of the UPU in Bern in 1874. The United States Postal Service (USPS) marked the centennial with the release of an airmail stamp (Scott #C86) prominently featuring Blair. On the occasion of the CCEP session the Washington post office used a special conference cancel. A conference cover appears in Figure 1.



Figure 1: 1963 service cover from the 6th Session of the CCEP in Washington.

The cover bears a copy of the Blair commemorative canceled on October 30, 1963,

the third day of the conference. In the upper left hand corner is a conference corner card, which reproduces the central figure of the cancel, which pictures three prominent landmarks in the host city: the Lincoln Monument, the Washington Monument and the United States Capitol Building. The hand cancel has been positioned so that the city name almost perfectly frames the circular image of the corner card. The date of the cancel falls almost completely within the circular image. And the red, blue and black colors of the stamp match perfectly the red and blue of the airmail envelope, which was printed for delegate use, and the black of the cancel.

An appropriate destination completes this philatelic gem: Dr. Edouard Weber, Director of the International Office of the UPU in Bern. Dr. Weber was the director from 1961 through July 7, 1964 at which time he became Director-general until 1966.

I suspect that such a perfect cover was philatelically inspired, particularly since the name of the sender appears nowhere on the cover. Indeed, aside from the hand cancel, there is no other indication that the cover actually passed through the mail stream. The cancel could well have been a favor cancel on the envelope, which was immediately handed back to the sender (perhaps Mr. Weber himself). (But it eventually made its way into the stock of a German stamp dealer by 2005). However, the fact that the cover was opened (relatively carefully) on the top suggests that there might have been a letter inside.

The Gaines catalog values a service cover from this meeting at \$30. But for such a handsome cover I would be willing to pay a bit more. If only, you could see it in color!

MORE ON UPU POSTMARKS AND METERS USED IN THE USA

By B. Clement, Jr.

A listing of postmarks and meters relating to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) appeared in the October 2003 issue of the *Journal* (page 18-9). Since that time three additional postmarks and an additional meter cancel have been found.

Figure 1 shows a proof specimen meter cancel from Washington, D.C. dated April 30, 1939 on a Pitney-Bowes (P.B.) G0050 machine. Next to the global map of western hemisphere is the legend (in Spanish):

CONGRESO
DE LA
UNION POSTAL
UNIVERSAL
Buenos Aires
1939



Figure 1: P.B. meter cancel from Washington honoring the 1939 UPU Congress in Buenos Aires.

[Editor's Note: A similar specimen meter cancel from a P.B. meter 00000 with a separate town mark (Stamford, Conn) dated May 28, 1939 with a 3¢ denomination appears in Figure 2. Here the legend appears to be in Estonian:

ALLMÄNNA
POST UNIONENS
CONGRES.

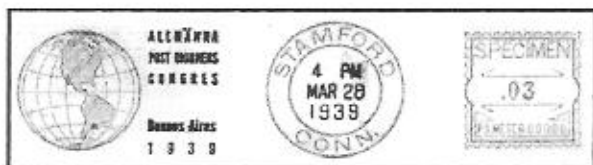


Figure 2: P.B. meter cancel from Stamford, Connecticut honoring the 1939 Congress.]

Figure 3 shows a Milcopex show cancel from Milwaukee, WI dated March 9, 1974.



Figure 3: 1974 Milcopex show cancel.

Figure 4 shows a Rockpex Stamp Show cancel dated May 28, 1974 in Pearl River, New York. The cancel incorporates a reproduction of the flag cancel used in the 1897 UPU Congress cancel in Washington, D.C.

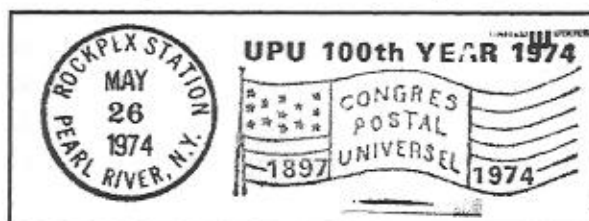


Figure 4: 1974 Rockpex show cancel.

Figure 5 shows a show cancel from the Guy-Lorpex Stamp Show dated October 26, 1974 in Rocky River, Ohio.

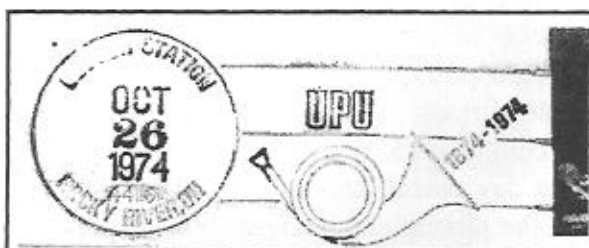


Figure 5: 1974 Guy-Lorpex show cancel.

A UNP monograph *The UN in the USA* is planned for the future. Listings are planned for all such postmarks and meter cancels for the United Nations, its agencies and its predecessors. In the interest of making the listing as complete as possible, please submit photocopies or images of what you have that may be unrecorded.

WTO CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG: DECEMBER 2005

By B. Clement, Jr.

The Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) was held in Hong Kong December 13-18, 2005. Previous Ministerial Conferences were held in Singapore (1996), Geneva (1998), Seattle (1999), Doha, Qatar (2001) and Cancun, Mexico (2003). All of these conferences, except the Geneva conference, have been noted by special stamps, postmarks or special stationery, which have been presented in past issues of the *Journal* (21-2, 12; 23-5, 20, 25-1, 10, 26-3, 9 and 29-2, 23).

The Hong Kong meeting was held in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). A temporary post office was set up from December 13 - 18, 2005, outside Hall 5 of the HKCEC, which was accessible only to those with a personal accreditation badge allowing entry into the HKCEC. Post office services available were Speedpost, local courier post, parcels, ordinary mail and registered mail. This temporary post office used a special postmark reading "Hong Kong Temporary P. O. 1".

Hong Kong issued two special pictorial postal cards for the conference: Hong Kong Series No. 15 and 16. The indicia (printed stamp) on each postal card is a miniature version of the picture side of the card. The prepaid postage on the card was for worldwide airmail. The picture and address sides of card No. 15, postmarked with a pictorial first day cancel, are shown in Figures 1 and 2; the picture and address sides of card No. 16, with a temporary post office cancel, are shown in Figures 3 and 4.

As is typical of WTO conferences, there were many activist demonstrations, mainly protesting American and European agricultural subsidies, which put third world agricultural products at a disadvantage. There was an agreement to "work on" this problem, although there is skepticism as to whether the ambitious goals will be achieved.



Figure 1: WTO Card No. 15 (picture).



Figure 2: WTO Card No. 15 (address).



Figure 3: WTO Card No. 16 (picture).



Figure 4: WTO Card No. 16 (address).

FROM UNIIMOG TO UNIKOM

By Richard Powers

The United Nations Iran-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) was established on April 9, 1991 following the forced withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait by the forty-two nation coalition, which supplied military personnel. Its task was to monitor the Khawr 'Abd Allah waterway and the eleven-kilometer wide demilitarized zone along the Iraq-Kuwait border, deter border violations and report any hostile action. Its Headquarters is located at Umm Qasr in the middle of the demilitarized zone with liaison offices in Baghdad and Kuwait City and a logistics base at Doha, Qatar. The mandate of the Mission was completed on October 6, 2003. A detailed article on the first few years of UNIKOM appeared in the December 1997 issue of the *Journal* (page 4).

The cover in Figure 1 was sent by a member of the Danish contingent from the UNIKOM Base in Safat, Kuwait City to Odense, Denmark. It is postmarked June 11(?), 1992. It bears a 1991 Kuwaiti stamp (Scott # 1148) with a 150 fils denomination. The design represents "Reconstruction" of the country after the invasion by Iraqi troops.

The Danish contingent provided logistics support and postal facilities.

The cover bears the corner card of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG). On July 20, 1987 the Security Council adopted Resolution 598, calling upon the secretary-general to dispatch observers to establish, verify and monitor cease-fire lines upon agreement by Iran and Iraq to cessation of hostilities in their seven-year war. Resolution 619, adopted August 9, 1988, created UNIIMOG. Advance parties arrived in Iran and Iraq on August 11th. The cease-fire went into effect on August 20th. UNIIMOG was also charged with supervising the withdrawal of Iranian and Iraqi forces to internationally recognized borders.

UNIIMOG observers were unarmed and served in a unified command rather than as national contingents. Field command rested with the Chief Military Observer. Reporting to him were two Assistant Chief Military Observers headquartered in Teheran, Iran and Baghdad, Iraq. The secretary-general declared an end to UNIIMOG on February 28, 1991.

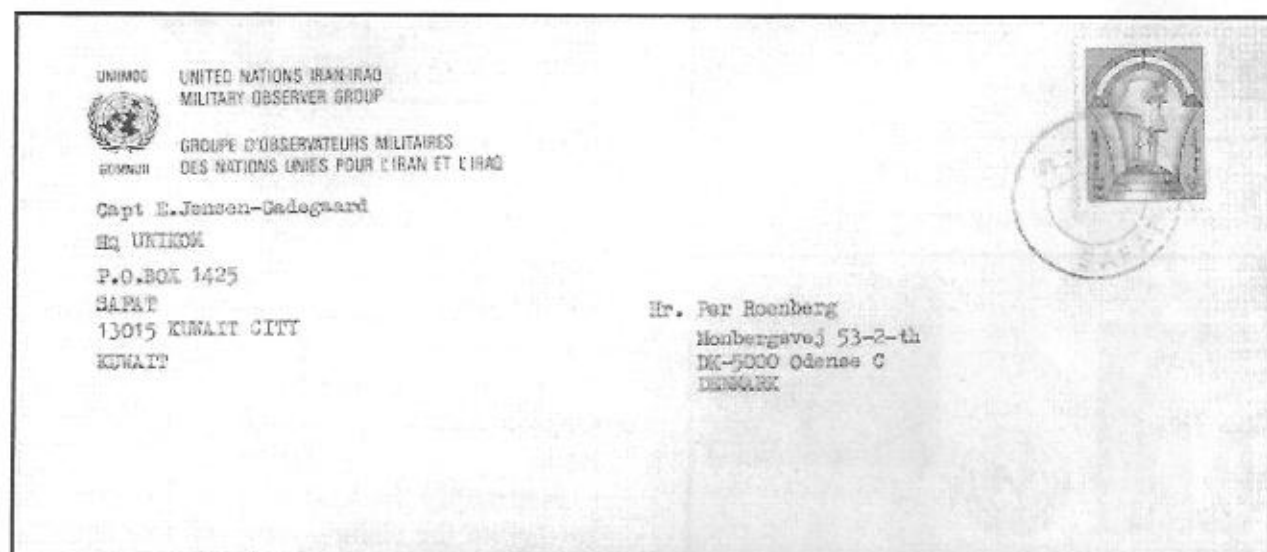


Figure 1: 1992 UNIKOM cover on UNIIMOG service stationery mailed in Safat, Kuwait.

1992 EARTH SUMMIT: GENEVA CANCEL ERROR

By Richard Powers

I recently came across an interesting lot in eBay, which announced a defective first day cancel used on the Geneva issues of the 1992 Earth Summit set (G216-9) on an unknown number of official first day covers sold by the UNPA in Vienna.

In Figure 1 is shown a cover with the error cancel consisting of a map of the world surrounded by a single ring of text: UNCED SOMMET PLANETE TERRE - JUIN 1992 - Premier Jour: 22 mai 1992. There is no mention of the city Geneva. This single ring has a diameter of 31 mm.

In Figure 2 one can see the complete cancel consisting of two rings of text. The outer ring of text contains the words: 1211 GENEVE • ADMINISTRATION POSTALE DES NATIONS UNIES •. The Premier Jour (inner) ring has a diameter of 25mm. A detail of the complete (correct) Geneva cancel is shown in Figure 3. A detail



Figure 1: Error: Geneva cancel without outer ring of text.



Figure 2: Normal: Geneva cancel with outer ring of text.



Figure 3: Detail of correct Geneva cancel for the 1992 Earth Summit issue showing two rings of text.

of the error Geneva cancel is shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4: Detail of error Geneva cancel for the 1992 Earth Summit issue showing only one ring of text and no town name.

It is interesting that the image of this cancel shown on page 406.3 in the Gaines Catalog is an error cancel. Readers may want to check their first day covers for the Geneva stamps of this 1992 Earth Summit issue.

Apparently the UNPA learned of this error before the stamps went off sale and offered to trade items with the correct cancel for items with the error, which is not a valid cancel because the town name is missing.

UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN

By Richard Powers

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) was formed on March 28, 2002 via UN Security Council resolution 1401 (www.unama.org). Its mandate includes promoting national reconciliation fulfilling the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to the UN in the Bonn Agreement (2001), including those related to human rights, the rule of law and gender issues and managing all UN humanitarian, relief, recovery and reconstruction in Afghanistan in coordination with the Afghan Administration. Thus far UNAMA has labored three years in an effort to heal the wounds left by twenty-three years of war.

Nineteen UN agencies are working together with their Afghan government counterparts and with national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). All UN programs lend support to the Afghan transition process and recognize the lead role played by the Afghan Administration.

The special representative of the UN Secretary-General for Afghanistan (SRSG) leads UNAMA and has overall responsibility for all UN activities there. In February 2004 Jean Ar-

nault was appointed by the Secretary-General.

As of October 2005, there are 211 international UNAMA staff members posted in Afghanistan as well as more than 600 national staff. In addition to its Kabul Headquarters, the Mission has regional offices in Bamyan, Gardez, Herat, Jalabad, Kandahar, Kunduz and Mazar-i-Sharif.

Figure 1 shows a service cover posted in Kunduz on June 2(?), 2004. It bears a transit cancel from Kabul dated June 26th. Due to a stamp shortage, the cover bears a mixed franking of two stamps from different historical periods. The stamp on the left (Scott #1383) was issued in 1989 and has a denomination of 4 afghanis. The stamp on the right (Scott #1385?) was issued in 2002 and has a face value of 11000 (old) afghanis. Volume 1 of the 2006 Scott Catalogue goes up only to #1384 with no authorized stamps listed between 1989 and 2002! It is one of only three stamps issued between the fall of the Taliban regime and Afghanistan's recent currency reform. At the time of posting, this stamp had an adjusted value of 11 (new) afghanis.

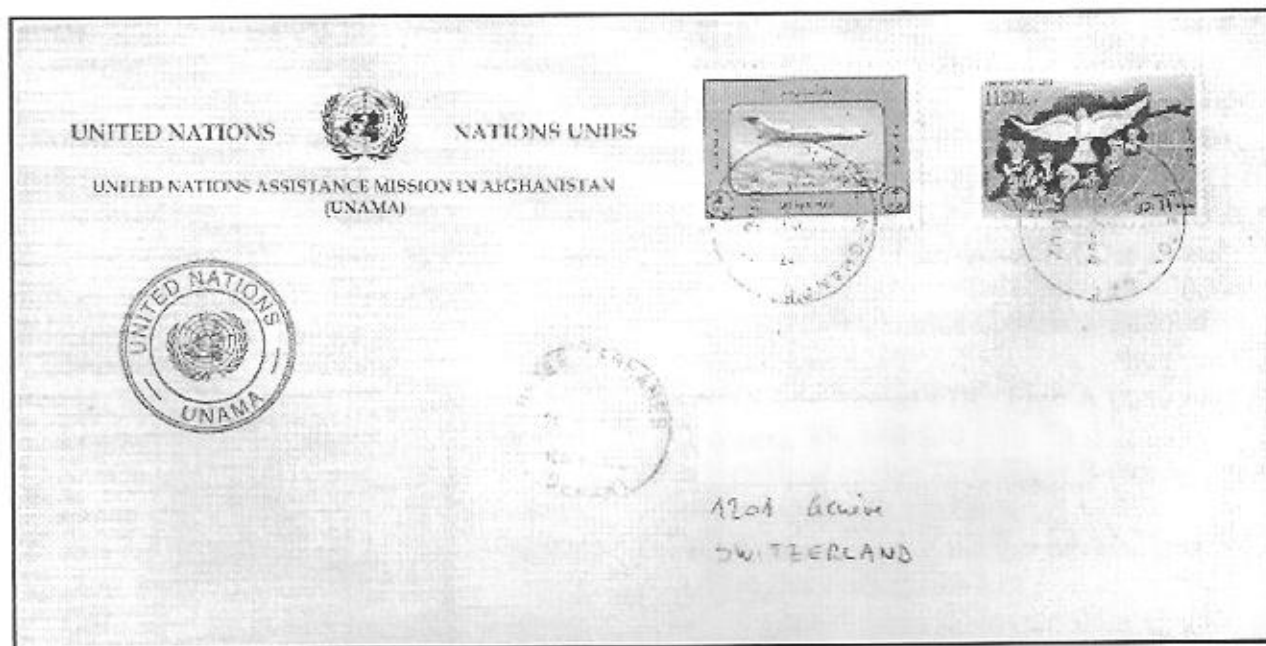


Figure 1: 2004 UNAMA service cover sent from Kunduz, Afghanistan to Geneva, Switzerland. (Addressee name obscured for privacy reasons.)

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14. #18, MVF NH MI Bk-4, full gutter perforations, MB \$50
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16. #101 (7¢ Housing), Black shift up 2.5mm, MI Bk-4, MVF NH, MB \$25
17. #145 (XX Anniv. SS), Red shifted left 2mm, MVF NH, MB \$20
18. #147, MI Bk-4, 1st printing, yellow shifted down 3mm, right 1 mm, MVF NH, MB \$25
19. #148, MI Bk-4, 1st printing, plate flaw on one stamp, bump on leaf, MVF NH, MB \$10
20. #186, MI Bk-4, MVF NH, positive impression of blue on gum side, MB \$150
21. Vienna #9, MVF NH single with margin, green continents shifted down 3.5mm, MB \$200



United Nations in Canada

22. 30 covers and 11 pieces, 1958 to 1997, UN Association in Canada, ILO Canadian Branch, UN Pavilion at Expo 67, various meter slogans, etc. Lots of variety, MB \$40
 23. Small covers to ILO-Montreal, 1944-46 from 9 different countries, 5 censored, MB \$40
 24. #10 ILO-Montreal CC airmail cover to UN Secretary-General, Lake Success, 1947, UN Post Office receiving mark on back, tape stains on back and upper left corner, MB \$30
 25. #10 ILO-Montreal CC cover to US, 1942, Registered, stamped "Passed for Export", Beautiful cover, MB \$60



26. Piece with ILO-Montreal CC and Montreal meter PB 140080, Oct 5, 1945, MB \$25

UNESCO, WHO & UN Cinderellas

27. Very large accumulation of UNESCO Gift Stamps, including 3 different complete booklets, complete panes, coupons, literature, used on cover, probably complete, with many, many extras, MB \$200
 28. Accumulation of WHO labels, 1952-56 (Gaines p. 1178), probably complete, including Specimen, overprinted Germany-1956, gutter pair, gutter blk-10, bks-4, many extras, MB \$125
 29. Small group of UN-related Cinderellas, 11 different, with 2 pair and 2 strips of 3, MB \$6

League of Nations Union (LONU)

Cinderellas (Gaines p.1008)

30. League of Nations Union World Federation stamps, 9 stamps, 4 different, mostly F-VF, MB \$30
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Type A and Type B, MB \$20

33. LONU 3 - 15 copies including gutter pair, Type A and Type B, MB \$30
 34. LONU 4 - 7 copies, 4 dark blue and 3 light blue, MB \$40
 35. LONU 5 - 19 copies, 5 imperfs, 3 gutter pairs, light & dark green, black, white, and green text, MB \$100
 36. LONU Booklet A, VF, MB \$30
 37. LONU Booklet B, VF, MB \$100
 38. LONU Booklet C, VF, MB \$30
 39. LONU Booklet D, VF, MB \$75
 40. LONU Booklet E, VF, MB \$140
 41. LONU Booklet F, VF, MB \$60
 42. LONU Stamp Album, with one of each stamp (dark blue LONU 4), VF, MB \$150



43. LONU Stamp Album, with one of each stamp (light blue LONU 4), stains on outside, MB \$40

Brussels Fair-Expo 58

(Gaines pp. 1635-38)

44. Stamps 1-16 MVF NH singles and serial number blocks of 4, MB \$20
 45. Stamps 1-16 Imperforate plate proofs, margin singles, numbered on gum side, certificate, MB \$250
 46. Official cachet FDC Type A (entire set on 1 cover), VF, MB \$30
 47. Official cachet FDC Type B (entire set on two covers), VF, MB \$25
 48. Entire set on 2 mailed covers, both with UN registry label, MB \$15
 49. 9 mailed cards & covers from UN Pavilion, all with UN Pavilion stamps and working day hand cancels, MB \$20

50. 8 philatelic items, all with UN Pavilion stamps, HC1-5 cancels, UN Day, Last Day, Balloon flight, Relais card, etc., MB \$20

From UN-London Exhibit

51. Small London slogan cover, 10 Jan 1946, London J, opening day of General Assembly, fold, tear & crease, but good appearance, MB \$10

52. NY #61 Progressive die proof, blue, value and text missing, MB \$150

53. NY 61-62, MI Singles overprinted SPECIMEN & hole punched, MB \$100

54. NY #61 Strip of 3, misplaced perforation, oversized center stamp, MB \$10

55. NY #133, Progressive small die proof series of 6, including final design, believed unique, MB \$500



League of Nations Conferences

56. First Assembly, small philatelic cover to Geneva with 3 strikes of cancel A.2, 11/19/20, MB \$90

57. 7th Assembly, Philatelic post card, cancel A.5, 9/8/26, MB \$20

58. 8th Assembly, small philatelic cover to Geneva with 2 strikes of cancel A.5, 9/24/27, MB \$20

59. 18th Assembly, small philatelic cover to France with 2 strikes of cancel A.5, 9/20/37, MB \$20

60. 20th Assembly, small philatelic airmail cover to NY, 2 strikes of cancel A.5, 4/18/46, Genève 10 SDN registry label, MB \$20

61. 20th Assembly, small cacheted cover, cancel A.6, 4/8/46, \$15

62. 1st Extraordinary Assembly, philatelic post card, cancel A.5, 3/12/26, MB \$20

63. Versailles Conference de la Paix cancel on unmailed post card, 5/7/19, Blue origin cachet of German delegation, MB \$20

64. Lausanne Middle East Peace Conference, 1922/2, small cover to Lucerne, 2 strikes of conference cancel #1, 12/7/22, conference registry label, MB \$30



65. Geneva Disarmament Conference, 1932/1, small cover to Austria, 3 large Conf. stamps, 4 strikes of conference cancel, 2/17/32, Conf. registry label, MB \$30

66. London Monetary Conference, 1933/1, Small cover from delegate, large conference cancel b, 7/21/33, MB \$40



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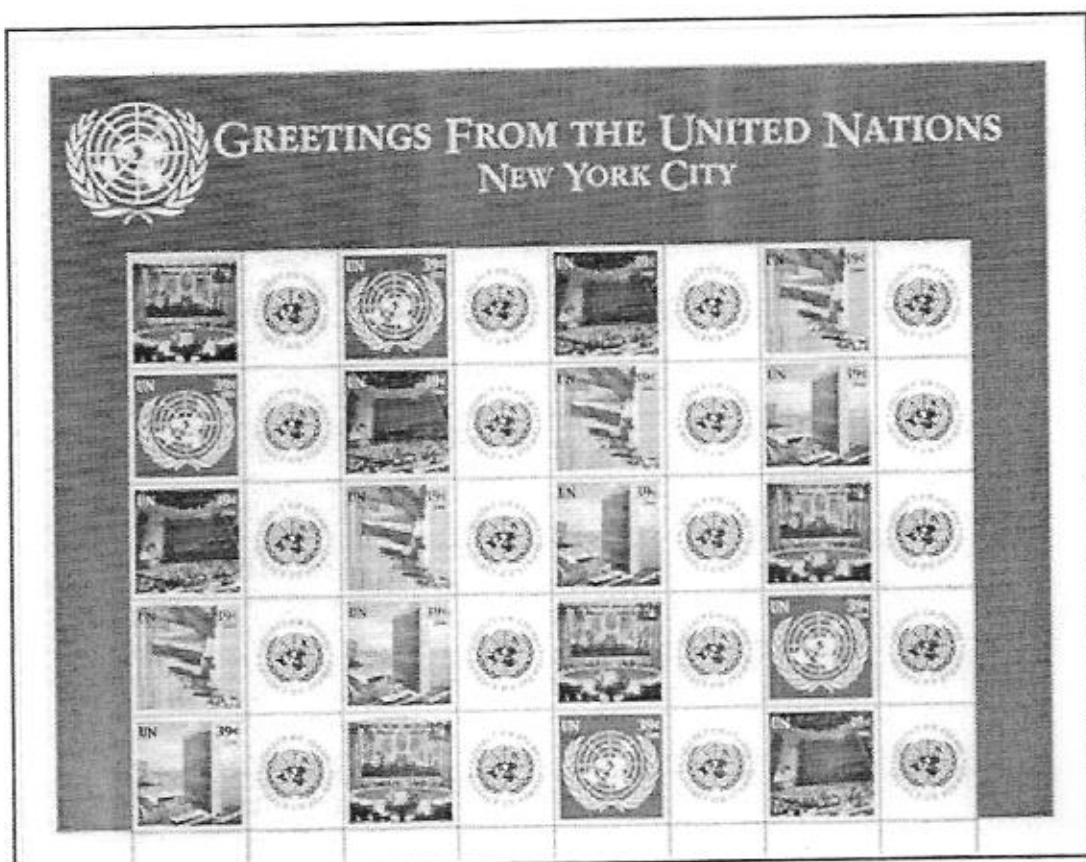
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