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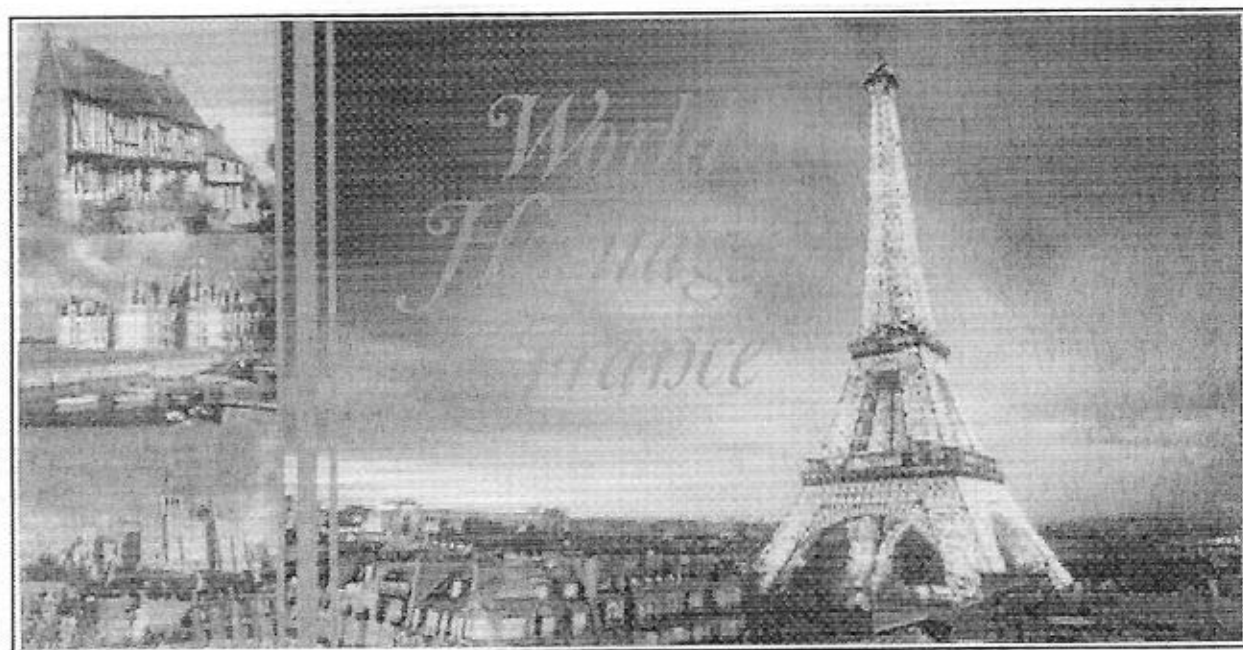
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**Front cover:** Cover of UNNY booklet commemorating World Heritage 2006 - France.

**Rear cover:** Top - Special generic personalized sheet containing 10x84¢ issued May 28, 2006 in conjunction with Washington 2006. Bottom - Generic personalized sheet containing 10x75¢ (international postcard rate) issued on April 10, 2006 on the theme "War To Peace".

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

### A Visit to Washington 2006

Two days after I finished teaching my spring semester physics class I was on my way to Washington 2006. On my agenda during the first three days of this international philatelic exhibition were three first day ceremonies by the United States Postal Service (USPS), one first day ceremony by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) and the launching of a new personalized sheet by the UNPA and the Board Meeting of the United Nations Philatelists (UNP). On the floor of the Washington Convention Center there were 60,000 pages of exhibits on display, 200 dealers and a Court of Honor, where my personal favorites were four "Inverted Jenny" blocks (Scott #C3a).

You will find a summary of the Board meeting by Clem Clement elsewhere. In this message I will restrict my comments to my UN-related activities.

The UNPA scheduled its first day ceremony for its stamps honoring the Day of Families on May 27th, the opening day of Washington 2006. Among the invited dignitaries was Shelly Bartek, the artist responsible for the artwork, which appears on the six stamps as well as on the cachet, which appears on the official UNPA first day covers. Attendees received a presentation (C(omplimentary)) folder which contained the UNNY stamps tied by a New York first day cancel. I personalized my folder by adding a second pair of UNNY stamps, which were tied by a Washington, D.C. first day cancel. As a final touch I added the show cachet for Washington 2006. In conjunction with this first day of issue the UNPA issued the show card (Figure 1) picturing UN Headquarters in New York with a Washington cancel tying a 39¢ Day of Families stamp.

The following day UNPA Chief Robert Gray launched the Washington 2006 personalized sheet. A generic version of this sheet appears on the back cover of this issue of the Journal. Apparently the UNPA printed only 4000 of these sheets, which were to be sold ex-

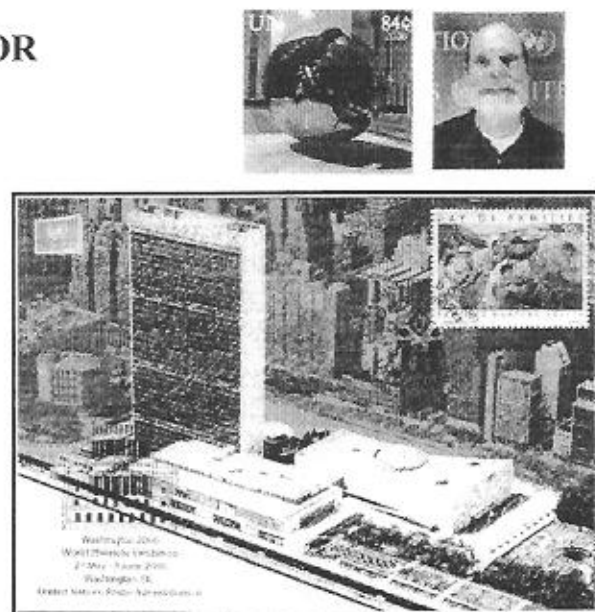


Figure 1: Washington 2006 show card.

clusively at the show. Recently a New York dealer claims that 600 of these sheets bear an image of Elvis Presley. I believe only 1000 sheets of the Hong Kong sheet were sold in 2005. What made this sheet different is that it is the first to be issued with photos outside UN Headquarters in New York. To celebrate the event, ten attendees were selected by lottery to receive complimentary personalized sheets. My number was the fourth to be called.

The next day I claimed my prize. A technician took my picture digitally and in two minutes, I had a sheet of ten stamps and ten photos. An example appears above. At Washington 2006 only the special show sheet was available with a photo. One still has to go to UN Headquarters in New York to get the regular sheets (20×39¢ or 10×84¢ or 10×75¢) with a photo.

I then interviewed the technician to find out more details concerning the production of these sheets. With the exception of the new "War to Peace" sheets, all personalized sheets are produced in a two-step process. First the sheets without the photos are produced and then the photo is added. In the case of the "War to Peace" sheets the entire sheet with photo is produced in a single step. I was tempted to ask if I could buy a sheet with a blank vignette, i.e. without photo or a generic icon. But I did not have the nerve.

## WORLD HERITAGE (2006) - FRANCE

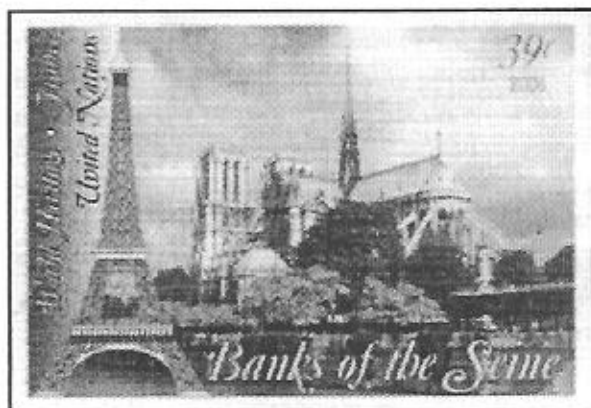
On June 17, 2006 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "World Heritage-France". This is the twelfth UN stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites. It is the tenth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

That is the objective of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. This international agreement, signed to date by more than 175 States parties, was adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1972. Its primary mission is to define and conserve the world's heritage by drawing up a list of sites whose outstanding values should be preserved for all humanity and to ensure their protection through a closer cooperation among nations.

By signing the Convention, each country pledges to conserve the sites situated on its territory. Their preservation for future generations becomes a responsibility shared by the international community as a whole.

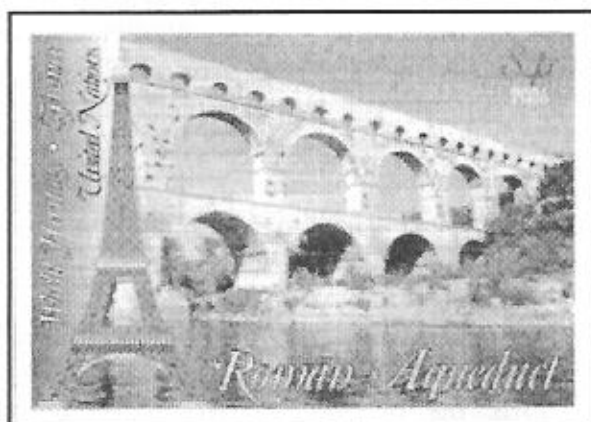
France ratified the Convention in 1975 and currently has thirty sites in the World Heritage List. Six of those sites are featured in this stamp issue.

### 39¢: Banks of the Seine, Paris



From the Louvre to the Eiffel Tower, from the Place de la Concorde to the Grand and Petit Palais, the evolution of Paris and its history can be seen from the River Seine. The Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Sainte-Chapelle are architectural masterpieces while Baron Haussmann's wide squares and boulevards influenced late nineteenth and twentieth-century town planning the world over. The stamp design features the Notre-Dame Cathedral and the River Seine.

### 84¢: Pont du Gard (Roman Aqueduct)

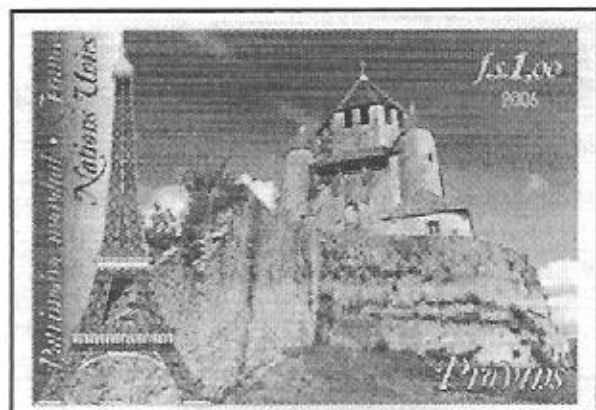


The Pont du Gard was built shortly before the Christian era to allow the aqueduct of Nîmes (which is 30 miles long) to cross the Gard river. The Roman architects and hydraulic engineers who designed this bridge, which stands almost 160 feet high and is on three levels - the longest measuring 900 feet - created a technical and an artistic masterpiece.

### F.s. 1,00: Provins, town of medieval fairs

The fortified medieval town of Provins is situated in the former territory of the powerful Counts of Champagne. At the beginning of the second millennium, Provins was one of several towns in the territory of Champagne that became venues for great annual trading fairs linking northern Europe with Mediterranean world. Provins preserves to a high degree the architecture and urban





layout that characterize these great medieval fair towns. Pictured on the stamp is Caesar's Tower, which was intended as a place of refuge in case of siege and was also used as a watchtower and a prison.

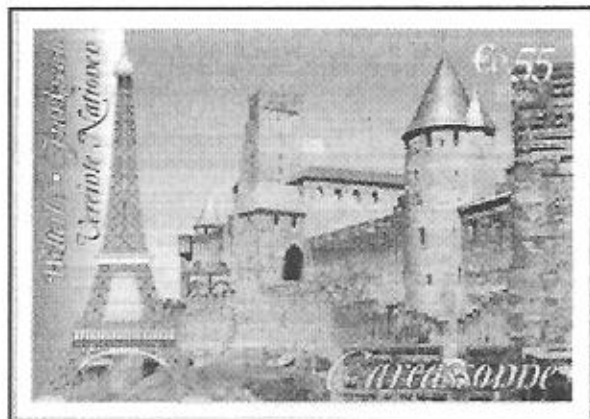
#### **F.s. 1,30 Mont-Saint-Michel and its bay**



Perched on a rocky islet in the midst of vast sandbanks exposed to powerful tides between Normandy and Brittany, stand the "Wonder of the West", a Gothic-style Benedictine abbey dedicated to the archangel St. Michael, and the village that grew up in the shadow of its great walls. Built between the eleventh and sixteenth centuries, the abbey is a technical and artistic tour de force, having had to adapt to the problems posed by this unique natural site.

#### **€ 0,55: Fortified city of Carcassonne**

Since the pre-Roman period a fortified settlement has existed on the hill where Carcassonne now stands. In its present form



it is an outstanding example of a medieval fortified town, with massive defenses encircling the castle, its associated houses, streets and the fine Gothic cathedral. Carcassonne is of exceptional importance because of the long campaign of restoration carried out by Viollet-le-Duc, one of the founders of the modern science of conservation.

#### **€ 0,75: Loire Valley**



The Loire Valley is an outstanding cultural landscape of great beauty, containing historic towns, great architectural monuments (the chateaux), and cultivated lands formed by centuries of interaction between their population and the physical environment, primarily the River Loire itself. The Valley is noted for the quality of its architectural heritage, in its historic towns such as Blois, Chinon, Orléans, Saumur and Tours, but in particular in its world-famous castles, such as the Chateau de Chambord, which is featured as the stamp design.

## 2006 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of June 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 9**                      **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
- April 10**                      **Personalized Stamps**  
1 sheet of 10 (international postcard rate) stamps and 10 vignettes @ 75¢ with 1 design
- May 27**                      **Day of Families**  
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 1,25  
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)  
Souvenir Card and special Washington 2006 Souvenir Card
- 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)  
Special France-UN Joint Issue Folder with two maximum cards and two covers  
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(24¢, 39¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30 )}
- 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 and Flag Series**  
84¢, F.s. 1,00, € 1,00  
(3 panes of 8 stamps)  
Collection folder  
2006 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

## 2006 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

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

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Membership Census

As of late April, when essentially all renewals for the year 2006 are in, UNP has 202 members. It should be noted this is the low point of the year, since additional renewals and new members would add to that. Of the 202 members, 184 are from the United States, 7 from Canada and 11 from other countries.

Of the US members, 28 are from New York, 23 from California, 20 from New Jersey, 14 from Pennsylvania, 13 from Illinois, 9 from Virginia, 7 from Massachusetts, 6 each from Michigan and Wisconsin. There are 5 each from Florida, Maryland, Missouri, and Texas, 3 each from Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Tennessee. The states of Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Minne-

sota, North Carolina, and Washington each have 2 members, while the following have 1 each: Alabama, Arkansas, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, Oregon, West Virginia and the Marshall Islands.

Of our Canadian members, 3 are from Ontario, 2 from British Columbia and 1 each from Quebec and Alberta. Elsewhere we have 3 from the Netherlands, 1 each from Australia, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Our membership has been declining for many years, having been 264 in 2003, 231 in 2004 and 218 in 2005. To keep our club viable, we need to be thinking about how to attract more members.

## UNITED NATIONS PHILATELISTS, INC.

### BALANCE SHEET

For the fiscal year: May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006

Prepared by UNP Treasurer Jim Matyasovich

Balance: May 1, 2004		\$9500.22
Income		
Dues	\$3494.53	
Auctions	1565.27	
Journal Ads	40.00	
Total income		\$5099.80
Expenses		
Journal printing (7 issues)	\$2817.31	
Monograph printing	605.41	
Journal and Monograph Shipping	2149.21	
Secretary's expenses	89.24	
Treasurer's expenses	18.00	
Journal Editor's expenses	389.36	
Delaware Franchise Tax	25.00	
Shipping journals to archivist	209.58	
Total expenses		\$6303.11
Balance: April 30, 2006		\$8296.91

## UNP AT WASHINGTON 2006

### UN-Related Exhibits at Washington 2006

By Greg Galletti

In the Editor's Message of this issue of the *Journal* (page 1) you read a bit about the impressive international exhibition held in Washington, DC this past May 26-June 3, 2006. There were nearly 1000 exhibits in open competition which totaled approximately 60,000 pages of outstanding worldwide material.

I was fortunate enough to have been selected to exhibit my five-frame League of Nations exhibit in the open competition. Needless to say as a first-time exhibitor in international competition, I was quite excited about the prospects of having my exhibit judged by some of the world's foremost philatelic experts and was quite pleased when I observed a Large Vermeil ribbon hanging from my first frame. As a result I now have the dubious honor of expanding my exhibit to eight frames in future international competitions.

I noted three other UN-related exhibits. UNP-President, Tony Dewey, competed in the United States and Possessions traditional philately category with his beautiful study of the first UN definitives #1-11. His exhibit was full of rare essays and die proofs and some very scarce commercial usages of the early issues. Tony is a veteran exhibitor and it was quite evident in his development of the story and his impeccable presentation. Tony received a Large Vermeil award.

There were two other UN-related exhibits present in the topical category. The first was a lovely eight frame exhibit on the League of Nations by Anton Van Deutokom of the Netherlands. Anton is a veteran of international competition and his efforts were rewarded with a Large Gold award. I understand that this might put Anton in the championship category for future international exhibitions, which I believe is a first in UN philately. My congratulations to Anton. Needless to say, as a fellow League enthusiast, I was salivating as I reviewed Anton's material. Included were

some terrific early usages, great conference covers, and a handful of very scarce and desirable Permanent Court of Justice covers. It inspired me to continue my search for similar items although I probably have a better chance of being hit by lightning before I unearth similar pieces for my own exhibit. But so it goes. The search continues.

The final UN-theme exhibit was a wonderful topical on the formation of the United Nations by German UN collector Thomas Radzweit. The exhibit covered the period from the early League of Nations through modern UN activities. I noted some fantastic early League plebiscite and mandate material and some very nice UN forerunner covers. The exhibit in my estimation deserved the highest honors and I was glad to see a gold ribbon hanging on the first frame when I went past the exhibit.

In closing let me say that I heard several collectors and dealers on the floor of the exhibition opine that Washington 2006 was the biggest and best international exhibition ever assembled in the United States. From my own experience, I have to agree, and given the success of this endeavor, I can only wait with great anticipation for our next international scheduled for 2016 in, none other, than the Big Apple, New York City, home of the United Nations. I hope to see you all there.

### UNP Board Meeting at Washington 2006

By B. Clement

The UNP Board met at Washington 2006 on Monday, May 29th. Since it was not possible to schedule a separate General Meeting, other members were invited to join us. At the meeting or at the show were UNP members (Figure 1) from California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Ontario, and Pennsylvania. A quorum of the Board was present: with Tony Dewey, Greg Galletti, Jim Matyasovich, Clem Clement, Dick Powers, and Brian Reiser.

The decline in membership is a concern, and various ways of getting new members and retaining old ones was discussed. Among these



were making UNP applications available at stamp shows, giving recruiting incentives to members, giving UN material to new members, giving UN presentations at local shows and clubs, asking UNPA to help promote UNP, and writing UN topical articles for Topical Times. Coordinating these efforts will be our new Membership Chairman, Brian Reiser.

The UNP Financial Report was discussed. The conclusion was that our finances are stable.

The Journal was discussed. Issues were getting more diversity in writers and topics, getting more advertising income, and resuming occasional color covers.

The Auction was discussed. Further special auctions of Mayer material will continue, but periodic regular auctions should be scheduled.

Future monographs were discussed. Clem Clement would like to produce a monograph on Conferences of the UN, its agencies, and predecessors. Raising money to support this was discussed. Including selling copies to the Dutch and German UN clubs, and soliciting UN material donations from members to be sold with all proceeds going to UNP. No decisions were made.

Dick Powers proposed having a special UNP 30th anniversary monograph or issue of

the Journal (June 2007?), similar to that produced recently by the German club UNOP. Articles from members showing the diversity of UN collecting will be solicited. You will be hearing more about this from Dick in October.

Annual meetings were discussed. The 2007 meeting will be Sandical, San Diego, CA, in January 2007. The 2008 meeting will be APS Stampshow, Hartford, CT. The 2009 show should be in mid-America; site is still to be decided.

There was a lot of discussion about exhibiting, with the emphasis on how to get new exhibitors started. Finding a mentor from a local club, from UNP, or from AAPE is recommended.

Publicity is a concern, as our press releases do not seem to be published very often. Ways of improving response were discussed.

The UNP website is not being kept current. Ways of making the website more useful to members, as well as to attract new members, was discussed.

If any of you not attending have thoughts on any of these issues, your input would be most welcome. Write to me (address and e-mail on inside back cover) and I will make sure the Board is informed.



Figure 1: The UNP-members who attended the UNP Board Meeting at Washington 2006 on May 29th. From left: Brian Reiser, Greg Galletti, Caroline Scannell, Jim Matyasovich, Dick Powers, Tony Dewey, Larry Davidson, Steve Scheibner, Clem Clement and Steve Liebman.

# THE EARLY DAYS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS UNDER UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION

By Richard Powers

In the June 2001 issue of the *Journal* (page 6), I published an article on the United Nations Trust Territory in the Pacific, which documented philatelically the three island groups contained within: the Marianas, the Caroline and the Marshall Islands. Recently, I came across a 1947 Department of the Navy cover (Figure 1), which requires that I add some details to the history of this trust territory mentioned in this article.

I mentioned that Japan had administered this island grouping after World War I as a mandate of the League of Nations. Then I jumped to 1947, when the United Nations granted a trusteeship to the United States. It is of interest to examine this period in somewhat more detail.

The Pacific Islands remained under Japanese control until 1944 when the U.S. Navy gradually gained control during World War II. Two years after the War ended, the United Nations Security Council on April 2, 1947 officially established the trusteeship to be administered by the U.S. The UN trusteeship agreement with the U.S. was ratified by the U.S. Congress on July 18, 1947 by a joint Congressional resolution (Act of July 18, 1947).

Under the trusteeship the United States assumed obligations for the civil administration of the trust territory. Initially it was under the control of the U.S. Navy Department. In 1951 administration of most of the trusteeship was transferred to the U.S. Department of the Interior. At that time the Department of the Navy retained responsibility for the civil administration of the Northern Mariana Islands except for the Island of Rota. In 1962 in Executive Order 11021 President John F. Kennedy decided to place in the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for the civil administration of all of

the trust territory. Administrative headquarters (Office of the High Commissioner), originally in Honolulu, moved to Guam and finally to Saipan.

Figure 1 shows a cover postmarked Christmas eve (December 24th) 1947 barely five months after the trusteeship was established. It bears the Navy Department corner card of the Office of the Civil Administrator in the Truk District (Caroline Islands) of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The penalty envelope bears a U.S. Navy station cancel #10455 BR. The Inter Island letter was sent c/o the Civil Administrator of the Yap District (Western Caroline Islands) and bears a receiving cancel on the rear dated December 30th at Station #10499 BR.

Figure 2 shows a service cover from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands of the United States Department postmarked August 20, 1951 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The corner card indicates that the office of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory was located at Fort Ruger in Honolulu. In contrast to the cover in Figure 1, which bears no postage stamps and was sent under the provisions of a penalty mailing, the cover, labeled "Official Business", from the civilian Department of the Interior bears a 6¢ airmail stamp (Scott #C39) to cover the airmail postage to James P. Davis, the Director of the Office of Territories at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

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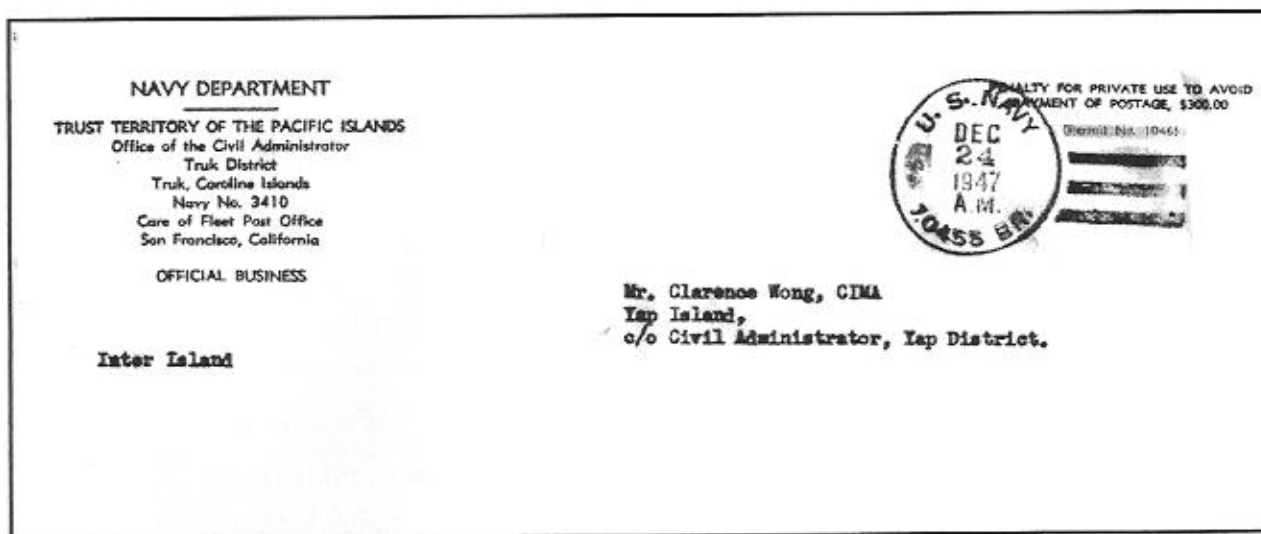


Figure 1: 1947 (United States) Navy Department unstamped penalty service cover on "Official Business" from the Office of the Civil Administrator in the Truk District in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands located at Truk, Caroline Islands to the Civil Administrator in the Yap District on Yap Island via Inter Island mail.

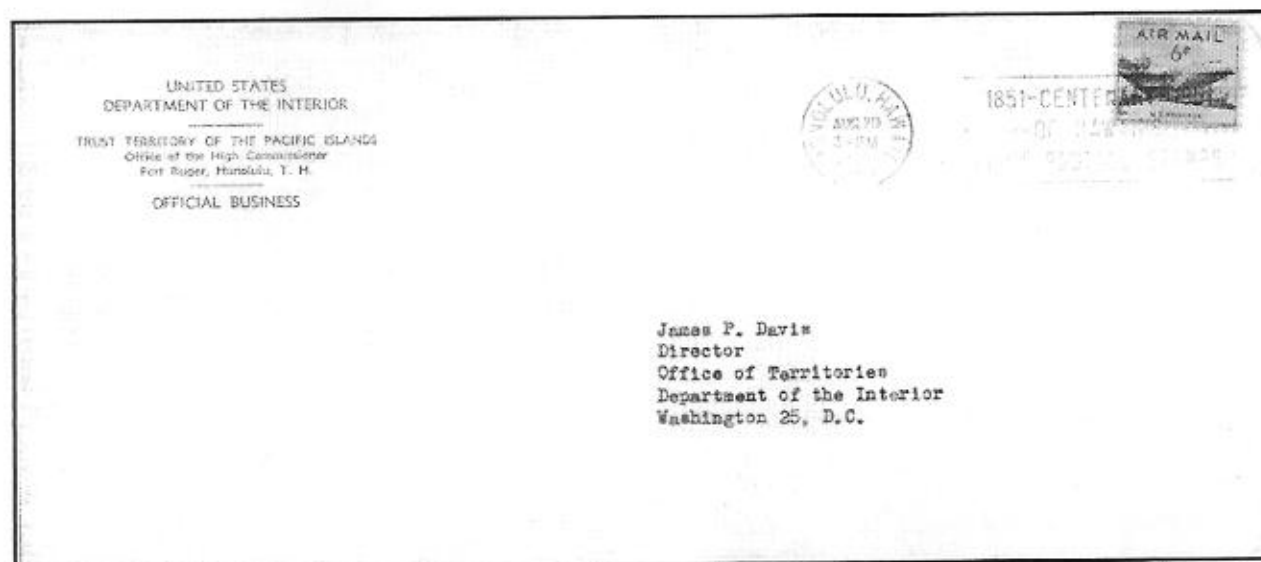


Figure 2: 1951 United States Department of the Interior stamped service cover on "Official Business" from the Office of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands at Fort Ruger in Honolulu in the Territory of Hawaii to the Director of the Office of Territories at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

# A LOOK BEHIND THE ORIGIN CACHETS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By Richard Powers

Administratively, the Secretariat of the League of Nations consisted of (a) the offices of the Secretary-General and his deputies and Under-secretaries, (b) various administrative services, (c) fifteen Sections, (d) auxiliary offices in different countries and (e) a Library. Much of this hierarchy was taken over by the United Nations in 1946, when the League of Nations was dissolved.

In general the fifteen Sections are concerned with the diplomatic functions of the League of Nations. As of 1939 the Sections were:

- I. Central Section
- I. Political Section
- III. Legal Section
- IV. Information Section
- V. Minorities Section
- VI. Mandates Section
- VII. Disarmament Section
- VIII. Financial Section and Economic Intelligence Service
- IX. Section of Economic Relations
- X. Communications and Transit Section
- XI. Health Section
- XII. Opium Traffic Section
- XIV. Social Questions Section
- XV. Treasury

Several articles have already appeared in the *Journal* highlighting many of these Sections. Articles on the activities of the Health Section appeared in the following issues of the *Journal*: October 1997, p. 7, June 2004, p. 18. References to the Opium Traffic Section can be found in the following issues: October 1997, p.11, August 2001, p. 11 and April 2003, p. 14. The Social Questions Section is discussed in the October 1997 issue, p. 13. Articles on the Mandates Section appeared in the April 1999 (p. 10) and June 2004 (p. 6) issues. The work of the Disarmament Section is discussed in the October 2003 issue (p. 14).

With this article I intend to begin to systematically document the structure and the operations of the Secretariat as a means of gaining insight into the nature of this organization. I shall concentrate in this article on illustrating with philatelic material and post cards from three of these five constituents: (a) the administration, (b) administrative services and (c) the Library.

## Administration

Sir Eric Drummond (Figure 1) was named in the Annex to the Covenant to be the first Secretary-General. The Covenant officially entered into effect on January 20, 1920. But Sir Eric had long since begun his duties. According to the Gaines' Catalogue correspondence from the Secretary-General from London is known dated May 29, 1919. He tendered his resignation on January 23, 1932 and was succeeded by M. Joseph Avenol on July 1, 1932.

Initially the Secretariat occupied Sunderland House located on Curzon Street in London, the former residence of the Duke of Marlborough. In October 1920 the Secretariat was transferred to Geneva, where it took over the former Hôtel National. This building was eventually renamed the Palais Wilson and is currently being used by the United Nations.

The Secretary-General was *ex-officio* the Secretary-General of the Assembly and the Council and appointed the officials and staff of the Secretariat. The Secretariat as it ultimately existed, was organized by Sir Eric.

Correspondence from the office of the Secretary-General can be identified by the origin cachet SG:. Figure 2 shows a service cover bearing the postmark September 5, 1935, which ties a 20-centime stamp (Scott #2038). Figure 3 shows a service cover from an Assistant Secretary-General, which can be recognized by the origin cachet SGA. The





Figure 1: Sir Eric Drummond, the first Secretary-General of the League of Nations.



Figure 2: 1935 service cover bearing an origin cachet SG: - Secretary-General's Office. machine cancel dated December 15, 1937 ties a 10-centime stamp (Scott #2049).

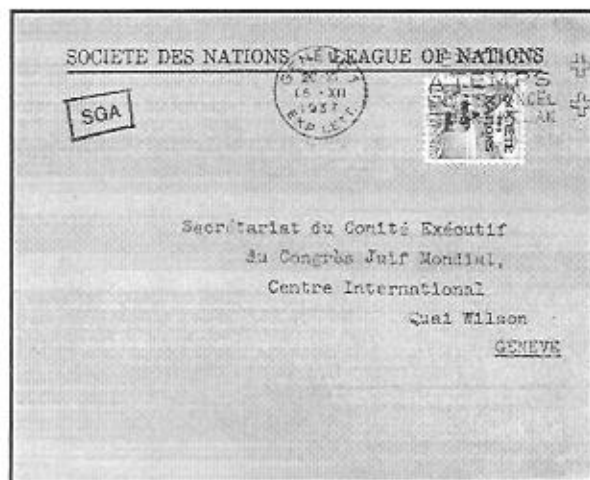


Figure 3: 1937 cover with the origin cachet of the Assistant Secretary-General's office.

### The Library

The library, whose principal object is to facilitate the work of the Secretariat, contained more than 280,000 volumes as of the end of 1938. It specializes in books and documents concerning every aspect of international relations and the works of the League. It became a research center for the organs of the League, for delegates and for experts, as well as for specialists, students, journalists and educators concerned with international relations. It was open to the public. Figure 4 shows a earlier view of the original library when it contained only 60,000 volumes. It was originally housed in the former Hôtel National (now known as the Palais Wilson) but in 1936 it was installed as part of



Figure 4: The Library of the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

the new League of Nations complex in the left wing of the building today known as the Palais des Nations (Figure 5) as a result of a \$1,000,000 grant by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. In addition Mr. Rockefeller generously endowed the Library with a \$2,000,000 grant to develop the equipment and services of the Library.



Figure 5: Exterior View of the Main Facade of the Palais des Nations (left) and the Library (right).

Typical of correspondence from the library is the post card sent to a publisher in Romania on October 9, 1939 (Figure 6) with



Figure 6: 1939 post card from the Library sent to a publisher in Bucarest, Romania.

a message (Figure 7) indicating that the 1939 issues of a periodical (Analele Bancilor) had not yet been received. The card bears a 20-centime stamp (Scott #2061). The origin cachet BIBL. (Bibliothèque is the French word

for Library) confirms that the source of the card is the library. The fact that World War II had begun barely a month earlier on September 1, 1939 may explain the delay in the receipt of the issues.



Figure 7: Message side of the card indicating that the 1939 issues of a journal had not yet been received.

### Administrative Services

The Secretariat also provided technical services in support of the diplomatic functions of the League. For the most part these services were internal to the operation of the League. But these services also allowed League personnel to communicate with the outside world. These services include:

1. Direction of Personnel and Internal Administration
2. Personnel Office and Medical Services
3. Document Service:
  - (a) Chief of Service and Office
  - (b) French and English Interpreting, Translating and Précis Writing
4. Publications Service and Reproduction of Documents
  - (a) Chief of Service and Office
  - (b) Publications
  - (c) Printing
  - (d) Duplicating and Multigraph
  - (e) Draftsmen
5. Supplies Branch
6. Internal Services
  - (a) Chief of Internal Services and Office

- (b) Technical Services
- (c) Telephone Operations
- (d) Superintendent of Premises and House Staff
- 7. Registry and Indexing of Publications Service
- 8. General Stenographic Services
- 9. Distribution and Mailing Service.

Most of the above services can be documented philatelically via service covers with appropriate origin cachets. For the time being I shall restrict the discussion to services that I can document photographically. This includes the distribution of documents by the publications service and the mailing service. Figure 8 shows the area used for the distribution of documents by the publications service. Figure 9 shows a cover bearing the PUBL origin cachet and a 10-centime stamp (Scott # 2010).



Figure 8: Distribution of Documents in the League of Nations.

All the League documents, reports, publications, etc. are controlled in the Distribution Branch of the Secretariat, from which they are sent to Governments, delegates, experts, journalists and others interested.

The mailing of League of Nations correspondence is done through the Swiss Post-Office (Figure 10) via an office, which was installed on the Secretariat premises. Official mail from this office usually bore Swiss stamps specially surcharged "Société

des Nations". Notice that the mailing service used a horse-drawn wagon.

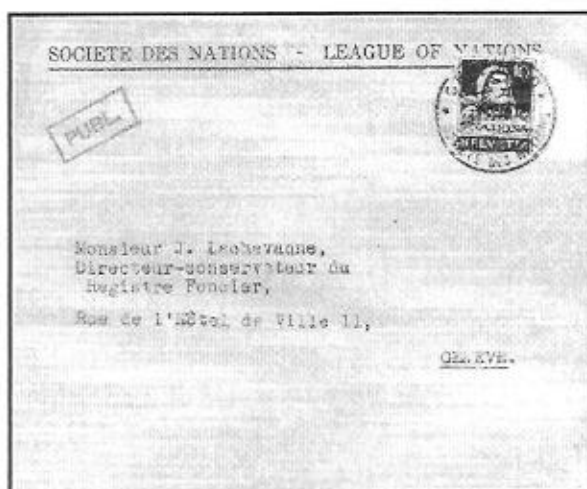


Figure 9: Service cover from the Publications Service.



Figure 10: Post-office at the League of Nations. (Note the horse-drawn wagon.)

Figure 11 shows a service cover that was intended to be registered. The addressee appears to have been the publisher of a periodical *Bulletin Commercial & Industriel Suisse* at a local address in Geneva. To the right of the address is a handstamped origin cachet of the Service Postal dated July 21(?), 1926. No stamps or postmarks were applied suggesting that the cover may have been hand delivered (perhaps by the horses).

One last view behind the scenes at the League of Nations Secretariat is the Press-Room shown in Figure 12. About eighty

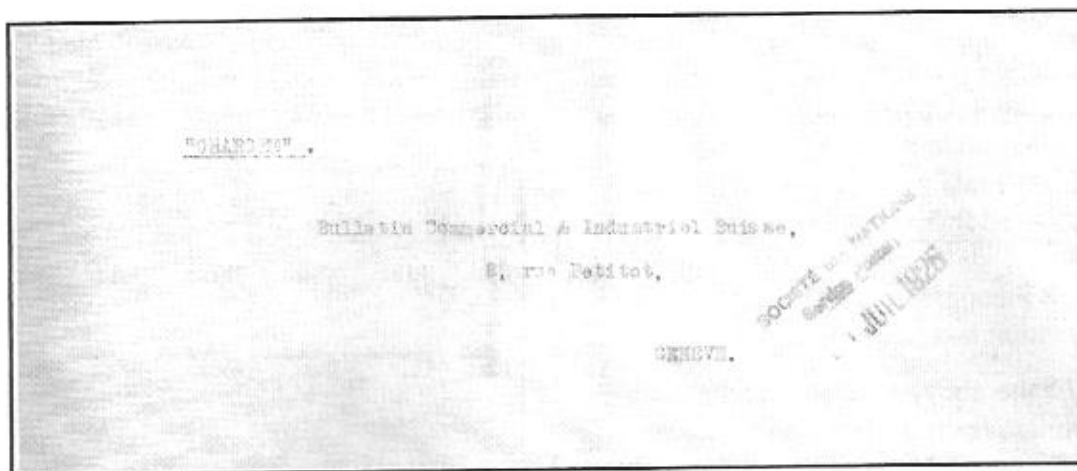


Figure 11: July 1926 service cover with embossed League logo on the rear bearing origin cachet of the Postal Service of the League of Nations to a local Geneva address.



Figure 13: 1939 press release sent to League of Nations Union in Argentina.



Figure 12: Press-Room of the Secretariat showing journalists at work filing articles.

journalists, representing news services and newspapers from the whole world were permanently resident in Geneva, to follow the

daily work of the League. But for more important meetings as many as three hundred more journalists were assigned.

It was the responsibility of the Information Section to provide journalists with necessary background information and daily briefings. Figure 13 shows a service cover containing a press release destined for Buenos Aires, Argentina. It bears a 5-centime (#2048) and a 2-franc stamp (#2034).

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*Essential Facts about the League of Nations*, (Tenth Edition - Revised), (Geneva: Information Section of the League of Nations, 1939), pp. 95-6, 318.



## UN MEETING ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

### Mauritius - 2005

By B. Clement, Jr.

The United Nations International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was held on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius January 10-14, 2005. The meeting was attended by representatives of 114 countries and 15 UN or other multi-lateral agencies.

The meeting was a follow-up to the First United Nations Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held in Barbados April 25 to May 6, 1994. For that conference, the post office of Barbados issued four stamps (Scott # 865-8 issued on the first day of the conference) and a special slogan cancel was used. This conference adopted a *Barbados*

*Programme of Action*, an important blueprint for developing small island states, with their unique challenges.

The Mauritius post office issued a special cover, shown in Figure 1, which was post-marked with a special meeting cancel "SIDS Mauritius Port Louis 10 January 2005" with the conference symbol and bearing Scott # 911, 914 and 915.

The major outcome of this meeting was the adoption of the *Mauritius Strategy*, which calls for continued implementation of the *Barbados Programme*.

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[www.sidsnet.org](http://www.sidsnet.org)

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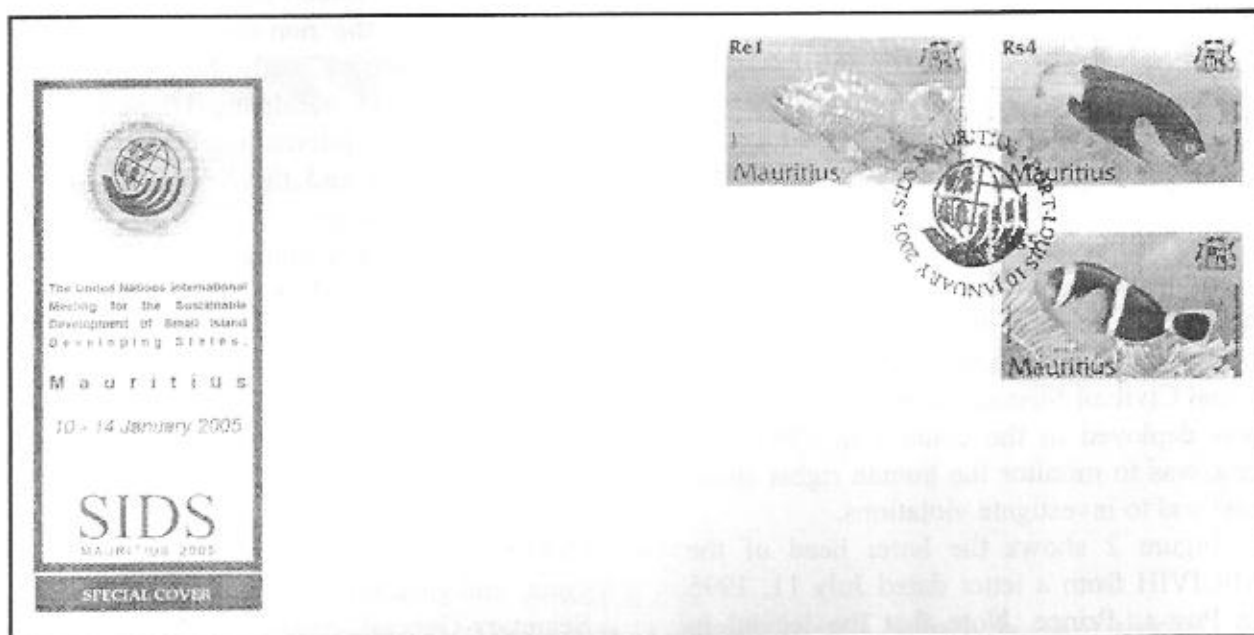


Figure 1: Special cover commemorating the 2005 UN International Meeting for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Port Louis, Mauritius.

## THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

By Richard Powers

After the departure of "President-for-Life" Jean-Claude Duvalier (Baby Doc) in 1986, Haiti had a series of short-lived governments. In 1990 the country's provisional Government requested the United Nations to observe the December 1990 elections. The United Nations Observer Group for the Verification of the Elections in Haiti (ONUVEH) observed the preparation and holding of elections, which were termed as "highly successful" by the head of ONUVEH. Jean-Bertrand Aristide was elected President.

Figure 1 shows a service cover from the Chief of Security Observers Brigadier General G. Zuliani of ONUVEH. It was postmarked December 28, 1990 in le Petion-Ville. It bears three stamps (2xScott Haiti #847 and 776).

But in 1991, a coup headed by Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras ended democratic rule. The President went into exile. The Organization of American States (OAS) and the United Nations condemned the coup and began diplomatic efforts for the return to democratic rule. The Secretary-General, at the request of the General Assembly, appointed a special envoy for Haiti, Mr. Dante Caputo, who was also appointed separately as special envoy by the OAS.

In response to the worsening situation and on the request of Mr. Aristide, a joint United Nations/OAS mission - the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH) - was deployed in the country in 1993. Its task was to monitor the human rights situation and to investigate violations.

Figure 2 shows the letter head of the MICIVIH from a letter dated July 11, 1995 in Port-au-Prince. Note that the legend in largest-size type is in neither English nor in French but in the Haitian dialect of French, which is written according to the way the

locals speak French.

The special envoy sought to reach an agreement on the appointment of a Prime Minister as the head of a Government of national unity, an amnesty for the coup leaders and the return of the President. But his proposals were not accepted.

In an effort to restore constitutional rule, the Security Council imposed an oil and arms embargo on Haiti in June 1993. General Cédras then agreed to hold talks. Such talks, conducted on Governor's Island in New York City by the special envoy, led in July to an agreement: Mr. Aristide would return to Haiti on October 31, 1993 and appoint a new head of the armed forces.

As provided for by the agreement, the Security Council suspended the embargo followed by the approval by Parliament of a new cabinet, and established the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) to assist in modernizing the armed forces and in creating a new police force. But its mandate was undermined by the non-compliance of the military authorities with the agreement. After a series of incidents, UNMIH, MICIVIH and other international agencies left Haiti in October and the Security Council resumed the embargo.

After further negotiations, MICIVIH returned to Haiti in 1994. The mission denounced the human rights violations taking place, and was met with harassment and obstruction. The Security Council added to the sanction a trade embargo, with the exception of medical products and foodstuffs.

The de facto Government declared MICIVIH's international staff "persona non grata" and gave them 48 hours to leave. The Secretary-General, concerned about their security, decided, in agreement with the OAS Secretary-General, to evacuate them.

The Security Council on July 31, 1994

BGEN G. ZULIANI  
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Figure 1: 1990 service cover from ONUVEH (courtesy of J.-L. Emmenegger).



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International Civilian Mission in Haiti, OAS/UN • Mission civile internationale en Haïti, OEA/ONU

Figure 2: Letter head of MICIVIH from a letter dated July 11, 1995 in Port-au-Prince (courtesy of J.-L. Emmenegger).



Figure 3: 1995 airletter bearing a UNMIH hand cancel sent by a Canadian peacekeeper to Canada.

authorized Member States to form a multinational force and use "all necessary means" to facilitate the departure of military leaders and the return to democratic rule. It also decided that a strengthened UNMIH would take over the multinational force once a secure and stable environment was established.

The Secretary-General dispatched an envoy to seek arrangements for the President's return. But the military leaders declined to meet the envoy. Preparations for an operation to enforce the Council's decision began.

The United States and Haiti's military leaders reached in September an agreement aimed at avoiding further violence. The agreement, mediated by a delegation headed by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, provided for the early retirement of the military leaders, the end of the embargo and free parliamentary elections.

The 20,000-strong multinational force, led by the U.S. began deploying in Haiti, followed shortly thereafter by an UNMIH advance team.

General Cédras resigned and left Haiti, along with the Chief of Staff. On October 15, 1994 President Aristide returned to Haiti, and the following day the embargo was lifted. MICIVIH also returned, resuming its monitoring and promotion of human rights and providing assistance to institution-building.

As decided by the Security Council, UNMIH took over in 1995 from the multinational force to assist the Government to maintain the secure and stable environment established by the force. UNMIH helped to create, for the first time in the country's history, a national civil police. The UN and the OAS oversaw the 1995 parliamentary and local elections, won by a coalition associated with President Aristide.

Figure 3 shows a UN airletter (Gaines Type 4 first printed in 1974), bearing a

UNMIH free franking dated April 4, 1995, reportedly the first day of use of this free franking, mailed by a Canadian peacekeeper to Canada. Figure 4 shows a similar airletter used by an American officer serving as a member of the U.S. Joint Task Force in Haiti in conjunction with the UNMIH. It was mailed on June 17, 1995 at APO 09301 to an officer in Turkey at APO 09281, where it received a backstamp on June 26th. The airletter bears a generic United Nations handstand.

A 199(5?) philatelic cover on UNMIH stationery appears in Figure 5. It was sent from the Chief of the Mail Room to J.-L. Emmenegger, the UNP-Military editor with a generous variety of commemoratives. The 1,25 gourde stamp on the left (Scott # 787) issued in 1984 shows Jean-Claude Duvalier on the right. The two stamps on the extreme right are the 1,00 and 2,00 gourde stamps commemorating the 25th Assembly of the OAS (Scott # 861-2), which took place in Haiti June 5-10, 1995. Presumably the members of the OAS were anxious to see first hand the results of the UN/OAS operations in Haiti.

Its mission concluded, UNMIH was replaced in 1996 in its functions by the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH), which was in operation from July 1996 to July 1997. This was followed by other operations: the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH), which was operating from August to November 1997 and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH), which was operating from December 1997 to March 2000. MICIVIH has continued to monitor and promote human rights, and to provide technical assistance in institution-building.

In 2004 the Security Council established, by its resolution 1542 of April 30, 2004, the United Nations Stabilization Mission in



Haiti (MINUSTAH), which is still in operation today. Its mandate is to aid in the establishment of a stable and secure climate, to support the constitutional and political process, to aid in organizing, monitoring and holding free elections, which would permit everyone to participate and to facilitate the

coordination and furnishing of humanitarian aid.

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Figure 4: UN airletter used by a member of the U.S. Joint Task Forces in Haiti in 1995 in conjunction with the UN Mission in Haiti.

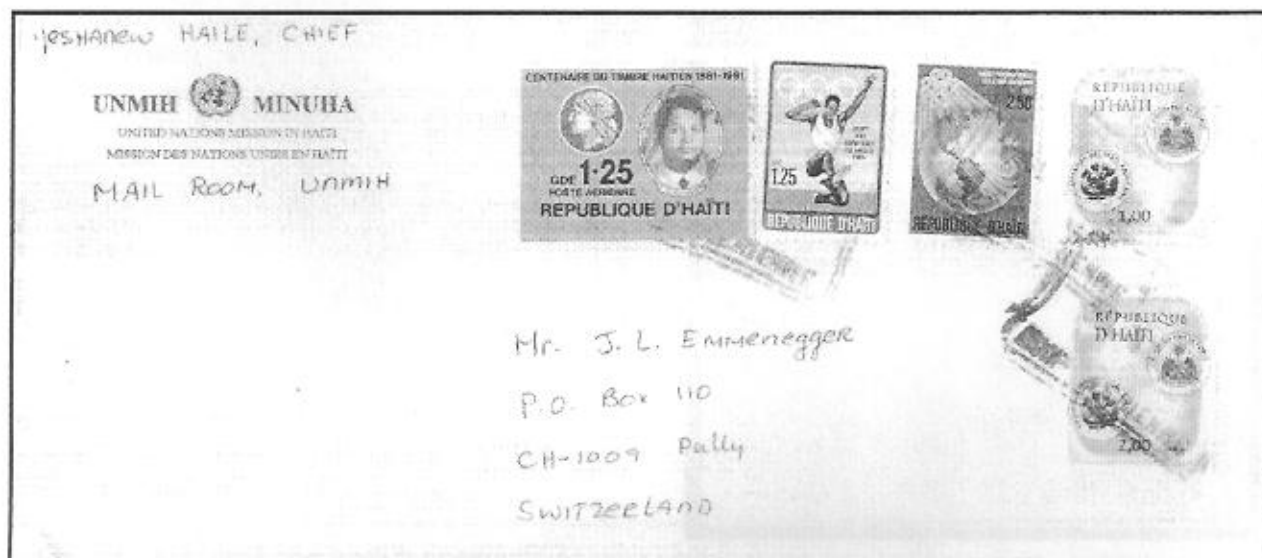


Figure 5: 199(?) cover on service stationery from the chief of the mail room of the United Nations Mission in Haiti.

## ICAO CONFERENCE DISCOVERIES

By B. Clement, Jr.

An unaddressed Japanese postal card canceled with a red postmark of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was observed in the Gaines collection. This card is shown in Figure 1. Unfortunately the initial image available was not clear enough to get a valid translation of the text in the cancel. However, UNP-member Albert Pelsser, a retired ICAO staff member, persisted with his research. He eventually found that the cancel, on September 12, 1957 (Year 32 in the reign of the Japanese emperor), was used at the 11th Session of the ICAO Legal Committee, held in Tokyo September 12-25, 1957. Later, with the cooperation of UNP-

Vice President Greg Galletti, we were able to get a very sharp image of the card.

While Albert was doing his research, I urged him to try to find out what the "Air Conference, Montreal June 6-8, 1946" referred to in the Montreal slogan in Figure 2 postmarked June 5, 1946. Here is what his research uncovered.

*In parallel with the General Assembly of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (PICAO), which completed its work on June 7, 1946, the first regional air conference was held from June 6th - 8th in the large room of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Montreal, under the auspices of the Montreal Board of Trade. It brought together the delegates of the air industry, the representatives of the PICAO and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). More than 250 delegates from the various provinces of Canada, the United States and overseas took part in the three-day discussion, the first of its kind in eastern Canada. Various aspects of aviation were discussed under the general title "Montreal in the Age of Aviation".*



Figure 1: 1957 Cancel from the 11th Session of the ICAO Legal Committee in Tokyo.



Figure 2: Montreal machine cancellation honoring the Montreal Air Conference June 6 - 8, 1946 dated on the eve of the opening of the conference.

Thanks to Albert and Greg for increasing our knowledge of ICAO Conference postal history.

# ICAO DIRECTORS GENERAL CONFERENCE

Montreal 2006

By Blanton Clement, Jr.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) sponsored a conference in Montreal March 20 - 23, 2006: the Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Conference on Global Strategy for Aviation Safety. In conjunction with that conference, the ICAO Staff Association, in cooperation with Canada Post, prepared a special cachet cover (Figure 1) with a special conference postmark (Figure 2). Retired ICAO Staff Member Albert Pelsser, a member of UNP, coordinates the arrangements for such special ICAO covers.

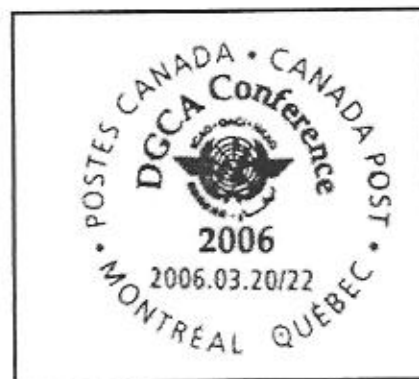


Figure 2: Special cancel for the 2006 ICAO Directors General Conference in Montreal.

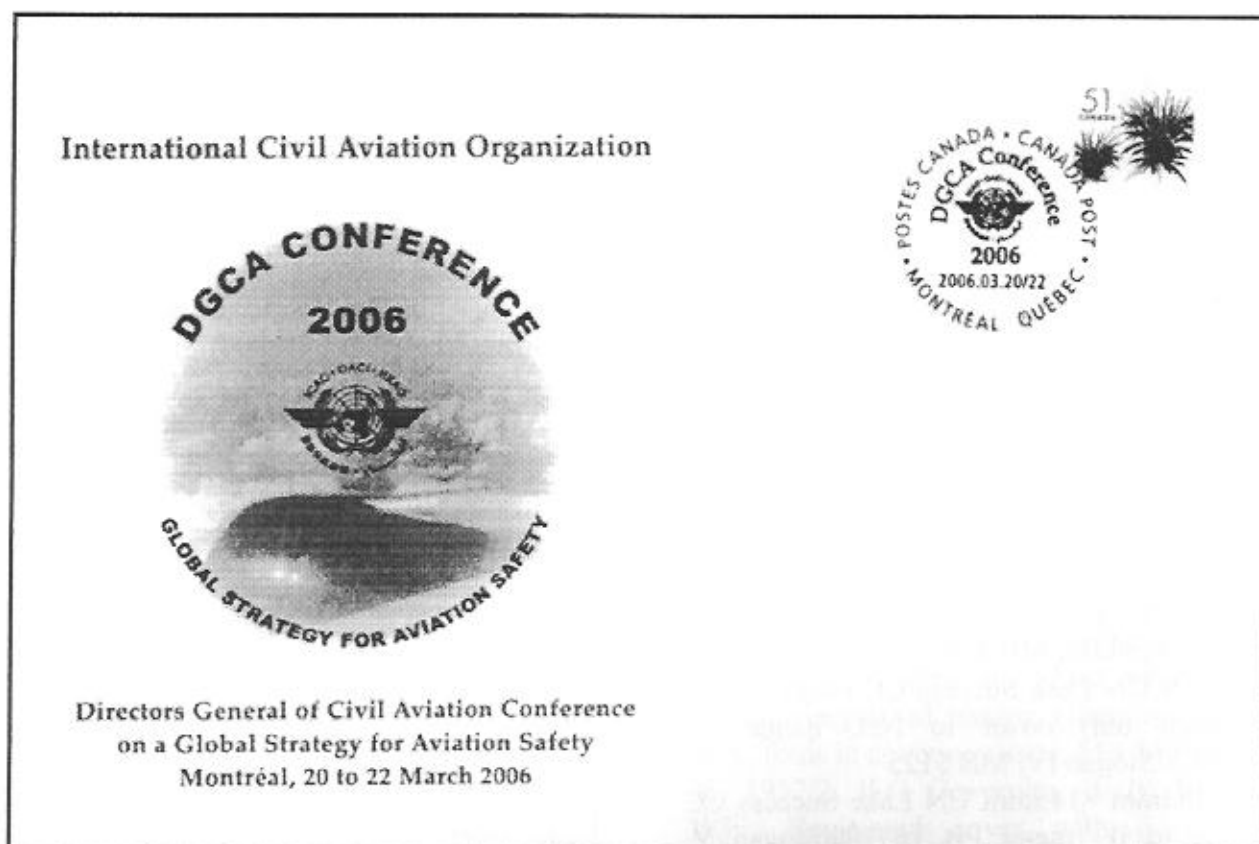


Figure 1: Special cover commemorating the Directors General of Civil Aviation Conference on a Global Strategy for Aviation Safety, Montreal March 20 - 26, 2006.

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4. #10 "United Nations 610 Fifth Avenue" CC cover, Meter PB113436/Slogan II, 5/3/46, MB \$125
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6. #10 UN Lake Success CC cover to NY, FD of meter, PB113436/Slogan II, 9/23/46, impression on cover plus meter tape, some tears not affecting meter or CC, MB \$100
7. #10 UN NY CC window cover, FD of meter, genuine service use, PB182488, Slogan V, 12/26/50, MB \$100
8. Small UN Lake Success CC cover to CA, meter PB115515/Slogan II, 12/15/46, MB\$40
9. #10 UNNY CC cover front, meter PB 138421/Slogan V, with SEC.34.66 P.L.&R, minor wrinkles, MB \$50
10. #10 UN Lake Success CC (with UNAC blocked out) cover to NH, meter PB 150815/Slogan IV, MB \$125
11. 263mm x115mm UN Lake Success CC cover to IL, meter PB 163706/Slogan V, Long Island City, with SEC 34.66 P.L.&R, undated, minor tears, MB \$350
12. #10 UNICEF NY CC airmail cover to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, registered, meter

PB108314 /Slogan V with empty dater circle, backstamped NY, NY 5/8/50, Red oval imprint with "A.R.", beautiful cover, MB \$175



Lot 11

### UN New York Meters

13. #10 UNICEF NY CC airmail cover to DC, PB2/Slogan 1, 10/24/51, genuine FD service use, very minor tear, very nice, MB \$125



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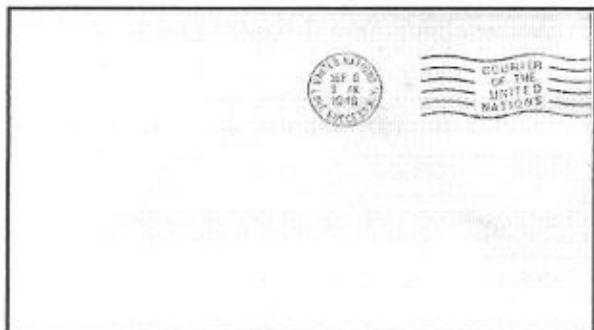
14. Meter tape, PB4/Slogan 4, 6/25/52, MB \$15
15. Meter tape, PB1/Slogan 5, 12/7/54, MB \$25
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17. #10 UNNY CC cover, PB1/Slogan 3 (b), with SEC 34.66(e) P.L. & R., back flap missing, MB \$30
18. #10 US Committee for UNICEF CC cover, PB2/Slogan 8 (b), with SEC.34.65 (e) P.L.&R., MB \$20



19. #10 UNNY CC cover, PB2/Slogan 9 (b), with SEC. 34.66 P.L.&R., MB \$25

#### UN NY Cancel Essays and Proofs

20. LS/C.1 (j) Lake Success Proof, on envelope, 9/9/46, Gaines pg. 943, no certificate, MB \$200



Lot 20

21. UNPO/C.1 (d) Proof, on envelope, no certificate, Gaines pg. 944, MB \$75

22. UNPO/C.2 (d) New York Pitney Bowes Essay, on envelope, tape stains not affecting cancel, Gaines certificate, Gaines pg. 945, MB \$150

23. IP(c) on envelope, unique, tape stains not affecting cancel, Gaines certificate, Gaines pg. 551, MB \$200

24. UN New York machine cancel on cover, dater type D, 5/10/54, wavy line slogan, marked "Proof", unlisted, no certificate, MB \$40



Lot 24

#### UN Lake Success

25. #10 UN Lake Success CC cover to GA, FD of slogan cancel, 9/23/46, MB \$60

26. Small UN Lake Success CC cover to IN, slogan cancel, 4/23/48, MB \$25

#### Geneva Agency Stamps

27. LON 2036-41, VF Used, MB \$30

28. ILO 3049-56, VF Used, MB \$15

29. BIE 4023-28, Corner Bk-4's, VF MNH, MB \$20

30. BIE 4029-39, Margin Bk-4's, VF MNH MB \$40

31. WHO 501-20, Mint LH, VF, MB \$80

32. IRO 601-8, Mint LH VF, MB \$20

#### ILO Conferences

33. 1927/1, ILO Governing Body, Berlin 1927, Corner singles of 3 German overprinted stamps, MVF NH, MB \$80



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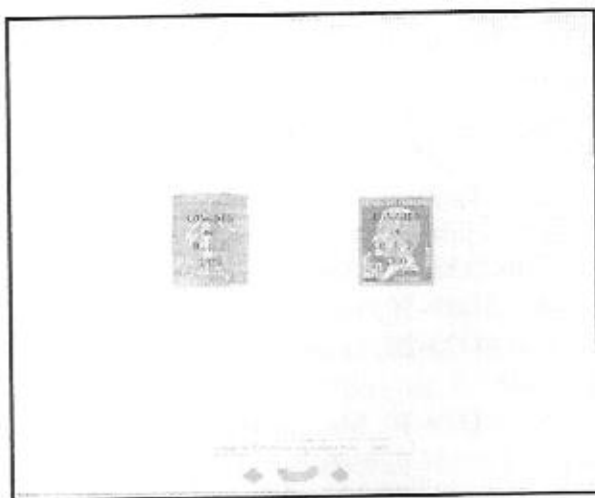
34. 1927/1, Berlin 1927, Conference CC sheet with 3 stamps, Conference cancels, folds and minor tears, looks nice, MB \$100

35. 1930/1, Beautiful ILO Governing Body, Paris 1930, Collective Sheet with two French overprinted stamps. Hinge marks on back, folds in covering tissue, MB \$150

36. 1937/2, ILO Governing Body, Prague 1937, Registered cover with 3 Czech overprinted stamps, Conference cancel b, MB \$12

37. Covers from 32 different ILO conferences, 1939-1982, all with conference can-

cels, mostly philatelic, MB \$35



Lot 35

### UNP SPECIAL AUCTION #3

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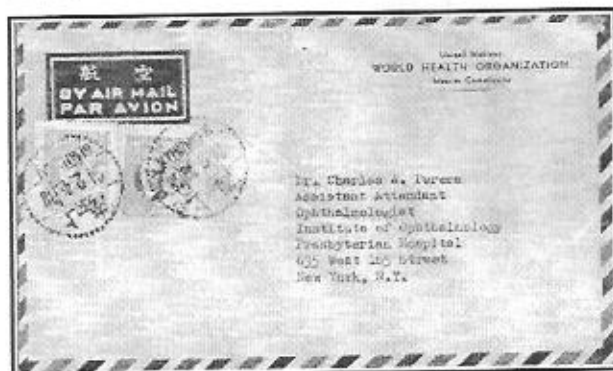
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Lots Sold 72/81 (89%)

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6	\$27*	7	\$22.50*	8	\$18*	9	\$20
11	\$60	12	\$20	13	\$135	14	\$155*
15	\$25	17	\$60	19	\$42	20	\$7.20*
21	\$100	22	\$18*	23	\$20	24	\$55
25	\$60	26	\$60	27	\$36*	28	\$30
29	\$90*	30	\$27*	31	\$18*	33	\$9*
34	\$18*	35	\$16	36	\$21	37	\$9
38	\$36*	39	\$85	40	\$90	41	\$22
42	\$112.50*	43	\$25	44	\$75	45	\$42
46	\$75	47	\$45*	48	\$20	49	\$20
50	\$18*	51	\$18*	52	\$18*	53	\$18*
54	\$425	55	\$30	56	\$25	57	\$25
58	\$650	59	\$18*	60	\$15	61	\$155
62	\$600	63	\$160	64	\$160	65	\$160
66	\$32	67	\$30	68	\$75	69	\$70
70	\$55	71	\$50	72	\$50	73	\$50
74	\$50	75	\$65	76	\$75	77	\$100

### World Health Organization (WHO)

38. Small WHO Interim Commission CC cover, Shanghai 2/24/48, to NY, minor tears, MB \$20



Lot 38

39. Covers from 21 different World Health Assemblies, 1948-1986, all with assembly cancels, mostly philatelic, MB \$20

### UNP SPECIAL AUCTION #4

#### PRICES REALIZED

Amount Realized \$3035.30

Lots Sold 49/69 (71%)

Lot#	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot#	Price	Lot #	Price
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24	\$42	26	\$30	27	\$40	28	\$32
29	\$13	30	\$13	31	\$55	32	\$51
33	\$67	34	\$40	35	\$25	36	\$30
37	\$50	38	\$10	39	\$20	40	\$30
41	\$21	42	\$35	43	\$10	44	\$30
47	\$10.80*	48	\$275	49	\$400	50	\$350
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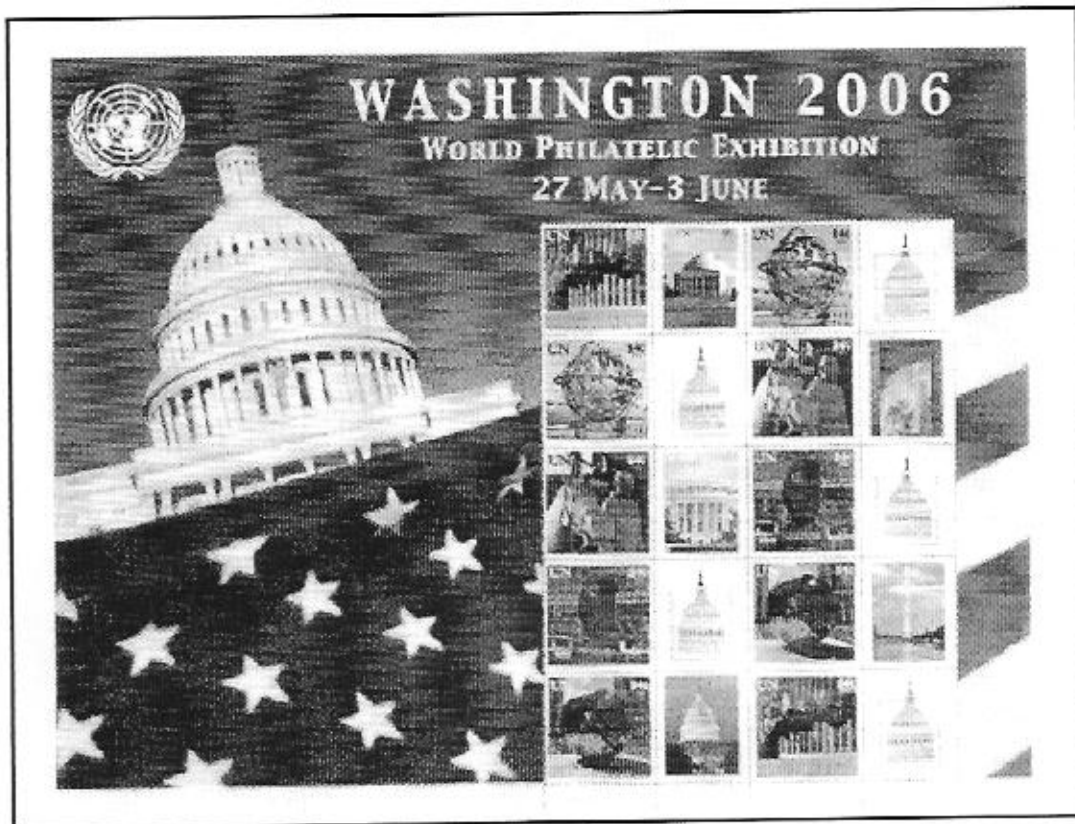
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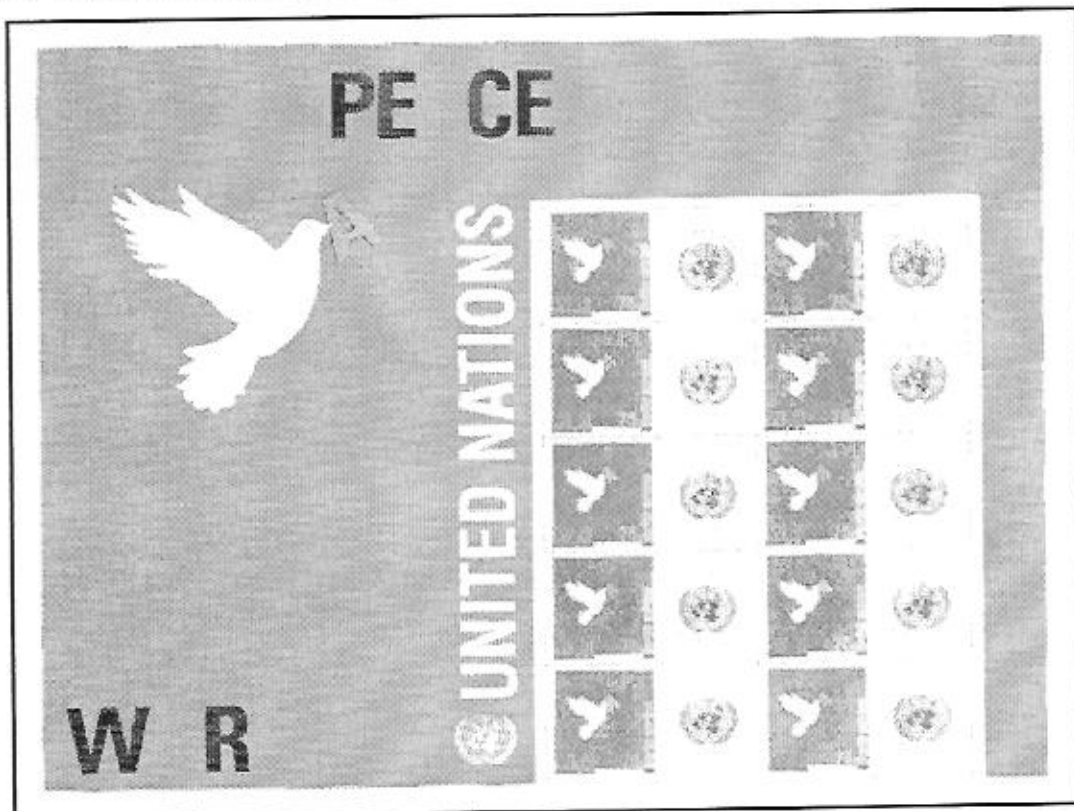
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