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Front cover: Designs of Stamps Honoring Games of the XXIX Olympiad. **Rear cover:** Designs of Stamps on Theme "We Can End Poverty".

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

First Impressions of the UNP Annual Meeting at STAMPSHOW 2008

In the wake of the 2008 UNP Annual Meeting at STAMPSHOW 2008 in Hartford, Connecticut, I would like to share with you some of the more urgent aspects of the meeting. A more detailed account of the Board Meeting, Annual Meeting and Exhibition Results will appear in the December 2008 issue of the *Journal*.

At the Board Meeting four major topics of interest to all members were discussed: annual dues, printing costs of the *Journal*, future meetings and upcoming auctions.

UNP Dues

The Board decided with much regret to increase the annual dues by \$2 per year effective January 1, 2009 to meet the rising cost of mailing the *Journal*. The last increase in dues was five years ago effective January 2004. Note that if you pay for your 2009 renewal before January 1, 2009, you may use the current dues schedule. If you decide to pay for additional years at the same time, you should use the new dues schedule for the years 2010 and beyond. See the back mailing sheet for the dues effective January 2009.

Journal Costs

Recently the printer who has been producing the *Journal*, informed UNP officers that there would be a 50% increase in the printing charges. The Officers and members of the Board of Directors led by UNP treasurer Jim Matyasovich are actively pursuing alternative methods for producing the *Journal*.

One promising possibility would be to replace the current procedure where the editor sends the printer the text printed on paper to a transfer of text by pdf files via the Internet. This would avoid the necessity of the printer having to scan or to photograph the text from paper copies and should improve the quality of the figures. Discussion with editors of other philatelic journals suggest that digital transmission of the manuscript might allow us

to maintain present printing costs and to even return to printing some of the *Journal* in color. Such a change in production would require updating software of the club computer. The editor is currently using Windows 98 and a text editor from 1995, which prevents the proposed digital transmission. If color becomes feasible, the club computer will need a color printer. Possibilities of updated software and hardware are being investigated by the UNP webmaster Larry Fillion.

Future Annual Meetings

The Board tentatively approved holding the 2009 Annual Meeting in conjunction with **CHICAGOPEX**, which will be held in Arlington Heights, Illinois in November 2009. The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held at **WESTPEX** in San Francisco in April 2010. UNP has been invited to hold its 2011 Annual Meeting at **NAPEX** in McLean, Virginia in June 2011. The club is maintaining its tradition of holding annual meetings alternately in the Midwest (**CHICAGOPEX**), West Coast (**WESTPEX**) and East Coast (**NAPEX**). If you have recommendations as to venues of future annual meetings (including the years 2009 - 2011), please contact the Secretary Clem Clement.

Upcoming Auctions

Members are reminded that they have the right to submit to the Auction Chairman of the order of ten lots (minimum opening bid \$10) for each auction. The next open auction will appear in the April 2009 issue. As usual there will be no auction in the December issue due to the presence of the Index and the unreliability of mail during the holiday season. Clem Clement intends to have the last Special Auction of Jack Mayer material in the February issue. If you are interested in submitting material for the April issue, please contact the Auction Chairman Alex Bereson before February 1, 2009.

THE BEIJING SUMMER OLYMPICS 2008

By Richard Powers

On the eighth day of the eighth month of the eighth year of the third millennium AD (August 8, 2008) the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued six stamps in mini-sheets of nine stamps, three souvenir sheets and a sheet of personalized stamps to honor the summer games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China. This auspicious date corresponds to the opening day of the Games, which will close on August 24th. The theme of the stamps is "Sport for Peace". The main theme and motto of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing is "One World, One Dream".

Each stamp corresponds to a discipline of the Olympic Games (images on front cover): Track and field (42¢ and 94¢), Gymnastics (F.s. 1,00 and € 0,65), Tennis (F.s. 1,80) and Swimming (€ 1,30). The sprinter from the 42¢ stamps also appears on a souvenir sheet with a face value of \$1.25; the gymnast from the F.s. 1,00 stamp, on a souvenir sheet with a face value of F.s. 3,00; the swimmer from the € 1,30 stamp, on a souvenir sheet with a face value of € 2,10. An overprinted version of the € 2,10 souvenir sheet with the words "Peking 2008" and three stylized "UN medal-

ions" was also released (Figure 1).

The mini-sheet of three rows with three stamps bears two inscriptions: one each in the left and right selvage. The inscription consists of a Chinese Zodiac symbol for the "Year of the Rat" and the text "United Nations" underneath the logo. The text "Sport for Peace - XXIX Olympic Games, Beijing 2008" appears in the upper selvage. The Olympic rings appear in both the upper selvage and in the lower left corner of each stamp. The signature of the South American artist Romero Britto can be found in the lower selvage of the mini-sheet to the right and on the lower left on the souvenir sheets. The emblem "UNPA" appears in the lower selvage to the left and to the right. A copyright symbol can be found in at the left side of the lower selvage.

For a long time the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has authorized the production of "Official IOC Covers". Figure 2 shows an IOC first day cover of the UNNY stamps issued in honor of the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. This attractive cover bears an Atlanta postmark and a scene from the 1980

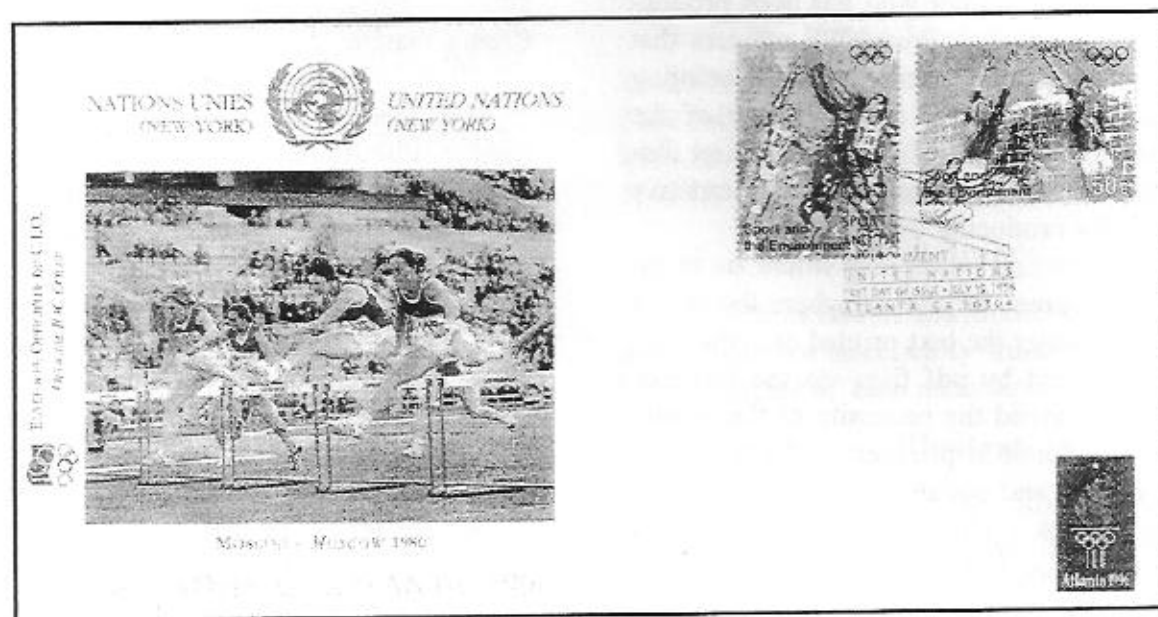


Figure 2: Official IOC Cover issued for the UNNY stamps honoring the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

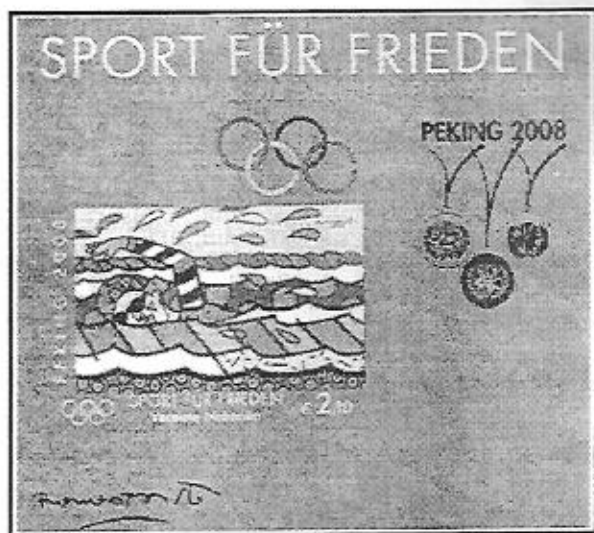


Figure 1: Overprinted € 2,10 UN Vienna souvenir sheet with legend "Peking 2008" above three stylized UN medallions.

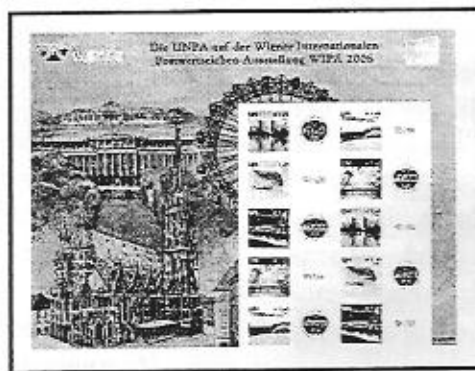
Moscow Olympics. I have seen similar covers canceled in Vienna and Geneva. Presumably covers with NY cancels also exist.

Figure 3 shows the Olympics personalized sheet which was also designed by Romero Britto. The sheet contains ten 94¢ stamps picturing a boy twirling a basketball. The labels alternate between the Chinese zodiac sign "Year of the Rat" and the text "Sport for Peace" with the Olympic rings. In the top margin of the sheet is the text "Sport for Peace, The XXIX Olympic Games, Beijing, 2008". The stamp design is repeated in the left selvage with an image five times enlarged. The Olympic rings appear in the upper left corner and the UN logo appears in the upper right corner.



Figure 3: Personalized sheet commemorating the XXIX Olympic Games in Beijing 2008 with ten 94¢ stamps and two different types of labels: Year of the Rat logo and "Sport for Peace".

UNPA ISSUES PERSONALIZED SHEET HONORING WIPA 2008



Personalized sheet issued on September 18, 2008 to commemorate the Vienna International Stamp Show (WIPA) with ten € 1,40 stamps with five designs and two different types of labels: UN logo and the WIPA08 logo.

WE CAN END POVERTY

On September 18, 2008 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "We Can End Poverty".

As part of the activities to celebrate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the end of the First Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs invited children from all over the world to participate in an art competition in 2007 on the theme "We Can End Poverty". Six of the winning entries were selected as stamp designs (to be found on the rear cover of this issue of the *Journal*) for the United Nations 2008 "We Can End Poverty" stamp issue.

Over 12,000 children from 124 countries around the world ranging in age from 5 to 15 years participated in the competition. The judging was based on artistic expression and how well the design expressed the theme of the competition.

Through their artwork, the children displayed the pressing need for greater solidarity and cooperation among all peoples and countries in the fight against poverty. Many of the children focused on education and employment as ways to empower the poor. Many also pointed to the role of the UN in helping to lead the way to a world where poverty has been defeated.

The Designs and the Designers

The 42¢ stamp was designed by Grace Tsang, 10 years old, from Hong Kong. She writes concerning her design: "I believe that 'sharing' is the best way to resolve poverty. These twelve little children from different countries have shared water, food, educational supplies, medical needs, shoes, etc. My wish is to reduce poverty and give every child education one day."

The 94¢ stamp was designed by Bryan Jevoncia, six years old, from Indonesia. He explains his design: "After school, the chil-

dren can help their mothers and earn some money to improve their quality of life."

The F.s. 1,00 stamp was designed by Ranajoy Banerjee, 14 years old, from India. He describes his work thus: "This painting reveals to us the only antidote against poverty. In the painting, the book signifies 'knowledge', the source of 'light'. And the children, who all are in contact with education, are enjoying education in school. Different sections of people of our society, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, are all in contact with the light of education. The dark part of the painting symbolizes the area arrested by poverty. Above all, a system of free education must be introduced in our society especially for underprivileged people."

The F.s. 1,80 stamp was designed by Elizabeth Elaine Chung Ning Au, 15 years old, from Hong Kong. She says: "Children, who are our next generation, can end poverty by sharing and learning more about the world. Let them bring a great harmony into our world."

The € 0,65 stamp was designed by Mariam Marukian, 13 years old, from Armenia. He explains: "To my mind, work will help people live fairly. That is why in my picture I depict people working in the garden. They have worked hard and their harvest is rich."

The € 0,75 stamp was designed by Rufaro Duri, 11 years old, from Zimbabwe. He says: "The rainbow represents hope. The needy people in front can grow into the strong people with the goodness contained in the begging bowl. The trees are coming back to life with international aid. Third world countries can rejuvenate. The hut symbolizes shelter, the syringes, health and the book, education."

A souvenir card on the same theme was also issued on the same day. The card carries a statement by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

DOUBLE DUTY FOR VIENNA STATIONERY

By Duane E. Lamers

New Austrian postal rates went into effect for international mail on September 1, 2007. Two days later the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) released its postal stationery, one card and two envelopes, in surcharged form to meet the rate hikes. The postal card and lower-value envelope (Scott #UX16 and U8) originally carried franking of € 0,55 which met the rate at that time for both domestic mail and mail posted to other European countries. The weight limit for the envelope remains 20 grams. Each item has been surcharged at € 0,10 to meet the new rate of € 0,65 for cards and envelopes posted to European destinations beyond Austria. The card (Figure 1) and envelope (Figure 2) are now catalogued as UX17 and U10, respectively.

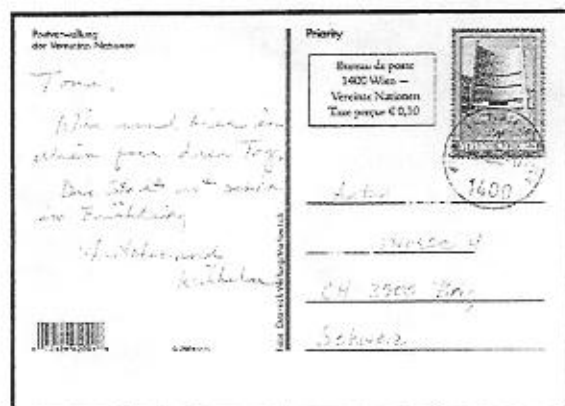


Figure 1: UN Vienna UX17 postal card to Switzerland with hand cancel of May 16, 2008.
(Address obscured to protect privacy.)

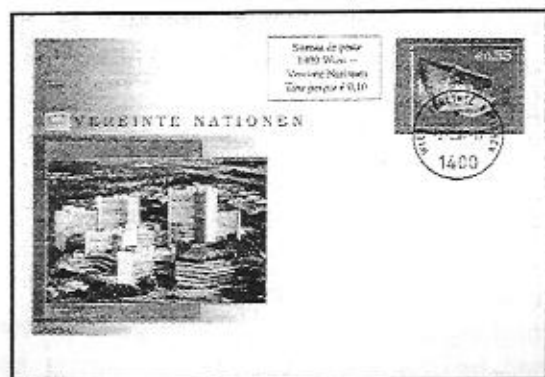


Figure 2: UN Vienna U10 with first day hand cancel September 3, 2007.

changed, UX16 and U8 are still valid for posting to addresses in Austria. This marks the first time that old and new are simultaneously valid for use. UNNY order forms found in its *Philatelic Bulletin*, however, do not provide for purchase of any of the original stationery.

The original high-value envelope (U9) was surcharged to increase franking from € 1,25 to € 1,40 to meet the tariff for posting letters beyond Europe and no heavier than 20 grams. The surcharged envelope (Figure 3) is now catalogued as U11. The € 0,55 items as originally printed are still available at Vienna. Domestic postal rates are progressive, depending on weight. U9 remains valid for domestic use for letters weighing between 101 to 350 grams.



Figure 3: UN Vienna U11 with first day cancel.

No plans exist at the moment for replacing the surcharged items with new designs reflecting the current rates. It is possible that Vienna's surcharged stationery is here for the long haul. Geneva's surcharged pieces have now been on sale (perhaps actually being used) since late in 2004.

For those who collect postally used specimens, it is important to keep a few details in mind. The original card and lower-value envelope were valid for Austria and all of Europe through August 2007 and the higher-value envelope was valid for posting beyond Europe through the same time period. As of September 1, 2007, UX16 and the two original envelopes are valid only for use within Austria. U11 specifically covers the rate outside of Europe.

THE CYPRUS POST OFFICE FINESSES A MAIL EMBARGO IN 1970

By Richard Powers

I recently came across on eBay an innocuous-looking cover, which purported to have a UN connection. Figure 1 shows the front side of the cover, which bears three Israeli stamps (3xScott #281) postmarked in Rafah on August 4, 1970. The cover is addressed to the Post Office in Nicosia, Cyprus. The reverse side (Figure 2) bears the generic corner card (no city indicated) of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The cover also bears a transit cancel in Gaza City (August 5th) and an arrival postmark (August 11th) in Nicosia.



Figure 1: 1970 cover mailed in Rafah, Gaza (at the time occupied by Israel) to the Post Office in Nicosia, Cyprus.



Figure 2: Reverse side of cover in Figure 1 showing the transit cancel in Gaza City (right) and the arrival cancel in Nicosia (left) on UNRWA stationery.

According to the Gaines Catalogue, the UNRWA had the mandate to implement, with

host governments, relief and works programs for the nearly two million refugees resident in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Figure 3 shows a detailed map (of the region) prepared by UNRWA, which is available on its website: www.un.org/unrwa. At various times it has had field and liaison offices in Geneva, Gaza City, Jerusalem, Damascus (Syria), Amman (Jordan), Beirut (Lebanon) and Vienna as well as in some of the Palestinian refugee camps. Figure 4 shows a service cover mailed from UNRWA headquarters (through 1976) in the UNESCO Building in Beirut bearing two Lebanese airmail stamps (Scott #C205 and #C213) postmarked March 23, 1957. Figure 5 shows a 1955 service cover with the corner card from the Amman, Jordan office but postmarked in Jerusalem (presumably mailed from its field office there) bearing a Jordanian stamp (#309) picturing King Hussein. Today UNRWA headquarters is located in Vienna. Figure 6 shows a 1989 special delivery registered service cover from the Vienna International Centre bearing a UNRWA 4300 groschen Pitney-Bowes meter cancel dated February 27, 1989 and a 600 groschen UN Vienna (#82) stamp.

The cover in Figure 1 began its voyage in Rafah, which is the western-most city in the Gaza Strip, located on the border with Egypt. It is home to a refugee camp and is the site of a crossing point into Egypt. For several months now, the Gaza Strip is no longer occupied by Israeli troops. But because of continued rocket attacks on nearby Israeli settlements by militants, the Gaza Strip has been subject to an Israeli (with international cooperation) embargo in an attempt to intercept arms being smuggled into Gaza.

In January 2008 the embargo was interrupted by the destruction of the barrier between Gaza and Egypt at Rafah, much to the embarrassment of the Israeli and Egyptian



Figure 3: UNRWA map (www.un.org/unrwa) showing the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and the city of Jerusalem as well as the neighboring countries of Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Israel. Circles represent cities. Triangles indicate refugee camps. As of 2008 the West Bank (formerly Trans-Jordan and later the West Bank of Jordan as well as part of the city of Jerusalem) and the Golan Heights (formerly Syria) are occupied by Israel.

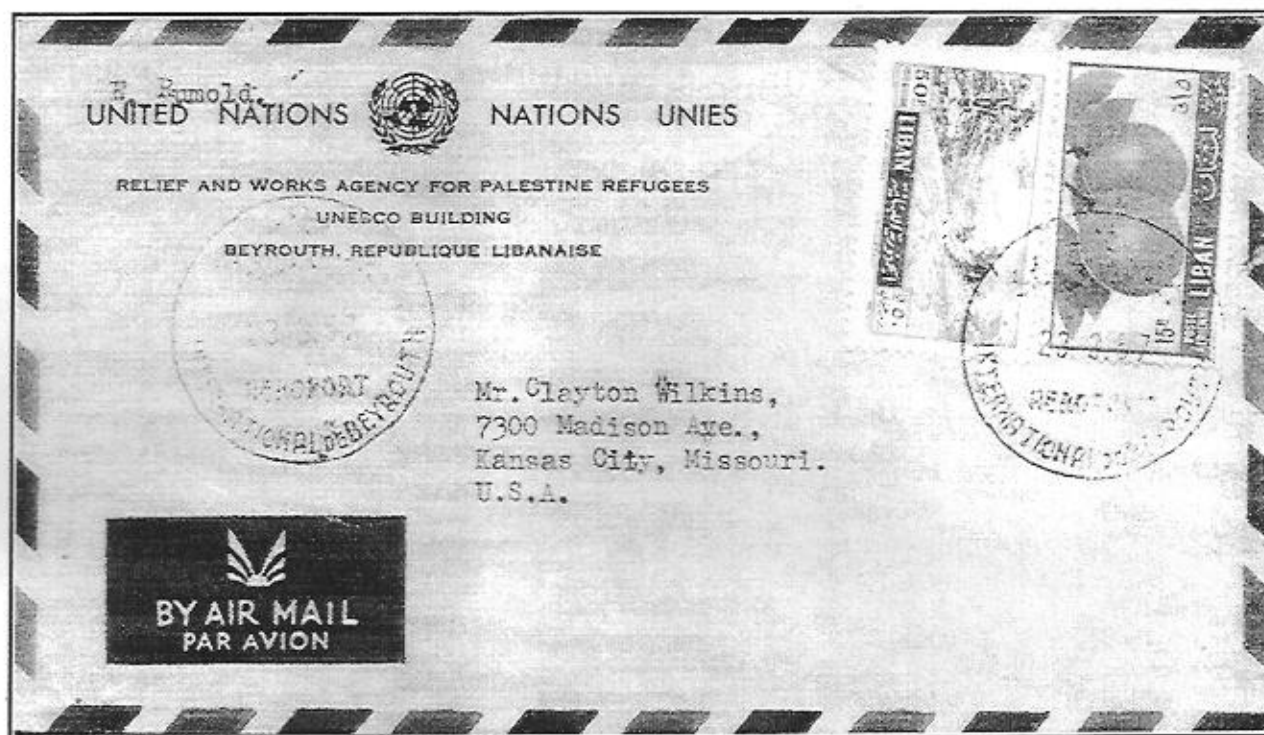


Figure 4: 1957 UNRWA service cover from Headquarters in the UNESCO Building posted at the International Airport in Beirut, Lebanon.

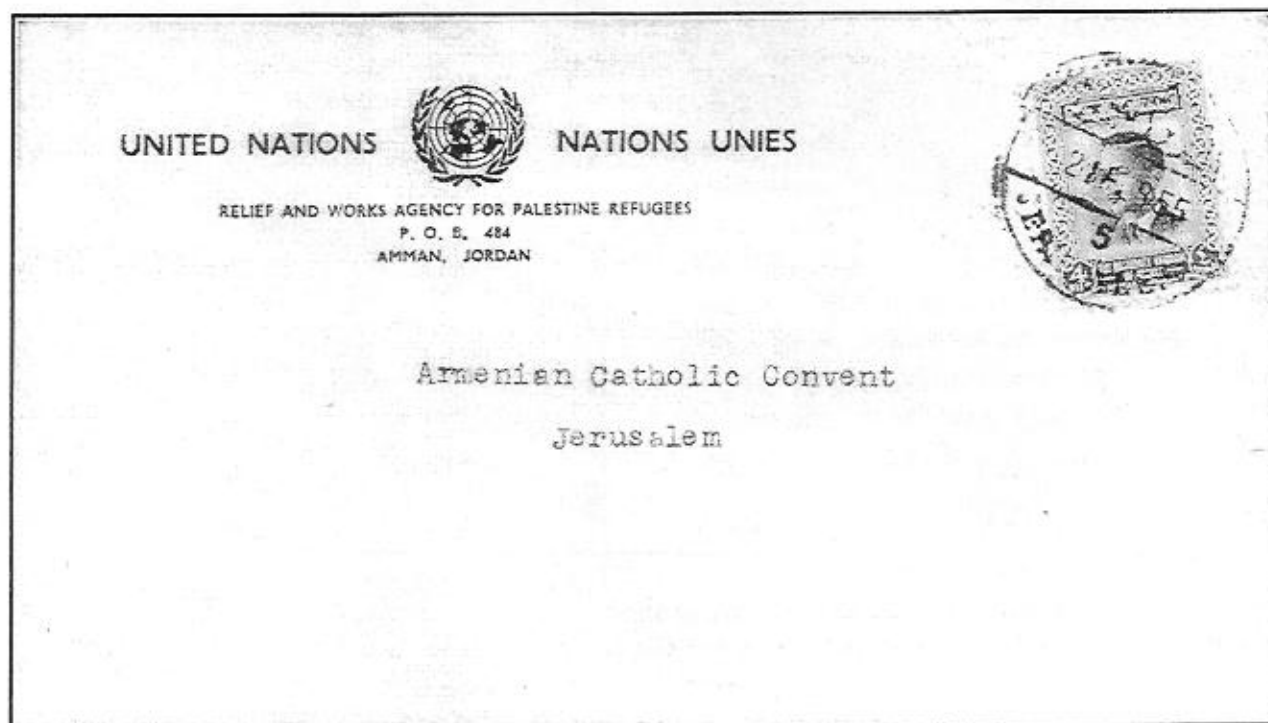


Figure 5: 1955 UNRWA service cover with Amman corner card posted in (East) Jerusalem at that time part of Jordan.

governments. At the time 150,000 Palestinians swarmed into Egypt.

But this was not the first embargo, which affected residents of the occupied areas of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. As a result of the Six-Day Arab (Egypt, Jordan, Syria)-Israeli War, which began on June 5, 1967, Israel found herself occupying the above-mentioned areas. With the exception of the Gaza Strip, these areas remain under Israeli administration, although the Palestinian Authority has a certain amount of autonomy in the West Bank.

Immediately following the Six-Day War, some Arab countries imposed an embargo on commercial traffic with Israel. This included mail service. Among these countries were Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Dubai, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Ras Al Khaima, Saudi Arabia, Sharjah, Sudan, the United Arab Republic and Yemen. Mail bearing Israeli stamps were refused by these countries until at least 1973. During this time Palestinians in the occupied areas could not communicate by mail with people in these countries if the letter bore Israeli stamps.

In order to alleviate this situation, the Post

Office of Cyprus set up an informal arrangement where it served as clearing house for mail between Israel and the involved Arab countries. According to the vendor of this e-Bay lot, who is resident in Egypt, this arrangement lasted from 1969 until 1973. A letter such as that shown in Figure 1 would be sent to the Post Office in Nicosia, Cyprus bearing Israeli stamps. Inside was a letter which was then forwarded to its ultimate destination bearing Cypriot postage. Some letters already bore Cypriot postage. Others did not bear postage, but this could be paid by either an international reply coupon or Cypriot currency.

Normally such forwarded mail was between private parties. At the present time I am unsure what role, if any, the UNRWA might have played in the forwarding process.

Mail could also be sent to the Post Office in Nicosia from the Arab countries involved in the embargo. From there it would be forwarded to the Israeli occupied areas, perhaps with the help of the UNRWA.

Readers are asked to share with the author any further information they may have regarding the Arab mail embargo on Israel during the years following the Six-Day War.



Figure 6: 1989 UNRWA special delivery registered service cover with both Pitney-Bowes meter cancel and UNV stamp from Vienna headquarters to the World Health Organization in Geneva.

BUREAU TEMPORAIRE CANCELS AND LABELS USED AT UN & UN AGENCY CONFERENCES HELD IN PARIS

By B. Clement, Jr.

Bureau Temporaire (Temporary Office) cancels and registry labels have been observed from temporary post offices in Paris, France since 1949. In a number of cases, these cancels and labels have been observed from such post offices for which a special cancel naming the office was also used. Cancels and labels with Bureau Temporaire (BT) No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and with Bureaux Temporaires (BXT) (Temporary Offices) have been observed. No study or reference has been found that lists and identifies them. A few are listed in an Internet listing of French special cancels, but without identifying the office (Ref.1).

An attempt is being made to list all such cancels and labels, and to identify which of these was used (or probably used) at a UN or UN agency conference. Definite uses are identified by their use of a philatelic cover or service cover from the conference. Probable uses are identified only by the date(s) observed.

Observed BT Cancel #2, Jun. 14, 1949
6th Session, FAO Council, Jun. 13-24, 1949.
Philatelic cover (Figure 1).

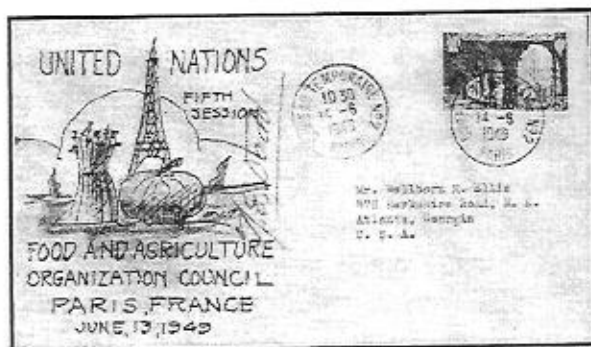


Figure 1: 1949 BT cancel #2 for FAO.

Observed BT Cancel #3, Jul, 26, 1950
Unidentified

Observed BXT cancel, 11/5/51, 6th Session,
UN General Assembly, held Nov. 6, 1951-
Feb. 5, 1952. Service cover (Figure 2).



Figure 2: 1951 BXT cancel for the UN General Assembly.

Observed BT Cancel #1, Apr. 17, 1953
33rd Session, UNESCO Executive Board,
Apr. 6-18, 1953 (Probable)

Observed BXT Cancel, Jul. 7-12, 1953.
35th Session, UNESCO Executive Board,
Jun. 30-Jul. 8, 1953 (Probable)

Observed BT Cancel #4, Oct. 7, 1953
Observed BT Cancel #1, Jan. 17, 1954
Unidentified

Observed BT Cancel #2, Mar. 20- Apr. 2,
1955. 41st Session, UNESCO Executive
Board, Mar. 21-Apr. 1, 1955 (Probable)

Observed BT Cancel #1, Dec. 18-19, 1957
Unidentified

Observed BXT cancel, Jun. 13, 1959, 54th
Session, UNESCO Executive Board, May
25-Jun. 13, 1959 (Probable)

Observed BT Cancel and Label with BXT,
Dec. 31, 1959

Observed BT Cancel #4 Oct. 16, 1962
Unidentified

Observed BXT cancel Nov. 22, 1966, 14th
UNESCO General Conference, Oct. 25-Nov.
30, 1966 (Probable)

Observed BT Cancel #2 Sep. 23, 1967
 Observed BT Cancel #1 Mar. 31, 1969
 Observed BXT cancel Nov. 26, 1971
 Unidentified

Observed BXT cancel & label Jun. 16, 1972.
 2nd part, 89th Session, UNESCO Executive
 Board, Jun. 5- Jul. 7, 1972 (Probable)
 (Figure 3).



Figure 3: 1972 BXT cancel and label for
 UNESCO Executive Board

Observed BT Cancel #3 Nov. 28, 1978
 106th Session, UNESCO Executive Board,
 Nov. 29-30, 1978. Philatelic cover
 Observed BT Cancel #2 Mar. 5, 1980
 Unidentified

Observed BT Cancel & Label #2 Sep. 2-7,
 1981. UN Conference on the Least Devel-
 oped Countries, Sep. 1-14, 1981
 Philatelic covers

Observed BXT cancel Jun. 26, 1983. Ident-
 ified - NOT UN

Observed BT Cancel #4 Nov. 22, 1983
 22nd UNESCO General Conference, Oct.
 25-Nov. 29, 1983. Service cover (Figure 4).

Observed BT Label #1 Apr. 13, 1984.
 Identified - NOT UN

Observed BT Cancel #1 Sep. 4, 1989
 Unidentified

Observed BT Cancel & Label #3 Nov. 5,
 1999. 30th UNESCO General Conference,
 Oct. 26- Nov. 17, 1999. Philatelic cover.
 (Ref. 2)



Figure 4: 1983 BT #4 cancel for UNESCO
 General Conference.

Observed BT Cancel & Label #2 Oct. 26-27,
 2001. 31st UNESCO General Conference,
 Oct. 15-Nov. 3, 2001. Philatelic covers.
 (Ref. 3).

Observed BT Cancel & Label #2 Oct 15,
 2003. 32nd UNESCO General Conference,
 Sep. 29- Oct. 17, 2003. Philatelic cover.
 (Ref. 4).

Observed BT Cancel #1 Oct. 6, 2005
 33rd UNESCO General Conference, Oct.
 3-21, 2005. Philatelic cover. (Ref. 5).

The evidence seems clear that use of the
 Bureau Temporaire cancels and labels for
 temporary post offices serving UN and UN
 Agency conferences in Paris is fairly com-
 mon. Undoubtedly there are others waiting
 to be found and properly identified.

Readers are urged to report any unlisted
 examples of such cancels. If anyone can
 provide information that can prove or dis-
 prove the "Probable" assignments given,
 please let us know. Likewise, if you can
 match up an "Unidentified" cancel with a
 UN or UN Agency Conference, please share
 that observation with us.

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UPU TRAINING PROJECT IN NIGERIA

By B. Clement, Jr.

A cover from a Universal Postal Union (UPU) Technical Assistance Mission in Oshodi, Nigeria is illustrated in Fig. 1. This was from a project (NIR/75/089) for assisting Nigeria in improving its postal system. The cover was sent in 1981 from a UPU Expert to UPU Headquarters in Berne, Switzerland.

The cover bears the newly discovered three-line violet origin cachet in Fig. 2:

UPU EXPERT (TRAINING)
POSTAL TRAINING PROJECT
OSHODI



Figure 2: UPU origin cachet.

The cover is unfranked, because it is on "OFFICIAL" business. Apparently it was sent Air Mail Registered, as indicated by the crossed lines on the front of the cover. On the back of the cover are four strikes of the

postmark in Figure 3, sealing the openings:

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Figure 3: Postmark from rear of cover.

This appears to mean "Training School Post Office Oshodi". Maybe the "I" missing from "Oshodi" was placed after the abbreviation for School (SCHI). There is a fifth postmark, somewhat indistinct, "REG LGS", perhaps meaning "REGISTRY LAGOS".

Undoubtedly such "UPU Experts" traveled to other countries on their training missions. Be on the watch for more postal history of their activities.

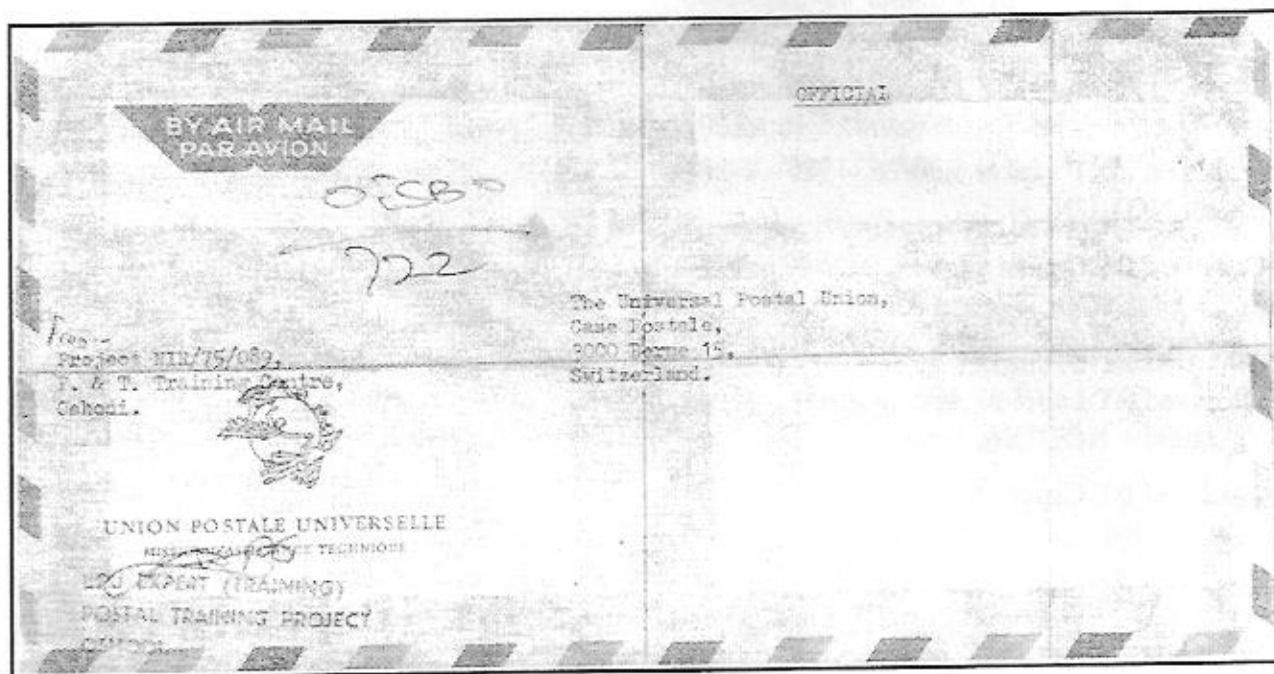


Figure 1: 1981 Cover from UPU Postal Training Project in Oshodi, Nigeria

THE EASTERN BUREAU OF THE HEALTH ORGANIZATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN SINGAPORE

By Richard Powers

Great world plagues originate in the Far East. The health administrations of 12 Far Eastern countries at a conference in Singapore February 4-13, 1925 carried out a proposal approved by the Council of the League of Nations and on March 1, 1925 inaugurated the Eastern Bureau of the League Health Organization at Singapore. This bureau is also known as the Eastern Epidemiological Intelligence Centre. Since 1928 its *Weekly Record* reported on the prevalence of plague diseases in some 163 ports in the Far East. A summary was distributed by radio and telegraph each Friday to the world's health administrations. As a result of an arrangement between the Health Committee and the Permanent Committee of the Office International d'Hygiène Publique (Paris) the Eastern Bureau collected and distributed the data called for by the international sanitary convention of 1926. Grants by the Rockefeller Foundation made possible the inauguration of this work and continued to contribute to its support.

No outbreak of plague, cholera or small pox could occur from the Cape of Good Hope to Vladivostok or from the Red Sea to the Panama Canal without the authorities concerned being duly warned by telegraph. The epidemiological reports regularly covered 72% of the world's population by 1931.

Philatelic documentation of this office appeared in an article in the August 2001 issue of the *Journal* (page 6). The 1936 cover illustrated bears an embossed corner card (Figure 1) on the rear with the generic legend:

Société des Nations
Singapore
League of Nations

Figure 2 shows a censored service cover from the Eastern Bureau postmarked November 20, 1939 in Singapore to Glasgow, Scotland. This cover was mailed 11 weeks after the beginning of World War II in Europe and a bit more than 2 years before Singapore fell to Japanese occupation on February 15, 1942.



Figure 1: Corner card from a 1936 service cover to the Epidemiological Intelligence Service of the Health Section of the League of Nations in Geneva.

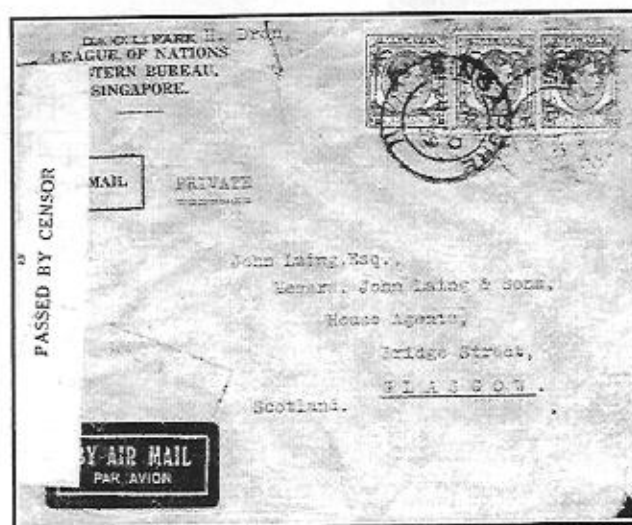


Figure 2: Censored 1939 service cover from the Eastern Bureau in Singapore to Scotland.

After World War II the work of the Eastern Bureau was continued by the Epidemiological Intelligence Station in Singapore by the World Health Organization. For more about this office, the reader is referred to the article in the October 1997 issue of the *Journal* (page 8)

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1946 UNRRA SERVICE MAIL FROM SHANGHAI POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS

By Richard Powers

The years immediately following World War II were marked by much turmoil in China as a result of the civil war between the Chinese Nationalists and the Communists as well as massive rehabilitation efforts to recover from Japanese occupation of China. An article on a UNESCO project during this time appeared in the August 2008 issue of the *Journal* (page 4). A more comprehensive article appeared in the February 2004 issue of the *Journal* (page 10). It is thus not surprising that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) occasionally resorted to passing ships as a way of improving the reliability of postal dispatches abroad avoiding local land transport.

One method was via "paquebot" mail. The Universal Postal Union (UPU) provides for the acceptance at post offices under certain conditions of correspondence bearing foreign postage, if it has originated on board a vessel while on the high seas or in a foreign port. In order to be accepted as paquebot mail, such mail must be delivered to a post office at the port of arrival of the vessel by an officer or representative of the steamship company, who brings the correspondence to the post office with a statement (written or oral) that the correspondence originated on the vessel under the prescribed conditions. The correspondence must be prepaid by means of postage stamps of the foreign country which owns or maintains the ship or of the country of the port of origin. If the foreign postage stamps have not already been canceled with a paquebot or regular postmark, the post office at the port of arrival is allowed to cancel the foreign stamps with its own cancel and to apply the legend "paquebot".

Figure 1 shows a UNRRA service cover from Shanghai, China bearing 15 pence in United Kingdom postage stamps. The British stamps have been canceled at the port of arrival with the Honolulu, Hawaii postmark dated March 6, 1946. The letter clearly bears a

paquebot rubber-stamped legend and was forwarded to Glasgow, Scotland.



Figure 1: Service cover from the Shanghai, China office of the UNRRA mailed to Bedford, Quebec, Canada on a British ship as paquebot mail which entered the mailstream at Honolulu, Hawaii, where the British franking totaling 15 pence was cancelled on March 6, 1946.

Another method was to make use of passing military ships. Figures 2 and 3 show both sides of a UNRRA service cover from the Shanghai office. The cover bears 15 pence of UK stamps canceled by a killer cancel which indicates neither the location nor the date of cancellation. A purple legend indicates that the letter was carried "Through the British Fleet Post Office", which presumably was responsible for its delivery to a post office in the Russian Zone of Berlin. A UNRRA departure cancel indicates that the letter left the Shanghai office on October 14, 1946. On November 7, 1946 the letter received a transit cancel in Berlin, which forwarded the letter to Weimar, Germany in the Russian Zone of occupation. Since the British stamps were canceled at a British (fleet) post office, no "paquebot" legend was required.

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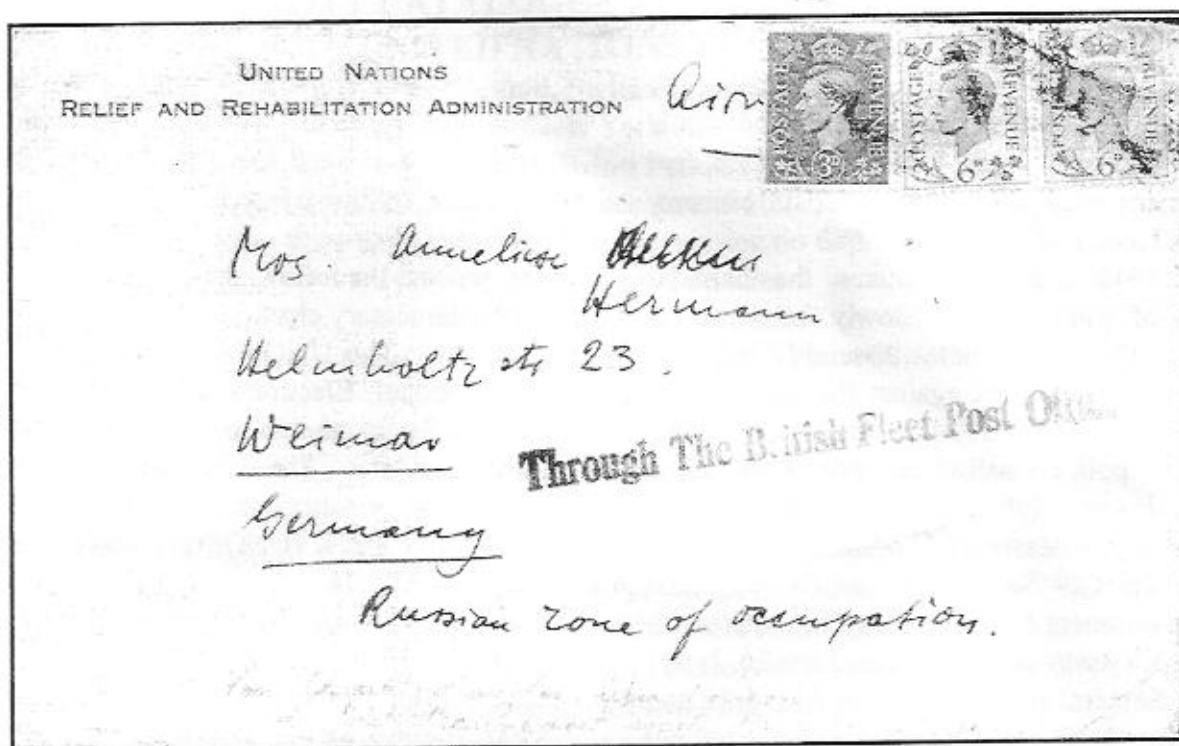


Figure 2: Front of a 1946 service cover mailed from the Shanghai, China office of the UNRRA to Weimar, Germany in the Russian Zone of occupation through the British Fleet Post Office, (which probably supplied the British stamps totaling 15 pence and applied the killer cancel with no indication of location or date).



Figure 3: Rear of cover in Figure 2 with departure cancel of the UNRRA office in Shanghai dated October 14, 1946 and a Berlin transit cancel dated November 7, 1946.

THE UN OBSERVATION MISSION IN SOUTH AFRICA

By Richard Powers

The year 1994 was a historic year for the Republic of South Africa. While the whole world watched, South Africa held its first free and transparent elections for all its citizens: white, black and colored.

In 1948 apartheid became the national policy of South Africa. Slowly the world reacted. The UN General Assembly imposed diplomatic sanctions against the government on November 12, 1974. Africans and government police clashed in Soweto and other townships near Johannesburg in June 1976 resulting in the deaths of 176 individuals. As a result the UN Security Council condemned the government on June 19, 1976. Its apartheid policy was condemned on June 26, 1981.

In September 1991 Nelson Mandela and President F.W. De Klerk signed the *National Peace Accord*. The UN and four regional organizations established observer and fact-finding missions in South Africa to monitor and investigate human rights conditions and violence in late 1992. The UN Security Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA - peace promotion division) consisting of fifty civilian personnel on August 17, 1992. The UN General Assembly lifted economic sanc-

tions (oil embargo) against South Africa on December 9, 1993. The South African government established the National Peacekeeping Force (NPKF), which consisted of 5,000 personnel to provide security during the election process the following year.

Parliamentary elections were held on April 26, 1994. The UNOMSA electoral division (International Election Observation - IEO) sent 2527 personnel to monitor the parliamentary elections. The UN Security Council lifted military sanctions against South Africa on May 25, 1994. UNOMSA was disbanded on June 17, 1994.

Figure 1 shows a cover on hotel stationery mailed in Durban by an Austrian participant in the IEO of the UNOMSA on April 25, 1994, the eve of the parliamentary elections, to Lochau, Austria. The cover bears two of the 1994 South African Peace and Goodwill 0.70 (Scott #879) and 1.15 (#881) rand stamps as well as an earlier 0.50 rand stamp (#749) from a series featuring succulents. A similar cover appeared in the August 1994 issue of the *Journal* (page 7). I have yet to find a UNOMSA cover on service stationery.

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Figure 1: 1994 cover from Austrian member of the International Election Observation (IEO) Group of UNOMSA in Durban, South Africa.

SCOTT CATALOGUE NUMBERS OF 2007

UNITED NATIONS STAMPS

- February 2** **Flag Series (Tuvalu, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Montenegro)**
39¢ - New York 921-4
- February 5** **Japanese Mission Personalized Sheet**
(1 sheet of 10 stamps of 84¢ with 1 design and 10 labels with 5 designs)
New York 929 (issued to Japanese mission on September 21, 2006)
- March 15** **Endangered Species**
39¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55
New York 925-8, Geneva 465-8, Vienna 388-91
- May 3** **Coin and Flag Series**
39¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,55
New York 930a-h, Geneva 469a-h, Vienna 392a-h
- Essen Personalized Sheet**
(1 sheet of 10 € 0,55 stamps and 10 labels with 5 designs - Vienna 393-7)
- May 14** **2007 Generic Personalized Sheets**
(Sheet of 20 stamps with 5 designs of 41¢ and 20 labels with 1 design - New York 934-8
and sheet of 10 stamps with 1 design of 90¢ and 10 labels with 5 designs - New York 939)
- Revalued New York Postal Stationery**
41¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes on 37¢ envelopes of 2003
90¢ airletter on 70¢ air letter of 2001 - New York U22-23, UC25
- June 1** **Peaceful Visions**
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 1,25, Souvenir Card
New York 932-3, Geneva 470-1, Vienna 398-9
- Peaceful Visions Personalized Sheet**
(1 sheet of 10 stamps of 84¢ with 1 design and 10 labels with 5 designs - New York 931)
- August 9** **World Heritage - South America**
41¢, 90¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 0,75
New York 941-2, Geneva 472-3, Vienna 400-1
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(26¢, 41¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30)}
New York 941a, 943a-e, Geneva 474a-f, Vienna 402a-f
- New York Postal Stationery**
41¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes, 90¢ air letter - U24-25, UC26
- New York Definitive - UN peacekeeper 90¢ - New York 940**
- September 3** **Revalued Vienna Postal Stationery**
€ 0,65 postal card and pre-stamped envelope (revalued € 0,55 stationery issued in 2004)
€ 1,40 prestamped envelope (revalued € 1,25 prestamped envelope issued in 2004)
Vienna UX17, U10-11
- September 6** **UPU - Universal Postal Union (joint UN-UPU issue)**
90¢, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55 - New York 944, Geneva 475, Vienna 403
- September 24** **Personalized Sheet for High Level Event on Climate Change**
(1 sheet of 10 stamps of 90¢ with one design and 10 labels with 10 designs - New York 939)
- October 1** **Personalized Sheet for World Space Week 2007**
(1 sheet of 10 stamps of € 0,65 with 5 designs and 10 labels with 1 design - Vienna 404-8)
- October 25** **Space for Humanity - 50th Anniversary of the Space Age**
41¢, 90¢, \$1, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, F.s. 3,00, € 0,55, € 0,75, € 2,10
New York 945-7, Geneva 476-8, Vienna 409-11

UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

By Richard Powers

In one of its most complex and successful interventions, the UN became directly involved in peacekeeping efforts in Central America in 1989, when the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua requested its assistance in the implementation of their collective agreement - the Procedure for the Establishment of a Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America, known both as the Esquipulas II Agreement and the Guatemala Procedure.

The Esquipulas II Agreement dealt with issues of national reconciliation, an end to hostilities, democratization, free elections, termination of aid to irregular forces and insurrectionist movements, non-use of the territory of one State to attack other States, negotiations on security, verification and the control and limitation of weapons, refugees and displaced persons, cooperation, democracy and freedom for peace and development, international verification and follow-up, and a timetable for the fulfillment of commitments.

A complex and difficult process of negotiations, beginning in 1983, has reversed the disrupting cycle of turmoil which engulfed Central America for many years. At its various stages, the process involved countries from inside and outside the region, as well as the opposing parties within several of the Central American countries. As a result of the negotiations and the agreements reached, the United Nations was requested to establish a number of mechanisms for observing and verifying commitments. These included the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA), the United Nations Observer Mission to Verify the Electoral Process in Nicaragua (ONUVEN), the International Support and Verification Commission (CIAV), the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL), the United Nations Mission in El Salvador (MINUSAL) and the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA).

ONUCA was established by the Security Council on November 7, 1989. ONUCA was to conduct on-site verification of compliance by the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua with their security undertakings contained in the Esquipulas II Agreement.

On December 3, 1989 an advance party led by the Chief Military Observer (CMO) and consisting of approximately 30 military officers and United Nations civilian officials established the Group's headquarters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The team made visits to the five countries of the region to set up liaison offices in each capital and make the necessary preparations for the subsequent establishment of verification centers there and elsewhere.

Figure 1 shows a ONUCA cover mailed from the Canadian military post office 5005, which was established for use by the members of the 125-man helicopter squadron and the 45 observers dated July 30, 1990. According to Gaines, this was the last day that the cancel was used. The cover on service stationery bears a imprinted map of the five Central American countries comprising ONUCA. Two helicopters are featured in the imprint. The cover bears a Canadian stamp (Scott#1270) honoring Canadian Multiculturalism.

Figure 2 shows a ONUCA service cover from Captain Palazzo, the Chief of the (Argentinian) Naval Operation Center Fonseca, which was located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras dated September 30, 1991. The Argentinian Contingent consisted of a 25-man naval unit. The cover bears two airmail Honduran stamps (#C797-right, #C768-left).

After the completion of the demobilization process in June/July 1990 ONUCA continued to implement its original tasks and contributions to the peace efforts in the region. The mandate of the Mission was terminated in January 1992.

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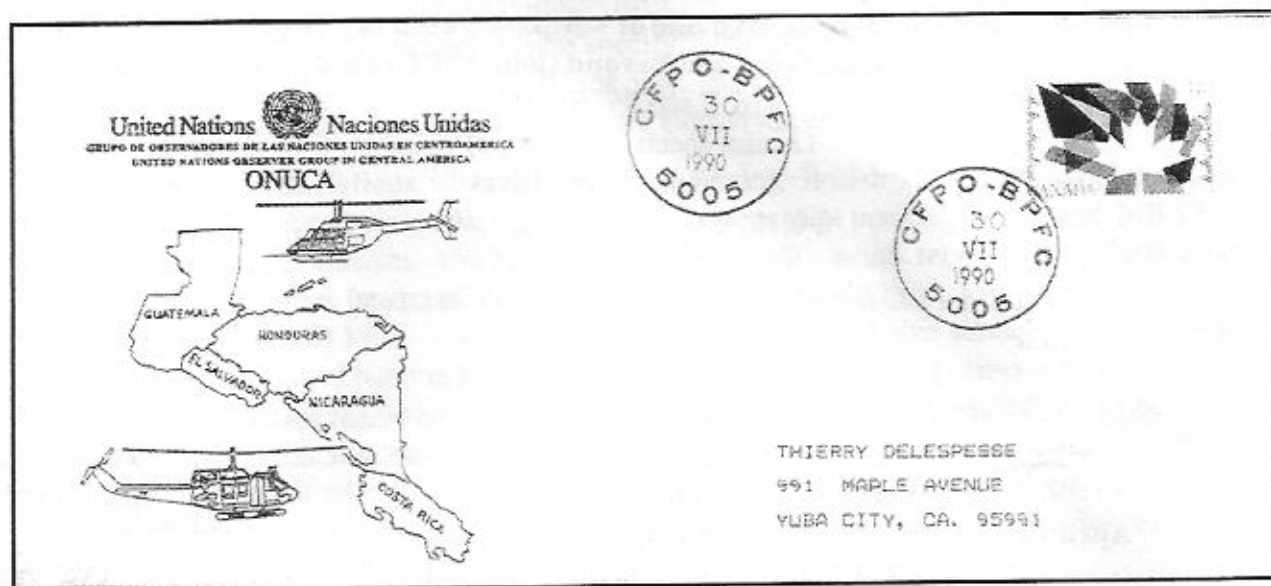


Figure 1: 1990 ONUCA service cover used by the Canadian Helicopter Squadron with cachet showing a map of the five nations in Central America which comprised the region of ONUCA. The cover was mailed from the field post office of the Canadian Contingent to Yuba City, California and bears a Canadian stamp.



Figure 2: 1991 ONUCA airmail service cover sent by the Argentinian Chief Angel Julio Palazzo of the Naval Operation Center Fonseca in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The cover was mailed using a local Honduran post office to Buenos Aires, Argentina and bears two Honduran stamps.

2008 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of September 1, 2008 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 27 Remembrance and Beyond (joint UN-Israel issue)

41¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,65

(3 mini-sheets of 9 stamps)

January 28

Vienna Definitives

€ 0,10, € 0,15, € 0,65, € 1,40

(4 sheets of 20 stamps)

Joint Silk FDC from UNNY, UNGeneva, UNVienna and Jerusalem

March 6

Endangered Species

41¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65

(3 sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)

Set of 3 maximum cards and 2008 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

FDC with Silk Cachet

April 18

Souvenir Cover - Pope visits UN/NY

1 stamp of 90¢ plus a dove label

May 8

Personalized Sheet for Essen Exhibition

(1 sheet of 10 stamps with five designs of € 0,65 and 10 labels with 2 designs)

May 8

Coin and Flag Series

41¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,65

(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)

Coin and Flag Collection Folder

May 12

2008 Generic Personalized Sheets

(Sheets of 20 stamps of 42¢ with 5 designs and 10 stamps of 94¢ with 1 design)

Revalued New York Postal Stationery

42¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes (revalued 41¢ envelopes issued in 2007)

94¢ air letter (revalued 90¢ air letter issued in 2007)

June 6

Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons

42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 1,40

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

August 8 Sport for Peace - Games of the XXIX Olympics, Beijing China

Beijing Personalized Stamp Sheet

42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,65, € 1,30, \$1.25, F.s. 3,00, 2x€ 2,10, Personalized Sheet

(6 mini-sheets of 9 stamps, 4 souvenir sheets, sheet of 10 stamps of 94¢ with 1 design)

September 18

We Can End Poverty

WIPA 2008 Personalized Stamp Sheet

42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,65, € 0,75, Souvenir card, Personalized sheet

(6 sheets of 20 stamps, sheet of 10 stamps of € 1,40 with 5 designs)

October 23 International Year of Planet Earth (Climate Change)

42¢, 94¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, € 0,65, € 1,15

(6 mini-sheets of 4 stamps)

{3 Prestige Booklets with 12x(26¢, 42¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35)}

2008 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2008 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 2

United for Peace (continuation of 2007 slogan)

UNP AUCTION 2008B

Closing Date: November 15, 2008

Send Bids to Auction Chairman:

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e-mail: bereson@comcast.net (Please specify "UNP Auction Bids" in e-mail header)

Please mail or e-mail bids only. No phone calls please.

Starting Bids are Conservative!

League of Nations

1. League - Special conference cancel for the Bandoeng Conference (Gaines 1937/1) on Women and Children on postcard canceled 4.8.37. (Gaines \$225) MB \$40.
2. League related post card bearing Swiss 20c disarmament issue (Sc#212) tied w/ "Geneve Conference generale du desarmement" CDS dated 3.15.32. Front of card has photograph of Chillon et la Dent du Midi. The same photograph that was used on the Capitulations conference press flyers from Montreux in 1937. MB \$8.
3. League picture postcard of Palais Des Nations sent to USA bearing plain Swiss Landscape issues. Airmail. VF. MB \$2.
4. SdN Parcel Card 1926 Format B6 bearing 3Fr. and 1.20 Fr. SdN issues tied Geneve SdN CDS. VF and scarce. MB \$70.↓



UN-related Agencies

5. FAO - Italian postcard canceled Rome 1949 w/ handwritten note about the FAO. MB \$4.
6. Unusual FAO imprint Feb. 1948 on cover from Philippines FAO issue. Possibly conference item. VF. MB \$6.
7. ICAO - small service envelope from B.A.O.R. British Field Post office 899 dated 12 JA 50 to SG ICAO w/ ICAO red receipt marking on reverse Jan 16, 1950. MB \$4.
8. ICAO - 1951 London office service cover

bearing British issue to SG ICAO Canada. Nice receipt marking on reverse. MB \$2.

9. ICAO - small service cover Paris office to ICAO Canada 1954. MB \$2.

10. ICJ - legal size service cover bearing 80c Dutch definitive (non-overprinted) tied by Peace Palace CDS dated 21.VI.66 to New York, USA. VF. MB \$8.

11. IRO large parcel envelope from IRO Area No. 1 Germany to UN Lake Success. F. MB \$6.

12. Collection of (5) service covers from UNRWA Palestine circa 1950. VF. MB \$8.

13. UNESCO lovely small service cover bearing nice meter imprint and scarce origin cachet from UNESCO Library Paris 16. VF. MB \$10.↓



14. ECOSOC - small service cover from Brussels to UN Economic and Social Council Washington DC. w/ Belgian meter imprint. VF. MB \$2.

15. UNEO service cover bearing a 50c and a pair 60c officials. Express usage VF. MB \$4.

16. Swiss UN officials on Blue card forerunner relais card bearing scarce coil issues. Sent to Canada VF. (Gaines \$500+) MB \$60.

17. Swiss airmail cover bearing plain 70c issue tied Geneve 10 Nations Unies CDS 1947 to Washington DC. Early usage of CDS. MB \$10.

18. Large UNEO letter bearing Swiss issues tied Geneve 1 Exp. Lettres CDS 3.XII.48 to

Operation Democracy Inc. NY. F MB \$2.

19. UNHCR service cover bearing early 10c UNEO overprint to Geneva. MB \$8.

20. Small service cover to UNO NY from UNRRA Munich, Germany. Civil Censorship machine roller cancel. VF usage 14.7.47 MB \$20.

21. United National Clothing Collection cornercard to UNRRA Washington, DC 1945. MB \$8.

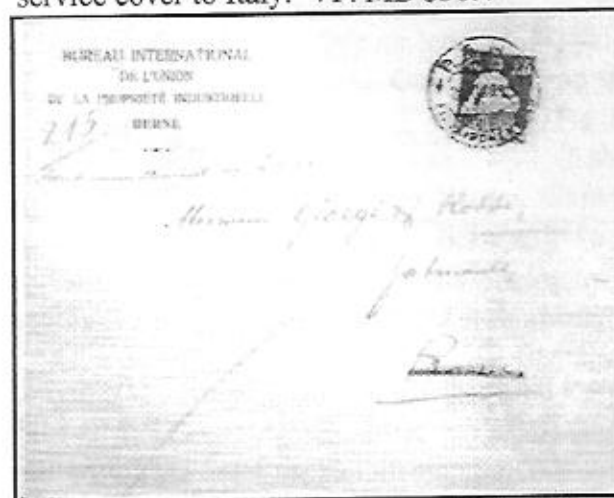
22. UNRRA legal service cover to UNRRA Washington DC MB \$8.

23. UNRRA - lovely Service cover bearing US Civil Censorship machine roller cancel dated 18.3.47 in red, tied to cover bearing 75pf Deutsche Post issue with written reverse address from UNRRA team in Germany MB \$20.

24. WHO service cover from Regional office Alexandria to WHO HQRTS Geneva. Bearing nice Syrian Airmail issues tied by local cancel. MB \$4.

25. WHO service cover 1956 Alexandria Office to NY. MB \$8.

26. Scarce BIRPI forerunner to WIPO Berne service cover to Italy. VF. MB \$36.↓



UN in London

27. UN London period small cover from Whitley Bay dated 8 Sept. 45 to Royal Naval Section Southern Hospital, Kent w/ return to sender imprint and postal censor tape on upper edge where opened. Interesting. MB \$4.
28. UN London slogan cancel S. Kensington

SW7 small cover 3 Dec 45 early date. VF. MB \$6.

29. Lovely UN related small letter circa 1946 from The World Bureau London to UN Hunter College. Nice early forerunner cover. MB \$10.

Forerunner UN covers from New York

30. UN forerunner machine slogan cancel UN Lake Success "Courier of the United Nations," on plain envelope dated Dec. 15, 1947 to Florida. Cover has some glue staining present. MB \$2.

31. Forerunner - Secretariat Service cover w/ UNNY CC bearing meter PB 182488 and UN Official Mail Slogan dated 5/24/51 to Poland. W/ return to sender markings and Warsaw receipt marks on front. Some toning. MB \$20.

32. UNNY large parcel bearing UN meter Slogan type V bulk rate PB 138421 Lake Success. to International Union for Scientific Study NY, NY. VF. MB \$20.

33. Nice Lake Success service cover bearing meter PB 115515 Slogan Type III dated 11/15/47. VF. (Gaines \$150+) MB \$30.

34. Small cover addressed to Trygve Lie UN Assembly in Europe forwarded to Russell Square. VF. MB \$4.

35. Legal envelope bearing presidential issues registered to Bureau Finance UN Lake Success. W/ Great Neck receipt cancel on reverse. VF. MB \$20.

36. Legal-sized UN LS cornercard envelope production and Distribution Division PB 126118 w/ Slogan III 1/6/49 various Return to Sender and transit marks. Torn on top edge. MB \$14. *FB 20*

37. UN LS cornercard window envelope PB 126118 Slogan V 8/4/50 w/ various RTS imprints. F. MB \$10.

Later UN Service Mail

38. Set of (5) Service covers circa 1951-52 from UN Tech Ass. Board, Teheran, Iran to UNNY. F. MB \$6.

39. Service cover from UN Sales Section bearing Payment receipt imprint to Mission of Lesotho. MB \$2.

40. Small window envelop from Auckland, New Zealand meter imprint w/ machine slogan honoring UN Day 1956 applied on meter. MB \$2.

More Forerunner UN covers

41. UN LS service cover Exec. Off of SG CC PB 126118 7.6.50 slogan type V. Return to sender imprints. F. MB \$10.

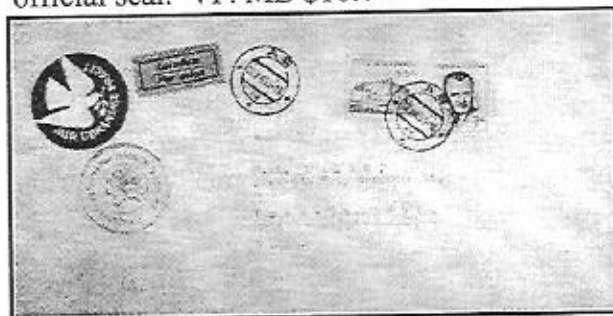
42. Set of (3) protest cards to UN SG w/ incoming receivers marks. F. MB \$4.

43. UNNY service cover meter slogan type V 6.26.51. PB 182488 to Germany w/ return to addr. imprints. VF. MB \$10.

44. UNLS service cover meter slogan type III 11.3.47 PB 115515 to Austin TX w/ return to addr. imprints. VF. MB \$20.

45. UNLS service cover meter slogan type 0 9.27.49 PB 126118 to Peru w/ return to addr. imprints. VF. MB \$20.

46. Lovely Czech cover to UN Lake Success 1950 bearing beautiful Peace Cinderella and official seal. VF. MB \$10.↓



47. Service cover from International Children's Emergency Fund (with blue cornercard bearing forerunner meter PB 182488 Slogan Type V dated 1/24/51 to Honduras. Fine cut open on top edge slightly effecting meter imprint. (Gaines \$75+) MB \$10.

48. UN LS commem. cachet cover bearing PB 118486 Sept 23, 46 UN provisional slogan emblem. VF unaddr. MB \$14.

49. UN Great Neck receipt marking Aug 28, 50 on incoming letter from Czechoslovakia. VF. MB \$4.

50. Commem. cachet cover honoring opening of UN PO in Lake Success and NY, NY with Courier of Nations machine slogan cancel. VF. MB \$8.

51. Small incoming letter from India to UNO Lake Success. Unusual discharged prisoner Lucknow imprint. VF. MB \$10.

52. UN service cover Secretary General cornercard to National Youth Council for the UN Canada airmail bearing discrimination slogan meter imprint. MB \$4.

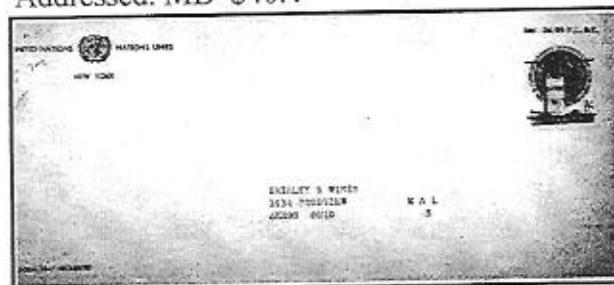
53. Group of approx. (35) postal receipts from UN London 1945 era. VF. MB \$20.

54. Small cutsquare bearing signature of Secretary-General U Thant, 1971. Not very common. VF. MB \$20.

55. UN #2 precancel on legal UNESCO Cornercard envelope with SEC. 34.66 P.L.&R Gaines Type Ic rubberstamp. Address label removed with remnant remaining. MB \$26.

56. UN precancel cover genuine Type "F1" with small "r" imprint and enclosures. VF. unaddressed. MB \$40.

57. UN precancel cover genuine Type "F1" without "r" and with enclosures. VF. Addressed. MB \$40.↓



UN Peacekeeping Forces

58. UNEF - Historic letter 20 March 1959 from Yosef Tekoah Representative of Israel to the UN to Under-Secretary Ralph Bunche regarding the Israeli fishing fleet in the Gaza waters. On cornercard of the Israeli Mission to the UN. MB \$30.

59. UNOGIL - The UNOGIL airletters printed on unwatermarked paper appear in several shades of blue. The blue-green shade known only mint (Gaines, UN Field Service Airletter Type 2(a)). MB \$120.

60. Belgian Colonial Army in the Congo - cover sent to a soldier in the Belgian army stationed in the Congo, from his wife living in Germany. The soldier probably was dis-

patched from his regular (NATO) post to assist the civilians attempt to evacuate the civil-worn torn Congo. Postmark: B.P.S. 3 (Germany, Belgian Military Post), June 13, 1960. MB \$12.

61. UNTEA - 35c Airletter non-overprinted canceled 20.4.60 sent from a corporal of the Marine Corps to the Netherlands. with handwritten message inside. Short flap variety. MB \$20.

62. UNEF I - Canadian Contingent. Official service cover sent from Canadian forces at El Arish to England, using the UNEF free mail system. Very unusual non-philatelic usage outside normal free mail limits. June 25, 1962. Probably carried by Canadian forces postal service. MB \$16.

63. UNEF - Airletter from Canadian Contingent bearing machine cancel Oct 58 to Canada. VF actual usage. MB \$2.

64. UNIFIL - lot of (3) Airletter postally used from Nepalese contingent. VF. MB \$6.

65. UNEF - nice service usage from Polish contingent to Poland. VF. MB \$8.

66. ONUC - small service cover 12/63 with enclosure VF. MB \$2.

67. UNEF - group of 3 airletters/service covers. VF. MB \$4.

68. UNEF - Swedish Contingent imprint on UN 2¢ postal card. Scarce usage. VF. MB \$4.

69. ONUC - two service covers: one from Irish Contingent with letter from soldier and second an airletter sheet from Nigerian Police Unit. VF. MB \$12.

Miscellaneous

70. Swedish UN Delegation, Empire State Bldg. to Swedish Forces Chief. VF MB \$6.

71. UN First Flight forerunner 1958 NY - Miami. Fair strike of cachet. MB \$8.

72. UN First Flight forerunner 1957 Brussels - Belgrade VF. MB \$8.

73. UN First Flight forerunner 1957 Brussels-Belgrade VF. MB \$8.

74. UN first issues postally used legal airmail letter bearing single & blk 4 3¢ (Gaines #4) to Poland. Returned addr. not known w/steel die

cancel dated May 2, 1952. Various receipt marks on reverse. MB \$8.

75. UN #4 3¢ tied by Brussels slogan cancel 5/16/58 to NY with enclosure from Brussels Pavilion UNEXPO acknowledging request for Brussels UN Sets. w/cachet for UNPA Order. VF. MB \$2.

76. PPC bearing 1½¢ and 1¢ first issue and 4¢ airmail tied 1957 machine cancel. VF. MB \$3.

77. UNNY #1, #C1 used on special forerunner FF to Barbados 1957. VF. MB \$20.

78. UN Geneva mailing receipt forms (3) bearing working day cancels. VF. MB \$2.

79. UN #38 on Official Headquarters Cachets FDC bearing signature of stamp designer Claude Bottiau. Addressed in pencil to UN. VF. \$40.

80. UN Brussels Expo set of (6) commercial FDCs with big commem. cach. CDS. MB \$4.

81. UN Brussels Expo set of (6) commercial FDCs with small working day cachet CDS. scarce. MB \$8.

82. 5¢ 1952 Charter issue FDC on Official UN Stationery scarce handcancel. VF unaddressed. MB \$10.

83. Scarce Official FDC honoring UN Stamp Exhibit and National Philatelic Museum. 1952. Signed by Renborg. MB \$4.

84. WFUNA Dali Cachet combo with tab singles. Unaddressed. Scarce. MB \$10.

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Lot #	New Minimum Bid
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4*	\$8
11*	\$8
12*	\$24
23*	\$4
27*	\$12
29*	\$8
30*	\$16
31*	\$4
32*	\$16
34*	\$8
35*	\$4
42*	\$12

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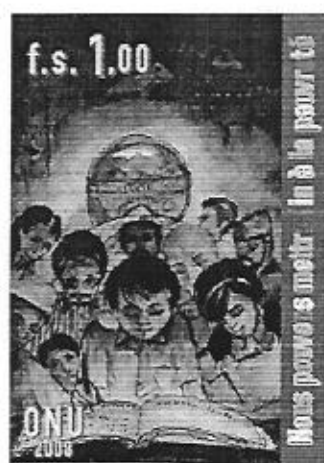
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