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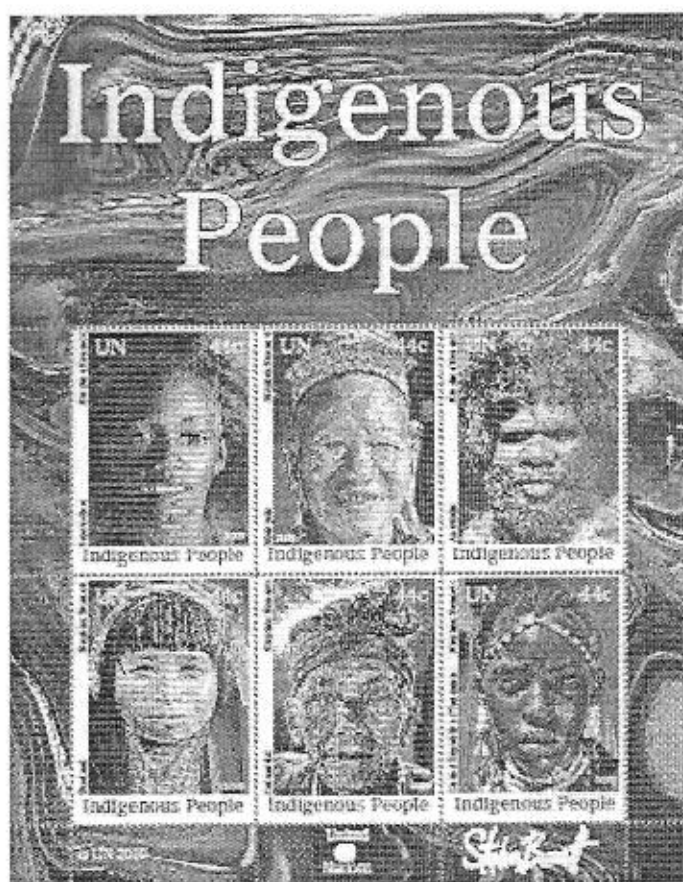
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Front cover: UNNY Souvenir Sheet honoring Indigenous People issued October 8, 2009.

Back cover: UN Geneva and Vienna Souvenir Sheets honoring Indigenous People.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2010 UNP Annual Meeting in Oak Brook

Reserve August 6-8, 2010 on your calendars as UNPI heads for the "Windy City". Our 2010 convention and meeting will be held in conjunction with **AMERICOVER**, the annual show of the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). The show will be staged at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook, 1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois. Chris Lazaroff, AFDCS President, and the Board of the AFDCS enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to host the UNPI for our convention. This will be the first time that a philatelic society, other than one focused on First Days, will hold its annual meeting at **AMERICOVER**. The Boards of both societies agree that this will be an unprecedented opportunity for the two groups to learn about the other.

Since the United Nations issued its first stamps in 1951, hundreds of thousands of UN First Day covers have been created. Additionally, there have been many thousands of FDCs for UN issues from the Geneva and Vienna offices, as well as millions of covers for the First Day of stamps with a UN theme from countries around the globe. I am willing to bet many of you reading this message have a fair number of UN or related FDCs in your collections. Like all World Series of Philately exhibitions accredited by the American Philatelic Society, **AMERICOVER** will have a competitive exhibition. The Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions at APS STAMPSHOW in 2011. However, as this is a show with a special theme, all exhibits must be in the FDC category as defined by the Manual of Philatelic Judging (available at www.stamps.org). A few of our members actively exhibit FDCs, most notably our webmaster, Larry Fillion. Some of his 1-Frame FDC exhibits can be viewed on our web site. I invite all of you to consider entering a FDC exhibit for this show.

AMERICOVER will also have a bourse.

While the show boasts the largest gathering of FDC dealers, the bourse also includes many stamp and postal history dealers. The AFDCS will provide UNPI with a mailing list of all participating dealers and we will send out a letter informing the dealers of our presence at the show. We will also work with the AFDCS to invite dealers who specialize in UN and related material.

The AFDCS has arranged a special room rate at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook at \$99 per night. When making reservations, be sure to mention "AFDCS". Make your reservations by calling 630-573-8555 or 800-228-9290. The folks in AFDCS know how to have a good time. Their shows are always a lot of fun and include activities away from the show venue and not necessarily related to philately. At their 2009 show in Boxborough, Massachusetts they sponsored a tour of Revolutionary War sights and there was a dinner theater gathering on Sunday after the show. For more information about our joint convention with the AFDCS, keep an eye on future issues of *The Journal*, the UNPI web site (www.unpi.com) and the AFDCS web site (www.afdcs.org). I look forward to seeing many of you there!

UNP Election of Officers in 2010

The biannual election of officers for the UNPI is quickly approaching. After serving as President for nearly six years, and previously as Vice President for four years, I am stepping aside. It is time for new leaders with fresh ideas to lead our society. I encourage you to consider running for office and serving this world-wide philatelic organization. More information about the pending elections will be published in subsequent issues of *The Journal* and on our website. It has been a privilege representing the UNPI and I thank you for your support and contributions to the group.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faulty Caption

I found an error in your article on *The Evolution of the UN Emblem* (October 2009 issue of *The Journal*, p. 17). The photo on the bottom of p. 18, Figure 2, is not of Lake Success. It is a General Assembly meeting at the City of New York Building in Flushing Meadows Park, Queens.

B.J.Kaufman
Brooklyn, NY

Response from the Editor: You are quite correct in noting that during the period when the United Nations Secretariat was at Lake Success (1946-1950), General Assembly Sessions were held at Flushing Meadows except for 1948, when they were held in Paris. The Figure 2 caption should have

read: View of the Provisional Emblem at the General Assembly Session at Flushing Meadows.

New UNP Project

In response to a Letter to the Editor from John Arnold in the August 2009 issue of *The Journal*, p. 13) I have put together a database of the stamp issues of the UN, listing both Scott and Michel catalog numbers. Visit UNPI.com/Projects/Stamp Issues of the United Nations.

Anyone interested in helping with this project by scanning images of UN stamps to be included on the website can contact Bill at wwun@comcast.net.

William Ingram
Richmond, CA

PERSONALIZED SHEET HONORING THE CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

At the request of the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a special personalized sheet (Figure 1) on September 22, 2009 during the sixty-fourth session of the U.N. General

Assembly commemorating the UN Conference on Climate Change which opened Copenhagen in the fall of 2009. The sheet contains ten 98¢ stamps of one design showing the UN logo and ten different vignettes and costs \$14.95.

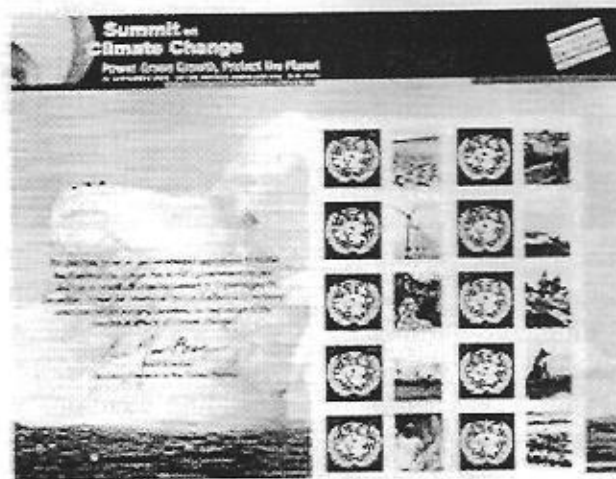


Figure 1: 2009 UNNY Personalized Sheet honoring Climate Change Summit.

2010 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of November 1, 2009 but subject to changes of date and denominations.)

See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at: www.un.org/Depts/UNPA

February 5

Coin and Flag Series

44¢. F.s. 0,85, € 0,65

(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)

Vienna Personalized Sheet

Human Trafficking

(Sheet of 10 stamps)

April 15

Endangered Species

44¢. 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 2010 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

FDC with Silk Cachet

May 7

One Planet, One Ocean

44¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65

(mini-sheets)

Three Prestige Booklets with 12×(27¢, 42¢, F.s. 0,35, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35)

Shanghai Personalized Sheet

June 5

Personalized Sheets (New York)

(Sheet of 20 stamps - 44¢ domestic rate with five designs and se-tenant labels)

(Sheet of 10 stamps - 98¢ international rate with five designs and se-tenant labels)

Definitives - New York, Geneva and Vienna

Postal Stationery for New York

July

65th Anniversary of the UN

98¢, F.s. 1,80, € 0,65

(3 sheets of 20 stamps)

Souvenir card

September

Indigenous People

44¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65

(3 mini-sheets of 6 designs)

October

UN Transport Land/Sea/Air

44¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65

(3 sheets of 20 stamps)

2009 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2009 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of November 1, 2009 but subject to changes of date and denominations.)

See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at: www.un.org/Depts/UNPA

- February 6** **100th Anniversary U Thant**
 94¢. F.s. 1,30, € 1,15
 (3 sheets of 20 stamps)
- New York Definitives**
 1¢, 9¢, 10¢
 (3 sheets of 20 stamps)
- April 16** **Endangered Species**
 42¢. 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 2009 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
 FDC with Silk Cachet
- May 7** **World Heritage - Germany**
 44¢. 98¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65, € 1,40
 (6 sheets of 20 stamps)
 Three Prestige Booklets with 12×(27¢, 42¢, F.s. 0,35, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35)
- Postal Stationery for Geneva, Vienna**
 Geneva: postal cards F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80
 Vienna: prestamped envelopes € 0,65, € 1,40, postal card € 0,65
- Personalized Sheet (Vienna) - IBRA in Essen**
 (Sheet of 10 stamps - € 0,65 with five designs and se-tenant labels)
- June 5** **Personalized Sheets (New York)**
 (Sheet of 20 stamps - 44¢ domestic rate with five designs and se-tenant labels)
 (Sheet of 10 stamps - 98¢ international rate with five designs and se-tenant labels)
- Revalued Postal Stationery for New York**
 prestamped envelopes (regular and legal) 44¢ (41¢ + 3¢), airletter sheet 98¢ (90¢ + 8¢)
- August 6** **Economic and Social Council**
 44¢, 98¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 0,65 and a souvenir card
 (6 sheets of 20 stamps)
- August 24** **Personalized Sheet (Vienna) - UNPA Vienna 30th Anniversary**
 (Sheet of 10 stamps - € 1,40 with five designs and se-tenant labels)
- September 22** **Personalized Sheet (New York) - Climate Change Summit**
 (Sheet of 10 stamps - 98¢ with one design and 10 se-tenant labels)
- September 25** **UN Millennium Goals**
 44¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65
 (3 mini-sheets of 8 designs)
- October 2** **New York Definitive - International Day of Non-Violence**
 \$1 (1 sheet of 20 stamps)
- Personalized Sheet (Geneva) - UNPA Geneva 40th Anniversary**
 (Sheet of 10 stamps - F.s. 1,00 with five designs and se-tenant labels)
- October 8** **Indigenous People**
 44¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65
 (3 mini-sheets of 6 designs)
 2009 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

On October 8, 2009, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued eighteen commemorative stamps in three mini-sheets of six stamps each on the theme "Indigenous People" for use at UN headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

Indigenous people are the inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to other people and to the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, the various people around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

Estimates point to more than 370 million indigenous people in some ninety countries worldwide. While they are from diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds, they share such challenges as lack of basic health care, limited access to education, loss of control over land, discrimination, forced assimilation, abject poverty, displacement, human rights violations and economic and social marginalization.

Indigenous people around the world have sought recognition of their identities, their ways of life and their right in traditional lands, territories and natural resources; yet throughout history, their rights have been violated. Indigenous people are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world today. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect the rights of the world's indigenous people.

The landmark United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, drafted and debated for more than twenty years, was adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2007. The Declaration is the most comprehensive statement of the rights of indigenous peoples ever developed, giv-

ing prominence to collective rights to a degree unprecedented in international human rights law. It stresses the rights of indigenous peoples to live in dignity, to maintain and strengthen their own institutions, cultures and traditions, in keeping with their needs and aspirations. The adoption of this Declaration is the clearest indication yet that the international community is committing itself to the protection of the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples.

The stamps, which appear on the covers of this issue of the *Journal*, were designed by Stephen Bennett, a portrait painter. He makes annual trips around the world to paint portraits of indigenous people.

In the top row of the UNNY mini-sheet one finds the following paintings: "Beach Baby" painted in Seychelles in 2001; "Barrio Baseball" produced in Malaysia in 2006; "Welcome to Beswick" created in Australia in 2003. The bottom row contains: "Karen Long Neck Bling" painted in Thailand in 2007; "Temple Rain Man" produced in Indonesia in 2006; "Break from Dancing" created in the United Republic of Tanzania in 2001.

The top row of the mini-sheet for use in Geneva shows "Charcoal and Blue Sky" from Papua New Guinea in 2007, "Himba, Super Model" from Namibia in 2001, "Whiskey and Dancing" from Namibia in 2002. The bottom row contains "100 Mile Smile" from the United Republic of Tanzania in 2001, "Akah Bracelet Lady" from Thailand in 2006 and "Tavita the Ghost" from French Polynesia in 2000.

The top row of the Vienna mini-sheet has "The Green Bead" from Tanzania in 2002, "Wirapanda Reconciliation Ceremony" from Australia in 2004 and "Somehow Very Sure" from Namibia in 2002. The bottom row shows "Bukat Prince" from Indonesia in 2006, "Sunset Braids" from Namibia in 2001 and "Cotton Candy Turban" from the United Arab Emirates in 2005.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCES:

Geneva - 2008 and 2009

By B. Clement, Jr.

The International Labor Organization (ILO) has held International Labor Conferences since 1920. Generally these have been held annually in Geneva. Until 2001, the conferences held in Geneva had all used a special conference postmark. Beginning in 2001 all United Nations and UN-Agency conferences held in Switzerland ceased to have a special postmark. Starting in 1966, all the Geneva International Labor Conferences had had a special conference cachet. Until recently, the last of these cachets was observed in 1998. From 1967 to 2000, the conference postmarks were generally similar to the 2000 cancellation shown in Figure 1. From 1969 to 1998, the conference cachet was similar to the 1996 cachet shown in Figure 2.



Figure 1: 2000 ILO conference cancel in Geneva.

It now appears that the special conference cachet may have continued to be used at International Labor Conferences since 1998. At least we now know that it was used in 2008 and 2009. Figure 3 shows a cover with an ILO-Geneva corner card from the 97th International Labor Conference, held in Ge-

neva from May 28th to June 13, 2008. Interestingly, it is franked with UN-Geneva stamps (Scott #1 and 38) instead of special Swiss official stamps issued for the ILO and is postmarked with the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) hand cancel "j" with stars on June 12, 2008.



Figure 2: 1996 ILO conference cachet.

Figure 4 shows a similar cover from the 98th Conference, held in Geneva June 3-19, 2009. It is also franked with the same UN-Geneva stamps as the 2008 cover, but is postmarked with the United Nations Post Office (UNPO) hand cancel "g" on June 4, 2009. Usually, in the past, the UNPO "g" cancel (without stars) was not normally used, but reserved for special postal stations set up for conferences. Whether the "g" cancel is still a "special" cancel is not known to me.

Now that we know that they exist, we will watch for future use of the ILO conference cachet. Also, I would be most inter-



Figure 3: 2008 service cover with ILO corner card bearing an International Labor Conference cancel in Geneva and cachet and franked with UNPA Geneva (#1 and #38) stamps.



Figure 4: 2009 service cover with ILO corner card bearing an International Labor Conference cancel in Geneva and cachet and franked with UNPA Geneva (#1 and #38) stamps.

ested if there are observations of the conference cachet in the "missing years of 1999 to 2007.

United Nations conference postal history constantly evolves. If anyone can add to the information presented here, please let us know. You can help to make the record more complete.

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13	\$32	14	\$45	15	\$40	16	\$42
18	\$9	19	\$19	20	\$16	21	\$7
22	\$42	23	\$8	24	\$27	25	\$70
26	\$8	27	\$11	28	\$13	29	\$61.20
30	\$32	31	\$20	32	\$76	34	\$81
35	\$36	36	\$9	51	\$19.80	52	\$19
53	\$90	54	\$22	55	\$60	56	\$27
57	\$11	58	\$28	59	\$36	60	\$150
62	\$42	63	\$12	64	\$7.20	65	\$7.20
68	\$8	69	\$15	70	\$10	71	\$28
72	\$12	73	\$12	79	\$40	80	\$60
82	\$27	83	\$85	85	\$48	86	\$110
87	\$275	88	\$50	89	\$65	91	\$85
92	\$185	93	\$48	95	\$85	96	\$375
97	\$15	98	\$15	99	\$12	100	\$80
101	\$8	102	\$35	103	\$10.80	104	\$8

Note: Unsold lots from UNP Special Auction #14 are available at 90% of Minimum Bid.

First come, first served.

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THE ARGENTINEAN NAVAL MEDICAL TEAM AT ONUSAL

By Richard Powers

In the December 2008 issue of the *Journal* (page 8) I published an article concerning the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL). The mandate of this mission was in effect between May 20, 1991 and April 30, 1995. According to the Gaines Catalogue the Military Division of this operation consisted of contingents from Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Ecuador, India, Ireland, Spain and Sweden.

Recently I came across the 1993 ONUSAL service cover in Figure 1 sent by a medical team member of the Argentinean Navy to Argentina. This means at least nine nations sent military contingents. This is the first ONUSAL cover I have seen bearing a meter cancellation.

Inside the cover I found the associated letter shown in Figure 2, which includes a fascinating description of the responsibilities of his contingent. Below I have translated from the original Spanish the text of this letter.

San Salvador, April 22, 1993

Dear Mr. Julio Spinetto,

It has not been a lack of courtesy but a problem with the mail service that has brought about the delay in my response.

A bit after the arrival of your first letter and as quickly as I could, I responded to your requests and as you will see, I am in the process of answering the second, with a bit of delay because I had to be out of this country for a few days. When I returned, I found your second.

But it is not the first time that such things happen to me, because being in Argentina makes me realize that some letters get lost in the mail. It is unfortunate but that is the way things are.

We have just completed five months stay with ONUSAL. We are a group with seven naval members who are working with the UN, deployed at strategic areas of this country and setting up endless work, tending to UN staff and well as extending our aid to civilians for humanitarian reasons. Of the seven staff members, there are three physicians and four paramedics integrated into the Military Division of the Defense Department, working in conjunction with other military contingents, totaling nine. But the majority of this personnel work in the political or human rights divisions. The work achieved by the UN here has been impressive in advancing the peace process. There have been a few setbacks but it stays on the irreversible track to the 1994 elections.

You can see already the team is large and very interesting and it is difficult to summarize its work in a single page. I hope that what I have related will serve to better put in context what our duties are and where they are headed.

Hoping that you understand the delay and that this letter demonstrates the thought, I remain at your disposition. Cordially,

Jorge Dardo Rosas - ONUSAL Medical Team

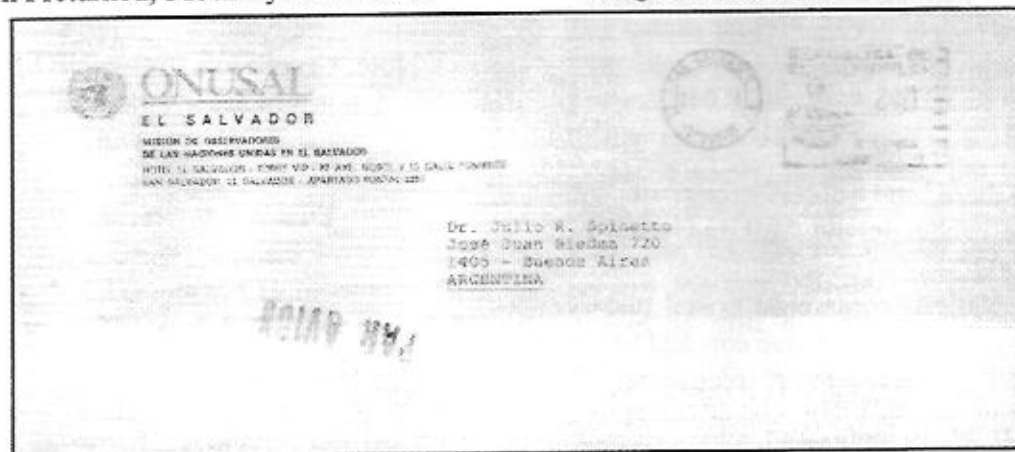


Figure 1: 1993 ONUSAL service cover from the Medical Team.

SAN SALVADOR, 22 de abril de 1993.-

Estimado Sr. Julio SPINETTO.

No ha sido falta de consideración sino falta en algunos de los correos, al de acá o al de nuestro país, el que a ocasionado este inconveniente.

A poco de llegar al primer correo y tan pronto como pude, contesté lo que me solicitó y como Ud. verá, me dispongo a contestar la segunda, con un poco de demora debido que estuve ausente unos días en este país y a mi regreso me encontré con su carta.

Pero no es la primera que se pasa porque al estar en Argentina pude darse cuenta que varias cartas se han perdido en el camino, es lamentable pero, es así.

Nuestros meses cumplidos ya 3 meses de permanencia en ONUSAL, somos un grupo de 7 miembros de la ARMADA que estamos trabajando para la ONU, desplegados en puntos estratégicos del país y desarrollando un trabajo sin pausa, prestando atención a personas de Naciones Unidas y también, extendiendo nuestra ayuda a la población por razones humanitarias. De los 7, somos 3 médicos y 4 paracaidistas integrados al Estado Mayor de la División Militar, trabajando en conjunto con otras contingentes militares que suman en total 9. Pero, la mayor parte de gente está en la División Policial y en Derechos Humanos. El trabajo realizado por la ONU aquí ha sido magnífico para avanzar adelante en proceso de paz que, tuvo varios tropiezos pero que tiene un camino irreversible a las elecciones del '94.

La vez, el tema es largo y muy interesante y difícil resumir en una página. Espero que lo ha resultado sirva para situarlo mejor en cuál es nuestra tarea y hacia donde apunta.

Desde ya sepa comprender la demora y deseo que la carta cumpla lo pensado, estoy para lo que pueda servirle. Cordialmente.

Jorge Gerardo Rojas
Equipo Médico - ONUSAL.

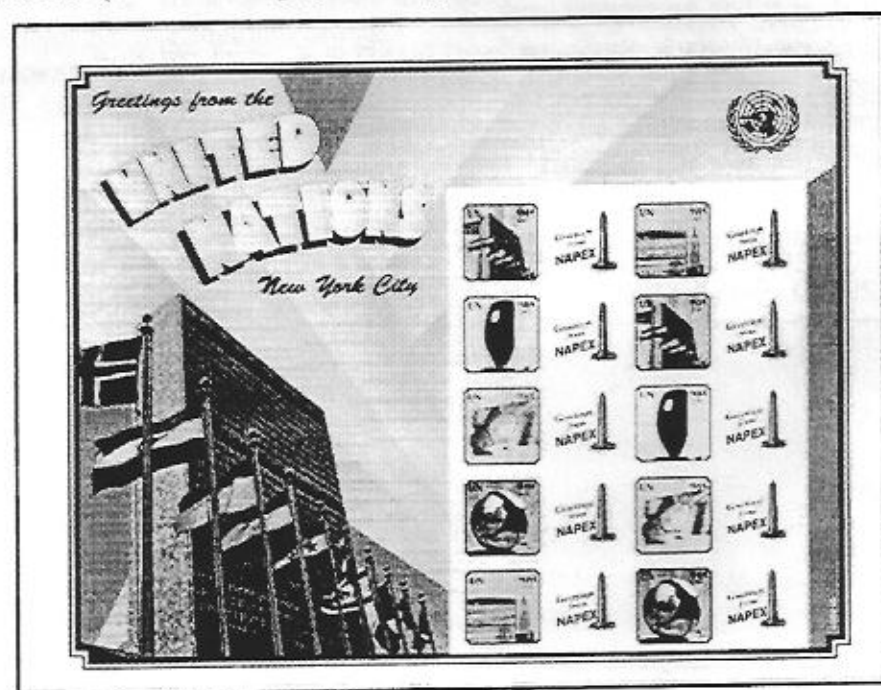
Figure 2: 1993 ONUSAL service letter from a member of the Medical Team of the Argentinian Navy.

DESIGNS OF THE NAPEX 2009 PERSONALIZED SHEETS

By Richard Powers



Design of 44¢ NAPEX generic personalized sheet downloaded from UNPA website showing two different vignettes: one of UN headquarters and one NAPEX logo. The regular (non-NAPEX) sheets sold at New York headquarters have only a vignette showing a different view of UNNY headquarters. (See the back page mailing sheet of the August issue of the *Journal*.)



Design of 98¢ NAPEX generic personalized sheet downloaded from UNPA website showing a single-design vignette with an image of the Washington Monument. The 98¢ sheet sold me by the UNPA has the same vignettes as the 44¢ sheet, not the vignette shown here.

UNICEF MEETINGS

Spain - 1976 and Italy - 1982

By B. Clement, Jr.

As a collector and researcher of the postal history of UN and UN agency conferences and meetings, I try to find postal recognition of meetings of all UN agencies. In my searches, I have found very few such meetings of the UN Children's Fund, UNICEF. Recently I came across two UNICEF-related meetings held in Spain and Italy.

Neither of these meetings are official UNICEF meetings, but of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in support of UNICEF. A special cacheted cover for the first meeting is shown in Figure 1. The International Meeting of Young Friends of UNICEF, held in Ronda, Spain, September 22-24, 1976, used the special postmark shown enlarged in Figure 2.



Figure 1: 1976 cover commemorating the International Meeting of Young Friends of UNICEF in Ronda, Spain.



Figure 2: Special Meeting cancel in Ronda.

The other meeting, the second UNICEF Piedmont Regional Meeting, was held in Turin, Italy April 21- May 2, 1982. The meeting was held at the Valentino Exposition Building in conjunction with the 59th International Automobile Show. A special cacheted card for the meeting is shown in Figure 3. A special postmark for the meeting is illustrated in Figure 4.



Figure 3: 1982 card commemorating the second UNICEF Piedmont Regional Meeting in Turin, Italy.



Figure 4: Special Meeting cancel in Turin.

If you know of postal history for other unlisted UNICEF or UNICEF-related meetings, please let us know. You can contribute to making the story more complete.

FROM GENEVA TO HARBIN

By Richard Powers

In the February 2009 issue of the *Journal* (page 18) I published an article concerning a 1932 cover addressed to the Secretariat of the League of Nations sent by the "Russian Emigrants Committee", which I identified as an organization representing the rights of the so-called Harbin Russians, who had worked for the Chinese Eastern Railway (CER) and had become stateless in the wake of the Russian revolution and unemployable as a result of the Chinese government's decision to allow only Russian or Chinese citizens to be employed by the CER in Harbin.

At the time I wrote the article, I forgot that I possessed a registered service cover sent by the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva, which serves to complement the story of the Harbin Russians. Figure 1 shows this cover bearing a 70-centime ILO stamp (Scott #3020) postmarked at the Geneva Cons. Lett. office on September 28, 1928 and addressed to Monsieur Henri Cuénod at the Astor House in Shanghai, China. The Astor House was an internationally well known hotel which housed many guests for long periods of time. At the time the letter arrived Mr. Cuénod was staying at the Hotel Orient in Harbin. A partial Shanghai city mark ties the stamp to the cover with an October date. On the reverse side is a Harbin receiving cancel showing that the cover arrived on October 18th, which appears in Figure 2.

I recently saw a similar cover (for sale on eBay) addressed to Mr. Cuénod at the Astor House in Shanghai and forwarded to Harbin in June 24, 1926.

I have also come across a letter sent by Mr. Cuénod (still at the Astor House) to Mr. T. F. Johnson at the Refugee Section of the League of Nations. The cover, which appears in Figure 3, postmarked on November 17, 1930 bears a 15-cent Chinese stamp



Figure 1: 1928 ILO service letter sent to Henri Cuénod in Shanghai and then forwarded to Harbin.



Figure 2: Harbin receiving cancel from rear of the cover in Figure 1..

(#260) and traveled to Geneva via Siberia.

These three above mentioned covers suggest that Mr. Cuénod was working with refugees in China from at least 1926 through 1930.

In an article published in the December 1993 issue of the *Journal* (page 70) there appears a time-line of the refugee activities of the League of Nations beginning with work of Fridjof Nansen, the first League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In 1925 this work was taken over by the

refugee section of the ILO in an effort to help refugees by locating work for them. By 1930 the work of the High Commissioner for Refugees returned under the administration of the refugee section of the League of Nations. In 1931 the Office of the High Commissioner was renamed the International Nansen Office for Refugees (Office International Nansen Pour les Réfugiés - O. I. N. R.).



Figure 3: 1930 letter sent by Mr. Cuénod in Shanghai to the to Mr. Johnson of the League of Nations Refugee Section.

Figure 4 shows a service cover of the O. I. N. R. Representative in China addressed to Major T. F. Johnson, the International Nansen Office Secretary-General in Geneva, who had taken over the leadership of League refugee activities upon the death of Nansen in 1930. It was postmarked in Shanghai on September 1, 1931 and was routed via Canada to Geneva. It bears two Chinese stamps: a 10-cent (#258) and a 15-cent (#260) stamp.

Figure 5 shows the origin cachet of the Representative in China of the International Nansen Office for Refugees from the rear of the cover in Figure 4. This cachet clearly shows that the O. I. N. R. was under the authority of the League of Nations. However, the address of the Nansen office at 15 rue Général Dufour on the other side of Ge-

neva from the League Secretariat in the Palais Wilson shows a certain amount of autonomy. The similarity of the format of the two covers in Figures 3 and 4 suggest that they were both sent by Mr. Cuénod.



Figure 4: 1931 service cover from the Representative in China of the O. I. N. R. to the Mr. Watson, the International Nansen Office Secretary-General, in Geneva.



Figure 5: Origin cachet of the O. I. N. R. representation in China used in 1931 from the rear of the service cover in Figure 4.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONTESTS

By Richard Powers

Public outreach has been a major activity of both the United Nations and its predecessor the League of Nations. In the December 2004 issue of the *Journal* (page 18), I published an article concerning a circa 1950 United Nations television program which awarded a packet of forty-eight international stamps to viewers who correctly answered a quiz question. More generally Model United Nations programs involve students in the work of the United Nations. The April 1981 issue of the *Journal* (page 85) displays some Cinderella items produced in conjunction with the Model United Nations in San Diego in April 1962.

The League of Nations was also active in the field of public information. An article on the youth programs of the League of Nations appeared in the December 2005 issue of the *Journal* (page 17). Among these were Model Assembly and Model Council Meetings involving university students.

I recently found the cover pictured in Figure 1, which bears the following corner card:

League of Nations Contests
8 West 40th Street
New York, N.Y.

The cover was sent to a high school in Clinton, Wisconsin in a bulk mailing in an embossed stamped U.S.P.O.D. 1¢ envelope with a 1937 watermark. The Benjamin Franklin vignette (Scott #U420), first issued in 1916, has a bureau New York pre-cancel, which cites Sec. 562 of the P. L. & R (Postal Laws and Regulations) in effect from 1932 through 1948.

Figure 2 (3) shows the front (reverse) of a 1935 cover from the League of Nations Association, Inc. with exactly the same address in New York City, strongly suggesting that the League Contests were organized by the League of Nations Association. This association was formed for the purpose of stimulating American interest in the League and mobilizing support for the entrance of the United States in the League. An article on League of Nations ac-

tivities in the United States was published in the June 1994 issue of the *Journal* (page 14). The American Association for International Cooperation and the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association merged on January 10, 1923 to become the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association, whose name was shortened in 1929 to become the League of Nations Association.

This cover reveals a remarkable amount of postal history information from the postal markings on both sides of the cover. The air-mail cover was sent to a woman in care of the American Consul in Mexico City bearing a 6¢ winged globe stamp (#C19) at the Times Square Station in New York at 10:30 am on January 15, 1935. The letter was discovered to be underfranked by 4¢ as indicated by the rubber-stamped cachet in the lower left corner. Two red 2¢ Washington stamps (#554) were added. The letter left New York from the Grand Central Annex at 8 pm on the same day. A cancel on the rear shows that the letter reached Mexico City on January 17th at 2:15 pm. It arrived at the American Consulate the following day. The addressee could not be found and after a week it was returned to the Mexican Post Office on January 25th, which held it for a month before returning it to the sender on February 25th. On the extreme right of the back is the receiving cancel of the League of Nations Association of March 12.

With the help of Google, I was able to discover in a 1931 issue of the *Brown (University) Alumni Monthly* that a contest was being "sponsored by the League of Nations Association in colleges all over the country. Several subjects are suggested from which one must be chosen for the prize thesis".

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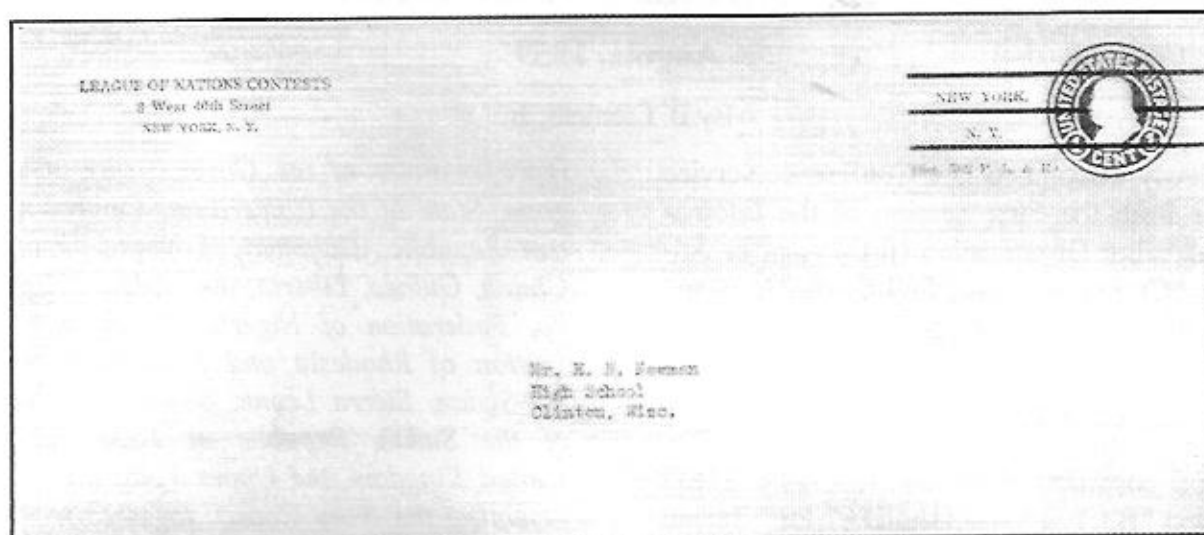


Figure 1: Bulk-rate cover sent by League of Nations Contests in New York.



Figure 2: 1935 airmail cover from the League of Nations Association in New York to Mexico.

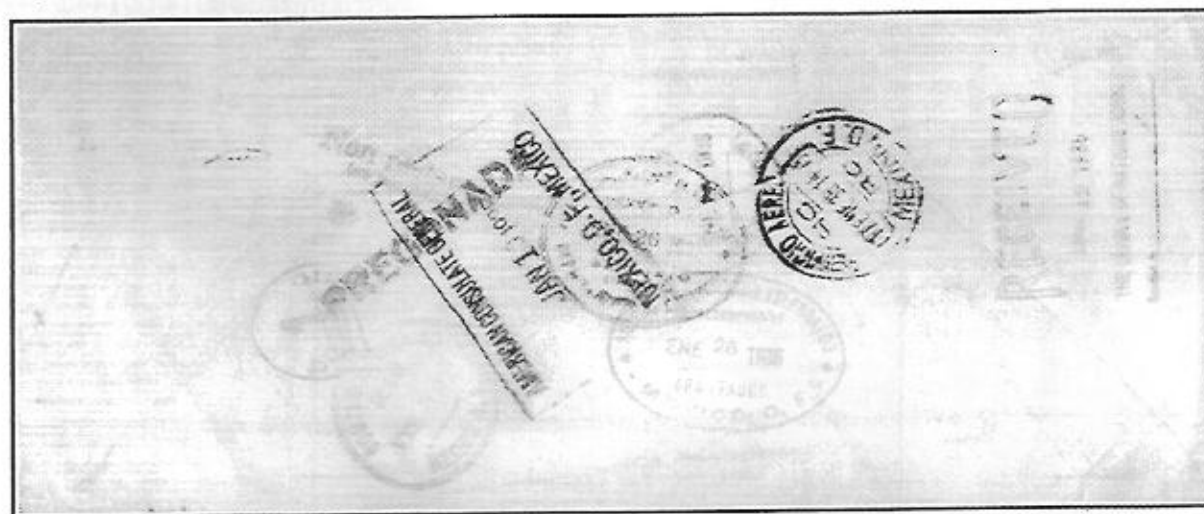


Figure 3: Reverse side of cover in Figure 2 showing the League of Nations Association receiving cancel of March 12, 1935.

ILO CONFERENCE DISCOVERY

Angola, 1959

By B. Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered is a Conference service cover from the First Session of the International Labor Organization (ILO) African Advisory Committee, held in Luanda, Angola, November 30 - December 10, 1959. The cover, shown in Figure 1, has a corner card and special postmark for the session and was sent registered to the ILO in Geneva. The special postmark, illustrated in Figure 2, has the text "B.I.T. 1st R. LUANDA" for "Bureau International du Travail 1st Reunion Luanda". This is unlisted in Gaines Catalog or any known ILO reference.



Figure 2: 1959 B.I.T. Conference cancel in Luanda, Angola.

According to Ref. 1, "*The I.L.O. has an African Advisory Committee consisting of*

representatives of the Governments of Belgium, State of the Cameroons, Central African Republic, Dahomey, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, the Malgazy Republic, Federation of Nigeria, Portugal, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Senegal-Sudan, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Republic of the Sudan, Republic of Togoland, the United Kingdom and Upper Volta (also representing the Ivory Coast), together with 10 Employer members and 10 Worker members appointed by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. The Committee held its first session in Luanda from 30 November to 10 December 1959."

Covers are known from several other sessions of the ILO African Advisory Committee, as follows:

- 3rd, Dakar, Senegal, 10/10 - 11/10/67
- 4th, Yaounde, Cameroons, 7/6 - 8/6/71
- 5th, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 9/26-10/2/72
- 6th, Lomé, Togo, 12/1-12/12/75.

What do you have that may not be documented in UN philatelic literature? Please share it with the rest of us.

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Figure 1: 1959 service cover from the ILO African Advisory Committee in Luanda.

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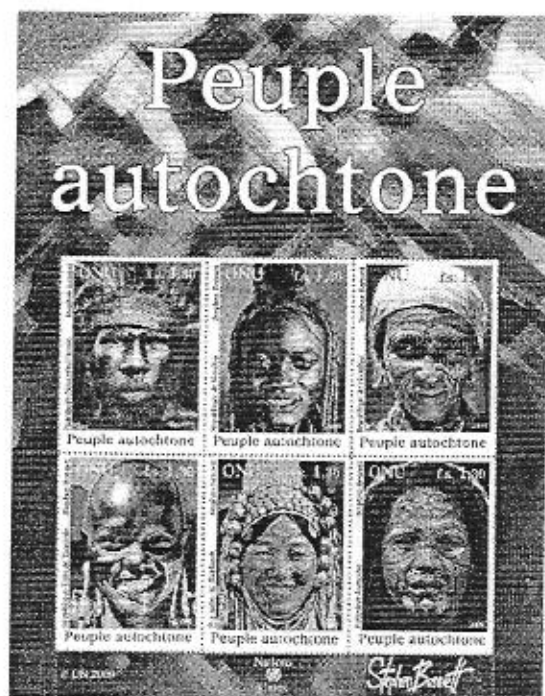
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