

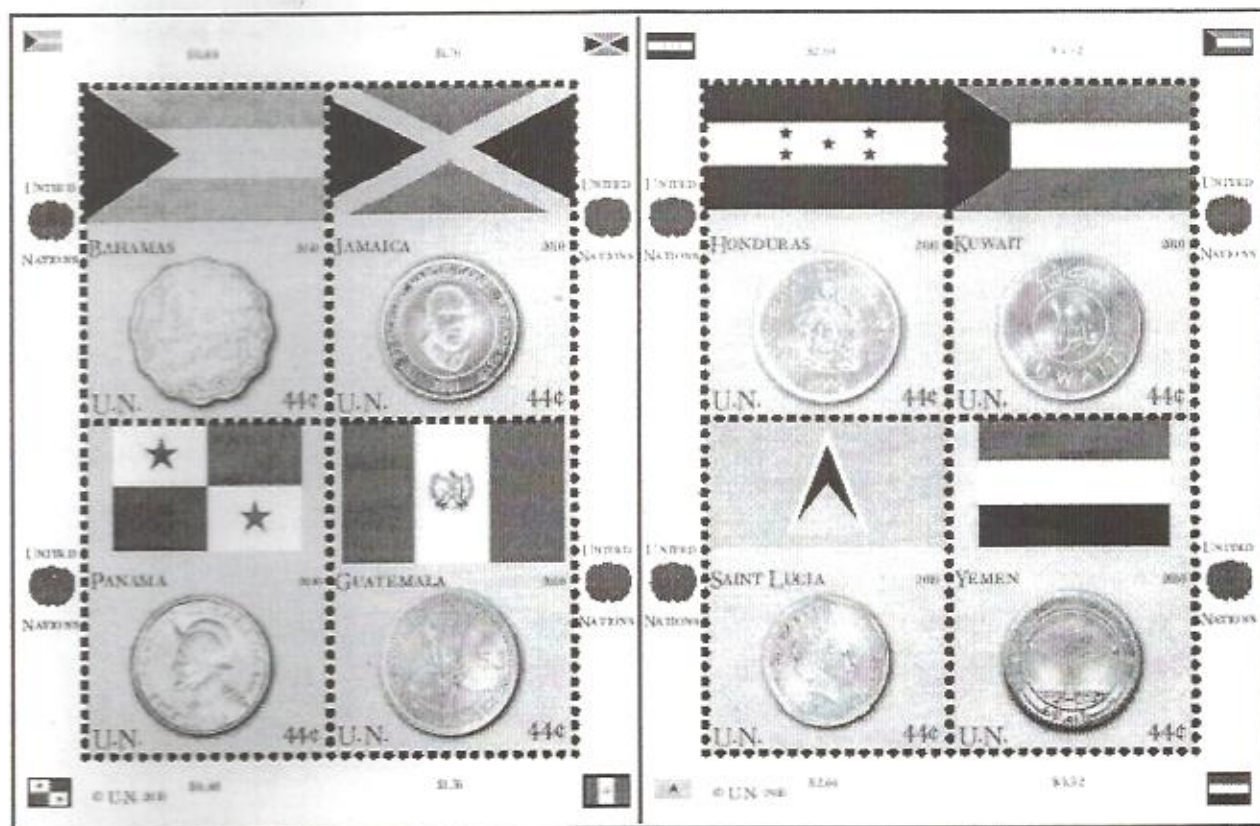
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Front cover: UNNY Coin-Flag Mini-sheet issued February 5, 2010. **Back cover:** UN Geneva and Vienna Coin-Flag Mini-sheets.

Back mailing sheet: Human Trafficking Personalized sheet issued February 5, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A Look Ahead at the 2010 UNPA Stamp Program

By November 2009 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) had announced a tentative schedule of stamps for 2010. If the schedule, which appears on page 2 of this issue, holds, there will be seven commemorative issues, three of which are continuing series: the Coin and Flag Series (February 5th), the Endangered Species Series (April 15th), and Indigenous People (September). That leaves four sets, which have new themes and are not part of continuing series. These include the theme *One Planet, One Ocean* (May 6th), the 65th Anniversary of the United Nations (July), and the United Nations Land/Sea/Air (October). One more stamp will be issued noting the theme Human Trafficking to be issued as a personalized sheet in Vienna (February 5th) with ten stamps in the sheet.

The Coin and Flag set is the fourth installment of a series that is scheduled to last eight years, assuming that there are no new members of the United Nations in the meantime. In each year the UNPA releases three mini-sheets each of which displays a coin and the flag of eight member states, totaling twenty-four nations per installment.

The Endangered Species Series has been an annual issue since 1993. As usual the eighteenth set in this series will be released by the UNPA in the form of mini-sheets of four blocks of four distinct stamps for each office as well as an annual collection folder, three maximum cards and a limited edition silk first day cover.

The Indigenous People series of three mini-sheets of six distinct stamps began in 2003 with the art of Latin America and reappeared in 2005 with the art of Europe and 2006 with the art of Africa and in 2009 with paintings of indigenous people worldwide.

It appears that the commemorative set on the theme *One Planet, One Ocean* is a gen-

eralization of the ideas fostered by the World Heritage series, which it replaces this year. This set will be issued in the form of mini-sheets. As with the World Heritage Series, stamps from this series will be issued in the form of three prestige booklets, each containing twelve stamps of two different denominations.

New definitives are currently planned to appear on June 5th for all three post offices: New York, Geneva and Vienna. New postal stationery for UNNY is scheduled for June 5th and will undoubtedly replace the surcharged stationery now in use at UN headquarters in New York and which were originally issued in unsurcharged form in 2007.

For the present at least four personalized sheets will appear this year. One will be issued in Vienna on the theme of Human Trafficking on February 5th. A personalized sheet will be issued in Shanghai on May 7th. Two personalized sheets will be released on June 5th for use by visitors to the New York UN headquarters in appropriate denominations for domestic and for international denominations. At the present time the USPS plans no increase in either the 44¢ domestic tariff or the 98¢ international tariff this year.

If any member is interested in writing an article tackling any of these topics or any other subject, please drop me a line or send me an e-mail, so that I can offer you my enthusiastic support and devote my own creative energies to other projects. In either case, it is crucial that the contents of this *Journal* contain contributions from as many members as possible in order to guarantee that the articles of this periodical represent the vast range of interest of its members. This is hard to achieve when many issues represent contributions of only two or three authors. I look forward to receiving your article.

2010 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of January 1, 2010 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)

2010 SLOGAN CANCELLATION

January 2

United for Peace (continuation of slogan for 2007, 2008 and 2009)

CLUB NEWS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SELECTS CANDIDATES FOR THE 2010 UNP ELECTION

UNP Officers and Board Members have been soliciting nominations for positions of UNP officers and board of directors, who will take office beginning July 1, 2010 and will serve until June 30, 2012.

Most of the current officers and board members have agreed to continue serving. In addition the committee found additional members willing to serve. Their names will appear on the ballot, which will be printed on the rear page of the mailer for the April issue of the *Journal*.

Thus far the following members have agreed to serve in the indicated offices:

Officers

President: Larry Fillion
Vice-President: Greg Galletti
Secretary: Blanton Clement, Jr.
Treasurer: Jim Matyasovich

Board of Directors

Kenneth Grant
Richard Powers
Brian Reiser
To be announced

The UNP-Secretary Clem Clement is continuing to solicit additional nominations for the above offices - including self-nominations - from any and all members, who are interested in giving a little extra of their time to the Club. Nominations should reach him by February 25th at the following address:

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so that they can be included in the April issue of the *Journal*.

UNP SPECIAL AUCTION #15 PRICES REALIZED

Amount Realized \$3010.80

Lots Sold 76/77 (99%)

UNP Commission \$301.08

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$55.00	2	\$30.00	3	\$22.50	4	\$40.00
5	30.00	6	100.00	7	240.00	8	55.00
9	40.00	10	60.00	11	17.00	12	85.00
13	85.00	14	100.00	15	250.00	16	525.00
17	22.50	18	25.00	19	25.00	20	10.00
21	41.00	22	37.00	23	33.00	24	30.00
25	6.00	26	16.00	27	8.00	28	32.00
29	13.50	30	20.00	31	5.00	32	16.00
33	15.00	34	10.00	35	21.00	36	160.00
37	12.00	38	16.00	39	16.00	40	32.00
41	47.00	42	16.00	43	16.00	44	16.00
45	8.00	46	14.00	47	4.50	48	13.00
49	12.00	50	12.00	51	7.00	52	15.00
53	20.00	54	32.00	55	13.00	56	6.00
57	13.00	58	15.00	59	58.00	60	12.60
61	6.00	62	35.00	64	7.20	65	8.00
66	4.00	67	7.00	68	6.00	69	18.00
70	50.00	71	70.00	72	27.00	73	12.00
74	13.00	75	9.00	76	20.00	77	12.00

Unsold Lot Sale: First Come, First Served
(to B. Clement, PO Box 146, Morrisville, PA 19067 or bclemjr@yahoo.com)

UNP Special Auction #15

Lot #63 at 90% of MB

UNP Special Auction #14

Lots 17,33,37-50,61,66-67,74-78,81,90,94 & 105 at 90% of MB

UNP Special Auction #13

Lots 2,4,11-15,20-23,44,54-64,68-69,71-72 at 90% of MB

UNP Special Auction #12

Lots 41, 44 & 61 at 80% of MB

UNP Special Auction #11

Lots 26-27, 29-32,37,40,43-44,47-49 & 63 at 80% of MB

UNP Special Auction #9

Lots 56, 61 & 63 at 70% of MB

AN INVITATION TO THE UNOP WORKSHOP IN THE BLACK FOREST

By Richard Powers

Late in September 2009 I received an unexpected letter (Figure 1) from the International Education Bureau (BIE) - UNESCO office in Geneva bearing BIE stamps (Scott #4041, 4046, 4048), which were issued from 1956 - 60. One seldom sees these Swiss official stamps, which have seen service for fifty years, used on service mail these days. It is UN policy to use either meter cancellations or pouch mail. Generally only philatelists make the effort to use such stamps. The fact that the sender has mailed the letter to "Herrn Richard Powers", suggested that the letter might have originated from UNOP (United Nations Organisation - Philatelie), the German-language sister philatelic club of United Nations Philatelists. The letter contained an invitation to attend the UNOP - Workshop in Todtmoos in the Black Forest (Schwarzwald) of Germany June 3-6, 2010.

The workshop consists of two mornings (Friday and Saturday) and one afternoon (Friday) of philatelic presentations with ample time dedicated to sampling the local tourist attractions. On Sunday June 6th UNOP will have its Annual Membership Meeting followed by an auction and an opportunity to

exchange philatelic material.

A tentative program for the workshop appears in Table I.

The village of Todtmoos is located in southwestern corner of Baden-Württemberg in Germany within 100 km from Zürich and Basel in Switzerland. The workshop will take place at the Schwarzwälder-Hof in Todtmoos. Three nights in a comfortable room at this hotel is anticipated to cost € 250. At current exchange rates this would amount to about \$370.

The fee includes three nights at the hotel, a welcoming reception with aperitif, two four-course "Gourmet" meals, a visit to the Metzgerei Bär (Bear Meat Shop) known for its "Black Forest" ham, a visit to the Cafe Zimmerman famous for its "Black Forest" tortes, a "Schnapps" tasting, a health message, entertainment by the "Singing Hosts", unlimited use of the hotel gym (Health Oasis), use of a swimming pool at a nearby hotel and a surprise gift.

If there is no conflict with my teaching obligations in the spring, I intend to attend. If you are interested in more information, send me an e-mail and I will keep you informed.

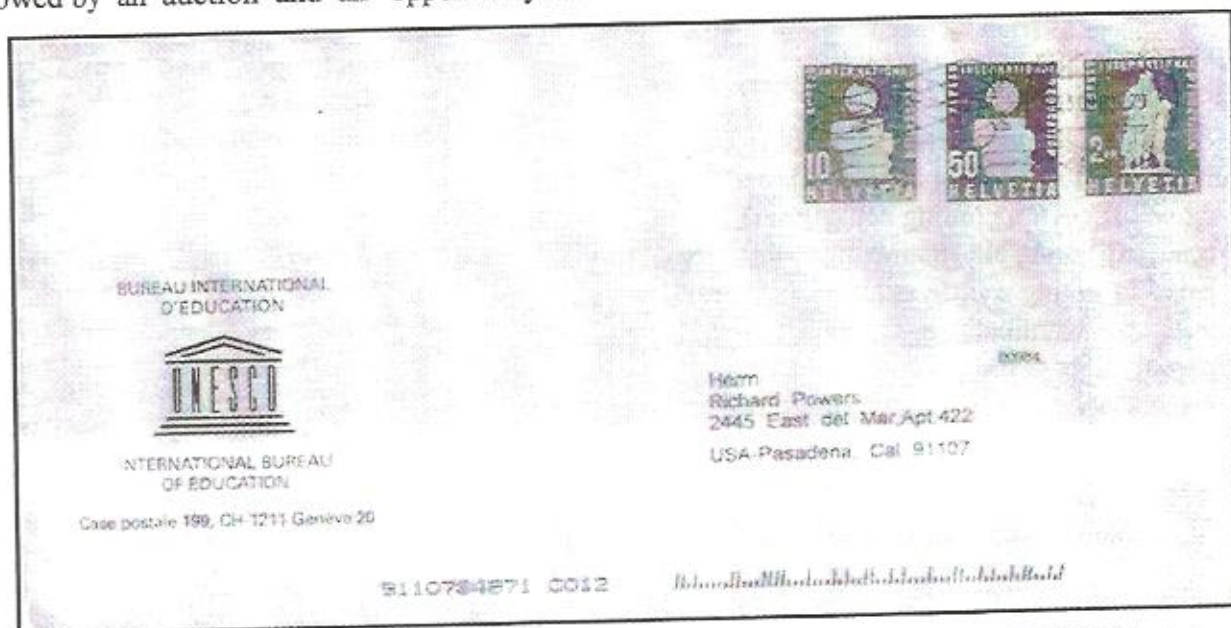


Figure 1: 2009 Cover with BIE-UNESCO corner card containing invitation to UNOP Workshop.

UNOP - Workshop in the Black Forest of Germany

Purpose: Unforgettable Stamp Days in the Black Forest (Learn, Comradery, Relaxation)

Dates: June 3 - 6, 2010

Location: Schwarzwälder-Hof, Todtmoos

Program:

- Monday 5/31 Optional Additional Day (€50 per person per day)
- Tuesday 6/1 Optional Additional Day
- Wednesday 6/2 Optional Additional Day
- Thursday 6/3 Arrival
Full-body massage* (*Advance reservation required).
18:45 Welcome by the UNOP President.
19:00 4-Course Dinner from the Gourmet Menu.
21:00 The Spirit(s) of the the Black Forest (Optional Schnapps tasting).
- Friday 6/4 9:15-11:15 Philatelic Presentations.
11:30 The Secrets of Black Forest Ham (Metzgerei Bär).
13:30-15:30 Philatelic Presentations.
16:00 Experience the Pleasures of the Black Forest Torte (Cafe Zimmermann)
19:00 Optional Dinner from 4-Course the Gourmet Menu
21:00 Philatelic Film
- Saturday 6/5 9:30-12:00 Philatelic Presentations
13:30-15:30 The Singing Host: We will hike about 30 minutes to Mattenhof.
You will enjoy the finest comedy, wisdom of life and music by the
"Pope of Bacon". Obviously there will be an entrance fee. (You must
have expected this. German comedy may be an acquired taste.)
Afterwards there will be free time to do what you want.
19:00 4-Course Dinner from the Gourmet Menu.
21:00 Philatelic Film.
- Sunday 6/6 10:00 UNOP Annual Meeting.
Followed by a viewing of Auction Lots and exchnage of philatelic
material.
- Monday 6/7 Optional Additional Day

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(UNOP - International Society for United Nations Philately)

JOINT UN VIENNA-GERMANY FDC OF THE 2009 WORLD HERITAGE SERIES

To commemorate the 2009 World Heritage - Germany joint issue with Deutsche Post, a limited edition first day cover in silk has been produced by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA). The cover bears two stamps (one, on the left, for the UN Vienna and one for the Federal Republic of Germany) featuring the Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg. The UN Vienna € 1,40 World Heritage - Germany stamp and the € 1,45 Deutsche Post stamp were affixed and canceled accordingly by each respective postal administration with first day cancels of May 7, 2009 in Vienna and Berlin, respectively. The covers were consecutively numbered from 1 to 7000. The cover costs \$7.73 as of May 2009.

The Luther memorials in Eisleben and

Wittenberg (Saxony-Anhalt) are all associated with the lives of Martin Luther and his fellow reformer Melanchthon. They include Melanchthon's house in Wittenberg, the houses in Eisleben where Luther was born in 1483 and died in 1546, his room in Wittenberg, the local church and the castle church where, on October 31, 1517, Luther posted his famous "Ninety-five Theses", which launched the Reformation and a new era in the religious and political history of the Western world. These sites were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1996. They are recognized as part of humanity's cultural heritage, as they represent a significant stage in human history and are of "outstanding universal value bearing unique testimony to the Protestant Reformation".



Figure 1: Joint UN-Germany silk FDC prepared by the UNPA bearing a €1,40 UN Vienna stamp canceled in Vienna on May 7, 2009 and a virtually identical €1,45 German stamp canceled in Berlin on the same day featuring the Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg, which were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1996.

NEW UNITED NATIONS COIN AND FLAG SERIES

By Richard Powers

On February 5, 2010 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued the fourth installment of a series of stamps each displaying the flag and a coin from all the 192 current members of the United Nations. As usual the twenty-four members selected this year appear distributed among three mini-sheets (one each for the post offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna), each containing eight stamps. The mini-sheets appear on the front and back covers of this issue of the *Journal*. Although the flags of 195 members have already appeared on UNNY stamps, this series lets the UNPA update the national flags which have changed since the original flag series began in 1980.

Actually of the 191 flags which had appeared on UN flag stamps by 2001, many are already redundant or out-of-date. In 1993 Czechoslovakia (Scott UNNY #355) broke up into the Czech Republic (#725) and Slovakia (#720). In 1990 the Federal Republic of Germany (#451) and the German Democratic Republic (#539) reunited. In 1990 Yemen (#532) and Democratic Yemen (#500) united. Thus, as of 2001, these 191 flags represent only 188 countries. Since the stamps of the first flag issued in 2001, four new members have obtained UN membership. Tuvalu (2000), Timor Leste (2002), Switzerland (2002) and Montenegro (2006). This brought the total membership up to 192. The flags of these four appeared on stamps issued on February 2, 2007.

Several members have changed their names and/or boundaries. Burma became Myanmar. Byelorussia became Belarus in 1991. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (#456) was replaced by the Russian Federation in 1991. Yugoslavia (#333) was replaced by the Republic of Serbia in 2006.

Each coin-flag stamp pictures a flag and a coin. Presumably this series will be issued over a period of eight years, assuming no new members are added to the United Nations. This multi-year series will be in addition to the Endangered Species series and the Indigenous

Art/People, which generally appear each year. Each coin/flag stamp has a UN logo in the adjacent so that a tab single of each stamp can be had by buying a single mini-sheet.

Each stamp in the New York sheet bears a denomination of 44¢. The eight countries honored and the coins shown include:

Country	Coin
Bahamas	10 Cents
Jamaica	20 (Jamaican) Dollars
Panama	1 quarter Balboa
Guatemala	50 Centavos
Honduras	50 Centavos
Kuwait	100 Fils
Saint Lucia	1 Cent
Yemen	20 Rials

Each stamp in the Geneva sheet bears a denomination of S. Fr. 0.85. The eight countries, whose flags and coins are depicted include:

Country	Coin
Equatorial Guinea	100 Francs
Lao Peoples Democratic Republic	20 Kip
Argentina	1 Argentinian Peso
Morocco	1 Dirham
Seychelles	5 Rupees
Mauritania	1 Ouguiya
Sudan	20 Piasters
Brunei Darussalam	50 Cents

The stamps in the Vienna sheet bears a denomination of € 0,65. The eight countries featured and the coins shown include:

Country	Coin
Romania	1 Ban
Slovenia	5 Cents
Belarus	1 White Russian Ruble
Malta	1 Euro
Azerbaijan	10 Kopeck
Bangladesh	5 Takas
Swaziland	1 Lilangeni
Jordan	10 Piasters

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www.un.org/overview/unmember

1927 POSTAGE DUE MOURNING COVER FROM THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN PARIS TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By Richard Powers

Some League of Nations postal history provides a fascinating look back at the epoch during which it was traveling. The service cover pictured in Figure 1 was sent from the Imperial Embassy of Japan in Paris to Paul Mantoux at the League of Nations in Geneva. On the rear is an attractive blue seal of the Embassy (Figure 2).



Figure 2: Embassy Seal on the Rear of the Cover in Figure 1.

The communication was sent in a black-rimmed envelope, commonly known as a mourning cover. It is postmarked in Paris (Longchamp) on January 6, 1927. This date was less than two weeks after the death of the Emperor Taisho - the 123rd emperor of Japan - on December 25, 1926. He had ruled Japan since 1912. His successor was Emperor Hirohito, who ruled Japan during World War II and whose surrender to General Douglas MacArthur, signaled the official end of World War II in the East. Presumably the Japanese Embassy used the mourning envelope in recognition

of the death of Emperor Taisho.

The cover was posted with a 50-centime French stamp (Scott #146). A notation of 40 over the destination address indicates that the cover postage was underpaid, perhaps because the heavy carton envelope made the letter overweight. In the lower left corner of the envelope is a 40-centime Swiss postage due stamp (#J54) postmarked on January 8, 1927 at the post office of the League of Nations (Société des Nations). According to the 1992 Zumstein Catalogue the normal letter rate (less than 20 grams) from Switzerland to France was 30 (Swiss) centimes with a surtax of 20 centimes for each additional 20 grams. Presumably the French postal rate was comparable when one takes in account the exchange rate, which undoubtedly favored the Swiss franc. One very seldom sees postage due levied on the League of Nations unless the letter was addressed to a private party, such as Mr. Mantoux.

According to F. P. Walters in his work "A History of the League of Nations", the recipient of the letter the Frenchman Paul Mantoux was a staff member at the League of Nations since it was set up in Geneva in 1920. He was the Director of the Political Section, which mainly defined frontier questions. He was a learned historian, writer, diplomat and, as interpreter in all the most recent meetings of the Supreme Allied Council, had a privileged knowledge of many things which could not be found in the official transcripts.

Japan had been one of the founding members of the League of Nations and held a position as a permanent Member of the League of Nations Council. During the period when the Foreign Minister Baron

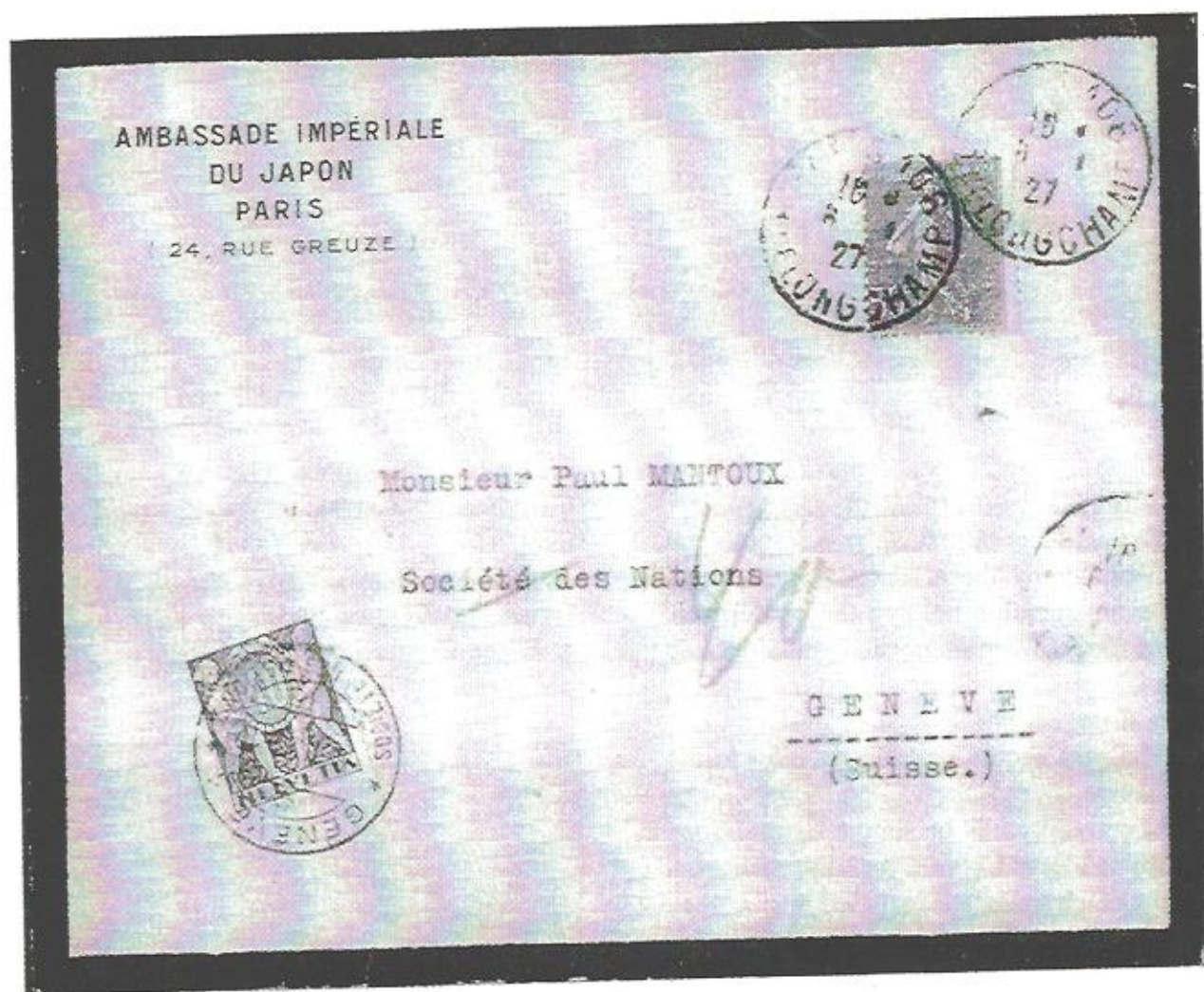


Figure 1: 1927 Postage Due Mourning Cover from the Japanese Embassy in Paris to the League of Nations

Shidehara and his colleagues of the Minseito party held power (1921-31), Japan encouraged the League to be engaged not only in European affairs but also in the affairs of nations throughout the world in general. In later years Japan's terrible crimes committed against China beginning with its de facto occupation of Manchuria in the autumn of 1931 by a totally militaristic regime compromised the good will she had earned during the early years of the history of the League of Nations. In 1933 Japan

announced her decision to withdraw from the League two years later on March 27, 1935.

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UN CONFERENCE POST CARDS

By B. Clement, Jr.

A new Project (Ref.1) on the UNPI website attempts to list all Post Cards issued in conjunction with Conferences and Meetings of the United Nations, its Agencies, and its Predecessors. A Post Card is a unstamped card with a Picture side and a Message side. In order to qualify for this listing:

1. The card was issued contemporaneously with the conference, not months or years later. This is not always easy to determine. A publishing date, or a postmark, is the best way.

2. The card can be issued by a commercial organization, by the conference secretariat, by the organization holding the conference, by the host government, and other related organizations. The listing should indicate the issuer if known.

3. The card should specifically refer to the conference.

4. Maximum cards or similar cards issued for use as a first day card for a stamp honoring the conference, are included only if they contain a specific reference to the conference.

5. Cards which are in the form of a cacheted cover, with a cachet and space for the address and stamp on one side, and the other side blank, or nearly so, are not included.

6. The listing may include early conferences related to UN, League, or Agency objectives, but held prior to their existence, without a direct link to the subsequent organization.

In documenting these cards, it is desirable to show an example mailed from the particular conference. However, mint cards, or cards mailed from other post offices, are listed if the conference usage is not available.

Postal cards, which are issued with a printed stamp, are not listed. These are in-

cluded in the project "UN Conference Stamps".

The following is a summary of what is currently listed on the website:

League of Nations

1. First Assembly, Geneva, 1920, seven Commercial Cards, published by Jaeger (Ref. 3).
2. Second Assembly, Geneva, 1921, six Commercial Cards, published by Jaeger (Ref. 3).
3. Eleventh Session of Council (First in Geneva), 1920, one card.
4. Peace Conference, Paris, 1919, one card, commercial (Figure 1).

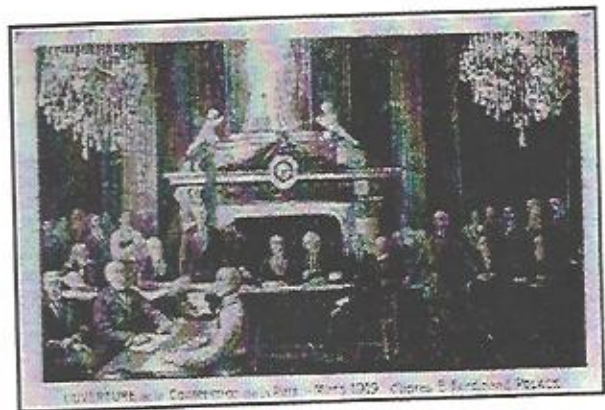


Figure 1: Opening of the Peace Conference in Paris, March 1919

5. Peace Conference with Germany, Versailles, 1919, 18 commercial cards.
6. Peace Conference with Austria, St. Germain-en-Laye, 1919, 6 commercial cards.
7. Conference on German Reparations and Disarmament, Spa, Belgium, 11 commercial cards (Figure 2).
8. International Economic Conference, Genova, Italy, 1922, two commercial cards (Ref. 3).



Figure 2: La Fraineuse, where the Spa Conference was held, 1920

9. Conference on Peace and Security, Locarno, Switzerland, four commercial cards (Ref. 3).
10. International Disarmament Conference, Geneva, 1932, fifteen commercial cards, published by Jaeger (Ref. 3).

United Nations

1. UN Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, 1945, two cards, one official and one commercial (Ref. 7).
2. General Assembly, First part of Third Session, Paris, 1948, two cards, issued by Red Cross (Ref. 6).
3. General Assembly, Eighth Session, New York, 1953, one card, published by UN.
4. First UN International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, Geneva, 1955, five commercial cards (Figure 3).
5. International Symposium on Human Rights, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1959, one commercial card.
6. UN Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, Sweden, 1972, one card, published by Swedish Post Office (Ref. 2).
7. First Conference of the Parties to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Berlin, Germany 1995, one commercial card.
8. Second UN Conference on Human Settlements, Istanbul, Turkey, 1996, one card, published by UNIDO.



Figure 3: First Atomic Conference, 1955, Einstein and Palais des Nations.

9. World Summit on the Information Society, Tunis, Tunisia, 2005, one card, published by Tunisia Post.

Food and Agriculture Organization

1. Sixth World Forestry Congress, Madrid, Spain, 1966, one commercial card.
2. Tenth World Forestry Congress, Paris, France, 1991, one commercial card.

International Atomic Energy Agency

1. Sixteenth General Conference, Mexico City, 1972, one card.

International Labor Organization

1. Thirty-seventh Session, ILO Governing Body, Berlin, Germany, 1927, one official card (Figure 4).



Figure 4: Reichsarbeitsministerium, Innenhof, site of ILO Governing Body Session.

International Telecommunications Union

1. Americas TELECOM 96, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, one card, official (Figure 5).

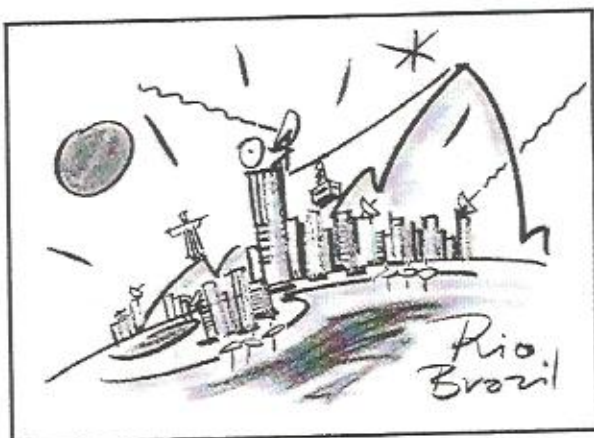


Figure 5: Americas TELECOM 96, Rio de Janeiro skyline.

UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

1. Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies, Venice, Italy, 1970, one card, Commercial card over-printed for Conference (Ref. 4).
2. World Congress on Youth, Barcelona, Spain, 1985, five official cards.

Universal Postal Union

1. Sixth Universal Postal Congress, Rome, 1906, six cards, published by Italian Post Office.
2. Eighth Universal Postal Congress, Stockholm, 1924, twenty-three official cards.
3. Eighteenth Universal Postal Congress, Rio de Janeiro, 1979, one official card.
4. Nineteenth Universal Postal Congress, Hamburg, Germany, 1984, one official card.
5. Twenty-first Universal Postal Congress, Seoul, Korea, 1994, two official cards (Figure 6).
6. Twenty-second Universal Postal Congress, Beijing, China, 1999, two official cards.

7. Eleventh Session, Consultative Committee on Postal Studies, Moscow, Russia, 1968, one official card.

8. Study Commission on Preparation for Eighth Congress, Florence, Italy, 1923, one official card.



Figure 6 Twenty-first Universal Postal Congress, 1994, Conference Center in Seoul, South Korea

World Meteorological Organization

1. Third Session, WMO Regional V Association, Noumea, New Caledonia, 1962, one card.

World Trade Organization

1. Fourth Ministerial Conference, Doha, Qatar, 2001, One official card (Ref. 5).
2. Sixth Ministerial Conference, Hong Kong, 2005, ten Official cards (Figure 7).

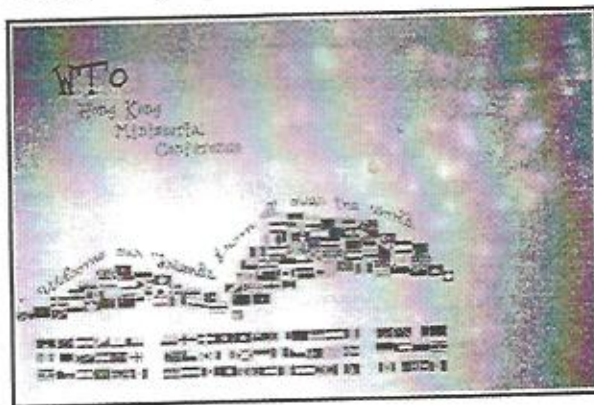


Figure 7 Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference, Hong Kong, 2005

Thanks to Dick Powers for supplying some images. This record is far from complete, and will be added to as additional cards are found. If you have an unlisted card, have a better image of a listed card, or have a card with a conference cancel to replace one shown otherwise, please submit to me at the following e-mail address:

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PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE OF 1919

A POSTAL HISTORY

Addenda 2

By B. Clement, Jr.

Articles in the April 2008 and June 2009 issues of the *UNP Journal* detailed what was known of the postal history of the Paris Peace Conference of 1919. Here are some new findings that add to that picture.

Another delegation cover has been discovered. This cover, in Figure 1, has the corner card of the Lebanese Delegation to the Peace Conference. A detail of the corner card is shown in Figure 2. The cover was mailed from Beirut, Lebanon to Cairo, Egypt on April 25, 1919, and bears two Censor marks. This cover was sold in a Christoph Gaertner auction in Germany about two years ago.

A post card picturing the Trianon Palace Hotel in Versailles, where conference sessions took place, is shown in Figure 3. The post card is canceled with the Versailles Château Congrès de la Paix postmark on the day the Peace Treaty was signed with Germany, June 28, 1919. The post card has a



Figure 1: Cover of the Lebanese Delegation to the 1919 Paris Peace Conference.

newly discovered French cachet in violet, seen in Figure 4. This cachet has the text:

Ministère de l'Intérieur
Congrès des Préliminaires de Paix
Versailles 1919
Sûreté Générale

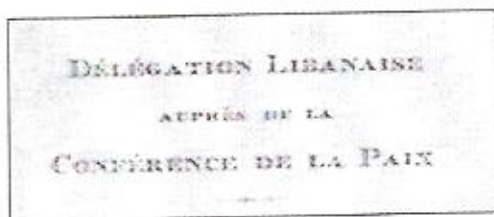


Figure 2: Corner card of Figure 1 cover.



Figure 3: Post card picturing the Trianon Palace Hotel in Versailles bearing the Sûreté Générale cachet.



Figure 4: Cachet of Sûreté Générale from the front of the postcard in Figure 3.

In other words, this was a cachet for the French Federal Police Security at the Conference.

In the first article, a Registry Label for the Versailles Conference was shown. This label had red printing on white paper. The

cover shown in Figure 5 has a different Registry Label, with black printing on reddish-pink paper. The Conference imprint on both labels is in black. A detail of the label is seen in Figure 6. The significance of the different label is not known.



Figure 5: Registered cover from the Versailles Conference.



Figure 6: Reddish-pink registration label from the cover in Figure 5.

Please let me know if you have anything to add to the picture.

SHOW AWARD

At the FIP exhibition *ITALIA 2009* in Rome UNP-member Thomas Radzuweit received a gold medal for his thematic exhibit "Die Entwicklung der Vereinten Nationen - Vom Völkerbund zur UNO" (The Development of the United Nations - from League of Nations to the UN).

UNITED NATIONS STABILIZATION MISSION IN HAITI

By Richard Powers

In the August 2006 issue of the *Journal* (p. 16), I published an article on the five United Nations Missions deployed in Haiti since 1990. I was able to document philatelically three of these missions: the UN Observer Group for the Verification of the Elections in Haiti (ONUVEH), the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH) and the UN Mission in Haiti (UNMIH). Now I can add to this list a cover from the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), which appears in Figure 1. MINUSTAH was established by the Security Council in 2004 and is still in operation.

The cover appears to be philatelically inspired but it does bear the cachet of UNPOL (United Nations Police) of MINUSTAH and on the rear bears the return address (Figure 2) of the Secretary of the French Contingent in Haiti.

The cover bears two Haitian 10 gourde stamps (Scott #930) on the left side of the cover and one € 0,55 French stamp (#3104) in the upper right-hand corner. All three stamps

are tied by two postmarks from the post office in Petion-Ville with postal code HT 6140 and dated December 27, 2005.

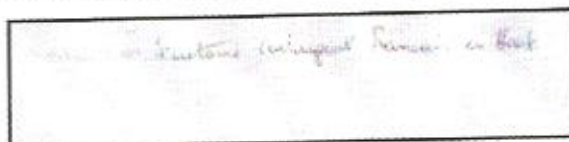


Figure 2: Return address on the rear of the cover in Figure 1.

I doubt that the French stamp paid any of the postage back to France. I suspect that a collector sent a self-addressed stamped envelope with French postage to MINUSTAH. The Secretary generously added Haitian postage and mailed the cover back to the collector. The handwriting of the secretary on the rear of the cover and handwriting for the address in France are different.

Recently the UN does not prepare special stationery for its smaller missions. Often the only indication of the source of a cover is a hand-stamped rubber cachet such as appears here.

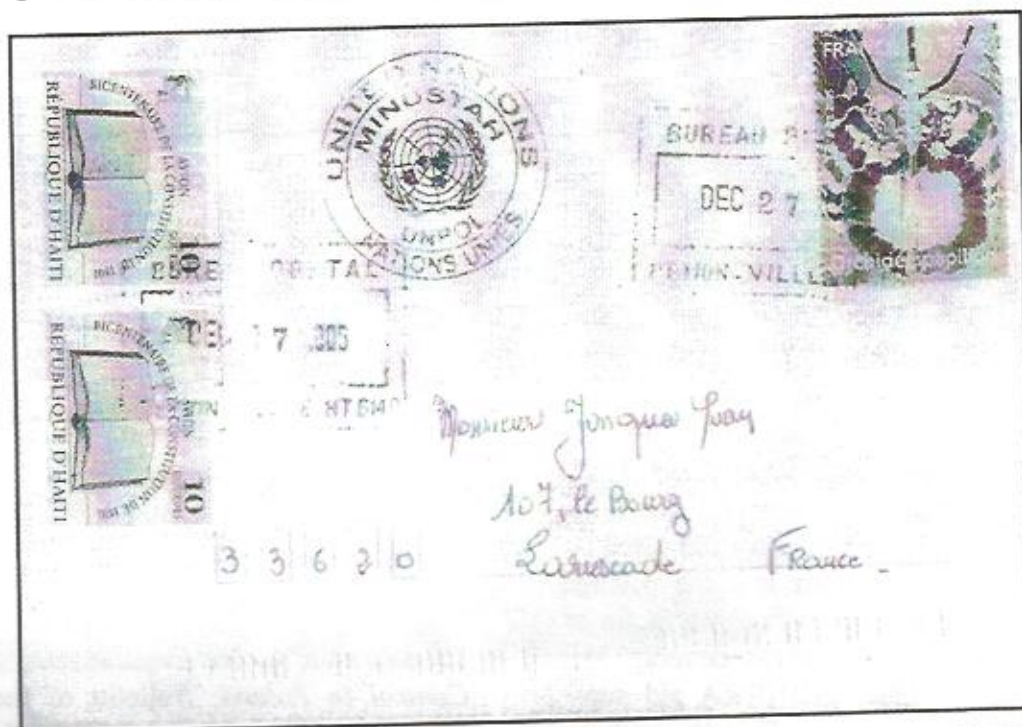


Figure 1: 2005 cover from the French UN Contingent in Haiti bearing a MINUSTAH cachet.

POST WORLD WAR II ACTIVITIES OF WHO IN POLAND

By Richard Powers

A visit to SESCOAL 2009 garnered me the interesting early service cover of the World Health Organization (WHO) featured in Figure 1. It was sent by Dr. D. Stuart of the Epidemic Control Branch Section of the WHO to the Interim Commission of the WHO at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. It was mailed in Warsaw, Poland on February 10, 1948 barely two months before the WHO transitioned from an Interim Commission to the Organization we know today after the official ratification of its constitution on April 7, 1948 by twenty-six nations. April 7th is now known as World Health Day. The cover bears seven Polish stamps: six 30 zloty airmail stamps (Scott #C18) and a single 10 zloty stamp (#414) totaling 190 zloty.

An interesting aspect of this cover is that it was sent on stationery of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) with the corner card carefully typed over with Xs. According to the Gaines Catalogue, the UNRRA established a relief mission in the Polonia Hotel, which operated from November 1945 until July 1947. At its peak operation it employed eighty staff members. Gaines mentions that the mission used diplomatic pouches and U.S. APOs from Germany on covers hand carried there or routed there by pouch for its mail. Figure 2 shows a UNRRA service cover from the Polonia Hotel bearing two Polish 1 zloty stamps (#370) issued in September 1945. Unfortunately there is no clear postmark to indicate the date of mailing. On the bottom of the cover is a USPO hand-stamped message certifying that "This article originally mailed in country indicated by postage". It is interesting that the postage rate appears to have fluctuated by a factor of one hundred between these two covers.

According to Gaines, UNRRA aid supplied countries in eastern Europe, such as Poland, with food, clothing, housing, trans-

port, basic community services and medical assistance. It appears that WHO and UNRRA may have collaborated on this medical assistance.

In the days of the League of Nations Warsaw played an important role in epidemic work. In an article in the October 2007 issue of the *Journal* (p. 10), I noted that the League organized a European Health Conference in Warsaw in March 1922. A cover mailed from the League Epidemic Commission in Kharkoff (Ukraine) Geneva from Warsaw appears in this article. As epidemics often originate in Asia, cities in eastern Europe traditionally served as front cities as epidemics spread westward.

I have been unable to pin down the nature of the epidemic work carried out by Dr. Stuart in 1948. In an article written by A. Brodniewicz, after World War I, the main infectious diseases present in Poland involved typhus, relapsing fever, bacillary dysentery, malaria and typhoid with minor outbreaks of cholera. The Health Organization of the League of Nations played a major role in assisting with these health problems in Poland.

As a footnote to this article, I add Figure 3, which shows a registered service cover from the WHO Interim Commission in Geneva to the WHO Interim Commission in the Empire State Building in New York mailed May 7, 1947. The United Nations in Geneva had overprinted old League of Nations stationery at the bottom left and WHO added its corner card at the top of the envelope. WHO appears to have tried to be conscientiously economical with its early administrative costs.

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Figure 1: 1948 WHO service cover on UNRRA stationery mailed in Warsaw to the Interim Commission of the WHO in Geneva.

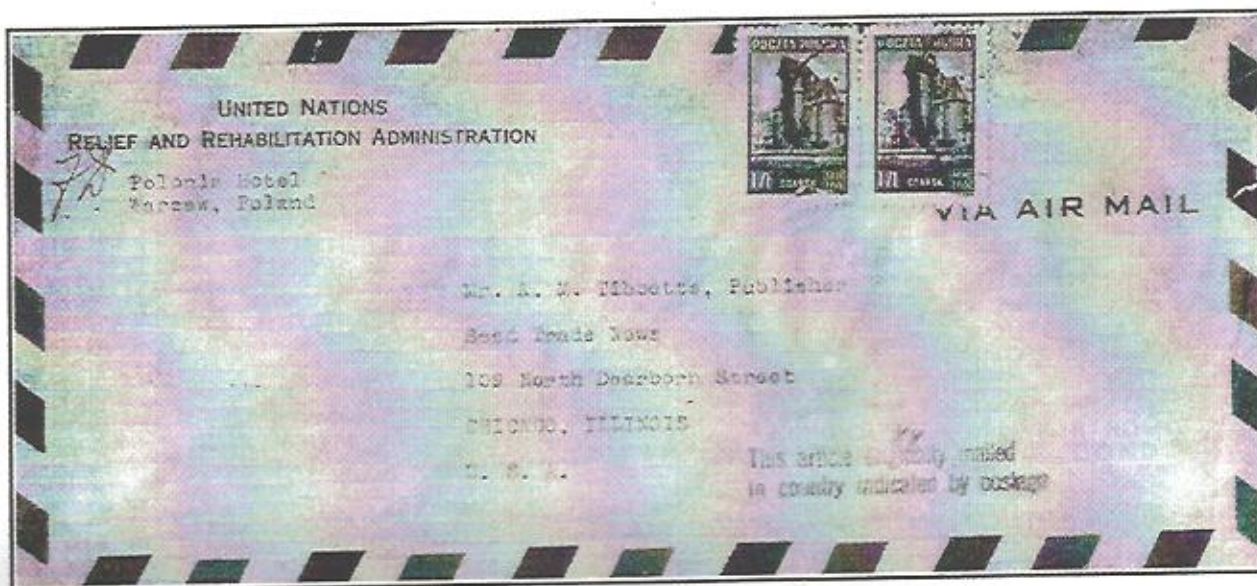


Figure 2: UNRRA service sent from the Polonia Hotel in Warsaw to Chicago.

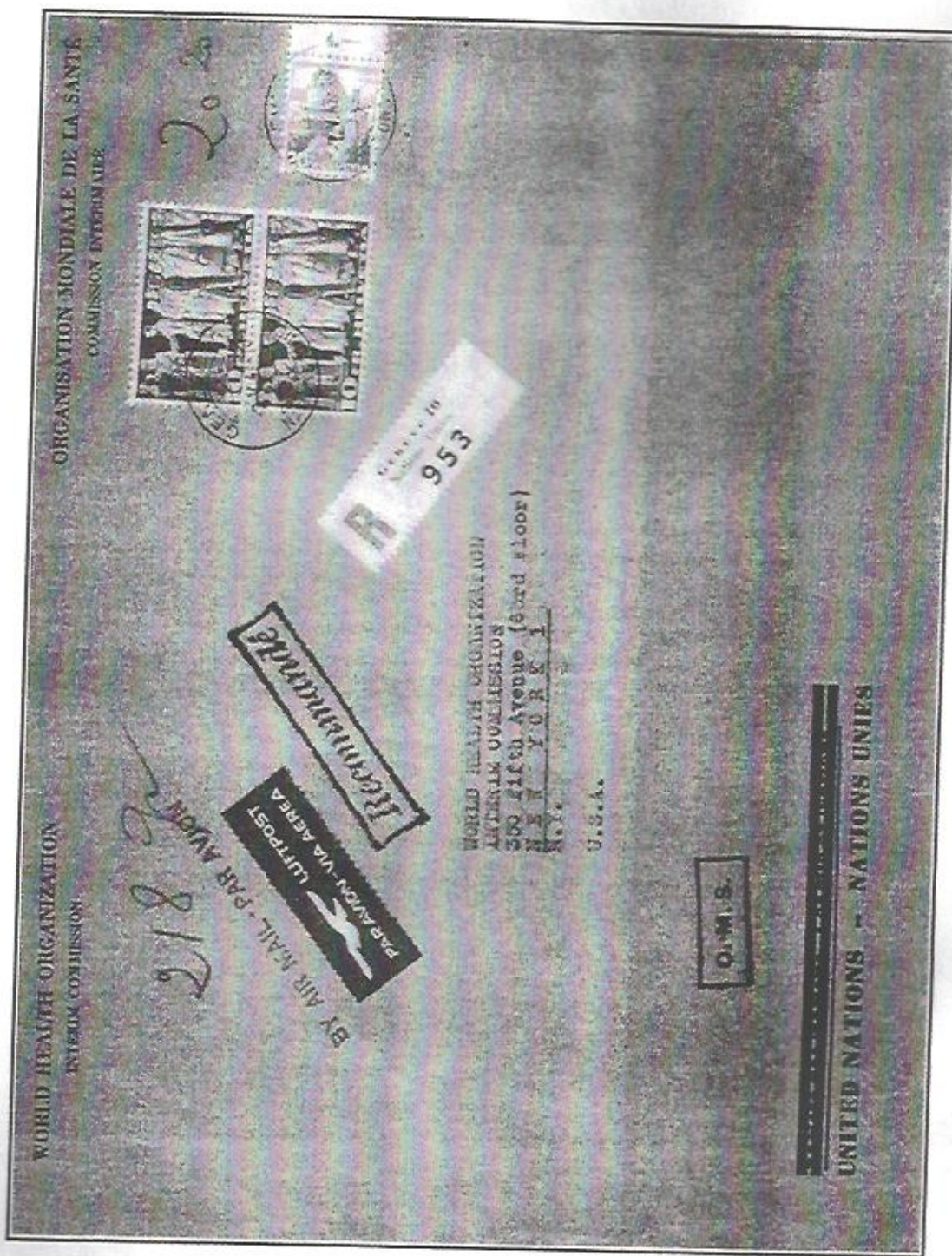


Figure 3: 1947 registered service cover from the WHO Interim Commission in Geneva to the WHO Interim Commission in the Empire State Building in New York using League of Nations stationery overprinted by the UN and then overprinted by the WHO.

KOREA AND THE SECOND HAGUE PEACE CONFERENCE (1907)

By Konrad Schräer

On June 27, 2007 the South Korean post office issued a stamp commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Visit to the Hague Peace Conference by a Korean delegation. Figure 1 shows a first day cover with a cachet featuring the three envoys, as well as, in the background, the arrival of the delegates in automobiles and coaches in front of the Binnenhof, the meeting hall of the Second Hague Peace Conference.

The stamp with a face value of 250 won (1.6 million stamps issued) portrays the three envoys, from left: Lee Sang-Sol, Lee Chun and Lee Wi-Jong as well as the diplomatic credentials from King Kojong.

The three envoys travelled secretly via Russia to the Hague. There they tried via personal contact to draw the attention of the different representatives from around the world to the efforts by Japan to colonize Korea. They urged the Russian representative and President of the Conference to place this issue on the agenda for discussion. At the

behest of Japan the three Korean envoys were prevented from even participating in the Conference.

Disillusioned by the hesitant behavior of the world powers to intercede, Lee Chun sacrificed his life for the Independence of Korea, dying on July 14, 1907 at the age of 49 in the Hague.

In 1995 a Memorial Hall was opened in his honor in the Hague. Already in 1947 and 1948 the South Korean post office honored its Patriot Lee Chun with two postage stamps (Scott #75 and 93).

I would like to acknowledge that an article by G. A. Geerts in the Dutch journal "Filatelie" 04/2008 prompted my attention to a stamp on the theme of the Hague Peace Conference.

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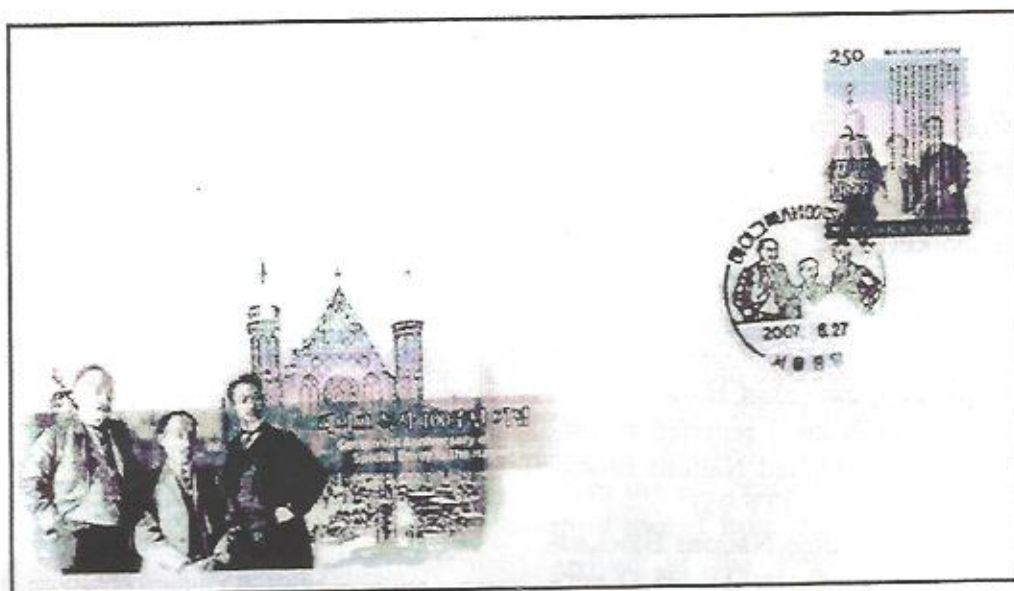


Figure 1: First day cover of Korean stamp commemorating the presence of three Korean envoys to the Second Hague Peace Conference in 1907.

UNITED NATIONS BLOCKADING AND ESCORT FORCE

By Richard Powers

In more than thirty years of collecting United Nations postal history and historical post, I have been singularly unsuccessful in finding covers from United Nations military operations in Korea. These operations differ significantly from normal peacekeeping operations because United Nations forces were engaged in Korea in military action with North Korea. Nowadays the United Nations participates in peacekeeping as a non-combatant in supervising the restoration of peace. Recently I came across an interesting military cover (Figure 1) from the United Nations Blockading and Escort Force.

But in order to put this cover in the context of the Korean Military Action, I would like to provide a bit of the chronology of U.S. Pacific Fleet operations during the first year and a half of this military action. This was taken from the website of the Naval Historical Center at 805 Kidder Breese SE in Washington, D.C. (www.history.navy.mil/wars/korea/chron50)

June 25, 1950: Announcement on radio by North Koreans of their invasion of South Korea made at 12:00.

June 28, 1950: UN Security Council ordered military sanctions against North Korea.

July 7, 1950: UN Security Council appointed General MacArthur supreme Commander of UN Forces in Korea.

September 15, 1950: The Commander of Naval Forces in the Far East, established the UN Blockading and Escort Force (Task Force 95) under the command of Rear Admiral Allen E. Smith.

November 23, 1950: East Coast Blockade and Patrol Task Group (TG 95-2) reverted to Operational Control of the United Nations Blockading and Escort Task Force (TF 95).

December 4-5, 1950: United Nations Blockading and Escort Task Element (TE 95.1) supplied escort, gunfire and air support for emergency re-deployment of 8th Army troops from Chinnampo to Inchon.

December 5, 1950: UN forces evacuated by sea from Chinnampo to Inchon by units of Amphibian Task Force (TF 90) and United Nations Blockading and Escort Task (TF 95).

January 19, 1951: East Task Group (TG 95.5) was activated thus adding seven US patrol frigates to United Nations Blockading and Escort Force (TF 95).

January 30, 1951: Diversionary landing deception operation at Kosong and Kansong east coast of Korea under the direction of the Commander of the United Nations Blockading and Escort Force (CTF 95) in USS Dixie commenced with bombardment and pre-landing deception operations including mine-sweeping.

February 17, 1951: Bombardment of Wonsan commenced by Task Element of United Nations Blockading and Escort Task Group (TG 95.2).

February 19, 1951: Vice Admiral William Andrews relieved Rear Admiral Allen E. Smith, USN as Commander of United Nations Blockading and Escort Force (CTF 95).

December 8, 1951: The USS Manchester took up duties as flagship of the United Nations Blockading and Escort Force. (TF 95).

By this time the conflict had altered in character, from quick forceful action to perseverance in the systematic destruction of North Korea's personnel and equipment. To this purpose, TF 95 maintained a blockade along the entire Korean coast and bombarded the North's main supply routes. Her medical officers also worked overtime aiding sick and wounded members of UN forces.

Figure 1 shows a registered cover on Navy Department official stationery from the following address:

Commander
United Nations Blockading and Escort Force
Commander Task Force 95
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California.

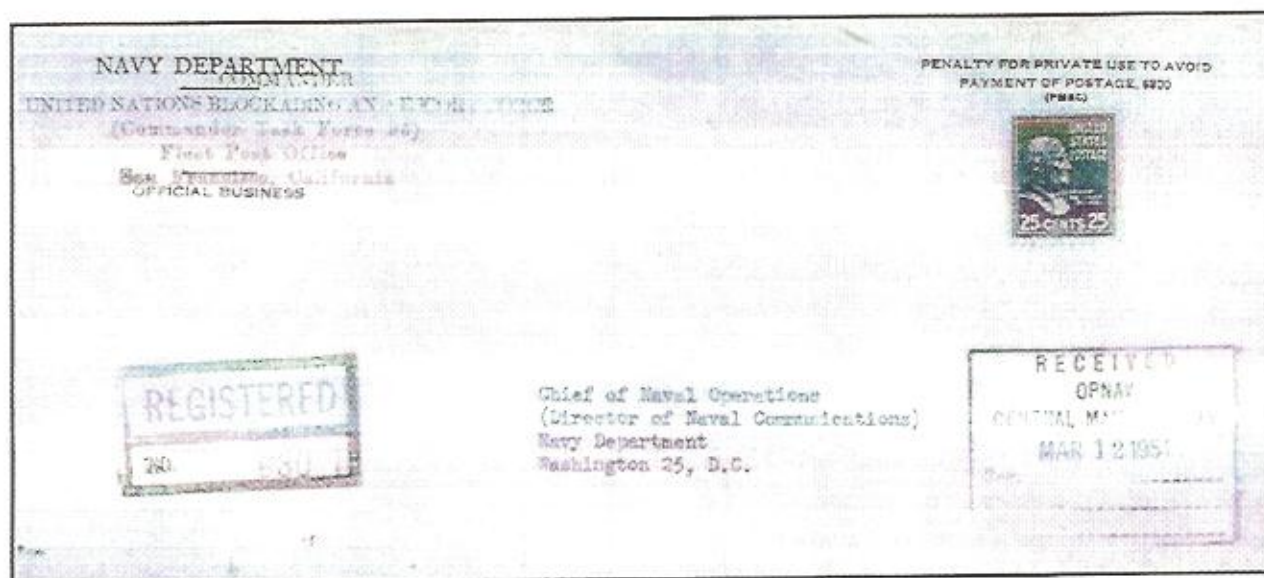


Figure 1: 1951 registered Navy service cover of the United Nations Blockading and Escort Force to the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C.



Figure 2: Portion of the back side of the cover in Figure 1 showing 3 March 1st naval cancels from New York and a March 10th receiving cancel of the registration division in Washington, D.C. placed along the flap.

It was sent to the following address:

Chief of Naval Operations
(Director of Naval Communications)
Navy Department
Washington 25, DC.

The front of the cover bears a receiving cancel at OPNAV on March 12, 1951.

The stationery bears a "Penalty for Private Use to Avoid Payment of Postage \$200" and a 25¢ Presidential series stamp (Scott #829) presumably to pay the registration fee. There is no postmark on the front but the stamp appears to bear a faint mute cancel.

Figure 2 shows a portion of the rear of the

cover with four cancels applied across the flap as a security measure indicating that the cover had remained sealed. Three of the cancels were applied in New York on March 1, 1951. The cancels on the extreme left and right bear the legend USS PRAIRIE BR., where the cover was presumably registered. The second cancel from the left bears the legend 17000 BR. The third cancel from the left shows that the letter arrived at the Reg(istration). Div(ision) in Washington, DC. The letter arrived two days later at its destination. Whether the letter began its trip in Korea or San Francisco or elsewhere, is currently unknown.

INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH CONFERENCE

Paris - 1925

By B. Clement, Jr.

A major International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Conference, held in Paris, France in 1925, has received virtually no notice by UN philatelists. The conference, listed in Gaines, page 1235, as 1925/2, is the International Telegraph Conference, and was held September 1 to October 25, 1925. Although Gaines lists the conference, it mentions no special postmark, etc. Likewise, the UNOP Monograph, *Die UIT-Studie* (Ref. 1), lists the conference with no postal history items. There was a small item in a 1993 *Unopost* (Ref. 4) showing a conference cancel and corner card.

According to an ITU brochure: *ITU Conferences: landmarks in the Union's history 1965-1989* (Ref.2), the conference was attended by 70 countries, and not only revised tariffs and Telegraph and Telephone regulations, but also established the CCIT and CCIF.

Since Gaines went out of print, much has been found of the postal history of this conference. A small conference corner card cover (135x116mm) is shown, front and back in Figures 1 and 2. The cover, mailed to the Netherlands, was postmarked with a



Figure 1: Conference Cover with 1925 ITU Conference Cancel in Paris.



Figure 2: Corner card from Rear of Cover in Figure 1.

conference post office cancel on 9/2/25. Another larger corner card cover (193 x 127mm), mailed 10/1/25 to Italy, has been observed. Two other observations are post cards, one mailed 9/1/25 to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and another mailed to Bern, Switzerland 9/30/25.

Among these observations are three types of hand cancels:

1. The small cover has the time shown as "11 *". This is shown in Figure 3 (This image was redrawn for clarity).
2. The larger cover has simply a "*" in place of the time. See Figure 4.
3. The two post cards have the full time, as "11 15". This is seen in Figure 5.

Whether #1 and #3 are different types may be a matter of opinion. If the time is on the hour, "11 *" may always be used rather than "11 00". If that is the case, then these are not different types.

The dates of use of the cancel are not known. The French website listing special cancels (Ref. 3), just gives Sept. - Oct. 1925.



Figure 3: Type 1 Cancel.

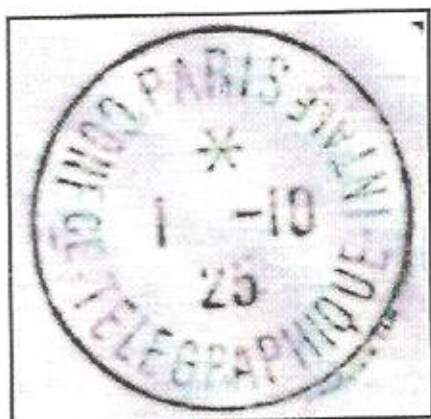


Figure 4: Type 2 Cancel.



Figure 5: Type 3 Cancel.

The observed dates are 9/1 to 10/6/25. It is assumed that the cancel was used for the entire conference, 9/1 to 10/25/25.

A sheet with a conference letterhead has been found with 25 different French stamps, and 27 strikes of the conference hand cancel with the star only on 9/1/25. In addition,

three other conference imprints are used:

1. One line: PARIS CONFÉ TELEGRAPHIQUE INTALE. See Figure 6.

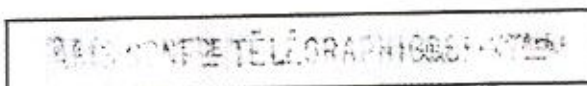


Figure 6: Type 1 Imprint.

2. Two lines: PARIS-CONFÉR. TELEGR.-INTERN. Shown in Figure 7.

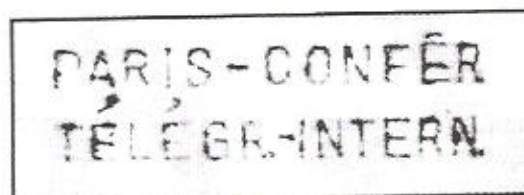


Figure 7: Type 2 Imprint.

3. Violet double circle for CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT. This is seen in Figure 8.



Figure 8: Type 3 Imprint.

One of the reasons I love UN postal history is that there is always something new out there, waiting to be discovered. Because of that, I will never have to worry about reaching "completion". Please let us know what you have that we may not know about.

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THIRTEENTH WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

Buenos Aires - 2009

By B. Clement, Jr.

The 13th World Forestry Congress (WFC), sponsored by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 18-23, 2009. The Congress "notes with concern the impacts of climate change on forests and strongly emphasizes the important role forests play in climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as the need for forest-dependent people and forest ecosystems to adapt to this challenge." (Ref. 1)

In honor of the congress, Argentina issued a commemorative postal card on October 16, 2009. This card, cancelled First Day, is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Postal card commemorating the Thirteenth WFC in Buenos Aires in 2009.

WFCs have a rich and varied postal history. A few tidbits for the reader follow:

1. The 1st WFC was held in Rome, Italy, April 26-May 5, 1926, and a cover from that Congress is shown in Ref. 2.
2. The only WFC held in the US was the 5th Congress, held in Seattle, WA, August 29 -

September 9, 1960. This congress was honored by stamps issued by the US and the UN, and also used special slogan cancels and slogan meters. A service cover from the organizing committee is shown in Figure 2.

3. The 11th Congress, held in Antalya, Turkey, October 13-22, 1997 was written up in Ref. 3. The stamp and cancel for that congress, mentioned but not pictured in the article, has now been found, and is shown on the FDC in Figure 3.



Figure 3: FDC of the stamp honoring the Eleventh WFC in Antalya, Turkey.

4. The 12th Congress, held in Quebec, Canada, September 21 - 28, 2003, and, as yet, has no documented postal history. Romania issued a stamped envelope for that congress, which was illustrated in Ref. 3.

What do you have that can add to the story?

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Figure 2: 1963 service cover from the Organizing Committee of the Fifth WFC in Seattle.

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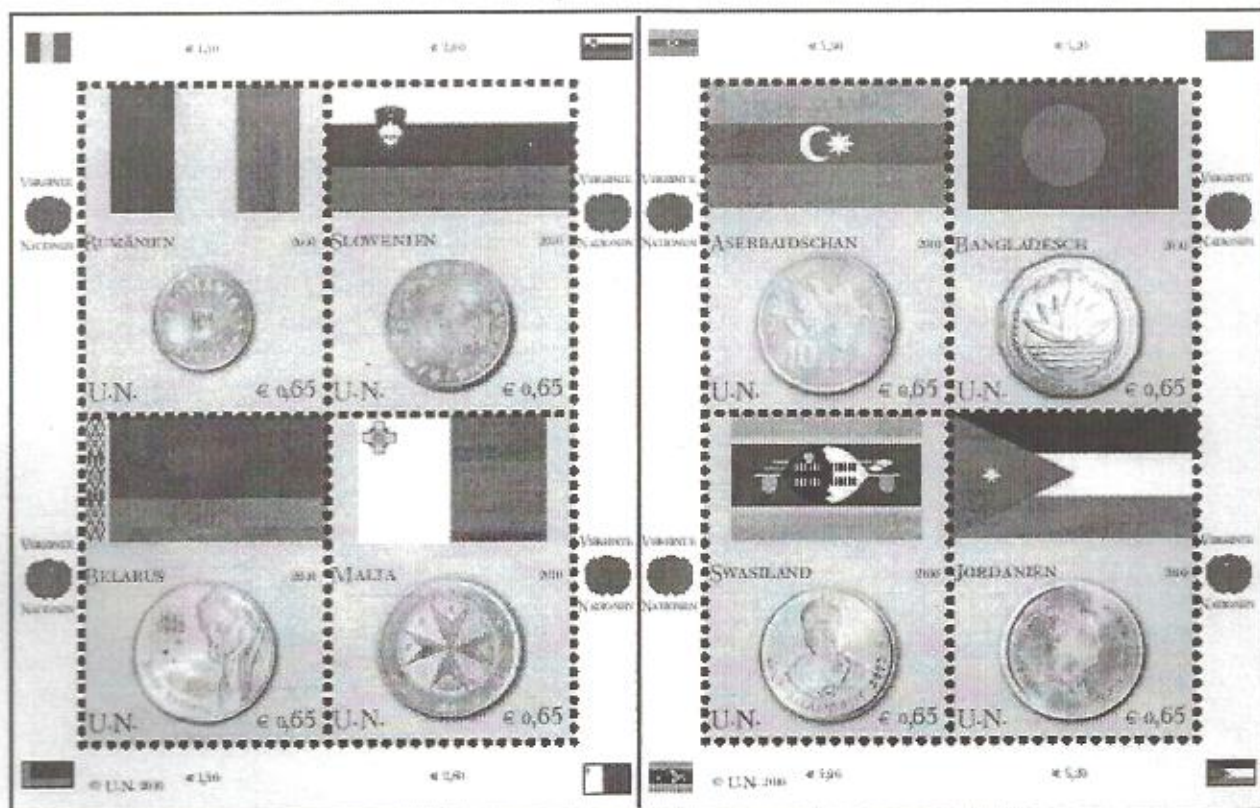
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