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Cover Illustrations

Front cover: UNNY mini-sheet of 15 stamps for the UN 65th Anniversary issued June 28, 2010.
Back cover: Mini-sheets of 15 stamps for UN Vienna and Geneva.

CLUB NEWS

Message from the Editor June Issue: Oops!

I received my June 2010 issue of the *Journal* on June 1st. Much to my dismay, I immediately saw significant printing flaws. I first noticed that inside the cover were three blank pages. Then I noticed that the back mailing sheet, which should have displayed the Chinese Zodiac Special Event Sheet was blank.

A quick perusal of the issue revealed that nothing was missing. There were just four extra blank pages. I surmise that the printer, contrary to my instructions, had printed the glossy cover first and included both the six "One Planet, One Ocean" sheets and the Zodiac sheet on the back pages (inside and outside). As a result when he printed the contents of the issue, he had one page left over: the page listing the officers. He then added four pages in order to accommodate this single page, which normally appears on the inside back cover.

Beginning with the October 2008 issue the *Journal* has been printed in Mission Viejo, California as a result of steep printing costs rises by our former printer located in Iowa. I had been quite pleased with the results since the change of printing venue in spite of the fact that the procedure is somewhat complicated. Normally I send the manuscript along with a cover letter indicating the format of the *Journal* to Jim Matyasovich, who transmits it to a printing contractor, who then takes it to the printer. More recently I have been sending the manuscript and cover letter directly to the contractor, eliminating Jim from the chain. The system worked well until the June issue, when the regular printer went on vacation and was replaced by a printer who was unfamiliar with the format of the *Journal*. The contractor has assured Jim that safeguards will be established so that such incomplete communication is not repeated.

2010 UNP Election Results By B. Clement, Election Chairman

Below are the results of the 2010 UNP General Election of officers and board members with the number of votes received in parentheses.

Officers

President - Larry Fillion (24)
Vice President - Greg Galletti (25)
Secretary - Blanton Clement, Jr. (25)
Treasurer - Jim Matyasovich (25)

Board of Directors

Kenneth Grant (22)
Richard Powers (31)
Brian Reiser (23)
Caroline Scannell (23)

The new officers took office on July 1, 2010. Anthony Dewey automatically serves on the Board of Directors as Immediate Past President.

UNP SPECIAL AUCTION #16

PRICES REALIZED

Amount Realized \$1227.20
Lots Sold 58/82 (71%)
UNP Commission \$122.72

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$13.00	3	\$35.00	5	\$10.00	6	\$12.00
7	15.00	8	15.00	9	25.00	10	35.00
12	4.50	13	18.00	15	10.00	20	25.00
22	25.00	23	5.00	24	60.00	25	10.00
26	40.00	29	35.00	31	22.50	32	22.50
34	15.00	37	13.50	40	14.00	41	10.00
42	9.00	43	7.20	44	20.00	45	30.00
46	120.00	47	16.00	48	30.00	49	17.00
50	5.00	51	15.00	53	23.00	54	21.00
55	12.00	56	4.50	57	8.00	59	8.00
62	22.00	63	8.00	64	13.00	65	10.00
66	11.00	67	21.00	68	13.00	69	20.00
70	16.00	71	31.00	72	21.00	73	25.00
76	15.00	78	21.00	79	60.00	80	13.00
		81	31.50	82	40.00		

Unsold lots available at 90%MB.

UNITED NATIONS SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The name "United Nations", coined by the United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was first used in the Declaration by United Nations of January 1, 1942, during the Second World War, when representatives of twenty-six nations pledged their Governments to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

The forerunner of the United Nations was the League of Nations, an organization conceived in similar circumstances during the First World War, and was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles "to promote international cooperation and to achieve peace and security".

In 1945, representatives of fifty countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organization to draw up the Charter of the United Nations. The Charter was signed on June 26, 1945 by the representatives of these countries. The United Nations officially came into existence on October 24, 1945, when the charter had been ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States and a majority of other signatories. "United Nations Day" is celebrated on the anniversary of this day.

On June 28, 2010, the United Nations Postal Administration issued three sheets of fifteen stamps and three souvenir sheets of two stamps on the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations. Each stamp consists of the United Nations emblem underlying the numeral 65 in gold foil.

The three mini-sheets of fifteen stamps appear on the covers of this issue of the *Journal*. The three souvenir sheets appear on this page. Figure 1 shows the sheet for use at UN headquarters in New York with two 98¢ stamps. Figure 2 shows the sheet for use at UN headquarters in Vienna with two € 0,75 stamps. Figure 3 shows the sheet for UN headquarters in Geneva with two F.s. 1,90 stamps.

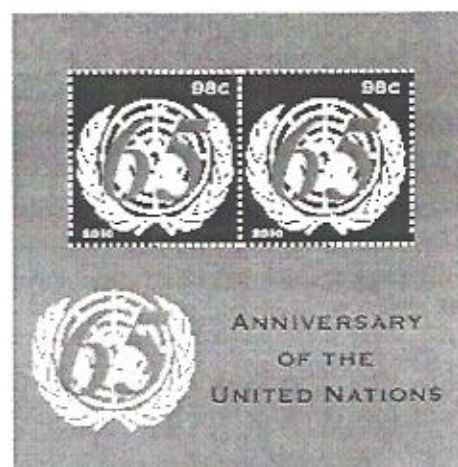


Figure 1: UNNY Souvenir sheet.

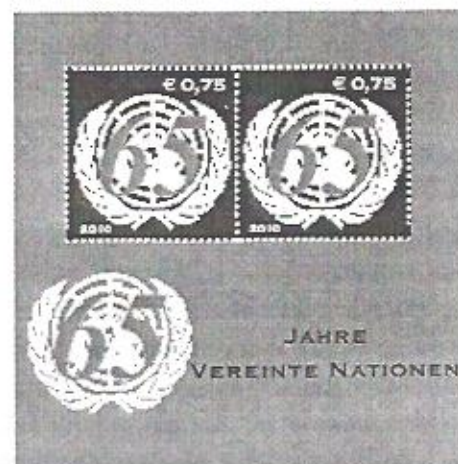


Figure 2: UN Vienna Souvenir sheet.



Figure 3: UN Geneva Souvenir sheet.

VARIETIES NOTED IN UNNY STATIONERY ISSUED IN 2009

By Duane E. Lamers

By the time this reaches *Journal* readers, the postal stationery first issued for use in 2007 at UNNY and surcharged twice will be history. This covers pieces catalogued as Scott U24 through 29 and UC26 through 28. It is only late in the third incarnation of the envelopes and aerogramme (airletter) that it became known to us that varieties exist in U28 and U29, the 41¢ envelopes that had been surcharged on or about May 11, 2009 (released June 5th) to meet the current rate of 44¢, and in UC28, the airletter surcharged and released on the same dates to meet the 98¢ tariff for envelopes destined for delivery beyond Canada and Mexico. All releases were based on the same original stock that had been printed for release in 2007.

The first indication of something odd was noted early on when mint and FD of cancellation copies of the airletter arrived. The mint copies purchased from UNNY all had the surcharge printed below the UN emblem that is part of the design of the indicia. However, the FD canceled airletters had the surcharge printed about an inch to the left of the indicia, below the large letters U and N. (Figure 1). The FD canceled airletters are surcharged in the same way as the mint and canceled envelopes are surcharged. A request for an inspection of mint stock held at UNPA in New York revealed that the inventory carried the surcharge beneath the indicia.

By chance this writer contacted one of our UNP members, Konrad Schräer, living in Germany near the Netherlands border, about participating in the effort to obtain postally used specimens of UNPA stationery. Rarely seen even in mint form in collections, stationery is almost nonexistent as pieces that have actually found their way into the mailstream. In the course of our Internet conversations, we became aware of

the existence of UC28 in mint form with the surcharge positioned on the left. I had noted the difference between the mint and FD copies I possessed, and Mr. Schräer indicated that his copies had the surcharge in the "correct" position. Airletters so configured had been purchased by him from Vienna.

Direct correspondence with Vienna reveals that the office, indeed, surcharged the airletter and envelopes to service collectors ordering from its office. Postal requirements, apparently, mandate that stationery must be sold franked at the current rate regardless of location of sale. That (or it is UNPA policy to do this?) and officials found it easier to permit Vienna to print the surcharge on stock it already had on hand rather than receive stock from New York.

The difference between the airletters surcharged by the two facilities is glaringly obvious. Vienna pieces not only have the surcharge positioned "correctly" but also have a sharper, better inked wreathed "8" (Figure 2). Thus we have printing varieties of the surcharge both in quality and in positioning. Learning about all this only in March of this year, we made a mad scramble to secure samples of the Vienna variety and get them posted during the period UC28 was on sale. A debt of gratitude is owed Mr. Schräer for his assistance.

Still later, during subsequent correspondence, we learned that Vienna also sold the two 44¢ envelopes. Again, a mad rush to obtain specimens. Not having sufficient time to place an order for more of them directly with Vienna and get them back in time to send them through the mail before they went off sale in June, this writer had to settle for just one mint sample of each, again courtesy Mr. Schräer. Figure 3 notes that there is a slight difference in the quality of the surcharge as printed by New York and by Vi-

enna. The contrast in inking noted on the airletter varieties is much greater than the contrast seen in comparisons of the envelopes. Nonetheless, the Vienna printing is sharper, better inked.

The prestamped envelopes and airletter remain valid for use as sold until postal rate changes render them obsolete. They were withdrawn from sale by UNPA upon the release of new stationery on June 28, 2010.

In a related matter we find it curious that UNPA continues to issue airletters now that USPS has discontinued them. It is strange for other reasons, too: Airletters traditionally were franked with less postage because they were printed on paper of a much lighter stock and enclosures were not permitted, with warnings to that effect printed on the sheets themselves. Beginning in July 2007

with the release of UC26 which carried a surcharge of 20¢ to bring the postage level to 90¢, UNPA has been issuing airletters at the current rate for envelopes and contents of one ounce posted beyond Canada and Mexico. For such envelopes there is no prohibition of enclosures and, accordingly, the warnings printed on the airletters are not in accordance with USPS postal regulations. Admittedly, the configuration of the airletters and the quality of the paper make them less desirable as envelopes to carry the usual form of paper correspondence, and their value lies entirely in their practicality: envelope, writing space and postage, all packaged as one unit. UNPA staff members report that the airletters are popular with the UN diplomatic staff and employees, and this may be the primary reason for issuing them.

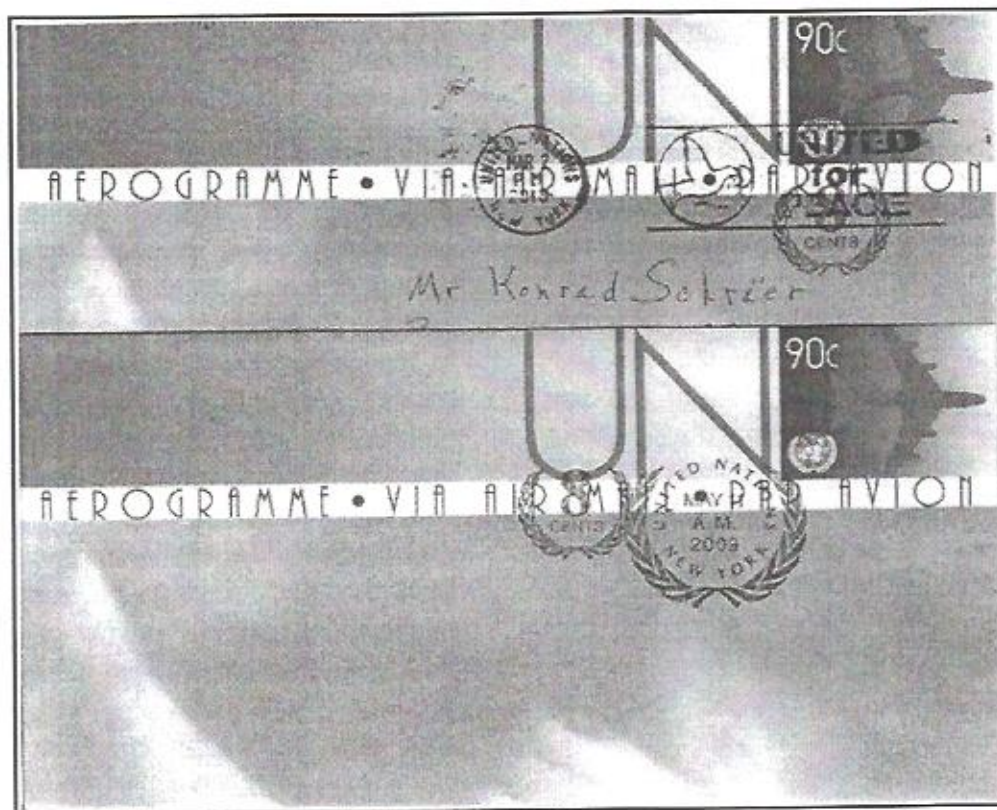


Figure 1: Both airletters were purchased from UNPA in New York. The top partial photo shows the position of the surcharge found on all UC28 airletters sold at New York except for those supplied with the cancellation for the first day of use (bottom).

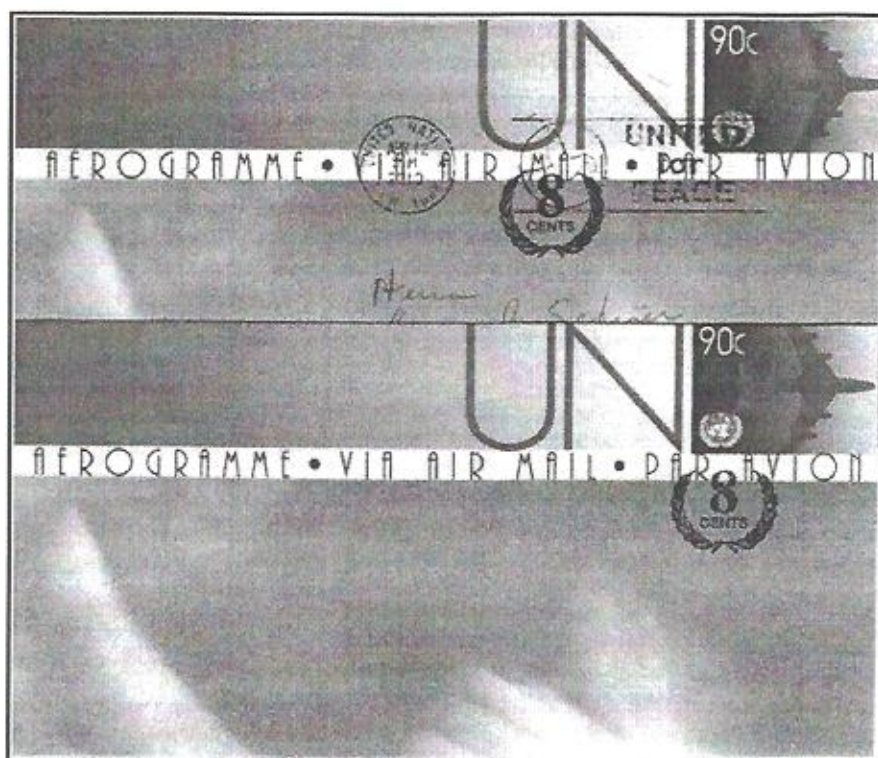


Figure 2: UC28 surcharged by Vienna is shown at the top. A mint copy of the New York issue is shown below lest the slogan cancellation obscure the details. Note the sharper impression on the Vienna variety. Only mint airletters sold at Vienna carry the surcharge to the left of the indicia.

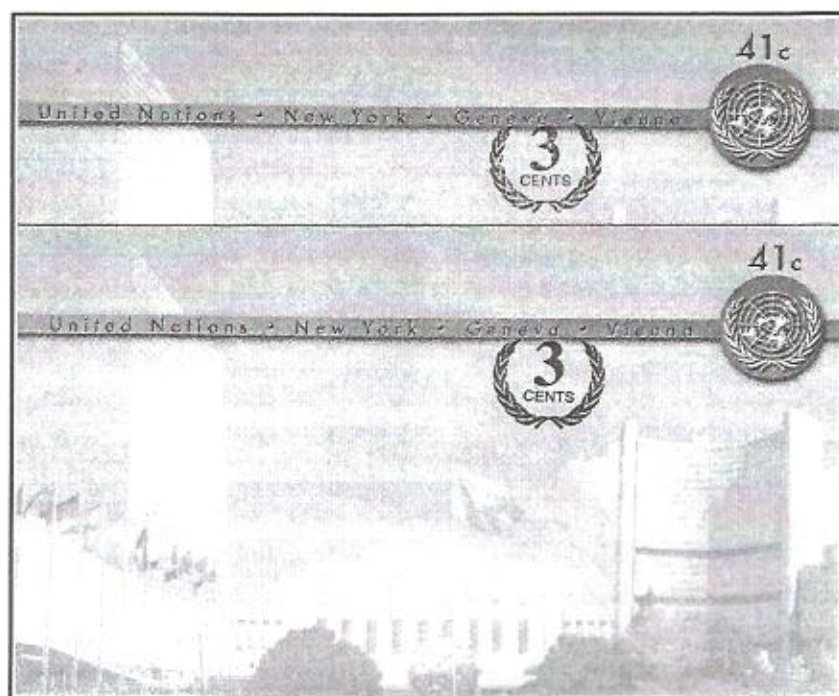


Figure 3: The 41 + 3¢ smaller envelope, U28, was also surcharged by Vienna as well as by New York. The upper example is from New York. Note that the impression of the surcharge is not as sharp on this as it is on the Vienna variety, below. Underinking might be one factor. However, on close examination one can detected minor differences in the leaves and stems in the wreaths.

NEW 2009 FRENCH SERVICE STAMPS FOR UNESCO

By Richard Powers

On December 9, 2009 the French post office (La Poste) issued two new French service stamps for use at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. The € 0,70 stamp (Figure 1) features a polar bear.



Figure 1: 2009 € 0,70 UNESCO stamp featuring a polar bear.

On the immaculate whiteness of the arctic ice pack, one can barely discern a polar bear because of its white fur. However, this mammal is the greatest land carnivore. The male can reach a length of 10 feet. Its mean weight is 1200 pounds, but it can approach a ton. The female is half as impressive. She hibernates for six months beginning October, while the solitary male roams around the ice pack looking for food, for the most part seals. Endowed with acute hearing, sense of smell and exceptional vision, the polar bear is an excellent hunter. It lies in wait for its prey near breathing holes in the ice and in the sea, demonstrating remarkable patience. The thick layer of fat which covers its body protects it not only from the cold but also helps it to float. The polar bear lives throughout the arctic zone, primarily in Canada, which shelters more than half the total bear population in the world, estimated as 25 000. But its territory is getting smaller as a result of climate change, which is melting ice pack. In addition the species is threatened even if the number of adults has achieved stability, even a modest increase in recent decades.

The € 0,85 stamp (Figure 2) features a scene from the Chinese city of Suzhou

founded in 514 BC and situated in the province of Jiangsu about 100 kilometers from



Figure 2: 2009 € 0,85 UNESCO stamp featuring Suzhou, China.

Shanghai. The city is known as the "Yellow Venice" because of the numerous canals, which are straddled by three hundred bridges. Specialized in the production of silk, Suzhou is particularly famous for the beauty of its gardens, which have earned it the title of "Heaven on Earth". The oldest goes back to the sixth century BC, but the majority of them were established from the sixteenth to eighteenth century, the era when Suzhou experienced great prosperity. There are about two hundred of them. These gardens provide perfect testimony to a classic Chinese tradition which tries to reproduce in miniature natural landscapes. Consisting of artificial hills, waterfalls and ponds, orchards and flower beds, these gardens also contain richly ornamented constructions, which furnish auspicious spaces for meditation, reading and writing. Their names do not cease to amaze one: the garden of politics for the common man, as well as others for a retired couple, harmony and the net master. Nine of these gardens are listed as part of World Heritage for Humanity.

For these two stamps La Poste prepared an official philatelic document (210 mm × 295 mm) bearing black proofs of the stamps as well as copies of the stamps themselves tied by a blue first day cancel (Figure 3). The text provides the background material, which the editor translated and which appears above.

UNESCO 2009



0,85€



0,12 2009

PARIS

0,70€



SUZHOU, CHINE

Suzhou, ville chinoise fondée en 514 av. J.-C., est située dans la province du Jiangsu, à une centaine de kilomètres de Shanghai. La ville est surnommée la « Venise jaune » en raison de ses nombreux canaux qu'enjambent plus de 300 ponts. Spécialisée dans la production de tissus en soie, Suzhou doit surtout sa renommée à ses jardins dont la beauté lui valut l'épithète de paradis terrestre. Le plus ancien remonte au VI^e siècle av. J.-C., mais la plupart d'entre eux ont été aménagés du XI^e au XVI^e siècle, époque où Suzhou connaît une grande prospérité. On en comptera environ deux cents. Ces jardins sont les parfaits témoins d'une tradition classique chinoise qui cherche à reproduire en miniature les paysages naturels. Faits de collines artificielles, de chutes et de plans d'eau, de plantations d'arbres et de fleurs, ces jardins portent aussi de petites constructions richement ornementées qui fournissent autant d'espaces propices à la méditation, à la lecture et à l'écriture. Leurs noms ne manquent pas d'étonner : le jardin de la politique des simples, celui du couple retiré, de l'harmonie, du maître des filets... Neuf de ces jardins sont inscrits au Patrimoine mondial de l'humanité.

L'OURS POLAIRE

Dans la blancheur immaculée de la banquise arctique, c'est à peine si l'on distingue l'ours polaire en raison de sa fourrure claire. Pourtant, ce mammifère est le plus grand carnivore terrestre. Le mâle peut atteindre 3 mètres de hauteur. Son poids moyen est de 500 kilogrammes, mais il peut avoisiner la tonne. La femelle est, quant à elle, deux fois moins imposante. Celle-ci hiberne à partir d'octobre pendant six mois tandis que le mâle solitaire vagabonde sur la banquise à la recherche de sa nourriture. Les phoques constituent l'essentiel de son alimentation. Doté d'une ouïe, d'un odorat et d'une vision exceptionnels, l'ours blanc est un excellent chasseur. Il guette ses proies à la sortie des trous d'eau et, dans la mer, il fait preuve d'une grande aisance. L'épaisse couche de graisse dont il est recouvert le protège non seulement du froid mais l'aide à flotter. L'ours blanc vit dans toute la zone arctique et principalement au Canada, qui abrite plus de la moitié de la population totale d'ours blancs, évaluée à 25 000 individus. Mais son territoire tend à se réduire en raison du réchauffement climatique qui fait fondre la banquise. Aussi l'espèce est-elle menacée alors même que les effectifs montraient une certaine stabilité, voire une légère croissance, ces dernières décennies.

0,85€



0,70€



20200 : dessin et mise en page de J. J.

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Figure 3: Philatelic document for the 2009 UNESCO stamps issued by La Poste.

UNNY ISSUES TWO DEFINITIVES AND SHANGHAI EXPO EVENT SHEET

On June 4, 2010 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued two UNNY definitive stamps with 3¢ (Figure 1) and 4¢ denominations (Figure 2). On the same day the UNPA released an event sheet (Figure 3) commemorating the 2010 Shanghai World EXPO with five se-tenant pairs of 98¢ stamps showing the New York (left) and the Shanghai (right) skylines.

The 3¢ stamp shows portraits of people from

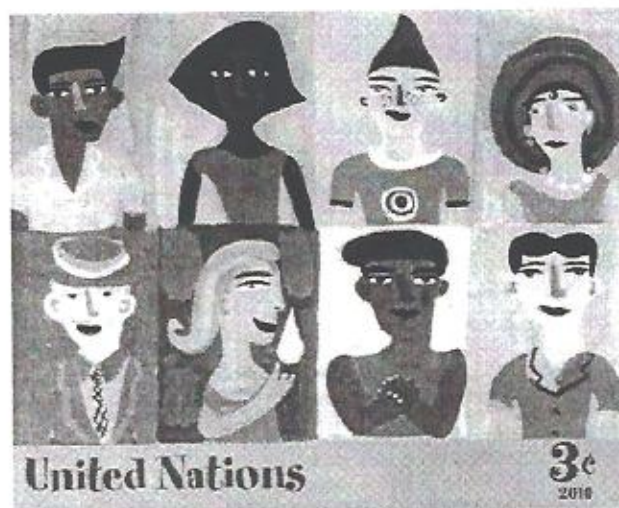


Figure 1: 2010 UNNY 3¢ Definitive Showing 8 Persons.

around the world. The 4¢ stamp shows a stylized skyline of New York City with most buildings topped by a human head. The sole exception is the UN Secretariat which is topped by a UN symbol. A special cover bearing a se-tenant pair of the Shanghai EXPO stamps with a June 4th UNNY postmark. This event sheet is the third one in the last two years with a Chinese theme, beginning with the Olympics in 2008, and the Chinese Zodiac Sheet in May.

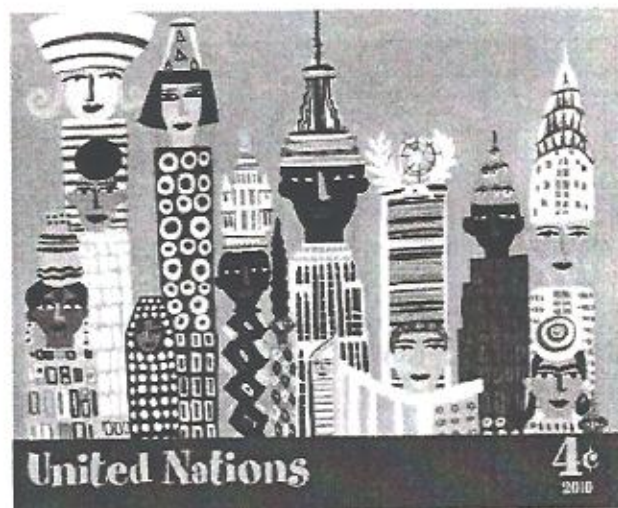


Figure 2: 2010 UNNY 4¢ Definitive Showing a Fantasy New York Skyline.

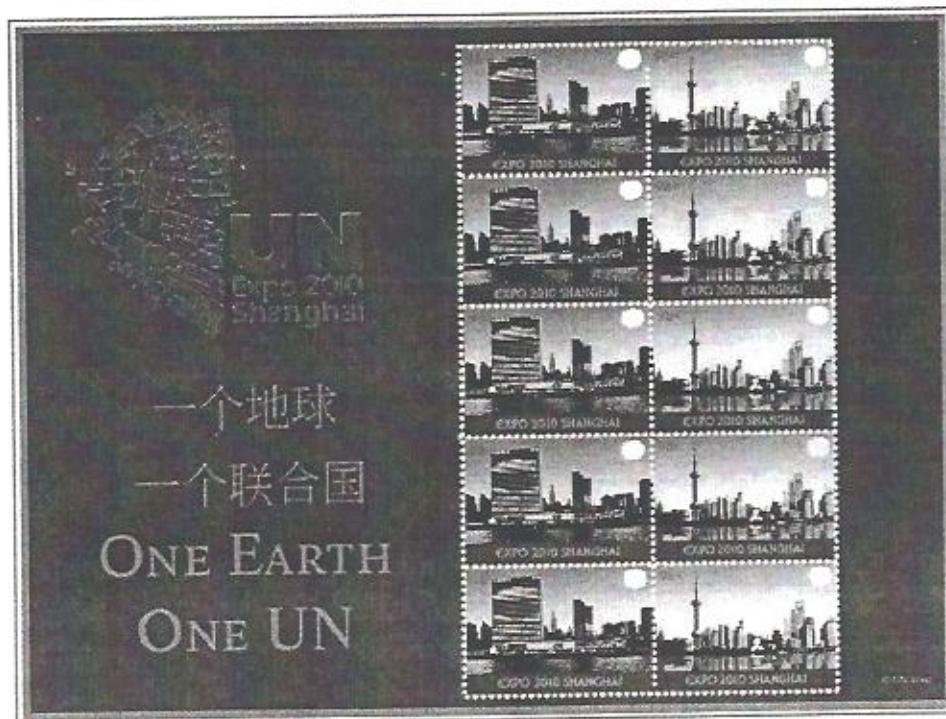


Figure 3: UNNY Event Sheet Honoring EXPO 2010 Shanghai

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership Report

As of the beginning of June, when essentially all 2010 renewals are in, UNP has 200 members. It should be noted that this is the low point of the year, since additional renewals and new members would add to that. Of the 200, 175 are from the United States, 9 from Canada, and 16 from other countries.

Of the US members, 26 are from New York, 22 from California. 13 from New Jersey, 11 from Pennsylvania, 9 each from Illinois and Massachusetts, 8 from Florida, 7 from Michigan, and 6 each from Missouri, Virginia and Wisconsin. There are 4 each from Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Texas and Washington, 3 from Tennessee, 2 each from Delaware, Louisiana and Minnesota, while the following have 1 each: Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas,

Kentucky, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, West Virginia, Wyoming, Armed Forces Middle East and the Marshall Islands.

Of our Canadian members, 5 are from Ontario, 2 from British Columbia, 1 from Alberta and 1 from Quebec. From other countries, we have 6 from Germany, 4 from the Netherlands, and 1 each from Australia, France, Japan, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Our Membership increased by 5 members this year. This was in spite of the fact that we had a number of members who did not renew. Our recruiting efforts this past year have more than made up for losses, and will be continued.

UNITED NATIONS PHILATELISTS BALANCE SHEET

For the fiscal year May 2, 2009 through April 30, 2010

Prepared by UNP Treasurer Jim Matyasovich

Balance: May 1, 2009	\$10,373.35
Income	
Dues	\$4,182.00
Auction commissions	\$1,508.66
Journal sales	\$24.71
Total Income	\$5,715.37
Expenses	
Postage	\$816.41
Journal printing	\$2,807.39
Bulk mailing	\$659.15
Editor's expenses	\$358.60
Secretary's expenses	\$191.18
Treasurer's expenses	\$138.70
Bulk mailing permit	\$185.00
Franchise fee	\$25.00
Total expenses	\$5,181.43
Balance: April 30, 2010	\$10,907.29

UN VIENNA CACHETS FOR "COURIER"/TRIO FDCs

By John Terins

The cachets listed below were produced by the UN Postal Administration (UNPA) in Vienna on a Heidelberg letterpress located at UNO City. Thus they are "official" cachets. The cachet designs were executed under UNPA guidance, advice and approval.

The majority of the cachets were designed by the well-known Austrian graphic artist Ekkehard Parik. Mr. Parik also designed numerous first day cancels and show imprints for the UNPA in Vienna. Two of the covers - Namibia 1991 and 1991 Definitives - were designed by A. I. Konopiaty.

The participation of the UNPA in Vienna in the design and printing of these triple FDCs (NY, Geneva and Vienna) known as Courier or Trio FDCs has not been previously made known publicly. The table below summarizes the UN issues which were serviced with the above described "official" cachets. The FDCs are listed by the Scott Catalogue # of the UN Vienna issue. Missing cachets can be viewed on the www.UNPI.com website.



Figure 1: UN Vienna 58-61 UNDP

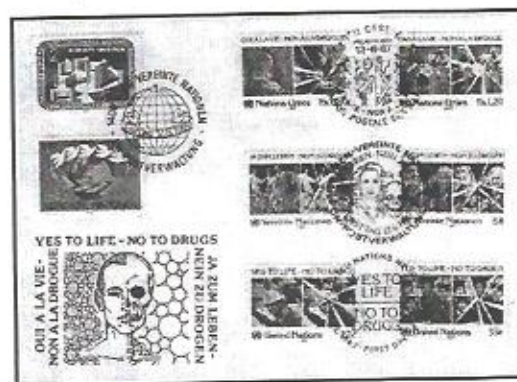


Figure 4: UN Vienna 70-71 Drugs

Figure Number	UN Vienna Scott No.	Issue	Envelope Size(inches)	Designer
1	58-61	1986 UNDP	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
	66	1986 WFUNA 40th Anniversary	9 3/4"x6 7/8"	Parik
3	66A	1986 WFUNA 40th Anniversary	10 1/2"x7 7/16"	Parik
4	70-1	1987 Drugs	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
5	78-9	1988 Hunger	8 3/4"x4 1/2"	Parik
6	80-1	1988 Forests	8 3/4"x4 1/2"	Parik
7	84-5	1988 Sports	8 3/4"x4 1/2"	Parik
8	86-7	88 Human Rights 40th Anniversa	9 3/4"x8 1/8"	Parik
9	101-2	1990 Plants	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
10	103-5	1990 UN 45th Anniversary	11"x8"	Parik
11	106-7	1990 Crime	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
12	110-3	1991 Europe	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
13	114-5	1991 Namibia	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Konopiaty
14	116	1991 Definitives	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Konopiaty
15	117-8	1991 Child Rights	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
16	119-20	1991 Chemical Weapons	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
17	121-2	1991 UNPA 40th Anniversary	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik
18	123-4	1991 Human Rights	9"x6 3/8"	Parik
	239	1998 Oceans	6 3/8"x4 7/16"	Parik



Figure 5: UN Vienna 78-79 A World without Hunger

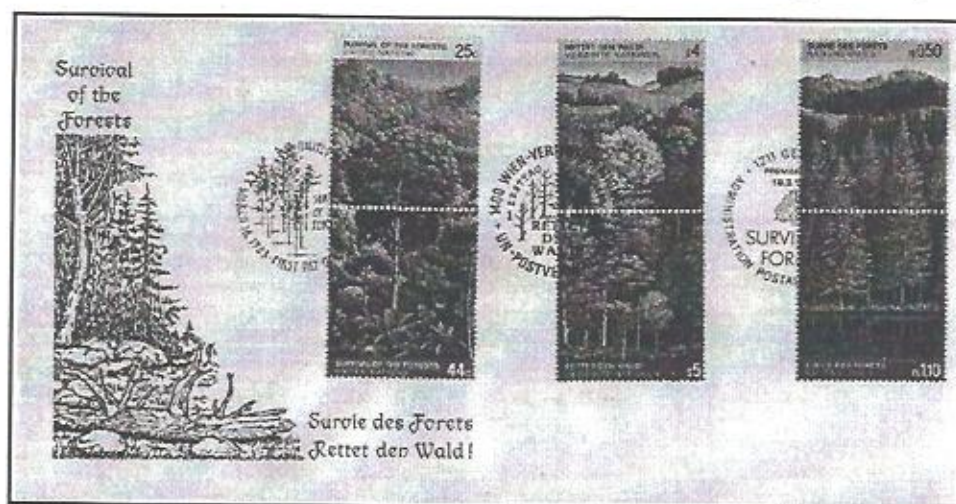


Figure 6: UN Vienna 80-1 Survival of the Forests



Figure 7: UN Vienna 84-85 Health in Sports

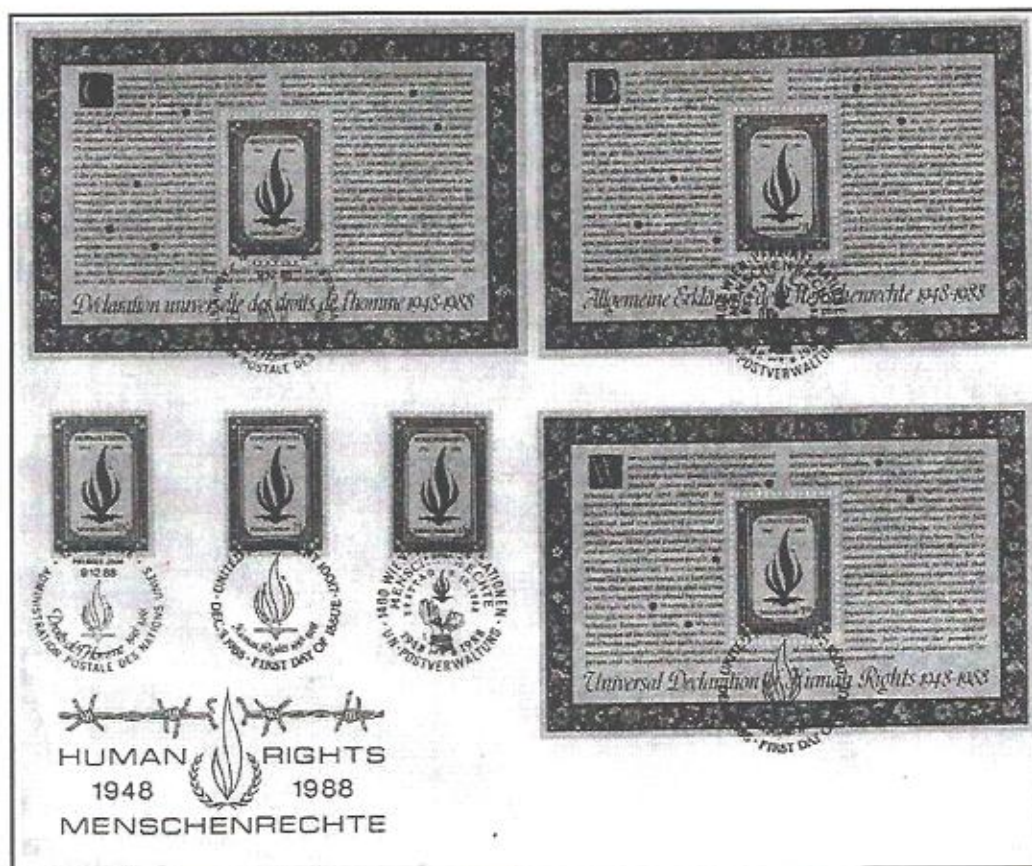


Figure 8: UN Vienna 86-87 Human Rights 40th Anniversary

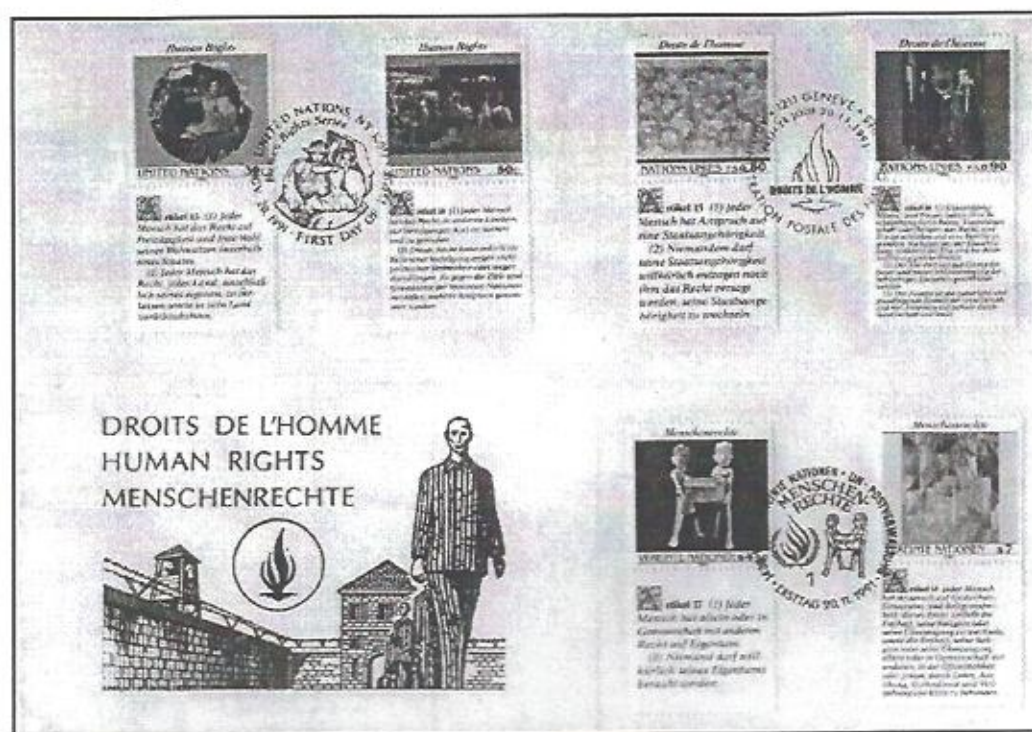


Figure 18: UN Vienna 123-124 Human Rights

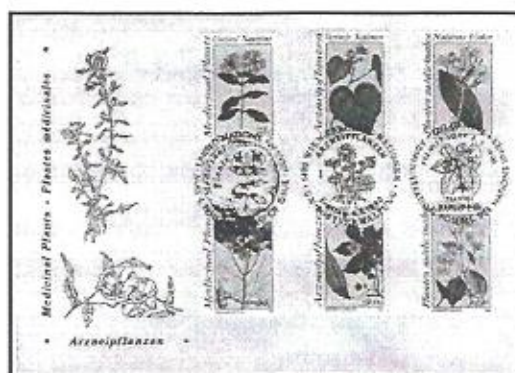


Figure 9: UN Vienna 101-2 Plants

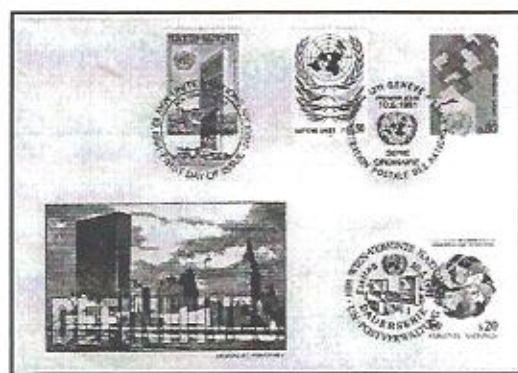


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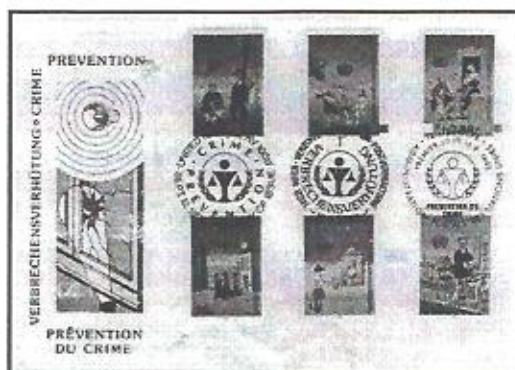


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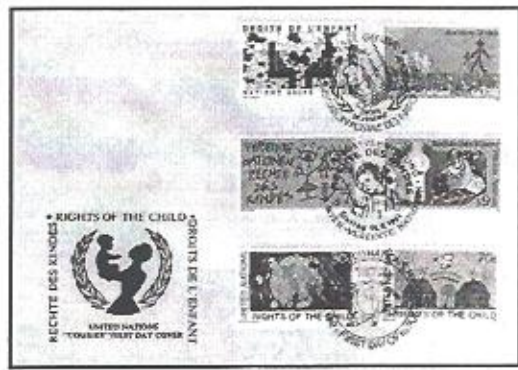


Figure 15: UN Vienna 117-8 Child



Figure 12: UN Vienna 110-3 Europe



Figure 16: UN Vienna 119-20 Arms

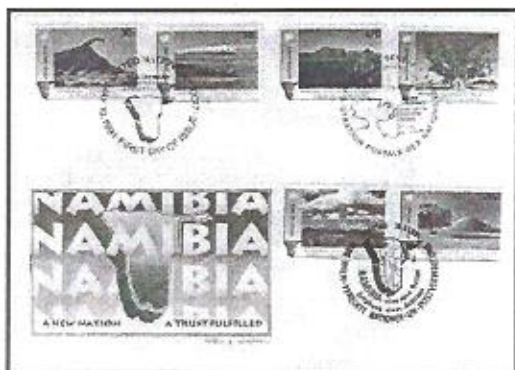


Figure 13: UN Vienna 114-5 Namibia



Figure 17: UN Vienna UNPA 40th

MINUSTAH - VICTIM OF EARTHQUAKE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

By Richard Powers

In the February issue of the *Journal* (page 15) I published a short article with a cover documenting the United Nations Stabilization Mission in (Port-au-Prince) Haiti (MINUSTAH). A week after I sent the issue off to the printer, Port-au-Prince suffered a major earthquake on January 12, 2010, a 7 on Richter scale, which exceeded the 6.7 Northridge earthquake in Los Angeles in 1994. The UN mission suffered catastrophic damage.

According to the *Los Angeles Times* of January 17th (page A24), the body of the head of the UN Haiti mission Hedi Annabi was found in the rubble. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that the bodies of Annabi's deputy Luis Carlos da Costa had also been found.

As of February 3rd the UN mission in Haiti had confirmed 92 fatalities including 31 international civilian staff, 18 national staff, 24 military personnel, 18 police officers and 1 UN volunteer. Unaccounted for were 7 civilians.

As of November 30, 2009 the MINUSTAH mission strength included 9065 uni-

formed personnel (7031 troops and 2034 police), 488 international civilian staff, 1212 local civilian staff and 214 UN volunteers.

In the aftermath of this tragedy, I came across an interesting official cover (Figure 1) from the headquarters of MINUSTAH in Port-au-Prince postmarked at UNNY June 14, 2005 and bearing two UNNY commemoratives: the 1984 20¢ Grand Canyon stamp (Scott #421) and the 60¢ "In Memoriam" stamp (#849) honoring the UN staff killed in the bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad on August 19, 2003. Presumably the cover was sent from Port-au-Prince to UNNY via pouch.

The cover bears the cachet of the Gender Unit of MINUSTAH. I suspect that the work of this unit is similar to that of the Office of Gender Affairs of UNMIK in Kosovo, which was discussed in an article in the April 2005 issue of the *Journal* (page 22).

Reference

www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/minustah/facts



Figure 1: 2005 MINUSTAH cover bearing Gender Unit cachet and UNNY franking..

FRENCH FISCAL STAMPS FOR THE IRO

By Richard Powers

In the wake of World War I the High Commissioner for Refugees of the League of Nations Dr. Fridtjof Nansen organized the issuance of "Nansen" passports for persons left stateless by changing borders and governments. This work was continued by the International Nansen office for Refugees until 1938 and later by the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees.

From 1948 until December 31, 1952 the International Refugee Organization (IRO) assumed responsibility for all refugees other than Germans and issued its own fiscal stamps showing a world globe to help finance the refugee services it was providing. These stamps were 40×25 mm with rather large margins and were denominated in French francs to be affixed to "droits d'actes" and in gold francs for identity documents.

Figure 1 shows a certificate issued by the Delegation for France of the International Refugee Organization in the name of a Polish refugee born in Rakszawa (Poland) on January 8, 1902. The certificate attests to the fact that this refugee of Polish origin has been placed under the administrative protection of the IRO and had presented her national passport to the French General Delegation in Paris on March 5, 1951. The document was signed by Mr. Donzeau for the Délégué Général for France stamped with a blue cachet of the French Delegation of the IRO.

The purpose of the document was to "regularize the administrative situation" of the named refugee. Presumably such a document would allow the refugee the rights of permanent residents in France, including the right to work and access to all government services accorded any permanent resident. It is interesting to note that this document bears "Certificate No. 20242", which

attests to the number of refugees serviced by the French IRO Delegation.

The document bears three 120-franc fiscal stamps (blue and yellow with black legend) of the Delegation for France to the IRO. The stamps are tied to the document with a blue cachet of the Delegation for France of the IRO. The 1994 Yvert and Tellier Catalogue of French Fiscal and Social Stamps (*Catalogue des Timbres Fiscaux et Socio-Postaux de France*) edited by the French Society of Fiscal Philately lists this stamp as #105 among its list of fiscal stamps issued for refugees and stateless people (apatrides).

The Gaines Catalogue lists this stamp as #92 under category M (issues of the IRO), where six of these fiscal stamps issued in 1948 are listed for the French Delegation (#90-95), seven for the Central Armenian Office (#96-102), four for the Ukrainian Office (#103-106), eleven for the Central Spanish Office (#107-117), seven for the Central Russian Office (#118-124) and seven Diverse Refugees from other nations (#125-131).

In the upper right hand corner of the sheet underneath the IRO letterhead in English one finds mention of the legal instruments which lead to the issuance of such documents. The first is that of Law No. 47-2368 of December 23, 1947 as part of the ratification of the Constitution of the IRO, which had been adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 15, 1947. The second is the agreement passed on January 13, 1948 between the French Government and the IRO.

In the upper left hand corner of the document underneath the IRO letterhead in French is the address of the French Delegation of the IRO at 7, rue Copernic, 7 in the sixteenth arrondissement of Paris.

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE
POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS
O. I. R.

Délégation pour la France
7, Rue Copernic, 7
PARIS - 16^e

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ORGANIZATION
I. R. O.

Par application :

1°) de la loi n° 47-2368 du 23 Décembre 1947
portant ratification de la Constitution de
l'O.I.R. (J.O. n° 302 du 24 Décembre 1947)

2°) de l'accord passé le 13 Janvier 1948 entre
le Gouvernement français et l'O.I.R.

CERTIFICAT n° 20242

Le Délégué Général pour la FRANCE de l'ORGANISATION
INTERNATIONALE POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS,

CERTIFIE

Mme Madame GROSS Irena née FEIT
demeurant 6 rue Cronstadt, NICE (A.M.)
né (e) le 8 Janvier 1902
à RAKSZAWA (Pologne)
fille (fille) de Wolf FEIT
et de Hanna née ERSTEIN

est réfugié (e) d'origine polonaise
placé (e) sous la protection administrative de
l'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS.

Le présent Certificat lui est délivré pour régulié-
sation de sa situation administrative.
L'intéressée a présenté son passeport national.

PARIS, le 5 Mars 1951.

Pour le Délégué Général pour la France :



[Signature]
...DONNEAU.

Figure 1: 1951 IRO Certificate for a Polish refugee resident in France by the Délégué Général for France bearing three 120 franc IRO fiscal stamps (Yvert #105- Refugees and Stateless).

PREVOTAL CONTINGENTS OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL GENDARMERIE IN THE SERVICE OF UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

By Richard Powers

A few months ago I found an interesting UN Field Airletter (Gaines type 4) bearing a free cancel dated November 7, 1995 and an fascinating cachet from a French peacekeeping unit in Bosnia. The cachet reads Gendarmerie Nationale Prévotale - Sarajevo. It is similar to a cachet reported used by a French unit stationed in Mount Igman near Sarajevo by Jean-Louis Emmenegger in his report on UNPROFOR (UN Protection Force) in the June 1996 issue of this *Journal* (page 15). The main difference in the cachets is found in the text at the bottom of the cachet which reads "PREVOTALE SARAJEVO" in the cachet below, whereas the cachet in the 1996 article reads "L'UNITE PREVOTALE" (prevotal unit).

My initial impression was that the unit was observing pre-election (prévotale?) procedures in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Boy, was I wrong! Google directed my attention to a thesis in law and justice awarded by the University of Lille (France) to Jean-Raymond Darras (2003), which traces the activities of *Les Gendarmes dans le Monde* (The Gendarmes throughout the World).

Les détachements prévotaux (prevotal contingents) are French military police, who are assigned to missions outside France except in

times of war. Such contingents date back to the thirteenth century. Their sole mission was to provide policing expertise to French armies. During the sixteenth century such groups were dispatched to French provinces by the Marshall of France to disarm mercenary or disbanded military.

The prevotal contingents have assignments of six months and consist of about five hundred policemen (gendarmes) who are engaged in theaters of operation outside French territory. Such contingents represent about 5% of the total police force (gendarmes) in France. These troops are used as part of French commitments to NATO, the United Nations and the European Union as well as to other military accords.

In 2001 10750 regular French troops were on mission abroad and included 2823 in Bosnia, 5891 in Kosovo and 2036 in other missions. Regular troops have relatively little training for the final phases of military operations, which generally fall more into the activities of general policing. The gendarmes provide a solid, flexible and well adapted corps to carry on policing activities with the general (unarmed) populace. As of 2003, one finds gendarmes in Kosovo and Albania and in Haiti as part of United Nations missions.



Figure 1: 1995 UN Peacekeepers' Airletter bearing the cachet of the French National Prevotal Police stationed in Sarajevo in Bosnia.

EARLY ILO-USA COOPERATION

By Richard Powers

In spite of his important role in the foundation of the League of Nations, President Woodrow Wilson was unable to convince the Senate to approve the Treaty of Versailles as written at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919. As a result the United States never became a member of the League of Nations. But that did not prevent the United States from collaborating with certain affiliated organizations such as the International Labor Organization (ILO), which was created in 1919. Members of the League of Nations were automatically members of the ILO. But the ILO was open for membership by non-members of the League such as the United States. Indeed the ILO maintained branch offices in London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Washington, D.C. and Tokyo. The Tokyo office was opened in 1924; the others opened in 1922.

It was obvious to both the ILO and the United States that cooperation between the two would be mutually beneficial. Before it became clear that the United States would not join the League of Nations, the first International Labor Conference (ILC) was held in Washington, D.C. in October 1919. Initially the United States participated in ILO sessions as an official observer. This gradually led to full membership.

During World War II, when Switzerland was effectively cut off from the Allied Nations, where most ILO work was taking place, the twenty-fifth ILC was held in New York City and Washington, D.C. beginning in October 1941, the twenty-sixth in Philadelphia beginning in April 1944 and the twenty-eighth in Seattle in June 1946. After the ILO was incorporated into the United Nations in December 1946, the 31st ILC was held in San Francisco beginning in April 1948.

I recently came across an interesting cover (Figure 1) with the corner card of the

U.S. Department of Labor
Children's Bureau
Washington.

The official cover bears a 40-centime Swiss seated Helvetia stamp (Scott #137) placed over the penalty inscription the envelope, which indicates a \$300 fine for private use of this envelope. The stamp is postmarked at the League of Nations post office in Geneva on October 22, 1923. It was sent to Miss Breckenridge in Green Hall at the University of Chicago.

I speculate that at this time the United States and the League of Nations were both interested in limiting child labor.

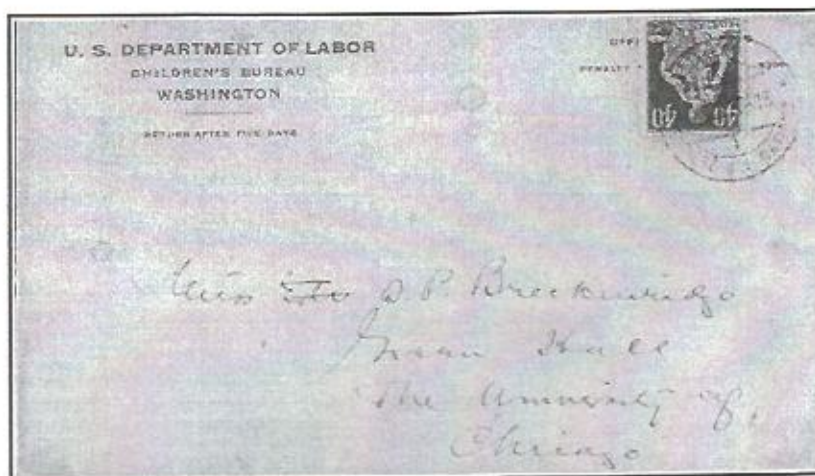


Figure 1: Official Penalty Envelope of the U.S. Department of Labor mailed from the League of Nations in Geneva bearing the postmark of October 22, 1923 to the University of Chicago.

ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL COLLEGE

By Richard Powers

In a dealer's dollar cover box at a local stamp show, I came across the airletter (Figure 1) issued by Papua New Guinea honoring the twentieth anniversary of the Asian-Pacific Postal Training Centre. The airletter was written in February 1991 and eventually was posted on March 11th.

On the left of the address side of the airletter bears an attractive cachet with the flags of the twenty-three members of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU), which was established in 1961. They are displayed around a wreath encircling the logo of the APPU, which is surrounded by the legend The Asian-Pacific Postal Training Centre - Bangkok, Thailand. An article on the Restricted (Regional) Unions of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) appeared in the February 2000 issue of the *Journal* (page 13).

This center is part of the Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC), which was established on September 10, 1970 at Bangkok as a regional training center, as envisaged in the first congress of the Asian Oceanic Postal Union (AOPU) held in Manila in 1965. The APPC was then known as the Asian and Oce-

anic Postal Training School. The proposal of the AOPU for establishing such a center received the support of the UPU and the financial support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The Governing Board is set up to be responsible for administering the training section.

As in any modern business, the training and development of staff is a pre-requisite for a successful future. In order to run the Post efficiently, one needs to equip its staff with the necessary skills, knowledge and attitude to meet the changing environment. Having realized the need for training of postal managers in the region, the APPC provides many basic and advanced training programs geared to the specific needs of the Post.

To put the idea into practice, the Postal Administration of Thailand, provided the accommodations, furniture and administrative support. Other countries that supported the Centre during its formative years were the Republics of the Philippines, Korea and China (Taiwan).

Reference

www.appu-bureau.org/appc

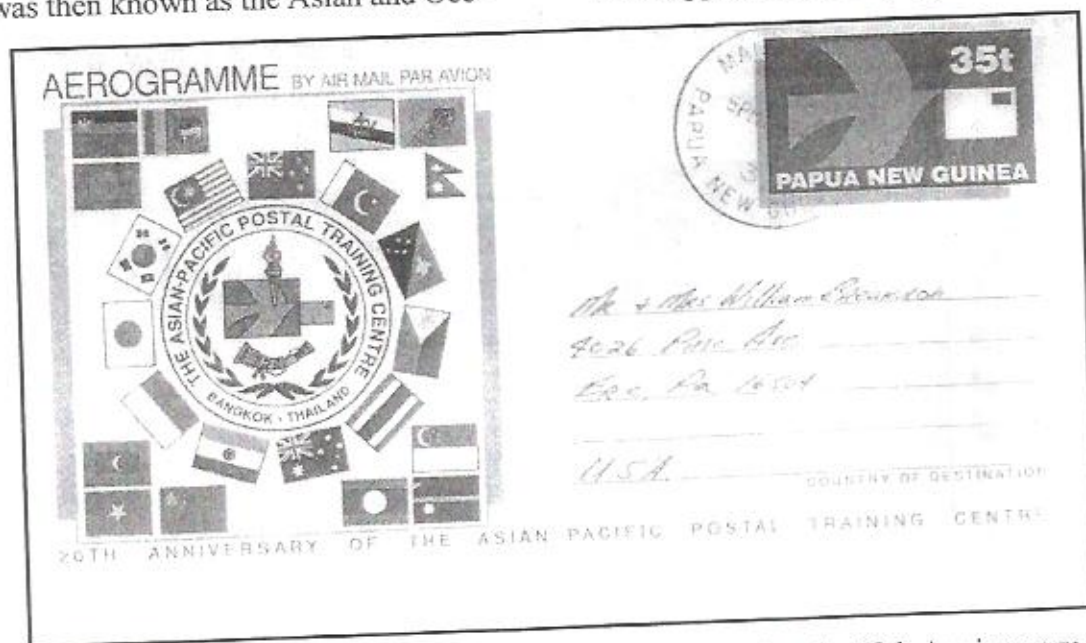


Figure 1: Airletter issued by Papua New Guinea commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Asian-Pacific Training Centre in Bangkok.

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44¢. F.s. 0,85, € 0,65
(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)
Human Trafficking (Special Event sheet of ten stamps - € 0.65) |
| 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
International Year of Biodiversity (Geneva and Vienna Definitives)
F.s. 1,60, F.s.1,90, € 0,05, € 0,20
(4 sheets of 20 stamps)
Revalued Postal Card for Geneva F.s. 1,90 |
| April 25 | World Malaria Day souvenir cover |
| May 1 | Shanghai Lunar Calendar (Special Event sheet of ten stamps - 44¢)
Shanghai Lunar Calendar souvenir cover - 1×44¢ |
| May 6 | One Planet, One Ocean
44¢, 98¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55, € 0,65
(6 mini-sheets of 4 stamps)
Three Prestige Booklets with 12×(28¢, 44¢, F.s. 0,30, F.s. 0,50, € 0,30, € 0,35) |
| June 4 | Shanghai World Expo (Special Event sheet of ten stamps - 98¢)
Shanghai World Expo souvenir cover - 2×98¢
Definitives - New York
3¢, 4¢
(2 sheets of 20 stamps) |
| June 28 | Postal Stationery for New York
44¢ Pre-stamped envelopes, 98¢ airletter
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98¢, \$1.96, F.s. 1,90, F.s. 3,80, € 0,75, € 1,50
(3 sheets of 15 stamps, 3 Souvenir sheets of two stamps) |
| September 2 | UN Transport Land/Sea/Air
44¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,65
(3 sheets of 20 stamps)
Child Labor (Special Event sheet of ten stamps - S.f.) |
| October 18 | International Year of Biodiversity (New York Definitives)
15¢, \$1.50 and souvenir card
(2 sheets of 20 stamps) |
| October 21 | Indigenous People
44¢, F.s. 1,30, € 0,65
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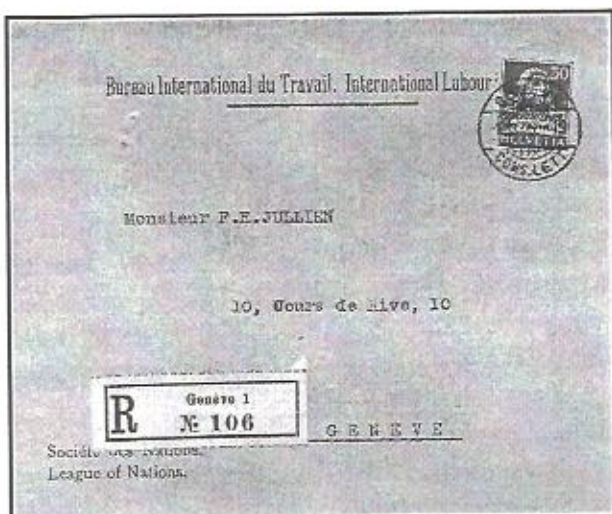
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ILO (Gaines pg. 1031-1074.2)

1. ILO stamps 1-4,6-11,18 on sheet, canceled Genève 1 Société des Nations 16.1.25, Gaines value, \$46, MB \$20
2. Small ILO SC, pair ILO 16, postmarked Genève Depot Lettres 24.IV.31, Genève 1 Cons.lettres RL, SF, MB \$20
3. Small ILO SC, ILO 18, postmarked Genève Cons.lettres. 1.IX.26, Genève 1 RL, SH, MB \$15↓



4. Small ILO SC to London, (Addressee name cut out), ILO 36 (60c Disarmament), Genève 1 Dépôt Lettres 26.X.36, RL, SF, MB \$40
5. Small ILO SC to Sweden, ILO 79, Genève 1 Exp. Lettres slogan cancel, 13.IX.49, MB \$20
6. Small ILO SC, ILO 84, Genève 22 BIT 17.VIII.56, Section de l'Administration Intérieure OC, MB \$10
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9. #10 ILO SC, ILO 83 & 92, 6.II.55, Office du Personnel OC, SF, MB \$20
10. Small ILO SC, ILO 88, 21.XII.51, Genève 2 Gare Cornavin (one line) RL, MB \$15
11. Small ILO Staff Insurance Society CC SC, ILO 88, 14.IX.51, Genève 2 Gare Cornavin (two lines) RL, MB \$15
12. Small ILO SC, ILO 88, 3.IX.52, Genève 2 Gare Cornavin (two lines) RL, Service Financier OC, MB \$15
13. #10 ILO SC, ILO 95, 13.III.61, Section de l'Administration Intérieure OC, SF, MB \$6
14. #10 ILO SC, FD of ILO 97, 22.10.56, ILO letter enclosed, Division de l'Information Publique OC, MB \$12
15. Small cover, ILO 104, 19.5.74, 1211 Genève BIT large RL (REG-5), MB \$4
16. #10 ILO SC, ILO meter 469[1], postmarked Genève 1 Exp lettr. slogan cancel 25.X.1928, MB \$50
17. #10 ILO SC to Canada, ILO meter 469[2A], 29.IV.32, MB \$25
18. Small ILO SC to Czechoslovakia, meter 469[2B], 4.VI.34, MB \$25↓



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22. ILO Governing Body, Berlin, 1927, MNH VF stamps, Sc.363-5, Beautiful, MB \$60↓



23. ILO Governing Body, Brussels, 1930, small Registered cover to Switzerland with 3 Belgian stamps for session Sc. 222-24, postmarked Brussels 17.10.30, MB \$50
24. ILO Governing Body, Prague 1937, UA cover with session cancel, 9.X.37, MB \$25
25. Small cover from London-His Majesty's Printers - to ILO-Geneva, 1933, postage due, Swiss stamp added & postmarked Genève 1 Distr. Lettr, MB \$8
26. Small censored cover from India: Servants of India Soc. to ILO-Montreal, 1946, MB \$6
27. ILO Conference 1947/1, India, SC piece with mailing label, conference imprint, and Council House postmarked stamps, MB \$15↓



28. ILO Conference 1950/1, Bandung, front of large SC with conference imprint, ILO-Bandung imprint & many Indonesian stamps, SF, MB \$15

29. Nine covers, 1949-1969, from Switzerland, Canada, Luxembourg, England and Kuwait, all with slogan cancels honoring ILO, MB \$10

International Court (Gaines 1351-69)

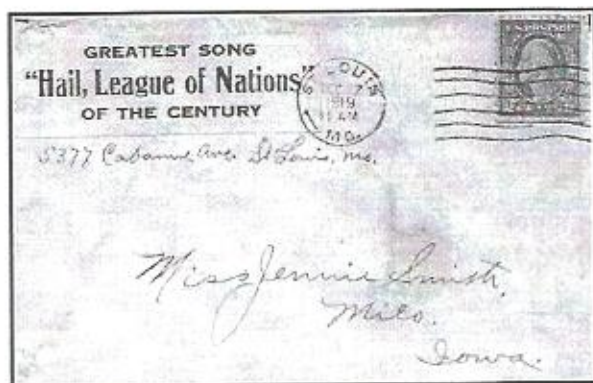
30. O20-O26 CTO, VF, MB \$10
31. O27-O40 CTO Margin Bk-4's, all with #, one with cut-out, MB \$25
32. O29 on large ICJ SC (280x185) to Amsterdam, CIJ official marking, MB \$12
33. O40 Bk-4 and O41 on large SC (265mm x183mm) to USA (to Court member), CIJ official marking, MB \$15
34. O9-O14, 7 1/2c tear at base, affixed to portion of an album page, each hand stamped small "SPECIMEN" in gray-black by the Portuguese PO on receipt from the UPU, before sending to one of its colonial POs. MB \$100↓



League of Nations (Gaines pg. 1001-1032)

35. LON #10 SC to Vienna, LON 21, Geneve 10 Société des Nations RL, SF, T, MB \$80
36. LON #10 SC to Brussels, 1924, LON 11, Geneve 1 Société des Nations (one line) RL, MB \$60
37. LON #10 SC to Berne, LON 8, Geneve 1 Société des Nations (2 lines) RL, MB \$20
38. LON #10 SC to Brussels, 1932, LON 40, Genève 10 S.D.N. (Black R) RL, MB \$40
39. LON #10 SC to Geneva, 1940, LON 62, Genève 10 Société des Nations RL, SF, MB \$30
40. LON #10 SC to Geneva, 1944, LON 77, Genève 10 S.D.N. (Red R) RL, TREASURY OC, MB \$15
41. Large SC front from LON Nansen Office-Paris, 1934, Paris postmark & RL, a bit tatty, and pencil & ink markings, MB \$15

42. First LON Assembly, small cover with 3 strikes of A.2, 19.IX.20, Addressee partially erased, MB \$80
43. Interesting satirical post card, unmailed: "LON Police" horse drawn wagon in parade, glue marks on back side, MB \$10
44. Netherlands post card with 12.11.30 The Hague postmark for "Peace & League of Nations Expo", MB \$20
45. Small cover with Ottawa Canada slogan cancel, League of Nations Day April 17, Apr. 16, 1928, MB \$10
46. Small cover to USA, Oslo, Norway slogan cancel, "Help Refugees Buy Nansen Stamps", 14.12.37, tears, MB \$12
47. Small cover to USA, Oslo - same Nansen slogan, 14.12.38, MB \$12
48. Small cover to Sweden, two Nansen stamps, Norway B5, Oslo, 11.6.36, MB \$15
49. Small cover to Sweden, Nansen stamp B14, Oslo, 15.5.36, Norway B8, MB \$15
50. Small cover to Iowa, St. Louis, MO Dec 22 1919, cancel ties address label printed: *Greatest Song "Hail, League of Nations" of the Century*, MB \$15↓



UNNY Cancel and Meter Inverts

51. Manila 240mm×160mm UNNY CC cover, PB Meter 4-Slogan 2, May 25'63 tape, slogan inverted, MB \$15
52. #10 UNDP-Taiwan CC cover, PB Meter 1-Slogan 2, May 5'66, slogan inverted, SF, Tears, Tape marks on back, MB \$15
53. #10 cover, Cancel slogan 24, Feb 6 1969, Year inverted, MB \$8

Miscellaneous

54. Two UN #38 FDC, UA, One HQ cachet and one Artmaster, Both autographed by Claude Bottiau, Designer, MB \$25
55. UNESCO-Paris wrapper with Meter SC0865, Slogan 2, 20 Nov 47, MB \$30
56. UNESCO-Paris small CC cover to Chicago, Meter SC0865, Slogan 3, 7 Dec 48, MB \$25
57. World Refugee Year, Cocteau cachet FDC, European set, in original wrapper, MB \$20
58. Small 1947 cover to UN with free frank of Eleanor Roosevelt, SF, MB \$50↓



59. Two protest cards to 1951 Paris General Assembly, each with 2 or 3 UN Receiving marks, MB \$15
60. Post card from WHO-Geneva to ICAO-Montreal, 30.III.48, UN-Geneva hand cancel, OMS OC, and ICAO Receiving mark, MB \$12
61. Small UA cachet cover, Yalta Conference, postmarked Roosevelt, NY 2/12/45, MB \$10↓



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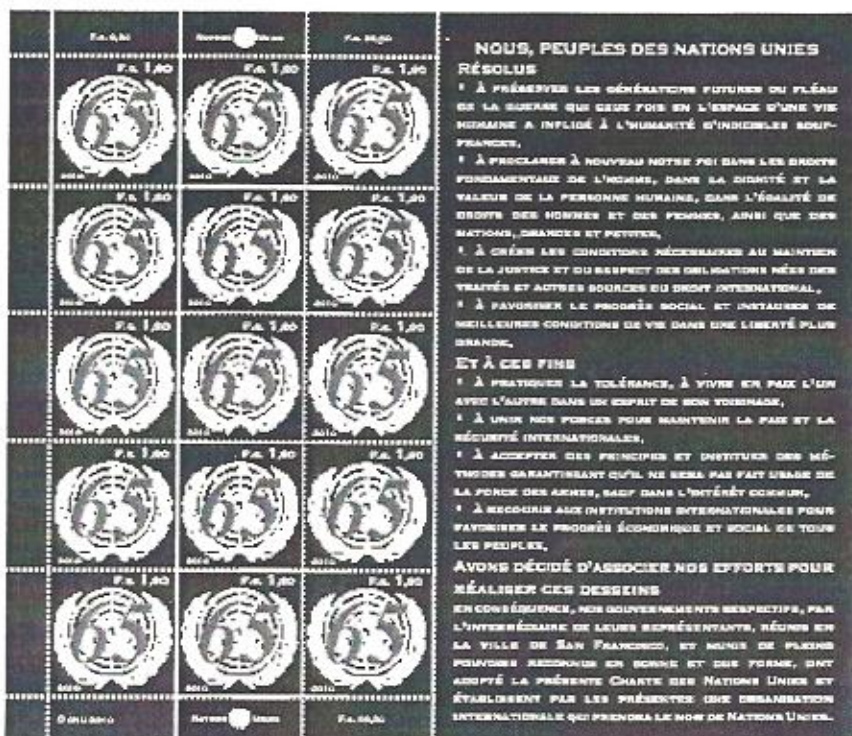
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