

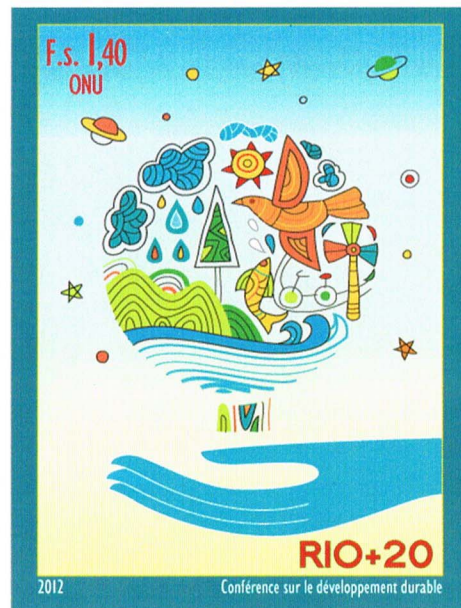
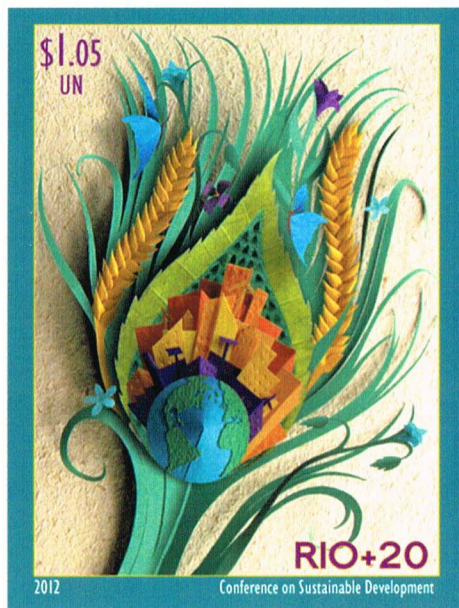
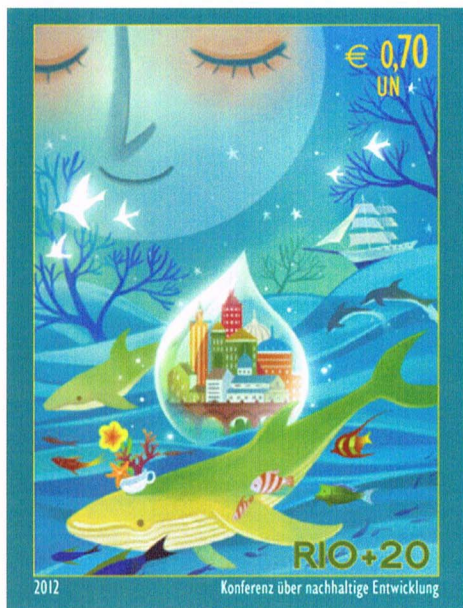
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CLUB NEWS

2012 UNP ELECTION RESULTS

By B. Clement, Jr., Election Chair

The results of the 2012 UNP Election of Officers and Board Members are as follows:

Office: Candidate	Votes Received
President: Larry Fillion	28
Vice President: Greg Galletti	29
Treasurer: Chris Dahle	29
Secretary: Blanton Clement, Jr.	29
Director: Ken Grant	27
Director: Richard Powers	32
Director: Brian Reiser	27
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The elected officers will assume responsibilities for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2012.

MORE ON THE 2012 UNP ANNUAL MEETING AT STAMPSHOW IN SACRAMENTO

By Richard Powers

In early June the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) announced that the 2012 Olympic stamp series would be honoring the Paralympic Games (known in the U.S.A. as the Special Olympics) in London. The six stamps and three souvenir sheets will be issued on Friday August 17th instead of June 10th as previously announced. This new date corresponds to the second day of the 2012 Stampshow in Sacramento, the site of the UNP Annual Meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning August 18th at 10:30am.

The UNPA will undoubtedly prepare a

show cachet as this show occurs when the Paralympic stamps are issued. I would not be surprised if the UNPA organizes a special first day ceremony at Stampshow 2012 on Friday August 17th and distributes a C-folder containing first day canceled Paralympic commemoratives. An article on these stamps appears on page 3 of this issue of the *Journal*.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By B. Clement, Jr.

As of the middle of June, when essentially all 2012 renewals are in, UNP has 189 members. It should be noted that this is at the low point of the year, since additional renewals and new members would add to that. Of the 189, 155 are from the United States, 10 from Canada, and 24 from other countries.

Of the US members, 26 are from New York, 20 from California, 10 from Pennsylvania, 8 from New Jersey, 7 each from Massachusetts, Virginia and Wisconsin, 6 from Michigan and Illinois, 4 from Delaware and Texas, and 3 each from Missouri, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota and Tennessee, 2 each from Iowa, Maryland, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio and Washington, while the following have 1 each: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Montana, North Carolina, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, West Virginia, Wyoming, Armed Forces Middle East and the Marshall Islands.

Of our Canadian members, 4 are from Ontario, 2 each from British Columbia and Alberta, and 1 each from Quebec and Northwest Territories. From other countries,

we have 10 from Germany, 5 from the Netherlands, 2 from the United Kingdom, and 1 each from Australia, Belgium, China, Japan, Norway and Switzerland.

Our Membership decreased by eight members this year. Ways to reverse this trend will be discussed at our next UNP Board Meeting.

A little trivia: Our most popular first name by far is John or Jack, with fifteen. We have seven members named James, six Davids, five Williams, and four each named Ken or Kenneth, Michael, Paul, Richard, Robert, Steve or Stephen and William. Some of us, like Blanton, Enrique, Kjell, Ninian and Wanda have unique names.

UNP FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 2011 THROUGH APRIL 2012

By Chris Dahle

Balance: May 1, 2011	\$11,112.27
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Income

Dues	\$4,919.07
Auction commissions	613.04
Donations	75.00
Advertising	80.00
Total Income	\$5,687.11

Expenses

Postage	\$1,403.52
Journal printing	3,620.01
Journal bulk mailing	545.92
Editor's expenses	
Text editing system update	862.64
Other expenses	467.98
Secretary's expenses	79.27
Treasurer's and Production manager's expenses	113.77
Bulk mailing permit	190.00
Franchise fee	50.00
Total expenses	\$7,333.11

Balance: April 30, 2012	\$9,466.27
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THE PARALYMPIC GAMES – LONDON 2012

By Richard Powers

The Paralympic Games are held every four years, following the Olympic Games and are governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The Paralympics first started in 1948 when Dr. Ludwig Guttmann organized sports competition at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in England for Second World War veterans that had spinal injuries. The competition took place between sports clubs and other hospitals on the same day as the Opening Ceremony of the London 1948 Olympic Games.

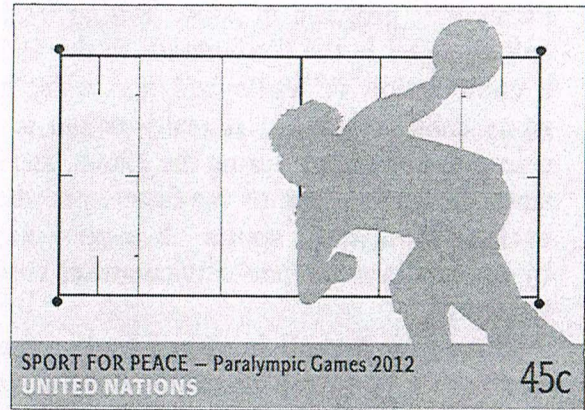
The first Paralympic Games were held in Rome in 1960 and involved 400 athletes from 23 nations. Originally only wheelchair athletes were invited to compete. Since that time, the Paralympic Games have grown dramatically. Athletes competing at the Games are divided into the following disability groups: visual impairments, amputees, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries and “Les Autres” – athletes with physical disabilities that are not included in the categories mentioned above.

The 2012 Paralympic Games will take place between August 29th and September 8th. They will be the biggest Paralympic Games ever, featuring 4,200 athletes from 160 countries who will compete in 20 sports.

To commemorate the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue stamps on August 17, 2012 featuring six Paralympic sports. The date corresponds to the second day of Stampshow 2012 in Sacramento in which the UNPA will be participating with a stand and a first day of issue ceremony. Six sports will be honored with six mini-sheets of nine stamps and three souvenir sheets of one stamp each.

The Designs

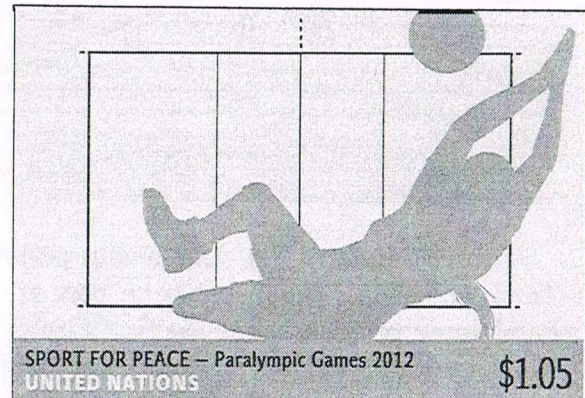
Goalball



The UNNY 45¢ stamp portrays Goalball, which is played competitively in more than one hundred countries. It was initially developed as a rehabilitation activity for injured soldiers returning from World War II. Played by visually impaired athletes using a ball with bells inside, it is among the most exciting team sports on the Paralympic program.

Goalball is played by two teams of three visually impaired athletes on an indoor court with tactile lines and with goals at either end. The aim is to score by rolling the ball into the opposition's goal, while the opposition attempts to block the ball with their bodies.

Sitting Volleyball

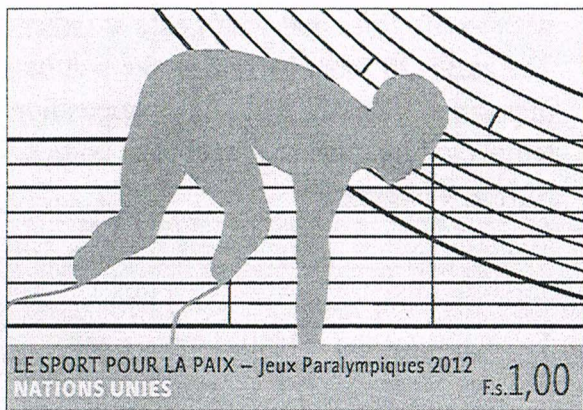


The UNNY \$1.05 stamp will be issued as part of a mini-sheet of nine stamps as well

as part of a souvenir sheet with one stamp. Sitting Volleyball made its debut as a Paralympic medal sport at the Arnheim 1980 Games. A women's event was added to the Paralympic program in 2004. Sitting Volleyball emerged in the Netherlands in the 1950s, a combination of Volleyball and a German game called Sitzball. It really began to increase in popularity during the 1960s, and has since grown into one of the fastest-paced and exciting Paralympic sports. It is now played by athletes in more than fifty countries around the world.

Sitting Volleyball is played by two teams of six on a 10 m × 6 m indoor court divided by a net. The object of the game is to land the ball in the opposition's half of the court, with each team allowed three touches of the ball (in addition to a legal block) before it must cross over the net. Matches are the best of five sets, with the first four sets played as the first to score 25 points; if a fifth set is necessary, it is won by the first team to reach 15 points. In all sets, a margin of at least two points is required for victory.

Track and Field (Athletics)



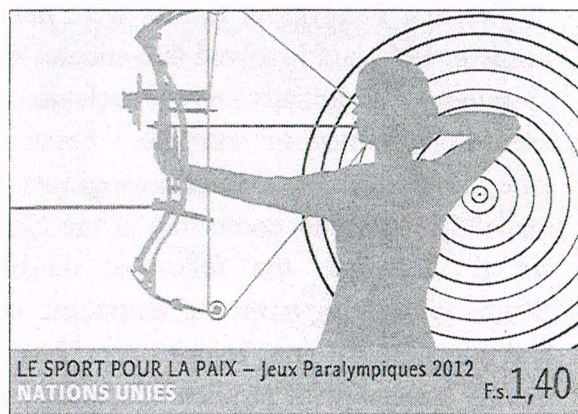
The UN Geneva F.s. 1,00 stamp portrays Track and Field, which has been part of the Paralympic program since the first Games in Rome in 1960, and has produced some of the most iconic images in the history of the Paralympic movement.

With 1,100 athletes competing for 170

Gold medals, Track and Field is the largest sport on the Paralympic program. The field events broadly fall into two categories. The list of throwing events includes Discus, Javelin, Shot Put and Club Throw, while the program of jumping events includes High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump.

There are track events, in distances from 100 m to 5,000 m as well as the Marathon, which is held on roads. Some athletes compete in wheelchairs or throwing frames, others with prostheses, and others with the guidance of a sighted companion.

Archery



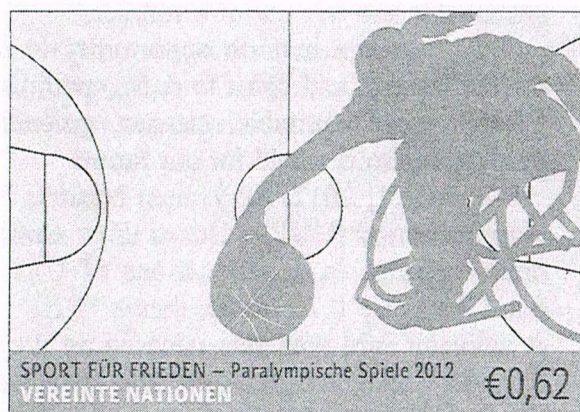
The UN Geneva F.s. 1,40 stamp, issued in a mini-sheet of nine stamps as well as part of a souvenir sheet of one stamp, portrays Archery. No sport has as great a Paralympic history as Archery. It was featured at the first Stoke Mandeville Games in 1948, the direct precursor to the Paralympic Games and has been featured on every Paralympic program since the first Games in Rome in 1960. At the London 2012 Games, 140 athletes will compete in nine different medal events.

The object of the sport is simple: to shoot arrows as close to the center of a target as possible. Paralympic Archery targets are 122 centimeters in diameter, with the gold ring at the center (worth a maximum ten points) measuring just 12.2 cm. Archers shoot at the target from a distance of 70 meters.

At the Paralympic Games, the individual

competitions will be played in an elimination format. Matches will be played over the best of five sets, with each set consisting of three arrows per archer. The winners of each match will qualify for the next round, until the last two archers go head to head in the gold medal match.

Wheelchair Basketball



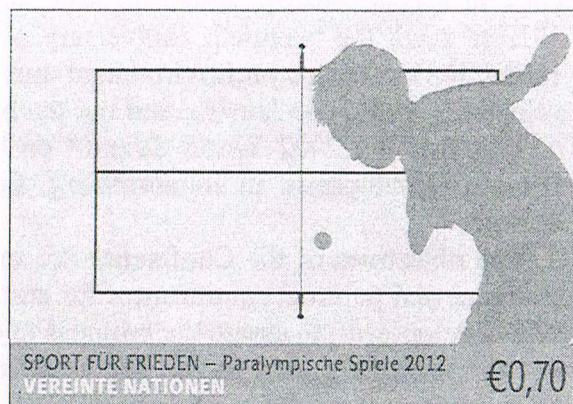
The UN Vienna € 0,62 stamp portrays Wheelchair Basketball, which was featured at the first Games in Rome in 1960, and has remained on the Paralympic program ever since. The women's competition was added at the Tel Aviv 1968 Games. The sport was developed by American World War II veterans as part of their rehabilitation, but its popularity soon spread around the world. It is now played in more than eighty countries.

The rules of Wheelchair Basketball are broadly similar to Basketball. The court is the same size, the basket is at the same height, and the scoring is identical: two points for a regular shot from open play, one point for each free throw and three points from a distance of 6.75 m from the basket. Players move the ball around the court by passing or dribbling and are required to throw or bounce the ball after every two pushes of the wheels on their chairs to avoid being penalized for travelling.

There are twelve players in each team, with no more than five on the court. Every player is assigned a point value based in their

functional ability: 1.0 to 4.5. During play, the total on-court point value for each team of five players cannot exceed 14.

Paralympic Table Tennis



The UN Vienna € 0,70 stamp, will be issued in a mini-sheet of nine stamps as well as part of a souvenir sheet of one stamp, portrays Table Tennis, which has been part of the Paralympic program since the first Games in Rome in 1960. With twenty-nine medal events and nearly 300 athletes, Table Tennis is one of the largest sports on the Paralympic program.

The sport is based on the same basic principles as Table Tennis, but it has a very different scoring system. At the Paralympic Games, matches are played over the best of five games, with the first player to 11 points (by a margin of two clear points) winning each game. The program includes individual and team events for both standing players and wheelchair athletes.

At London 2012, all individual events will begin with a group qualification stage followed by an elimination competition, with athletes progressing through the draw until the finals. The team events will be conducted according to a direct elimination format.

A total of eleven different classifications are used in Table Tennis at the Paralympic Games. Classes 1-5 cover wheelchair athletes, classes 6-10, and class 11 covers athletes with intellectual disabilities.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a Resolution agreeing to hold the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012. Also referred to as 'Rio + 20' or Earth Summit 20, the conference will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on June 20-22, 2012 to mark the twentieth anniversary of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development, in Rio de Janeiro, and the tenth anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The objectives of the Conference are to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development; to assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development; and to address new and emerging challenges.

The Conference will focus on two specific themes: "A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" and "an institutional framework for sustainable development". Sustainable development emphasizes a holistic, equitable and far-sighted approach to decision-making at all levels. The concept of green economy focuses primarily on the intersection between environment and economy.

Focusing on green economy also ensures that the discussion moves forward from just a low carbon economy. In fact, green economy is characterized by low inputs, low emission, low wastes, higher efficiency in resource uses and better product designs, as well as creating jobs that can lift people out of poverty.

The first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Earth Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. For the first time, during this unprecedented United Nations meeting, governments and leaders from across the globe re-thought economic development and fully recognized the integral and interdependent nature of our home, the Earth. The summit's shared message was to ensure a healthy planet by drastically changing our attitudes and behaviors. During this conference, Agenda 21 a program of action for sustainable

development was adopted - a blueprint to re-think economic growth, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection.

Twenty years after the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, the United Nations is again bringing together governments, international institutions and major groups to agree on a range of smart measures that can reduce poverty while promoting decent jobs, clean energy and a more sustainable and fair use of resources.

RIO +20 is a historic opportunity to revise the enthusiasm and spirit to define pathways to a safer, more equitable, cleaner, greener and more prosperous world for our future.

On June 1, 2012, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued three commemorative stamps in denominations of US\$ 1.05, F.s. 1,40 and € 0,70 on the theme "RIO + 20". A souvenir card was also released on the same day. The designs of the three stamps appear on the front cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

The UNNY stamp is based on a paper sculpture by Gail Armstrong. It depicts a plant, including leaves, flowers and wheat, with tall buildings sprouting from Earth in the center.

The Geneva design by Shalesh Khandeparkar combines classical Indian style with modern techniques. The design shows a blue hand at the bottom with planets and stars at the top. Earth and its atmosphere are represented in the center of the design with water, mountains, clouds and sun.

The Vienna stamp by Fei shows a dream-world design. A sleeping person dreams of birds as stars in the sky; a sailing ship in a sea filled with dolphins, whales and fish.

On the same day the UNPA issued a personalized stamp sheet to celebrate Tinker Bell as the Honorary Ambassador of Green. The sheet, which can be personalized in New York, is composed of ten stamps with two different designs picturing Tinker Bell in the denomination of US\$ 1.05 as well as ten vignettes picturing the United Nations wreath symbol in green symbolizing United Nations focus on sustainable development. The personalized sheet appears on the back cover of this issue of the *Journal*.

2012 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of July 1, 2012 but subject to changes of date and denominations.)

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

January 23

Chinese Lunar Calendar Sheet

(sheet of 10 \$1.05 stamps with 10 vignettes)

Personalized Sheet for Sixty Years of Guided Tours at UN Headquarters in New York

(sheet of 10 different \$1.05 stamp designs and 10 different vignettes)

Revalued UNNY Stationery

44¢ + 1¢ Pre-stamped envelopes, 98¢ + 7¢ airletter

February 3

Coin and Flag Series

45¢, F. s. 0,85, € 0,70

(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)

2012 Coin and Flag Collection Folder

April 2

Autism Awareness

\$1.05, F.s. 1,40, € 0,70

(3 sheets of 20 stamps with 2 different designs)

April 12

Vienna Event Sheet (Essen)

(sheet of 10 € 0,70 stamps and 10 vignettes with 6 different designs)

April 19

Endangered Species

45¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,70

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

Set of 3 maximum cards,

2012 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder, FDC with silk cachet

June 1

RIO + 20

\$1.05, F.s. 1,40, € 0,70, Souvenir card

Personalized Sheet for Tinkerbell for UNNY

(sheet of 10 \$1.05 stamps with 2 designs and 10 vignettes)

August 17

Paralympic Games - London

45¢, \$1.05, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,40, € 0,62, € 0,70, \$1.05, F.s. 1,40, € 0,70

(6 mini-sheets of 9 stamps and 3 souvenir sheets with 1 stamp)

September 5

World Heritage - Africa

45¢, \$1.05, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,00, € 0,62, € 0,70

(6 sheets of 20 stamps)

October 11

Indigenous People

45¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,70

(3 mini-sheets of 6 stamps)

2012 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2012 SLOGAN CANCELLATION

January 2 **United for Peace** (continuation of slogan for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011)

**COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN
THE NEAR EAST IN ALEPPO, SYRIA**

By Richard Powers

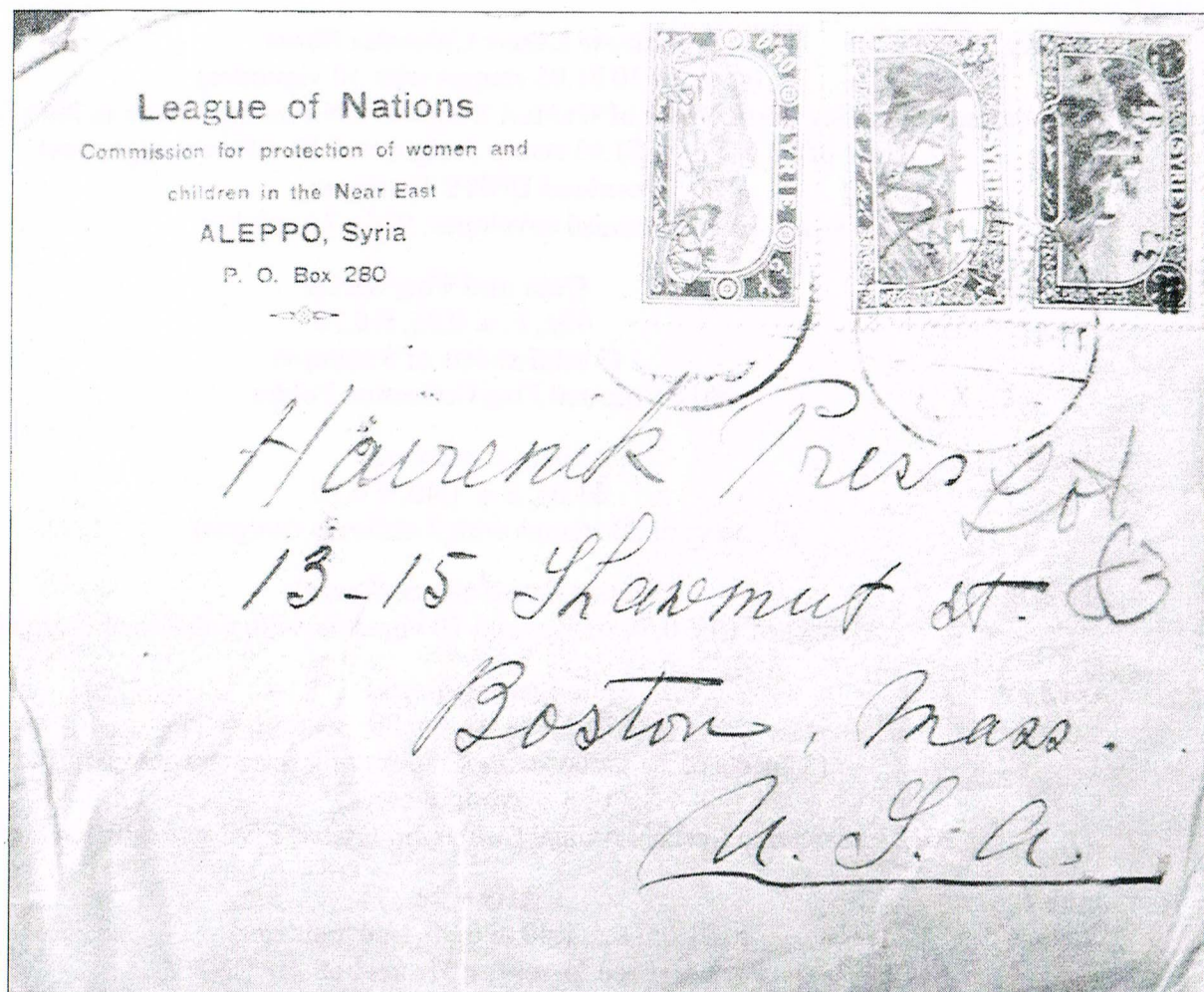


Figure 1: 192(6?) service cover from the Commission for protection of women and children in the Near East of the League of Nations in Aleppo, Syria to a publisher in Boston.

In the December 2006 issue of the *Journal* (page 14) Blanton Clement, Jr. reported finding a 1924 cover at Washington 2006, bearing an origin cachet of the Société des Nations – Commission d'enquête – Alep (League of Nations Commission of Inquiry in Aleppo). The letter was sent by the Danish humanitarian Karen Jeppe to an Armenian-language publisher (Hairenik Press) in Boston. Clem has been unable to identify the precise nature of this inquiry.

Early in 2012 I came across a related

League of Nations service cover on eBay. This cover appears in Figure 1 above. The cover bears the corner card of the Commission for protection of women and children in the Near East in Aleppo, Syria.

The cover bears the postmark of Aleppo dated December 23, 192(6?). The cover bears three Syrian stamps issued in 1925: a yellow green 0.5 piaster stamp depicting the port of Alexandretta (Scott #175), an orange brown 3 piaster stamp with a view of the Bridge of Daphne (#182) and an olive black

4 piaster overprinted on a 0.25 piaster with a view of Merkab (#189).

The cover was sent to the same Armenian publisher in Boston as the cover in Clem's article. And this cover has a connection to the Danish humanitarian Karen Jeppe.

In 1921 Karen Jeppe was named Director of this Commission. Upon her arrival in Aleppo, she had continued her work with Armenian refugees from the Ottoman Empire, who had been forced to flee during World War I from Turkey. In Aleppo she found employment for Armenian widows by establishing orphanages, schools, medical clinics and workrooms. She then worked to rescue two thousand Armenian children and women in the area as Director of the League of Nations Commission for the protection of Women and Children.

However, the situation was deeply worsened in 1922 as new waves of Armenian refugees arrived in Aleppo escaping from the massacres in Cilicia, as the French troops – despite promises to the contrary – had evacuated Cilicia in 1921, leaving thousands of Armenians to be killed or expelled by Turkish nationalists.

In 1924, after negotiations with a rich Bedouin sheik, Hadjim Pasha, Jeppe rented parts of his lands to the west of Aleppo in the valley of the Euphrates. Pasha became a good friend of Karen Jeppe, helping her with practical things and maintaining the security of the new Armenian settlers through his status and the influence that he had in the region.

Karen Jeppe made all possible efforts to create good relations between Bedouins and Armenian peasants, through which, she succeeded to found six Armenian farming colonies in the region of Ar-Raqqah like Tel Armen, Tel Samen, Charp Bedros and Tineh.

Jeppe visited Denmark for the last time in autumn 1933. Upon her return to Syria, she had been affected by malaria. Having partly

recovered, she continued to direct her efforts towards the development of the newly-created Armenian communities. In the summer of 1935, she suffered a more serious attack of malaria during her stay at her white house in the agricultural colony. She was taken to the hospital in Aleppo, where she died on July 7, 1935 at the age of 59. She was buried in the Armenian cemetery of Aleppo. The first-established Armenian higher educational college in Aleppo (opened in 1946) was named after Jeppe.

The importance that the League of Nations accorded to the protection of women and children can be traced to Articles 23(a) and (c) of the Covenant. "The Members of the League will endeavor to secure and maintain fair and humane conditions of labor for men, women and children, both in their own countries and in all countries to which their commercial and industrial relations extend, and for that purpose will establish and maintain the necessary international organizations; ... (c) will entrust the League with the general supervision over the execution of agreements with regard to the traffic in women and children..."

The Advisory Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children was set up to carry out Article 23(c) of the Covenant. It was soon divided into two separate Committees, one dealing with the prevention of the traffic and the protection of young women, the other with all the international aspects of child welfare. These committees contained representatives of the chief private organizations which were already coping with these issues and also the Health Organization of the League and the International Labor Office.

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UN CONFERENCE ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION Geneva, 1948

By B. Clement, Jr.

An early important conference held by the United Nations was the UN Conference of Freedom of Information, held in Geneva, from March 23 to April 21, 1948. This conference adopted three draft conventions, on "The Gathering and International Transmission of News", on "Institution of an International Right of Correction", and on "Freedom of Information". This article will show philatelic and postal history of this conference.

The first item is a philatelic cover with a hand-painted cachet, mailed from UN-Geneva on March 25, 1948. The cover is autographed by John P. Humphries, Director of the UN Division of Human Rights. The cover is shown in Figure 1.

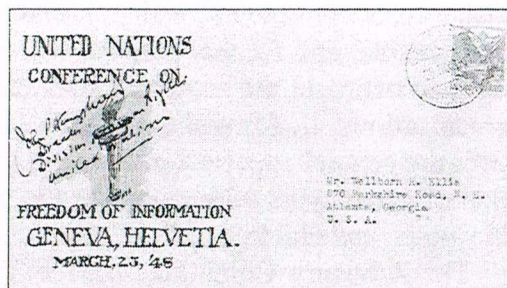


Figure 1: 1948 cover honoring the UN Conference on Freedom of Information.

The second item is shown in Figures 2 and 3. This is a Geneva post card mailed to Athens, Greece by the Greek Delegate to the Conference. It is postmarked April 20, 1948.

The third item was just discovered as I was writing the UN Conference Catalog (Ref. 3). This is an airmail cover, seen in Figure 4, from Walter Kotschnig, Delegation of the United States, sent bearing Geneva 1 Exp. Lettres postmarks on April 21, 1948. It was mailed to the State Department in Washington, DC, and received a red "Received Dept. of State" backstamp, shown

in Figure 5, on April 26, 1948. One reason that the cover was not connected with this conference before is that there is no reference to the conference on the cover.

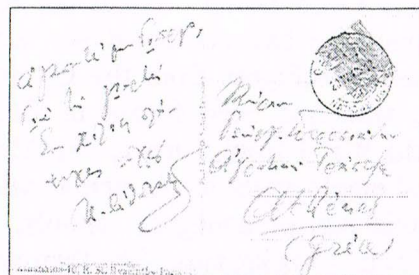


Figure 2: Address side of 1948 Geneva post card mailed to Athens by a Greek Delegate.



Figure 3: Picture side of Post Card sent from 1948 Conference with the signature of a Greek Delegate.

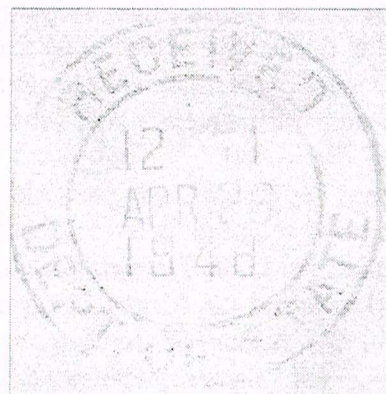


Figure 5: Backstamp of the Department of State in Washington, DC. on 1948 conference cover in Figure 4.

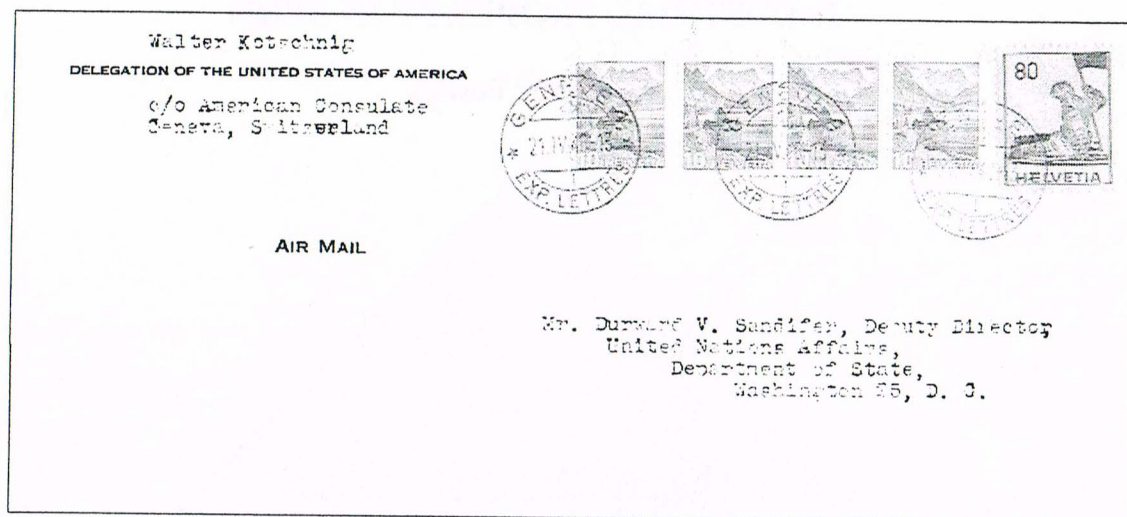


Figure 4: Cover sent from Geneva on April 21, 1948 by Walter Kotschnig, member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information to Durward Sandifer, the Deputy Director of the Office of United Nations Affairs at the Department of State in Washington, D.C

There is always a lot of activity at Geneva, perhaps requiring more than one "US Delegation" on April 21, 1948. So can we make a more positive connection? The answer lies in researching Walter Kotschnig on the internet. His New York Times obituary (Ref. 1) says that he died at age 84 at Penns Wood Village, about ten miles from my home. He was a native of Austria, joined the United States Department of State in 1944, becoming an expert in international organizations. He represented the U.S.A. at conferences worldwide for a quarter century, retiring in 1971.

Kotschnig's papers are archived at the State University of New York at Albany (Ref. 2). A chronology of his life lists activities at the United Nations starting in 1946, but the Conference on Freedom of Information is not mentioned. Probably thousands of letters he wrote are in the archives, including twenty-six to Durwood Sandifer in the period 1948-53, so perhaps the very letter contained in this cover is available in

Albany.

Finally, the archives were found to contain eight official Department of State photographs at the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information. So I was able to confirm positively Walter Kotschnig's presence at the conference. The good news is that although the cover pictured here is in my collection, another similar cover was offered in the June 2012 UNP Auction.

United Nations Conference postal history continues to be uncovered, sixty-four years after the fact. What do you have to add to that history?

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PENTAGONAL COVER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN BERN

By Richard Powers

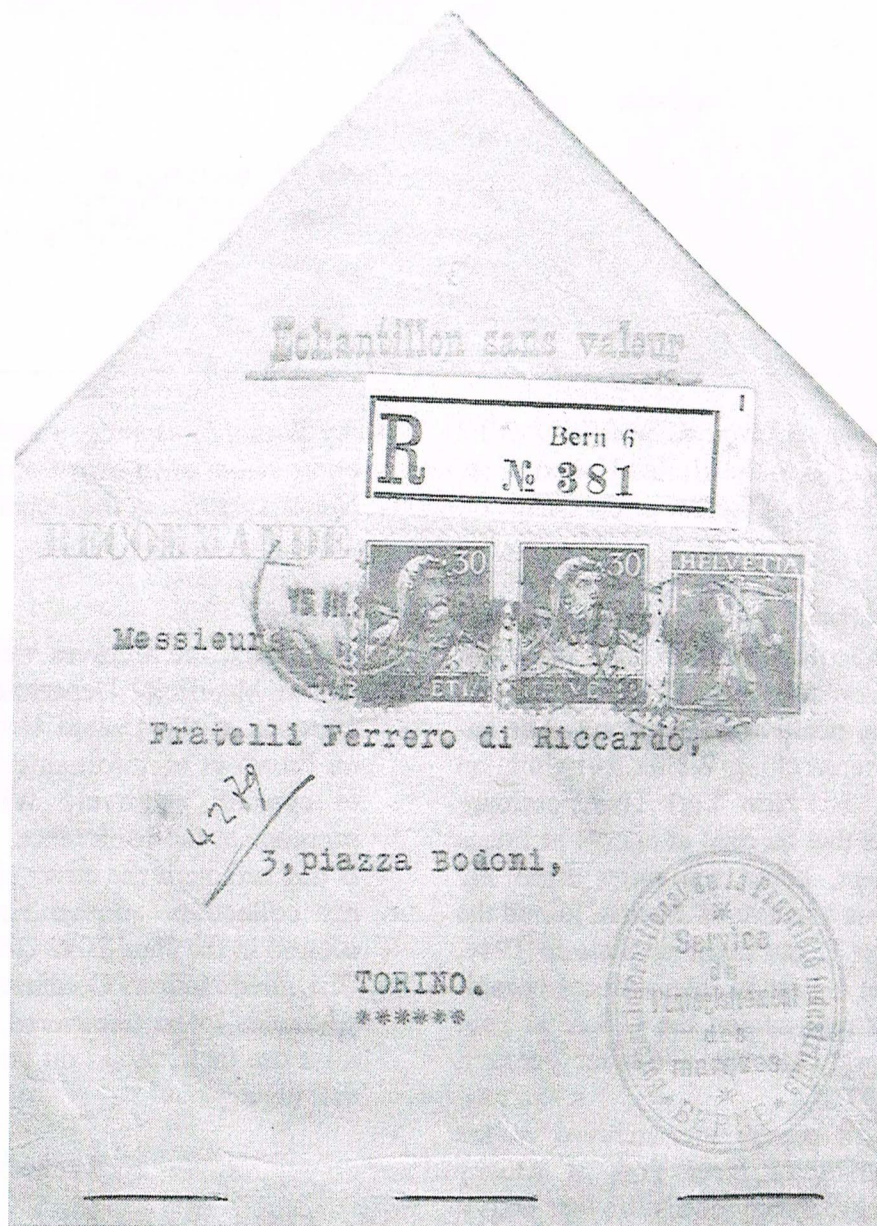


Figure 1: 1928 registered service cover from the Service of Trademark Registration of the International Office of Industrial Property in Bern which contained a sample.

The above figure shows a very interesting service cover postmarked March 15, 1928 in Bern from the Service of Trademark Registration of the International Office of

Industrial Property. This office was established by the Paris Convention in 1883 as the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (IUIP) in Bern, Swit-

zerland. The principal responsibility of the International Office in Bern was to assemble and publish information concerning the protection of industrial. Each country of the Union was to communicate promptly to the International Bureau all new laws and official texts concerning the protection of industrial property.

The Bern Convention of 1886 created the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, which was primarily concerned with copyrights. From 1893 on, both unions shared a common secretariat in Bern, which ultimately became known as the *Bureaux Internationaux Réunis pour la Protection de la Propriété Industrielle, Littéraire et Artistique* (United International Offices for the Protection of Industrial, Literary and Artistic Property), with the acronym BIRPI. Today BIRPI has become part of the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva.

The envelope is made of heavy paper and consists of a rectangle 163mm tall by 118mm wide. It was originally open at both ends. The bottom has been secured with three hefty staples. The top third of the envelope has been folded back in the form of a triangle giving the envelope a five-sided (pentagonal) shape. There is some evidence that the top triangular portion had been secured by some sort of (missing) clasp as there is a hole which penetrates the front side and the top two corners of the envelope which had been folded back to form the triangle. On the triangular portion is the registration label from the Bern 6 post office plus the legend that the envelope contains a sample without value (*échantillon sans valeur*).

Although the place name is not clear, I believe that it is the Kirchenfeld post office in Bern 6, which is the office generally used by IUPIP.

I believe that the cover passed through the mails as it appears in Figure 1 since registration labels should appear on the address side of the envelope. I suspect that the sample had originally been sent to Bern from the firm (Fratelli Ferrero di Riccardo) in Turin, Italy to which it is being returned.

In the lower right hand corner of the envelope is an attractive oval-shaped origin cachet which indicates that the cover came from the Service of Trademark Registration (*Service de l'enregistrement des marques*) of the International Office of Industrial Property (*Bureau International de la Propriété Industrielle*). Presumably the sample being returned to Turin, Italy was an article being registered as part of the Protection of Intellectual Property Program.

The cover bears two Swiss 30-centime stamps (Scott Switzerland #180) and a single 2½-centime stamp (#155) totaling 62½ centimes. According to the Zumstein Specialized Switzerland Catalogue the surcharge for registered mail abroad was 40 centimes from 1921 until 1930. From 1928 until 1930 printed matter abroad cost 7½ centimes for letters up to 50g. I speculate that this was also the rate for each additional 50 grams suggesting that the cover with sample must have weighed no more than 150 g.

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COMMISSARIAT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF BULGARIAN REFUGEES

By Richard Powers

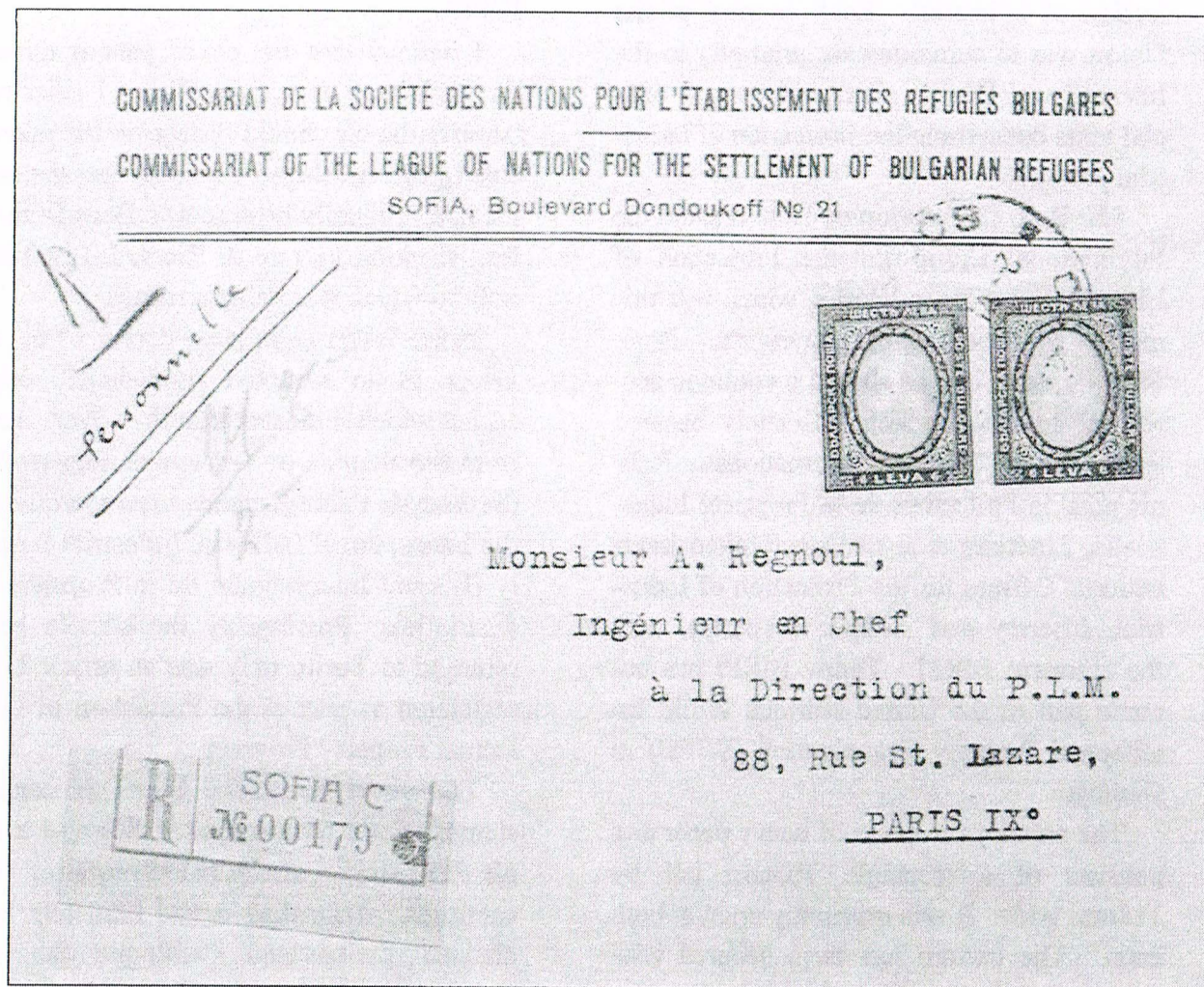


Figure 1: Registered service letter from the Commissariat of the League of Nations for the Settlement of Bulgarian Refugees in Sofia, Bulgaria to Paris.

In the October 1994 issue of the *Journal* (page 9) I published an article on the Greek Refugee Settlement Commission in Athens. In the June 2006 issue (page 10) I published a related article on the Mixed Commission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Athens. Both of these articles dealt with the resettlement of refugees during the 1920s from Greece and Bulgaria in the wake of World

War I.

The Bulgarian Government appealed to the League of Nations Council on June 10, 1926 for assistance in settling refugees that had come into the country since the Balkan war of 1913. Out of 52,000 families, over half remained to be placed. A 7% loan floated under the auspices of the League of Nations in 1926 by the Bulgarian Govern-

ment provided £2,400,000 and \$4,500,000 for the purpose. The work of establishing the refugees on 132,000 hectares (326,172 acres) of land suitable for agriculture was undertaken by the Bulgarian Government itself. A League commissioner took up residence at Sofia and reported quarterly to the League of Nations in Geneva under the protocol of September 8, 1926.

The Bulgarian settlement of refugees was completed early in 1932. A total of 31,057 families, about 125,000 persons, had been settled, and a total area of 107,788 hectares (266,344 acres) of land had been distributed. Extensive drainage, reclamation and public health undertakings had been finished. Of the 10,203 houses built, the majority comprised a set of farm buildings, while 6,947 families had been settled in houses vacated by Greek emigrants. A very large amount of fishing and farm equipment had been furnished. The whole scheme required the construction of about fifty miles of road sections and over sixty miles of railroad. The total expenditure was 1,629,000,000 leva.

The registered service cover in Figure 1 from the Commissariat of the League of Nations for the Settlement of Bulgarian Refugees in Sofia was sent to Paris with a Sofia postmark dated June 2, (?). The year is illegible. The two 6-leva Bulgarian stamps (Scott #202) were issued in early 1926. On the rear of the cover are the remains of the red seal of the sender, which no longer has any legible inscription. Presumably the year of posting was sometime between 1926 and 1932. The addressee was the Chief Engineer at a French railway company (Compagnie des chemins de fer de Paris à Lyon et à la Méditerranée) known simply as P.L.M.

Athens and Sofia were not the only cities to house offices of the Resettlement Commission. Figures 2 and 3 show the front and back, respectively, of a registered cover postmarked April 27, 1928 from the General Administration for Settlement in Thessaloniki (Saloniki) in Macedonia in Greece. The

corner card has the legend in English and in Greek:

The Refugee Settlement Commission.

Then in Greek only is the legend:

General Administration of Settlement
Macedonia.

The cachet on the rear (Figure 4) echoes the corner card with the additional legend:

Greek Democracy.



Figure 4: Detail of the cachet from the cover back in Figure 3 with the legend General Administration of Settlement in the outer ring and Greek (Hellenic) Democracy in the center inside of the two rings.

This service cover was addressed to the Liquidation Service of the Mixed Commission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Sofia. A receiving cancel on the rear is dated April 28, 1928. The Greek Refugee Settlement Commission was closed on December 31, 1930. Presumably the Mixed Commission closed at the same time.

The postage on the rear of the cover consists of two 1,50 drachma stamps (#338) and five 1 drachma stamps (#328) placed strategically along the seams of the envelope to ensure that the contents of the registered letter were undisturbed during the trip between Saloniki and Sofia.

The Saloniki office was undoubtedly

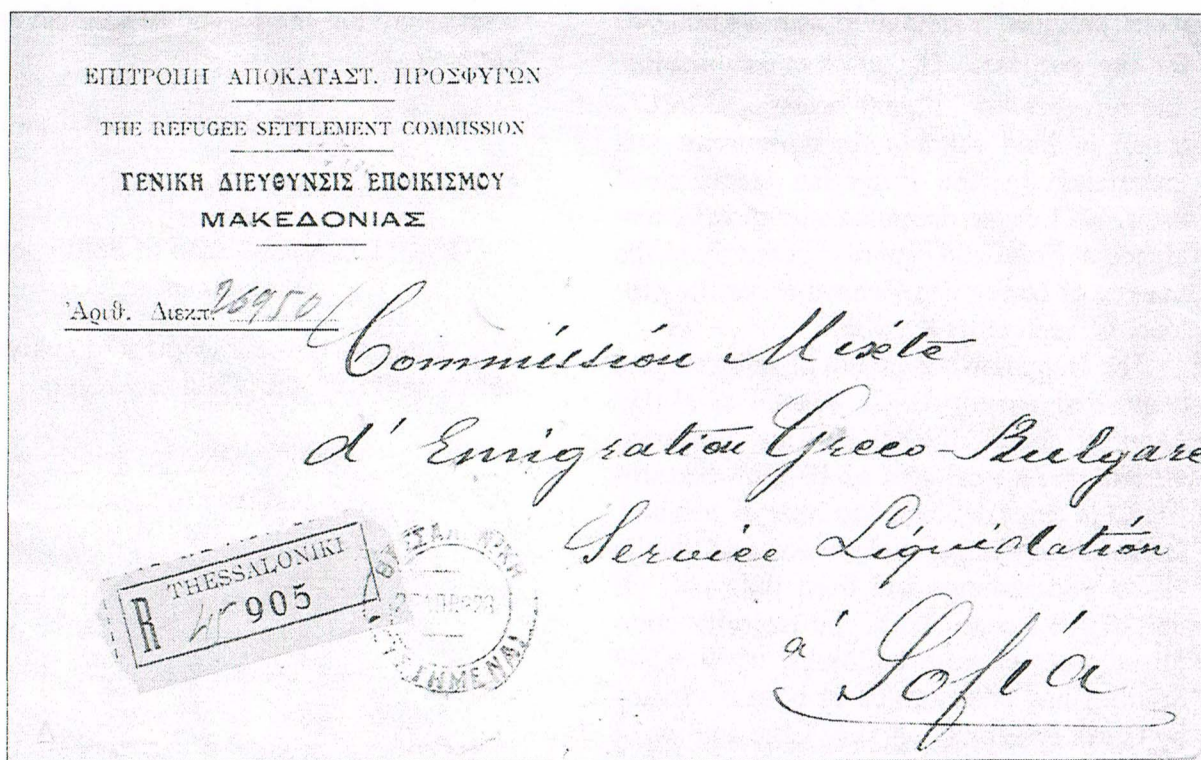


Figure 2: 1928 registered service cover from the Thessaloniki (Saloniki) Office of the Macedonian General Administration of the (Greek) Refugee Settlement Commission .



Figure 3: Back of registered cover in Figure 2 with the cachet of the General Administration of Settlement with receiving cancel in Sofia, Bulgaria.

very important in executing the settlement of refugees as nine-tenths of the land made available came from colonizing Macedonia.

This area was originally the realm of Alexander the Great's father Phillip of Macedonia. Sizeable populations of Greek as well as Slavic peoples were included in Macedonia. As a result when Yugoslavia was established after World War I, a significant part of the ancient kingdom of Macedonia was one of the republics included in Yugoslavia. Saloniki is still in Greece. When Yugoslavia splintered, the Slavic Macedonia applied for membership in the United Nations as the Republic of Macedonia, much to the dismay of Greece. Ultimately the Slavic Macedonia became the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) when it entered the United Nations in 1993. Today most of the members of the United Nations Security Council refer to the country as the Republic of Macedonia.

Figure 5 below shows a postcard picturing a group of refugees in the quarter of Saloniki near the River Vardar, which flows through Skopja and Saloniki towards the Aegean Sea. The card bears a 3-lepta Greek stamp (#200) postmarked in Saloniki (in 1925?), which was in use before, during and after World War I.



Figure 5: Refugees in the Vardar Quarter.

As a complement to the above narrative, I include two covers from the corresponding offices of the Mixed Commission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Sofia and in Ath-

ens, which worked closely with the Resettlement Commission.

Figures 6 and 7 show the front and rear of a registered service cover from the Bulgarian office postmarked June 14, 1929 in Sofia. The cover bears six copies of a 4-lev stamp (Scott # 220) at the top and six copies of a 2-lev stamp (#218) at the bottom. The corner card indicates that it is from the Service for Constituting Dossiers in Bulgaria. It is addressed to the Greek Delegate at the Macedonia Center for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Saloniki. The cover is secured by five seals of the Sofia office. A detail of one of the seals appears in Figure 8 and shows the inscription: "Mixed Commission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration" in the center surrounded by a circular legend "Greek Representative in the Sofia Center".

Figures 9 and 10 show the front and rear of a registered service cover from the Greek office postmarked May 20, 1930 in Athens. The cover bears four copies of a 5-drachma stamp (#349), and one each of the 2-drachma (#348) and 40-lepta (#354) stamps. The corner card indicates that it is also from the Service for Constituting Dossiers (SCD). It is addressed to the Bulgarian representative to the Sofia office of the Mixed Commission. The cover is also secured by five seals of the Athens office. A detail of one of the seals appears in Figure 11 and shows the inscription: "Bulgarian Representative" in the center surrounded by a circular legend "Administration for the Services of the Mixed Commission for Greco-Bulgarian Emigration in Thrace". Thrace was a former province in the Ottoman Empire and was ultimately divided among Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey.

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Figure 6: Front of a 1929 service cover from the Office in Sofia of the Mixed Commission for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration to the Center in Macedonia for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration.

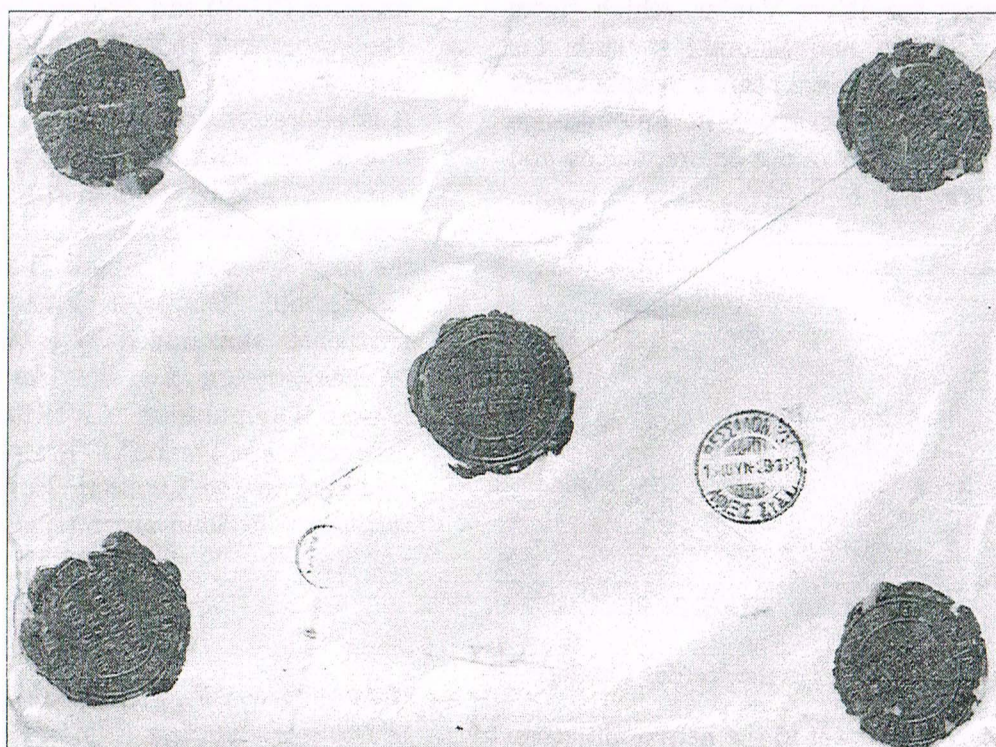


Figure 7: Rear of the above 1929 service cover from the Office in Sofia of the Mixed Commission for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration showing five Commission seals.

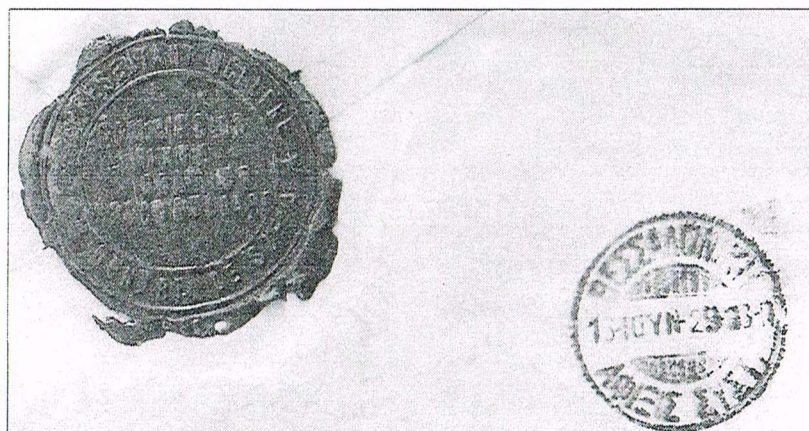


Figure 8: Seal of the Mixed Commission for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration and a receiving cancel of Thessaloniki (Saloniki), Greece dated June 16, 1929 on a registered service cover shown in Figure 3 postmarked in Sofia on June 14, 1929.



Figure 11: Seal of the Bulgarian Representative in Athens to the Mixed Commission for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration and a receiving cancel (lower left) in Sofia of May 30, 1930 on a registered service cover shown in Figure 6 postmarked in Athens on May 23, 1930. To the right of the seal is a pair of 5-drachma Greek stamps (Scott #349) picturing Count John Capo d'Istria (Capodistria) issued in 1930 by the Greek Republic on the occasion of the century of Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire.

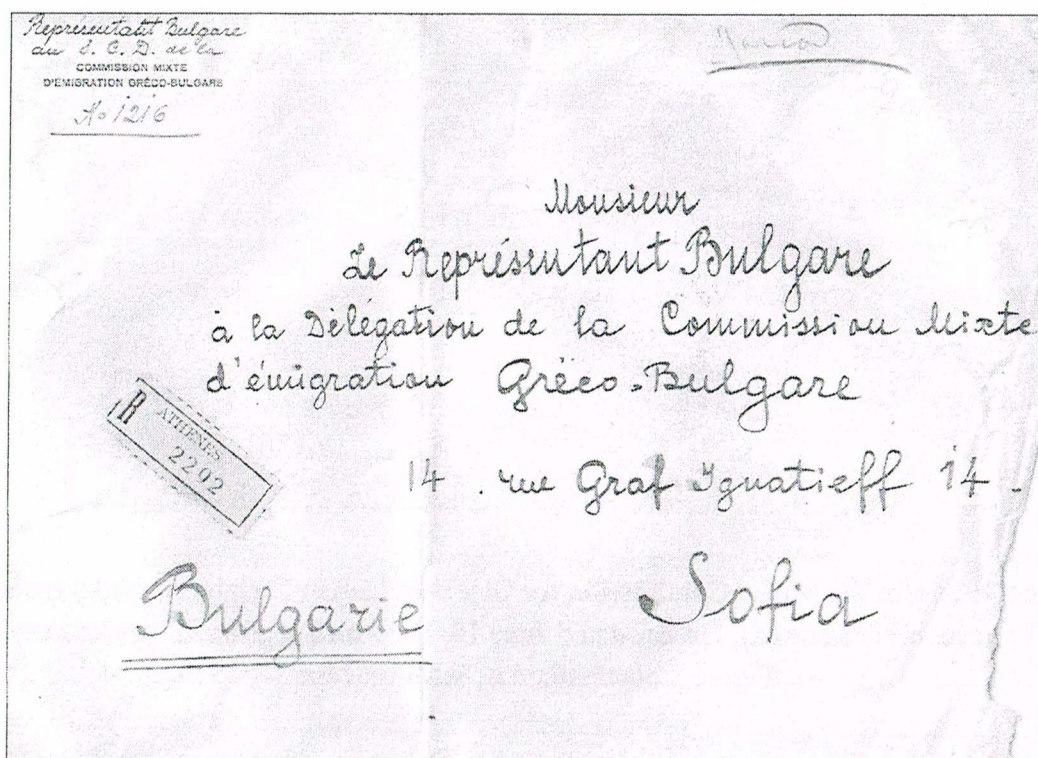


Figure 9: Front of a 1930 service cover from the Office in Athens of the Mixed Commission for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration to the Bulgarian Delegation to the Mixed Commission in Sofia.

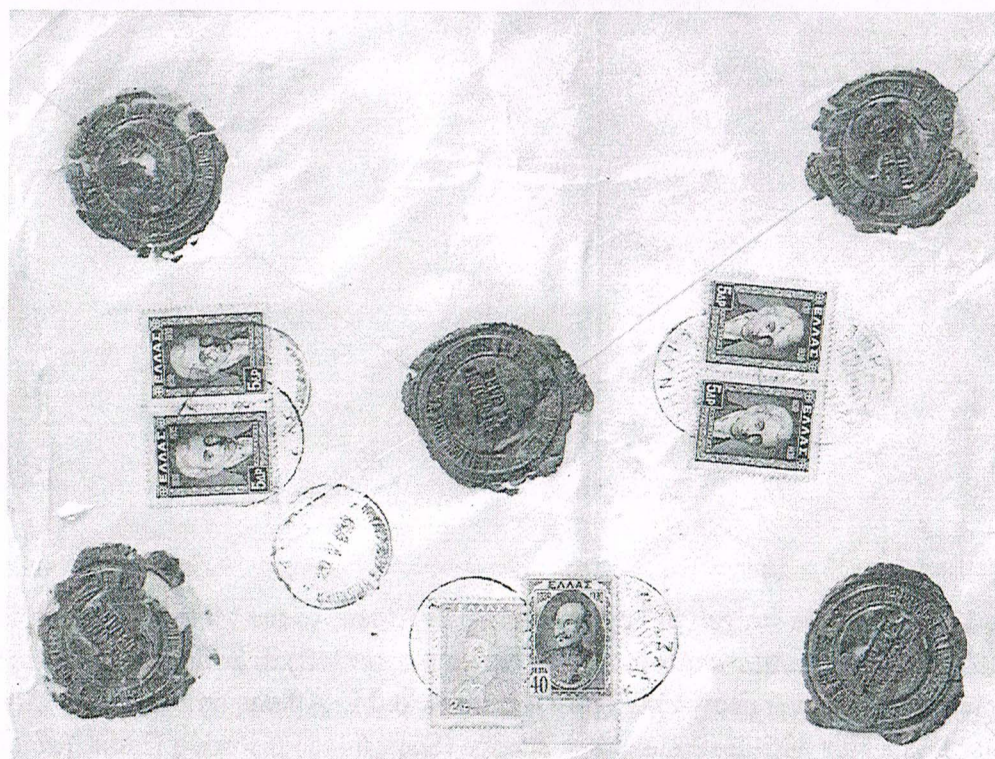


Figure 10: Rear of the above 1930 service cover from the Office in Athens of the Mixed Commission for Greek-Bulgarian Emigration showing five seals of the Bulgarian representative.

THE CHIEF CO-ORDINATOR OF UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By Richard Powers

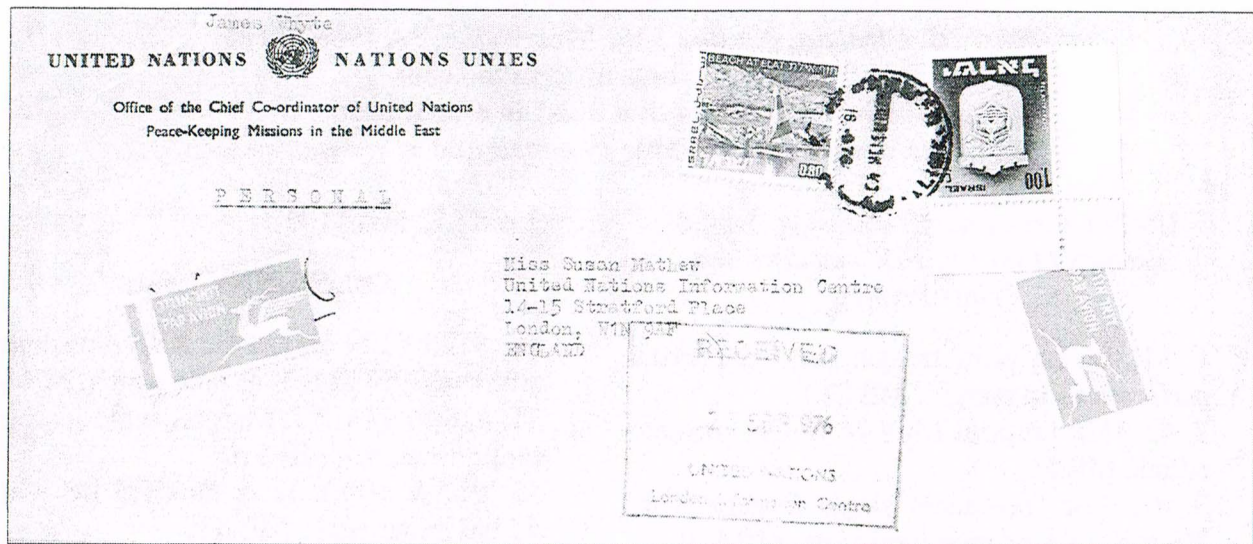


Figure 1: 1976 service cover from the Office of the Chief Co-ordinator of United Nations Peace-Keeping Forces in the Middle East mailed in Israel and sent to the United Nations Information Centre in London.

The service cover shown in Figure 1 was sent from the Office of the Chief Co-ordinator of United Nations Peace-Keeping Forces in the Middle East from Israel bearing a postmark of September 19, 1976 to the United Nations Information Centre in London, where a receiving cancel dated September 23rd was applied. The cover bears two Israeli stamps: a blue 80-agorot stamp (Scott # 470A) and a £1 one (#290).

General Ensio Siilasvuo was Commander of the Finnish Contingent to Cyprus (UNFICYP) in 1965. He served in a variety of positions in the Middle East after the Six Day War. He was Commander of UN Emergency Force (UNEF) II in the Sinai Peninsula from the end of the October War (beginning November 12, 1973) until August 1975, when he was assigned to the new post of Chief Coordinator of the UN

Peacekeeping Missions in the Middle East. He held this position until peace was reached between Egypt and Israel in 1979. He retired a year later.

Among the responsibilities of the UN Co-ordinator was the creation of a joint commission to co-ordinate disengagement of Egyptian and Israeli forces in the Sinai during the fall of 1975. This commission was under the aegis of the UN Chief Co-ordinator. The joint commission met in the demilitarized buffer zone under the chairmanship of the UN Chief Co-ordinator as occasion required to receive complaints from both parties alleging violations by the other side.

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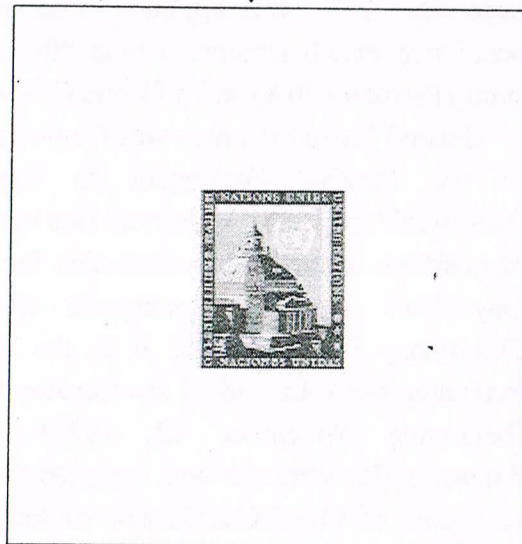


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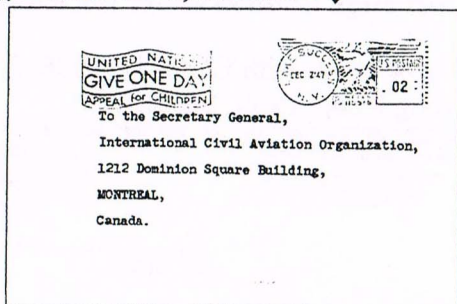
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27. PB 115515/Slogan III/LS 11/15/47 on UN LS CC window #10 cover sent to Cold Spring Harbor, NY & returned, MB \$25
28. PB 115515/Slogan IV/LS 12/2/47 on Post Card to ICAO/Montreal (2nd Session GA), Gaines \$350, MB \$150 ↓



29. PB 126116/No slogan/LS 6/17/49 on UN LS CC window #10 cover sent to NY, NY Parkchester Sta. & returned, MB \$40
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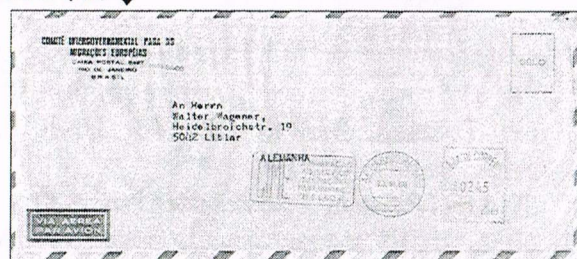
31. PB 108314/Slogan V/NY with blank dater circle on UNICEF/NY CC airmail cover sent Registered to Honduras 5/18/50, AR in Red Oval, MB \$400

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32. 2042, 43, 45, 46 MB \$80
33. 2047-55, MB \$180
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35. 2057-60, MB \$80
36. 2065-67, Unhinged, MB \$120
37. 2065-67, MB \$60
38. 2068-70, MB \$60
39. 3039, 41-47, MB \$160
40. 3060, 60A, 61, MB \$60

Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, Service covers

41. ICEM wrapper to UN London, MB \$4
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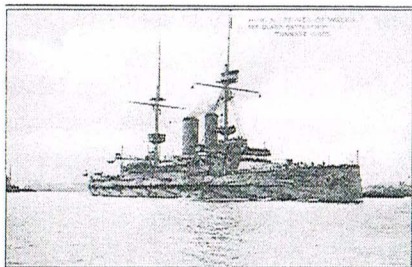


46. 1974 metered registered cover, MB \$6
47. 3 covers, 1975-83, 2 metered & one with stamps, MB \$10
48. 1983 metered registered cover, MB \$5
49. 1991 metered cover from International Organization for Migration, MB \$4

Miscellaneous Postal History

50. UNFICYP, 6 covers, 1971-86, MB \$8
51. UNFICYP, 4 covers, 1992, MB. \$5
52. WHO-India Service cover, 1961 metered WHOGRAM, \$4

53. HMS Prince of Wales unused post card, Churchill ship, 1941 Atlantic meeting, MB \$8 ↓

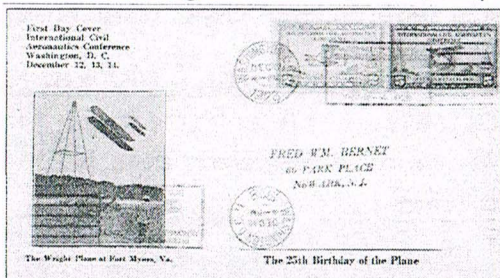


54. World Peace Law-Not War 1923 Boston slogan cancel on small cover, MB\$6

55. Post card from UPU to ICAO, 1948, UPU meter and origin cachet, ICAO Receiving mark, MB \$25

56. FAO-Rome 1952 cover to UN Philippines; FAO Rome cancel and UN-Manila Receiving mark, MB \$20

57. International Civil Aeronautics Conference, Washington, DC, 1928, Cachet FDC with Conference green cancel, MB \$25 ↓



58. 1951 cover from UN Information Centre, Teheran, Iran to UN NY, UNIC-Iran origin cachet, MB 10

59. UNTEA mint 35c airletter, MB \$20

60. UNICEF slogan cancel, Paris-1951, MB \$5

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63. UNNY Early Flights, 1957-61, 18 covers incl. 4 Helicopter flights, MB \$50

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65. UPU-IATA Cairo 1961 Conference, all 3 cancels on unmailed Conference CC cov-

er, MB \$10

66. Meter Service cover from NY Secretariat of World Population Conference, 1974, MB \$10

67. Meter Service cover from NY Secretariat of UN Energy Conference, 1981, MB \$10

68. UN Trade Conference, Havana, 1947, Small unaddressed cover with conf. cancel & cachet, FD of Conf., MB \$15

Miscellaneous

69. BIE Official FDC, 3 combo covers, 4040-2, 43-5 & 46-8, MB \$10

70. ILO Official FDC, 5 covers, 3094-99, 30100-2, 30103, 30104, 30105-7, MB \$10

71. WMO FD of 801-6 on PTT Sheetlet, MB \$10

72. Brussels Fair 1958, part set on official FDC, MB \$8

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74. UN #665 82c SS 50th Anniv. overprinted in gold for China Expo, VF NH, MB \$5

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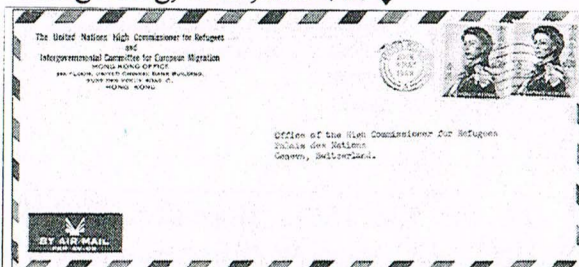
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77. Single, MB \$5

78. Vertical Strip of 5, MB \$12

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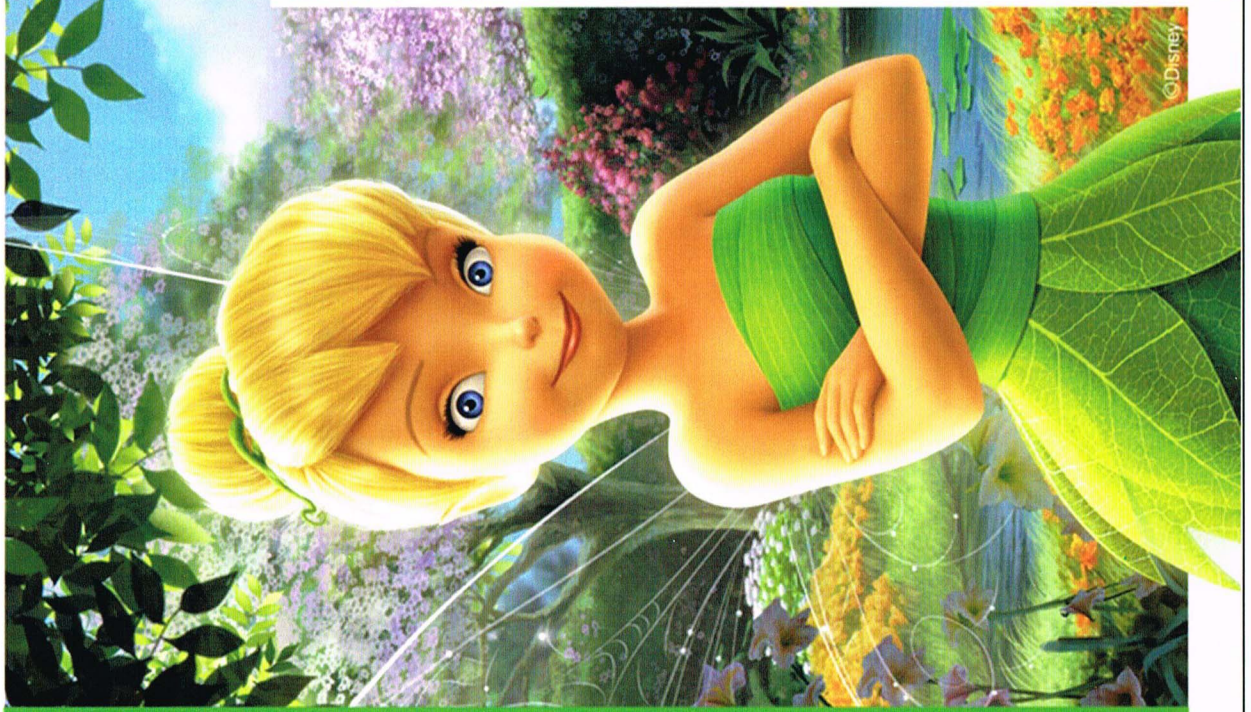
79. #10 cover with CC of UNHCR & ICEM - Hong Kong, 1969, MB \$10 ↓



80. #10 or smaller covers, all with CC's of UNHCR from 14 diff. countries, 1964-93, MB \$25

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