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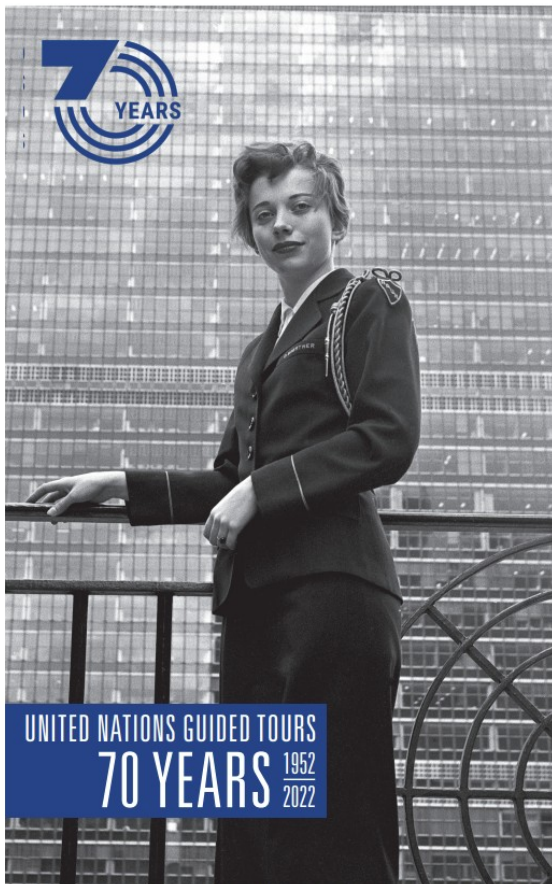
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A portrait of Mrs. Okana Gaertner, a staff member of the Guided Tour Service at United Nations Headquarters. Credit: UN Photo/Albert Fox

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Front and Back Cover

Front: 70th Anniversary of UN NY Guided tours, New York, 2022

Back: UN Havana Trade Conference, Registered covers with S.E.E. and S.P.C. in Conference Cancel

Club News



UN EXPO 2023

Greetings fellow UNPI members,

I hope everyone is once again actively pursuing their hobby interests and finding opportunities to attend local shows and rekindle friendships in-person with other collectors. You may have heard the news, but I would like to welcome you to participate in the third UN EXPO (UN EXPO 2023), to be held the weekend of October 20-21, 2023, at the APS headquarters, in Bellefonte, PA. The APS was gracious to extend an invitation to the club following the unfortunate cancellation of the ESPER Society gathering slated for that timeframe. You will note the special exhibition logo created by our very own Larry Davidson to commemorate the show. (above)

Additionally, Clem Clement will be developing a special 24 page souvenir show program filled with interesting articles on UN philatelic themes, and Fran Adams is hard at work developing a program of presentations on UN topics that will be quite interesting.

We will again stage a dealers bourse including the UNPA and several dealers with specialized U.N. and U.N.-related material including archival material, proofs, essays, printing varieties, errors and postal history. So please mark your calendars and plan to participate in UN EXPO 2023.

Once again, we are planning an amazing exhibition of UN and UN-related exhibits competing in a special World Series of Philately competition of more than 100 frames of exhibits competing in both the WSP event as well as those invited to participate in a unique court of honor featuring the grand award winning exhibits from UN Expo '17 and others from the Court of Honor at the NY 2016 International. Tony Dewey is our exhibits chair, and will be preparing the show prospectus and application which will be available in the near future. Contact Tony if you have any questions about exhibiting.

Until we meet in October, Happy collecting.

Greg Galletti, Your President

Journal Articles

Except for a nice update on UN Reply Post Cards by Klaus Guhl and the report of a Color-missing error Souvenir Sheet by Bob Snyder, you will find that most of the articles in this Journal were authored by your editor. This was not by choice, but as Editor, if I do not receive articles by you, our members, I must write articles myself to fill the allotted space. I'm not complaining. I enjoying writing about subjects that interest me. However, my own interests do not represent the great diversity of UN Philately, so you, the readers, are missing out.

So, again, I am asking all of you to consider contributing something in your area of UN philately to the rest of us. It doesn't have to be something profound. Maybe you have a UN related item that interests you, but you do not understand, and would like to know more about it. So your contribution could just be to ask questions about your item.

Also, articles from first-time writers are welcome and encouraged. Please don't hesitate just because you are not confident about your writing skills, I would be happy to work with you to produce an article of which you can be proud.

Possible Future Journal Articles: Help Requested

Some plans for possible articles in future Journals are given below. Images of interesting images you have would be appreciated. You can help to make the story more complete.

UNICEF National Committees

An Addendum to what was shown in the December 2016 Journal would be presented. What do you have?



Example: Netherlands, 1970

UNESCO National Commissions

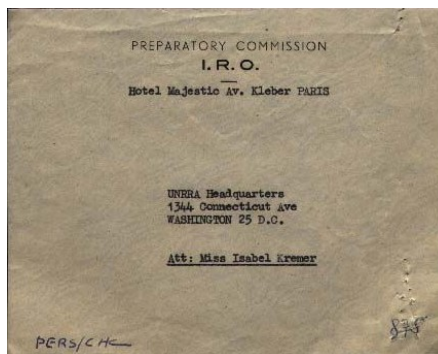
An Addendum to what was shown in the October 2016 Journal would be presented. What do you have?



Example: Iran, 1950's

IRO and PCIRO Worldwide

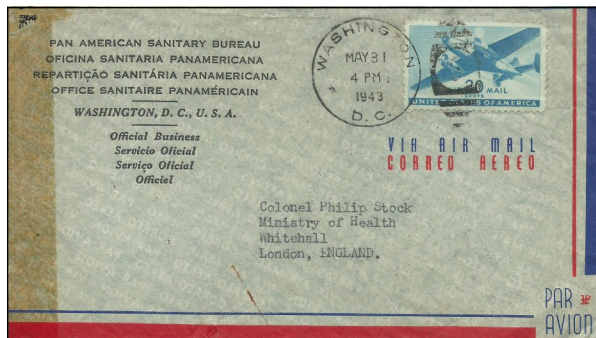
Postal History of worldwide offices, camps and missions of the International Refugee Organization (IRO) and the Preparatory Commission of IRO (PCIRO) (1947-1951) would be shown. My goal is to represent every country where IRO or PCIRO was active. What do you have?



Example: PCIRO-France

Pan American Sanitary Office (PASO)

Postal history of this organization, a predecessor of the WHO Pan-American Regional Organization, which dates from 1902, would be presented. Of particular interest would be covers to or from PASO offices or missions in the 1902-1948 time frame, but covers from the early days of WHO would also help to tell the story. What do you have?



Example: PASO-Washington, 1943

Other specialized agencies that pre-date the UN

There are several agencies that existed before they became specialized agencies of the United Nations. These include the ILO, ITU, UPU, WIPO (BIRPI), WMO (IMO) and BIE. If you have interesting early postal history of any of these, particularly worldwide offices and missions, that might make an interesting story. What do you have?

My goal for our Journal is to foster research, writing and exhibiting that entertains, informs and educates us about the many facets of our chosen specialty, UN Philately. If anything you send me (to belemjunior@gmail.com) is used, you will be credited for your contribution.

UNPA 2023 PROGRAM OF ISSUES

(Tentative and subject to date and denomination changes)

January 14	Chinese Lunar Calendar – Year of The Rabbit New York special event sheet of 10 stamps \$1.40
March 3	Endangered Species (CITES 50th anniversary) 3 mini-sheets of 16 stamps – 4 designs per sheet 3 Maximum cards 2023 Endangered Species Collection Folder Limited-edition silk cover
March 5	Fifth United Nations Conference on The Least Developed Countries Special event mini-sheet of 3 stamps
April 15	World Art Day Mini-sheets of 10 stamps
May 5	Vienna Postal Stationery – Revalued Small envelopes €0,85 + 0,35 and €1,80 + 0,10
May 21	International Tea Day Geneva special event sheet of 10 stamps - CHF 1,50
June 8	World Ocean Day Mini-sheets of 10 stamps
July	Definitive Stamp – Don't Choose Extinction Mini-sheets of 1 stamp
August 9	International Day of The World's Indigenous People Sheets of 20 stamps Souvenir sheets
September 9	UNESCO World Heritage Sheets of 20 stamps Prestige booklets
September 23	International Day of Sign Languages New York special event sheet of 10 stamps - \$1.40
October 10	World Mental Health Day Mini-sheets of 10 stamps Souvenir card
November 6	United Nations Climate Change Conference Special event mini-sheet of 3 stamps
November 10	Definitive Stamp - Marie Curie Sheets of 20 stamps 2023 Annual Collection Folders New York, Geneva and Vienna

UNITED NATIONS CRYPTO STAMPS (SERIES II)

Launched in 2020, this is the second in a series of United Nations Crypto Stamps issued by UNPA. The stamps in this series feature symbols of peace and the word “peace” in six languages.

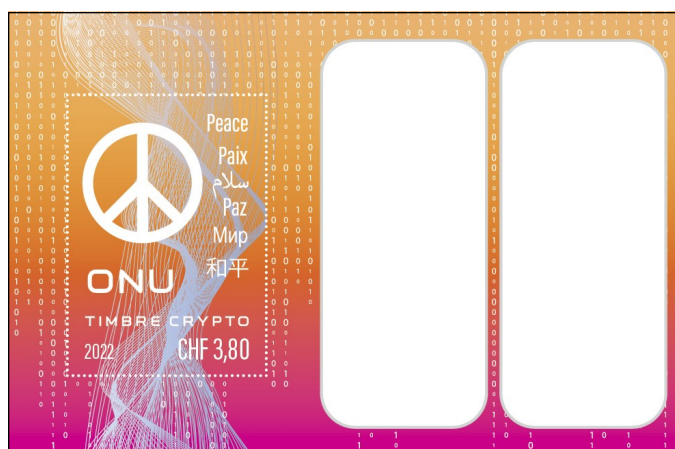
The stamps, which were developed in conjunction with the United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology connect a new generation of United Nations stamps with blockchain technology.

Each stamp carries a unique secret code hidden behind a scratch-off area. There are seven variations of the peace design that may be obtained (including a limited-edition variation) when the digital stamps are claimed online.

To learn more about how United Nations Crypto Stamps work and how to activate and redeem them online, please visit crypto.unstamps.org

Date of issue: November 18, 2022
 Designer: Sergio Baradat
 (United Nations)
 Denominations: \$4.50, CHF 3,80, € 3,65
 Stamp size: 25 mm x 35 mm
 Sheet size: 84 mm x 55 mm
 Format: Mini-sheets of one stamp
 Printer: Royal Joh Enschedé
(The Netherlands)
 Process: Hexachrome plus foil

Quantities: \$4.50 30,000
 CHF 3,80 30.000
 € 3,65 30.000



SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GUIDED TOURS NEW YORK SPECIAL EVENT SHEET

The UNPA commemorates the seventieth anniversary of guided tours at United Nations Headquarters in New York with the issuance on November 1, 2022 of a special event sheet of 10 stamps in the denomination of \$1.40. The sheet features photos of the United Nations premises, the guided tours, and the tour guides who worked there throughout the years.

The background features a portrait of Mrs. Oxana Gaertner, a staff member of the Guided Tour Service at United Nations Headquarters. Credit: UN Photo/Albert Fox.

THE STAMPS

Photos from left row top to bottom:

1. Guided Tour Service at United Nations Headquarters. Credit: UN Photo.
2. Guided Tour Service at United Nations Headquarters. Credit: UN Photo.
3. Security Council Meets on Cuba. Credit: UN Photo/MH.
4. United Nations General Assembly Building. Credit: UN Photo/MB.
5. Guided tour service at United Nations. Credit: UN Photo/MB.

Photos from right row top to bottom:

1. Secretary-General Hammarskjöld's Installation. Credit: UN Photo.
2. The United Nations Cherry Trees. Credit: UN Photo/Albert Fox.
3. Guided Tour Service at United Nations Headquarters. Credit: UN Photo/HdeC.
4. Visitors to the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Credit: UN Photo/TW.
5. United Nations Headquarters. Credit: UN Photo/Teddy Chen.

Designer: Sergio Baradat (United Nations)
Stamp size: 29.8 mm x 29.8 mm
Tab size: 26.6 mm x 29.8 mm
Sheet size: 279.4 mm x 215.9 mm
Printing quantity: 7,000 sheets

These special event sheets may be personalized with a photograph replacing the tabs featuring the photos. Customers are invited to visit the UNPA stamp shops in New York or Vienna, or upload their photographs to the UNPA website: unstamps.org

Customers with standing orders for New York special event sheets (Art. 94) will automatically receive this item through their accounts. All other customers can purchase this special event sheet in mint or cancelled condition by using order form 3/2022.

REVALUED POSTAL STATIONERY NEW YORK

On October 9, 2022, the UNPA will issue revalued New York postal stationery to match current postal rates.

Both the 58¢ pre-stamped envelope in standard and large which were issued in 2022 are now revalued to 60¢.

60¢ pre-stamped envelope small (issued on May 18, 2022 58¢ pre-stamped envelope, small, revalued)

60¢ pre-stamped envelope large (issued on May 18, 2022 58¢ pre-stamped envelope, large, revalued)

The revalued postal stationery, in both mint and cancelled condition, may be obtained by using order form 3/2022.

Customers with standing orders for New York mint and cancelled postal stationery will automatically receive these revalued items through their accounts.



League of Nations & United Nations Associations, Addendum 1

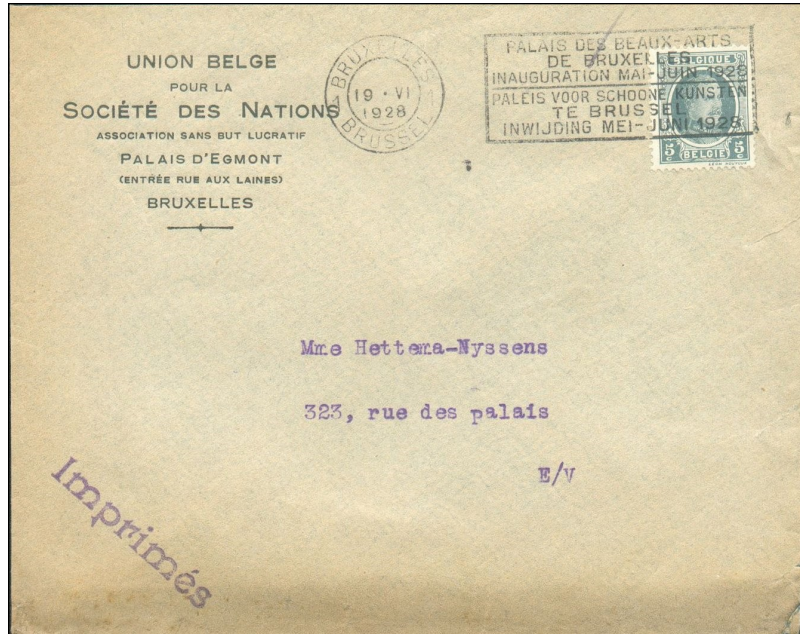
By B. Clement, Jr.

In five issues of the Journal in 2016 (April through December), postal history was presented of non-governmental associations that supported the League of Nations (LON), the United Nations (UN)), and their agencies and programs. Since that time, other covers have been found, and will be shown here.

League of Nations Associations

Covers from worldwide associations supporting LON were shown from the United States, Austria, Canada, China, England, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, Spain, and Switzerland. To that list, we can now add Belgium. Figure 1 shows a beautiful 1928 cover from the *Belgian Union for the LON*, recently discovered by Greg Galletti.

Fig. 1: 1928 Cover from Belgian Union For the LON, Brussels.
"Association sans but Lucratif" means "Non-Profit Association"



Other nice examples from England and Switzerland have been found, as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

Fig. 2: 1929 cover from the Winchelsea Branch of the LON Union in England

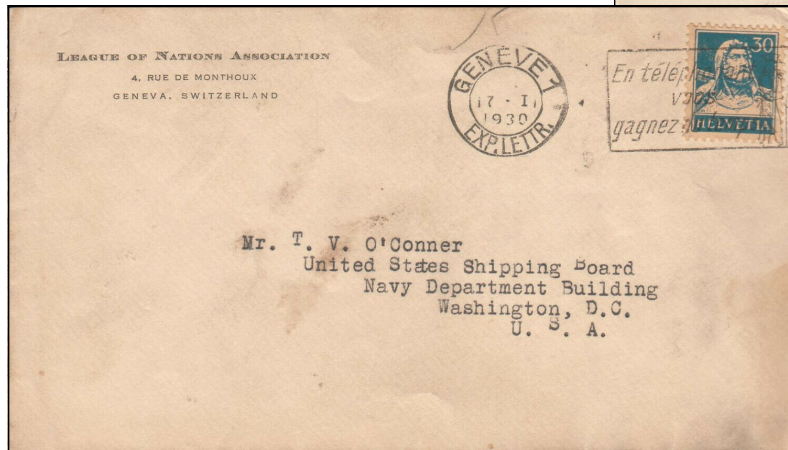
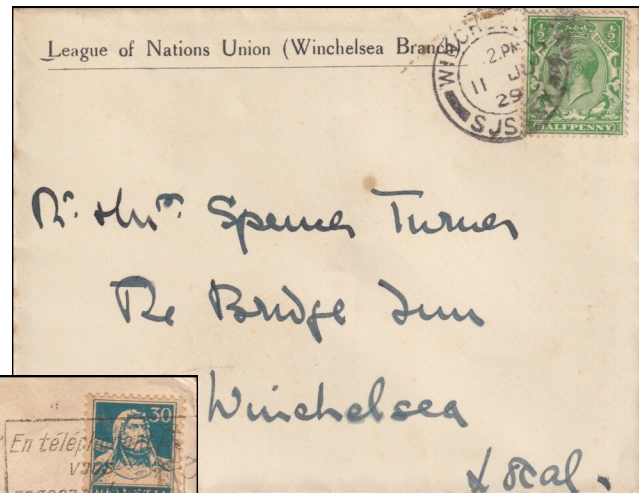


Fig. 3: 1930 cover from the Swiss LON Association, Geneva (in English!)

World Federation of UN Associations (WFUNA)

In 2016, WFUNA was represented by 4 covers from New York, NY, and one 1950 cover from Geneva with an origin cachet. Additional WFUNA covers are shown in Figures 4,5, 6 and 7.

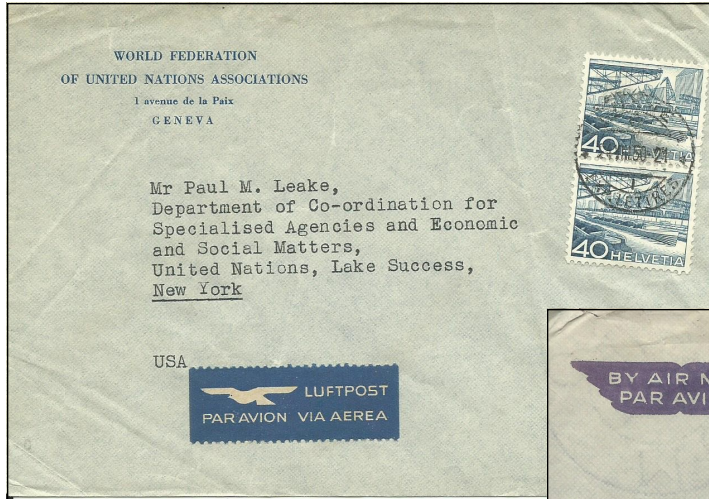


Fig. 4: 1950 Cover from WFUNA-Geneva To UN-New York



Fig. 5: 1954 Cover from WFUNA-Geneva To New York

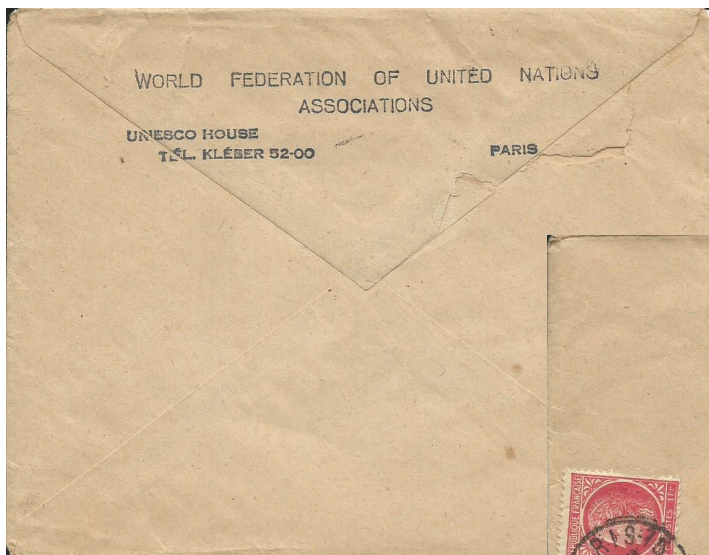


Fig. 6: Back of 1948 WFUNA-Paris Cover with 4-line Origin Cachet

Fig. 7: Front of WFUNA-Paris Cover sent to Geneva in 1948



United Nations Associations

In 2016, UN Association covers were shown from the United States, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, France, Gambia, West Germany, India, and the Netherlands. Shown below in Figures 8 and 9 are a cover from the Colombian UN Association, and another nice cover from West Germany.

Fig. 8: 1955 Cover from the Colombian UN Association, sent to UN-New York

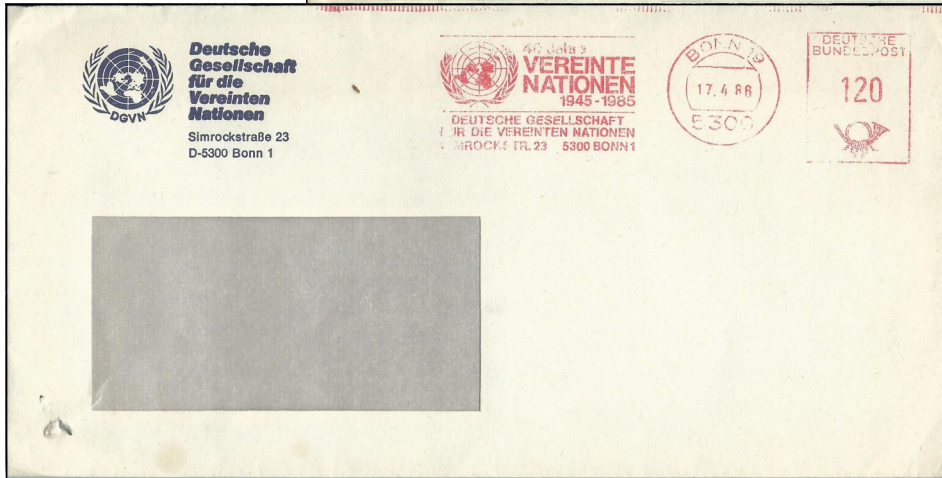
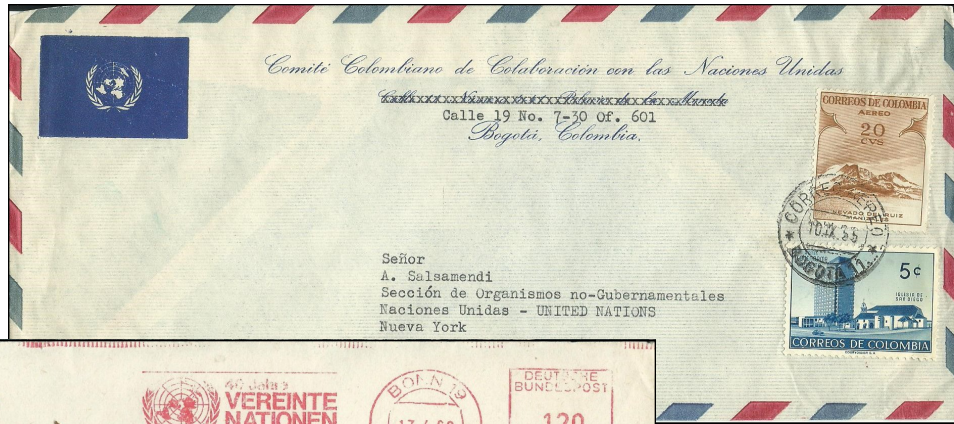


Fig. 9: 1986 Cover from the German UN Association, with a Bonn Meter for the Association

USA for UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees)

USA for UNHCR is a non-governmental organization that raises money to support UNHCR work, and helps resettle refugees in the US. The two covers in Figures 10 and 11 are from the 2001 time period, but *USA for UNHCR* still exists today. Its web address is www.unrefugees.org.

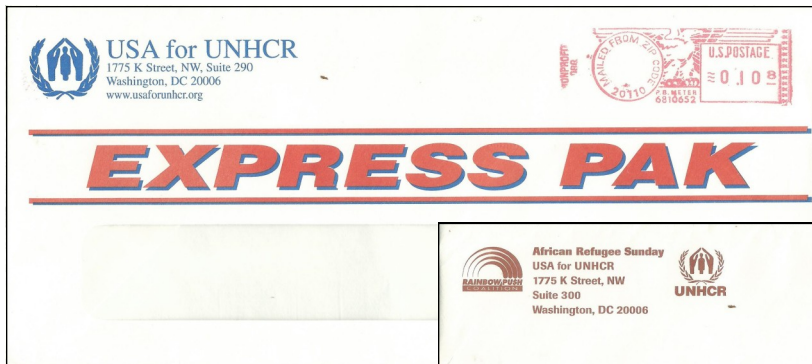
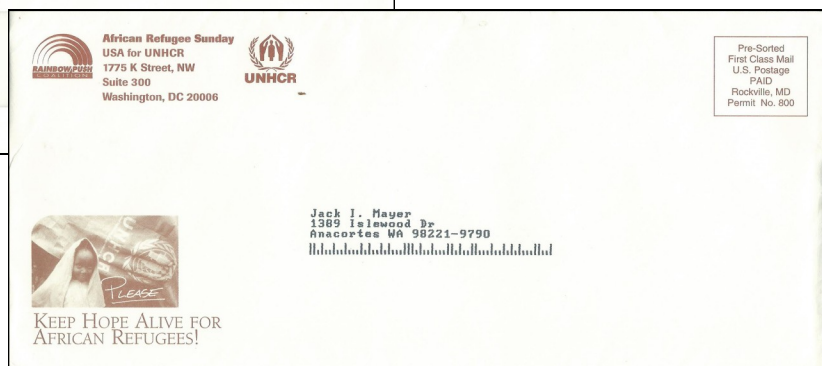


Fig. 10: Metered USA for UNHCR Window cover from 2001

Fig. 11: USA for UNHCR permit cover Fund raising for "African Refugee Sunday"



Women United for the United Nations

This group must have been associated in some way with the *American Association for the United Nations*, since it shared an address with the AAUN. The 1955 cover in Figure 12 was mailed from the UN.

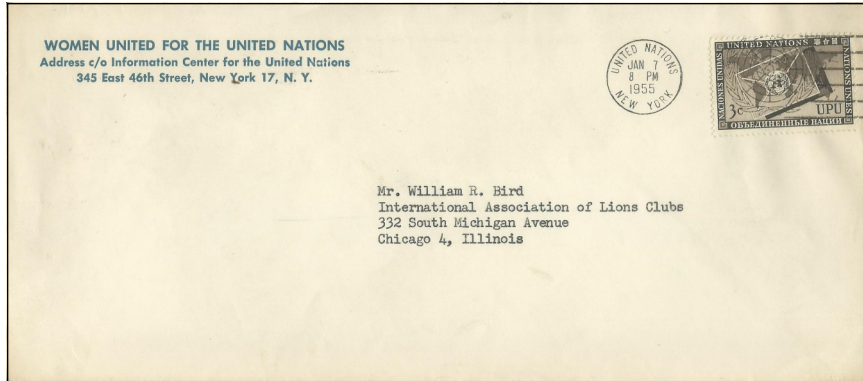


Fig. 12: 1955 Cover from the *Women United for the UN*, mailed from UN New York

U.S. Peoples Fund for the United Nations

Little is known about this group, which was located at 777 UN Plaza at about the same time that the *UN Association of the USA* was located at 833 UN Plaza. See Figure 13.

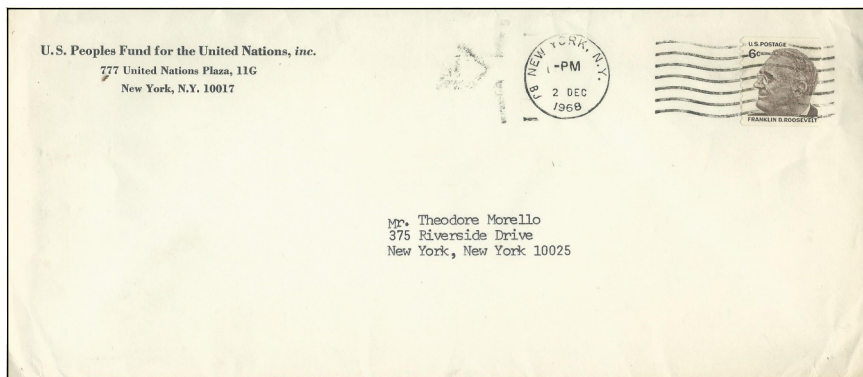


Fig. 13: 1968 Cover from the *U.S. Peoples Fund for the UN*

American Council for the UN University

This group is an US NGO that connects Americans with the UN University, a global think tank and post-graduate program headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. See Figure 14. UNU has Institutes in 12 countries, including the *Center for Policy Research* in New York.

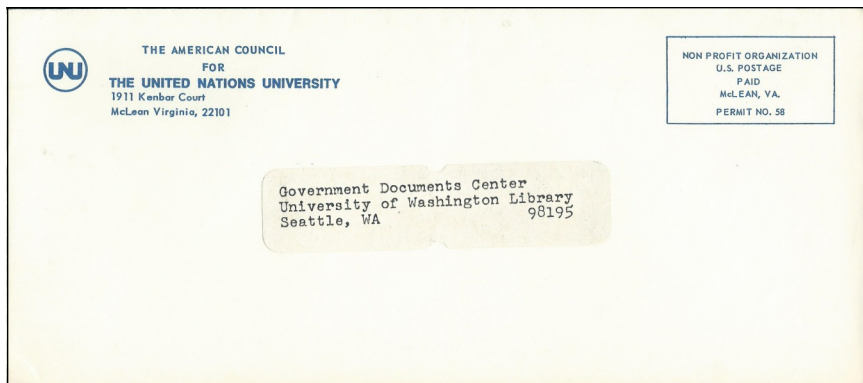


Fig. 14: Undated permit cover from the Council, located in McLean, VA

Addendum 2 will appear in the February 2023 Journal.

Mystery Solved - UN Conference on Trade and Employment, Havana, Cuba, 1947-48

By B. Clement, Jr.

For over 30 years, collectors have been aware of some mysterious initials that were used on a small number of the Conference cancels used at the two post offices serving the Havana UN Trade Conference. I have recently made a Census of outgoing covers from the conference, which showed that out of 54 covers with conference cancels, 3 covers used "S.E.E." in the cancel, and 5 covers used "S.P.C." in the cancel. We never knew that those initials meant. Figure 1 shows a March 23, 1948 cover mailed to France from Post Office #1 with "S.E.E." at the bottom of the cancel. Figure 2 shows the back of the cover with "Capitolio" (National Capitol), which was the location of Post Office #1 and the conference itself.



Fig. 1: March 23, 1948 cover to France. From Post Office #1. Cancel has "S.E.E."



Fig.2: Back of cover, with Conference cachet with "Capitolio"

Figure 3 shows a December 9, 1947 cover sent from Post Office #2 to the Netherlands. The conference cancel uses the initials "S.P.C.". Figure 4 is cover back, indicating the sender was a Delegate of the Netherlands, and showing the conference cachet with "Vedado", the location of Post Office #2.



Fig. 3: Dec. 9, 1947 cover From Post Office #2, With initials "S.P.C."



Fig. 4: Back of cover with Conference cachet with "Vedado"

I was recently contacted by Ernesto Cuesta, Editor of the Journal of Cuban Philately. One of their members, Mark R. Tyx, had written an article on the Havana Conference. Ernesto had found my exhibit on the conference on the unpi.com website. So we exchanged information on the conference, which resulted in my putting the Census together. Ernesto asked permission to put my exhibit in their Journal, which I agreed to. By the way, the Journal is bilingual, with one column in English and one in Spanish.

I said I hoped someone reading his Journal could explain the mysterious initials. That wasn't necessary, since he promptly supplied the information:

S.E.E. is "Servicio de Entrega Especial" = "Special Delivery Service"
S.P.C. is "Servicio Postal Certificado" = "Registered Postal Service"

So, knowing what the initials mean, we can look at the Census with a new perspective. Of the 54 covers in the Census, there are 6 Registered covers:

From Post Office #1: 1 cover has no initials in the cancel
 2 covers have "S.E.E." in the cancel
 2 covers have "S.P.C." in the cancel

From Post Office #2: 1 cover has no initials in the cancel

Also, there are 4 covers with no special service which have initials:

1 from Post Office #1 with "S.E.E."
 3 from Post Office #2 with "S.P.C."

There is a special conference imprint for Registration, which you will see on the conference covers shown below. There is a #1 or a #2 in this imprint indicating which Post Office was used. Whether there was a special imprint for Special Delivery is not known, but there is no indication of Special Delivery service on any of the 54 covers in the Census (other than the "S.E.E." in the cancel.)

Figure 5 shows a November 29, 1947 registered cover with the "S.E.E." cancel sent to Washington, DC. Note special Registry Imprint #1. The back of this cover is shown in Figure 6.

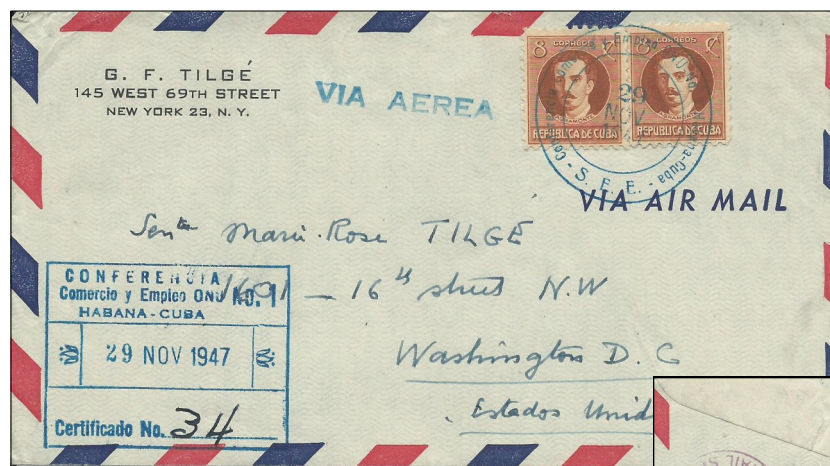


Fig. 5: Nov. 29, 1947 Registered cover to Washington, DC. #1 Post Office. "S.E.E." cancel, Registry Imprint #1.

Fig. 6: Back of cover. Conference cachet with "Capitolio"



Figure 8 shows a January 29, 1948 cover with a Lake Success CC, sent registered from Post Office #1 to Geneva, Switzerland, with the proper "S.P.C." conference cancel.

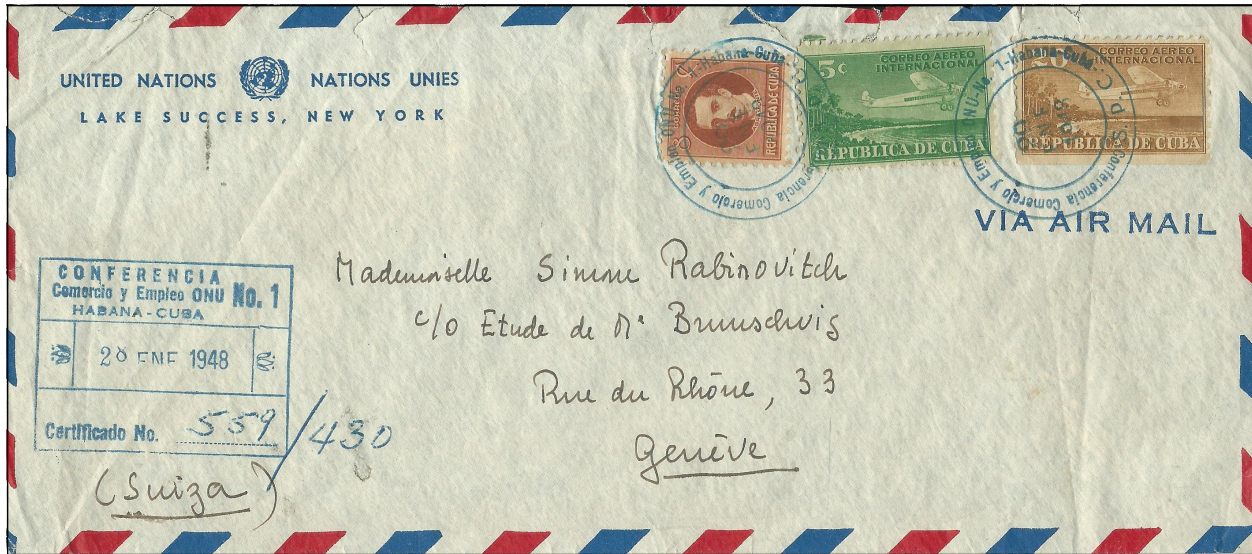


Fig. 8: Jan. 29 1948 registered cover to Geneva, with "S.P.C." cancel

The only Post Office #2 registered cover in the Census is shown in Figures 9 and 10. This is a particularly interesting cover, since it also has a special meter which was used at the Post Office. Note that the meter, PB 192, has #2 in its dater circle. The meter was "cancelled" by the conference cancel, #2, with no initials.

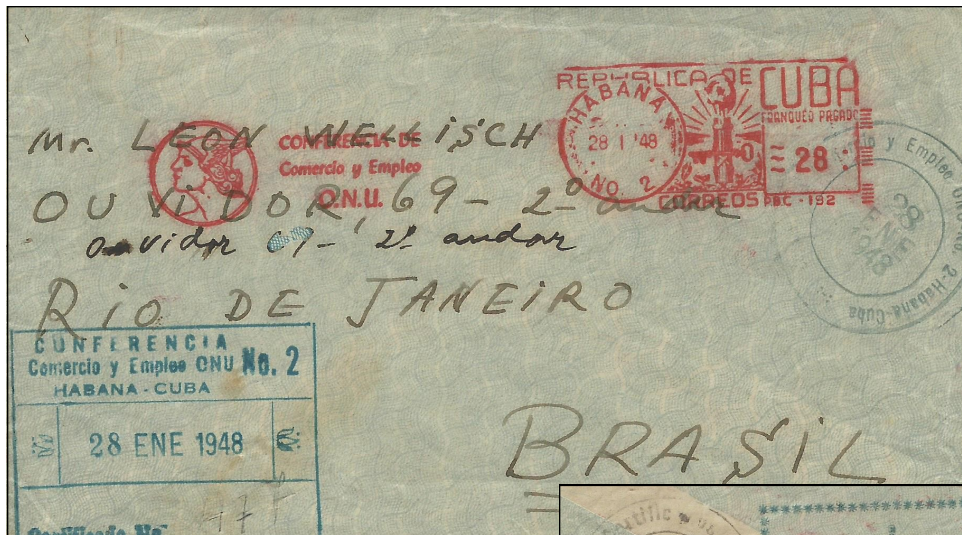


Fig. 9: Jan. 28, 1948 metered registered cover to Brazil, with Post Office #2 cancel and Registry imprint.

Fig. 10: Back of cover, with "Vedado" conference cachet



New finds have also been made in recent years: previously unknown two-line conference cachets. These are shown below, all of them on post cards. Post cards with a message didn't have a place to put the large box cachets that were used on covers. Only two examples on mailed cards have been found, both from Post Office #2; an example is shown in Figures 11 and 12. And only one example of the cachet from Post Office #1 has been found, on an unmailed card; this is shown in Figures 13 and 14. Other post cards in the census do not use this 2-line cachet.

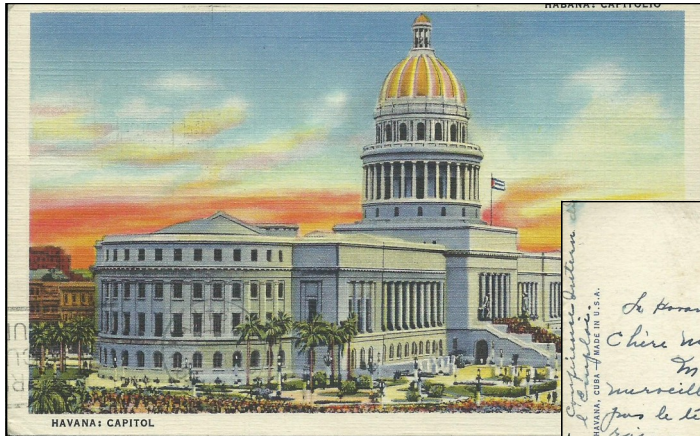


Fig.11: Picture side of card. National Capitol, site of Conference and Post Office #1

Fig. 12, Message side. Sent to France from Post Office #2, December 9, 1947
Two-line Conference cachet #2



Fig. 13: Picture side. National Capitol Conference cancel #1, March 24, 1948, Last Day of Conference. Two line Conference cachet #1

Fig. 15: Message side. Conference cancel and Boxed Conference cachet, both from Post Office #1



The meaning of the initials has been added to the UN Conference Catalog, and well as new images of Conference delegation covers obtained from Cuesta and Tyx.

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2. Havana Conference Exhibit: www.unpi.com/clem/unpostcards/havanaconferenceexhibit.pdf
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4. UN Conference Catalog, WTO&GATT: www.unpi.com/clem/unpostcards/wtocatalog.pdf

WHO Fights Disease: Onchocerciasis (River Blindness)

By B. Clement, Jr.

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles on the World Health Organization's fight against disease. Your input to this story would be most welcome.

Onchocerciasis, commonly known as “river blindness”, is caused by the parasitic worm *Onchocerca Simulium*. It is transmitted to people through repeated bites of infected black flies of the genus *Simulium*. Symptoms include severe itching, disfiguring skin conditions, and visual impairment, including permanent blindness.

More than 99% of infected people live in 31 African countries. The disease also exists in the Yanomani area of Brazil and Venezuela and in Yemen. Four countries have successfully implemented elimination activities: Colombia in 2013, Ecuador in 2014, Mexico in 2015 and Guatemala in 2016.

It is estimated in 2017 that at least 220 million people required preventative chemotherapy against Onchocerciasis, 14.6 million already had skin disease and 1.15 million had vision loss. Population-based treatment with ivermectin is the current core strategy to eliminate onchocerciasis, with a minimum requirement of 80% therapeutic coverage. At least 12-15 years of annual treatment are required to endemic areas to eliminate transmission. Merck donates the ivermectin for this treatment.

Figure 1 shows a 1995 cover to London from the WHO Onchocerciasis Control Program for West Africa, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Stamps honoring the Program issued by Upper Volta and Niger are shown in Figures 2 and 3. (Upper Volta was former name of Burkina Faso.)

Fig. 1:
April 20, 1995 cover from
WHO
Onchocerciasis Control Program for
West Africa, Ouagadougou,
Burkina Faso



Fig. 2: 1977 Niger Stamp for
Onchocerciasis Program



Fig. 3: 1971 Upper Volta Stamp for
Onchocerciasis Program

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WHO Fights Disease: Smallpox

By B. Clement, Jr.

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of articles on the World Health Organization's fight against disease. Your input to this story would be most welcome.

Smallpox was a viral infectious disease caused by one of two variants, *Variola major* and *Variola minor*. The disease has been known since antiquity. The disease began with fever and vomiting, followed by a skin rash. About 30% of those infected died, and those that survived had extensive scarring of the skin, and some were left blind. Small children died at a much higher rate. Smallpox is estimated to have killed 300 million people on the twentieth century. As recently as 1967, there were 15 million cases per year.

Edward Jenner developed the modern smallpox vaccine in 1796, and this is what ultimately led to the eradication of the disease. In 1980, WHO declared smallpox eradicated. Even though smallpox was stopped in the “civilized world” much sooner, it took international action to achieve near “universal” vaccination, which finally stopped smallpox in its tracks. The WHO had launched the “Global Campaign to Eradicate Smallpox” in 1967.



Fig. 1: 1955 Lisbon, Portugal cover with slogan cancel to promote vaccination against Smallpox.



Fig. 2: Stamps from Mozambique, Lesotho and Egypt for WHO Campaign

Fig. 3: 2020 FDC of UN-Geneva stamp for 40th Anniversary of the Eradication of Smallpox



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1996 Geneva Souvenir Sheet-Color Missing Error

By Bob Snyder

The 1996 Summer Olympic Games of the XXVI Olympiad were held in Atlanta, GA. from July 14-August 4, 1996. They marked the centennial of the 1896 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece (the inaugural of the modern Olympic games). Sadly they were marred by a pipe bomb explosion.

On July 19,1996 the UNPA issued a series of stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic games. Included was a Geneva souvenir sheet (G291) featuring cyclists and sprinters.

I recently acquired a sheet of G291 with missing yellow and green (blue+yellow). Figure 1 is the normal sheet and Figure 2 is the error. I have no idea how prevalent this error is and can't find documentation on it.

Fig. 1:
Sports and Environment,
Geneva Souvenir Sheet,
Normal sheet



Fig. 2:
Sports and Environment,
Geneva Souvenir Sheet,
Missing Yellow

Reply Post Cards to or from United Nations-NY, Addendum 1

By Klaus Guhl

Editor's Note: Previously a four-part-series on this topic appeared in the Journal in June through and December, 2020. Additional cards have been found, and are listed here.

UN Reply Post Card No.1



Request Card sent from UN January 10, 1956 to Vienna, Austria



Reply Card from Austria with Vienna Postmark, February 20, 1956, cancelled UNNY stamps, First Day of Austrian Stamp added to pay for airmail service.



Request Card sent from UN April 17, 1956 to Shannon, Ireland



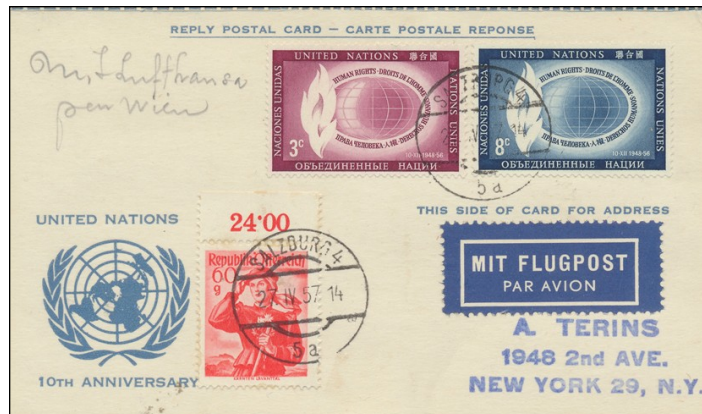
Reply Card from Ireland with Shannon Postmark, May ?? 1956, cancelled UNNY stamps

UN Reply Post Card No.1



Request card sent from UN on January 28, 1957 to Germany, First day of WMO stamps

Reply card sent from Salzburg, Austria, UNNY stamps cancelled April 24, 1957. Austrian stamp added to pay for airmail service

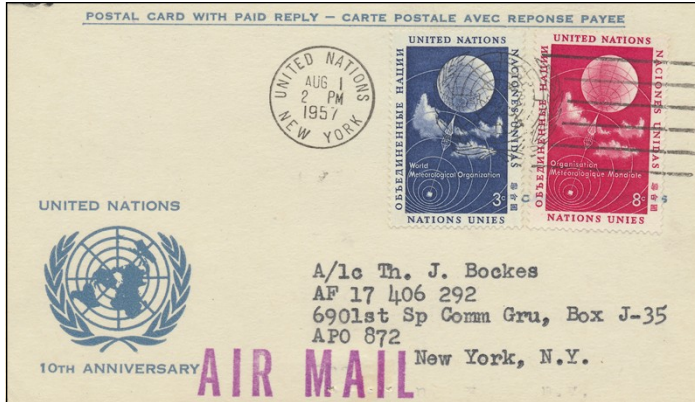


Request card sent from UN April 13, 1957 to Swedish Contingent, UNEF Base, Naples, Italy. First day of UNEF

Reply card sent from Swedish UN Contingent in Egypt, May 23, 1957, cancelling UNNY stamps.



UN Reply Post Card No.1



Request card sent from UN on August 1, 1957 to Member of US Air Force, APO 872



Reply card sent from APO 872, August 7, 1957, cancelling UNNY stamps

Editor's Note: It is not known where the particular Air Force Group this was sent to was located in August 1957. A google search did not give that information. Probably, it was not located in the United States. Consulting with others, the most likely location of APO 872 in 1957 was West Germany.



Request card sent from UN on September 13, 1957 to Sainte Genevieve, Quebec, Canada

Reply card sent from Canada on October 5, 1957, with Ste. Genevieve postmark cancelling UNNY stamps.



UN Reply Post Card No.1



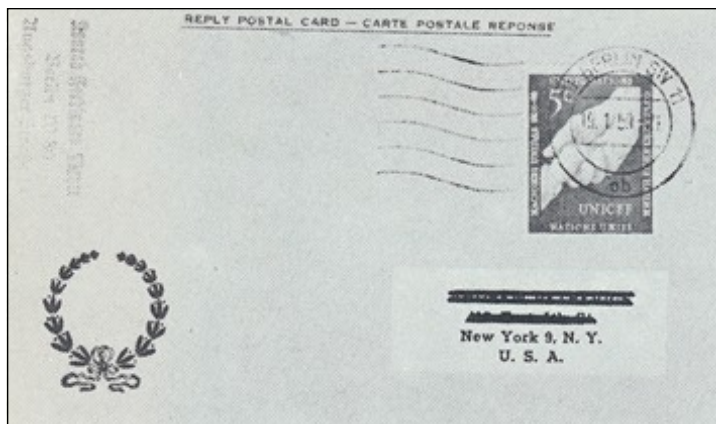
Reply card from WHO, Geneva, September 16, 1957, cancelling UNNY stamps honoring WHO

UN Reply Post Card No.4

Part I of the original series listed three types of commercial cards for use as Reply cards, all apparently produced by stamp dealer Arnolds Terins. Here is another type which have only been seen as images. Shown below is a color image of a 1959 Request card to Germany and a black and white image of a 1957(?) Reply card sent from Germany to New York. More information and/or images of this card is solicited.



Request Card from UN to Germany, 1959



Reply Card from Germany to New York, 1957

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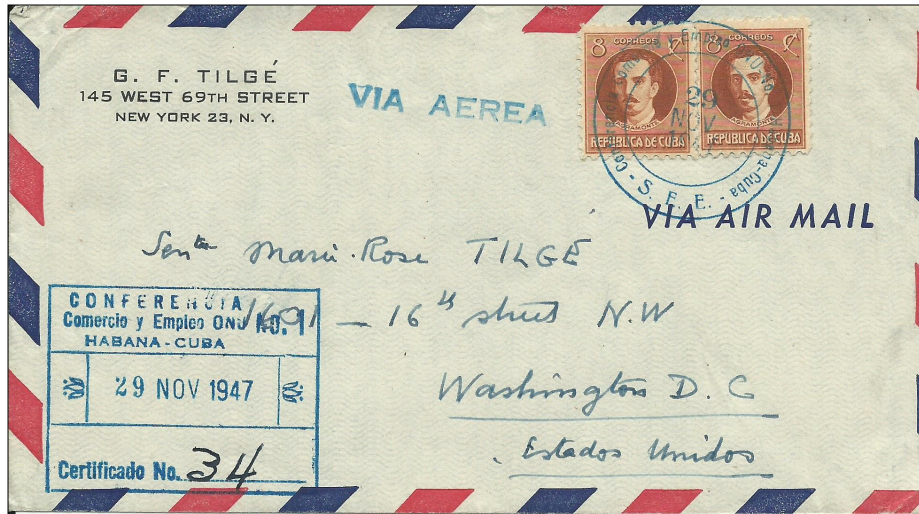
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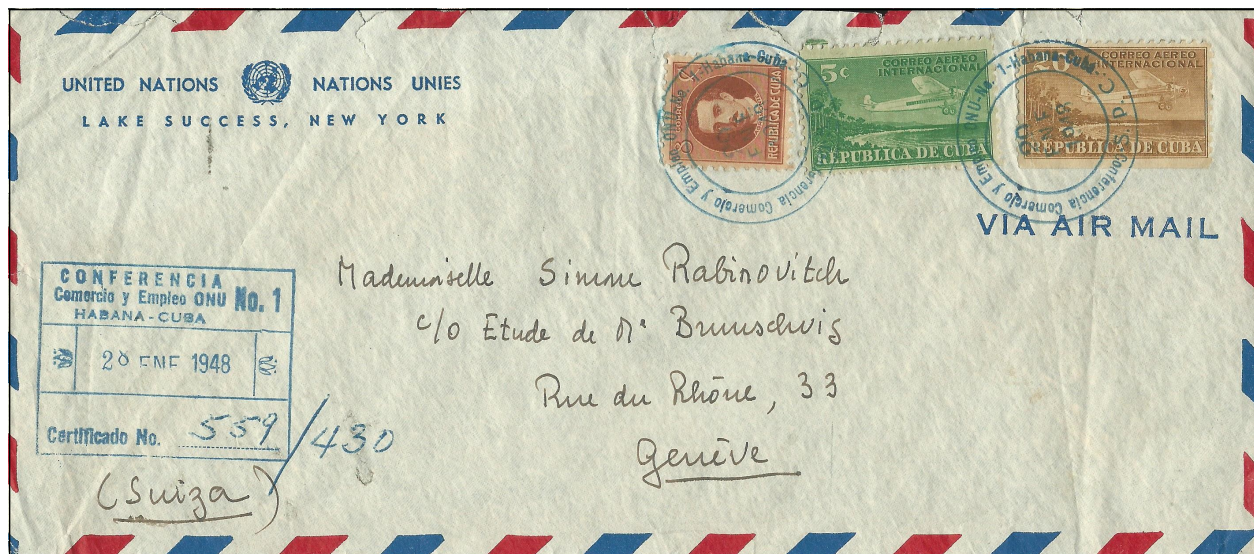
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