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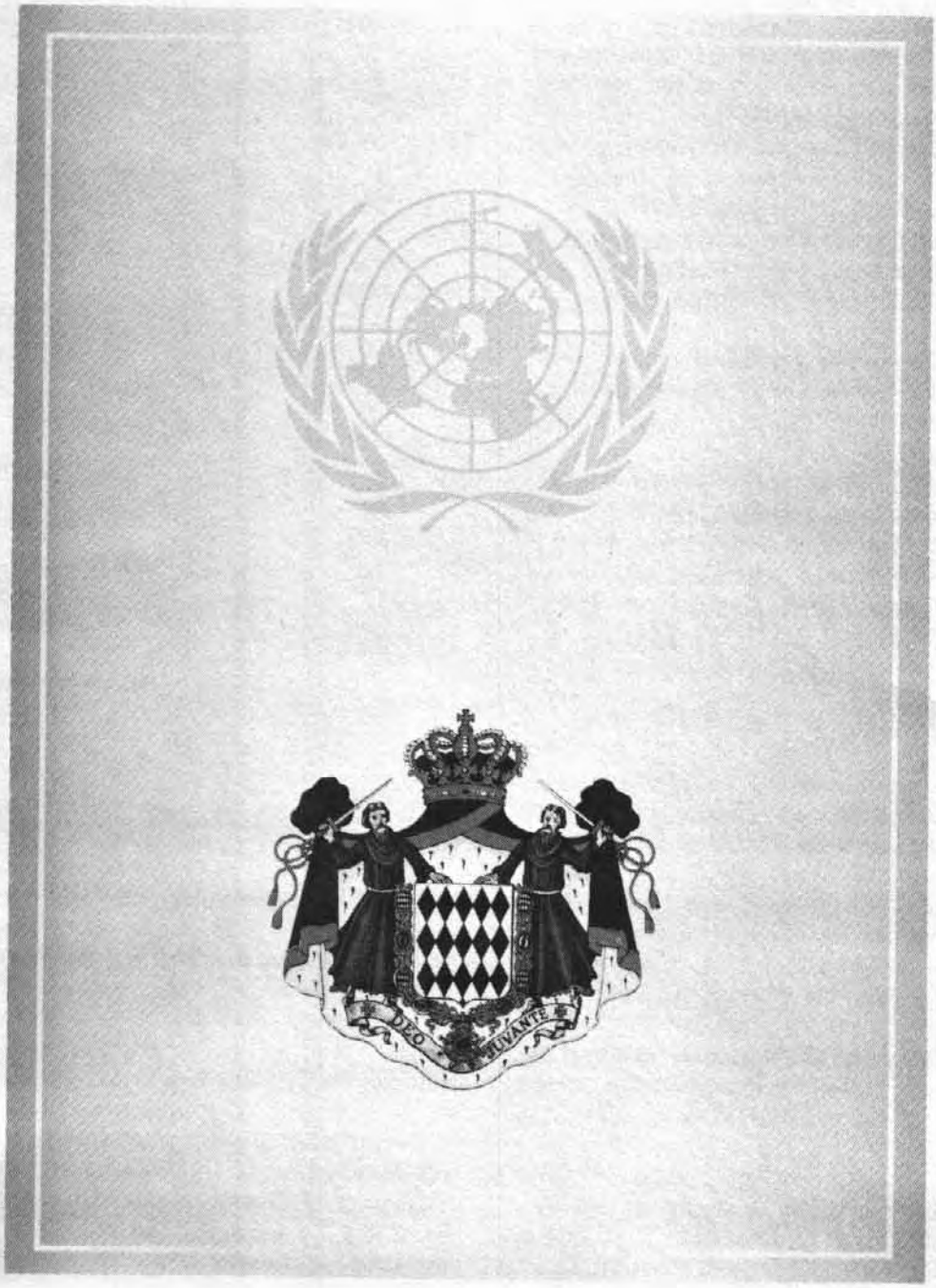

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OUTSIDE FRONT: Publicity notice for joint UNPA/Monaco issue for "Clean Oceans" issue.

OUTSIDE BACK: Auction Lot Photos.

EDITOR'S CORNER

It is hoped that this issue will not be as late as the previous February issue. As Editor, I am tired of having this publication always arrive late. So I have worked out a test for the June issue for the publication to be sent to the U.N. in New York and mailed first class from there to all our members.

If this test works as well as I hope all members should start receiving their Journals at the beginning of the cover month noted. I would appreciate any feedback our members might have regarding the test after it's completion.

This issue contains an excellent "Letter from Britain" by Bill Barnes, updates on the UNPA #92.2 and 92.3 stamps by Duane Lamers and a continued expanded Nic-Nac section.

I would also like to ask that people take the time to submit material for the June Journal issue. This will be a super issue and we are looking for some top-quality articles and Nic-Nac submissions. Please have all material submitted by May 1, 1992.

I continue to look for someone to translate from German, French, and Swiss into English. If you have these translation abilities please contact me at the address listed in the front cover.

Finally, please consider making more use of the Nic-Nac section to find, sell or inquire.

AUCTION INFORMATION

Material is badly needed for the auction to continue. Please send your lots to Mr. Alex Bereson at the address listed in the auction sections. DO NOT send any further material or requests regarding this auction to me.

I am still running the seperate auction for Universal Postal Union Collectors Club. This is a seperate auction specializing in material relating to the UPU. If you have any items for this auction please consider consigning it to the UPUC auction.

The remaining auction results up to 1991A will be published in the June Journal. Records will be maintained through January 1, 1993, any questions pertaining to the older auctions will be answered till that date.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Clayton Wallace

I am pleased to announce that the 1992 annual meeting of the United Nations Philatelists will be held on Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 A.M. to Noon at the World Columbian Stamp Expo 92' to be held in Rosemont, Illinois from May 22 to the 31st. The United Nations will be holding a first day ceremony on Friday, May 22, 1992 at 2:00 P.M. and all members are invited to attend.

As of this writing we have not scheduled the exact room and the program is still being finalized. Blanton Clement Jr. will be giving his U.N. Conferences slide show and lecture. Steve Cohen may also give a talk on recent developments in U.N. Peacekeeping. Check the show program for the room. Most likely, it will be in the Hyatt Regency where all the conference rooms have been reserved.

Our capable Vice President and Exhibits Chairman, Bernie Kosmoski, is putting together the final program and hopes to see as many UNP members as possible this May in Illinois.

We are also pleased to announce that Anthony Fouracre, U.N. Worldwide Chief of the UNPA is tenatively scheduled to also attend our meeting.

We will also have a table in the main exhibition hall (again check the program for the exact location - but it is tentatively #529) which we will be sharing with the United Nations Collectors of Chicagoland (UNCC). They are the oldest active U.N. club in continuous existence in North America and an affiliate of the UNP. We will have U.N. philatelic literature and club cachets for sale. So stop by and say hello to the members at the table.

LETTER FROM BRITAIN

By Bill Barnes

Old and New Secretaries-General: I was very glad to see that (in some cases belated) tributes paid to Javier Perez de Cuellar in the British press. A "compromise" candidate, he proved to be a great S.G., serving the world bravely and well in a particularly difficult period of the United Nation's history. And now everyone is wishing Mr. Boutros-Ghali well. Our Times wisely suggested that "he will only be as good as the support he is given" - in the end everything depends upon the U.N.'s member states - and they, in turn, depend upon "We the Peoples" (including U.N. stamp collectors!). As someone remarked years ago "It's not THEM, it's US!".

Topics for U.N. Stamps: I am sure that the UNPA would be pleased to receive suggestions for U.N. stamp topics from it's customers (us again!). Something special for U.N. Day 1995 for example. And how about an issue with U.N. blue and white flowers - one indigenous flower for each of the continents? That beautiful blue Meconopsis Betonificifolia for Asia and Acquilegia Caerulea (the State Flower of Colorado) for America perhaps? More ideas? Other Flowers? Other topics? I am sure that the editor will find space for you.

A U.N. Order?: Should not there be a U.N. International Order similar to the Nobel Peace Prize, but solely related to service in U.N. causes? With perhaps a separate military division? I am thinking particularly of people who have given so much in U.N. field work and in Secretariat and U.N. agency offices; and even more of those who (usually so quietly and unsung work for organizations such as WFUNA, and even our U.N. Associations - and, yes indeed, even U.N. stamp clubs (who would deny, that for example, Hans Renesse, of the UNOP merits U.N. recognition).

1995: the more I think about it, the more convinced I become that, if we want the U.N.'s 50th Anniversary to be a really great philatelic occasion (and avoid getting in each others way) we shall need to begin to coordinate the activities of UNPA and all our own U.N. Stamp Clubs fairly soon. I wonder whether we should have a simple coordinating committee to sort out dates and ideas. Perhaps just one member appointed by each of the clubs and one from the UNPA. No need to have meetings, the whole thing can be done by correspondence if we give our appointees a bit of leeway and authority (UNOP and VN-VE please copy).

"The Fans Ought to be Happy": In 1966 (more than 25 years ago) James J. Wadsworth (one time Deputy U.S. Representative to the U.N.) wrote a revealing, encouraging and excellent book about the U.N. entitled The Glass House (pub. Frederek A. Preagar Inc.). He was there able to say "In baseball parlance the Glass House has piled up a lot more hits than strike-outs. The fans ought to be happy." I thank they have reason to be even happier now. But we need - the U.N. needs - many more fans (including philatelic fans). We can help create more fans. Show the people the facts - by using every chance you have to show your stamps. It will do us good too ... and you!

U.N. listed!: I have bought a couple of items recently that I can not find in any listing. Both are U.N. related so perhaps someone over there can tell me about them? One is Zanzibar's 1963 Freedom from Hunger stamp, but this one is overprinted "JAMHURI (Republu) 1964." According to the books Zanzibar's 1961 issue and it's 1963 independence issue were overprinted, but not the intermediate Freedom from Hunger stamp.

The other stamp, shown below, is an unlisted Russian stamp cancelled "Conference de la Haye" and "18 Mai 1899" (the first day of the first Hague Peace Conference). The Tsar Nicholas II is shown and the wording (I am assured by a U.N. interpreter simply means "mailing" or "issued under the authority of the Russian mail", "Russian Empire" and "stamp."

Any ideas about either stamp? Are they genuine - or "manufactured"? And how, if at all, were they used? Information on this or the next item may be sent care of the editor of the Journal.

Illustration #1 (Russian Mystery Stamp)

President Wilson in Germany in 1913/1914?: I bought a picture post card some years ago and have never been able to resolve the problems it suggests. The caption reads "The Entente Headquarters of the Entente in Trier." The Entente was between Germany and Austria-Hungary (187) and Italy (1882): it was renewed every five years until Italy declared it dissolved in 1915. The caption continues "in which also President Wilson will (Shall) stay during his visit." The front picture shows the front of the Entente Headquarters building.

President Wilson was, of course, elected in 1913 and it is extremely unlikely that he visited Germany once WWI had begun. Possibly the proposed visit was abandoned when the war began (if so, it would be interesting to speculate on what might have happened if the visit had taken place).

Again, I would be grateful for information or ideas. what was it all about?

P.S. Karl Marx was born in Trier in 1818!

Desert Shield and Desert Storm Coalition Forces: I see that Arleigh Gaines has omitted those operations from the new chapters in the peace-keeping forces section of his United Nations Philately. He says that in his opinion "the U.N. resolutions" sanctioning the coalitions use of force against Iraq do not qualify the military actions themselves as U.N. enforcement actions", but he invites the opinions of his readers. I think he is right (and that the time may come when people other than philatelists will also be glad to be able to distance the U.N. from those operations). But this is a matter of simple fact: what do you think?

Jugoslavia: I am glad to know that the U.N. is now involved in peacekeeping in Jugoslavia. That is another one for our peace-keeping collectors and collections. And I still find people (mislead by the Misery Making Media) who think that the U.N. is nothing but a "talking shop!"

The European Economic Community: is now a member of the FAO - the first non-nation to join a U.N. body as a full member (there are, of course, examples of observer status).

The Hague Conference 1907: I have just been offered (and hope to acquire) a cover with the official cachet. A nice cover, but not all that scarce. But this one is in the same handwriting and addressed to the same addressee as a similar cover that I've had for years! The only difference is in the dates of posting - two covers coming together again after 84 years!

A KIKUYU Proverb: "One man's head is a solitary place." And mine is as solitary as most (and, I suspect, becoming more so with the passing of the years!) So, for those of you who are also members of the UNSG, my apologies if you occasionally discover an item in the Bulletin which you have previously seen in the Journal (or the other way around). I write (or try to write) this sort of column for both stamp clubs.

Postcards from the Past (Courtesy of the author F. Lloyd and The Civil Service Author):

Postmarked 'Minos' Ancient Greece. Monday. "Dear Mum, Plenty of work on Island. Today I am cleaning the Augean stables using latest technology (diverting rivers). Six more jobs lined up. - Hercules

Ancient Rome. This card just says - "I love you Mum" signed Oedipus.

Here's one dated September 2000 BC Postmarked 'Valley of the Kings'. Message reads: "Dear Daddy, This is a picture of Mummy buried in sand. Having great fun. Glad I took bucket and spade. Great for building sandcastles. - Rameses.

Here is a card from the front line. 'On board ship somewhere near Carthage' "Dear Dad, Your old armour fits perfectly. Unfortunately, it has been damaged in transit; heel cover broken. Never mind, it's not too vulnerable, See you soon. - Achilles.

THE THIRTY-CENT DEFINITIVE OF 1961: SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED

By Duane E. Lamers

New research into the printings of UNPA's first .30 cent definitive (#92) calls for a correction in the notes on this stamp in the UNP monograph #5, published in 1985.

Some months ago Herb Conway sent my way a LL block of #92 with a spot of ink in the marginal inscription, just above Australia. Accompanying the block (if my memory is correct) was a photocopy of a December 1963 article publicizing this variety as appearing on the first reprint of the stamp, released August 1963.

A cursory glance with a magnifying lens (8x) revealed to my skeptical eye what appeared to be the markings of a ballpoint or felt-tipped pen.

Some months later Osbert Lassberg, Sr. from Dallas, sent me one of these "extra continent" varieties for examination. My mind now told me that two people had been "had."

The Texan, however, had more than one of these, and he had taken the trouble to look at them under a 30x lens. He felt that forgery was unlikely, given the consistent configuration of this "flyspeck" on each specimen. He suggested I do the same and offered his material for my examination. He is too much the gentleman to tell me what he really though of my rash judgements!

Without question, the "extra continent" was produced in the printing process. The darkest portion of the blot is suggestive of a boomerang and the peripheral smear of ink has the same shape on each specimen.

Without careful study, the stamps above the "extra continent" have the appearance of first-printing material. The colors of the flags are a perfect match to #92.1 the gum is similar, unlike the shiny gum of #92. The most noticeable difference is only seen under UV light: the

stamps with the "extra continent" are on paper containing a light sprinkling of gold flecks.

At this point I directed my attention to the notes in the monograph for #92.3. There I made mention of two papers possibly being used for this printing and two varieties of the green ink in the flags.

Back in 1985 common sense should have told me that such a noticeable variation is not likely, given the quality standards of Courvoisier, the printer, maintains for its work. The notes for #92.2 and #92.3 were too tentative - and too muddled. What is more, my own notes made while examining the UNPA archival material record shows that #92.2 has a dull olive-green flag and paper exhibiting very few fluorescent flecks in UV light.

This prompted a closer, more methodical look at the blocks of stamps bearing the ink blot in the MI blocks. Having become a bit more skillful in using incandescent light to play on the surface of stamps, I felt that I now had some advantages not at my disposal while originally studying the stamp.

Under low-wattage incandescent light subtle variations in paper and ink quality can be noted. The consistent appearance of a certain set of characteristics become the hallmarks, so to speak, of a particular printing.

All examples with the "extra continent" had this much in common - the paper was not quite as glossy as #92.1, with the background gray being a matte finish this time; the green flag was the dull olive of the first printing, but the yellow flag had a slight gloss not seen earlier.

In addition, the 30x lens revealed a near perfect pattern of orange dots, not seen on #92.1, nor on the examples with the more brilliant green flag on #92.3. Thank you, Mr. Lassberg for pointing this out!

Using these notes I re-examined some other MI blocks not containing the "extra continent." Sure enough, some were found to have all the above characteristics except for the ink blot. The first conclusion is that this stamp was probably printed in sheets of two or more panes. Printer's cutting marks are not a clear indication, since panes exist with these marks found along both sides. The configuration of the pane, however, makes it likely that the printed sheets consisted of two panes. Perhaps trimming was done on both sides. It is even possible that sheets were three panes wide.

Examination of the examples of the more brilliant green variety also revealed that the somewhat glossy yellow found on the "extra continent" variety did not exist here. The yellow had the same degree of light-reflecting ability (or lack of it) as the other colors possessed.

To return to the announcement of the "extra continent" variety, first brought to my attention by Herb Conway at least one fact is wrong. IT was the third printing that first appeared on the scene in August 1963, not the second. It is possible that the author was not aware of any previous announcement by the UNPA or other informal, but authoritative sources, that the first reprint went on sale early in 1962. It is also possible that #92.2 was still being sold after #92.3 was released in 1963 and that the author acquired the earlier reprint instead of the new release.

More to the point, perhaps, is that the UNPA archival examples of #92.2 are identical in shade to the original printing, a fact that is true when we compare colors on the "extra continent" variety to the first printing. The only apparent difference revealed is the presence of the fluorescent flecks in the paper, and this requires use of a UV lamp to detect. Again, this difference was noted during inspection of the archival material.

At this time I feel confident in saying that we have a positive identification established for #92.2: the olive shade of the first printing reappears, the yellow has a very slight gloss, and the background gray is matte compared to the overall glossier appearance of flags and background on the first printing. Blocks of stamp will no doubt reveal a few tiny flecks in the paper, although some individual stamps may be without them. Note the near-perfect pattern of orange dots in the appropriate flags, a pattern quite blurred in the original and in the brighter-green flag variety.

What is more, it can now be said that there are two varieties of the third printing. This printing marks the first appearance of a more brilliant yellow-green in the flags, and the orange is a more brilliant shade. There is some variation in the background gray. On some examples this background gray is almost lavender in shade. Others are a truer gray. The paper is not glossy, but it does have the fluorescent gold flecks. In ordinary light the distinguishing features of this printing are the yellow-green and the more brilliant orange. The green reappears on #92.5, but the orange becomes a very pale peach shade.

One can be in store for a psychedelic color display, however, when viewing #92.3 in UV light. On some examples the background gray remains this color. This seems most true of examples that appear gray in ordinary light. Examples with more lavender background will treat your eyes, or bore them, under UV light with anything from a pale tan or rose-tan to a brilliant fluorescent rose. Some examples exhibit a rose halo effect around the MI and stamp border inscriptions in addition to the bright rose background. The printer is not able to explain this phenomenon at this late date. All of these examples, I believe, are from the same printing because paper and gum characteristics remain constant, as do the flag colors.

The fourth printing is too radical a departure from these features to permit grouping one of the varieties with it.

All this brings us to a revision of the notes found in Monograph #5 for #92.2 and #92.3. They should be revised to read:

#92.2: The paper has a matte finish, unlike the original.

The gray background is matte and slightly darker than is seen on the original.

The green flag is the same olive shade seen earlier.

The orange flag is the same shade, but magnification reveals a perfect bias pattern of color dots, which is blurred or irregular on the first printing.

The yellow flag has a slight gloss not seen earlier.

VARIETY: Smudge of blue ink above Australia on some LL MIs.

The gum is identical to the original, without skip marks.

A few small gold flecks can be seen in the paper under UV light, while the gray retains its shade.

#92.3: The paper is matte, like the second printing.

The green flag is a yellow-green, the orange is slightly more brilliant but without the bias pattern of dots.

The yellow flags retain a matte finish.

The gray background is of two varieties:

- One is darker and retains its color under UV light.

- One is lighter, somewhat lavender, becoming tan or even florescent rose under UV light; a bright halo can sometimes be found around the MI and border text of the stamp.

The paper has gold flecks.

Original notes for the first, fourth and fifth printings require no change.

The appearance since 1985 of additional reprints and the benefits of recent research on #92 and other stamps together, it seems, provide a good reason for updating the original publication. Your comments to this writer are encouraged.

Correspondence to the author may be forwarded care of this publication.

AT ISSUE

By Mark Steven Corrinet

Recently I have heard a great deal of complaining about the new issues being produced by the UNPA, particularly the numerous mini-sheet formats being issued in 1992.

I held somewhat similar views, until I had the opportunity to talk the matter over with a gentleman on the East Coast, who is unrelated the the UNPA.

He pointed out that the number one responsibility of the UNPA was to communicate the themes of the United Nations through the issuance of stamps. The subjects, format and numbers of stamps are designed to give maximum exposure of the U.N. to the people of the world. The issue of the secondary collector market, market values, and related concerns must, realistically, play a poor second to the first objective.

I realize that the UNPA is trying very hard to serve the collector market. They have reduced the number of values per stamp issue. They have taken the very constructive step of making all items from all offices available worldwide, making the collecting of blue, white, show cancel cards, etc., significantly easier. And they continue to take an active role in sponsoring collector activities, from special cruises, to shows, and other events. Maybe its time to take a new look at the UNPA.

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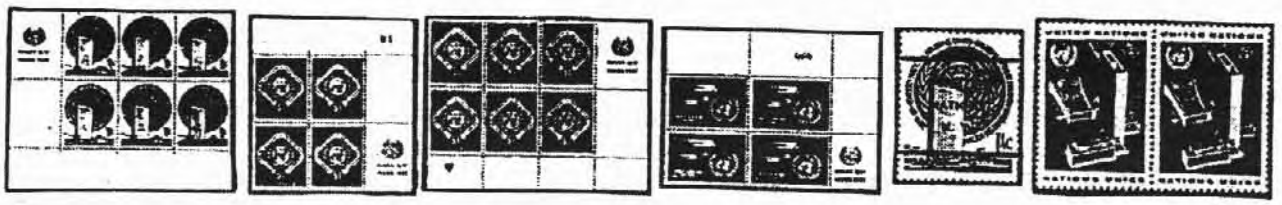

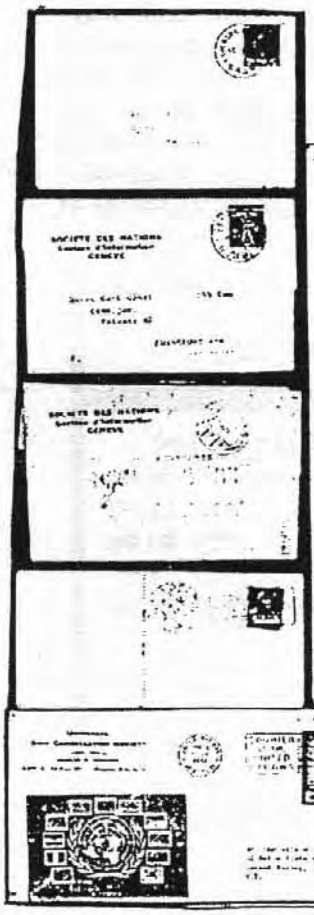

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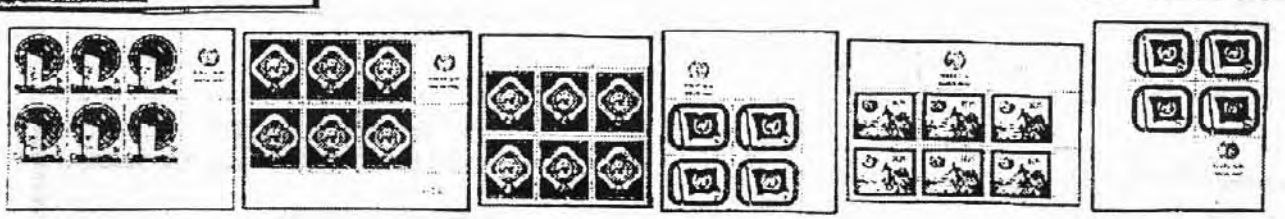

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I am also interested in obtaining historical reference works on international relations, events or conferences, the U.N., the League or their related agencies in general.

Please write me at the address in the front of the Journal. Please provide a list with asking price and the means to contact you.

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Correction: In our recent Journal, under the UNTEA Corner column by M. Hardjasudarma part of a sentence was omitted from the test in the second column. The corrected sentence should be as follows ... and alerted the "receiving PO so that adequate preparations could be made." ... Notification of...

We apologize to Mr. Hardjasudarma for this oversight and thank him for the continued columns and information.

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Mr. Dick Walla, at 75 Bay Terrace, Staten Island, New York 10306 has produced a very limited (25 sets) bound edition of his entire run of outstanding newsletters on U.N. philately roughly covering the years of 1968 to 1973.

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So for about US $250.00, you to can own a set of Geneva souvenir cards with FD cancels and some postal stationery, including, WOW, "scarce early issues." Does it surprise you that people begin to feel a little upset about descriptions and estimates in auction catalogs.

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Mr. James Bendon announces the publication of a new price list for philatelic publications produced by his firm. The list can be obtained for $1.00 sent to Mr. James Bendon, Post Office Box 6484, Limassol, Cyprus. Most of you remember that Mr. Bendon's firm published his own outstanding book on the UPU Specimen stamps.

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Looking for buyer for extensive four volume collection of ITU material, including all major categories listed in Gaines catalog and beginning in the early 1920's with Conference cancels. $2,700+ Gaines listed, plus unpriced unlisted items. Asking $1,250.00 or best offer.

Contact: Mark Steven Corrinet at (707) 747-1481 or Post Office Box 1305, Benicia, CA 94510.

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UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Continuing our listing of the units and programmes established by the United Nations over the last 45 years:

UNDRO (Office of the UN Disaster Relief Coordinator (1972)

UNEP (UN Environment Programme) (1972)

UNU (United Nations University) (1973)

WFC (World Food Council) (1974)

INSTRAW (International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Woman (1976)

UNCHS (HABITAT) (UN Centre for Human Settlements) (1978)

UN Drug Control Programme (1991)

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

ECE (Economic Commission for Europe) (1947)

ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) (1947)

ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) (1948)

ECA (Economic Commission for Africa) (1958)

ESCWA (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) (1973)

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Will Pay $25,000 for imperf UNNY #C3 plain block of 4. Also interested in any other first airmail imperfs including singles, pairs or blocks. Contact Jack Kay, 804 Cypress Grove Lane, Pompano, Florida 33069.

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California State University at Los Angeles is offering a tour to the upcoming UN Environmental Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Information may be obtained from Rev. A. Cohen at (213) 343-2570. Contact time is of the essence.

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For Sale: Special event cachets, SC.2 Middle East Peace Conference (Gaines Pg. 588) collection of 47 cards/covers (42 diff. items), including UNPA S.1 (b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i), UNPO S.1 (e,f) first day, machine slogans, many first and last days of use. Many unlisted in Gaines and Lindner. $75.00 or best offer - Contact Charles C. Smith, 322 Muirwood Lane, Sugarland, Texas 77478.

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Wanted: for exhibit and/or article research - clear photocopies or photographs of UN #2a precancel covers (front and back), as well as, contents or any unusual precancel items. If certified (Gaines, PF, etc.) please include name of certifying agency and certificate number. Copies of the certificate are also welcome. Send copies to: Tony Dewey, 157 Warrenton Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105.

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For Sale: Special events cachects, SC.1, Opening of new wing of Palais de Nations (Gaines Pg. 588) collection of 17 different cards/covers including UNPA S.1 (b,c,g) and machine slogans, may first and last days of use. $30.00 or best offer. Contact Charles C. Smith, 322 Muirwood Lane, Sugarland, Texas 77478.

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Wanted: U.N. Environmental Programme meters, conference imprints, special cancels, and origin cachets. Contact Charles C. Smith, 322 Muirwood Lane, Sugarland, Texas 77478.

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Wanted: Cinderella material relating to the U.N., League of Nations, and related agencies.

MNH League of Nations #2o1 to 2o56, #3o1-3o69,

League of Nations specimens.

Early covers of the UNEF 1, Korea, UNTSO, Congo.

U.N. Topicials, particularly imperf pairs & errors.

Contact: Mark Steven Corrinet, Post Office Box 1305, Benicia, California 94510.

U.N. PRESS RELEASE

REVISED UNPA 1992 STAMP PROGRAM

January 24, 1992: World Heritage - UNESCO and Definitive. Two values each office plus F.s. 3,00 Definitive.

March 13, 1992: Clean Oceans. One value per office printed 3 vertical se-tenant pair designs in sheets of 12.

May 22, 1992: Earth Summit - June 1992. One value per office printed in se-tenant blocks of 4 in sheets of 40. Maximum cards will also be issued to tie in with this issue.

September 4, 1992: Mission to Planet Earth and Stationery. One value per office printed in se-tenant pairs in sheets of 10. Souvenir Cards plus six postal cards and a .45 cent airletter.

October 2, 1992: Science and Technology for Development and Definitives. Two values each office plus .10, .19 and .20 cent Definitives. Souvenir Cards will also be issued.

December 10, 1992: Human Rights. Two values per office in mini-sheet format. Annual Collection Folders will also be issued.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The UNPA has announced a new stamp series wihich is being created for introduction in 1993. This exciting new series will draw attention to the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world. Each year, the UNPA will issue three sheets of 16 stamps, one sheet in each of the three currencies.

Four different endangered species will be illustrated on each sheet hence 12 specieis will be covered in each year. The stamps will be available in selling units of a full sheet of 16 stamps or a single unit of a se-tenant blk of 4.

Full information on this new stamp series will be made available to customers towards the end of 1992.

UNPA ATTENDANCE AT STAMP SHOWS

The United Nations Postal Administration will be represented at the following stamp shows:

March 21-22, 1992 at FILATELIC FIESTA in San Jose, California.

March 23-25, 1992 at CANADA 92' in Montreal, Canada.

March 27-29, 1992 at ROPEX in Rochester, New York.

UNPA "CLEAN OCEANS" ISSUE

On March 13, 1992, the UNPA issued a set of three mini-sheets of 12 stamps on the theme of "Clean Oceans." The stamps were issued to draw the attention of people to the vital need for clean oceans and to highlight the stamps which are being taken by the United Nations and its specialized agencies to meet this goal.

The diagram on the next page, along with the following list provided by, Braldt Bralds the artist for the UNPA Clean Oceans issue, will help collectors identify the species on the various stamps. More than fifty species of world sea life were incorporated into the three designs:

New York .29 cent se-tenant block

A. Blue whale, B. Yellow Fairy basslets, C. Male sand diver, D. Green turtle, E. Common puffer, F. Emperor sea bass, G. Mother and baby humpback whale, H. Jellyfish, I. Lemon or masked butterfly fish, J. Silver tip shark, K. Purple basslets, L. Blue shark, M. Clown fish, N. Fire coral, O. Green coral, P. Sea Anemone, Q. Blue marlin.

Geneva F.s. 0,80 se-tenant block

A. Flying fish, B. Barracuda, C. Yellow basslets, D. Female killer whale, E. Squirrel fish, F. Clown triggerfish, G. American manatee, H. Chambered nautilus, I. Brown faced butterfly fish, J. Grouper, K. Mulloway, L. Male killer whale, M. Pink fairy bass, N. Juvenile footballer trout, O. Royal gramme, P. Lesser octopus, Q. Purple sea urchin, R. Harp gorgonian coral.

Vienna S 7 se-tenant block

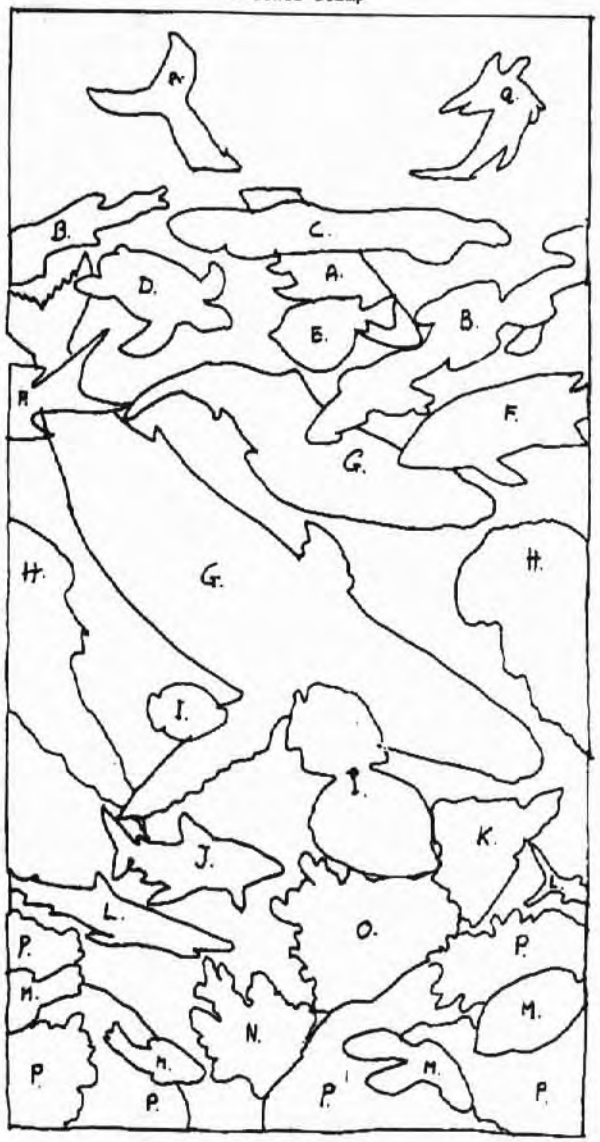
A1. Spotted dolphin, A2. Common dolphin, B. Trumpet fish, C. Surgeon fish, D. Mola mola, E. Moorish idols, F. Australian sea lion, G. Eagle rays, H. Cowfish, I. Pelagic seahorse, J. Harp seal, K. Leopard seal, L. Blue tang, M. Blue surgeon fish, N. Male jewel fish, O. Pork fish, P. Purple anthias, Q. White moray eel, R. Pink gem anemone, S. Hermit crab, T. Soft coral, U. Chalice coral, V. Yellow starfish.

SEA VOYAGE SPECIAL CARD

A special series of sea cruises were done by the UNPA to tie into the "Clean Oceans" issue. To commemorate these cruises a special blue/white postcard was issued with FD cancels of the stamps and special cancels from the ports of call.

The card may be ordered for $5.00 plus postage directly from the UNPA, P.O. Box 5900, NY, NY 10163-9992 until June 12, 1992 or until sold out.

29 cents stamp



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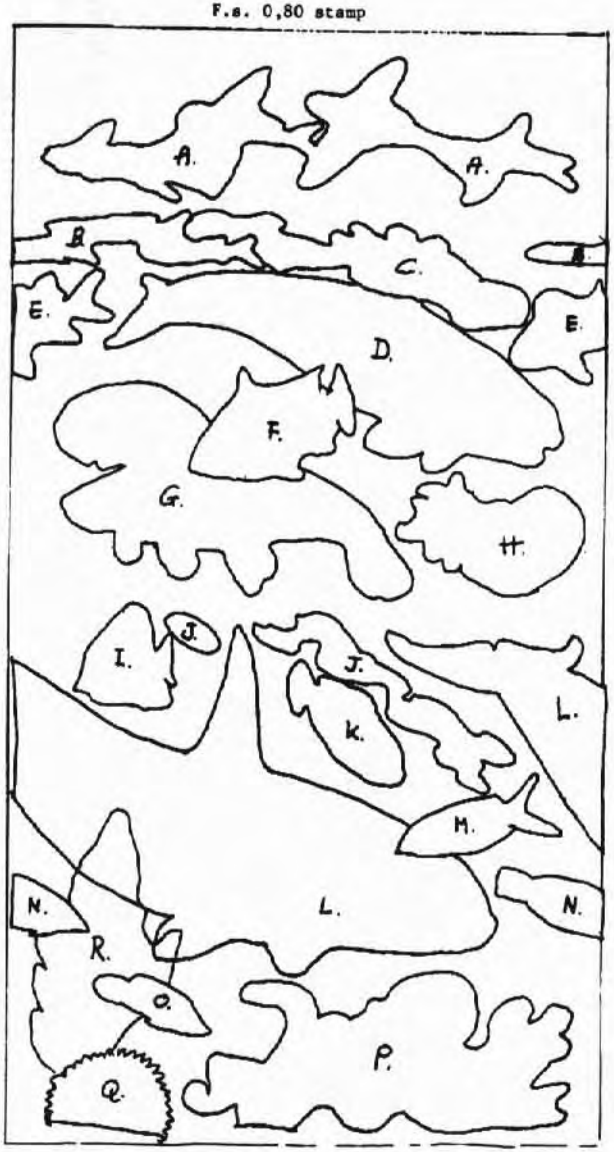

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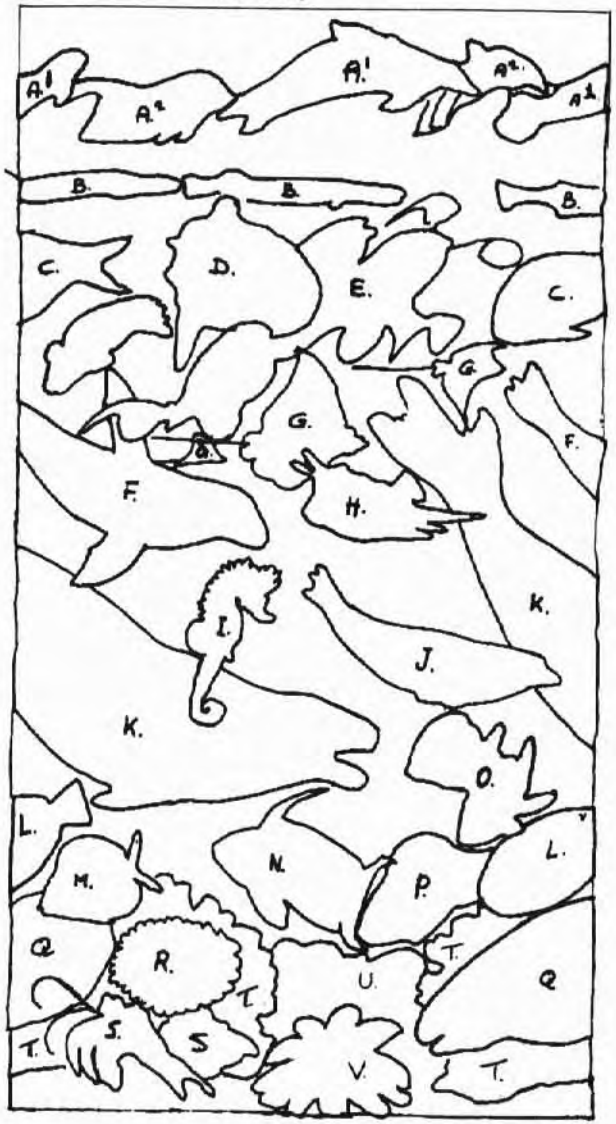

CALL FOR CONSIGNMENTS OF UNITED NATIONS AND RELATED MATERIAL

FOR INCLUSION IN 1992D UNP MINI AUCTION

Consignments are currently being accepted for the UNP Mini Auction #1992D. Lots will be accepted until July 1, 1992. The Auction lots will be listed in the August issue of The Journal. No more than 100 lots will be accepted for this Auction. Lot space will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve, basis. No consignor may place more than thirty lots in any particular auction. Any material received after July 1, 1992, will be held for inclusion in the next Mini Auction. No lots will be retained for more than two auctions.

The following rules will apply to the UNP Mini Auction:

1. Each item must be U.N. related literature, documents, or historical type letters or covers.

2. There is a minimum bid limit of $10.00 per lot.

3. Each lot should be enclosed in a protective mount, glassine envelope or other appropriate protective cover and accompanied by a DESCRIPTION, MINIMUM BID, and a GAINES, LINDNER, or SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER.

4. Lots must be sent to the Auction Chairperson by insured or registered mail. Neither UNP nor the Auction Chairperson will accept responsibility for any material shipped without such coverage. Return postage, including insurance or registration fees for unsold lots, will be charged to the owner.

5. Every effort will be made to assure the protection and safety of the material while in the possession of the Auction Chairperson. However, in the unlikely event of fire, storm, theft or other act resulting in damage or loss, neither UNP, nor the Auction Chairperson, can accept responsibility for such loss.

6. A total of 10% of the realized price will be retained by UNP.

7. Lots with faults must be so described.

8. Failure to comply with the rules may result in the rejection of material.

9. Inclusion or rejection of any item is at the discretion of the Auction Chairperson.

10. All material should be sent to the following address:

Alex Bereson
18 Portola Drive
San Francisco, California 94131

UNITED NATIONS PHILATELISTS, INC. MINI AUCTION 1992B
CLOSING DATES FOR BIDS IS JUNE 10, 1992

ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SENT TO AUCTION CHAIRPERSON:

ALEX BERESON
18 PORTOLA DRIVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94131
HOME NUMBER: (415) 641-0510
FAX BID NUMBER: (707) 747-1519

BIDDING RULES

1. All bids are per lot as numbered in the listing. Please check your bids. Bidders are responsible for their mistakes. All bids will be confidential.
2. The highest bidder shall prevail. Lots will be sold at one advance over the second highest bid. If only one bid is received, the lot will be sold at the minimum bid. In the event of identical bids on the same lot, the lot will be awarded to the first bid received. No bids below the minimum level will be accepted.
3. The right is reserved to remove any lot from this sale.
4. Photocopies of lots are available for .25 cents for each lot, except for bulk lots. When more than one photocopy sheet is required for a lot, the charge is .20 cents after the first sheet. A SASE is also required for return of the photocopies.
5. Catalog numbers are Gaines unless specified otherwise.
6. Bidding increments are as follows:

$ .00 to $25.00....$1.00	$ 50.00 to $100.00....$ 5.00
$25.01 to $50.00....$2.00	$100.01 to $250.00....$10.00
$250.01 and up.....$25.00	

Bids not conforming to these increments will automatically be reduced to the appropriate level.

PAYMENT

7. Successful bidders will be notified by mail and must remit in full before any lots are sent. Buyers are expected to remit payment immediately upon receipt of the notice. Payment must be sent to the Auction Chairperson, payable to "UNPI." Failure to remit payment will carry UNP membership penalties.
8. Payments may made by PERSONAL or CASHIERS CHECK in U.S. dollars only.
9. All postage costs for mailing lots, including insurance and registration, plus a .50 cent handling fee, will be charged each successful bidder.

AUTHENTICITY

10. To the best of the Chairperson's ability, every effort has been made to ensure that all lots are correctly described. Any bidder contesting the description of a lot must do so within five days of their receipt of the questioned lot.
11. The placing of a bid shall constitute acceptance of the foregoing conditions of sale.
12. Prices realized will be published in a subsequent issue of the The Journal.

MINI AUCTION 1992B LOTS

LOT 01 IRO newspaper wrapper for the Displaced Person Weekly, franked with USA precancel, sent to the U.N. Evacuation Center, Tubabao, Guinan in the Philippines (Gaines Pg. 1306) very scarce - Min. Bid $50.00
LOT 02 UNNY #38 SS FDC w/Artcraft cachet - Min. Bid $32.00
LOT 03 UNNY #53-54 (UNEF) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 04 UNNY #93-94 (Economic Commission) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 05 UNNY #125-128 (Definitives) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 06 UNNY #131-132 (Narcotics) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 07 UNNY #170-174 (EXPO '67) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 08 UNNY #170-174 WFUNA #2A Large MI4 FDCs w/neat typed addr. (Gaines $85) - Min. Bid $18.00

LOT 09 UNNY #183-184 (Starek) (Folded once MNH Sheets, low value missing bottom selvage) - Min. Bid $60.00
LOT 10 UNNY #194-195 (Santiago) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 11 UNNY #234-235 (Disarmament) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 12 UNNY #240-241 (Namibia) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 13 UNNY #244-245 (ILO) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 14 UNNY #249-251 (Definitives) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 15 UNNY #252-253 (Population) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $11.00
LOT 16 UNNY #276-277 (Habitat) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 17 UNNY #281-282 (WIPO) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 18 UNNY #291-293 (Definitives) (Unfolded MNH Sheets) - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 19 WFUNA Pope Paul Folder made into two Registered FDCs unusual (only 10 made by Frankel, label addressed) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 20 Swiss Off. FDCs (Unaddr. Mixed Cachets) (#7o34-7o37, 8o1-8o6, 9o1-906, 1o01-1o09) - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 21 Swiss Off. FDCs (Typed Addr. Mixed Cachets) (#3o100-2, 4o40-4o48, 5o26-5o34, 7o34-7o37, 8o7-8o9, 9o1-9o9, 1o01-1o09 (14) - Min. Bid $36.00
LOT 22 WHO related cancel covers w/Swiss, Italy, Israel, England (1953-1988) (12) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 23 UNICEF IYC Lg Graphics set of 4 (France, Venezuela, Mali, Surinam) (New price $24.00) - Min. Bid $8.00
LOT 24 UPU Delegate Folder issued by UPU Director in Berne, Swiss, contains MNH Swiss officials and French UNESCO sets - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 25 UPU Delegate Folder (Vatican City) 1989 Congress - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 26 Presentation Folder #PF19B Austria #1-6 (Gaines $40) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 27 Presentation Folder #PF18 Austria #1-6 (Gaines $25) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 28 Presentation Folder Collection (25 Diff.) (Gaines $220) - Min. Bid $55.00
LOT 29 Allenstein Plebiscite set (1920) #1-14 Unused Hinged - Min. Bid $13.00
LOT 30 WFUNA Graphic #17 (Brandon) FD - Min. Bid $150.00
LOT 31 WFUNA Graphic #23 (Christian) FD - Min. Bid $65.00
LOT 32 WFUNA Graphic #28 (Groat) FD - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 33 WFUNA Graphic #38 (Groat) FD - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 34 WFUNA Graphic #41 (Gross) FD - Min. Bid $60.00
LOT 35 WFUNA Graphic #44 (Hamann) FD - Min. Bid $26.00
LOT 36 WFUNA Graphic #71 (Wiener) Mint - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 37 WFUNA Graphic #74 (Vasarely) Mint - Min. Bid $125.00
LOT 38 Souvenir cards #1, 1A, 2-9 Mint & FD (18) - Min. Bid $13.00
LOT 39 Souvenir cards #18 (ECOSEC) (5 Copies each) Mint, FD Geneva, FD Vienna - Min. Bid $7.00
LOT 40 Souvenir cards #19 (IYDP) (5 Copies each) Mint, FD Geneva, FD Vienna - Min. Bid $8.00
LOT 41 Souvenir cards #20 (Energy IYDP (5 Copies each) Mint, FD Geneva, FD Vienna - Min. Bid $8.00
LOT 42 Presentation Folders (3) #PF19B/318-319 (2) + PF21B/392-393 - Min. Bid $7.00
LOT 43 Misc. NY #325-340, 350-365 FDC commercial cachet, FD IRC (Gaines Pg. 654), 5 Diff. WRY Cocteau covers - Min. Bid $9.00
LOT 44 United Nations Medal for Korean War, nice condition - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 45 UNNY Precancel #2a on piece - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 46 UNNY #35-37 Combo FDCs (2 Diff.), MI4s on 3 Artmaster FDCs & #38 on Artmaster FDC - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 47 UNNY private FDC ITU 1956 issue w/autograph of Dr. Tsiang of Republic of China - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 48 U.S. Mission to U.N. (1/22/59) corner card and contents - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 49 Netherlands ICJ Stamps #o9-o14, o15, 016-o19 Used (Scott $66) - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 50 Philippines Scott #516a-518a Imperf (ECAFE Issue) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 51 Letter from Prime Minister of Nyasaland to U Thant w/U Thant's initials and receiving mark - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 52 Autographs of first two UNPA Chiefs, one on UNPA Postcard and one plain paper w/typed notation - 13 Diff.) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 53 Three early publicity documents/pamphlets for U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF Forerunner) - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 54 U.N. Staff Bulletin Vol. #1, No. #1 (Lake Success) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 55 League of Nations #3o83, #3o94, #3o103, 5o6, 5o26, 7o21, 8o1, 9o1, 9o2, 1o01 (Full Unfolded Sheets) (Scott $147.50 - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 56 League of Nations #3o85 (Scott $237.50) - Min. Bid $60.00
LOT 57 League of Nations #3o96 (Scott $82.50) - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 58 League of Nations #4o30 (Scott $50.00) - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 59 League of Nations #7o23 (Scott $250.00) - Min. Bid $70.00
LOT 60 League of Nations #8o3 (Scott $87.50) - Min. Bid $25.00

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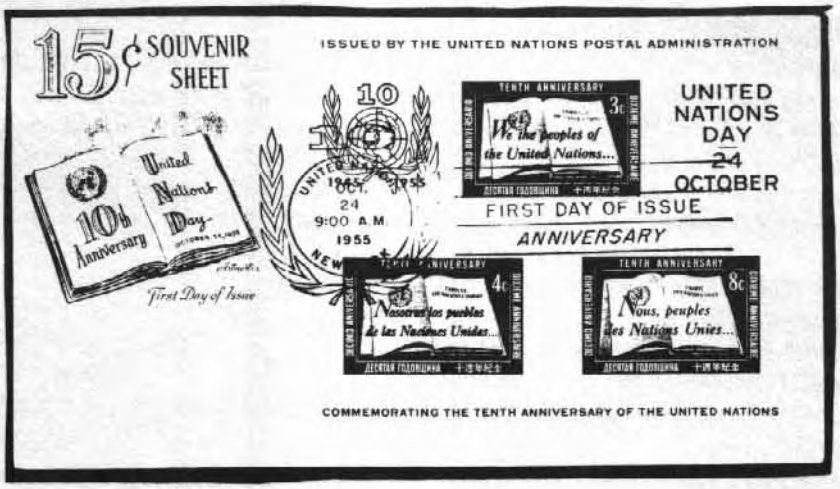

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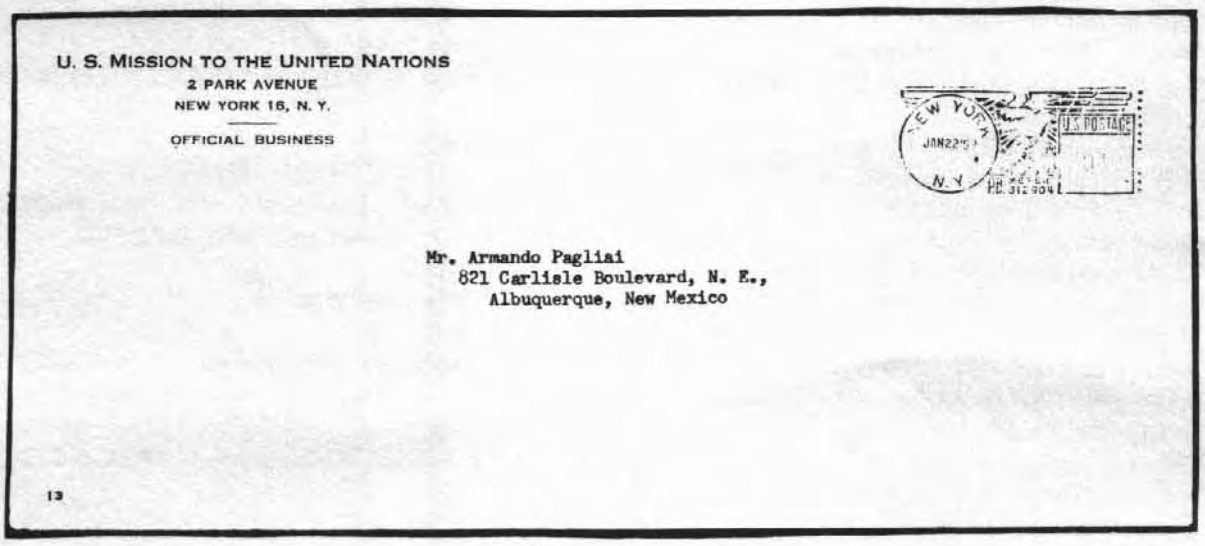

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