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COVER DESCRIPTION

OUTSIDE FRONT: The United Nations Flag, Long May She Wave! Happy U.N. Day - October 24, 1992.

OUTSIDE BACK: Continuation of 1992E Auction lots and illustrations.

EDITOR'S CORNER

A second repeat word to our contributors. Please make sure that your illustrations fit within a standard column whenever possible. Please photocopy your illustrations framed with a black background to avoid image bleeding because of all white backgrounds.

If you must use larger illustrations than please keep them to three maximum per article.

And a thank you to those contributors who took my request for clearer writing to heart. My eyes thank you very much.

Effective immediately the Journal is being completely produced on the West Coast with shipment through the UNPA in New York via first class postage. This issue will arrive slightly late due to a trip Eastward.

Also from the Board of Directors is permission to award the "Best Contribution" in any given year appearing in the Journal. So the December issue will carry a notice for nominations/voting for 1992. You may wish to review this last year's issues before considering your recommendation and vote.

Would anyone be interested in doing a regular column on beginner's subjects? How about U.N. Peacekeeping? Or Cinderellas?

AUCTION INFORMATION

It often amazes me how few of our members ever bid in one of our UNP auctions. Generally, the auctions receive somewhere around twenty to thirty different bidders per auction out of a membership of 300 members.

Is there a reason why so few of you make use of the auctions? It certainly cannot be due to the selection of material offered. Within the last year, the UNP auctions have had material from just about every area listed in the Gaines catalog.

So instead of sitting on the side-lines and letting some other member walk away with all the good items, consider bidding. It is easy, fun, and does wonders for the UNPI and your collections. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By Clayton Wallace

As I am sitting on a plane at 32,000 above the blue Pacific, I have been thinking about the things I wish to accomplish for the UNP in the coming term.

Numerous changes have taken place in the field of United Nations philately. Our underpinnings are strong - we have dedicated people, good financial resources, and a sound set of by-laws. Our mini-auctions continue to be successful and our mailing the Journal from the United Nations in New York has resulted in a very favorable response.

The next two years will see the printing of Duane Lamers special study of the printings of U.N. stationery, followed by Richard Powers transaction and update of Charles Misteli's Les Timbres S.D.L. et B.I.T. (Stamps of the League of Nations and the International Bureau of Labor). These monographs have been true labors of love by their respective authors, including hundreds of hours of research, writing and organization. I cannot wait for each of you to see the results of their efforts.

Also, in 1993 we will see a major development in our efforts to recruit new members. Since negotiations are still underway, and plans are still being finalized, I can only tell you that this is a major turning-point. I hope to write much more about this topic in an upcoming column.

Finally, we are all looking forward to the 50th anniversary celebration of the United Nations in 1995. The UNPA has many special activities planned and so does the UNPI. Once again please stay tuned for some exciting announcements.

LETTER FROM BRITAIN

By Bill Barnes

Elections and the U.N.: I am not arrogant enough to venture an opinion on the way that peoples of other nations should vote in their elections. Not yet! Not quite. But the U.N. matters to me and I assume that it matters just as much to others - especially U.N. informed philatelists. So I guess there is no harm in suggesting - simply suggesting - that I would not vote for anyone who was not prepared to give an unequivocal undertaking to support the United Nations - meaning that he really will "fulfil in good faith" (Article 2.2) the obligations of the Charter. That, after all, is what the world's politicians promised "We the Peoples" at San Francisco in 1945.

The Longest Speech: in history at the United Nations was delivered by Fidel Castro in August 1960 - 4 hours and 29 minutes. And in 1980, Cuba produced a rather attractive stamp and cover to commemorate the 20th anniversary of that speech.

The First U.N. Assembly: Some years ago I found a cover which appeared to have been posted at the U.N.'s first General Assembly at Central Hall, Westminster, England on January 10, 1946. So far as I am aware this cover remains the only known philatelic item relating to that meeting. Illustration #1 shows the front of the cover.

Illustration #1 (Assembly Cover)

I described the cover and did my best to establish its authenticity in my monograph Britain, the League and the U.N. (at page 12, CIIe).

One of these days I hope to get around to writing a short monograph on the important cover. In the meantime, you may be interested in a point that I should have thought of long ago.

The cover is addressed simply to "N. Hill" (at a school). The absence of any "Mr." or "Esq." (taken with the address suggests the probability that the cover was sent to a schoolboy (as a memento of a historic occasion) by his father or maybe an uncle. So there would have had to be a Mr. Hill present at the Central Hall on the first day of the first assembly. That would more or less finally confirm the authentication of the cover. And there was! Martin Hill, the British Secretary of the U.N.'s Preparatory Commission. He would most certainly have been there! One of these days I hope to get around to writing a short monograph on the important cover. In the meantime, you may be interested in a point that I should have thought of long ago.

It is this sort of investigative philately that provides such a great additional dimension to U.N. collecting. Next step? Well, it would be great if one could trace young N. Hill.

Societe des Nations: in 1771, the Marquis Massone de Pezay visited Geneva ... and predicted that Switzerland would not forever remain a land of mountain and rock. "One day," he said, "a Society of Nations will flourish within its frontiers."

"Stamp Mail": is the organ of the prestigious British Philatelic Federation. In June, It produced a special issue - on "Stamps and Postal History of the United Nations." All of the articles were written by members of the UNSG. An article on U.N. Peacekeeping completed the stories in the July issue.

Fillaterly as "She Is Spoke!: Culled from ("English") philatelic auction catalogues: HITLAR/JUBLIEE/JUST TUTCHING/PERCHES/PRICE/VISABLE/ DIFFERANT/PERFS CLIPED OF/MINT PRODOMINATES and HUGE DECEASED CONTINENTAL DEALERS HOARD. I am told that it is known as word-processing... and from my column in the June Journal ... CONVENT of the League.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is a little known fact in the League of Nations history that the Holy Convent of St. League did many charitable acts. Not the least of these being their kindness in overlooking the Editor's failing eye-sight.

Dates on Stamps: What a blessing for collectors (and dealers too no doubt) are those dates (years) of issue that now appear on most stamps. The first time that the United Nations put a date on each of its stamps (i.e. apart from marginal inscription dates) was in 1984 (the population issue). What a pity that this is still not a universal practice. I would like to see it extended so that every new issue of every year had a serial number too (e.g. 1992/58): but it could be a bit embarrassing around 1992/297...). Or maybe the first day of issue (January 17, 1992)? And why not! There would be precious few stamps issued if it was not for we philatelists, so we ought to be able to call the tune.

International Arbitration: has a very long history - it was first suggested by Henry IV of France. The Permanent Court of International Arbitration is still housed with the International Court of Justice at the Hague. The P.C.I.A. is not part of the U.N. system, but anyone collecting on an international law thematic basis would, I imagine, want to include P.C.I.A. items (though I cannot recall ever having seen such an item - have you?)

The Beginning of the League: a few significant dates for the League of Nations collector-historians:

December 1918 - Lord Robert Cecil (U.K.) suggested Geneva as a headquarters for the League;

January 1918 - Allied representatives met in Paris. President Wilson (U.S.A.) undertook to chair the committee to draft the League's Covenant;

March 1919 - The Swiss Federal Council said that it "would consider it a great honor" to offer the hospitality of its territory should the League of Nations wish to establish it's headquarters there;

April 10, 1919 - The League Committee accepted the Swiss offer;

April 1919 - Covenant of the League of Nations drafted with Article 7 establishing it's headquarters in Geneva;

April 28, 1919 - Covenant of the League of Nations adopted - Appointment of Sir Eric Drummond (U.K.) as first Secretary-General announced;

May 5, 1919 - Sir Eric Drummond began to recruit his Secretariat in London, England;

January 10, 1920 - Covenant of the League of Nations came into force;

January 16, 1920 - First meeting of the League Council at Paris, France;

May 19, 1920 - League Council met in Rome, Italy and suggested President Wilson arrange the first meeting of the League Assembly be held in Rome, Italy. In fact, the first Assembly was held in Geneva;

August 10, 1920 - Sir Eric Drummond arrived in Geneva, Switzerland with the first few members of the Secretariat to begin establishment of League headquarters;

September 1, 1920 - A special train from London to Geneva brought other members of the Secretariat to offices in the Hotel National in Quai de Mont Blanc (later Quai Wilson). The hotel was later re-named (and still is) the Palais Wilson;

November 8, 1920 - (Approximately) First use of special stamp cancel for the League of Nations;

November 15, 1920 - First Assembly of the League of Nations met in the Little Salle de la Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland.

Multiple Stamp Issues: Two things - stupidity and cupidity effectively continue to kill (or at least postpone) the world's prospects of a relative Utopia. And one of them - cupidity - will, in my opinion, kill off philately as we know it within the next 25 years unless stamp issuing authorities learn to curb their greed. What reasons other than short-term greed inspires the issuing of more and more stamps and philatelic gimmicks every year? And few countries, if any, can be exempt from criticism.

Happily, the UNPA is fairly cautious in its issuing policies (I can forgive the occasional lapse especially when it is as attractive as the Clean Oceans issue). But I beg them to continue to watch their step. They should always be setting an example for the rest of the world's stamp agencies.

UNICEF for Christmas: This Christmas, please make sure that you buy at least some UNICEF cards. And, if you can, post them with United Nations stamps. It will help to bring home the message of Christmas - Peace on Earth and Goodwill - to all men - and women - and children.

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PETER MAX AT WORLD COLUMBIAN STAMP EXPO '92 AND FRIENDS

By Don Bakos

Well-known Pop artist Peter Max, the designer of the new United Nations Earth Summit '92 stamps, was on hand at the recent first day ceremony held on May 22, 1992 at World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 at Chicago, Illinois.

After the various dignitary introductions, Mr. Max took the dais and spoke of his involvement in the stages of stamp designs and also of his keen interest in the environmental issues which will be the topic of Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He remarked that he would be in attendance at this major event when it begins on June 3, 1992.

Later on, at the U.N. reception that same evening, Peter was in attendance and I was able to have him pose for a photo with myself and other UNPI officers who were also at this event. The photo in illustration #1 shows, left to right, Peter Max, Bernie Kosmoski, Don Bakos & Alex Berson.

Illustration #1 (Peter Max & UNPI Friends)

MR. EGGAR AT WORLD COLUMBIAN EXPO

By Alex Bereson

Don Bakos and I shared a small table at the Peter Max reception with Mr. Egger, the sole representative of the famous Swiss printing firm of Courvoisier.

Eager to gain insight into the inner workings of the firm, we of course, pummeled him with questions. Mr. Eggar, who bears a remarkable resemblance to the actor John Houseman, in both persona and speech, was a very fine representative of his firm. He stressed their pride in their printing work which involves all types of security printings besides stamps. And also their commitment to overall quality.

He stated that they even keep all the waste from paper perforations and weigh it to ensure that no paper has "gone astray." Don asked him, tongue in cheek I am sure, whether any printer's waste was available. Mr. Eggar firmly responded that it was not!

Mr. Eggar, in turn, asked "why do people collect U.N. stamps?" We thought the question was borne from real curiosity rather than polite cocktail conversation, so we launched into the rationale that we normally give: stamps have historical and aesthetic appeal, they have educational value, and they support and publicize the work of the United Nations. It seems strange to us that someone so involved with stamp production had not yet caught the "bug," but then again, we had spent considerable time and money to travel to Chicago just to talk stamps.

NEW YORK FIGHTING TO KEEP 4 U.N. AGENCIES FROM MOVING

By Robert D. McFadden

Portions Reprinted from The New York Times Metro Section from Monday, May 25, 1992

Special thanks to Donald D. Sayre for providing this information.

"Four United Nations Agencies are considering offers to move out of New York City later in the decade - three of them to Germany." The possible departing agencies include the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) to somewhere else in New York and the U.N. Development Program, The Fund for Population Activities and The Development Fund for Women to Bonn, Germany.

The move would cost the city of New York upwards of $200 million dollars in lost salaries, rents, etc.

The Germany government is making the move particularly attractive in order to refill up office space in Bonn, after the recent loss of the German capital status to Berlin earlier this year.

U.N. sources say no decision will be made until after 1996 by any of the respective agencies.

UNTEA CORNER #7
THE NAVY P.O. AT BIAK

By M. Hardjasudarma

Following the transfer of sovereignty to the Republik Indonesia in December 1949, elements of the Dutch navy moved from what used to be the Netherlands Indies to West New Guinea which remained in Dutch hands until September 30, 1962.

Biak became a very important base and a navy P.O. was established there probably sometime toward the end of 1954 [1] or early 1955 [2]. The official opening, however, was not until February 14, 1962 [2]. Beginning in the fall of 1960 many Dutch military units arrived in West New Guinea in response to increasing armed conflicts with Indonesia concerning the fate of the territory. This caused a corresponding increase in the mail volume processed at the Biak navy P.O. The last day of acceptance of non-service mail was November 21, 1962, though one item is know with cancels of November 23, 1962 [1].

The oldest (rubber) cancel used by the navy P.O. consisted of a double outer ring "Marine Postkantoor" at the top, "Biak" at the bottom, and an inner ring enclosing the date. This cancel appeared to have been used only as a transit marking on the backs of covers and was likely out of commission before the advent of UNTEA operations.

The second (rubber) and third (steel) cancels are similar in design, but with reversal of the positions of "Marine Postkantoor" and "Biak." There are two distinguishing features:

1) The second cancel has the date further apart. And the first initial "M" and as initial "R" of "Marinepostkantoor" further away from the lower horizontal line.

2) The third cancel has the date closer together. And the two initials are very close to the lower horizontal line.

The second cancel was sent from the Netherlands on January 29, 1962 [1] and was probably first used in Netherlands New Guinea sometime the following month.

The third cancel was sent from Holland on August 28, 1962 and was first used on October 1, 1962, the first day of UNTEA [2].

There are therefore two types of the Biak navy P.O. cancel which can be found on UNTEA period mail, but those with dates after November 1962 should be eyed with some suspicion [3]. Service mail was sent postage free. Other mail, presumably including those from the public, had to be franked the usual way.

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1. Ponitz W: Het Marinepostkantoor te Biak, Studiegroep Zuid-West Pacific 057/003-004;

2. Heijboer JJ: De Marinepostdienst in Nederlands Nieuw-Guinea: 1950-1962, Studiegroep Zuid-West Pacific 071/024-025;

3. Waarschuwing: Geantedateerde stempels Marinepostkantoor Biak, Studiegroep Zuid-West Pacific 086/014.

Illustration #1 (Marinepostkantoor (navy P.O.) cancel of the second type)

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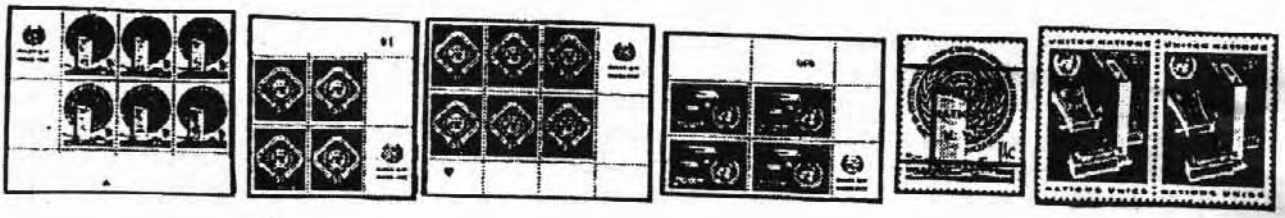

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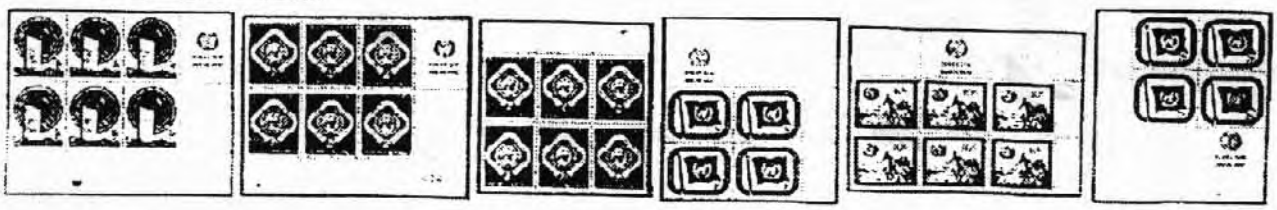

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Interesting action description: "35/37 mixed franking Argentina-United Nations (The kind of cover that gives philatelic value to a UN colln.) All adhesives properly tied with the expected pmk." Est. Value $50.00.

There really is one born every minute!

THE UNITED NATIONS PHILATELIC MUSEUM IN GENEVA

By Richard Powers

The new United Nations slogan cancel, which was put into use on June 15, 1992, is a long overdue tribute to the very fine philatelic museum of the United Nations located in the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. A few tantalizing samples from this collection have appeared at two recent shows in the United states within the past year: at UN Stamp Expo 91' in State College, Pennsylvania in October 1991 and just recently at World Columbian Stamp Expo 92' in Chicago during May 1992. The Collection includes a particularly fine collection of United Nations forerunner material from the League of Nations and the International Labor Office. It is now the proud owner of the collection of Charles Misteli, the well-known Swiss specialist, who made a heroic effort in 1943 to write the definitive work on Swiss stamps for the International Organizations in Geneva entitled Etude sur les Timbres-Poste et Obliterations de la Societe des Nations, du Bureau International du Travail de des Conferences Internationales. (A study on the Stamps and Postal Cancellations of the League of Nations, the International Labor Office and International Conferences).

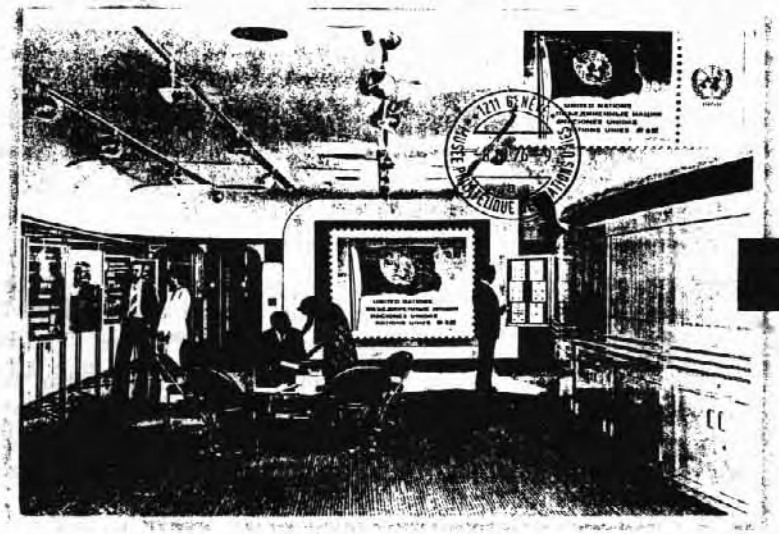
Five days after the first day of use of this meter slogan I received an unexpected surprise in the mail: a service cover (philatelically inspired by the United Nations Postal Administration but unsolicited) from the philatelic museum of the United Nations in Geneva bearing the new meter slogan on its first day of use celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the museum. Figure 1 shows this cover. There is not too much doubt that this cover went through the mails. Even the receiving post office in Pasadena, California got into the act by applying its cancel early in the morning on June 20th through both the slogan cancel and the stamp. I am not sure why this was necessary, but at least the result is clean.

The slogan commemorates the establishment of the museum, which the Swiss post office helped to endow, when it issued four service stamps for the European office of the United Nations in Geneva on October 24, 1962. A copy of the official FDC is shown in Figure 2. The proceeds from this issue were donated to the museum. The following day the Swiss post office began using a new slogan hand cancel announcing the existence of the new philatelic museum. This was in use only four days from October 25th through the 28th. Figure 3 shows a cover on UNEO stationery bearing this cancel sent airmail-special delivery from the Palais des Nations to the prominent Swiss philatelists Robert Fath at an address in the same city. The receiving cancel on the rear at the Gare Cornavin (the main train station in Geneva about five miles away from the Palais des nations) shows that the letter had made it to the special delivery dispatch office by 10:00 P.M. on the same day as the cancel. (It would be fun to know if the Swiss post office made an immediate midnight delivery or waited until the next morning!)

The following year the Swiss post office commemorated the inauguration of the museum with the one-day-only slogan cancel on December 10, 1963 (Human Rights Day) shown in Figure 4.

A view of the exhibition room at the museum is shown on the picture post card pictured in Figure 5. The hand cancel shows the special cancel used at the United Nations post office at the philatelic museum for the first time on October 8, 1976. Many collectors arrange to have this cancel applied on first day covers of new issues of the UNPA in Geneva.

I first visited the museum in October of 1969 when I attended the annual meeting of the UNOP (United Nations Organization - Philatelie) the Germany-based philatelic club of United Nations Stamp Collectors. I recommend it highly to all visitors of the Palais des Nations. I hope to make it back there for the 30th birthday celebration on October 24th this year.



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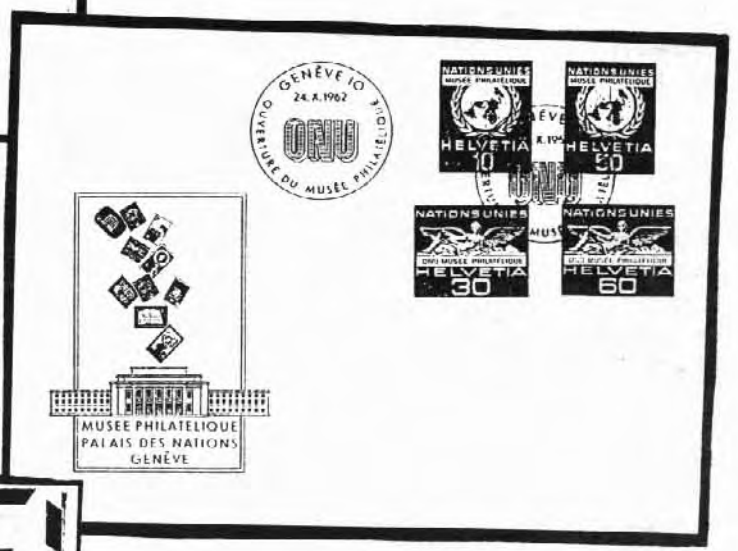

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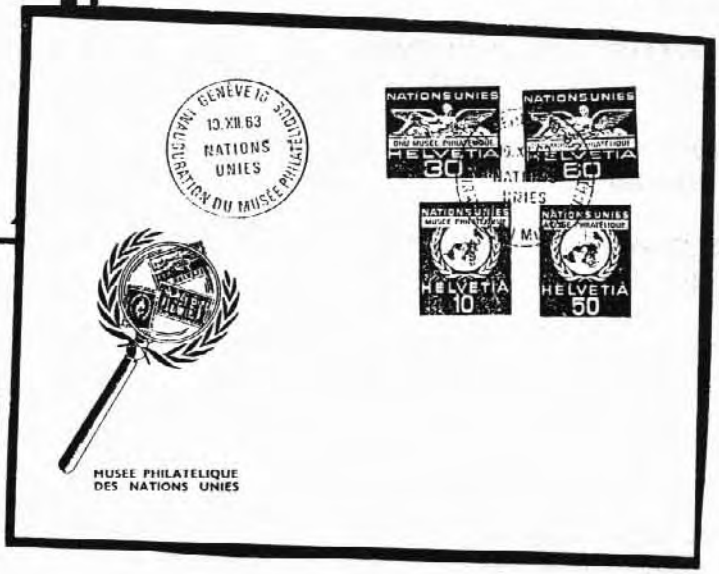

FIG. 4

U.N. PRESS RELEASE

WITHDRAWALS

The last day of sale for the U.N. New York $ 0.40 cent definitive, issued in 1982, will be October 2, 1992.

The last day of sale of the commemorative series "40th Anniversary of UNPA" will be October 23, 1992.

REMAINING UNPA 1992 STAMP PROGRAM

November 20, 1992 - (NOTE DATE OF ISSUE CHANGE): Human Rights - two values per office in mini-sheet format. Annual Collection Folders will also be issued.

ATTENDANCE TO FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1, 1992 - NATIONAL at New York, NY.

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1, 1992 - EAST BAY CLUB at Oakland, CA.

NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 8, 1992 - CHICAGOPEX at Rosemont, IL.

NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 15, 1992 - SUNPEX at Sunnyvale, CA.

NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 22, 1992 - MIDAPHIL at Kansas City, MO.

NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 22, 1992 - SAN FRANCISCO at San Francisco, CA.

NOVEMBER 21 - NOVEMBER 22, 1992 - VALLEY STAMP EXPO at North Hollywood, CA.

NOVEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 29, 1992 - CHECOPEX at Cheektowaga, NY.

DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 13, 1992 - UWMPSEX at Milwaukee, WI.

DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 13, 1992 - STAMP EXPO/AMERICA at Reseda, CA.

1992 US $0.45 AIR LETTER CLARIFICATION

The design of the 1992 $0.45 air letter by Robert Stein, United Nations, was based on a concept by G. Calvi, Brazil.

SPECIAL BOOKLET

An illustrated booklet in full colors has been issued by the United Nations Postal Administration on the efforts of the United Nations to bring attention of the governments all over the world to the impact of the increasing environmental degradation on the future of our planet.

This special philatelic souvenir will be released on June 1, 1992 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The souvenir pack will include a first ever conference card, sets of stamps, a special conference cachet, and a jumbo FDC cachet by Mr. Robert Rauschenberg.

The price is US $15.25, including postage and handling. The souvenir pack may be order directly from the United Nations Postal Administration, Post Office Box 5900, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10017 while supplies last.

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TeleFax: (022) 733 15 44

UNPA AT ASDA'S FIRST STAMP MEGA-EVENT

The UNPA announced that it will participate in the first-ever Postage Stamp Mega-Event to be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City from October 28, 1992 to November 1, 1992. The Mega-Event, which is sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA) in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be the venue for collectors to obtain the UNPA's newest stamp issue on the theme of "Science and Technology for Development." The new stamps, first day covers, souvenir and maximum cards will be available at the UNPA booth.

Thursday, October 29, 1992 has been designated as Postal Administration Day and on that day, the UNPA will unveil the first twelve designs which will be used in its new stamp series on Endangered Species. This series will have its first issue at a future Mega-Event to be held in New York City in March 1993.

For additional information contact the United Nations Postal Administration, Post Office Box 5900, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10163-9992 or telephone 1-(800) 234-UNPA.

CALL FOR CONSIGNMENTS OF UNITED NATIONS AND RELATED MATERIAL

FOR INCLUSION IN 1993A UNP MINI AUCTION

Consignments are currently being accepted for the UNP Mini Auction #1993A. Lots will be accepted until January 1, 1993. The Auction lots will be listed in the February 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 January 1, 1993, 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 1992E
CLOSING DATES FOR BIDS IS DECEMBER 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.

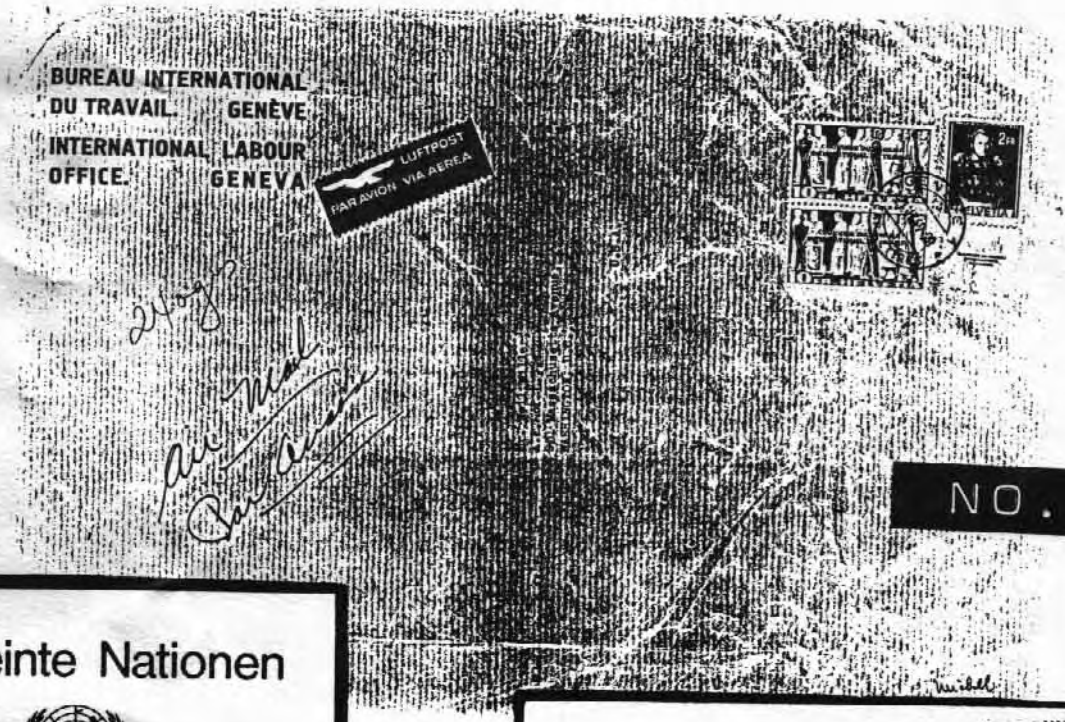
AUTHENTICITY

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 1992E LOTS

LOT 01 ILO light brown 8.5" x 12" service cover from Geneva to USA, franked w/Scott Swiss #3o82, 3o79 & 3o69 - very scarce legitimate high franking (240 grams), some wrinkling, (Gaines $445) - Min. Bid $300.00
LOT 02 UNICEF proof graphics (complete set for 1980) (Gaines Pg. 915) - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 03 UNNY #38 w/legitimate circular cancels Used - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 04 UNNY Stationery Collection (Mint & FD) (80 diff. items) - Min. Bid $16.00
LOT 05 UNNY #149 Bundesdruckerei Berlin MI10 MNH - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 06 UNNY #325-340 (1980 Flags) 2 privately issued booklets (1 mint/1 FD) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 07 UNNY #325-340 (1980 Flags) complete sheets on WFUNA Jumbo unaddr. FDCs (4) - Min. Bid $12.00
LOT 08 UNNY #399-414 (1983 Flags) singles on WFUNA Jumbo FDC (Error - only 2 blks cancelled) - Min. Bid $10.00

LOT 62 London Slogan (Walthamstow E.17) (1/15/1946) on folded cover - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 63 Swiss Official used on piece (2) Scott Swiss #3o67 (3) (1 stamp w/perf bends), 3o66 (bent perfs), 2o22A & 2o43 - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 64 NY #118 unaddr. FD Geneva Cachet - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 65 UNEF cover (2/11/59) addr. to Beirut w/UN Observation Group in Lebanon corner card - Min. Bid $60.00
LOT 66 2 UN Mission to Libya corner card (Legal Size) covers to USA, 1 registered - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 67 Small folded cover (Avis de Reception) (11/5/1947), fine cancelled Paris from "Hotel Majestic" - UNRRA closure - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 68 Cover from UN Commission of Inquiry on Mozambique cancelled Dares-Salaam, Tanzania, ripped at right - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 69 1918 (6) Armistice cancels on French postcards - Min. Bid $12.00
LOT 70 USA Special Technical & Economic Mission to Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam cancelled 1951 Saigon to Belgium - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 71 UN Forerunner cover w/Slogan V, PB 182488 dated 6/20/51 - Min. Bid $50.00
LOT 72 9 Vienna aerograms cancelled 1986 by various letter cancels - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 73 Sterographic card of the Peace Palace at The Hague, Holland, VF - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 74 UPU cover (1980) containing souvenir UPU folder - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 75 Small UNESCO C.C. cover (Paris to USA) 2/8/82 - Min. Bid $10.00



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NO. 14

NO. 17

LOT 09 UNNY #415-416, Geneva 119-120 & Vienna #37-38 (Hundertwasser Sheetlets) MNH - Min. Bid $45.00
LOT 10 Ditto on unaddr. WFUNA Jumbo FDCs (6) - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 11 1965 ICY Souvenir Folder (Gaines $60.00) - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 12 1971 British Postal Strike issue (4 covers + SS) (Cost $40) - Min. Bid $12.00
LOT 13 UNNY #17 (Decade for Women) Souvenir Cards (3) FD NY, Geneva & Vienna - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 14 Vienna #1-8 FD cancel on German Color Maxi-cards (8) - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 15 Scott Swiss (ILO) #6o1-6o8 VF MLH - Min. Bid $60.00
LOT 16 ONUC Congo 01/15/64 Irish Contigent cover to Ireland, legitimate use - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 17 CCIR (Intr. Radio Consultive Committee) Genova, Italy meeting (Gaines 1950/2) cover - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 18 1979 UPU Delegate Folder (England) lg 60pg book w/over $50 Face value in MNH - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 19 1979 UPU Delegate Folder (Portugal) MNH stamps in lg 40pg book - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 20 UNNY #12 (full sheet) MNH - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 21 UNNY #13-14 (full sheet) MNH - Min. Bid $13.00
LOT 22 UNNY #15-16 (full sheet) MNH - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 23 UNNY #17-18 (full sheet) MNH - Min. Bid $32.00
LOT 24 UNNY #19-20 (full sheet) MNH - Min. Bid $22.00
LOT 25 UNNY #23-24 (full sheet) MNH - Min. Bid $32.00
LOT 26 Signed WFUNA Graphic #1 (Luby) FD - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 27 Signed WFUNA Graphic #2 (Christian) FD - Min. Bid $36.00
LOT 28 Signed WFUNA Graphic #3 (Gross) FD - Min. Bid $100.00
LOT 29 Signed WFUNA Graphic #5 (Groat) FD - Min. Bid $22.00
LOT 30 Signed WFUNA Graphic #6 (Gailis) FD - Min. Bid $24.00
LOT 31 Signed WFUNA Graphic #7 (Wiener) FD - Min. Bid $24.00
LOT 32 Signed WFUNA Graphic #9 (Groat) FD - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 33 Signed WFUNA Graphic #11 (Cousteau) FD - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 34 Signed WFUNA Graphic #12 (Olivera) FD - Min. Bid $100.00
LOT 35 Signed WFUNA Graphic #15 (Bencsath) FD - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 36 Signed WFUNA Graphic #18 (Calder) FD - Min. Bid $110.00
LOT 37 Signed WFUNA Graphic #19 (Yamamoto) FD - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 38 Signed WFUNA Graphic #20 (Oonark) FD - Min. Bid $12.00
LOT 39 Signed WFUNA Graphic #21 (Hamann) FD - Min. Bid $24.00
LOT 40 Signed WFUNA Graphic #22 (Levy) FD - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 41 Signed WFUNA Graphic #24 (Eisenberg) FD - Min. Bid $10.00
LOT 42 Signed WFUNA Graphic #25 (Gomez) FD - Min. Bid $22.00
LOT 43 Signed WFUNA Graphic #30 (Roberto) MINT - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 44 Signed WFUNA Graphic #38 (Groat) MINT - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 45 Signed WFUNA Graphic #40 (Van Steenbergh) FD - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 46 Signed WFUNA Graphic #60 (Matiello) MINT - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 47 Signed WFUNA Graphic #62 (Hamann) MINT - Min. Bid $22.00
LOT 48 Signed WFUNA Graphic #79 (Van Epps) MINT - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 49 League of Nations Assembly photographs 2 (3x5) & 1 (6x8) - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 50 U.S. Department of State "Report of the League Commission of Inquiry into the existance of slavery and forced labor in the Republic of Liberia (1931) 227 pages, spine chipped - otherwise good cond. - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 51 1927 Letter on League Stationery (8.5x11) - Min. Bid $25.00
LOT 52 1940 Letter on League Stationery (8.5x11) in French signed by Secretary-General Avenol - Min. Bid $75.00
LOT 53 9 telegrams (1946-1960) from U.N. Employee to U.N. London, Paris & New York - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 54 UNEF (1958-1959) 4 covers from Beirut - Min. Bid $60.00
LOT 55 1926/27/30 (3) Letters of Employment to stenographer in Geneva on League Stationery - Min. Bid $30.00
LOT 56 Small 1946 cover (U.N. Info Office in London to U.N. at Hunter College) w/UN receiving cancel. Cover has file holes - Min. Bid $20.00
LOT 57 UNICEF (Legal Size) cover addr. to UNRRA w/PB meter 108314 "U.N. Give One Day Appeal for Children" dated 10/21/46. Cover has file holes - Min. Bid $150.00
LOT 58 Lake Success corner card (Legal Size) on window envelope w/PB126118 meter dated 8/24/49 w/Egyption backstamp. Cover has file holes - Min. Bid $40.00
LOT 59 Small Geneva cover to USA via S.S. Majestic w/Disarment Cancel dated after conference. VF - Min. Bid $50.00
LOT 60 UN forces (FPO 136) cover w/U.K. franking to Fiji from Sinai (BFPO 650) - Min. Bid $15.00
LOT 61 4 Large partial periodical wrappers w/League imprint all addr. to USA franked w/Scott Swiss #2o2, 2o22A, 2o26, 2o30 & 2o33 - Min. Bid $40.00