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Front cover: 1996 UN Minisheets featuring endangered flora. **Rear cover**: First day cancels for the 1996 endangered species series.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Second Call for CAPEX '96

Have you made your travel plans for Toronto for CAPEX '96 yet? It has been nine years since CAPEX '87 the last major international stamp show was held in Canada. I have gathered quite enthusiastic impressions from philatelic acquaintances here in Southern California about the last show. This year's show promises to be at least as good.

Our President Alex Bereson has already reserved a meeting room for the UNP annual meeting at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the venue of CAPEX '96. It will begin at 9AM on Sunday June 9th, the second day of the show. I am in the process of organizing a two-hour workshop, similar in spirit to the round-table session that the American Helvetia Philatelic Society organized at ARIPEX '96. (See my column in the February issue of the ***Journal***.) There will be numerous short fifteen-minute presentations. Tony Dewey has promised to talk about the 1½¢ precancel. Alex Bereson will discuss UNRRA. Yours truly intends to show some material from the pre-1951 forerunner period.

But there is still time for you to prepare your own material to "show and tell". We plan to have available an overhead projector for use with 8½" × 11" transparencies, which are easily made with most photocopiers. There is no better way of fostering fellowship in our organization than by making a short presentation to share with fellow UN-specialists or of making new contacts.

I plan to print up a preliminary program by May 1st to include in the June issue of the ***Journal*** before members leave for CAPEX. As soon as you decide upon a topic, please let me know so that I can include your contribution on the agenda. However, I am sure that we will be able to accommodate last-minute contributions even if we have to move out onto the street.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Election time is here again! The ballot is on the back wrapper of the ***Journal***. Please vote and send it to the election chairperson, Nancy Morrow, as indicated on the ballot. The final day for receipt of ballots is June 1st.

As I previously indicated, I am not running for another term as President. Thus I will automatically become a member of the board as "Past-President". The Secretary did not receive any ballot petitions so the "official slate" from the nominations committee runs unopposed.

I am pleased to announce that I have finagled a prime meeting time for Pacific '97, the world philatelic exhibition to be held in San Francisco May 29th through June 8th next year. Our club meeting is set for the second day of the show, May 30th at noon. (It pays to plan early.) I think that current and future officers will agree that after this show, a club meeting in New York City or Chicago will be long overdue. (Editor's Note: Suggestions and/or proposals for future UNP annual meetings are eagerly sought by the officers and members of the board.)

MESSAGE FROM THE AUCTION CHAIRMAN

The highlights of the 1996C Auction include a nice collection of seldom seen Swiss officials on PTT sheets, the largest group of UN military covers we have ever offered and a nice group of souvenir cards and folders at very attractive starting prices. Please note that the closing date of this auction is a little earlier than usual May 1, 1996. So please send your bids early!

UNITED NATIONS ENDANGERED SPECIES STAMP SERIES

From a UNPA Press Release

On March 14th of this year the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of twelve stamps depicting endangered species of flora. This fourth set in the UNPA's multi-year series on endangered species is the first not to depict fauna. The purpose of these stamps is to publicize the work of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which was signed in Washington, D.C. on March 3, 1971. As of January 1995 the convention had a membership of 124 nations. The Government of Switzerland serves as the depository of the Convention.

The aim of the Convention is to make sure that international trade does not threaten the survival of species of wild animals and plants in recognition of the fact that unrestricted exploitation is the second major threat to the survival of some species, the first being the destruction of their habitat. For this purpose, species of wild animals and plants are listed in three appendices to the Convention, i.e. appendix I - International trade prohibited, except under exceptional circumstances; appendix II - international trade controlled; and appendix III - international trade restricted from certain countries.

The 1996 Endangered Species

Carnegiea gigantea: The saguaro cactus, which is included in appendix II, is a giant columnar cactus reaching over 40 feet up into the sky. It is found in the semi-deserts along the borders of Arizona and California with Sonora, Mexico. These enormous candelabra-like cacti not only give a unique character to the landscape, but also serve as nesting places for several bird species.

Masdevallia veitchiana: This is a kind of orchid which grows on small tree branches and has relatively large, brilliantly colored flowers. Most of these appendix II plants in trade are collected from the wild.

Cephalotus follicularis: The West Australian pitcher plant is a carnivorous plant with leaves adapted to catch insects with its nectar. This appendix II plant has a gentle appearance with its softly haired pitchers arranged in a rosette, resting on the mosses that form in a peat-bog.

Paphiopedilum delenatii: The appendix I slipper orchids owe their popularity to their exotic looks and to the fact that they produce large flowers on small plants.

Darlingtonia Californica: The cobra lily is a carnivorous "pitcher" plant found on the Pacific coast from Oregon to northern California. Its forked tongue and hood of this appendix II plant is a perfect imitation of a yellow-green cobra.

Pachypodium baronii: The plant known locally in Madagascar as Vontaka grows on rocky surfaces. Because of its spectacular red flowers this appendix I plant is in high demand by collectors.

Sternbergia lutea: This bulbous plant is a garden favorite. Turkey has the greatest diversity of species and exports this appendix II plant for the horticultural trade.

Cypripedium calceolus: The spectacular lady's slipper orchid is included in appendix II. Most of the plants for sale are taken from the wild and has been collected almost to extinction in some parts of its range.

Encephalartos horridus: This cone-bearing plant resembles palms but is unrelated to them. This appendix I plant are sought by landscapers and collectors. They are fully protected in South Africa. Heavy penalties, including prison sentences, have been levied on illegal traders.

Aztekium ritteri: This appendix I cactus has a depressed globular shape and nine to eleven ribs.

Euphorbia cremersii: This small succulent geophyte is popular with collectors in Europe, Japan and the US. Uncontrolled trade resulting in great reduction to complete destruction of its population has led to its inclusion in appendix I.

Dracula bella: The fanciful name "little dragon" is an allusion to the fancied resemblance of the somewhat grotesque flowers of most of this appendix II species.

MILITARY MAIL CORNER

By J.-L. Emmenegger

UNSCOM

The United Nations Special Commission for Iraq (UNSCOM) was created soon after the Gulf War ended. Its principal work is to inspect all chemical and nuclear plants and research centers. This observation mission, conducted sometimes under very difficult political pressure from the Iraqi Government is to prevent any new research, development or production work relating to either chemical or atomic weapons.

To conduct this mission, UNSCOM has an administrative staff, groups of atomic, biological and chemical specialists from different countries, UN-military observers from fourteen nations and a helicopter unit from Germany.

Base headquarters were established in Manama, Bahrain. From there, UN-planes provide liaison with Bagdad's UNSCOM office, which was first established in a hotel. Figure 1 shows a couple different administrative cachets from Bagdad. In 1995 a building was specially built in Bagdad for UNSCOM and a team of Swiss specialists was sent to Bagdad to verify the adequacy of the building. A special UNSCOM-office was also established at UN-Headquarters in New York.

Figure 1: Two UNSCOM administrative cachets differing from those seen on the covers below.

The UNSCOM civil and military personnel mainly use the UN-Pouch Mail System. From Bahrain the mail goes to UN-New York (Figure 2). They can also send their mail via the Manama, Bahrain post office (Figure 3). It is more difficult to find or to

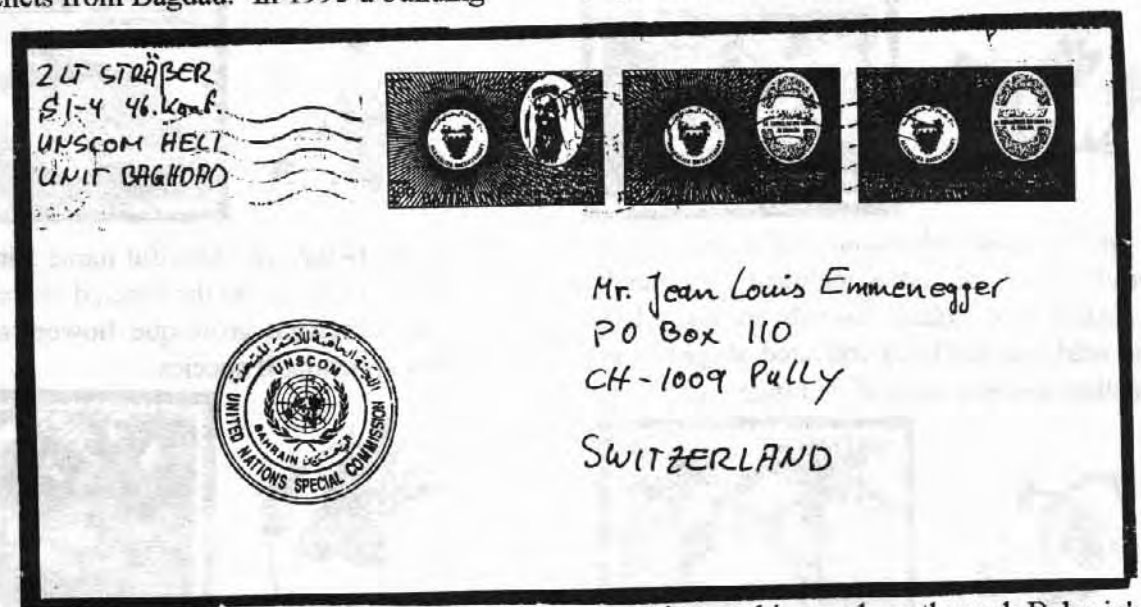

Figure 3: A German 2nd Lieutenant of the Helicopter Unit sent this envelope through Bahrain's Post office. The cachet reads UNSCOM-Bahrain.

get mail sent from any Bagdad, Iraq post office (Figure 4). Presumably UNSCOM is still continuing its work.

UNPROFOR ends its Mandate

With the creation of IFOR (Implementation Force), the NATO-multinational force to supervise the cease-fire based on the Dayton Peace Accord, the UNPROFOR (United Nations Protection Force) mandate in Bosnia-Herzegovina came to an end to an end on January 31, 1996 as decided by the UN Security Council. UNCRO (United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia) completed its work in Croatia on January 15, 1996. Many contingents have already left Croatia. The UNPROFOR mandate in Macedonia should continue for six more months.

Figure 2: Cover sent by a civilian UNSCOM-employee via UN-Pouch mail. At the time the UNSCOM office in Bagdad was in the Canal Hotel.

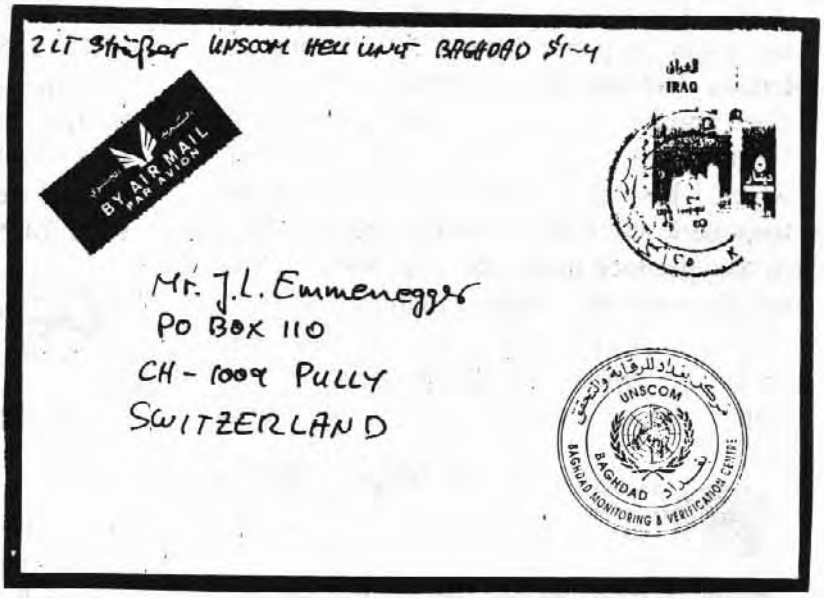

Figure 4: Cover sent via Iraqi mails by a 2nd Lieutenant of the German Helicopter Unit based in Bagdad. Note the "Bagdad Monitoring and Verification Centre" cachet.

UNITED NATIONS DAY - CANAL ZONE

By Jack I. Mayer

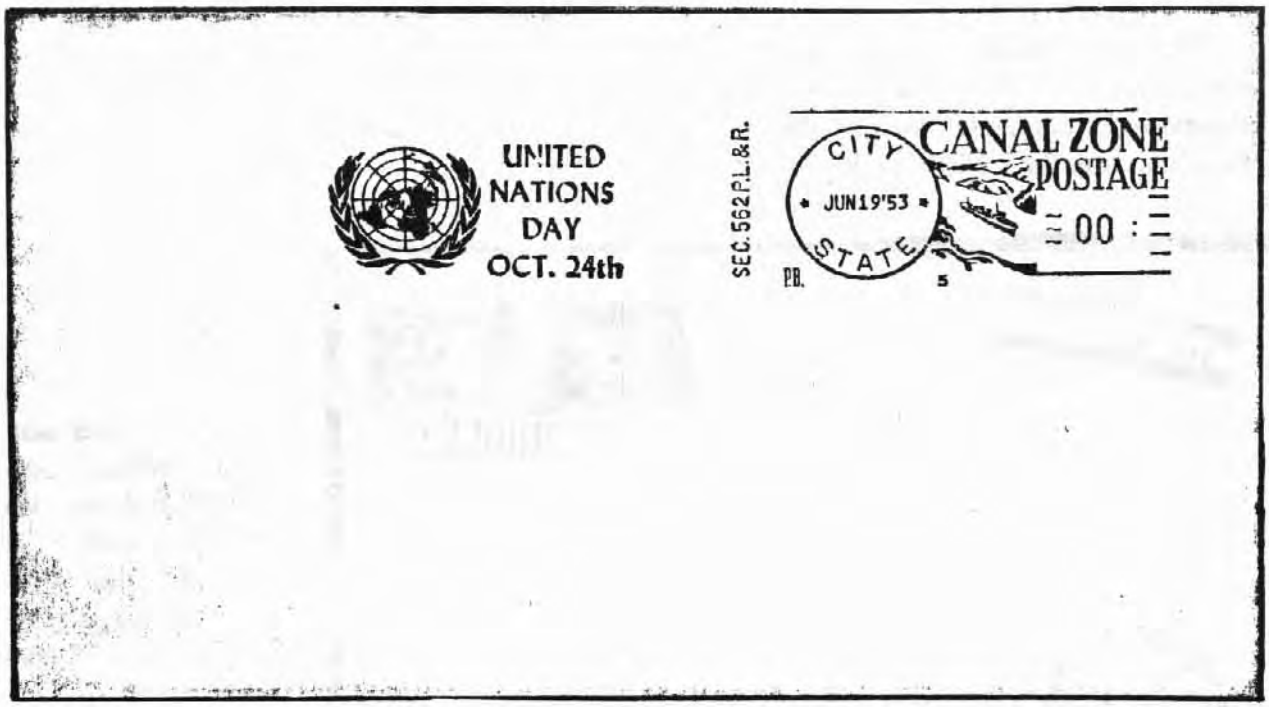

Figure 1: Pitney-Bowes Specimen Imprint for the Canal Zone with a United Nations Slogan.

The above cover (Figure 1) was recently discovered in an east coast dealer's accumulation. The United Nations slogan elicited an immediate response from UN-collecting interests. But why does it appear with a Canal Zone imprint? Being a specialist in this field, I was asked for an opinion on the cover, which I have now acquired. Note that the townmark and indicia imprints are indicative of the specimen items that were made by Pitney-Bowes at their plant at Stamford, CT.

The imprint below (Figure 2) was made as a sales suggestion for commercial users of meters during the early years of the United Nations, when there was much support and publicity for that organization. Three such SPECIMEN covers are known with the dates SEP 15 '50, SEP 23 '50 and SEP 28 '50 all with the value .03. Figure 3 shows a cancel bearing this slogan (value .00) next to the indicia selected for United Nations meters, which were first introduced officially on OCT 24 '51. Pitney-Bowes had suggested to

Figure 2: Same slogan with sample indicia.

Figure 3: Rejected UN meter imprint.

the UN that they use this slogan in their meter imprints for the first day of use. Because this slogan had already been used commercially during October 1950 by the Rike-

Kumler Co. (Dayton), (Figure 4), Bloomingdale Bros. (New York) and SKF Industries, Inc. (Philadelphia), the United Nations did not feel it would be appropriate for their use and asked that a special design be created. Pitney-Bowes agreed just a few days prior to the first day (Figure 5).

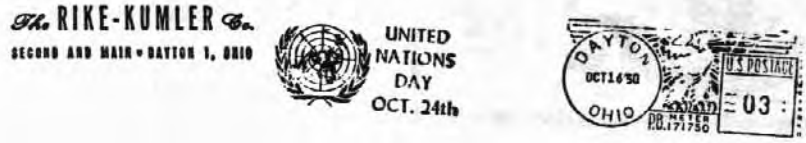

Figure: 4 Commercial use of UN slogan.

FIRST DAY
United Nations
METER STAMP

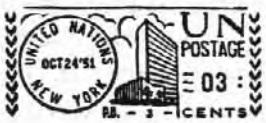

Figure 5: Accepted meter imprint.

So why do we see such a slogan on the Canal Zone PB 5 cover? The answer is not obvious but a knowledge of how these things come about can bring us to a very logical conclusion.

First, Canal Zone postmasters were not authorized to accept metered mail of any class until August 6, 1953. The imprint in Figure 1 with PB 5 was dated JUN 19 '53. This earliest known use of this machine was by the Headquarters Caribbean Command, Quarry Heights, CZ on MAR 20 '56. It was withdrawn from use on FEB 04 '64. The townmark read Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. This imprint never included a slogan nor was this UN-related slogan ever used on a Canal Zone meter. For whatever reason, the slogan pulled from the shelf at the Pitney-Bowes plant happened to be the UN DAY slogan. It could have been any other. The purpose was to merely allow new customers to view what a slogan might look like along side their own meter. This particular meter machine was finally put into actual service in 1956 but was undoubtedly used as a sales tool prior to that, Hence the early 1953 date.

It was reported in the third quarter issue of 1975 of the ***Canal Zone Philatelist*** that meters numbered 1 to 91 had been produced but several were never assigned. Of those used, only ten are known using a slogan. Thanks to earlier researchers we have been able to develop the above information with known United Nations meter history.

NEW INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPON FORMAT

Jack Mayer reports receiving the interesting international reply coupon pictured on the right. It was bought at the headquarters of the FAO in Rome on November 20, 1995 (not yet reported in Gaines) and has a new format number CN 01 (formerly C 22). In the lower left corner is the notation 4 95, presumably the date of printing. The last format listed in Gaines is C22, which is known to have been used in New York until July 7, 1995 (Gaines Type NY 18).

THE NET TRAVELER (Formerly Greg's Corner)

By Greg Galletti

It has been many years since I picked up my philatelic pen to write anything other than auction lot descriptions. I find that I enjoy the mix of commentary in ***The Journal*** but I feel that it is time to add something a little different to the wonderful postal history and in-depth studies of printings that have graced these pages. Rather than study and report on the stamps or covers themselves, I think our readers would enjoy hearing about the explosion of the information superhighway commonly known as the INTERNET or NET for short, including the ever increasingly popular World Wide Web (WWW). As one who spends quite a bit of time on the computer, I have found an exciting facet of our hobby, namely searching for and retrieving useful information about the United Nations and its organizations via the computer. Through this column I would like to share my experiences and help provide some useful tidbits on what is available and how you can access it for yourself.

An Introduction to the NET

First, I would like to discuss some basics regarding the NET and specifically the WWW. As many of you already know, the WWW was the brainchild of physicists and scientists, primarily those of the European particle physics establishment located at CERN (the European Centre for Nuclear Research in Geneva), as a means of sharing information on their studies with other researchers worldwide. (Hence the name WWW.) The notion was to create a simple protocol language (HTLM) that could be used to create "pages" of information which could be placed on a local computer (a server) and accessed by any number of other computers worldwide, provided these other computers or actually the computer users knew the location of the information they desired and the address of this information, which are generally of the form "http://www.XXX.XXX". The key to the utility of such a scheme was the ability to "link" these pages of information based on some common theme (i.e., the nature of the subject, keywords, names, etc.). This linking feature provided a powerful mechanism for networking the various pages residing in these computers (servers) all over the world and provided a means to build upon past efforts at searching for and retrieving useful information. The system was so successful that its value quickly spread beyond the realm of scientific research to encompass almost every facet of modern living from advertising to zymurgy and, yes, even to philately.

Access to the NET

How do you get access to this NET? You must have a computer with a modem (preferably 9600 baud or greater although 2400 baud is still usable) and a phone line, some form of communications software installed on your computer (e.g. Netscape, Mosaic, ProComm, etc.) and an account with some form of provider (e.g. America On Line (commonly known as AOL), Prodigy, Compuserve, Genie, etc.) or direct access to a server via business or educational institutions. Typically these providers charge a basic fee ranging from $10 to $20 per month which usually includes several hours of access time. Depending on your needs, some of these providers offer packages which offer additional features at a saving. The provider industry is quite competitive. Be sure to shop around to see what is available. You should check that the prospective provider has an access telephone number within your local dialing region. You do not want to pay for a long distance call each time you access the NET!

Browsing the NET

Once you have established a connection through your provider, the world is at your fingertips. All you need to do is to enter a known address for a specific web page in which you are interested or perform a search for all known pages on a given topic or which contain certain key words or phrases of interest (e.g. United Nations, philately, etc.). There are several utilities built into these software packages which enable you to perform these searches. Most are quite easy to master. Once you have found a web page which looks interesting, you can record its location (its "http:....address") for future retrieval through the communications software. This is a very handy feature as some of these addresses get to be quite lengthy. You will also note that some words or phrases on the page you are viewing are highlighted in some manner such as different color text, underling, or bolding. If you move your cursor over these highlighted areas and perform an <enter> keypress, you will be magically transferred to a new web page somewhere out in cyberspace! You have now experienced the web in all its glory. Information, endless trails of information. Now you have to learn to tame the beast somewhat for there is literally so much information available that you can spend hours browsing or "surfing" as it is called and never find exactly what you are looking for.

Philately on the NET

Where do I go for philately? Your first stop on the web should definitely be at Joe Luft's homepage (**http://www.execpc.com/~joeluft/resource.html**). I don't know Joe but I am sure happy that he's out there! Joe has the most comprehensive philatelic page on the web, chock full of links to philatelic museums, postal administrations worldwide (you can see what the Swiss PTT is up to!), philatelic organizations (such as the APS), philatelic press (such as Linns), stamp collector homepages and even marketplace. There are a number of dealers and auction houses providing on-line sales catalogs and specials for purchase. It is like going to an ASDA show and never leaving your chair. Well, not quite, but someday it may be pretty close. I am planning on developing my own homepage for World Forum Philatelist sometime in the near future. Keep an eye out for it.

Previews of Coming Attractions

If you have an opportunity to visit Joe's page, I know that it will keep you busy until the next episode of this column. Next time we will visit the UN, take a tour of some of the beautiful artwork which adorns the UN buildings and learn how to download these beautiful images to our own computers. Until then have fun "surfin' the NET".

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SWISS PTT ANNOUNCES NEW TARIFFS

Thanks to Chuck LaBlond, my contact at the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, I have the new postal tariffs recently announced by the Swiss PTT. For those who anticipate preparing their own covers with UN Geneva franking, the following rates now apply:

Airmail (A-priority) rate for 20g-letters to Europe and Mediterranean countries is now Sf 1,10. To all other countries the rate is Sf 1,80. Letters up to 50g cost Sf 1,80 (Europe). Otherwise they cost Sf 3,00.

Surface (Economy) rate for letters of less than 20g to Europe and Mediterranean countries is now Sf 0,90. To all other countries the rate is Sf 1,10. For an extra Sf 0,30 one can mail an extra 30g anywhere.

PHILATELICALLY YOURS FROM VIENNA

By Richard Powers

One of the "perks" of being editor is that I am kept well-informed about the special philatelic cancellations and "maximum cards", which are available only from the UNPA in Vienna. Late in 1994 I sent a check for $20 to the UNPA in Vienna and asked that they send me on a regular basis all items not available from the UNPA in New York. Vienna refers to these as "Sonderstempel" (special cancellations).

Early in January of this year I received a shipment of such items which had been issued from November 1994 until September 1995. Some but not all of these have just appeared in Gaines Catalog beginning on page 848.9. Below is a summary of these items.

On November 25, 1994 UNPA-Vienna established a special post office in the Vienna City Hall in connection with a special three-day program honoring the International Year of the Family and Protection for Refugees. During these three days the UNPA used a special commemorative cancel incorporating the logos of these two UN projects superimposed on a sketch of the City Hall. On the first day of the program the UNPA cancelled the S 8 stamp of the International Year of the Family commemorative (Scott UNV #167) on the Geneva cachet prepared for this issue (Figure 1). Two days later the S 12 Protection for Refugees commemorative (UNV #161) was cancelled (Figure 2).

On the feast of St. Nicholas (December 6, 1994) the UNPA arranged for the first reindeer sleigh to carry UN mail from Vienna's Schönbrun Zoo to the UNPA office. (At least part of the way!) The UNPA prepared special envelopes (Figure 3) with a reindeer cachet and cancel on a gray-wolf endangered species stamp (UNV #146).

Figure 1: Vienna City Hall cover honoring the International Year of the Family - 1994.

Figure 2: Vienna City Hall cover featuring the theme "Protection for Refugees".

Figure 3: Reindeer Mail in Schönbrun Zoo.

Figure 4: Primate maximum card from the Cologne Zoo.

Presumably this is a continuation of the elephant mail card series (Gaines 1993/M-3 and 1994/M-4) issued at the same zoo.

On May 5, 1995 a card was issued in association with the Cologne Zoo. The endangered species theme continues via the use of an ape photo (Douc Langur) and the corresponding stamp (UNV #182). Primates also figure in the cancel (Figure 4).

UNPA was invited to Vienna's Kunst Haus (Art Museum) on May 19, 1995. They came bearing specially cancelled covers (Figure 5) with the Social Summit stamp (UNV #179) on its Geneva cachet..

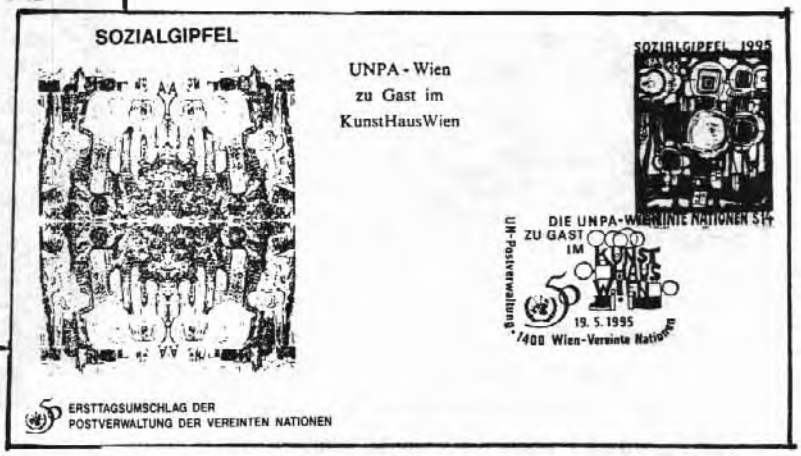

Figure 5: Special Kunst Haus cover.

Last year Gmunden, Austria hosted the Trilateral Stamp Show (Germany, Switzerland and Austria). The UNPA prepared special covers (Figure 6) using the Geneva cachet for the UN 50th Anniversary and a special cancel on May 25, 1995 on the first 50th Anniversary stamp (UNV #178).

Figure 6: Cover honoring the Gmunden Trilateral Show.

Another maximum card (Figure 7) in the endangered species series was issued in conjunction with the Duisburg (Germany) Zoo. The cachet shows porpoises, which also grace the June 1, 1995 special cancellation, which ties the endangered species stamp (UNV #180) portraying a black rhinoceros to the card.

On World Environment Day (June 6, 1995), the UNPA released its S 7 envelope (UNV #U2) with a special cancellation and a

Figure 7: Duisburg Zoo Porpoise Maximum Card.

Figure 8: World Environment Day cover.

special legend "World Environment Day 1995" imprinted above the "Protect the Environment" cachet (Figure 8).

On June 30, 1995 the UNPA used a team of dappled "Norik" horses to transport the mail in Vienna. The maximum card bears the endangered species stamp featuring a white onyx UNV #183 (Figure 9).

Figure 9: Horse-team Mail in Vienna.

On July 1, 1995 a second monkey maximum card (Figure 10) was issued in conjunction with the Schönbrun Zoo bearing a small ape endangered species stamp (UNV #182).

My last special cover was cancelled on the opening day of the 39th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) September 18, 1995. The UNPA prepared a special envelope featuring the Conference venue at the Austria Center in Vienna. The stamp is the S 7 50th Anniversary commemorative issued in June 1995 (UNV #186).

Figure 10: Schönbrun Zoo Primate Card.

In principle it is possible to order these items at the UNPA in Vienna one by one in advance of the day of cancellation. However, it is simpler to open a small subscriber account requesting only the "Sonderstempel" not available at the UNPA in New York. Apparently the UNPA in Vienna has no trouble cashing checks drawn on US banks. I would recommend sending a check for about US$25 in order to obtain about a year's worth of these special covers. The address is:

United Nations Postal Administration
Postfach 900
A-1400 Wien Vereinte Nationen Austria.

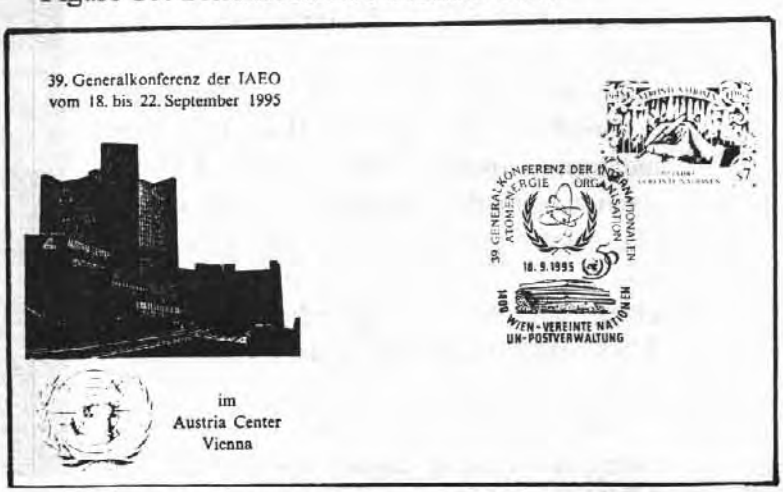

Figure 11: 39th IAEA General Conference cover.

PAUL KRAVITZ REMEMBERED

By Arleigh Gaines

Paul Kravitz, who passed away on October 19, 1995, was active in UN philately for more than twenty years. In the 1960's and early 1970's Paul's exhibits of the 1½¢-precancel and forerunners garnered awards at a time when UN material was considered "modern" and not fit for serious philatelists.

Paul was active in forming - and, at times, almost singlehandedly keeping afloat with generous contributions of time and money - UN collectors' groups in the New York City area. As long-time President of the Turtle Bay Philatelic Society (TBPS), Paul badgered organizers of major shows like INTERPEX into committing more and more frames for specialized UN exhibits. He then supported these events as exhibits chairman, exhibitor and, on occasion, judge. He was an officer of the old United Nations Study Unit and active in the formation of UNP (Life Member #0002), serving as Vice President.

Paul developed a large network of collector and dealer friends and was always buying and selling material. He made a number of discoveries in UN and Canal Zone philately: missing color errors, printers' material, postal history and simply hard-to-find covers. From time to time he ran mail auctions which were a very popular source of UN specialty items.

Paul taught many years in the New York City Public Schools, including at the prestigious Bronx High School of Science. He once told me that what he most enjoyed about teaching was getting up in front of students and getting them excited about a subject. This was even more important than whatever facts they might learn at the time, because the "excitement" could trigger a life-long interest.

Paul was the same with stamps. He got many collectors excited about what interested him. UN philately has lost an old friend.

By Greg Galletti

This past fall UNP lost a dear friend and founding member, Paul Kravitz to cancer. Paul was the club's first vice-president, a term he held from 1977-1980. During his tenure Paul was instrumental in developing and promoting UN philately through "UN Theme" exhibitions in conjunction with INTERPEX in New York City. Paul received the coveted UNP President's Plate for his devoted efforts in coordinating these exhibitions.

Paul was best known for his pioneering research in UN postal history. His exhibits and early articles for ***The Journal***, A Pilgrimage: San Francisco to Turtle Bay and The UN 1½¢ Precancel Issue are fine examples of philatelic research which to this day provides the foundation of our current knowledge on these topics. As President of the TBPS (former UNP chapter based in New York City) Paul established the club's magazine ***TBPS Inner Circle***, and was instrumental in establishing the TBPS courtship of the United Nations Philatelic Society. The liaison led to the wonderful "UN Happenings" at UN Headquarters which many of us recall so fondly.

In the early 1980's Paul founded the Courier Trading Co. Ltd, a UN auction house. For several years Courier sales were a highlight for collectors as Paul always seems to unearth UN "gems" of interest to many collectors.

On a personal level Paul was responsible for getting me involved in UN philately at the club level. As a 12 year old attending the old LISDA shows on Long Island, I met Paul who suggested that I join the TBPS. Our friendship grew over the years. Although Paul was quite busy with club matters he always found time to teach me about UN stamps and exhibiting material.

Paul's accomplishments in the field of UN philately are matched by few. His untimely passing is certainly a loss to UN philately and to many of us personally. He shall be missed.

Those interested in honoring Paul's memory are requested to make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

1996 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(Subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)

February 2 — **50th Anniversary of WFUNA**

32¢, F.s. 0.80, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
Souvenir card.

Definitives

32¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.40, F.s. 0.70, S 1, S 10 stamps.
(Sheets of 50 stamps.)

March 14 — **Endangered Species**

32¢, F.s. 0.80, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 16 stamps.)
Set of 3 maximum cards.
1996 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder.

June 3 — **City Summit (Habitat II)**

32¢, F.s. 0.70, S 6 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
Conference philatelic souvenir pack.

July 19 — **Sport and the Environment**

32¢, 50¢, F.s. 0.70, F.s. 1.10, S 6, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
Set of 3 souvenir sheets.
Set of 6 maximum cards.

September 27 — **50th Anniversary UNICEF**

32¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.70, F.s. 1.80, S 5.50, S 8 stamps.
(Sheets of 8 stamps.)
Souvenir card.

October 25 — **A Plea for Peace**

32¢, 60¢, F.s. 0.90, F.s. 1.10, S 7, S 10 stamps.
(Sheets of 25 stamps.)
1996 Collection of United Nations stamps.

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31		32		33		34		35	
36		37		38		39		40	
41	21	42		43	13	44	16	45	36
46	11	47		48	11	49	14	50	
51		52	13	53	16	54		55	8
56		57	7	58	5	59		60	
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136		137	80						

SCARCE UN 50TH ANNIVERSARY FIRST DAY COVERS ON THE **SMALL** SIZE OFFICIAL UNPA CACHET

(FORMERLY CALLED "OFFICIAL GENEVA CACHET")

The October 24, 1995 issue of Prestige Booklets and sheetlets of 12 have one major difference: the booklet panes have no inscriptions in most tabs. The size of the sheetlet and booklet tabs also are slightly different. I can't imagine why UNPA only offered the sheetlets as two half sheets. This makes no sense. UNPA also did not offer customer accounts singles or combos on the small UN50 cachet, or booklet pane FDC. Beats me!

This became an opportunity for me to make SMALL cachet FDCs from both the sheets and prestige booklets as singles, combos, MI4s and booklet panes. **Of course I made them with the tabs so one could be sure if they were sheetlet or booklet pane FDC.**

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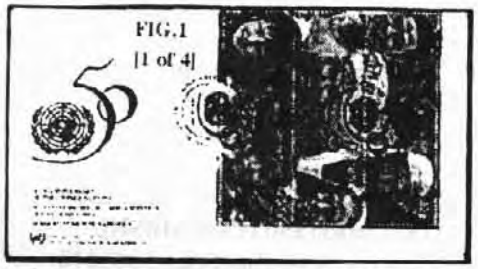

Regular small official Geneva cachet. BOOKLET PANE OF 3 STAMPS DETACHED FROM THE PANE'S COLOR PICTURE. Four FDCs make a complete set from each booklet.

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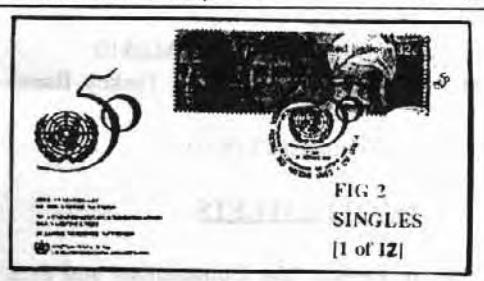
2) Geneva set of four booklet pane FDC 28.50
3) Vienna set of four booklet pane FDC ..... 29.



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4) NY set of 12 single FDC from sheetlet with tabs ..... 25.
5) NY set of 12 single FDC from booklet with tabs ..... 25.
6) Geneva set of 12 single FDC from sheetlet with tabs ..... 29.25.
7) Geneva set of 12 single FDC from booklet with tabs ..... 34.
8) Vienna set of 12 single FDC from sheetlet with tabs ..... 31.25.
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13) Geneva set of 4 combo FDC from booklet with tabs ..... 23.
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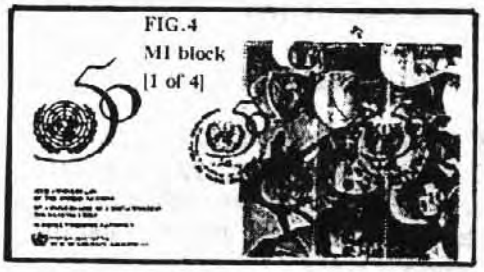

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16) NY set of 4 MI3 FDC from sheetlet 22.75
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UC1	1.25	.95	U9 or U9A 1.55	4.50
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13 #244, 247-8, 253-4, 257-60, 265-8, 270-6, 278, 286-9, 296-301, 303, 305X, 311-3, 318-20, 322-5, 328, 331, 334, 336-7, 339, 341-2 (52) Gaines $70+ MB$20
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ITU COVERS

16 FD Geneva 6/28/48 Gaines 1948/4 "Geneva office temporaire" cancel (used 5 days) on vf ua post card MB$8
17 FD cover Geneva 1/27/64 "Geneva office temporaire" cancel (used 5 days) vf MB$6
18 ITU #1012 5/3/62 ITU cc addr cover to Geneva inaugural bldg cancel unlisted in Gaines includes original enclosure - official invitation to ITU bldg. dedication MB$12 **PHOTO**
19 official air cover from Beograd, Yugoslavia with Radiocommunications cc to ITU Palais des Nations, Geneva 6/21/65 w/Nations Unies backstamp vf MB$10 **PHOTO**
20 Conference cover Gaines 1949/2 Paris 6/28/49 addr to Marseilles, vf MB$15
21 CEIF Technical Commission 5/12/49 last day Scheveningen cancel vf addr to Geneva MB$8
22 ITU service cover 6/28/68 franked by Swiss stamps to ICAO, Montreal, ITU cc, f/vf MB$ 5

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23 UNEF (7) Polish & Canadian MB$10
24 UNTAC (4) Canada, France, Poland MB$10
25 Mail Bag Tags (22) nearly all Canadian forces, mixed operations MB$10
26 Covers addressed addr to UN Forces (10) MB$10
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28 UNAMIR (7) Canada, USA, France MB$10
29 UNMIH (7) USA, Canada MB$10
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34 Southern Watch (Iran Blockade) (6) US Navy MB$10
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39 3" x 5" card in French "the Communists and their anglo-american allies at work: The millstones burn! Each handful of wheat which burns is a piece of bread less for the French" vf MB$10
40 4" x 6" leaflet (both sides) in German Feldpost "VierTage: 16000 Gefangene" includes wartime map of Germany vf MB$15
41 5" x 9" leaflet (4 pages) in German "Nachrichten fur die Truppe - 19. Armee ist im Ruckzug" with maps and photos vf MB$20

SOUVENIR FOLDERS (stamps vf MNH)

42 NY 1961, 65, 66 (3) ret$16 MB$7
43 NY 1967-70 (4) ret$13 MB$7
44 1967 Expo souvenir folders (3) inc. FD cancelled, roller cancelled, folder used w/various Expo cancels MB$10
45 NY 1972-82 (11) ret$47 MB$22
46 NY1982, 83, 1980 flags (3) ret$16 MB$7
47 Geneva 1969-1980 (2) ret$16 MB$7
48 Geneva 1971-3 (3) ret$17 MB$7
49 Geneva 1980-3 (4) ret$23 MB$11
50 Vienna 1979-82 (4) ret$15 MB$7

51 1981 set NY, Gen, Vienna ret$14 MB$7
52 1984 set NY, Gen, Vienna ret$30 MB$15
53 starter collection (20) diff souvenir folders MB$40

SOUVENIR CARDS

54 Mint #1-16 (16) ret$32 MB$14
55 Mint #18-22 (5) ret$9 MB$5
56 #17 Women's Decade set mint, FDNY, Geneva, Vienna (4) ret$32 MB$13
57 FDNY #2-8, 10-12, 15-6 (12) ret$15 MB$7
58 FDNY #18-21, 25, 27-8 (7) ret$13 MB$7
59 FDGeneva #2-13, 15-6 (14) ret$18 MB$8
60 FDGeneva #19-25, 27-8 (9) ret$18 MB$8
61 FDVienna #18-23, 26, 28 (8) ret$13 MB$6
62 starter collection souvenir cards (25) all diff. mint + FD MB$12

UPU

63 UPU delegate cover from Mohamed Sobhi (future UPU secretary general to family in Egypt) from 1957 14th UPU Congress in Ottawa, franked by Scott #371(2) + #372 paying first class rate tied by Congress cancel Gaines #C14.2. Cover bears Egyptian censor tape. Gaines$85 MB$45 **PHOTO**
64 UPU Congress issue USA 1989 Scott #2434-2437 each tied by Congress postal station FD cancel to complete set of 4 airmail Congress stationary (show pieces) MB$32
65 Oman 1989 UPU Washington, D.C. Congress deluxe delegate folder with matching slipcase contains MNH 1986-89 issues and souv. sheet plus jumbo official delegate card Scott$35+ a bargain near MB$15

MISCELLANEOUS & LATE ARRIVALS

66 NY #50 FDC vf addr on off HQ cachet Type#1 ERROR unlisted in Gaines, cachet shifted down, First Day text wraps around to rear of envelope. MB$8 **PHOTO**
67 Swiss League of Nations #2035 vf used (cto) top right corner margin single great centering, minute gum wrinkle on back MB$50 **PHOTO**
68 NY #10, 11 vf mnh MI4 LL (which printings?) MB$30
69 Geneva vf MNH unfolded sheet of 50 #21 ret$45 face$50 MB$20
70 Geneva vf MNH unfolded sheet of 50 #27 ret$45 face$50 MB$20
71 Flag FDC jumbo UNICEF 1980 #325-40 vf ua ret$18 MB$8
72 Unaccepted original artwork for UNNY #524 and Geneva #167 (Intl. Volunteer Day) by Saber Saida MB$25 **PHOTO**
73 San Francisco 1995 50th Anniv of UN materials including info booklet, vehicle pass, luncheon ticket and menu, poetry insert, Charter pamphlet and used admission ticket for Charter ceremony MB$40
74 display poster (36" x 18") for 1995 San Francisco Charter celebration, pretty multi-color artwork suitable for framing. This was so popular with the delegates that the organizers could only provide US ambassador Madeline Albright with one copy MB$30
75 (12) covers showing a variety of early UN registration, treasury and related postal markings MB$12
76 1980 flag stamps unofficial flag stamp booklet (2 sets #325-40 inside), very handsomely produced and numbered MB$8 **PHOTO**
77 WFUNA cachet #1 NY combo #154-5 ret$19 vf ua MB$10
78 A.E.F. Displaced Persons registration card unused 4"x6" used at UN camps includes medical and political info. interesting MB$5
79 Hundertwasser mini-sheets NY#415-6, Vienna #37-8 vfmnh ret$40 MB$20
80 IYC sheetlets vf mnh NY#310-1, G#84-5 MB$15
81 "Campaign 1956 Sounds of an Election Year" Yale Univ produced LP record, brand new, IKE vs. Stevenson, inc. convention, acceptance, platform, nomination, etc., speeches) MB$6
82 "Watergate - White House Horrors" LP, brand new, testimony of John Mitchell, includes Senators Inouye, Talmadge, Ervin, Baker, Weicker, etc. MB$8
83 Xmas cards (5) mixed UN military operations MB$10
84 Operation Desert Shield Collector cards complete set of 110 MB$10
85 Operation Yellow Ribbon Desert Storm trading cards + Desert Storm card puzzle MB$10
86 Vienna souvenir folders 1985, 1986, 1988 vf NO stamps MB$4
87 Geneva #1-14 complete on neatly addr air cover to USA 1971 MB$6

WFUNA DESIGNER AUTOGRAPHED FDC

(all very fine, unaddressed)

88 NY#246, G#39-40 combo Gailis MB$5
89 NY#258-9, G#48-9 combos (2) Viola Burley MB$8
90 NY#268, 270, 271 MI4 (3) Philip Brandon MB$10
91 NY#287-8 Skunder combo MB$4
92 NY#289-290 Hall Groat combo MB$4
93 NY#291-3 (3) Viola Burley MB$8
94 NY#294-5, G#74-5 Roberts combo mB$5
95 NY#314-5 combo Van Steenburgh MB$4
96 NY#316-7 Chaim Gross combo MB$4
97 NY#322-3 Ole Hamann combo MB$4

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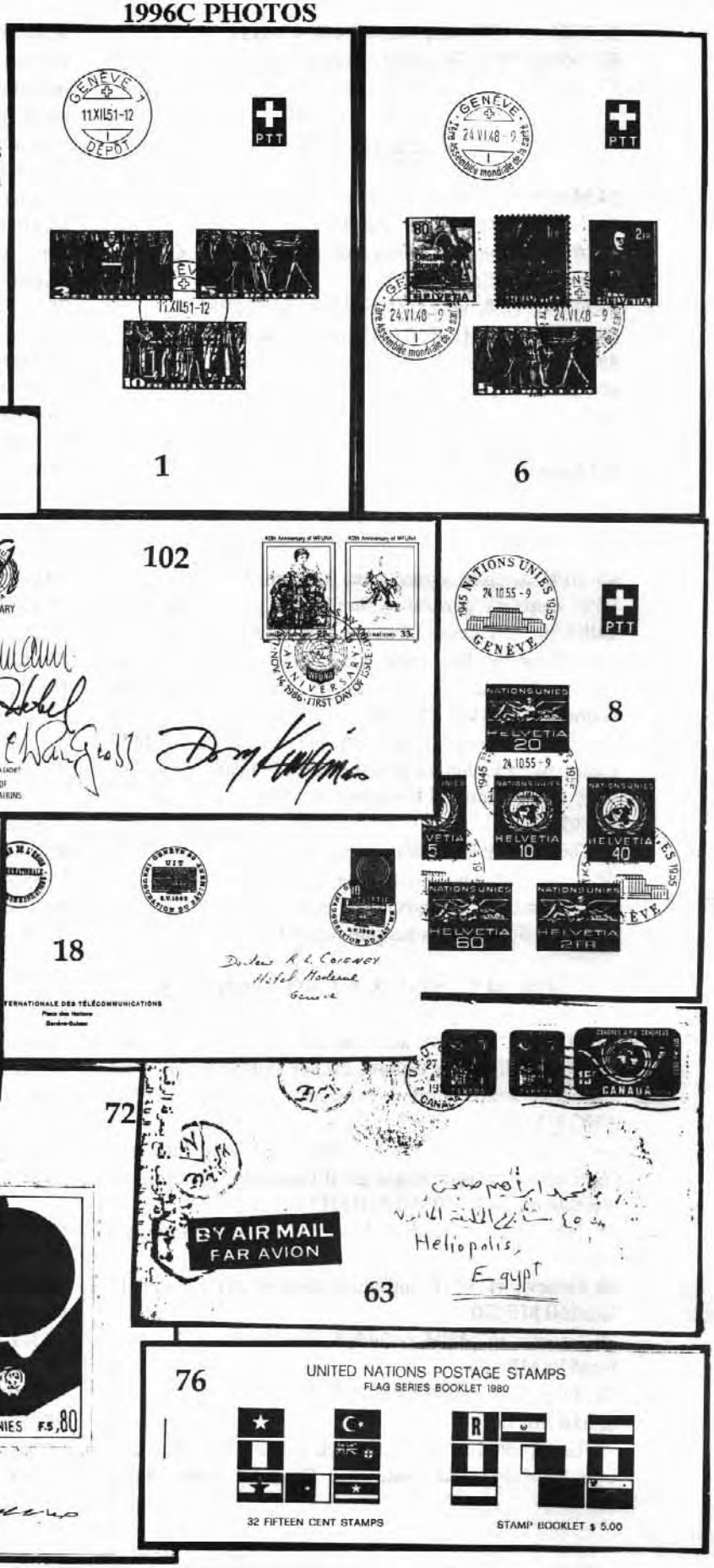
98 NY#346 pair Rocco Callari MB$5
99 NY#371 pair Ole Hamann MB$4
100 NY#392-3 combo Erni MB$5
101 NY#468 Sarre MB$4
102 NY#493a,b boldly signed by 4 stamp designers Edna Hibel, Ole Hamann, Chaim Gross, Don Kingman choice item MB$24 **PHOTO**
103 NY#C2-3 Hall Groat combo MB$4
104 Vienna #3, 5, 6 singles (3) Hall Groat MB$7
105 WFUNA Graphic #1 Viola Burley Drug Abuse, fine, print has some indentations from improper storage in binder, otherwise vf FDNY MB$12
106 MYSTERY LOT - jumbo lot of great variety worth more than MB$75



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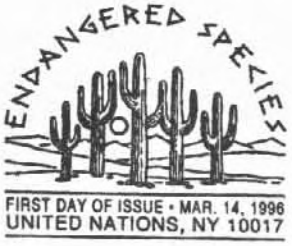
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