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Deceased Member

We regret to announce that UNP member Alfred Hartridge of St. Simons Island, Georgia has passed away.

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Front cover: Earth Summit + 5 Souvenir Sheet with PACIFIC 97 Overprint.
Rear cover: Earth Summit + 5 Se-tenant Blocks of Four and First Day Cancels.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sorry about missing you in the last issue of the ***Journal***. As you know, we are a bi-monthly journal and sometimes production deadlines supersede the best intentions of people such as your president.

My original (and post-deadline) message basically welcomed you to attend **PACIFIC 97**. By the time you receive this issue, **PACIFIC 97** will be another philatelic memory and we will all have gone back home.

If you attended the celebration, I hope that you enjoyed this magnificent west-coast rendering of what an international show should include. For those who could not make the trip, we will have follow-up articles in later issues of the ***Journal***.

Do you have personal recollections of your visit to **PACIFIC 97** and especially photos you may wish to share with the membership? If so, please send one or two to either the Editor or to me. Our addresses are listed in the masthead of the ***Journal***.

In closing, let me thank you for your continuing support and allow me to present the following challenges:

1) Sponsor a minimum of five new accepted members to UNP and you will receive a **free 1-year membership**.

2) Pay your dues prior to October 24, 1997 and receive a $2.00 discount off the annual dues. In other words, simply send your dues payment before **October 24, 1997** and it will cost only **$13.00**. Sounds like a good deal to me!

What's next?

This is up to you. What would you like to see us do to further U.N. philately?

It only takes six members to form a new chapter. Have you ever considered that?

Anyone doing any original research? What kinds of monographs would appreciate seeing published? Please contact either the Editor, any of the officers or yours truly with your valued input.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Now that 1997 dues are in, I can report on the status of the membership. As of late April 1997, UNP has 285 paid members, as follows:

Paid through 1997	203
Paid through 1998	65
Paid through 1999	8
Paid through 2000	1
Life Members	8
New members since 1/1/96	39
Deceased since 1/1/96	2
1997 non-renewals	28

The membership is widely dispersed, as the following listing by state, province or country shows:

Alabama	3	Ohio	10
Arizona	3	Oklahoma	1
Arkansas	1	Pennsylvania	19
California	36	Puerto Rico	1
Colorado	4	Rhode Island	1
Connecticut	6	South Carolina	1
District of Columbia	1	Tennessee	3
Delaware	2	Texas	10
Florida	8	Vermont	1
Georgia	3	Virginia	9
Hawaii	1	Washington	3
Illinois	17	West Virginia	1
Indiana	3	Wisconsin	7
Iowa	2	Alberta	2
Kansas	1	British Columbia	1
Louisiana	2	Manitoba	1
Maine	1	Ontario	4
Marshall Islands	1	Quebec	1
Maryland	6	Australia	1
Massachusetts	5	Austria	1
Michigan	9	France	1
Minnesota	3	Germany	3
Missouri	5	Indonesia	1
Nebraska	1	Israel	1
Nevada	1	Japan	1
New Hampshire	2	Netherlands	4
New Jersey	20	New Zealand	1
New York	42	Switzerland	1
North Carolina	2		

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The 1997 UN Stamp Program: Too much of a Good Thing?

In the most recent issues of the philatelic bulletins of the United Nations Postal Administration there are a few indications of what we will be seeing in the way of new stamps from the UNPA during the next few months. On the following page you will find the 1997 stamp program as of early May. The most recent additions to the list involves miniature sheets of eight different stamps known as the Map Series. The 20¢ denomination for the UNNY stamps suggests that they are meant for use on post cards. Presumably one will be forced to buy the whole sheet because of the special se-tenant format of eight different designs. That makes twenty-four stamps if one collects all three offices.

The UNPA has published the art work for the Transportation series, which apparently will be issued in strips of five stamps from each office in sheets of twenty. Presumably one will have to buy at least five of each because of the special se-tenant format. That makes fifteen if one collects all three offices.

Thus far this year the UNPA has issued eight new flag stamps (which must be bought in sets of four stamps from each sheet because of the special se-tenant format of the sheets), four Endangered Species stamps from each of the three UNPA offices (which must be bought in sets of four stamps because of the special se-tenant format of the sheets) and four Earth Summit stamps from each of the three UNPA offices (which must be bought in sets of four stamps because of the special se-tenant format of the sheets). Among the first five issues of stamps in 1997 only the six definitives issued in February were not printed in se-tenant format. Do you notice a trend here?

I am quite dismayed to see that the stamp program covering the first five issues of 1997 presently contains thirty-two stamps for UNNY and twenty-four stamps each for Geneva and Vienna. Undoubtedly the UNESCO issue presently planned to the be the last series of the year will have at least six stamps, which would bring the total up to eighty-six stamps plus three items of postal stationery. With a bit of effort the UNPA may even break through the hundred stamp barrier if one combines all three offices in 1997.

One notes that with the Plea for Peace issue UNNY #686-7 that the UNPA had been issuing stamps for forty-five years. A simple calculation yields an average of less than sixteen stamps per year issued (including the twenty-three airmail stamps) for use at UNNY Headquarters. With the recent spate of se-tenant issues, one could easily see forty new stamps issued for use this year at the New York Headquarters. Thus far this year not one commemorative series has had less than four stamps issued for each office. If one wants to buy any stamp from these series, one has to buy the complete series.

I, for one, am very concerned by this policy of issuing se-tenant stamps for any and all occasions. I am afraid the UNPA may be adopting the aggressive marketing techniques of the United States Postal Service as a ploy to increase the number of stamps saved by collectors. For years it has been the policy of the UNPA to issue only six series of stamps of years. But the definition of a series seems to be growing. The recently announced Map Series apparently will consist of sheets of eight different stamps for each of the three offices for use on post cards. I applaud the issuance of special stamps for use on post cards, which take advantage of the lower tariff. But how many tourists will want to buy a whole sheet of stamps just to mail one post card?

1997 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

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

February 12

Flag Series

8 × 32¢ stamps.
(2 Sheets of 16 with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4)

Definitives

8¢, 55¢, F.s. 0.10, F.s. 1.10, S 5, S 6 stamps.
(Sheets of 20 stamps.)

Postal Stationery

2 × 32¢ envelopes (6 1/2" × 3 5/8", 9 1/2" × 4 1/8")

March 13

Endangered Species

32¢, F.s. 0.80, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 16 with 4 se-tenant blocks of 4.)
Set of 3 maximum cards.

Postal Stationery

50¢ Air letter

May 30

Earth Summit + 5

32¢, F.s. 0.45, S 3.50 stamps.
(Sheets of 24 with 6 se-tenant blocks of 4)
2×$1, F.s. 1.10, S 11 souvenir sheets
Set of 3 maximum cards
1997 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder

August 29

Transportation

32¢, F.s. 0.70, S 7 stamps.
(Sheets of 20 stamps of 4 se-tenant strips of 5.)

October 14

Map Series

20¢, F.s. 0.35, S 2 stamps.
(Sheets of 8 different stamps)

November 21 **UNESCO - World Decade for Cultural Development**

Stamps to be decided.
1997 Collection of United Nations stamps.
1997 Flag Series Folder

NEW SLOGAN CANCELS

January 2 **50th Anniversary - Economic Commission for Europe 1947-1997**

It is interesting to see how the **raison d'être** for the UN to have its own postage stamps has evolved. As the champion and original sponsor of the resolution calling for the establishment of the UNPA, Mr. José Arce of Argentina took to the floor on October 8, 1948 at the 150th plenary meeting of the General Assembly. He spoke at length stressing that no item in the budget was expected to provide a profit as the UN was not a profit making organization and that on the other hand, the issuance of postage stamps would be of great benefit, making it possible to secure the widest publicity for the Organization and the principles contained within its Charter. The General Assembly subsequently approved by resolution 232(III) the idea of establishing a UNPA and invited the assistance of the Universal Postal Union in attaining this objective. It also authorized the Secretary-General to pursue the enquiries and negotiations with various governments for the issuance of special or overprinted stamps.

I am not convinced that the goal of the broadest publicity is currently being achieved. When was the last time you saw a letter from UNNY bearing a UN stamp during the last few years aside from the CTO-cancelled stamps on orders from the UNPA? It has been a long time since I have received publicity from the UNPA in New York bearing its own stamps. The International Atomic Energy Agency at UN headquarters in Vienna consistently uses bulk mailers in other countries. I suspect that the only audience being reached by this philatelic publicity consists only of stamp collectors. (And this is a bit like preaching to the already converted!)

I began collecting UN stamps in 1952 because of my interests in the United Nations as a symbol of international cooperation and in stamps. As a U.S. tax payer I am a strongly in favor of official U.S. government participation and support of the United Nations and its ideals. I am not too enthusiastic about supporting the UN with my philatelic dollars through the UNPA. In 1987 I renounced collecting U.S. stamps in light of its attempts to finance its general operations by excessive issues and varieties. There are other aspects of philately such as postal history which are relatively immune to exploitation by those who market new issues. One of the most promising fields of UN Philately may turn out to be commercially used UN stamps particularly those issues from the last few years. Based on the relatively few commercially used (without CTO cancels) UN stamps that I encounter, I anticipate that these stamps may one day be as rare as some of the classic League of Nations stamps!

The most recent UNPA issue honoring the Earth Summit + 5 includes some firsts. It will be the first time that the UNPA has issued one of its own stamps specially overprinted for use at a philatelic exhibition. According to UNPA press releases, these overprinted PACIFIC 97 souvenir sheets could be cancelled only with the San Francisco first day cancel. This would be another first: a UNPA issue in US$ which did not receive a New York first day cancellation. The implication is that perhaps this overprinted sheet is designed to be cancelled only in San Francisco and once PACIFIC 97 closes, this sheet will effectively be demonetized just like the Expo 67 stamps in Canadian dollars. It will be interesting to see whether this overprinted souvenir sheet will ever see commercial use if it is not allowed to be cancelled in New York. If this turns out to be the case, one might ask whether this can be considered a real stamp, if it can never serve franking use. It might turn out to be more in the category of the 100000 UNPA souvenir sheets UNNY #665 overprinted in gold by the Chinese National Philatelic Corporation for CHINA 96. The UNPA offered these souvenir sheets for sale in New York but acknowledged that it does not consider them to be UNPA issues.

EARTH SUMMIT + 5

From a UNPA Press Release

On May 30th the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of twelve commemorative stamps and four souvenir sheets on the theme **"Earth Summit + 5"** to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, commonly known at the **Earth Summit**. One of the four souvenir sheets is a US$-denominated sheet overprinted to honor the PACIFIC 97 World Philatelic Exhibition, which was held in San Francisco, California from May 29th to June 8th. The stamps and souvenir sheet designs were created by Peter Max.

The Earth Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 1-12, 1992. Participants adopted an **Earth Charter** or Declaration of basic principles for the conduct of nations and peoples to achieve environmentally sound development. An agenda for action, called **Agenda 21**, established the agreed-upon work program of the international community for the period beyond 1992 and into the twenty-first century. A third key document was the **Forest Principles**, which are guidelines for the sustainable management of forests worldwide. At the time Mr. Max created three designs for the three se-tenant blocks (UNNY #605-8, G #216-20 and A #129-32) issued.

The roots of **Earth Summit + 5** reach back to the **United Nations Conference on the Human Environment** held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1972, which put the environment on the international agenda for the first time. The UNPA issued four stamps (UNNY #229-30 and G #25-6 on the occasion of the conference.) By 1983 the relationship between economic development and its impact on the environment had become the subject of inquiry by the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development, known as the Brundtland Commission.

In its 1987 report ***Our Common Future,*** the Commission defined sustainable development as "that which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs", and called for strategies for integrating environment and development. As a result, the UN General Assembly decided in 1989 to hold a conference that would produce these strategies. The Earth Summit was held three years later.

In 1995 the Forest Principles were followed by the establishment of an Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF), as a subsidiary body of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

Two international legal agreements - the UN Convention on Biodiversity and the UN Convention on Climate Change - had been opened for signing in Rio and have since entered into force.

The CSD is at the center of preparations for **Earth Summit + 5** and related events. Two official preparatory meetings have already been held in New York this year. The Ad Hoc Intersessional Working Group of the CSD was held from February 24th -March 7th. The fifth session of the CSD was held from April 7th - 20th. At these meetings, Governments negotiated documents to be adopted by the Special Session of the General Assembly to Review and Appraise the Implementation of Agenda 21 to be held in New York from June 23rd -27th. A number of events are being organized by UN Agencies, Governments and major groups around the world to assess progress in preparation for the special General Assembly session. Panel discussions, exhibitions and other activities are planned during the special General Assembly session.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAL RATE BOOK FOR UN COLLECTORS, TOO

By Anthony F. Dewey

With the publication of the book *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872-1996* collectors of U.S. and U.N. postal history now have a definitive reference. This is because mail originating from the U.N. headquarters in New York, is subject to U.S. Postal rates for international destinations as well as domestic addresses. The book documents the international rates set by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) as well as all rates established by special treaties between the U.S. and various nations.

Written, edited, and published by Tony Wawrukiewicz, this long-awaited reference is the brainchild of the late Henry W. Beecher. While pre-UPU postal rates have been fairly well documented, rates since the inception of the Union have been largely ignored by philatelic authors. Beecher recognized the need for a comprehensive reference on U.S. rate information and began the arduous task of compiling the data. Realizing that he would not see the completion of his work, he recruited the help of his long-time friend. Wawrukiewicz has done an excellent job of presenting the data in a readable, concise, and easily usable format. Along with the companion book, *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872-1993*, this latest volume represents the most nearly complete study of U.S. rates for the modern era.

Each of the 33 chapters addresses a separate rate or subcategory. Surface letter rates are covered in one long chapter, while printed matter rates are divided into two chapters: one for standard printed matter and commercial papers and the other for books, sheet music, and publishers' periodicals. The surcharge for nonstandard printed matter (and first-class letters) is discussed in yet another chapter. Other chapters describe the surface rates for post cards, reply-paid postal cards, samples (of merchandise), small packets, eight oz. packages of merchandise, and parcel post (after 1961). Airmail rates for letters, postal cards and post cards, parcels, aerograms, and "other articles" as well as air parcel post are also treated in their own sections. The only rates not included are for parcel post prior to 1962. The author excluded this data as the list would have been too voluminous and because usages are rarely seen. He and Beecher's family will donate Henry's research material to the American Philatelic Research Library at the headquarters of the American Philatelic Society in State College, Pennsylvania, so the data will be available to everyone.

Special services for registry mail service, special delivery, insurance, C.O.D., customs fees, etc. are handled in separate chapters. Rates for mail to and from our nearest neighbors, Canada and Mexico, are each given a separate chapter. Another chapter describes the special treaty rates for American Samoa, Cuba, Guam, Hawaii, Panama, Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rico. Miscellaneous topics such as an introduction to the history of the UPU, International reply coupons, mail allowed free of postage, redirected mail, and unmailable/nonmailable matter are also treated.

For collectors of covers sent to the United States, a valuable bonus is included in the chapter "Insufficiently Paid Mail and Incoming (to US) UPU Rates (1879-1971)." A wealth of information is supplied in two sets of tables: one for surface rates (1879-1950) and one for surface/air rates (1950-1971), for mail sent to the United States from UPU members. I found the data on Swiss air rates especially useful for interpreting rates on covers sent from various UN agencies in Switzerland franked with Swiss and/or Swiss of-

ficial stamps. Collectors of the stamps of UNESCO (France) and the International Court of Justice (Netherlands) will also find the tables helpful as will those who collect UN conference mail and peacekeeping forces mail. In fact, anyone who collects covers originating in foreign lands and mailed to the US will benefit from this information. Much of it is not readily available in English (or any other language for that matter).

Like the companion book, this volume is lavishly illustrated. Approximately 250 covers are included as examples of the rates and services described in the text and tables. Rare items include the only example of the "sample of merchandise" (surface) rate and the only pre-1980 usage of the airmail service for "other articles" known to the author. Also like the domestic rate book, tables are extensively employed providing simple concise summaries of each rate. This time, however, the tables are included in the associated chapters, eliminating bothersome flipping between text and tables endured by users of the first volume. Another excellent feature the author carried over are the extensive footnotes to the tables supplying the reader with references to original documents for each rate change.

In addition to the chapters on postal rates, the book includes several useful appendices, a bibliography, and an index. Appendix 1 provides a set of tables summarizing the rates by popular U.S. issues (e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd bureau issues). These tables are ideal for copying and bringing to stamp shows as a handy reference. Appendix 2 provides a summary of UPU conferences while Appendix 3 is an alphabetical listing of all UPU members and their admission dates. While these are useful, I found that a more complete list of UPU conferences can be found in United Nations Philately edited by Arleigh Gaines. Appendix 4 is a list of periods of suspended and interrupted mail service.

The hardbound copy that I received is well designed for its purpose as a reference book. The sturdy covers are handsomely appointed in dark blue cloth with the title, etc. stamped in gold. Pages are sewn ensuring that they will endure years of constant use and allow the book to lie flat when open. The stock is a very heavy 8½" by 11" glossy paper, properties which combine to produce very clear, readable text and sharp illustrations.

The book is available from most philatelic literature dealers or can be ordered directly from the publisher, CAMA Publishing Company, P.O. Box 19730155, Portland, OR 97280-0730. The price for the hardbound edition is $55.00 and the softbound edition is $44.00 and includes shipping and handling charges. For addresses outside of the U.S. add an additional $4.00 per book. Don't think of the price as an expenditure, it's an investment. The information you get will pay for the book over and over again.

GENEVA ORIGIN CACHET ERROR

By B. Clement, Jr.

An origin cachet "CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS", shown in Figure 1, has been in use at the UN in Geneva, Switzerland since 1984. Recently a "new" version of the cachet has appeared on UN-Geneva mail with the last word misspelled.

Figure 1: Origin cachet for the Centre for Human Rights

A new version, CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGTHS, is shown in Figure 2. It is expected that the new version will be short-lived.

Figure 2: New Misspelled Origin Cachet.

MILITARY MAIL CORNER

By J.-L. Emmenegger

UNMOGIP and UNIPOM

In the December 1996 issue of the ***Journal of the United Nations Philatelists***, Richard Powers wrote a most interesting article on the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) and the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) missions with a very nice cover addressed to the "Chinese Delegation to the Security Council on (the) Indo-Pakistan Issue" at UN Headquarters in New York.

Here I would like to show a copy of one of the earliest UNMOGIP items sent by a UNIMOGIP officer in 1949 that I have in my files (Figure 1). (Unfortunately it is not in my collection!) This UNMOGIP-observer, obviously an American major, sent his letter to APO 925 in Tokyo via the Indian FPO Nº 653. The cover is postmarked on March 27, 1949, but there is a handwritten "X" over the stamp that remains unexplained. (Could the stamp have no longer been valid?) The sender's address clearly reads: United Nations Observer, c/o United States Embassy, New Dehli, India".

During the intervening years, UNMOGIP observers have had three ways of sending their mail: a) via diplomatic pouch to the UN in New York, where the mail was franked, postmarked and forwarded; b) via the local Pakistani Post Office (Islamabad); c) via the local Indian Post Office (Srinagar). Islamabad and Srinagar are the two cities where UNMOGIP has its offices, moving from one to the other depending on the season.

In addition to this UNMOGIP-observation mission, there was another UN-Peacekeeping mission in the subcontinent that lasted only from September 1965 until March 1966. It was the United Nations India-Pakistan Observation Mission (UNIPOM). Below are a few facts about it:

- **Location:** along the India-Pakistan border between Kashmir and the Arabian Sea.
- **Headquarters:** Lahore, Pakistan and Amritsar, India.
- **Maximum strength:** 96 military observers (as of October 1965).
- **Mandate:** To supervise the cease-fire along

Figure 1: UNIPOM cover sent via UNNY to Brazil in 1965.

the India-Pakistan border except in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, where UNMOGIP operated and the withdrawal of all armed personnel to the positions held by them before August 5, 1965.

• **Military observers:** Came from the UNTSO and UNMOGIP missions in its initial stage. Observers from 21 countries were on duty for UNIPOM during its activity.

Very few letters have been found from UNIPOM-observers. In my collection, after many years of "hunting", I could find only two items. One is an official UNIPOM-cover with appropriate cornercard sent on December 14, 1965 via UN-New York-Headquarters by a Brazilian captain (Figure 2).

The other item (Figure 3) is a Pakistan Post Office airletter sent to Canada by a Canadian captain acting as a UN-observer. This airletter is postmarked in Pakistan (the name of the city is illegible) and has an interesting Pakistani circular censorship mark. The return address written by Captain Pugh is "c/o UNIPOM, P.O. Box 55, Lahore, Pakistan". Unfortunately due to the dark green color of the airletter the return address does not reproduce well.

Should readers have UNIPOM or UNMOGIP covers in their collections, I would appreciate receiving photocopies for our files. Please contact me at the following address:

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CH-1009 Pully Switzerland

Figure 3: UNIPOM cover sent via Pakistani civilian mail.

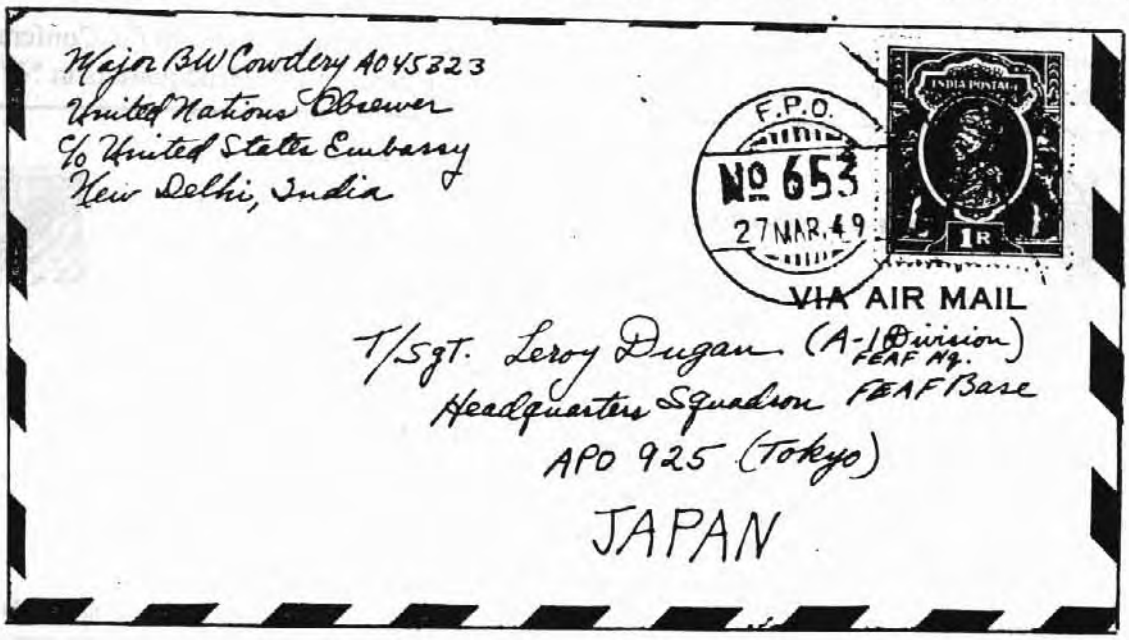


Figure 2: UNIPOM cover sent by an American UN-observer via Indian FPO to Japan in 1949.

CONFERENCE NEWS
THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

By B. Clement, Jr.

The Fourth World Conference on Women was held in Beijing September 4-15, 1995. China issued special stamps for the conference and two different first day cancellations, which are shown in Figure 1. The United Nations also issued stamps commemorating the conference and produced a special UNPA conference folder, which included items with the UNPA-NY show cachet shown in Figure 2.

The secretariat for the conference had its offices at UN Headquarters in New York. An origin cachet used on mail from the conference information officer appears in Figure 3. In conjunction with this conference, an NGO

Figure 1: First Day Cancels used by China for its commemoratives issued to honor the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Figure 2: UNPA show cancel honoring the Fourth World Conference on Women.

(Non-governmental Organizations associated with the United Nations) Forum was held. A cover bearing the special corner card used by the Forum secretariat in New York is shown in Figure 4.

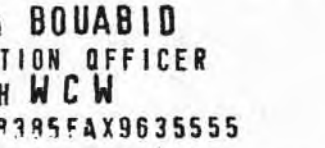


Figure 3: Origin cachet from the Conference Secretariat at UN Headquarters in NY.

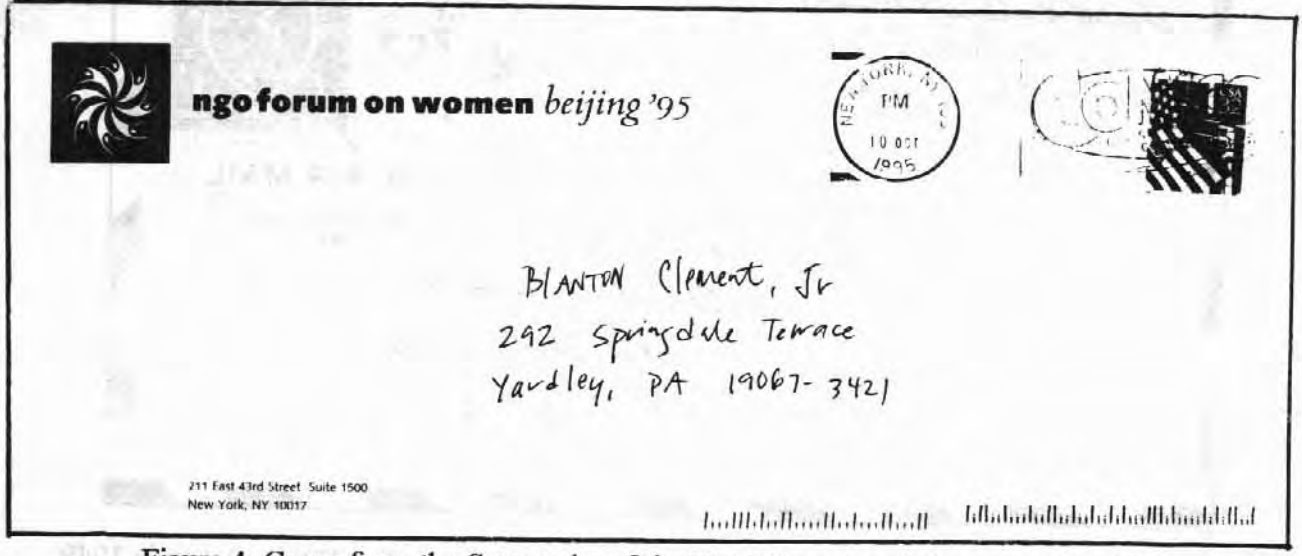
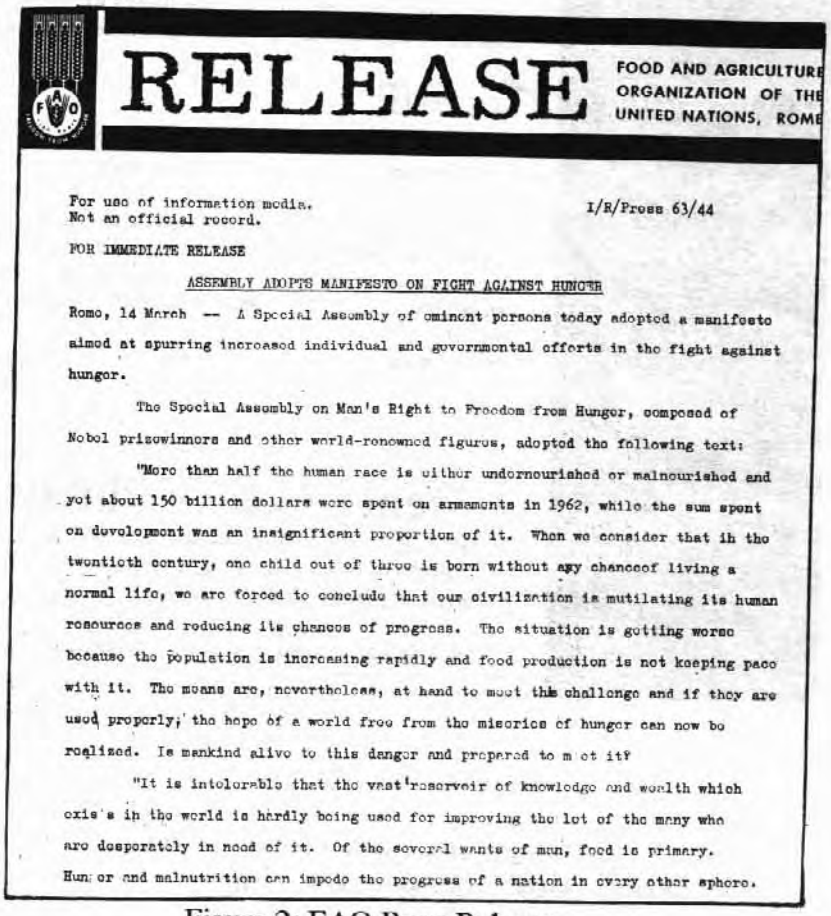


Figure 4: Cover from the Secretariat of the NGO Forum on Women Beijing '95.

THE 1963 INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN OF THE FAO

Jack Mayer reports finding the interesting cover from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) pictured in Figure 1. At first glance it appears to be just a philatelic first day cover of the Italian stamps (Scott #871-2) postmarked at FAO headquarters in Rome with a Gaines S.6 type cancel on the first day of issue March 21, 1963. (The following day the United Nations issued UN # 138-9 featuring the same theme.) These stamps marked the FAO's Campaign for Freedom from Hunger in that year. The cover seems to bear a commercial cachet (Artcraft?), which is labeled "OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER". Inside the cover was an official press release of the FAO dated March 14th announcing the adoption of a manifesto at the **Special Assembly on Man's Right to Freedom from Hunger**, which "aimed at spurring increased individual and government efforts in the fight against hunger". A portion of the press release appears in Figure 2.



RELEASE

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ROME

For use of information media.
Not an official record.

I/R/Press 63/44

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASSEMBLY ADOPTS MANIFESTO ON FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Rome, 14 March — A Special Assembly of eminent persons today adopted a manifesto aimed at spurring increased individual and governmental efforts in the fight against hunger.

The Special Assembly on Man's Right to Freedom from Hunger, composed of Nobel prizewinners and other world-renowned figures, adopted the following text:

"More than half the human race is either undernourished or malnourished and yet about 150 billion dollars were spent on armaments in 1962, while the sum spent on development was an insignificant proportion of it. When we consider that in the twentieth century, one child out of three is born without any chanceof living a normal life, we are forced to conclude that our civilization is mutilating its human resources and reducing its chances of progress. The situation is getting worse because the population is increasing rapidly and food production is not keeping pace with it. The means are, nevertheless, at hand to meet this challenge and if they are used properly, the hope of a world free from the miseries of hunger can now be realized. Is mankind alive to this danger and prepared to meet it?

"It is intolerable that the vast reservoir of knowledge and wealth which exists in the world is hardly being used for improving the lot of the many who are desperately in need of it. Of the several wants of man, food is primary. Hunger and malnutrition can impede the progress of a nation in every other sphere.

Figure 2: FAO Press Release.

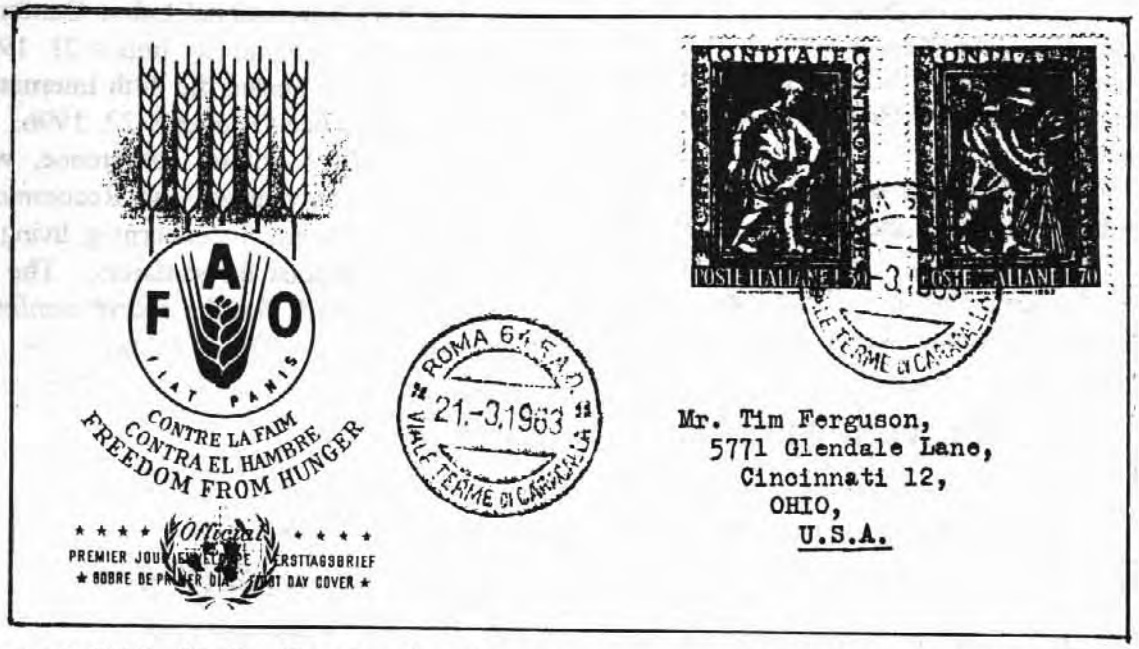


Figure 1: FDC of Italian Freedom from Hunger commemoratives with FAO headquarters cancel.

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SHOW AWARDS

According to an article in ***Linn's Stamp News***, UNP vice-president Anthony F. Dewey won a gold award in the honors class for his exhibit: "UN First Issue, 1951" during Manpex 97. This show is sponsored by the Manchester Philatelic Society and was held March 22nd and 23rd in Manchester, Connecticut.

UNP-members are encouraged to notify the Editor, whenever they will be exhibiting some aspect of UN Philately and/or the results of their labor. Time and space permitting, the Editor will make every effort to publicize such efforts.

UNPI WEB-SITE

I understand that our Home Page Editor Dennis Hamilton has been busy at work at the United Nations Philatelists, Inc. Web-Site. If you would like to check on his progress, you can visit it through your Internet-provider at "WWW.UNPI.COM".

ILO CONFERENCES NEWS

By B. Clement, Jr.

The 82nd International Labor Conference was held in Geneva June 6-23, 1995.

The 83rd International Labor Conference took place in the same city June 4-21, 1996.

Geneva also hosted the 84th International Labor Conference October 8-22, 1996. This was a special Maritime conference, which adopted six Conventions and Recommendations and a Protocol concerning living and working conditions for seafarers. The conference postmark for the recent conference appears below. The ILO used this same postmark format for all three conferences.

UNPI 1997D AUCTION

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MESSAGE FROM THE AUCTION CHAIRMAN

The last auction, 1997C, the military covers generated a lot of interest. This auction has material from different consignors with strength in the European offices and WFUNA. We have a smaller than usual assemblage this time, so there are no excuses not to do a thorough review. Happy Hunting!

THE 'KITCHEN SINK'

1. Butros Butros Ghali UN Secty General addressed #10 cover all in his hand return addressed on front "Prof. Butros B. Ghali, Honorary Prof., Faculty of Economics, Political Science, Cairo University" to "Prof. Dean of the Graduate School, Northern Illinois Univ., Dekalb, Ill, 60015" franked w/Egyptian stamp 2/26/88 cancel, bold clear writing. MB$15 **PHOTO.**
2. 1920 cover from Schleswig League Plebiscite w/Schleswig Scott #1-14 cancelled 2/10/20 (first day return to Germany) unadd. MB$30.
3. 1935 unaddressed cover from Saar League Plebis-cite with Saar Scott #143 cancelled 1/13/35 (first day of return to Germany). Light vertical fold at right affects stamp. Cover also bears perfect wax seal of League Saar Commssion MB$25.
4. France Scott #1O1-42, 1O47-50 Council of Europe issues MNH vf Cat $50+ MB$25.
5. IYC 95% UNICEF FDC collection in two fancy IYC albums 200++ worldwide FDCs all vf cacheted unaddressed MB$225.
6. London Church Hall & Central Hall unused later postal cards both used by 1945 UN Prep. Commission MB$5.
7. Last Day of Sale of US UN 50th Anniv issue on addr. cacheted FDC MB$10.
8. Pretty pc First Assembly of the League, front has small scuff marks, back has writing, but not sent through post MB$15.
9. 1929 letter sent to Canadian delegation to the LofN from Belgium to Geneva w/front cover notations regarding service in WWI, interesting MB$20 **PHOTO.**
10. 1928 Lugano League Conference. bullseye cancels ties twelve League stamps to League telegram stationary MB$25.
11. LofN Press credentials booklet (#315) issued in 1931 w/renewal cancels through 1938 signed by Secty-General Eric Drummond (first LofN SG). Photo has been removed & pages are detached from binding, but complete and rare. MB$50.
12. 1938 London meeting of the ILO Governing Board cancels neatly ties four British stamps to sheet of Conf. stationary - rare MB$100.
13. ILO 1962 Parcel Card with ILO tags and cancels on Swiss stamps MB$15.
14. UNEO off. cover to Berne w/origin cachet and bearing UNEO meter #1 MB$8.
15. BIE Prisoners of War cover bearing special BIE stamp on pre-addressed return cover Gaines pg. 1143 MB$30 (label not tied).
16. IAEA early 1959 Atomic Energy off. cover to England w/early meter MB$10.
17. FAO Interim HQ in Washington 1948 English cover w/sp receiving marks MB$15.
18. FAO unlisted FAO slogan cancel for tenth anniv. of FAO on FAO off. Rome stationary addr to Ireland few toning spots MB$15.
19. FAO off. cover and flyer (2) w/FAO Money Office corner cards Flyer outlines

FAO programme, each w/money meters MB$10.

20. UNIDO cover 1967 Poland to Austria and copy of first UNIDO newsletter MB$8.

21. UPU #10 1935 cover with Bureau International de L'Union Postale Universelle corner card (used to mail their Journal publication) to Washington state f/vf on Swiss stamp early cover MB$8.

22. Sweden CCIF (Counseil Consultation International des telecommunications) Hotel Gillet, Stockhom special first day of postmark on small clean cover addr to Lidkoping MB$25.

23. Austrian mission to the UN rear printed flap #10 cover to UN Vienna NYC 1975 on USA airmail vf MB$10.

24. UNIDO Habitat II Istanbul 6/10/96 Istanbul cancel addr pictorial postcard to Austria, 1" repaired tear at bottom MB$10.

25. League of Nations first day cancel of the last session of the organization 4/8/46 on registered League cover addressed to Bern (with backstamp) extra clean vf MB$18.

26. Netherlands International Court of Justice #O9-14 f/vf cto complete MB$30.

27. UNFICYP military cover legitimate usage with nice Cypriot franking to Ireland (wife), Irish batallion officer return addressed on back flap. Has nice rubber cachet " Turkish Bombs on Cyprus Endanger World Peace" wrinkled. MB$15 **PHOTO.**

28. ILO Germany 1927 official overprint set vf mlh Scottt#363-5 MB$40 **PHOTO.**

29. NY C1-4 MNH MI4s all first printing vf MNH 6c & 25c have control numbers MB$6

30. Swiss small airmail cover 1950 Geneva UN cancels addressed to "William Maehler, Trusteeship Division, United Nations, Lake Success, New York, Etats Unis" f/vf ratty back flap MB$7.

31. Caravan 1972 cover vf cacheted Barcelona Gaines 1967/e Spain Mobile Caravan MB$5.

32. England 1964 Registered Express small cover type-addressed to "Permanent Secty, Commission for Human Rights, Senator Humphrey, United Nations Bldg., New York, USA" nice block of 4 1-shilling QEIIs with airmail, express & registry labels, backstamped Kent, England and receipt NY USPO vf MB$8.

33. NY C10-2 FDC on official airmail UNNY cc autogrphed by stamp designers Claude Bottiau and Kurt Plowitz vf unad MB$6.

34. ONUC legitimate usage India FPO #660 on small vf cover addr. to Calcutta 3/13/63 with Calcutta receipt backstamp MB$10.

35. NY #278-9 official Geneva cachet vf unaddressed (2) FDCs MB$3.

FLAGS

36. 1980 flag color maxi-cards complete set of 16 all FD cancelled vf MB$10.

37. UNICEF jumbo FDC 1980 complete set of 16 stamps on vf unad FDC MB$6.

38. 1981 FLAGS mini-sheets (4) complete vf MNH #350-65 MB$11.

39. 1982 FLAGS mini-sheets (4) complete vf MNH #74-89 MB$12.

40. 1983 FLAGS mini-sheets (4) complete vf MNH #399-414 MB$14.

41. 1984 FLAGS mini-sheets (4) complete vf MNH #425-40 MB$24.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

42. 1911 special post card from International. Health Exhibition in Dresden, Germany (WHO forerunner event) with special label attached not tied MB$40 **PHOTO.**

43. Health Conference in Genoa, Italy May 1914 (WHO forerunner event) with special cancel on Italian stamp MB$30.

44. WHO interim-commission stationery used for first WHO assembly w/1st WHO Swiss set & high values from 2nd set tied by assembly cancels, folded lightly in fourths not affecting stamps MB$35.

45. Early WHO "Port Paye" airmail stationery used to London vertical fold MB$20.
46. WHO meters nice early on 2 small off. addressed covers w/original cachets MB$10.
47. WHO Label specimen purple MNH MB$20.
48. WMO off. cover 1959 to Secretary-General in NY w/early meter MB$15.

I. C. A. O.

49. ICAO 1953 off. cover with 1st ICAO meter PB143672A to UNHQ MB$8.
50. ICAO 1960 off press commun. cover to England with unlisted meter error PB147771 (Type A denomination/Type B dater circle) MB$10.
51. ICAO 2 early info postcards sent to the Secty-Gen of ICAO (founded 4/4/47) with 1948 dater receiving cancels on front MB$10.
52. ICAO 1949 off. cover from India sent through Dir of intelligence to ICAO w/ICAO dater receiving cancels on front MB$15.

W.F.U.N.A.

53. WFUNA 1981 jumbo FDC vf unaddressed with complete set of 16 autographed by cachet artist Zupan MB$10.
54. SC1 FDC NY machine SC2A & SC2B, souv cover and folder Pope John Paul visit SC6, WFUNA day, SC15A & SC15B UNOPEA 86 autographed. Whole group MB$15.
55. SC3, 35th anniv Dali NY, Gen, Vienna (3), SC4 Radevormvald 81 cards (4) & Sc.7 Utterman cards set #2 MB$25.
56. SC9 Mago folder, UNAJ FD cachet cover & souvenir folder MB$20.
57. 1982/1+2 UNA Hungary & Thailand plus SC10 Conservation cover, SC12 Roosevelt folder & 179/1 Japan IYC folder MB$20.

WFUNA ART GRAPHICS (all MINT)

58. #9 Groat, #15 Bencsath, #19 Yamamoto MB$34.
59. #27 Boghossian, #28 Groat, #30 Roberts MB$34.
60. #42 Gloria Swanson MB$46.
61. #43 Joan Miro MB$120.
62. #44 Ole Hamann MB$22.
63. #47 Hundertwasser ECOSOC MB$55.
64. #48 Tzovaras MB$25.
65. #49 Eisenberg MB$24.
66. #51 Princess Grace MB$55.
67. #54 Ole Hamann $15.
68. #55 Hundertwasser Environment MB$50
69. #57 Sophia Loren MB$50.
70. #59 Hans Ernie MB$60.
71. #60 Mattiello MB$25.
72. #61 Edna Hibel MB$65.
73. #131 Myata MB$85.
74. #132 Sybelle Erni MB$65.
75. #136 Mirer MB$75.

UNESCO Gift Stamps (all f/vf MNH)

76. #GS1-8 Gaines$20 MB$8.
77. #GS3, 7 margin blocks Gaines $12.50 MB$5.
78. #GS9, 14, 21-3, 26 Gaines$11 MB$5.
79. #GS24-5 scarce Netherlands set with name tabs Gaines$35 MB$14 **PHOTO.**

CARDS

80. Starter UN souvenir card collection (25) all different, includes mint, fd cancelled MB$20.
81. Blue Cards #73-97 complete run vf retail$60 MB$20.
82. Blue Cards #108, 141, 158-64, 166-7 vf retail$30 MB$10.
83. UNICEF IYC mint English numbered card vf MB$6.
84. UNICEF show cards 1980-1982 (14) diff 8 mint, 6 cacnelled vf Gaines$30 MB$12.

SOUVENIR FOLDERS

85. NY 1962 stamps mounted retail $13 MB$6.
86. NY 1965, 1966, World's Fair MNH 1967 retail$10 MB$5.
87. Geneva 1976-1980 (5) vf MNH retail$28 MB$12.
88. Geneva 1982, 1984 MNH retail $15 MB$7.

SWISS OFFICIAL STAMPS

89. Swiss League of Nations #2O88 5 franc vf MNH Gaines $185 MB$65.
90. Swiss ILO #3O62-82 complete vf MLH. MB$22.
91. Swiss BIE #4O23-8, 4O40-8 vf MLH MB$10.
92. Swiss BIE #4O29-39 complete vf MLH MB$24.
93. Swiss WHO #5O1-5, 5O26-35 vf MLH MB$10.
94. Swiss WHO #5O6-25 complete vf MLH MB$85.
95. Swiss WHO #5O36-9 corner blocks MNH with plate numbers MB$6.
96. Swiss IRO #6O1-8 refugee set complete vf mlh MB$60.

97. Mystery lot - mostly covers, odds and ends and unusual goodies. MB$50.

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