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Front cover: UNNY mini-sheet from 2007 Coin and Flag series. **Rear cover:** UN Geneva and Vienna mini-sheets from Coin and Flag series.

UNP ANNUAL MEETING AT SANDICAL 2007

President's Message

The 2007 convention of United Nations Philatelists was a most enjoyable event. Hosted by SANDICAL, the World Series of Philately show in San Diego, the weather was warm and the venue relaxing. Those who attended were treated to a special weekend, indeed.

On Thursday night January 25th UNP members were invited to join the SANDICAL staff, exhibitors and others at a local Chinese restaurant for a kick-off dinner. The food just kept coming and coming! Friday night, the UNP crowd enjoyed dinner at a wonderful Italian restaurant.

Saturday started early as the UNP Board meeting was scheduled for 9:00 AM. It was a productive meeting and your Board passed a number of measures that will benefit the organization. I am particularly pleased to announce that we have a new webmaster, Larry Fillion, who has already started to redesign and update our website: www.unpi.com. The revised website will already be up by the time this issue arrives in your mail box. Take a few moments and check it out. I invite you to join me in thanking Dennis Hamilton, who served UNP in this capacity, setting up and maintaining the website for several years. The minutes of the Board are published elsewhere in this issue. I urge you all to read them.

The Board meeting was followed by the general meeting, where we were treated to several interesting and informative presentations. There was a meager turnout, but for those who missed it, the session was taped and will be available on our website.

There were thirty-three frames of UN, League and related exhibits on display. Thanks to Fran Adams, the SANDICAL committee, and Anita Mayer, we had the opportunity to view Jack Mayer's stunning exhibit *The Chagall Window* one last time. Fran had expanded the exhibit to seven frames as Jack had planned, but had not yet implemented. Jack's exhibit was shown in the Court of Honor.

There were seven UN-related exhibits in competition provided by UNP members. These are listed in Fran Adams' report. One additional UN-related exhibit *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* was prepared by Christopher Dahle, who was not a UNP member. His exhibit received a SANDICAL Bronze medal and a UNP Bronze medal. UNP also awarded Chris a one-year membership in UNP. Welcome, Chris!

UNP received a very pleasant surprise at the awards banquet on Saturday night. The SANDICAL committee used the image of the United Nations souvenir sheet depicting the Chagall Window for its awards, honoring both Jack Mayer and the UNP, and in keeping with the show theme of "International Philately." One of the award plaques is shown below.



Our next convention will be held August 14-17, 2008 in conjunction with APS STAMPSHOW in Hartford, Connecticut. Start making plans to attend now and start getting your exhibits ready. I'll see you there!

Annual Meeting Program

By Richard Powers

The 2007 UNP Annual Meeting was held at the Hampton Inn in conjunction with SANDICAL 2007 at 10:30 am on Saturday

January 27, 2007. After attendees introduced themselves and revealed their special interests in United Nations philately, the following members gave oral presentations:

Blanton Clement, Jr.

UNP Monographs: Past and Future

Michael Krejci

Postal History of the League of Nations and the International Court of Justice

Richard Powers and James Matyasovich

The 2006 UNP Surprise Personalized Sheet

Richard Powers

More than One Printing of the 1950 Issues for the International Offices in Geneva?

UN-Related Exhibits at Sandical

By Fran Adams

I would like to thank everyone who attended and made this annual meeting at SANDICAL 2007 one of the best in recent years. I hope everyone had a pleasant stay in San Diego and came away with more material and or knowledge than when they arrived. I extend my special thanks to the exhibitors, through whose efforts we successfully held our own with a strong twenty-six competitive frame showing and an additional seven frames in the Court of Honor for a total of thirty-three frames of UN-related material. The other national society meeting here was the China Postal History Society, who arranged to display eighteen frames.

During the show, many visitors viewed the frames and commented to the U.N. exhibitors. I would hope this is an example of what we can do in the future to represent UN philately to the public at large and to promote exhibiting itself within our own ranks. Several of the jurors now know much more than they did before when it comes to U.N. material. The more they are exposed to our area, the better our chances of receiving equal footing during evaluations with other collecting areas. Let's not stop now. Congratulations to all the exhibitors.

UN-Related Awards

Court of Honor

Jack Mayer, *The Chagall Window* (7 frames)
SANDICAL Prix d'Honneur

Open Competition - Multi-frame Exhibits

Greg Galletti, *History of the League of Nations*
(5 frames)

SANDICAL Gold, UNP Gold, Federated Clubs
of Southern California Award

Greg Galletti, *United Nations History,
1943-1957* (5 frames)

SANDICAL Vermeil, UNP Gold

Blanton Clement, Jr. *United Nations Meetings
and Conferences* (5 frames)

SANDICAL Silver, UNP Silver



Chris Dahle, *Universal Declaration of Human
Rights* (3 frames)

SANDICAL Bronze, UNP Membership Award

Anthony Dewey, *United Nations Precancel,
1952-1958* (5 frames)

SANDICAL Gold, UNP Gold,
UNP President's Award,
APS Medal of Excellence (1940-1980)



Figure above: Tony Dewey next to his UN 1½¢ Precancel Exhibit

Open Competition - Single Frame Exhibits

Anthony Dewey, *Service of Intellectual Aid to Prisoners of War*
SANDICAL Vermeil, UNP Silver

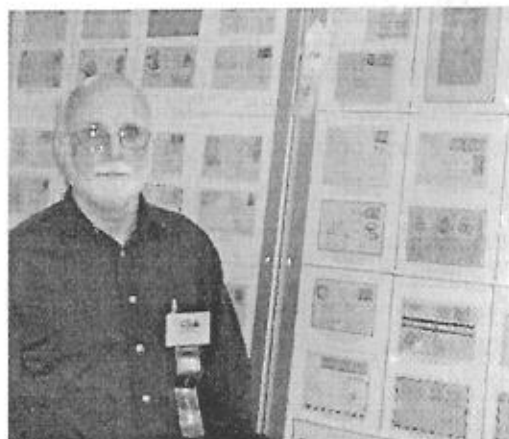


Figure above: Fran Adams with his UNCIO Exhibit.

Fran Adams, *Toward United Nations*
SANDICAL Gold, UNP Gold

Fran Adams, *Authoring World Peace*
SANDICAL Vermeil, UNP Gold

UNP Board Meeting at SANDICAL 2007

The UNP Board met at SANDICAL 2007 on Saturday, January 27. A quorum of the Board was present, with Tony Dewey, Jim Matyasovich, Clem Clement, Dick Powers, and Michael Krejci attending.

The membership campaign has been a success. We got two new members from the UNPA Bulletin write-up on UNP and fifteen

from the mailing to APS members interested in UN philately. We would like to continue these efforts by:

1. seeing if we can get UNPA to include a write-up on UNP in their Bulletin every year.
2. making another mailing from the APS lists of members interested in UN philately. We have sent to 250 of 1700 so far.
3. seeing if we can get the APS to mail UNP information to new APS members interested in UN stamps or some other arrangement like this.

The UNP Financial Report was discussed. As dues are still coming in, no real conclusions could be made, but our finances appear okay. Dues will not be changed at this time.

The Journal was discussed. Dick is still soliciting material for a special UNP 30th anniversary issue of the Journal (August 2007), similar to that produced last year by UNOP.

The Auction was discussed. Further special auctions of Mayer material will continue, but periodic regular auctions will be scheduled. Getting donated material to auction will be encouraged to increase our income.

Future monographs were discussed. The possibility of having a Conference monograph before the 2008 Annual Meeting was raised. No decisions were made about a monograph.

The Website was discussed. Larry Fillion has volunteered to become our Webmaster and was already at work on an on-line Journal Index.

The surprise UNPA personalized sheet was discussed. It was agreed that Tony would write a letter to UNPA Chief Gray expressing the disappointment of the UNP Board that the UNPA had prepared a surprise personalized sheet on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Japan joining the UN without allowing interested parties to buy it.

Venues for future meetings were discussed. The next meeting will be held at the APS Stampshow in Hartford, CT in August 2008. Having the 2009 meeting in Chicago, at COMPEX or Chicagopex, was discussed. A possible venue for 2010 could be the Richmond, VA. Stampshow.

Exhibiting was discussed.

NEW UNITED NATIONS COIN AND FLAG SERIES

By Richard Powers

On May 3, 2007 the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued the second installment of a series of stamps each displaying the flag and a coin from all the 192 members of the United Nations. This year the first twenty-four members selected appear distributed among three mini-sheets (one for each for the post offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna) each containing eight stamps. The mini-sheets appear on the front and back covers of this issue of the *Journal*. Although the flags of 191 members have already appeared on UNNY stamps, this series lets the UNPA update the national flags which have changed since the original flag series began in 1980.

Actually of the 191 flags which have already appeared on UN flag stamps, many are already redundant or out-of-date. In 1993 Czechoslovakia (Scott UNNY #355) broke up into the Czech Republic (#725) and Slovakia (#720). In 1990 the Federal Republic of Germany (#451) and the German Democratic Republic (#539) reunited. In 1990 Yemen (#532) and Democratic Yemen (#500) united. Thus, as of 2006, these 191 flags represent only 188 countries. Since the first flag series was last issued in 2001, four new members have obtained UN membership: Tuvalu (2000), Timor Leste (2002), Switzerland (2002) and Montenegro (2006). This brings the total up to 192. The flags of these four appeared on normal flag stamps issued on February 2, 2007.

Several members have changed their names and/or boundaries: Burma became Myanmar. Byelorussia became Belarus in 1991. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (#456) was replaced by the Russian Federation in 1991. Yugoslavia (#333) was replaced by the Republic of Serbia in 2006.

Each stamp pictures the flag and a coin. Presumably this series will be issued over a period of eight years, assuming no new members are added to the United Nations. This multi-year series will be in addition to the Endangered Species series and the Indigenous Art se-

ries, which generally appear each year. Each stamp will have a UN logo in the adjacent selva so that a tab single of each stamp can be had by buying a single mini-sheet.

Each stamp in the New York sheet bears a denomination of 39¢. The eight countries honored and the coins shown include:

Country	Coin
Brazil	50 centavos
Thailand	1 baht
India	5 rupees
South Africa	5 cents
Viet Nam	5000 dong
Ecuador	10 centavos
Barbados	25 cents
Republic of Korea	500 won

Each stamp in the Geneva sheet bears a denomination of S. Fr. 0,85. The eight countries whose flags and coins are depicted include:

Country	Coin
Burkina Faso	500 CFA francs
France	50 cents
Bolivia	1 boliviano
Myanmar	100 kyats
Moldova	50 bani
Papua-New Guinea	1 kina
Mali	500 CFA francs
Tunisia	5 dinar

The stamps in the Vienna sheet bears a denomination of € 0,55. The eight countries featured and the coins shown include:

Country	Coin
Trinidad and Tobago	50 cents
Sierra Leone	10 cents
Croatia	1 kuna
Spain	1 euro
Hungary	100 forint
San Marino	2 euros
Kazakstan	100 tenge
Ireland	5 cents

Reference

www.un.org/overview/unmember

2007 UNITED NATIONS STAMP PROGRAM

(As of April 1, 2007 but subject to changes of date of issue and denomination.)
See the UNPA World Wide Web Site at <<http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>>

February 2 **Flag Series (Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Montenegro, Switzerland)**
39¢ (1 sheet of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 stamps)

March 15 **Endangered Species**
39¢, F.s. 1,00, € 0,55
(3 sheets of 16 stamps with 4 blocks of 4 se-tenant stamps.)
Set of 3 maximum cards and 2007 Endangered Species Annual Collection Folder
FDC with Silk Cachet

May 3 **Coin and Flag Series**
39¢, F.s. 0,85, € 0,55
(3 mini-sheets of 8 stamps)
Coin and Flag Collection Folder
Essen Personalized Sheet (10 stamps of € 0,55)

June 1 **Peaceful Visions**
39¢, 84¢, F.s. 1,20, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 1,25, Souvenir Card, Personalized Sheet
(6 sheets of 20 stamps, 1 sheet of 10 stamps of 84¢)

August 9 **World Heritage - South America**
41¢, 90¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 sheets of 20 stamps)
{3 Prestige Booklets with 12×(26¢, 41¢, F.s. 0,20, F.s. 0,50, € 0,25, € 0,30)}

New York Postal Stationery
41¢ standard and legal-sized pre-stamped envelopes, 90¢ air letter
New York Definitive - UN peacekeeper
90¢ (1 sheet of 20 stamps)

September 6 **UPU - Universal Postal Union (joint UN-UPU issue)**
41¢, F.s. 1,80, € 0,55, Souvenir card
(3 sheets of 10 stamps)
Joint Silk Cover with UPU

October 25 **Space for Humanity - 50th Anniversary of the Space Age**
41¢, 90¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, € 0,55, € 0,75
(6 mini-sheets of 6 stamps)
Souvenir sheets
\$1,00, F.s. 3,00, € 2,00

Personalized Sheet for Space Week

(Sheet of 20 stamps of 41¢)

Generic Personalized Sheet

(Sheet of 10 stamps of 90¢)

2007 Annual Collection Folders (New York, Geneva, Vienna)

2007 SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

January 2 **United for Peace**

LAUNCH OF THE NEW UNP WEBSITE

By Larry Fillion



Home	Announcements	Membership	Organization	Projects	Auctions
The Journal	Exhibiting	Show Photos	Abbreviations	Links	Want Ads

The new UNP website has been launched. There is a new navigation system and there are new features on the site. Above is the view of the header that is on each page. Below I describe each section that the navigation can guide you through. Some of the descriptions may seem obvious to many but just in case, I will describe fully.

Home

This section has a welcome message and the latest table of contents for the *Journal*. This will be updated every two months with each new issue.

Announcements

Displays UNP announcements. Currently there are two announcements. The first announcement is about the UNP meeting in August 2008 in Hartford, Connecticut and the other announcement is the President's message speaking about Sandical 2007.

Membership

This section mentions membership information and also has an online form that allows new and renewal members to sign up online and either pay with PayPal or send in an application form through snail mail.

Organization

Lists the UNP officers and UNP chapter information and email addresses.

Projects

Lists current online projects. Projects are essentially spreadsheets with images online.

There are currently two projects. These are 1) UN Conference Stamp Listing and UN - Related Meters and 2) Permit Slogans used in the USA - Commercial, Philatelic, and NGO's. These projects have pages and pages of data and contain lots images.

If you want to start a project, please let me know. I can set you up with details on what is needed. I plan to start one in the next month or so for plating Scott UNNY #102, the 4¢ Malaria Issue. I have already scanned the stamps at 2400 DPI and I am in the process of plating one pane of the first printing. I know others have some ideas.

Auctions

This lists the items being auctioned in the Special Auctions. By posting this information online, it allows us to you show some images. After the auction, items not sold are listed to be sold at 90% of the original starting price (unless otherwise specified). Right now Special Auctions #7 and #8 are posted.

The Journal

This section has three sub-sections. The first section has links for viewing some older Journals online. Currently, the site has Whole Numbers 31 and 32. The next sub-section has the Tables of Contents displayed of the last two issues. The final and most exciting sub-section is "The *Journal* Index for Volumes 1-30". This index has listings from Afghanistan to Zeppelin. The listing is long but is a great resource to find articles in previous issues dealing with topics of interest.

Exhibiting

This exciting area hosts thirteen exhibits from UNP members. There are exhibits from Colonel Steve Luster, Tony Dewey, Greg Galletti, Blanton Clement, Fran Adams, and 5 from Jack Mayer. I will be exhibiting for the first time at Boxborough in May of 2007 and will posting my 2 exhibits the day after. Please contact me in order to post your exhibit - all I need is scans of the exhibit pages. There are a few other exhibiting sub-sections including a page with recent awards for the exhibits of UNP members and an Exhibiting Tutorial by Tony Dewey.

Show Photos

There are photos from four shows that the UNP has had a meetings at: Sandical (2007), Washington DC (2006), Chicagopex (2004), Atlantic City (2002).

Abbreviations

The abbreviations section has close to 1000 abbreviations and acronyms used in Origin Cachets, Bar Codes, Conference Cancels and Cachets for the UN and its agencies and predecessors. Images are given for many of these listings.

Links

The links page has links to UNP member websites and some UN related links. If you want a UN or your stamp website added, please contact me.

Want Ads

The want ads area allows UNPI members to post their want lists. Being on the web allows images of example covers with slogans or any other examples can be shown.

SECRETARY'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By B. Clement, Jr.

As of mid-March, when essentially all 2007 renewals are in, UNP has 199 members. It should be noted that this is the low point of the year, since additional renewals and new members would add to that. Of the 199, 181 are from the United States, 7 from Canada, and 11 from other countries.

Of the US members, 27 are from New York, 20 each from California and New Jersey, 13 from Pennsylvania, 11 from Illinois, 8 each from Virginia and Massachusetts, 7 from Missouri, 6 each from Michigan and Wisconsin, and 5 each from Florida, Washington and Texas. There are 4 from Indiana, 3 each from Tennessee, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado and Arizona, 2 each from Connecticut, Delaware, North Carolina, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada and Oregon, while the following have 1 each: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Nebraska,

Nevada, North Carolina West Virginia and the Marshall Islands.

Of our Canadian members, 3 are from Ontario, 2 from British Columbia, and 1 each from Quebec and Alberta. From other countries, we have 3 from the Netherlands, and 1 each from Austria, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Our Membership only declined by three members this year, mainly due to an aggressive Membership Campaign. With continued efforts, perhaps we can reverse the trend.

As a fun statistic, the First Names of Members were sorted and counted. UNP has 15 members named John or Jack; 7, Rick or Richard; 7, Robert; 6, William; 6, Tom or Thomas; 6, David; 5, Michael; and 5, Paul; and 5, Stephen or Steven.

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY Geneva, 2003

By B. Clement, Jr.

The UN-sponsored World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was held in two parts. The first part was held in Geneva December 10-12, 2003; the second part was held in Tunis, Tunisia November 16-18, 2005. In the December 2006 Journal, an FDC of a Tunisian stamp for the event was shown. It was stated that no recognition of the Geneva session was known.

In Figure 1 is shown a Swiss FDC of an International Telecommunications Union (ITU) service stamp issued September 9, 2003. (See the February 2004 issue of the *Journal*, p. 22.) It is seen that the Swiss PTT cachet for the FDC notes the World Summit. The stamp doesn't specifically mention the World Summit, but it is assumed that the design shown on the stamp was for the World Summit. No postmark for the actual conference in December is known. Such a postmark probably does not exist, since Switzerland stopped the practice of providing special postmarks for UN agency conferences in 2001.



Figure 1: Cachet of 2003 FDC of ITU stamp for the World Summit on the Information Society.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just purchased a World Heritage - Greece prestige booklet (Scott UNNY #868a-f) with an error. It is a complete UNNY prestige booklet with the proper stamps in U.S. currency but the

first two pages are from the Geneva booklet in French instead of the proper NY booklet pages in English. I have no idea how prevalent this might be but readers might want to check their booklets and inform the editor.

R.E.Snyder
Springfield, Virginia

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

Recently a number of UNP members have donated philatelic material or cash to the club. These donations will be used to support the activities of the club, such as defraying the cost of recruiting new members, and supporting the publication of UNP monographs. The following members have made such donations. Their generosity is much appreciated.

Dymtyro Bytovetz Gary Hendren
John Bolton Leon LaChance
J. Thomas Showler Brian Reiser

Send your donations of cash to Treasurer Jim Matyasovich or Secretary B. Clement. Donations of philatelic material can be sent to Auction Chairman Alex Bereson or Secretary B. Clement.

NEW TYPE OF UNPA SPECIMEN

For decades the editor of the *UNP Journal* has been routinely receiving press copies of new UNPA issues for publicity purposes. These have been mint copies of the stamps. But the samples of the Food for Life stamps issued October 20, 2005 bear printed bars cutting through the denominations, presumably to invalidate the use of these stamps for postage. All six stamps bear these bars. The UNNY stamps (Scott # 894-5) appear in Figure 1.



Figure 1: UNNY Food for Life specimens with bars through the denominations.

In 2006 the UNPA resumed sending mint samples without bars. In 2007 the UNPA began sending samples with CTO first day cancels.

ICAO CONFERENCE DISCOVERY - NEW DELHI, 1948

By Albert Pelsser and B. Clement, Jr.

Newly discovered by Albert Pelsser is the cover shown in Figure 1. This cover was mailed from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) South East Asia (SEA) Regional Air Navigation (RAN) Meeting, held in New Delhi, India November 23 to December 14, 1948. This is listed in Gaines Catalog, page 1420, as 1948/4, but no postal history was previously known.

The cover was sent registered to ICAO-Montreal in an ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE envelope using Indian Service stamps. It is postmarked with a special postmark with the text "ICAO RAN REG?? NEW DELHI, 18 NOV 1948". The cover has a blank Registry Label with the ink inscription "ICAO New Delhi". There is a violet three-line cachet reading "Despatcher (sic), ICAO SEA RAN Meeting Secretariat New Delhi". It is assumed that the conference post office was opened at least five days before the start of the conference, since the Meeting Secretariat was already there making arrangements.

This was the eleventh in a series of conferences designed to cover the major international flying areas of the world. Sixteen States and two international organizations attended. The main purpose of these regional meetings were the examination of existing facilities for airports, navigational aids, communications, air traffic control, meteorology, operations and search and rescue, together with the determination of the additional facilities required and the operating procedures necessary for the safe and efficient development of international air navigation in the regions concerned.

The South-East Asia Meeting was the first ICAO regional meeting to be charged with the task of examining and preparing recommendations on the work of the ITU Aeronautical Frequency Conference (Geneva, ITU 1948/4, Gaines page 1238), as it affected the region.

UN postal history continues to be recorded 58 years after the fact. Keep your eyes open and let us know what you find.

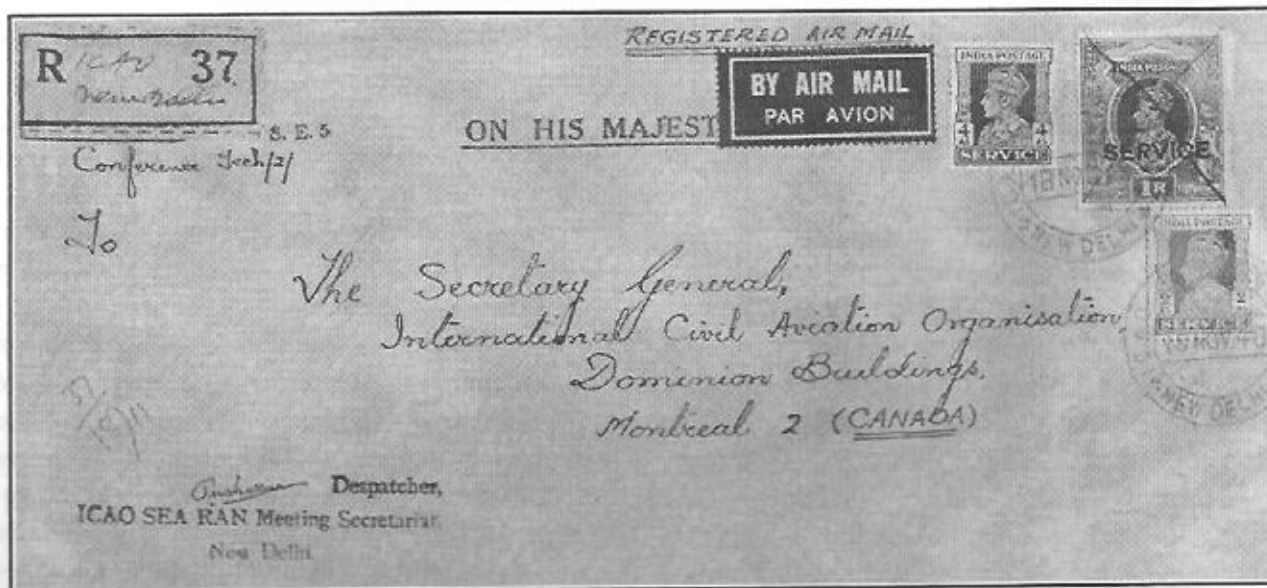


Figure 1: 1948 service from the ICAO Meeting in New Delhi.

A NON-PHILATELIC C-FOLDER FOR THE IMO

By Richard Powers

Occasionally the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) distributes complimentary folders (C-folders) to non-philatelic audiences. A case in point is the C-folder pictured in Figures 1a and 1b. It was distributed on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the inauguration of its new headquarters in London, which was officially opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on May 17, 1983.

Figure 1a shows the cover of the folder, similar to Gaines Type 21, printed as usual in gold on white carton. But the UN logo on the left shares top billing with that of the IMO on the right. Inside the folder the first page flyleaf bears the name of the Secretary-General of the IMO Chandrika Prasad Srivastava and appears in Figure 2. An IMO-staff member at the time F. Lauand informed me that Mr.

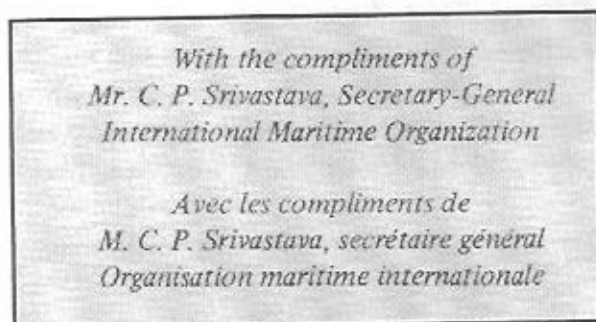


Figure 2: Flyleaf of the IMO C-folder.

Srivastava commissioned the folder to give to the 450 or so staff members and their guests on the occasion of the inauguration, which suggests that around 2000 of these folders were issued. On page 3 of the folder (Figure 1b) the UNNY furnished the six stamps of the 1983 Safety at Sea series (Scott UNNY #394-5, UNG#114-5, UNV# 31-2) tied to the flyleaf with New York first day cancels of March 18, 1983, two months earlier. I suspect that few of the recipients were stamp collectors and not too many of these folders have made it into the hands of collectors. This C-folder is not mentioned in the Gaines

Catalogue (p. 867), which last updated its C-folder listing in 1993.

Figure 3 shows a photograph of present-day IMO Headquarters, which was honored in 1983 by the C-folder and is located at 4 Albert Embankment in London.

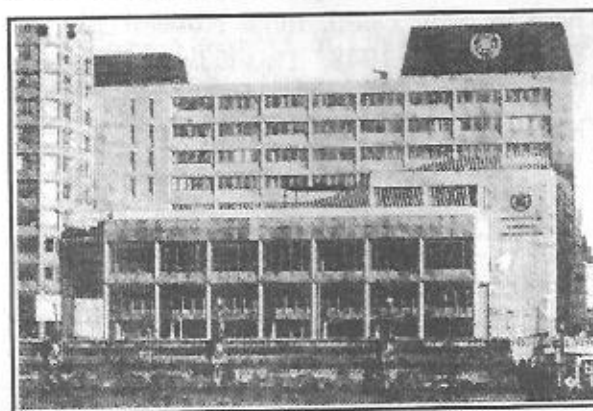


Figure 3: Current IMO-Headquarters.

The IMO was founded as the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) as a specialized agency of the United Nations by a convention signed in Geneva in 1948 to provide a means for co-operation among nations in the field of governmental regulation and practices relating to shipping and to encourage the general adoption of the highest practicable standards concerning maritime safety and efficiency of navigation, to encourage the removal of flag discrimination and to provide for the exchange of information.

The IMCO Convention came into force on March 17, 1958. The IMCO was responsible for finalizing the safety of life at sea (SOLAS) Convention replacing the 1958 Convention for ensuring increased maritime safety. These efforts actually date back to 1913 in the wake of the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. More details about these earlier efforts at developing a SOLAS Convention were discussed in an article which appeared in the June 2004 issue of the *Journal* (p. 17).

On May 22, 1982 the IMCO changed its name to the IMO.



Figure 1a: Cover of 1983 C-folder issued for the Inauguration of the IMO-Headquarters in London on May 17, 1983 and Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the IMO.



Figure 1b: UN Safety at Sea Set with UNNY First Day Cancel - March 18, 1983.

WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (UNWTO/OMT)

NEW UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY

By B. Clement, Jr.

As of December 2003, the UN has a new specialized agency, the World Tourism Organization. To distinguish this new agency from the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Tourism Organization is abbreviated UNWTO or OMT, for *Organización Mundial del Turismo* (Spanish). The UNWTO has long history, and our practice as UN collectors is to treat all predecessor organizations as "forerunners".

UNWTO had its beginnings as the International Congress of Official Tourist Traffic Associations (ICOTTA) set up in 1925 in The Hague. In 1934, it became the International Union of Official Tourist Propaganda Organizations (IUOTPO), still headquartered in the Hague.

It was renamed the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO) after World War II and moved to Geneva. IUOTO was a technical, non-governmental organization, whose membership at its peak included 109 National Tourist Organizations (NTOs) and 88 Associate Members, among them private and public groups.

In 1967, the members of IUOTO called for its change into an intergovernmental body to deal on a worldwide basis with all matters concerning tourism and to cooperate with other organizations of the UN system, such as WHO, UNESCO, and ICAO.

Following a resolution of the UN General Assembly in December 1969 and ratification by IUOTO member states in 1974, the IUOTO became the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and its first General Assembly was held in Madrid in May 1975. The Secretariat was installed in Madrid early the following year at the invitation of Spain, which provides a building for the Headquarters. Spain issued a stamp (Scott #1887) for the First Assembly of UNWTO, shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: UNWTO First Assembly.

In 1976, UNWTO became an executing agency of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and in 1977, a cooperation agreement was signed with the United Nations itself. In December 2003, the UNWTO was converted into a specialized agency of the United Nations. By 2005, its membership included 145 countries, seven territories and some 350 Affiliate Members, representing the private sector, educational institutions, tourism associations and local tourism authorities.

At this point, no philatelic or postal recognition is known of the early organizations between 1925 and 1975 in the Hague and Geneva. Surely some mail from these entities probably exists, waiting to be discovered by UN postal historians. The OMT Madrid office is documented by a special meter (1983 to 1990), a special registry imprint in red (1984), an origin cachet in blue (1983 to 1990), and a special corner card (1996). They are illustrated in Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5.



Figure 2: Meter cancel for the OMT Madrid Office.

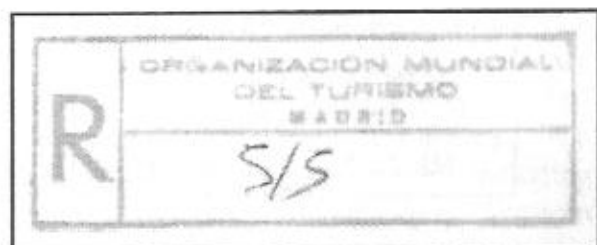


Figure 3: OMT Madrid Registration Label.

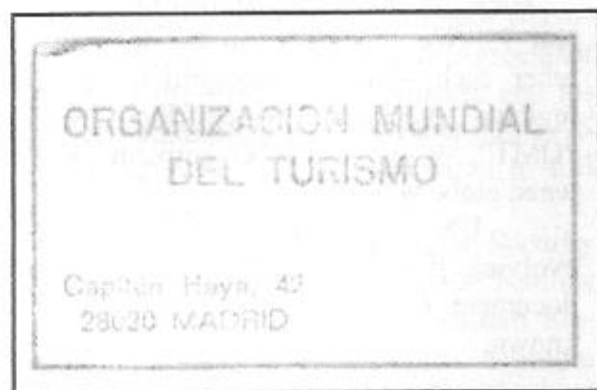


Figure 4: OMT Madrid Origin Cachet.



Figure 5: OMT Madrid Corner Card.

The UNWTO General Assembly is the highest body of the organization. Sessions have been held every two years, as follows:

1. Madrid, Spain May 1975
2. Torremolinos, Spain May/June 1977
3. Torremolinos, Spain September 1979
4. Rome, Italy September 1981
5. New Delhi, India October 1983
6. Sofia, Bulgaria September 1985
7. Madrid, Spain September/October 1987
8. Paris, France August/September 1989
9. Buenos Aires, Argentina September/Oct. 1991
10. Bali, Indonesia 4-8 October 1993
11. Cairo, Egypt October 1995
12. Istanbul, Turkey 20-24 October 1997
13. Santiago, Chile 27 September/1 October 1999
14. Seoul, Republic of Korea/Osaka, Japan
23 September-1 October 2001
15. Beijing, China 17-24 October 2003
16. Dakar, Senegal 25 November/2 Dec. 2005

As mentioned above, the first assembly in Madrid was honored by a stamp. The only other assembly known to be noted philatelically is the 10th. A FDC of the stamps (Scott #1553-5) issued for that assembly is shown in Figure 6. Perhaps stamps, postmarks, special corner cards, etc., may exist for other assemblies, still to be discovered.

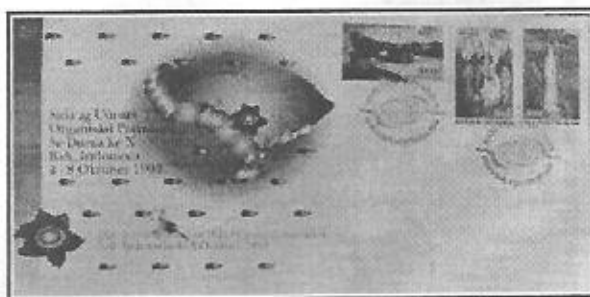


Figure 6: 1993 FDC of Indonesian stamps honoring the 10th Assembly in Bali.

Two World Tourism Conferences have been sponsored by UNWTO:

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| Manila, Philippines | 27 September-10 October 1980 |
| Acapulco, Mexico | 21-27 August 1982 |

The first of these was honored by special Philippine stamps (Scott #1484-5), the FDC of which is shown in Figure 7. This conference was also noted worldwide by special stamps from many countries.

The six Regional Commissions of the UNWTO meet at least once a year to discuss the Organization's activities and set priorities for the future. At least two of these have been noted by special postmarks and appear in Figures 8 and 9, respectively:



Figure 8: 13th European Meeting
San Marino, 10 April 1984

WORLD TOURISM ORGANISATION
COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
XIX MEETING
MALTA 5 - 7 JUNE 1989

Figure 9: 19th European Meeting
Malta, 5-7 June 1989

These postmarks are shown in Figures 8 and 9. We should be on the lookout for other such philatelic recognition of these regional meetings. Watch for "WTO", "OMT", or the UNWTO emblem, a flattened globe with wings.

UN postal history is constantly evolving. If you have information to help to document this new area, please make it known.

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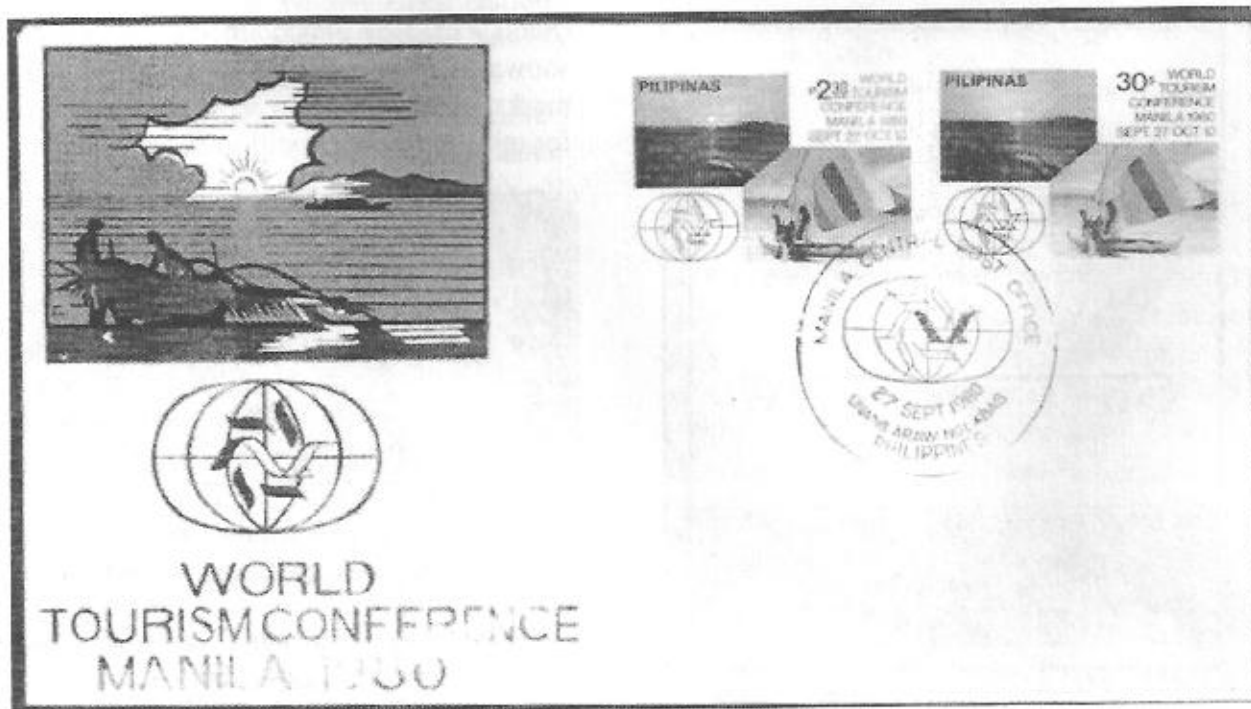


Figure 7: FDC of Philippine stamps honoring the 1980 World Tourism Conference in Manila.

A BIT MORE ON UNTAES

Richard Powers

After Croatia declared independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in June 1991, Serb forces seized about 30% of Croatian territory including Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium. In a major military offensive in 1995, Croatia retook Western Slavonia in May and the Krajina region in August. The remaining Serb-held area of Eastern Slavonia was the subject of the Basic Agreement signed by the Croatian Government and local Serb authorities on November 12, 1995 and called for a peaceful transition to full Croatian control.

On January 15, 1996 the UN Security Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration in Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) by Resolution 1037. Figure 1 shows a detail of eastern Croatia as it exists today with Hungary bordering on the north and Serbia bordering on the east and south. The major cities in this area are Osijek and Vukovar, which lies on the border with Serbia. The occupied region was approximately 20 miles wide (east to west) and 100 miles (north to south)

The mandate of UNTAES was to oversee the return of these territories to Croatia. As of May 31, 1996 UNTAES was fully deployed with 5349 uniformed personnel, consisting of 4849 troops, 99 military observers and 401 civilian police. The demilitarization process was concluded by June 20, 1996. All heavy weapons belonging to local Serbs were removed from the region or handed over to UNTAES for disposal.

On April 13-14, 1997 UNTAES conducted elections, marking the first time since the beginning of the conflict that the local population had legitimate representation in the Croatian constitutional and legal system. UNTAES concluded its mandate on January 15, 1998, having accomplished its key ob-

jective of peacefully reintegrating Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium into Croatia within the prescribed time frame of two years.

In articles in the December 1996 (page 4) and the October 1997 (page 14) issues of the *Journal* J.-L. Emmenegger displayed some of the early postal history associated with the UNTAES mandate. Recently I have come across two other covers, which reveal other aspects of this peacekeeping operation.

Figure 2 shows a service cover from the Chief Superintendent of the civilian police (CIVPOL) force of UNTAES with headquarters in Vukovar and a mailing address in Osijek to an Austrian service man in Vienna. The corner card is that of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force (UNPF) for UNTAES. The cover bears a green elliptical cachet with the legend UN CIVPOL above and HQ VUKOVAR below.

The cover was mailed in August 16, 1996 in Vukovar and bears transitional stamps (with the legend in the Cyrillic alphabet) of the Republic of Serbian Krajina as this region of Croatia occupied by local Serbs was known. This republic was a self-proclaimed entity established in 1991 and was peacefully reincorporated in Croatia in 1998. It was never recognized internationally. The 1-Krajina dinar stamp shows a view of a church in Jagodnjak; the 0.5-Krajina dinar shows a view of another church in Krezevo. These two cities can be found in the northern part of the occupied territory between Osijek and the Hungarian border. I have been unable to find these stamps listed in the 2007 Scott Catalogue.

Figure 3 shows a United Nations Field service air letter similar to Gaines Type 4 (page 1753), which was initially used by UNEF II, UNDOF and UNIFIL. This bears a generic UN Forces free franking cancel dated September 12, 1996. In the lower left

corner of the air letter is a cachet identifying the sender as a service man (probably Belgian) at the Company (Coy) Headquarters (HQ) of UNTAES in the town of Erdut in East Slavonia, which is located on the border with Serbia about 20 miles north of Vukovar. The air letter appears to be addressed

to the wife of the sender in care of Reconnaissance (Recce) Company (Cie) of the Belgian contingent.

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Figure 1: Map of Eastern Croatia border region with Hungary on the north, Serbia on the east and south displaying the regions known as Slavonia and Baranja. Western Sirmium (known locally as Srem) is located south of Slavonia.

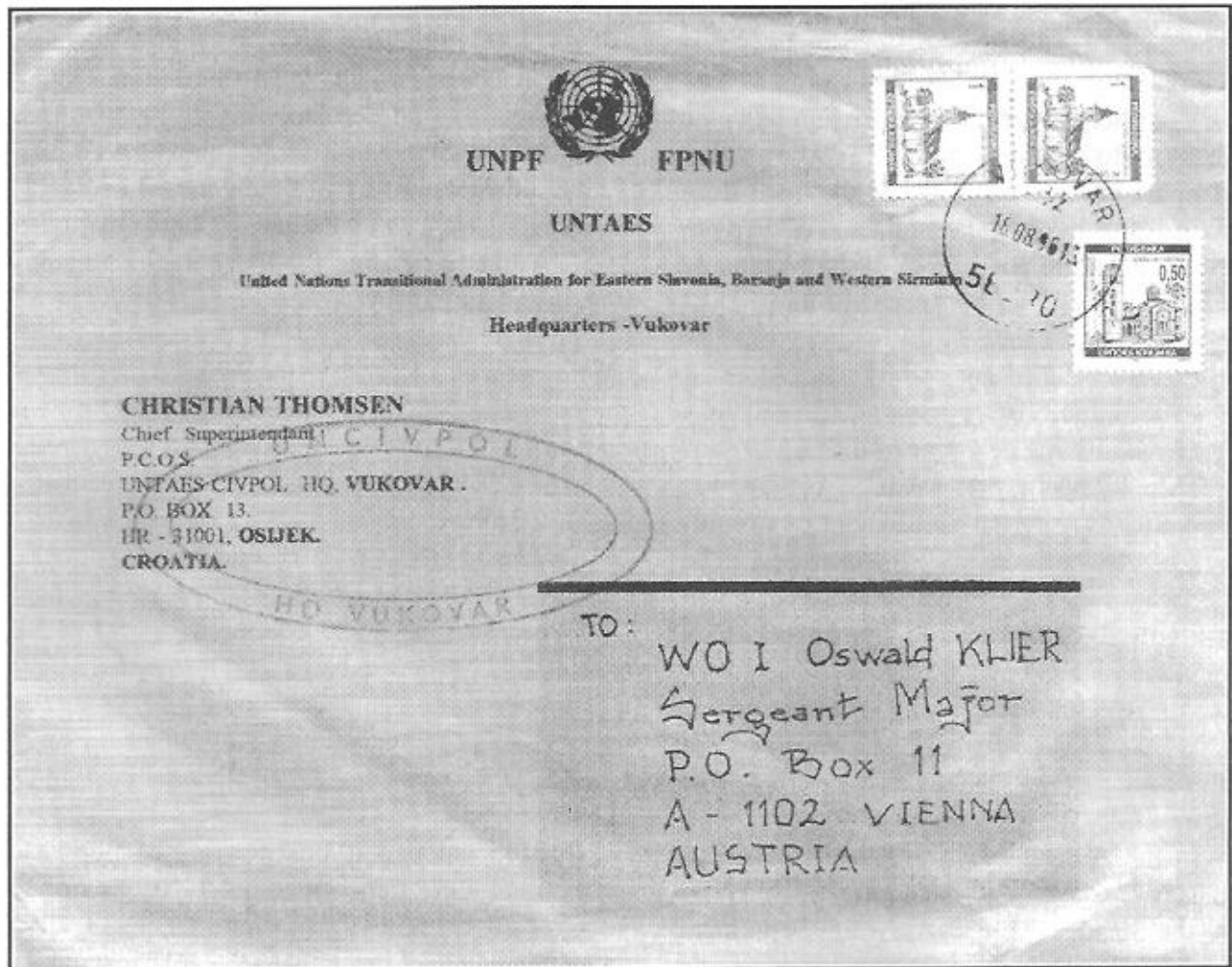


Figure 2: 1996 service cover from CIVPOL Headquarters of UNTAES in Vukovar.

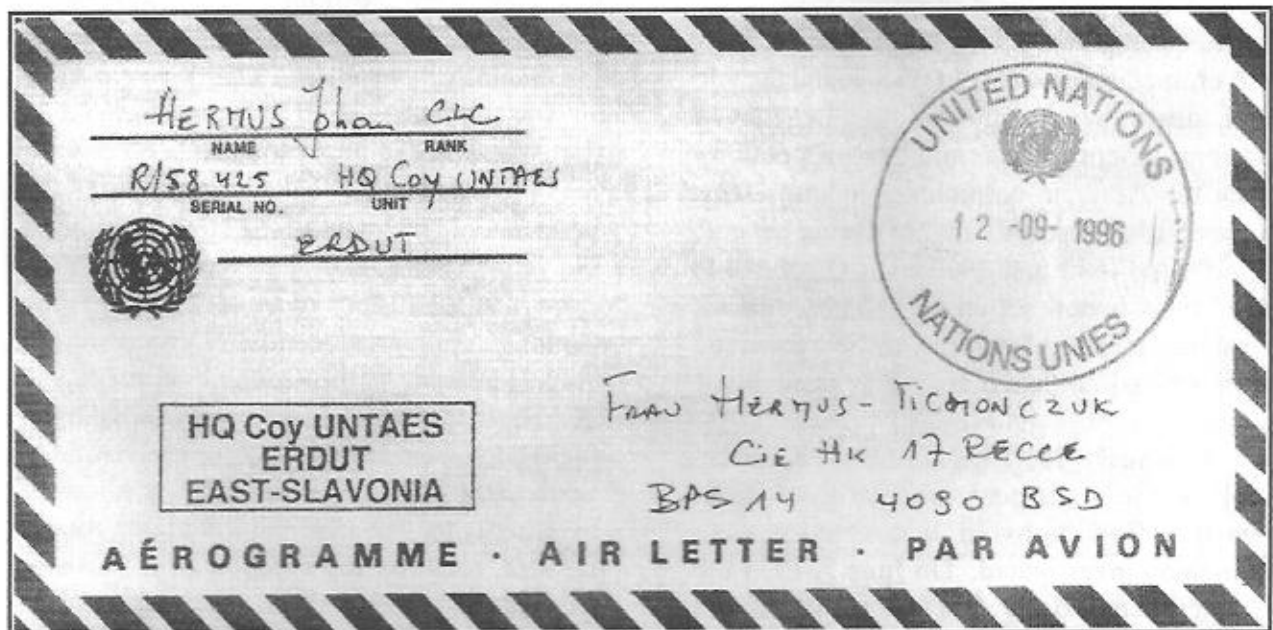


Figure 3: 1996 UNTAES air letter sent from Erdut by a Belgian service man.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES IN BEIRUT

By Richard Powers

I recently came across the League of Nations service cover pictured in Figure 1. It bears a 30-centime stamp (Scott #2046) postmarked April 21, 1937 at the Gare Cornavin - the main train station - in Geneva instead of at the post office at the League of Nations secretariat. It bears the origin cachet of the League political section. It was sent to Mr. Henri Cuénod, the President of the Committee of Trustees (Conseil des Trustees) at 1 rue de l'Armée in Beirut.

This address corresponds to the League of Nations Assyrian Settlement (Committee), as can be seen from the corner card of the League of Nations service cover shown in Figure 2. This cover was postmarked on January 7, 1937 in Beirut and bears six Lebanese landscape stamps: Scott #117, 120, 122, 123, 124 and 126. The cover was addressed to the Political Section of the League of Nations in Geneva.

In the August 1990 issue of the *Journal* (page 77) Clayton Wallace gave an overview of the history of the Assyrian Settlement Program. The following contains some additional details, which reveal the work of these two committees.

On September 24, 1932, the British Government, which held the mandate for Iraq, drew the attention of the League of Nations Council to a number of petitions from the Assyrian community in Iraq. The Council discussed this matter during several sessions in 1932 and 1933. On October 14, 1933 the Council set up a Committee to investigate means of settling those Assyrians who wished to leave Iraq for some other country.

On January 19, 1934 an offer of opportunities for settlement was received from Brazil. Conditions in that country were thereupon investigated. On June 7, 1934 the Council came to the conclusion that settlement in Brazil was not possible.

On September 28, 1934 the British Government offered certain lands in Guiana. A mission was sent to British Guiana. As a result of its report the League Council decided on April 17, 1935 that this was not possible.

At the same time the Council Settlement Committee asked the French Government to consider the possibility of permanent establishment of the Assyrians in Syrian territory under French mandate. In August 1933 following disturbances in Iraq, 550 Assyrians had taken refuge in Syria. A year later they were settled in the valley of the Upper Khabur. By July 1935 a total of 6000 Assyrians had been temporarily settled in the Upper Khabur. The Chairman of the Settlement Committee went to Iraq to discuss matters with the authorities concerned. A study was carried out in collaboration with two representatives of the Committee: Mr. Martin Hill, a financial expert and Mr. Henri Cuénod, an expert on transfers of population. On their recommendations, the Council Committee, on July 12, 1935, decided to direct the efforts towards installing the Assyrians in the plain of the Ghab. More information can be found on the website of the Assyrian International News Agency (www.aina.org/books/suta).

The problems raised by the settlement of the Assyrians required close liaison between the French High Commissioner and the League Council and an organ able to direct the settlement operations. The above mission was entrusted to a delegate of the Council residing in Beirut and known as the "representative of the Council accredited to the High Commissioner", while settlement operations were in the hands of an Executive Settlement Commission. The method of administering the land exploited for Assyrian use, required the creation of a "Trustee Committee", a body with legal personality, to which the Government of Latakia would

be called upon to hand over this land and which would administer it on behalf of the Council of the League of Nations. (For information on the structure of the French mandate in Syria, see the article beginning on page 8 of the June 2004 issue of the

Journal.)

It was proposed that the representative of the League Council should be appointed as Chairman of the Trustee Committee which would take over the ownership of the land until its final transfer to the settlers.

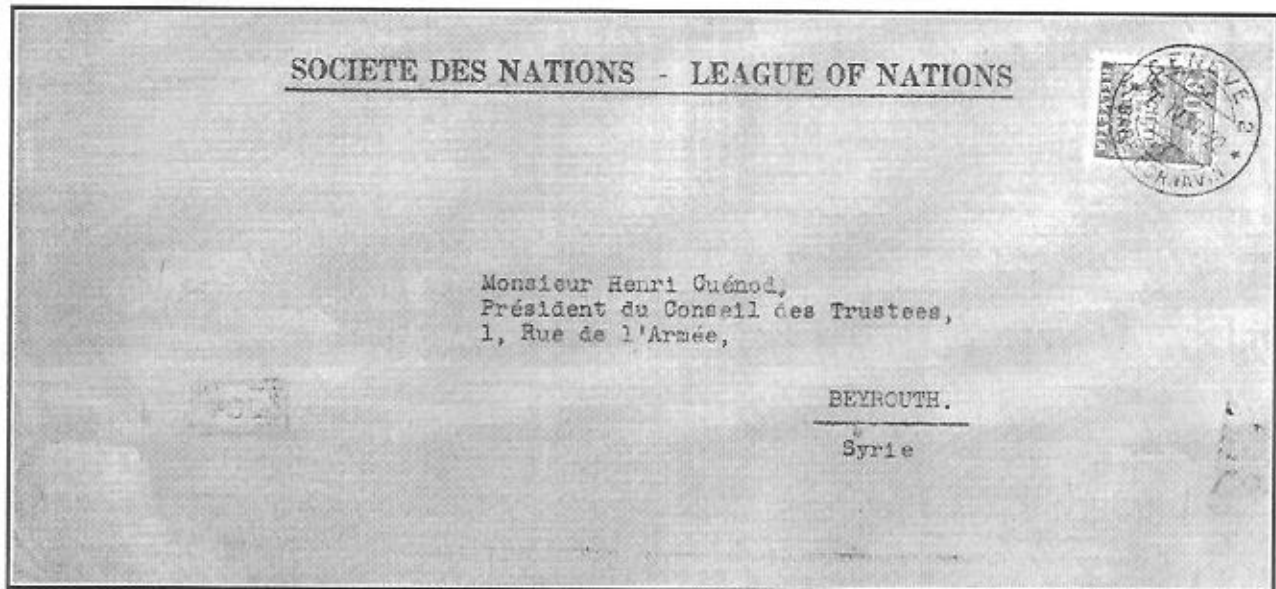


Figure 1: 1937 League of Nations service cover from the Political Section sent to Henri Cuénod, the President of the Council of Trustees for Assyrian Settlement located at 1 rue de l'Armée in Beirut postmarked at the Gare Cornavin - the main train station - in Geneva. Note that the sender believed Beirut was in Syria.



Figure 2: 1937 League of Nations service cover sent from the Office for the Settlement of Assyrians located at 1 rue de l'Armée in Beirut, Lebanon sent to the Political Section of the League of Nations in Geneva.

On June 25, 1936 the French Government submitted to the Council Committee its concerns over the difficulties in settling the Assyrians in the Plain of the Ghab and the League Council canceled the plan on July 4, 1936.

The Council Committee was instructed to proceed with alternate plans, which concluded on September 25, 1937 that the temporary settlements in the Upper Khabur Valley be made permanent. Ultimately many Assyrians decided to remain in Iraq as tensions cooled. And the Assyrians who had fled to Syria were allowed to stay and to become Syrian nationals.

Figure 3 shows an interesting private

cover mailed in Aleppo two decades later, after Syria had become fully independent in 1946. The date of the postmark is not clear but the stamp (Scott #C182), which shows a view of the University of Syria in Damascus, was issued in 1954. Note that the return address is given as:

Assyrian Settlement
Aleppo - Syria.

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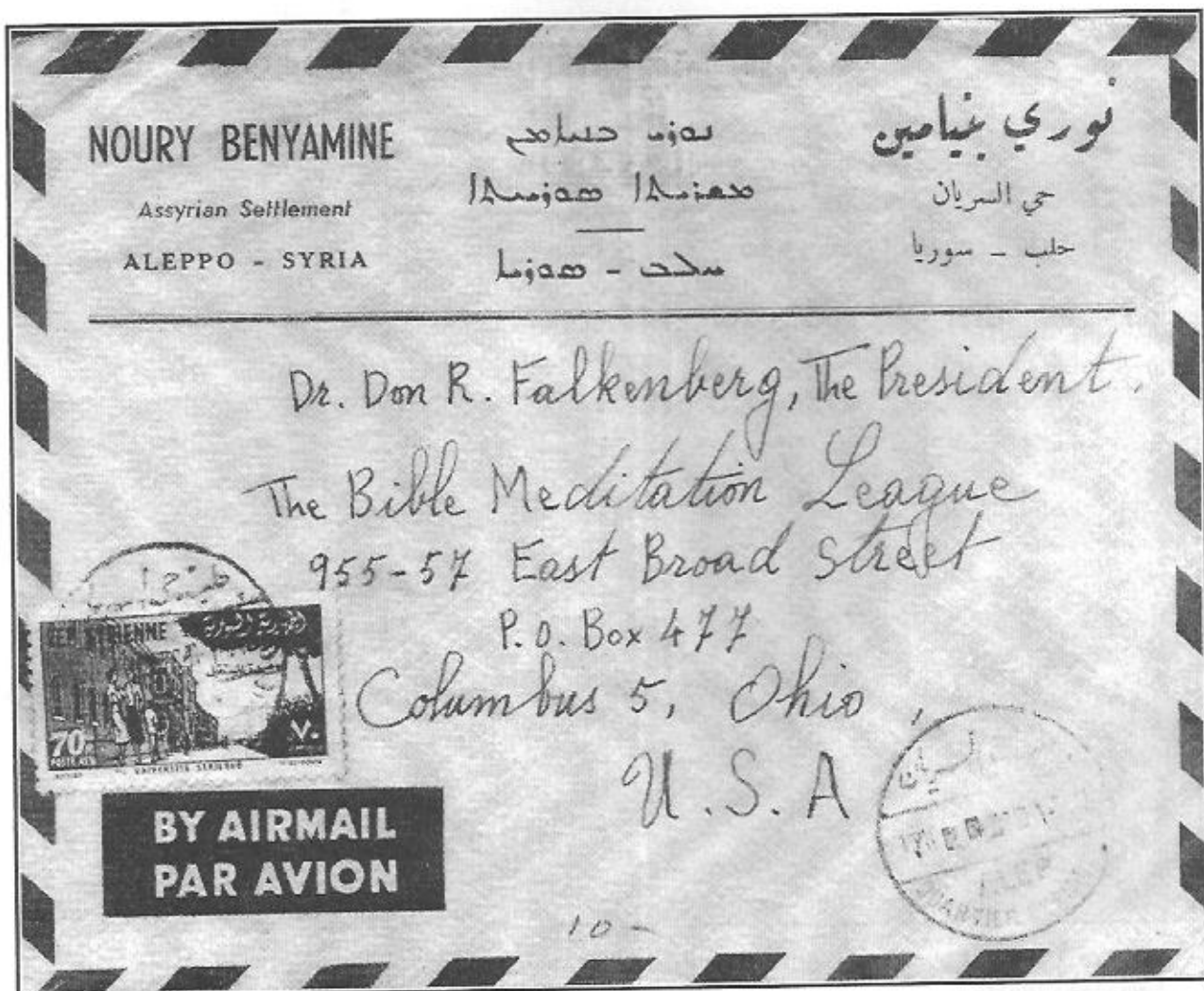


Figure 3: (1954?) private letter from the Assyrian settlement in Aleppo, Syria

THE UNMIK-OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

By Richard Powers

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) is the world's largest regional security organization, whose 56 participating States span the geographical area from Vancouver to Vladivostok. The USA has been a charter member since 1973. OSCE has its headquarters in Vienna. It has a wide range of activities related to all three dimensions of security: the human, the politico-military and the economic-environmental. At the present time its largest field operation is the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and forms a distinct component of the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK). It is mandated with institution- and democracy-building and promoting human rights and the rule of law.

Specific activities include: anti-trafficking in human beings, small arms and drugs; arms control; border management; combating terrorism; conflict prevention; democratization; economic activities; education; elections; environmental activities; gender equality; human rights; media freedom; military reform; minority rights; policing; rule of law; tolerance and non-discrimination.

Figure 1 shows a service cover of the OSCE

Mission bearing three UNMIK Kosovo stamps (Scott #1-3) postmarked in Pristina on August 3, 2001. On the rear is an origin cachet of the Election Complaints and Appeals sub-Commission (ECAC) of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (Figure 2) as well as a receiving cancel at the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva on August 9th.



Figure 2: Origin Cachet of the ECAC of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

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www.osce.org/Kosovo



Figure 1: 2001 Service Cover of the UNMIK-OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

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32. UNEF small #6 cover 1957 Italian franking to England vf MB\$5

33. UNEF Info office Beirut newspaper wrapper franked to Hollywood vf MB\$5

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41. WMO (2) Geneva official small covers to Montreal 1958 legit meter usage vf MB\$5

42. Swiss 4/8/46 last League Assembly Geneva cancels registered cover to Dubendorf Gaines \$40 vf MB\$10

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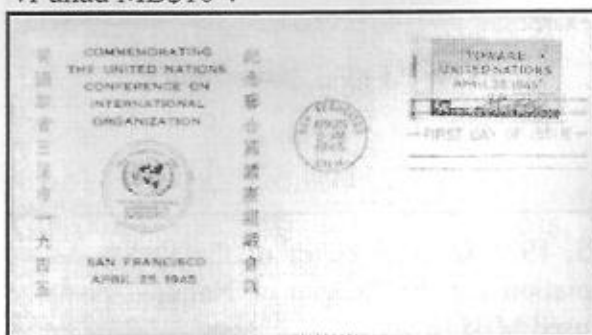
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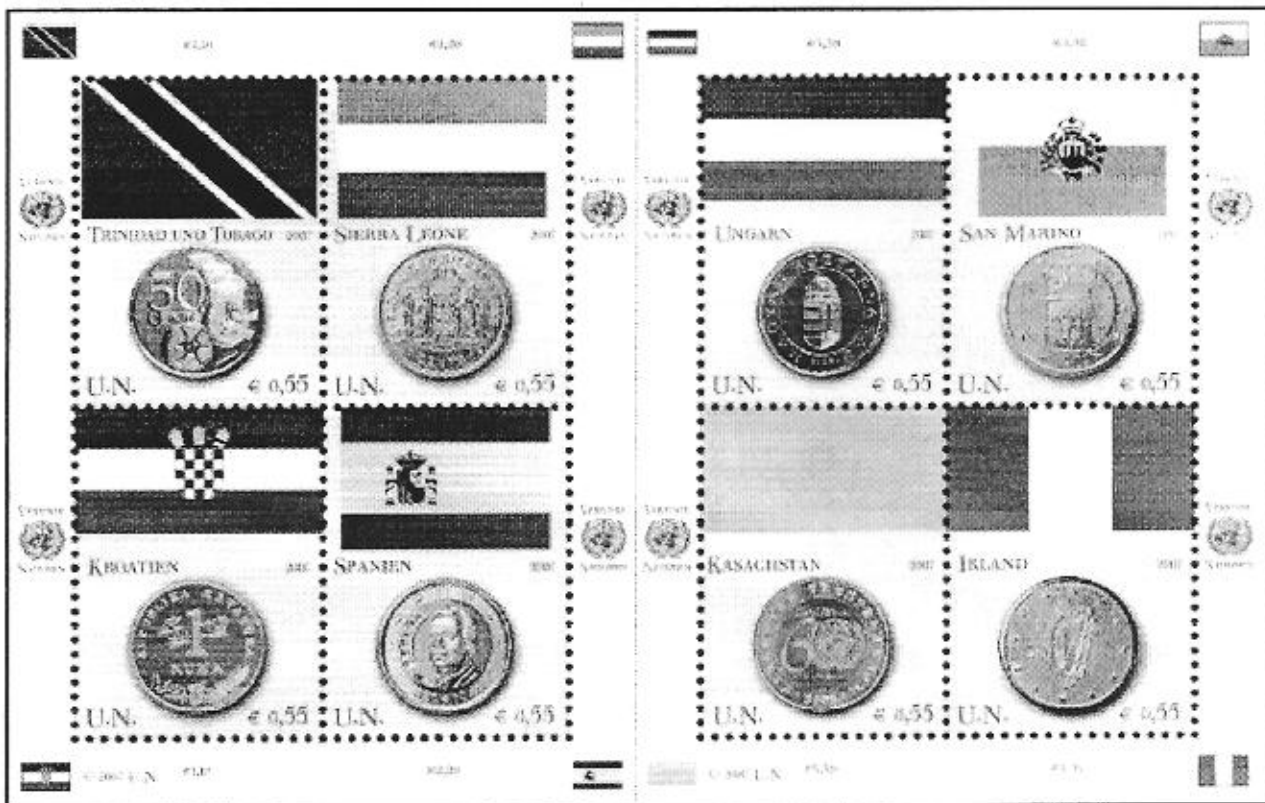
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