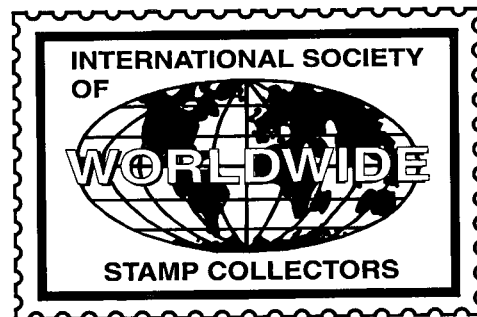


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## The Circular Date Stamp

by Napoleon  
Part 4 of 5 in a Series

France began to use postage stamps in 1849 with the first imperforate Head of Ceres issue. Postal authorities decided to cancel the stamps with something other than the circular date stamp (CDS) that already marked the origin of the piece of mail. The first two articles in this series, "The Masking Stranger" and "Losange" discussed and illustrated the grill and the diamond-of-dots cancels commonly used at different times during this period. This article covers the circular date stamps which inadvertently or intentionally canceled some of the first twenty-six years of French postage stamps.

On the first imperforate Head of Ceres issue, a grill is the common stamp cancellation, although the grill cancels were not available at most post offices until January 13-15. For the first two weeks of January 1849, and occasionally later, a CDS is the cancel, as in Figure 1. At this time, the CDS came in large, medium, and small sizes. This appears to be the medium size. The flower petal shape in the annulus of a double concentric circle (Figure 2) marks a mail boat cancel. The mail boat CDS is used on both Emperor Louis Napoleon issues and on the emperor-with-laurel-wreath issue.

Figure 3 is a rail route cancel, for the Bordeaux-to-Toulouse route. Those with copies of the *Losange* article can find its *losange* converse there, a TB in the center for the

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Part 3 in this series will be featured in the Jan/Feb 2002 issue of *The Circuit*.

Toulouse-to-Bordeaux route.

Figure 4 shows the more common circular date stamps used in this time period. On the far left is the small double-circular Type 15. AFFRANCHISSEMENTS in the bottom of the annulus denoted payment for a special mail service. Next is Type 16, the only single-circle CDS used for regular mail in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the center is the larger double-circular Type 17, with "(49)" at the bottom to identify the *département* (region) in which the stamp was mailed. The Type 17 *bis* is next; in the bottom of the annulus is the name of the street where the post office was located. This format was called the "Streets of Paris" cancel. Type 17 *bis* also existed with the name of the *département* or specifics such as *gare* (train station) *affranchissements*, *départ*, and *étranger*, at the bottom. (The Ceres™ catalog calls this Type 18.) The last cancel in Figure 4 is Type 24 from Port Said, Egypt. Type 24 had three concentric circles with the outer one dotted.

As mail volume increased, cancellations changed to increase information, legibility, and service life. For example, the Type 16 is merely a Type 15 without the inner circle. This allowed insertion of a marker identifying which of the day's mail sortings processed a given piece of mail. Type 17 was a larger cancel created to improve legibility and service life. All classes of post office always had the same general format of cancel at



Fig 1: CDS on first Ceres



Fig 3: Rail route CDS



Fig 2: Mail boat cancel

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# President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856) – President and Executive Director, ISWSC

This will be my last column as ISWSC's President. As I write this, our election is underway. However, since the Presidential race is uncontested, it is fairly certain the Randy Smith will begin as the new President in January 2002. I want to thank him for stepping forward as a candidate and wish him success. I will remain as the ISWSC Executive Director and I look forward to working with Randy.

It has truly been a pleasure serving as the ISWSC President. I have had the pleasure of working with some truly outstanding people, all of whom volunteer their time and talents to support the ISWSC, its programs and its members. To all of you who have given so much in the past four years, I thank you!

One person stands out above all and deserves special

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## President's Column

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recognition. Our Past President and Webmaster, Tom Fortunato has been a tremendous help to me. He was always available for advice and assistance with any pressing issues and I wish to offer him my personal thanks and gratitude. He has also done a wonderful job creating and maintaining our web page and our official roster. He will continue on as our Webmaster and is running uncontested for the Vice President for Public Relations position, so we will continue to benefit from his talents.

One event has been consuming a great deal of time and energy on the part of several of your officers and managers. It is a very strange and complex story that I will try to shorten, but the story needs to be told...

One of the most popular programs offered by the ISWSC is our catalog basis exchange of stamps called the OMNI Exchange. It operates several Circuits including the "Blue" circuit consisting of material valued at 50 cents and up. In late April 2001, the manager of that portion of the OMNI Exchange, Jerry Foster, suddenly and unexpectedly past away. He lived alone in South Carolina so we immediately contacted his daughter who was settling his affairs. In early May 2001, Jerry's daughter traveled from her Texas home to her late father's home, packed up what was believed to be his holdings of ISWSC members' material and shipped it to our new OMNI Manager, Jim Millette. In reviewing the documentation of ISWSC OMNI inventory, it was clear to Jim that much was still missing.

Jerry's daughter was made aware of the discrepancy, but could not return to her late father's South Carolina home until early August 2001. So we waited patiently until she traveled back and completely finished cleaning out his possessions. On 8/10/01 we received a shipment of more books. However the total still missing was 380 books with a total catalog value of over \$41,000.

The following day, August 31, 2001, what looked like the complete stock of missing books appeared on eBay for auction by a man in Orlando Florida. I immediately had emails sent to the lot's owner, eBay management and all bidders requesting that the lot be removed from the auction. After sending several emails to the seller, I received a phone call from a man named Cyril. Cyril is apparently a dealer who obtained the OMNI books as part of a bigger lot from a buyer (called the Browse House in Florida). He says he was unaware the books were misappropriated. He was suspicious of the ISWSC

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### Dues Information:

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\*Plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US\$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, P.O. Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407, USA. *There will be a \$2 per year discount if the renewal is received at least one month prior to the current expiration date.*

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For reasons of accountability, only members of the ISWSC, APS or ASDA may place ads. All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the Editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

### Display Rates (Camera Ready\*) per insertion:

Full page: \$75.00\*\*

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Per column inch: \$5.00

Six repeat insertions of the same ad for the cost of five ads (one free). We will also offer a two-sided insertion for \$125 per issue.

\*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra.

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First 30 words, including name, address, and ZIP code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1.

NOTE: State abbreviations = one word; "P.O. Box 1234" = two words; ZIP code = one word.

**Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.**

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Fig 4: Types 15, 16, 17, 17 bis, & 24 CDS formats

the same time. Thus a full-service office always had a cancel with a solid outer circle, although Types 15, 16, and 17 were in service at the same time. Offices offering fewer services always had a cancel with a dotted outer circle, although the dots often were dirty enough to leave short dashes on a piece of mail.

Cancels came in both blue and red. The most common red cancels were the *cachet à date des Imprimés*, for printed matter and *journaux*, for newspapers.

The CDS became the intended cancel in 1876, perhaps as a result of France joining the Universal Postal Union that year.

### French Colonies General Issues

Now let's take a look at the general issues for France's colonies (Figure 5). Many cancels were very similar to metropolitan French cancels. The *losange* with "MQE" was used in Martinique. The circle-in-octagon was the mail boat cancel mentioned in the "Sage" article. Of special interest is the CDS on the right-hand stamp. The inner circle of dots in the St. Pierre et Miquelon cancel was a typical colonial format. As was true in metropolitan France, dots became short dashes as dirt built up on the handstamp. No cancel from metropolitan France had an inner ring of dots or short dashes.

### Detective Case

Is the stamp in Figure 6 a colonial or a metropolitan stamp? A dealer had it priced a French 1850 imperforate 25c blue Head of Ceres. Background:

- The date appears to be 1854 (or 1834!)
- There are small blue dots in the flower petals in the upper left and right corners when the stamp is upright\*

- The cancellation is not a metropolitan form



Fig 5: French Colonies General: MQE in losange, paquetbot, CDS

but rather a common colonial form

- The city name at the bottom is "Point..."
- A CDS on France's 25c of 1850 is quite

uncommon, being catalogued 1300% above the usual grill cancel

The blue dots\* suggest the 25c Head of Ceres stamp of 1873. It has such dots in the least expensive of the three types. But that stamp is not listed imperforate, and its date should be between 1871 and 1875. The same blue dots appear on the French Colonies 25c blue Head of Ceres (imperforate) stamp, but the cancellation year would be 1872-1877. Even if it were the 1850 stamp, the date should be 1850-1852.

The key is the ring of short, closely spaced dots forming the inner circle. This typical colonial cancel makes it very likely that the stamp is from the French Colonies general issue. The city probably is Pointe-a-Pitre, capital of Guadeloupe. The date probably is a smeared or altered 1874.

\*The blue dots in the upper corner flower petals can't be seen at this resolution, but five-power magnification is adequate to reveal them.



## About the Author

Napoleon is 60 years old and is a member of his local stamp club, having served as treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president. He also belongs to the local chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society, to the France and Colonies Philatelic Society (U.K.), and to the APS.

The articles on early French cancellations are an English-language introduction to the topic. The "Varieties" article shares information not easily available in English. A future article on identifying early French stamps is a summary of information given to interested Internet auction sellers who have trouble differentiating between the various Ceres-head issues. As one Internet newsgroup poster proclaims, "Share what you know. Learn what you don't."

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# New Regional Secretaries Appointed

## Western Europe

**Alan Horwedel -- Germany**

**I** grew up in Ohio and joined the Army in 1947. Went to West Point from the Army and then spent the next 22 years in the Army with tours around the states, two in Germany, three in Vietnam and one in the Dominican Republic.

I started collecting during WWII and have collected ever since, although I didn't do all that much for a number of years between about 1960 and 1984.

I retired from the Army in 1975 and enrolled in the University of Puget Sound Law School. I received my degree in 1978 and then moved to Germany to work for the Army. I retired from Civil Service in late 1984 and have been doing volunteer work with the military retirees ever since. I have been the President of the Army Retiree Council for Southern Germany for the past 12 years.

I currently live in Bietigheim-Bissingen which is a 1000 year old town just outside of Stuttgart.

## Australasia

**Noel Routley -- Australia**

**L**et me first introduce myself. I am a retired builder, aged 67. I collect worldwide and have done so for most of my life, except for a time during Korean Army Service.

I have been a member of the ISWSC for four years. I have also been a member of the PFEC of USA for four years. My goal as Regional Secretary is to work on a membership drive in the Australasian areas. Also, youth programs will not be forgotten.

I am at present using a friend's computer, so please be patient with return of emails.

*For a complete listing of all  
Regional Secretaries, turn to the  
listings on page 2.*

## President's Column

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claim, but after giving numbers, contents and values of some of the missing books, took the lot off the auction block.

Once the OMNI Exchange books were removed from sale we went to work to begin the process of recovery. This included filing a police report with the North Augusta Police Department, discussions with Mr. Ephraim Day of the APS Stamp Theft Committee and Dan Walker, our insurance agent with Collectibles Insurance Agency. At one point it looked as if, in order to file the report, someone would have to travel to North Augusta and appear in person. I am happy to say that several of the members in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas volunteered to make long journeys in order to make the report. Fortunately, with Mr. Day's, assistance this was not needed. However, I was very proud to see all the volunteers step forward (including former OMNI manager Jerry Gross).

On 9/5/01, I spoke over the telephone with Dan Walker of Collectibles Insurance Agency (CIA). He stated he had called Cyril and The Browse House. He was told that the lot of OMNI Books, housed in two boxes, was part of the collection sold to them by Jerry Fosters' daughter. They said they removed about 20 books, took out the stamps from those books and the stamps are now irretrievable. They also removed some stamps from some of the remaining

books, which are also irretrievable). The remainder of the books was sold to Cyril as part of a larger lot. The investigation is now in the hands of an insurance adjuster working for our insurance company.

I am now fairly confident that we will eventually get back all the material in Cyril's possession and that we will obtain financial compensation for the members who have submitted material that is now irretrievable. We have notified the participants in the OMNI Blue Circuit and requested their patience, as this investigation will take some time before it is concluded.

The ISWSC is committed to safeguarding the members' stamps submitted to all of our programs. This incident has taught us that we need to do better. I have requested that all officers and managers designate a family member or friend as an emergency contact and have compiled a list of these contacts. I have further requested that each officer or manager in possession of ISWSC property or that of its members explain to their contact what they have and where it is located in case something happens to them and we have to recover our property or records. Of course, we will maintain insurance coverage adequate to compensate for a total loss of material from any one ISWSC site.

And so ends my last (and most interesting) column as President!

Till next time...



# ISWSC Meeting at Stampshow

by Tom Fortunato (#379)  
ISWSC Board Member

A handful of ISWSC members met and exchanged thoughts and ideas in Chicago, Illinois during the APS Stampshow in late August. The hour long meeting dealt with many topics, including the swap and sales circuit, collecting interests, and the upcoming election.

Attending were Gary Taylor of Granger, IA; Bill Easton of Vancouver, BC; Viggo Walmoe of Minnetonka, MN; Joanne Berkowitz of Sacramento, CA; Mike Crump of Yorba Linda, CA; and Jon MacLeod of Sault St. Marie, MI. Others were at the show but sent regrets, including Joe Foley and John Hotchner of Virginia. It was hosted by Tom Fortunato of Rochester, NY. We also had a few prospects join us!

Where will we be meeting next? Tom will be attending Sandical in San Diego February 1-3 and the National Topical Stamp Show in Orlando in June, and would be happy to meet any members attending those shows. Our next formal meeting will be at Stampshow once again, in Atlantic City, New Jersey in August 2002. More details will follow!



## Check it Out!

by Heather Wood (#2321)

I've been a collector for 48 years, during which I've been lucky enough to work for some international companies. I have gathered several shopping bags full of stamps, which I've recently started organizing. My "day job" is working for The SETI League (Search for Extraterrestrial intelligence) — we encourage amateur radio astronomers around the world to listen for signs of intelligent life.

I discovered in my collection a bunch of stamps showing radio telescopes. We now have a page of these stamps on the SETI League website at <http://setileague.org/general/stamps.htm>.

The great thing about stamps is that, whatever your other hobbies or interests, you can find something complementary in the stamp world.



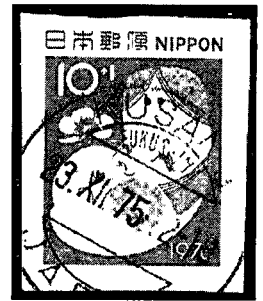
# What's That?

by John Bunker (#896)

This stamp (?) from Japan is very interesting due to the following reasons:

- It is not listed in a catalog
- It is most likely an envelope stamp
- The stamp is dated 1976
- The postmark is dated 1975!!
- It appears to be a semi-postal with a value of 10+1, an unprecedented amount

I thought this might be of interest to a person specializing in Japanese philately.



## Dag Hammarskjöld

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld was Secretary-General of the United Nations from April 10, 1953, until September 18, 1961, when he met his death in a tragic plane accident while on a peace mission in the Congo. He was born in 1905 in Sweden, the fourth son of Hjalmar Hammarskjöld, Prime Minister of Sweden during the years of World War I. He was brought up in the university town of Uppsala, where his father resided as Governor of the county of Uppland.

During his terms as Secretary General, Mr. Hammarskjöld carried out many responsibilities for the United Nations in the course of its efforts to prevent war and serve the other aims of the Charter of the United Nations.

He held honorary degrees from Oxford University, U.K.; from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Amherst, Johns Hopkins, the University of California, Uppsala College and Ohio University in the U.S.; and from Carleton College and McGill University in Canada.



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# Word Search

All of the following items of interest can be found within the pages of this issue of *The Circuit* — and in this word search puzzle!

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*After you solve the puzzle, challenge yourself to find where each item is in the newsletter. Good luck!*

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## Adventures in Stamp Collecting

by Darlene M. Tomecek (#279)

I'm a senior citizen who has been collecting for about 32 years now and enjoy it immensely. It all started while I was working for an insurance company.

My co-worker's husband was drafted into the Army and sent to Fort Hood. She decided to resume her stamps collection, which she started when she was a youngster. Somehow, it seemed like something for me to do, so I started with a small collection. She and I traded stamps for many years. She kept it up for quite a while, even after her husband was discharged and she started having babies.

I don't consider myself a serious collector, as such. I don't bother with checking values, etc., so I don't keep catalogues. I enjoy putting them into albums and have about seven of them already. My collection helps to keep my blood pressure down.

Over the years, I kept updating the albums with pages of the current stamp pictures. At one point, I started ordering from a stamp company and ended up getting a lot of stamps. I have fallen far behind with putting the stamps in albums, so I cancelled my orders to the stamp company for now to give me a chance to get caught up.

The only time I work on my stamp collection is when I watch my two favorite soap operas: *Guiding*

*Light* and *The Youth and the Restless*. After that, *The Price is Right* is on, then the news...so my mornings are pretty well used up.

Every year my best friend and I take tours and have travelled to a few European countries. Ironically, I would always find a stamp store without looking for it. So, of course, I had to stop and buy something.

I'm glad to say I found a few "pen pals" from this newsletter who happily trade stamps with me. And they write such interesting letters about their country or state, which I love to read.

I also want to mention that since I worked in the Chicago Loop for quite a few years, I actually managed to get to a few stamp shows on my lunch hour.

When I went to New York one year, my cousin and I went to the United Nations building and bought some of their stamps direct. That was exciting for me! We stopped across the street from the U.N. building to put a new battery in her camera and almost got arrested. I think the two policemen thought we looked like we were up to no good. We laughed about it later, but he kept watching us and telling us to move on. He finally had the younger cop help her put the battery in.





# Philatelic TLC Pays Off

She handled ISWSC mail for many years, and is now recognized as the best of her kind in the state of Texas. "She" is former ISWSC member Margee Christopher of Caddo Mills, and has been named "Postmaster of the Year" in Texas.

Margee started as a part-time employee of the US Postal Service in 1974 as a carrier/clerk in Caddo Mills. Through the years she worked her way through the ranks, eventually landing the postmaster's job in that small town.

It was there that her ISWSC connection began, as our former executive director Carol Cervenka got "priority" treatment for mailings from Margee's post office. Hundreds of mail pieces at a time would be stamped and personally hand-cancelled by her or her assistants. She knew how important this was to collectors, because she was one herself!

One year Carol gave Margee a gift membership in the ISWSC as a reward for her dedication. Margee renewed for several years, even when she was promoted as Postmaster in much larger Merit, TX in 1996, where she is stationed now. Throughout this time many ISWSC members took advantage of her offer to act as a philatelic clerk on their behalf. She was able to fill want lists for the newest US items as well as elusive older issues that even big cities had difficulty getting.

It should be noted that Margee's recognition has even more meaning, as her peers nominated and selected her for the award at the National League of Postmasters—Texas Branch annual convention in June.

Congratulations, Margee!



## World Heritage – Japan

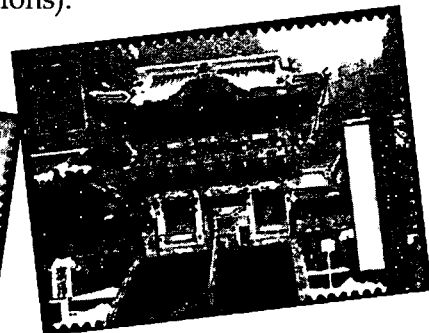
On August 1, 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "World Heritage — Japan." The stamp issue coincided with the PHILANIPPON '01 stamp exhibition, which took place at the Tokyo International Exhibition center August 1-7, 2001.

This is the seventh United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites. It is the fifth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

The stamp denominations are as follows:

34¢	Kyoto
70¢	Shirakawa-go and Gokayama
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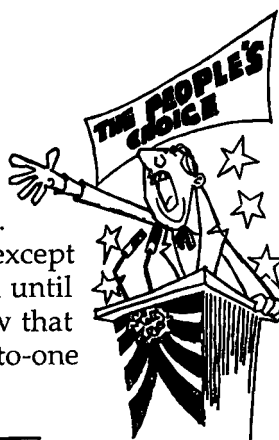
The stamps were designed by Rorie Katz (United Nations).





# ISWSC 2001 Elections Update

Our official ballot counter, Rick Simpson, reports that as of mid-October over 120 ballots have been received. As you know, all of the candidates were unopposed except for the office of Secretary. Since this issue will not reach you until after the balloting period is over, we can safely let you know that Joanne Berkowitz is outrunning Fred Kolcz by about a two-to-one margin. Final figures will be in the next issue.



**COMMENTS,  
SUGGESTIONS,  
IDEAS,  
QUESTIONS?**

**We would love to  
hear from you!**

See page 2 for a  
complete listing of  
ISWSC officers,  
managers and  
service contacts.

## International Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo: New Shows Opening In New York City

The International Coin & Stamp Collectors Society is proud to announce the opening of two major new shows to be held in the Big Apple — New York City.

Israel I. Bick, Executive Director of the society and Managing Director of Bick International, the organization that is the management company running the shows, said that the first two shows were encouraged by major dealers who wanted an annual premier coin and stamp exhibition in New York City.

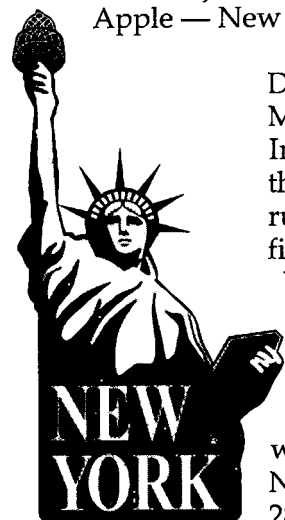
The first show of the series, which will be called NEWYORKPEX, will be July 26-28, 2002 — the week before the

ANA show in New York. The first annual show will be October 18-20, 2002.

Both shows will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Ave. at 33rd Street, across from Penn Station and Madison Square Garden in the heart of New York City. This hotel is the easiest and most accessible location from anywhere in the eastern seaboard.

Public show hours for both shows will be Friday, 2-6pm; Saturday 10am-6pm; and Sunday 10am-5pm. Admission is \$5.

Further information on the bourse, exhibiting and attending may be obtained by writing, calling, faxing or emailing to: International Coin & Stamp Collectors Society, P.O. Box 854, Van Nuys, CA 91408; ph: 818-997-6496; fax: 818-988-4337; email: iibick@aol.com.



For more information about the shows listed below, please contact Bick International, Israel I. Bick, Managing Director, P.O. Box 854, Van Nuys, CA 91408.

### **Pasadena Hilton Hotel**

(Revised Location)  
November 23-25, 2001

### **Anaheim Brookhurst Center**

(New Date)  
Nov.30-Dec. 1-2, 2001

### **Glendale Civic Auditorium**

December 7-9, 2001

### **Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas**

December 14-16, 2001

### **Glendale Civic Auditorium**

January 25-27, 2002

### **Pasadena**

May 10-12, 2002

### **Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas**

May 24-26, 2002

### **Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City**

July 26-28, 2002

### **Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City**

October 18-20, 2002

### **Pasadena**

November 29-30, Dec. 1, 2002

### **Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas**

December 13-15, 2002

# United Nations Postal Administration Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On October 18, 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set of six commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets to commemorate the "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration."

With the founding of the UNPA 50 years ago, a truly unique institution was born — unique because the United Nations is the only organization in the world, which is neither a country nor a territory, that is permitted to issue postage stamps.

It is also the only postal authority that issues stamps in three different currencies: U.S. dollars, Swiss francs and Austrian schillings.

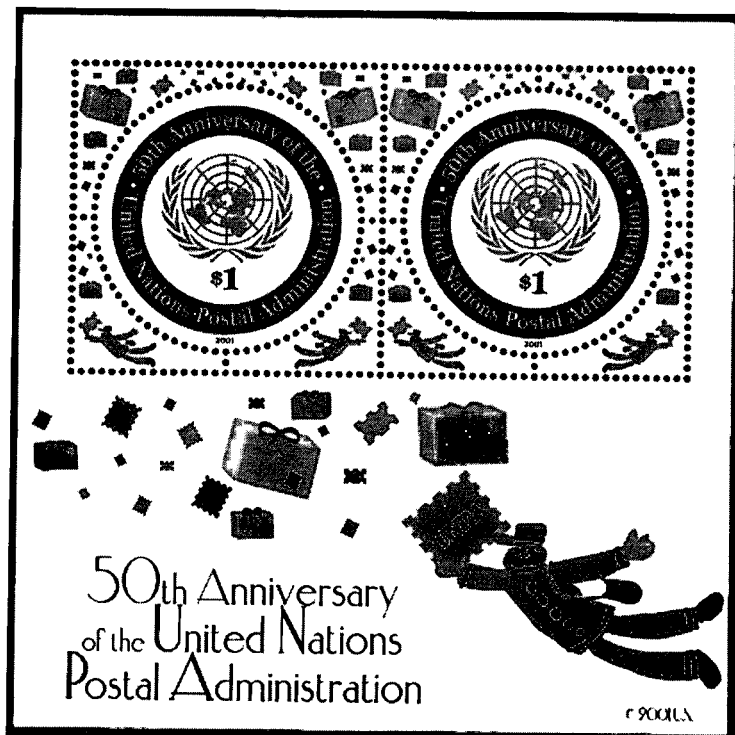
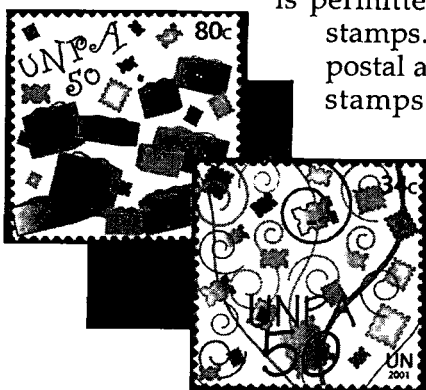
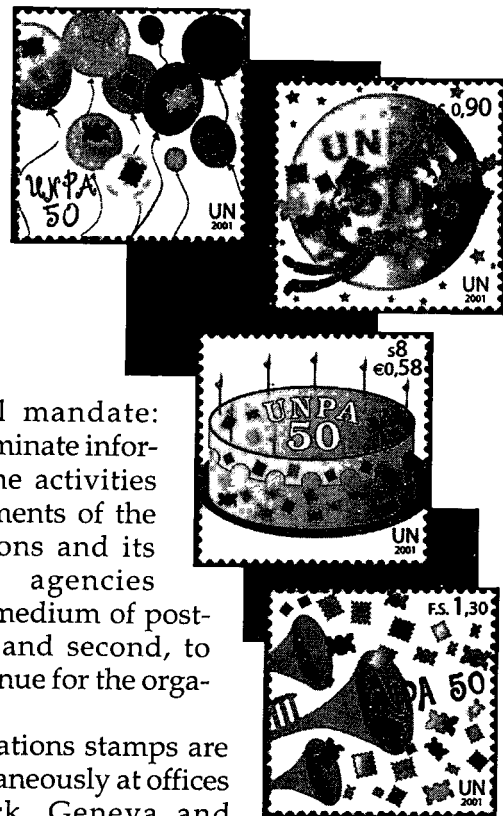
Since its inception, the UNPA has always operated

with a dual mandate: first, to disseminate information on the activities and achievements of the United Nations and its specialized agencies through the medium of postage stamps; and second, to generate revenue for the organization.

United Nations stamps are issued simultaneously at offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna. Each issue carries a related design theme, with different denominations for each office. The stamps are available from UNPA offices in person or by mail, and from stamp dealers. They are valid for postage when used on mail from the UN offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

Under its guidelines, the UNPA confines to selling mint stamps and postal stationery. Usually at least six new commemorative issues are released each year, which remain on sale for 12 months only. After that date, any remaining stocks are destroyed. Commemorative stamps are so named because they commemorate a certain theme. They are never reprinted, even if they are sold out before the end of the 12-month sale period. Definitive stamps have an indefinite sale period and carry denominations necessary for general postal needs. Definitive stamps can be reprinted as necessary.

United Nations stamps are printed all over the world by security printers, both government printing offices and private security printing firms. The stamps are produced under the same security controls used for the printing of banknotes. Collectors appreciate the high quality of these stamps, which undergo many quality controls and are screened by UNPA for any flaws. This makes the UN one of the highest-quality producers of stamps among postal administrations.



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With a large membership, our records are always being updated. It has been a long time since we updated basic information, such as phone numbers, APS and ATA membership numbers, and age. We'd like your assistance in improving the data base, so send this information via mail or email to:

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HOLIDAYS** to keep your  
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