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IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE NO.

25 January 1955

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Dear Mr. Dizer,

I have learned through Mr. Rumbel, with great regret, that you have decided against production of a United Nations Album.

I am so sorry about this, for not only are all your Albums beautiful works of art, but in this case, the UN Postal Administration has a particular interest in seeing the Album completed.

I wondered, therefore, if we might have a little conference on the matter, and perhaps we could work something out to our mutual satisfaction.

As you know, I am generally in my office, but perhaps you would call Elisabeth, and arrange a time convenient to yourself, so that I may, with certainty, be here when you come over.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Reidar Tvedt".

Reidar Tvedt
Chief

UN Postal Administration

Mr. Malcolm C. Dizer,
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320 East 42nd St.,
New York,
N.Y.

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- ▶ *What it does ...*
- ▶ *How it works ...*



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PREAMBLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

determined

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

and for these ends

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

have resolved to combine our efforts

to accomplish these aims.

accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.

On 24 June, 1945, at San Francisco, the Charter was signed by the representatives of 51 nations; 9 other nations subsequently signed the Charter, making a total membership, at 1 September, 1953 of 60 nations. To commemorate this event, the United Nations Postal Administration issued the following stamp on United Nations Day, 24 October 1952.

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THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG

The Legal Committee of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the design for the United Nations flag unanimously on 7 October, 1947. The General Assembly voted to accept the design as the official emblem of the United Nations on 20 October, 1947, and the flag was first flown on the following day during a meeting of the General Assembly at Flushing Meadows, New York.

PREAMBLE OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people.

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law.

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations among nations.

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge.

Now therefore THE GENERAL-ASSEMBLY

PROCLAIMS this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

Foreword

PRIOR to the United Nations, although international inter-governmental organizations had no recognized right to issue postage stamps, they could and did make arrangements with the host country government for the purchase of such numbers as they required to frank their own mail, and to use them with appropriate institutional identification as part of the design or with adequate surcharge.

As a member of the international Secretariat serving the Executive Committee and the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, I was called upon to act as Secretary of the Legal Sub-Committee which prepared a draft of principles to be recommended for insertion in any convention to define the immunities and privileges of the Organization, and I saw to it that the recognition of authority to issue postage stamps was one of them.

Such a provision was eventually included in Article II, Section 6 of the Headquarters agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America, in the following words:

In the event that the United Nations should propose to organize its own postal service, the conditions under which such service shall be set up shall be the subject of a supplemental agreement.

The principal purposes borne in mind originally were (a) to emphasize the international personality of the new Organization as distinct from that of its individual and collective members (later on such status was recognized in regard to damages suffered by officials when in the discharge of their functions), and (b) to utilize the postage stamps as small posters depicting the aims and activities of the United Nations, on the millions of letters and packages from the Headquarters of the Organization and circulating throughout the world. Furthermore, several million philatelists, of all ages and nationalities, could learn about the tasks of the United Nations by adding such stamps to their individual collections.

When I raised the matter at an early meeting with the Secretary-General and the Assistant Secretaries-General, in 1946, at Lake Success, I mentioned a third purpose which could also be served through the issuance of postage stamps: to meet the constant requests of people for an opportunity to participate directly, at the individual level, in carrying out the high purposes of the Organization, operating with limited budgets contributed by the governments.

All these objectives are now being amply served by United Nations postage stamps, and their educational value has grown with the development of U.N. stamp clubs in thousands of schools.

B. COHEN,
*Assistant Secretary-General
for Public Information*



Purpose of United Nations Stamps

As presented by

Mr. Reidar Tvedt, Chief, UN Postal Administration

IT EMERGED quite clearly from the earliest discussions about the establishment of a United Nations Postal Administration, and the issuance of United Nations stamps, that the main object of this venture would be to secure publicity for the United Nations. This view is still held by United Nations officials, who realize that these small squares of gummed paper are an excellent means whereby information about the United Nations, its aims and activities, may be spread among peoples, thus helping to link this organization to the world which created it, in bonds of human solidarity and hope for the better future which international action can bring into being.

It is held that a letter bearing United Nations stamps will serve, not only as a reminder to the recipient that the world organization exists and is working constantly to achieve peace, justice and security for all, but also as an invitation to participate in the work of the United Nations by giving it whole-hearted support, without which it can never succeed in its great task.

Many millions of United Nations stamps have, since their first issuance in 1951, been borne upon letters from United Nations Headquarters to Government offices and private citizens all over the world; many more have found their way into the collections of philatelists, among whom mutuality of interest inspires discussion of the United Nations itself.

As the circulation of United Nations stamps increases; as new stamps are issued depicting further activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies; as public interest in and knowledge of the organization grows; then the real purpose of United Nations stamps will be fulfilled.

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UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION



An Introductory Guide to the Postage Stamps



and Postal Stationery of the United Nations







First Regular Issue—1951

A milestone in the advancement of the mankind was reached with the establishment of the United Nations. This special set of stamps was issued to facilitate the vast world wide postal program of this great organization. On October 24, 1951 the first six stamps were issued. The others were released on November 16, and December 14th



Peoples of the World



United Nations Flag



United Nations Flag



United Nations Building



Child Welfare



United Nations Emblem

24 October 1951



Peoples of the World



United Nations Flag



World Unity



United Nations Emblem



United Nations Building

16 November 1951



Additions to Regular Issue of 1951
1958



United Nations Emblem



4c and 8c denominations added to regular issue due to change in United States first class mail rate from 3c to 4c and foreign rate for surface mail from 5c to 8c.

Regular Issue
1961



Flags symbolizing unity of Strength

Issued to pre-pay one ounce air mail letters to Europe and North Africa. It will be also used for domestic special delivery and parcel post.

Definitives
1962



"To Live Together in Peace"



Hands aloft combining letters UN



UN flag in the breeze



UN emblem encircling globe

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Definitives
1964



World map projection



UN seal, growing plant



Globe and 3 united figures



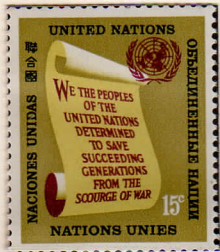
Stylized globe and weather-vane

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Definitives
1965



UN Charter



Peace motto, UN seal



UN Headquarters & seal



FIRST PRINTING
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE—SEPT. 20, 1965
LAST DAY OF SALE—OCT. 28, 1965

25c
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UN seal



SECOND PRINTING
FIRST DAY OF SALE—NOV. 6, 1965
FIRST DAY OF USE—NOV. 8, 1965



First Air Mail Issue—1951

AIRMAIL STAMPS

The world is living in the age of flight, and with the speed of modern aircraft, letters may be sent and received in any part of the world in a matter of hours.

The airmail stamps issued by the United Nations have as their theme the aeroplane on its journeys, carrying the mail to any part of the world; but underlying the theme is the hope expressed by the gull and by the swallows flying towards the United Nations emblem that, with the smallness of the world becoming so apparent, peace will come too.

First Air Mail Issue—1951



Airplane and Gull



Airplane and Gull



Swallows in Flight



Swallows in Flight

14 December 1951



Globe and Wing



Flag and Plane

1959



Globe and Wing

1957

Additional values issued to meet the new rates established for post card and letter air mail.

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Air Mail
1963



View of Outer Space



Symbol of Flight



Soaring Palmleaf Bird

Issued June 17, 1963 to conform to changes in United States Postal rates.

1964



Flight across the globe



Jet plane with airmail envelope
in its jetstream



Birthplace of the Charter
1952



Veteran's War Memorial Building

Issued as a tribute to United Nations Day the stamp also celebrates the signing of the charter in San Francisco in 1945. This was the first United Nations commemorative stamp.

Human Rights

1952



Flame of Freedom



This special commemorative set honored December 10th as Human Rights Day. The theme of the stamps symbolizes freedom for all throughout the world.



Protection for Refugees

1953



These stamps symbolize the tireless efforts of the United Nations in aiding and protecting refugees.

Universal Postal Union

1953



Map, Envelope
and U.N. Seal



Issued as a tribute to the Universal Postal Union which was founded in 1874.

Technical Assistance Technique

1953



Cog-wheels and U.N. Seal



This commemorative set carried a message to the world of the U.N. Technical Assistance Program carried on in under-developed countries.

Human Rights

1953



Hands reaching for
Flame of Freedom



This set, second in the series, honors Human Rights Day, December 10th. The theme of the design expresses mankind's desire for freedom, equality and dignity.



Food and Agriculture

1954



Wheat Stalk



Issued as a tribute to the Food and Agriculture Organization whose chief aims are to help nations raise their standard of living, and improve their farming, fishing and forestry industries.

International Labor

1954



Anvil and U.N. Seal



This set honors the International Labor Organization created to improve working and living conditions throughout the world. It has given valuable aid to underdeveloped countries in framing social and labor policies.

United Nations Day

1954



United Nations
European Office



As part of the United Nations Day celebration this set was issued October 25th.

Human Rights

1954



Mother and Child



Third in the series, this set was issued December 10th to commemorate Human Rights Day.



International Civil Aviation Organization

1955



Symbol of Flight



Issued February 5th in honor of the tenth anniversary of ICAO, a United Nations agency created to promote and develop International civil aviation in a safe, orderly and economical manner.

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

1955



UNESCO Emblem



Dedicated to the advancement of Education, Science and Culture throughout the world, UNESCO was honored with these stamps issued May 11th.

Human Rights

1955



Flame of Freedom



Issued December 9th, this is the fourth in the series commemorating Human Rights Day celebrated December 10th.

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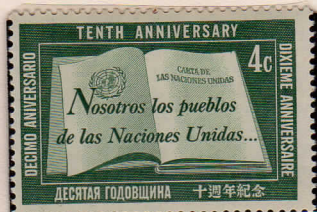
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United Nations Day

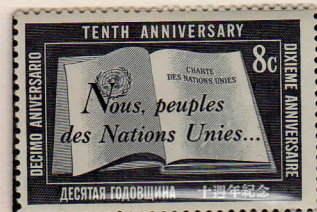
1955



Charter Preamble in English.



Charter Preamble in Spanish

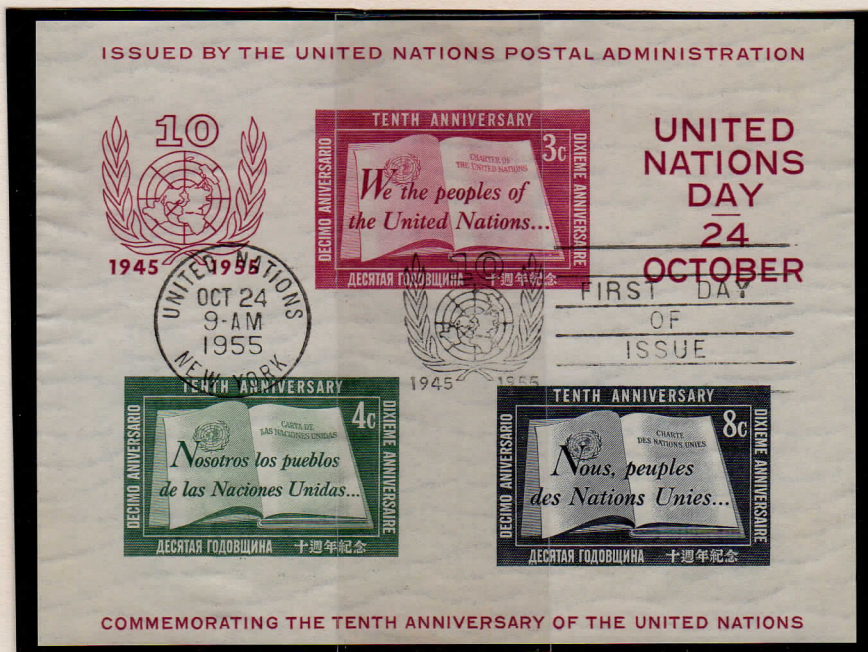


Charter Preamble in French

As a tribute to the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations charter these stamps and souvenir sheet were issued October 24th.

United Nations Day

1955



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International Telecommunication Union

1956



Symbols of Communication

Issued February 17th as a tribute to ITU, the organization devoted to developing and improving the operation of international telecommunications services.

World Health Organization

1956



Globe and Caduceus

As a tribute to the World Health Organization this set of two stamps was issued on April 6th, World Health Day.

United Nations Day

1956



General Assembly
in Session

On the Occasion of the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations charter this set of stamps was issued on October 24th, 1956.

Human Rights

1956



Flame Illuminating Globe

Symbolical of human rights prevailing throughout the world these stamps were issued December 10th, Human Rights Day.



World Meteorological Organization
1957



Balloon and Transmitter



This design depicts a weather balloon going aloft, carrying below it the apparatus which transmits weather data to the receivers below. Globe-shaped balloon also symbolizes world-wide scope of organization.

Emergency Force
1957



Emergency Force Insignia

Issued to honor the United Nations Emergency Force established for the purpose of arranging the cessation of hostilities in the Middle East.

Emergency Force—Reengraved
1957



Re-engraved stamps; lighter shading around outer circle of design giving a halo effect; more space between figures of value and bottom inscription.

United Nations Day
1957



Symbol of Enlightenment



This issue paid tribute to the Security Council whose chief function is to maintain international peace.

Human Rights Day
1957



Symbol of Human Rights



The theme of the stamp design commemorates the endeavor to carry out the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted on December 10, 1948 by the General Assembly.



International Atomic Energy Agency

1958



UN Emblem & Symbolic Configuration of Atom



This issue honors the efforts to encourage the peaceful uses of the atom. The design shows United Nations emblem shedding light on a symbolic configuration of the atom.

Meeting of General Assembly

1958



Central Hall, Westminster, London



Issued April 14, 1958 to honor the 1958 session of the General Assembly. These two stamps show Central Hall, Westminster, London, site of the initial part of the first session of the General Assembly held there in 1946.

United Nations Day

1958



Cog wheels



The United Nations Economic & Social Council is honored on this year's United Nations Day stamps. The Council's most noble objective—"To promote better standards of life for all people" is inscribed on the 4c stamp in English and on the 8c stamp in French.

Human Rights Day

1958



Hands Surrounding the Globe



Issued on December 10, 1958 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The four hands emerging from each corner of the design symbolize the peoples of the world.



Meeting of General Assembly

1959



Site of United Nations
General Assembly 1946-1950



This is the second in the series depicting sites of the UN General Assembly. These stamps depict the New York City Building at Flushing Meadows, New York.

Economic Commission for Europe

1959



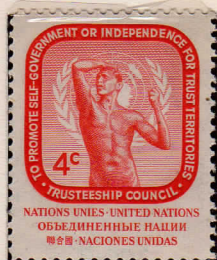
Symbols of Agriculture
Industry and Trade



The Economic Commission for Europe was created in 1947 for the purpose of finding a solution for international economic problems.

United Nations Day

1959



Symbol of the aspiration of
People from a sculpture
by Rodin



The United Nations Trusteeship Council is honored on this year's United Nations Day stamps. This organ of the U.N. was created to promote self-government for Trust Territories.

World Refugee Year

1959



Hands of
Protection and Refugee



Issued as a tribute to World Refugee Year, June 1959 to June 1960, designated as a year of special effort on behalf of the homeless. This issue replaces the Human Rights Day Stamps issued each year at this time.



Meeting of General Assembly
1960



Palais de Chaillot,
Paris, France



Issued February 29, 1960 honoring the site of previous General Assembly meetings. The first part of the third session in 1948 and the sixth session in 1951 were held in the Palais de Chaillot.

Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
1960



Steel Girder and Geographic
Area covered by ECAFE



Established March 28, 1947, the purpose of ECAFE is to help governments within its geographic scope—Asia and the Far East—to help themselves in developing and improving their economic standards.

Fifth World Forestry Congress
1960



Symbol of World Forestry



Issued as a tribute to the Fifth World Forestry Congress, the purpose of which is to exchange on an international scale information regarding the science and practice of forestry.

International Bank
1960



Block and Tackle,
Symbol of Construction



Issued as a tribute to the organization, first conceived in 1944, whose chief purpose is to aid war-damaged and needy countries in re-building and developing their productive facilities.



United Nations Day
1960



United Nations Building, Official Insignia and Preamble

To commemorate the 15th anniversary of the United Nations, these stamps and souvenir sheet were issued on October 24th, United Nations Day. The inspiring preamble depicted on the stamps and sheet proclaims to the world the purpose of this great world organization.



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International Court of Justice

1961



"Scales of Justice", adapted from a Raphael Fresco in the Vatican

Issued as a tribute to the judicial arm of the United Nations, The International Court of Justice was established to hear and decide judicially all disputes submitted to it by states.

International Monetary Fund

1961



Seal of the Fund and United Nations Emblem

The purpose of the International Monetary Fund is to promote world trade thus helping its members develop in economic growth and improve their standards of living.

Economic Commission for Latin America

1961



Gear encircling Latin America, symbol of economic development

The Economic Commission for Latin America was created for the purpose of promoting both economically and socially the countries under its sphere of influence.



Economic Commission for Africa

1961



Africa House, Commission Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The chief purpose of the Economic Commission for Africa is to aid, promote and develop the economic and social standards of the many nations and territories that are part of the African Continent.

15th Anniversary UNICEF

1961



Young birds waiting to be fed, UN emblem

The general assembly established the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in Dec., 1946 for the purpose of providing food, shelter, clothing, and medical care for children in devastated areas.



Housing and Community Facilities

1962



Family & Settlement

This set called attention to the United Nations long-ranged program of housing and urban development.

World Health Organization

1962



"The World United Against Malaria," Mosquito, Malaria Eradication emblem.

The aim of the World Health Organization's Anti-Malaria program is to achieve the total elimination of this disease.



Memorial Issue

1962

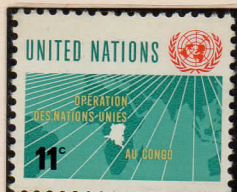


Flag at half-mast & U.N. Building, New York

Issued on the anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the U.N. (1953-61), as a tribute to those who died in the service of the United Nations.

United Nations Day

1962



Sunrays over African continent

Issued to commemorate the U.N. effort to restore law and order in the Congo.

Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

1962



Laurel leaves in orbit around the earth.

Issued to honor the 28 member United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.



UNTEA

1963



UNTEA: Bridge of Administration

Issued on the first anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority for the purpose of administering the territory of West New Guinea (West Irian).

For a period of seven months (October 1962 through May 1963) after the termination of Netherland Governmental authority in West New Guinea (West Irian) and before the start of Indonesian authority, the affairs of the territory were administered by the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority. These stamps were officially used during that time.

Meeting of General Assembly

1963



General Assembly Building, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Issued November 4, 1963, this is the fourth in a series depicting General Assembly sites.

Declaration of Human Rights

1963



Flame of Freedom



Commemorates the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights.

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Science and Technology
1963



Conference Emblem



Issued to honor the Economic Science and Technology Conference held in Geneva February 4—20, 1963

Freedom from Hunger

1963



Stalks of Wheat



Issued as part of a world-wide campaign to call attention to the hunger and malnutrition problem affecting half the world's population

Air Mail
1963



NOTE: THESE AIRMAIL STAMPS ARE IN THE FRONT OF THE ALBUM, WITH ALL OTHER AIRMAILS.

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IMCO
1964



IMCO emblem,
ships and sun rays.

The Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) concerns itself with safety, efficient navigation and trade practices on the high seas.

UN Conference on Trade & Development
1964



Globe, cargo and
symbols of movement

From March 23 to June 15, 1964, representatives from member states of the U.N. met in Geneva, Switzerland to plan the expansion of international trade.

Narcotics Control
1964



Hands reaching
for opium poppy

Issued in tribute to the 55th anniversary of the Shanghai Opium Commission, and to publicize and strengthen the principle of international narcotics control.

Nuclear Testing
1964



Mushroom cloud and padlock with UN emblem and slogan

Education for Progress
1964



Student writing on blackboard

These stamps serve to commemorate the work accomplished by the United Nations in its endeavor to eradicate illiteracy.



UN Special Fund
1965



Key, globe, graph marking Fund's progress

Honored the UN Peace Keeping Force in its efforts to maintain law and order in Cyprus.

Cyprus Peace Force
1965



UN emblem, leaves, silhouette of Cyprus

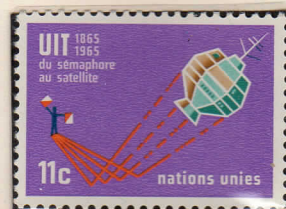
Issued to call attention to this program of technical co-operation for the economic growth of low income nations.

I. T. U.
1965



From semaphore to satellite

I. T. U.
1965



From semaphore to satellite

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International Co-operation Year
1965



Clasped hands, UN seal

Issued to commemorate the 20th anniv. of the United Nations.

Population Trends and Developments
1965



Issued to call attention to the unprecedented increase in population throughout the world, and the problems which have resulted.

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*World Federation of UN
Associations*

1966



Commemorated the international non-governmental organization which devotes itself to promoting the aims and activities of the United Nations and its Agencies.

UN Observers

1966



Observer with binoculars

Honored the United Nations Military Observers, an international group of auxiliary personnel who work to keep the peace.

Definitive

1966



U.N. emblem



World Health Organization

1966



WHO Headquarters

Commemorated the opening of the new headquarters of the World Health Organization in Geneva.

International Coffee Agreement

1966



Coffee flower, buds and seeds

Honored the agreement which seeks to maintain an orderly supply and demand for coffee on the world market.

20th Anniversary UNICEF

1966



Children around the world

Commemorated UNICEF's efforts on behalf of the children of 110 countries to wipe out hunger, disease and ignorance.

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Postal Stationery of United Nations

Air Letter Sheet

1965



Greenish Background

International Airmail Postal Card

June 9, 1966



AIR MAIL POSTAL CARD

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1967

The United Nations Postal Administration issued five new commemorative stamps in 1967, including a miniature art sheet, as well as redesigned 1½-cent and 5-cent definitives.



UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS

In the following pages are shown all the United Nations Postage Stamps issued during the year 1967, both Definitive and Commemorative, including the extraordinary Expo 67 issues, for use exclusively at the United Nations Pavilion, at Montreal.

No Postal Stationery was issued, although action in this field appears likely in the near future. Such items as Postal Cards, Stamped Envelopes, and Air Letters, sold today at the United Nations, are all incorrectly valued; NOT complying with the new U.S. Rates, which became effective, January 7th.

The year 1967 marks the sixteenth year since the United Nations Postal Administration was established, and in which United Nations Stamps have been issued. The very first, October 24, 1951, were the Regulars - 1¢, 1-1/2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 25¢, and \$1. Other values were issued the same year, on the 16th November; and the first four Airmails on the 14th December. (All obsolete, today.)

Considering today's world-wide interest in these stamps, and how attractively the aims and activities of the U.N., itself, have been publicized by their use, it is difficult to understand the strong opposition to their issue, that existed, twenty years ago. In the debate, in the Fifth Committee, to whom the matter was referred, in 1949, Egypt, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom argued strongly against the U.N. having its own stamps. But, Argentina (especially that country's Chief Delegate, Senor Jose Arce), Belgium, Brazil, China, France, and Liberia voted FOR the stamps. Canada, Holland, Russia, Syria and Uruguay were neutral. The U.S. Delegate stated that the establishment of a United Nations Postal Service would require technical agreements, but that his Government would gladly cooperate. The project was finally approved, November 16, 1950 - the General Assembly vote was unanimous. In January, 1951, the United Nations Postal Administration was set up. An Agreement with the United States Post Office Department was signed, the 28th of March, 1951. The U.N. Secretary General was Trygve Lie; the first Chief of the Postal Administration, also a Scandinavian, Mr. Bertil Renborg.

The first U.N. Commemorative Stamp was issued the following year on United Nations Day, October 24, 1952. It pictured the Birthplace of the Charter, the Veterans' War Memorial Building, in San Francisco. The second, was issued on Human Rights Day, December 10, 1952. This featured the Flame of Freedom in the foreground, the globes of the world in the background, symbolizing freedom for all throughout the world.

Sales of the stamps, during these first two years, reached the astonishing figure of \$900,000. The Opposition had predicted that sales would never exceed \$300,000. per annum, declining with the years! The figures for 1967 are not yet available, but they have, for certain, exceeded any previous year. Orders for the latest issue - the Chagall Window - are still pouring in. The single stamp had to be withdrawn from sale, December 26th.

Here is the Budget for 1968:

Anticipated Sales		\$3,375,000.
Payment to U.S. Post Office Department	\$425,000.	
Printing the 1968 Issues	85,000.	
Operation of U.N. Postal Adm., 1968	743,000.	<u>1,253,000.</u>
Credit to the United Nations General Operations		\$2,122,000.

Malcolm C. Dizer

January 20, 1968



1967



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The United Nations Development Programme conducts the world's largest programme of multilateral technical aid to developing countries.

Issued: 23 January 1967

Printing: 5¢ - 2,380,000

11¢ - 2,170,000

Designer: Olav S. Mathiesen (Denmark)



1 1/2-CENT DEFINITIVE

To replace the stamp originally issued in 1951.

Issued: 17 March 1967

Initial printing: 4,000,000

Designer: József Vertel (Hungary)

5-CENT DEFINITIVE

A modified version of the 5-cent stamp issued in 1962, smaller in size and changed in colour.

Issued: 23 January 1967

Initial printing: 4,000,000

Designer: Renato Ferrini (Italy)



INDEPENDENCE

The United Nations has played a significant role in the progress towards independence or self-government of many formerly dependent territories.

Issued: 17 March 1967

Printing: 5¢ - 2,900,000

11¢ - 2,600,000

Designer: Rashid-ud-Din (Pakistan)



1967

EXPO 67

When EXPO 67 opened in Montreal, Canada on 28 April 1967, five special United Nations definitive stamps were issued in Canadian denominations, valid as postage only from the Pavilion on the United Nations. As these stamps were withdrawn from sale when the Fair closed in October 1967,



Designer of original artwork: Ernest Cormier (Canada)
Adapted for stamps by Ole Hamann (Denmark)

Designer of 8¢ stamp: Olav S. Mathiesen (Denmark)

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INTERNATIONAL TOURIST YEAR

International Tourist Year was designated by a United Nations General Assembly resolution for the main purpose of encouraging world travel, especially to developing countries.

Issued: 19 June 1967

Printing: 5¢ - 2,900,000
11¢ - 2,600,000

Designer: David Dewhurst (USA)



TOWARDS DISARMAMENT

The United Nations has called upon all nuclear weapon States "to suspend nuclear weapon tests in all environments" in the interests of international peace and security.

Issued: 24 October 1967

Printing: 6¢ - 2,700,000
13¢ - 2,400,000

Designer: Ole Hamann (Denmark)

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"Kiss of Peace"



Miniature sheet showing the stained-glass memorial window designed by Marc Chagall.

The stained-glass window, in the lobby of the United Nations Secretariat building, is a memorial to the late Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, and fifteen others who lost their lives in a plane crash in Ndola, Africa, on 17 September 1961.

Issued: 17 November 1967
Printing: Miniature art sheet of 6 stamps
each of 6¢-denomination - 3,250,000
6¢-denomination stamp - 3,500,000
Design: Marc Chagall (France)

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The United Nations is the only international body which issues its own postage stamps—formerly the prerogative of national governments. These stamps, which can only be used as postage from United Nations Headquarters in New York, are nevertheless collected by philatelists all over the world. They unfold the story of the United Nations, its aspirations and accomplishments, and carry a message of hope and peace to all mankind.



During 1968, the United Nations Postal Administration issued five new commemorative series of nine stamps, as well as two definitives and one air mail stamp.



1968



SECRETARIAT

The duties and responsibilities of each member of the United Nations Secretariat are exclusively international and carried out in the service of mankind.

Issued: 16 January 1968
 Printing: 6¢—2,900,000
 13¢—2,600,000
 Designer: Rashid-ud-Din (Pakistan)



STARCKE STATUE

The reproduction of the statue by Henrik Starcke in the Trusteeship Council Chamber is the second stamp to be issued in the "United Nations Art" series. The 6¢ stamp is a commemorative issue, while the 75¢ denomination is a definitive stamp.

Issued: 1 March 1968
 Printing: 6¢—2,700,000
 75¢—2,300,000 (initial)
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UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)

This newest agency was created by the United Nations General Assembly for the purpose of promoting industrial development in the developing countries.

Issued: 18 April 1968

Printing: 6¢—2,700,000
13¢—2,400,000

Designer: Ole Hamann (Denmark)



6-CENT DEFINITIVE

To meet the increased domestic rate for first class mail

Issued: 31 May 1968

Printing: 4,000,000
(initial)

Designer: Olav S. Mathiesen
(Denmark)

20-CENT AIR MAIL

To meet the increased air mail rate from USA to Europe

Issued: 18 April 1968

Printing: 3,000,000
(initial)

Designer: Ole Hamann
(Denmark)

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WORLD WEATHER WATCH

The World Meteorological Organization's World Weather Watch is a new global weather system designed to share the benefits of scientific and technological advances in meteorology among all countries.

Issued: 19 September 1968

Printing: 6¢—2,500,000
20¢—2,200,000

Designers: George A. Gundersen and George Fanais of the British American Bank Note Co. Ltd., Canada



INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The year 1968 marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and has been proclaimed "International Year for Human Rights" by the United Nations General Assembly.

Issued: 22 November 1968

Printing: 6¢—3,100,000
13¢—2,500,000

Designer: Robert Perrot (France)

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During 1969, the United Nations Postal Administration issued five new commemorative stamps, a 13-cent definitive and 10-cent air mail stamp, a 6-cent envelope and 10-cent air mail envelope, as well as a 5-cent postal card and 8-cent air mail postal card.



Unitar
1969



UN Emblem and Books
Issued to focus attention on the great work of the Institute for Training and Research.

ECLA Building
1969



UN Building, Santiago, Chile
Issued in tribute to the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and other agencies.

Peace Through International Law
1969



Scales of Justice
A hope for peace and justice throughout the world.



Labor and Development

1969



Labor turning cogs of industry

Saluted the 50th anniversary of the International Labor Organization.

United Nations Art

1969



Portion of the mosaic "Four Seasons and Genius of the Year"

This is the third issue of stamps in the "Art at the United Nations" series. The original artwork was given to the UN by the Tunisian Republic.

Definitive Issue

1969



UN Initials and Emblem

Airmail

1969



Mail on the Wing



United Nations—European Office

October 4, 1969



U.N. Buildings
New York



U.N. Flag



United Figures
and Globe



U.N. Office
Geneva



Scroll of Preamble
U.N. Charter



Symbol of Flight



U.N. Emblem



Statue by Henrik Starcke

On December 11, 1968 a postal agreement authorized the issuance of United Nations postage stamps in Swiss currency to be used for mail emanating from the Palais des Nations, United Nations office at Geneva.

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