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ELECTIONS & DUES - Please vote in the election and pay your dues now. The ballot and dues renewal form are inserted into this issue!



BEST EUROPA STAMP FOR 2005 - The following press release was received from PostEurop. **“Best 2005 EUROPA stamp design selected at PostEurop’s 19th Plenary Assembly - Brussels, 5 October 2005-** The 19th Plenary Assembly of PostEurop, the Association of European Public Postal Operators, took place this year in Vilamoura, Portugal, from 28 to 30 September 2005. During its two-day session, a number of important issues were addressed, among which the selection of this year’s best EUROPA stamp design. Since they were first issued in the 1950s, EUROPA stamps have been a tangible symbol of Europe’s desire for closer integration and co-

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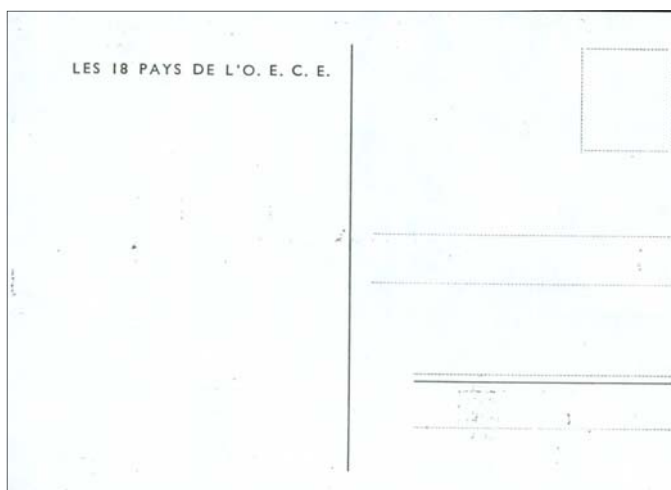
operation. At PostEurop, we remain proud of our role in continuing this tradition, selecting the annual EUROPA themes and protecting against illegal stamp issues. This

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time, the topic of the EUROPA Stamp competition was **gastronomy**. Of the fifty-two designs in competition, the one submitted by Iceland Post drew the most votes among delegates. What immediately catches the eye of the selected stamp is its plate-shaped form. Combined with the geometrical pattern of the illustrations and the multiple positions of the text, it provides a very dynamic and modern touch. PostEurop wishes all success to this stamp with philatelists in Europe and around the world.

HANDBOOK UPDATE - Unit Executive Secretary Don Smith reports that the Council of Europe update for the Unit handbook is now ready. They can be ordered directly from him. Be sure to include a 37¢ SASE for folded pages or \$1.00 for flat shipment. The pages will also be included in the update of the handbook in CD format when it is done in 2006.

UNIT MEETING - The biggest upcoming meeting will be the Unit’s participation at Washington 2006. We will have a meeting on opening Sunday. I am also up for scheduling other meetings or lectures if you, the members, desire. So, please let me know how we can make your participation at Washington 2006 a memorable one.



Post card showing the Marshall Plan “Train of Europe” with the flags of the 18 participating countries driving the train’s wheels. On the reverse of the card is the inscription “Les 18 Pays de l’O.E.C.E.” This translates as “The 18 countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation in Europe.” Card courtesy of Don Smith.

NEW ISSUES

EUROPEAN CAPITAL

FRANCE - Honoring Berlin as a European Capital.

0.53€ - 4 stamps on the sheet depicting the Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and Philharmonic Hall.



Day of Issue: August 27, 2005. **Designer:** Pierre-André Cousin, layout by Valérie Besser. **Printing:** Heliogravure, by the French State Printing Works. **Format:** 143 x 135 (sheet), 3 x 36 x 26mm and 1 x 26 x 36mm). **Quantity:** Not given. **Other Items:** Expect the usual products.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

FRANCE - A set of two official stamps for use at the Council of Europe.

0.55€ - "Conseil de l'Europe, semeur despoirs."



0.75€ - Framed flag with clouds forming a map of Europe



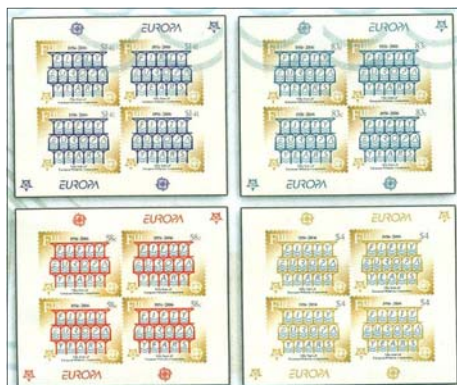
Day of Issue: September 18, 2005. **Designer:** Tomi Ungerer (0.55€) and Rafal Olbinski (0.75€), layout by Jean Paul Cousin. **Printing:** Offset, with luminous strips in sheets of 50 stamps with date marks, by the French State Printing Works. **Format:** 35 x 22mm. **Quantity:** Not given. **Other Items:** None given. However, all the usual French items are anticipated.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EUROPA STAMPS

FIJI - Four sheets of 4 stamps each with the same design, but in different colors and denominations and a souvenir sheet of 4 stamps (one each of the 4 different values).

58c, 83c, \$1.41 & \$4.00 - Maps of Europe against different backgrounds.

Day of Issue: Not given. **Designer:** Derek Miller (stamp design) and B.A.R. Taylor (text). **Printing:** Lithographed, on unwatermarked 96gsm paper, by BDT International Security Printers, Ltd., in sheets of 4 stamps (same design) and a souvenir sheet of 1 each of the 4 stamps. **Format:** 30.56 x 38mm (stamp) and 106 x 81 (souvenir and regular sheets). **Quantity:** Not given. **Other Items:** No other information available at this time.



2005 EUROPEAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO - To commemorate the 2005 European Basketball Championships hosted in Belgrade by that country.

16.50 (0.25€) - Basketball "swishing" into a stylized net on a field of blue.



Day of Issue: **Designer:** **Printing:** **Format:** In a mini-sheet of 8 stamps plus one label. **Quantity:** **Other Items:** No information available at this time. An official first day cover.

EUROPA BRIEFS

POSTER STAMPS - The poster stamps illustrated in the last issue are continued here with two recently found others. Figure 1 is a label advertising FESPA 70 which was a European silk printing, e.g. silk screening (siebdruck congress held in Hamburg, Germany, 27-31 May 1970.



Figure 1. 1970 European Silk Printing Congress.

The label at figure 2 advertised "WESTROPA" which was a major Western Europe international philatelic exhibition held in Düsseldorf from 14-18 September 1955.



Figure 2. 1955 WESTROPA philatelic Exhibition. In addition to the label, many special cancels were used at the exhibition as can be seen at figure 3.

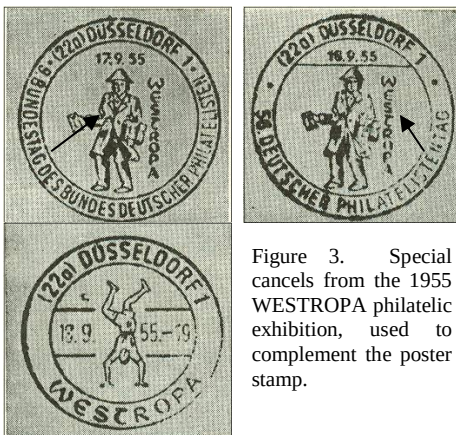


Figure 3. Special cancels from the 1955 WESTROPA philatelic exhibition, used to complement the poster stamp.

EUROPA 1992? - The strips of 4 stamps look like Romania's 1992 Europa issues, but bear little resemblance to the ones illustrated in the Domfil Catalogue. Can anyone help identify these strips of 4. These strips come in both perforated and imperforated condition, as shown at figure 4. However, the people and ships depicted, while the same as on the Domfil illustrations are not matched in the same way. For example, the ship Pinta on the second stamp is in the catalogue as the third stamp in the set with another captain illustrated. To me, the strip looks like 2 labels on either end and two "stamps" in the middle. However, I cannot find denominations on any of the items. The partial selvage indicates the "50th anniversary" of something. Could it be the 50th anniversary of Europa stamps?



Figure 4. Perforated and imperforated strips of 4 "stamps" or labels commemorating something to do with Europa CEPT.

EUROPA SPORTS, BASKETBALL - 1965 marked the 15th year of European basketball championships. In that year, Russia was the host country. For the occasion, Russia issued a souvenir sheet, seen at figure 5. The flags of the participating countries are shown on the sheet as is a map of Europe.



Figure 5. Souvenir sheet issued for the 15th European basketball championships in 1965.

EUROPA LABEL, FLIGHT - Figure 6 is a label for Ford Europa "Fahrt (Flight) or celebration that apparently took place at or near the Ford plant on the Rhine river near Köln, Germany (year unknown). Can anyone provide additional information about this label?



Figure 6. "Europa Fahrt" label celebrating an event at Köln, 12-14 June, 19??.

EUROPA 1961, SPAIN VARIETY - The 1 pta value of Spain's 1961 Europa set shows a variety on at least one of the stamps shown at figure 7. There is a small white mark between the letters "A" and "N" in the word "España." I do not know if this is a constant variety or one limited to a single plate. There was no additional information with the Ebay illustration.



Figure 7. Variety on 1961 Spanish Europa stamp.

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CULTURAL CAPITAL OF EUROPE, CORK – The city of Cork, Ireland was selected to be a European Cultural Capital for 2005. What follows comes from an article by Ms. Diana Bentley, found in a recent issue of Air Canada's in-flight magazine.

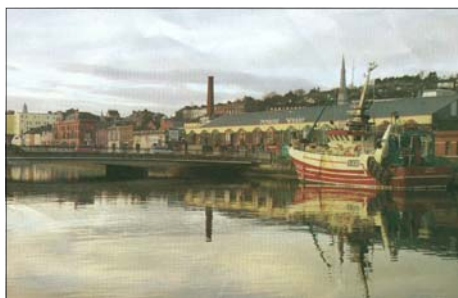
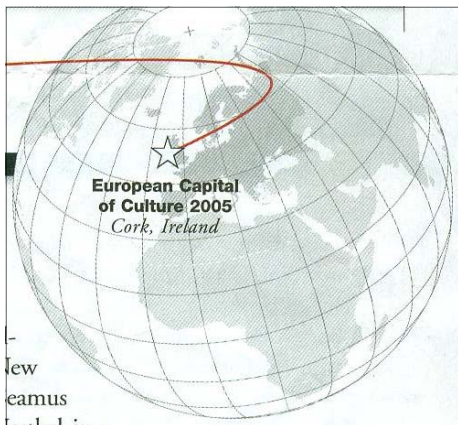


Figure 8. Cork, Ireland harbor.

"This year voices are ringing out high above the hills of Cork, which is celebrating its status as European Capital of Culture 2005. Throughout the year, locals and visitors are being treated to a wealth of events. Things kicked off in January with a street carnival and fireworks display for 80,000 and have gone on to include opera, dance, art exhibitions, literary readings, and children's theatre. Luminaries appearing in Cork for the festivities include New Zealand's much-loved Dame Kid Te Kanawa, Ireland's Nobel Prize laureate Seamus Heaney, photographer Sebastiao Salgado, and architect Daniel Libeskind. Nestled in a valley near the sea in Ireland's lush south, Cork is known for a feisty spirit that has always found an outlet in things cultural. The Republic's second-largest city, it is both quaint and stylish, traditional and cosmopolitan. In the city's island centre, enfolded in the

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arms of the River Lee, locals promenade down St. Patricks Street, and narrow lanes like French Church Street are lined with old shop fronts and swish boutiques and cafes. But the local penchant for entertainment always comes to the fore, as seen in the array of theatres, the opera house, museums, and galleries, all working overtime this year. While the cultural feast sates the hunger for art, two local breweries, Murphy's and Beamish, are helping to quench the thirst of the throng."

EUROPA 1970, GERMAN VARIETY

- The 20pf value of Germany's 1970 Europa set has a minor variety that may be of interest to some of our members. When seen under normal conditions as in figure 8, the used stamp appears without flaws. However when seen under a magnifier, there is a "fleck" under the letter "P" in the word Europa. Can anyone let me know if this "flaw" is consistent and if so, on what plate position.



Figure 9. Flaw reported on 20pf value of Germany's 1970 Europa set.

EINSTEIN, GERMAN ITEMS - See in a publicity release from Germany were two official items released in conjunction with that country's 2005 Einstein stamp. Seen at figure 10 in the next column is the official first day cover and a "numis sheet." The latter is a silver 10-euro commemorative coin and a sheet of 10 of the Einstein stamp with a Berlin first day cancel.

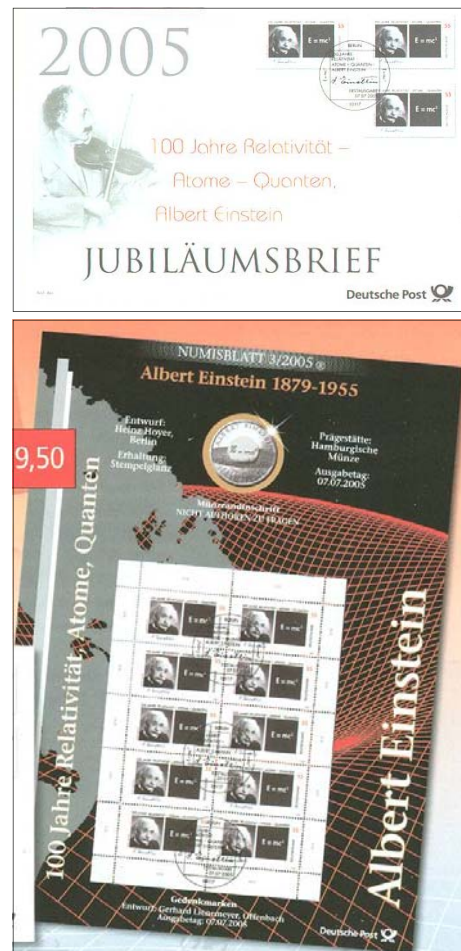


Figure 10. Official products for the 2005 Einstein stamp available from the German Post.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN EUROPE, OVERPRINT VARIETY ON SWISS STAMPS - I recently received an unsolicited mail bid catalogue from a company named "Sandafayre." I noted one lot of interest. It is a pair of Swiss stamps overprinted for official use by the European Office of the United Nations. It is shown on the next page at figure 11. What makes the item interesting is that the stamp on the left of the pair is the variety where the starting letter "E" of European appears to be a letter "C". The stamp on the right is normal. I was somewhat suspicious of the variety because the lot was further described as the complete set in pairs, one stamp of which with the variety. I suppose that if the same plates were used for the overprint, it would be possible to have pairs, one of which displays the variety. Can anyone shed more light on this variety? See a related item at figure 16.

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Figure 11. UN Office in Europe overprint on Swiss stamps, one with "C" variety.

EUROPA 1956, COUNCIL OF EUROPE MAXI CARDS - The pair of cards at figure 12 were designed by Gonzague, the designer of the French 1956 Europa stamps. Affixed to the cards are the two values of France's 1956 Europa stamps. Both bear first day cancellers used at the Council of Europe headquarters in Strasbourg, France. The Ebay seller was asking for an opening bid of about \$2.50.

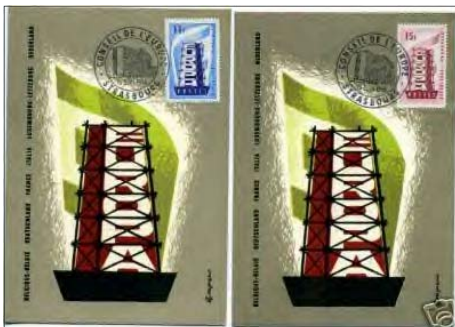


Figure 12. 1956 French Europa stamps on C of E maximum cards.

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - In 1992, Guyana issued a souvenir sheet to mark the 150th anniversary of Great Britain's "penny black" stamp. The same souvenir sheet also commemorated the 500th anniversary of the European postal service started by the Thurn & Taxis family. At some point it looks like the sheet was overprinted for a British stamp show called "Stamp World London 90." Then, later still, the sheet was again overprinted to commemorate the unification (expansion?) of the European Community. That overprint plus a revaluation of the sheet to \$650 and the CEPT logo were inverted on the example shown at figure 13. The Ebay seller was asking for an opening bid of \$26.99. The sheet sold for that price.



Figure 13. Guyana souvenir sheet with an inverted commemoration of the European Community.

NATURE PROTECTION - The souvenir sheet at figure 14 in the next column was issued by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to commemorate nature protection. The sheet incorporates a map of Europa upon which the word "Europa" appears. I can assume from the design and inscriptions that what is being commemorated is the Europa nature protection program.



Figure 14. European nature protection souvenir sheet from Equatorial Guinea.

LINER EUROPA - The cover at figure 15 has a clear strike of the cancel used aboard the North German Liner "Europa." The cancel is dated in 1930. The cover also bears an additional "etiquette" in the upper left. Struck in purple, it is the word "Europa" which no doubt also refers to the liner.



Figure 15. 1930 cover mailed aboard the German Liner Europa.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN EUROPE, OVERPRINT VARIETY ON SWISS STAMPS - The complete set of Swiss stamps, overprinted for official use at the UN offices in Geneva, was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of about \$433.91. See figure 16. It did not sell.



Figure 16. Complete set of UN office in Europe official stamps.

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CUNARD SHIP “EUROPA” - The 1857 folded letter at figure 17 was posted in London with a notation that it should be carried aboard the Cunard ship Europa, then leaving for Boston in the United States. The Boston arrival mark can be clearly seen on the folded letter. I know that collecting items named “Europa” is not for everyone. However, some of our members have an interest in things “Europa.”



Figure 17. 1857 folded letter from London to Boston, carried aboard the Cunard ship “Europa.”

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, JUVABA 1973 - As previously reported in the EN, Austria hosted a philatelic exhibition in 1973 called “JUVABA.” On the occasion of that exhibition, Austria issued a set of postal cards with the indicia being Austria’s Europa stamp of that year. The card at figure 18 is one of the set issued for the exhibition. I report on it here because it is canceled with the special postmark used at the exhibition. Very few of these postal cards appear to have been either canceled or used. The ones I often see are mint.



Figure 18. JUVABA 1973 postal card with the exhibition cancel.

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SPORT, GYMNASTICS - The set of stamps at figure 19 was issued by Romania in 1957 to commemorate the hosting of the Europa Cup gymnastics championship. The set, in blocks of 4 in M-NH condition was offered for sale on Ebay for a “buy-it-now” price of \$14.



Figure 19. 1957 Romania set of 4 stamps for the Europa Cup gymnastics championship.

PHILATELY, EUROPEAN POSTAL OPERATORS MEET IN PARIS - Paris, 2 July 2004--The heads of European philately departments discussed the opportunities for developing their field of activity at the third Philatelic Forum held in Paris on 1-2 July 2004 – an event supported by PostEurop, La Poste and Swiss Post. One of the Forum’s major achievements, the new website www.stamps4fans.com, which aims to promote European philately among young people, was successfully launched on this occasion. Far from being on the verge of disappearing, philately is discovering new avenues and developing its range of activities. It is conquering new markets with specific and innovative solutions and establishing a strong presence in the field of e-commerce. A success story. This strategic forum, which was organized jointly by Swiss Post and La Poste, receives financial support from PostEurop, the association of 43 European public postal operators. Every two years, the decision-makers in the field of philately meet in a European city. An exchange of good practice, common research into new avenues and international cooperation form the basis for the discussions at these forums. The Philatelic Forum in Paris was a great success. Over 60 directors and experts from 35 countries traveled to the French capital. The discussions centered on the relationship between philately and writing, new technologies, ethics and youth.

The challenges of tomorrow. Philatelic departments are aware of the challenges ahead and are ready to confront them. As people no longer write so many letters, use of postage stamps has diminished. However, heads of philately departments are convinced that special campaigns can be launched to promote writing and correspondence by letter. They are equally aware that their future lies with electronic commerce, and a number of philately departments have already created online stamp shops. All countries are experiencing rapid growth in online sales. The philately field also has to protect itself against illegal stamp issues by implementing a code of ethics. As unscrupulous behavior has been affecting this area of activity, PostEurop intends to join forces with the Universal Postal Union to defend the interests of philately departments. A bold step that has paid off. Attracting young people to philately is a considerable challenge for the postal organizations. In order to offer young people a broader and more interesting service, PostEurop decided to support the implementation of a website that aims to promote philately among this age group. The website www.stamps4fans.com was developed by Swiss Post and Aquaverde GmbH (Switzerland). It offers a platform to all PostEurop member countries where they can present their stamps and philatelic products. An imaginative structure and attractive design encourage young people to get to know the diversity of Europe through its postage stamps.

COVER LOT, EUROPA - The lot of covers at figure 20 was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of \$10. While some of the cancels are hard to see, they are all “Europa” related events. I think this lot is a good buy at about \$1 each, for collectors interested in covers.



Figure 20. Europa cover lot.

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EUROPA 1956, REGISTERED COVER - Many of you know that I like legitimately used Europa stamps on cover, especially when they are sent to exotic destinations. Figure 21 illustrates. It is franked with both values of Germany's 1956 Europa set. The cover was registered and mailed from Heidelberg, Germany to Lhasa, Tibet. The receiving mark on the back of the cover confirms its delivery to Tibet.



Figure 21. Registered cover from Germany to Tibet franked with 1956 Europa stamps.

EUROPA 1956, SINGLE USE COVER - Here at figure 22, is another example of a Europa stamp doing the duty for which it was intended. A single use cover mailed on October 129, 1956 from The Hague, Netherlands to the USA.



Figure 22. Europa 1956 single use cover from the Netherlands.

SPORT, EUROPA, MENS GYMNAS-TICS - The official first day cover at figure 22 in the next column, was issued by Spain to commemorate the 1971 European men's gymnastics tournament

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held in Madrid in May. The cover bears both stamps in the Spanish set released for the occasion and a similarly designed cachet.



Figure 23. Official FDC for the 1971 European Men's Gymnastics tournament.

NATO CATALOGUE - Seen on Ebay was a two-part NATO Catalogue written by Vesper and Hauer. I know Mr. Hauer and he has corresponded with my for the past few years. The catalogue is German and was offered with an opening bid of \$10 plus postage of \$4.50 from Germany. It did not sell. See figure 24.



Figure 24. Cover and selected pages from a NATO catalogue in German, offered on Ebay.

NATO, GREAT BRITAIN COLOR SHIFT - The stamps at figure 25 are better seen in color but I think that you will get the idea. Note the upward shift of the green color in some of the flags. Several are highlighted by arrows. Compare the shifted colors on the top stamp with the correct version of the stamp below.



Figure 25. Great Britain 20th anniversary of NATO stamp with green color shifted upward.

CROATIA-IN-EXILE, PAVELITCH - An Ebay seller described each of the 4 Croatia-in-Exile items at figure 26 below and on the next page, as "Pavelitch" exile issues. Does anyone know who Pavelitch was (printer of the labels perhaps?).



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Figure 26. 4 different Croatia-in-Exile labels, produced by someone named Pavelitch?

SPORT, AMATEUR, IAAF - The cover at figure 27 commemorates the 16th congress of the European commission of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). It was held in Amsterdam on November 11, 1961. The cancel is listed in the D'Urso Catalogue as number U172 with a rarity factor of 3. Not bad for a Europa related cancel that was only used one day.



Figure 27. Cachet and special cancel for the 1961 meeting of the IAAF.

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UNITED NATIONS PERSONALIZED SHEET ISSUED AT RICCIONE 2005 - The following information was provided by Unit 2nd Vice President Les Heinzel. He e-mail me the following information:

"The other day, I received UN Philatelic Bulletin No. 77. On page 12 is an announcement of a "New Riccione Personalized Stamp Sheet". The reason I mention this to you, is because pictured on the left side of the sheet is a white flag, with "Europa, in green, surrounded by 12 gold stars. The flag looks to me like the Council of Europe flag, modified. On the right side of the sheet are 10 - 80c stamps, with tabs, picturing 10 Riccione show cancels. The website can be accessed by Googling UNPA. Click on the first entry, United Nations Postal Administration. When the website comes up, the sheet is seen at the right side of the page...

We have received a package of 100 Riccione sheets. Supposedly these sheets are in limited supply. I have no idea of the quantity printed. The sheets can be ordered from UNPA **OR** Shirley can supply them from her stock. The price is \$14.95 plus \$3.85 for postage, for U.S. delivery. As of the writing of this E-mail, there 98 sheets available, as we bought two for our collections. I thought we'd give you guys first chance at the sheets..." See figure 28.

Shirley & Les Heinzel can be reached at PMB302, 7144 N. Harlem Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631-1017

Here is the accompanying information from the UN's web site: "On the occasion of the stamp exhibition "Riccione 2005", UNPA issued a special personalized stamp sheet in a limited quantity, on sale 26 August 2005. This special stamp exhibition sheet is composed of ten 80-cent stamps representing images of the UN statues featured in the New York, Geneva and Vienna offices. On the tabs of the stamps are ten different souvenir cachets issued between 1981 and 2005 for the Riccione exhibition. UNPA customers with standing order requirements for personalized special event show sheets will automatically

receive this item through their accounts. Subject to availability of this limited edition product, all other customers can purchase this item by using the order form."



Figure 28. Sheet of UN personalized stamps issued for the Riccione (Europa) 2005 stamp show.

DANUBE COMMISSION - If any river deserves the title, the Danube is "Europe's River." At touches on or passes through at least 8 countries (more now with the changing map of Europe). Some years ago, the Danube countries formed a commission so that the use of the river and navigation upon it, so important to the life of Europe and Europeans, could be coordinated. Some countries have issued philatelic material to commemorate the Danube Commission. Figure 29 is an example. Two Czechoslovak sheet of 4 stamps incorporate not only ships on the Danube in the stamps, but also a map of Europe with the Danube River highlighted. This set of 2 sheets was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of \$4.



Figure 29. Set of 2 sheets issued by Czechoslovakia to commemorate the Danube Commission.

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NATO, 1969 PRESENTATION SHEET - The philatelic item at figure 30 was described by its Ebay seller as a "presentation sheet. I could not tell from the illustration if it was the front and back of the same sheet or some other configuration. In any event, the item was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of ,only \$1.00 and it sold at that price.



Figure 30. Presentation sheet with 1969 Belgium NATO stamps canceled on the first day of issue.

SPORT, BASKETBALL - Bosnia (Serb) hosted the 2005 European Basketball Championships. The event was commemorated by issuing stamps. A full sheet of 25 stamps (a set of 5 stamps x 5) is at figure 31. According to the Ebay seller, an engraver's mark can be found on the stamp at position #18 (the middle stamp in row 4 when counting rows from the top of the sheet, ed.).



Figure 31. Bosnia (Serb) stamps commemorating the 2005 European Basketball Championships.

EUROPA 1984, GREEK BOOKLET - Shown at figure 32 in the next column, is a numbered, 1984 Europa booklet (covers and pane unfolded), from Greece. Most of the CEPT countries at that time had agreed to issue Europa stamps with a common design for their 25th anniversary of the CEPT - the arched bridge design is a prominent part of both stamps in the booklet.

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Figure 32. Numbered 1984 Greek Europa booklet showing 1984 common design on the stamps.

EUROPA 1990, HARRISON CARDS

- The British security printer Harrison & Sons Limited produced in limited quantities, what are called single-fold, presentation/publicity cards. Some of the cards contained Europa or related stamps. An example of one produced for Europa 1990 is at figure 33. I know that these cards were also produced in 1991 and 1992. Maybe there were cards in other years as well. Does anyone know? The card shown here contains a set of 4 Europa stamps issued for "Glasgow, European City of Culture."



Figure 33. Harrison & Sons Ltd. Presentation card issued in 1990 to honor Glasgow being named a European City of Culture.

EUROPA 1956, BELGIUM MAXI CARD

- When I have seen the maximum card at figure 34 in the next column, it has always been with one or both of the French 1956 Europa stamps affixed. And the stamps have always been cancelled with either a Paris (shown here), or a Council of Europe cancel. The French stamp designer Gonzague also designed the maximum card.

A facsimile of his signature can be seen at the arrow towards the card's lower right side. The card bears a first day cancel of September 15, 1956.

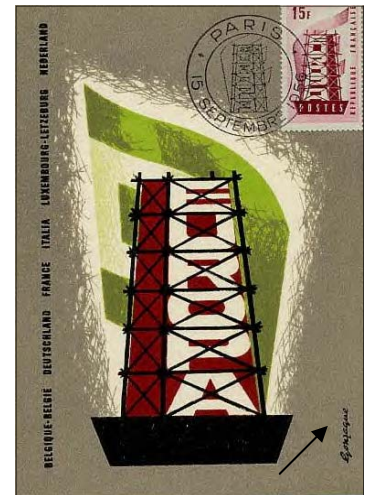


Figure 34. Gonzague-designed maxi card with 1956 France Europa stamp, as commonly seen.

Up to now, I have never seen this maximum card used in any other way. But, now I have. Figure 35 shows the card franked with a 1956 Belgian 1956 Europa stamp. The maximum card was put together for a stamp show, not related to the Europa theme, that was held in Liege, Belgium on September 23, 1956. This was 8 days after the September 15, 1956 issue date of the stamp. An additional bonus on the card is the actual signature of Gonzague above his facsimile signature on the right side.

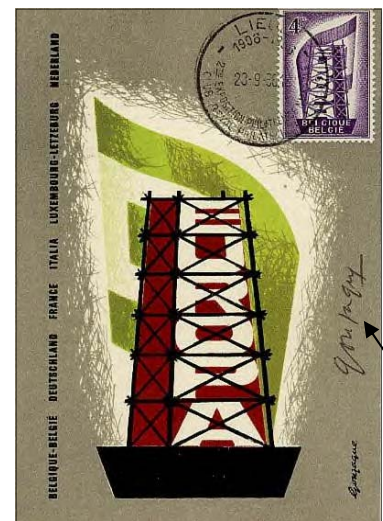


Figure 35. Gonzague-designed and signed maxi card with 1956 Belgium Europa stamp.

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ROCKET FLIGHTS, EUROPA LABELS

The idea of European unity has been celebrated in many different ways. One way is to launch rockets on special days, weeks, etc. Below at figures 36 & 37 are examples of commemorative labels prepared for such events. The sheet of 4 imperforate labels at figure 36 was prepared for "Europa Day," November 5, 1961. On that day, a rocket carrying mail way launched from Bellinzona, Switzerland. Most of the mail carried a single copy of the label.



Figure 36. Imperforate sheet of 4 Europa rocket labels for a 1961 flight at Bellinzona, Switzerland.

The set of 3 imperforate triangular rocket mail labels at figure 37 was prepared for a Zucker rocket flight scheduled for September 18, 1961, near Bullingen, Belgium. It was prepared by the German Europa Union group (German, Belgian, Netherlands group?). The logo at the center of each label implies to me that it is a rocket flight organized by the clubs of three countries. The sheet is signed by Gerhard Zucker. Ellington Zwisler Catalogue #18A1. Sheet size: 106mm x 76mm. The word "Europa" can be barely seen. It is on the horizontal rocket at the base of each triangle. Look near the arrow.

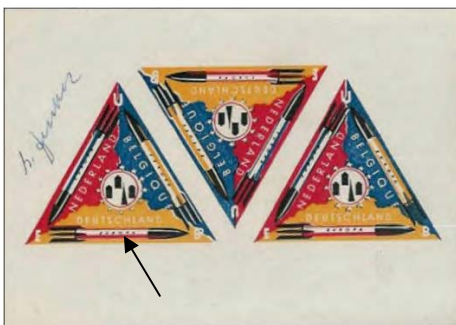


Figure 37. Imperforate sheet of 3 Europa rocket labels for a 1961 flight at Bullingen, Belgium.

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SPORT, FENCING - Figure 38 is a cover bearing a special Europa related cancel. It is dated on April 8, 1972 and commemorates that year's Europa Cup fencing championship.

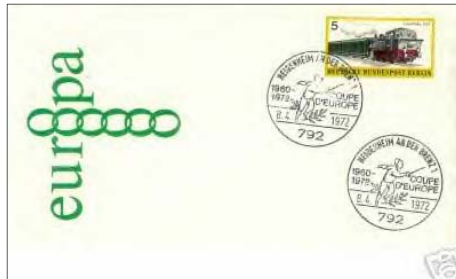


Figure 38. 1972 cover with a special cancel for the Europa Cup fencing championship.

SPORT, VOLLEYBALL - The stamp at figure 39 was issued by Belgium to commemorate the 1987 European volleyball championship. It is in imperforate condition. The stamp was seen on Ebay with an opening bid of \$19.99. It sold for that amount.



Figure 39. Belgian imperforate 1987 European volleyball championship stamp.

POSTAL STATIONERY, BULGARIA - Bulgaria is a good source of postal stationery related to the "Europa" theme. At figure 40 below and in the next column are 4 examples. Two are related to the Europa annual issues and two commemorate the European Conference on Security and Cooperation (KZSE).



Figure 40. Four pieces of Bulgarian postal stationery on Europa and related themes.

SPORT, TRACK - The imperforate "proof" stamp at figure 41 is from a Bulgarian set issued in 1971 to commemorate that year's European Track Championship. It was listed on Ebay with an opening bid of \$24.99. It did not sell.



Figure 41. 1971 European Track Championship Bulgarian imperforate proof.

EUROPA 2000, GERMANY IMPERFORATE - The item at figure 42 on the next page is an imperforate variety of Germany's 2000 Europa stamp. It was the subject of spirited bidding on Ebay where it eventually sold for \$243.51 plus shipping and handling. The lot garnered 21 bids.

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Figure 42. Much sought after example of an imperforate copy of Germany's 2000 Europa stamp.

NATO EXERCISE, "SAFE PASS" - The cover at figure 43 was posted on March 16, 1974, aboard the U.S.S. Coontz, (I think the ship was a destroyer escort), then anchored at Norfolk Navy Base, Virginia. The letter originated with someone aboard the German frigate "Augsburg" then taking part in the NATO exercise named "Safe Pass." A welcoming cachet is also on the cover.



Figure 43. NATO exercise cover from the German frigate Augsburg welcoming her to Norfolk.

CARE - Good friend Zegert van Duijn e-mailed me asking about the item at figure 44. He asked "Can you tell me what the item is, and about the special the way of franking?"



Figure 44. 1949 CARE item that was the subject of an inquiry.

Here is a copy of my reply. "Dear Zegert, Thanks for sharing a nice piece of Europa related philately with me. In order for me to explain the item, I need to explain how the CARE program

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worked. You may already know this, but in case you do not. A person in the USA might know of someone in Europe in need of help, or may simply ask that a donation go to any needy person or family. In any event, that person could send a contribution (payment) to CARE whose headquarters was in New York City at the address indicated on the item. Contributions could be sent through certain banks, by check, etc. CARE had different types of packages that could be sent. In the case of your piece, the donation from Zimmerman in Los Angeles paid for a "Holiday" package. The post mark date of November 9, 1949 tells me that the "Holiday" package was for Christmas. When the financing was right, CARE would notify its organization in Europe and that organization would see to it that a package was issued from one of its European warehouses. Everything was controlled by a file number, the name of the recipient and the name of the sender.

Now, to explain your item. The sender of the package, Mr. Zimmerman received a receipt for his contribution to CARE. That is what you have. In 1949 the receipt could be sent at the 1 cent post card rate. The D'Urso Catalogue does not list meter number PB (Pitney Bowes) 114227. However, the catalogue only lists the slogan cancels from the CARE office. As you can see, this meter does not have an attached slogan. Nevertheless, I believe it comes from the CARE Headquarters because that is the way meter machines are supposed to work. The machine would not have been at the post office, but rather at the CARE Headquarters building. More research could have been done to find out where the machine was in 1949. Perhaps you might write or inquire of PB? So you have a receipt, posted from CARE Headquarters in 1949, addressed to the donor of a gift package that eventually went to someone in Germany." Further evidence that the item is a receipt can be found in the language in the lower left part of the card, e.g., "Thank you for your order..." The rate of 1¢ is correct for a post card sent at the time. Does anyone have additional information about this card or PB meter #114227? See the "Feature Article" on pages 23-24 of this issue.

EUROPA 2004, TURKISH CYPRUS IMPERF BLOCK—The souvenir sheet at figure 45 was issued by Turkish Cyprus for Europa 2004. It depicts the common theme of vacations. This particular "block" (e.g., souvenir sheet) has been seen in both perforated and imperforate condition. 100 of the imperforate blocks were offered on Ebay with a "buy-it-now" price of \$99.99. 10 sets each of the perforated and imperforated sheets were offered by the same seller for a "buy-it-now" price of \$29.99. Neither sold.



Figure 45. Wholesale lots of Europa 2004 Turkish Cyprus perforated and imperforate blocks.

ALBUM, DAVO EUROPA - Figure 46 is the cover of a stamp album produced by the Davo company for Europa stamps. I have not seen the inside so I cannot comment on the album's layout.



Figure 46. Davo Europa album.

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EUROPA 1958, BELGIUM BLOCK OF 8 - I apologize for the quality of the picture at figure 47 but that is the way it was as listed recently on Ebay. What caught me attention was the fact that this stamp was issued in sheets of 100 and I had never seen a perforated sheet of 8 stamps before. A check of the D'Urso and Domfil Catalogues failed to produce a listing for the 1958 Netherlands Europa set high value in such a sheet. Can anyone shed some light on this item?



Figure 47. Europa 1958 Netherlands high value in a perforated sheet of 8 stamps.

EUROPA 1957, ITALY SELVEDGE - The set of stamps at figure 48 are Italy's Europa stamps from 1957. Note that 1957, the second year of Europa stamps was the first year where a common theme was used rather than a common design. In any event, I always look for selvedge on Europa stamps. I do it just to see if there is anything interesting on it, or if there is something to tie the selvedge into the theme of European unity. I think that the design on Italy's 1957 Europa stamp selvedge is called a "Greek Key." While very colorful (it is printed in red), I do not see a connection.



Figure 48. Europa 1957 Italy Europa set with gaudy Greek Key selvedge in bright red.

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ALBANIA ANTI-COMMUNIST LABELS - The labels at figure 49 were created to look like common design Europa stamps. They are not stamps, but rather they are labels. They were created as anti-communist propaganda. See a related item later in this issue.



Figure 49. Albanian anti-communist propaganda labels using Europa common designs.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE, COUNTRY LIST - Thanks to Don Smith, whose handbook update of the Council of Europe stamps appears later in this issue, we also have a complete list of country members of the Council. It appears in the next column

COUNTRY	DATE ADMITTED
Albania	July 13, 1995
Andorra	November 10, 1994
Armenia	January 25, 2001
Austria	April 16, 1956
Azerbaijan	January 25, 2001
Belgium	May 5, 1949
Bosnia & Hertz.	April 24, 2003
Bulgaria	May 7, 1992
Croatia	November 6, 1996
Cyprus	May 24, 1961
Czech Republic	June 30, 1993
Denmark	May 5, 1949
Estonia	May 14, 1993
Finland	May 5, 1989
France	May 5, 1949
Georgia	April 27, 1999
Germany	July 13, 1950
Greece	August 9, 1949
Hungary	November 6, 1990
Iceland	March 7, 1950
Ireland	May 5, 1949
Italy	May 5, 1949
Latvia	February 10, 1995
Liechtenstein	Nov. 23, 1978
Lithuania	May 14, 1993
Luxembourg	May 5, 1949
Macedonia	November 9, 1995
Malta	April 29, 1965
Moldova	July 13, 1995
Monaco	October 5, 2004
Netherlands	May 5, 1949
Norway	May 5, 1949
Poland	November 26, 1991
Portugal	September 22, 1976
Romania	October 7, 1993
Russia	February 28, 1996
San Marino	November 16, 1988
Serbia & Mont.	April 3, 2003
Slovakia	June 30, 1993
Slovenia	May 14, 1993
Spain	November 24, 1977
Sweden	May 5, 1949
Switzerland	May 6, 1963
Turkey	August 9, 1949
Ukraine	November 9, 1995
United Kingdom	May 5, 1949



Figure 50. Several of the early official stamps of the Council of Europe.

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WESTROPA, PHILATELIC EXHIBITION - The WESTROPA (**W**estern **E**uropa) philatelic exhibition was held in Düsseldorf, Germany September 14-18, 1955. In addition to several special cancels, Germany issued a pair of semi-postal stamps. See figure 51. The stamps were rated at 10 and 20 pf which were paid for the postcard and first class letter rates respectively. However, each value contained a surcharge that aided the Society of German Philatelists. The 10 pf stamp bore a surcharge of 2 pf while the 20 pf stamp bore a surcharge of 3 pf. That means for every set sold, the Society of German Philatelists realized 5 pf which helped with the costs of producing the WESTROPA international stamp show. There are three WESTROPA cancels listed in the D'Urso Catalogue. They are numbers T14, T15 and T16. Each carries a rarity factor of 5. Illustrations scanned from the catalogue are at figure 52.

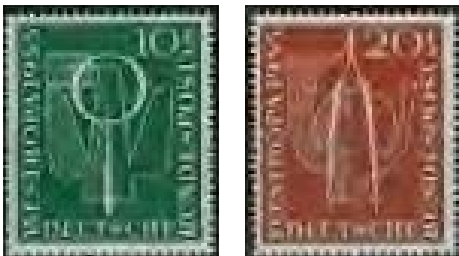


Figure 51. WESTROPA semi-postal stamp set issued by Germany in 1955.



Figure 52. Cancels used at the WESTROPA international stamp show.

CROATIA ANTI-COMMUNIST LABELS - The sheet of 10 imperforate labels at figure 53, was ostensibly used to raise money to "liberate" fight communism in Croatia. Or, perhaps it was used to raise money for the label maker?



Figure 53. Croatian "Liberation" labels in an imperforate block of 10.

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CATALOGUE, EUROPA, MANFIL - Figure 54 is the cover of the 2006 edition of the Spanish MANFIL stamp catalogue. One section of this catalogue is devoted to the theme of "Europa." I have never seen this catalogue but perhaps one of our members who has a copy could do a "book report" for us. The catalogue was seen on Ebay with an opening bid of \$13.33.

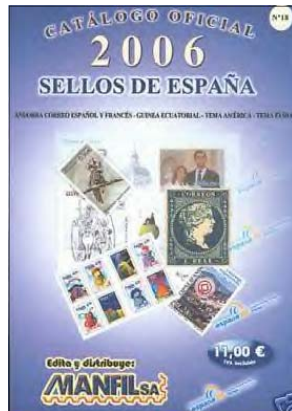


Figure 54. 2006 edition of the MANFIL Catalogue containing a Europa section.

EUROPA 2002, MALTA POSTAL STATIONERY - On the occasion of "Belgica" the international stamp show, held in Brussels June 9-15, 2001, Malta issued a postal card with both of its 2001 Europa stamps as the indicia. A copy of the card is at figure 55.



Figure 55. Malta's 2001 postal card with Europa indicia featuring a frog and a dragonfly.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, EUROPEAN, 1979 - According to the Ebay seller of the labels shown at figure 56 in the next column, they are valued at 800€ in the Dalay Catalogue(?). The labels were printed to commemorate the first (1979) direct elections to the European Parliament. Note that the "value" is listed in many currencies. The block

Of 4 labels was listed with an opening bid of about \$113. It did not sell.



Figure 56. Block of 4 labels commemorating the first direct elections to the European Parliament.

MARSHALL PLAN, COLLINS FIRST DAY COVER - The two 1997 FDCs at figure 57 were hand painted by artists named Collins (upper) and Fox (lower). They show various aspects of the Marshall Plan. The words "The Marshall Plan" appear on both covers. Each was produced to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

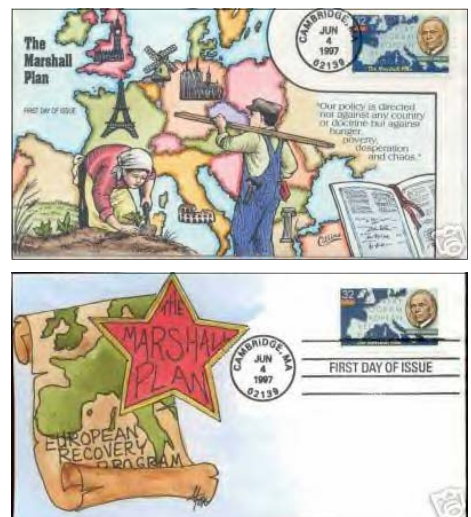


Figure 57. Hand painted Collins and Fox FDCs for the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

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EUROPA 1963, ALBANIA LABEL PROOF - The item at figure 58 appears to be a sunk proof of the label previously shown in this issue at figure 49. This “proof” must be an item of considerable interest. There were 58 “hits” on the Ebay lot. Originally listed with an opening bid of 10€, It sold for \$39.84 after 14 spirited bids.



Figure 58. 1963 Albania label in sunk proof format, incorporating a Europa common design.

EUROPA 1964, ALBANIA LABEL - Figure 59 is an Albanian imperforate label in souvenir sheet format. It incorporates the C.E.P.T. 5th anniversary “Daisy” design. This item also elicited a lot of interest and after 11 bids, eventually sold for \$41.05.



Figure 59. 1964 Albania label in souvenir sheet, imperforate format, incorporating a Europa common design.

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SUTTNER, BERTHA VON - Germany issued a new stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. Suttner was a writer and peace advocate whose greatest contributions were achieved in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

GERMANY - Honoring Bertha von Suttner.



0.55€ - Portrait of von Suttner and the cover of her famous book “Put down your Arms.”

Day of Issue: November 3, 2005. **Designer:** Sibylle Hasse. **Printing:** Multicolored, offset by the German State Printing Works in Berlin, on white fluorescent postage stamp paper with DP2 gum. **Format:** 46.00mm x 27.32mm. **Quantity:** Not given. **Other Items:** Official first day cover and an essay written by Dr. Arianne Neuhaus-Koch.

EUROPA 1988, RAILROAD - Shown at figure 60 in the next column, is a numbered maximum card franked with both values of Spain’s 1988 Europa set. Trains are depicted on both stamps which were canceled on the first day of issue. What makes the card even more interesting is that it depicts a map of Europe with the railroad lines going between the various capital cities of Europe as those lines were in 1888. I do not know the significance of the additional stamp on the right side of the card, but I take note of the cancel which depicts a railroad train.



Figure 60. Europa 1988 set from Spain on a maxi card showing early European railroad system.

NATO, TURKEY IMPERF PAIR - The bottom margin, vertical pair of Turkish NATO stamps at figure 61 is imperforate between. The pair was offered on Ebay with an opening bid of \$24. It did not sell.



Figure 61. 105k value of Turkey’s 10th anniversary of NATO set, imperforate between.



MEMBER INQUIRY

MEMBER INQUIRY - Unit member Jean-Louis Emmenegger of Pully, Switzerland wrote about two covers he recently acquired. He wanted information about a registered letter from S.H.A.P.E., Paris (figure 1) and a cover franked with a EUROPAFRIQUE stamp (figure 2 on the next page).

Rather than answer him directly, I thought to illustrate the covers here, with Jean-Louis's questions and my comments, to see if others can add to the information.

Figure 1 shows a "legal-size," registered cover, postmarked at the S.H.A.P.E. (headquarters), Paris, on June 6, 1958. The "corner" shows that the envelope was an official one from the headquarters with that fact written in both English and French. What looks like three typed letters appear above the top printed line, but they are unclear. They look like they might be the letters "PID" which if I remember back to my Army days, stood for the Public Information Division. Of more interest was the fact that the cover bears a S.H.A.P.E. registry label. There is a good amount of mail from the headquarters in Paris, but little of it that I've seen has been registered. Here is what Jean-Louis wrote about this cover: "Do you have any historical background on S.H.A.P.E.? Is it NATO related? Is S.H.A.P.E. still in Paris? If not, where is the headquarters now? Here is what I know.



Figure 1. Registered cover mailed at S.H.A.P.E. Headquarters, Paris, in 1958.

NATO is a political treaty organization. Its original permanent headquarters was located in facilities at Porte Dauphin, Paris, France. The allied military in Europe created a "Supreme Headquarters" under which military forces would be available to the NATO political leaders. That headquarters was named S.H.A.P.E. Its headquarters was located in Rocquencourt, Paris. It was a part of the A.C.E. (Allied Command Europe).

One of the most significant events in the history of Allied Command Europe is France's withdrawal from NATO's integrated military structure, which made it necessary for SHAPE and several other ACE headquarters to leave French territory. The split between France and NATO's military structure had been developing for a number of years, as successive French governments had become increasingly dissatisfied with what they perceived as Anglo-American domination of the command structure and insufficient French influence throughout the command. By late December 1965 French President Charles de Gaulle was ready to take action. He had just been elected for the second time, France had acquired its own nuclear capability, his attempts to establish a Franco-British-American Security Directorate and gain some French control over US nuclear weapons based in France had failed, and he sought a more independent role for France in order to maximize its global influence and status. President de Gaulle also disagreed with the United States' intention to replace the strategy of "Massive Retaliation" with "Flexible Response" because he believed that this meant a weakening of the US commitment to defend Europe with nuclear weapons. Increasingly critical of the developments in NATO, he described the military integration practiced at SHAPE and its subordinate headquarters as obsolete and said that it was designed to ensure French subordination to US policy. In February 1966 President de Gaulle stated that the changed world situation "stripped of justification" NATO's military integration and that France was therefore re-establishing her sovereignty over French territory. As a result, all forces within France's borders would have to come

under French control by April 1969. Soon afterward, France announced that it was withdrawing from the headquarters of Allied Command Europe and that SHAPE and its subordinate headquarters Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT) must leave French territory by April 1967. The allies attempted unsuccessfully to persuade the French government to reconsider, and France then withdrew the vast majority of its military personnel from NATO military headquarters in July 1966. The other Allies moved quickly to find new hosts for the headquarters that would have to leave France, and they decided to move NATO's political headquarters from French territory as well. The Netherlands was selected to host AFCENT, and Belgium became the host nation for both NATO and SHAPE. It was hoped that SHAPE could be located near NATO Headquarters, as had been the case in Paris, but the Belgian authorities decided that SHAPE should be located at least 50 kilometers from Brussels, NATO's new location, because SHAPE was a major wartime military target. They also said that SHAPE had to be placed on land already owned by the government in order to limit costs and construction time. The Belgian government then offered Camp Casteau, a 200-hectare Belgian Army summer training camp near Mons, which was an area in serious need of additional economic investment. To overcome SHAPE's objections about the distance from Brussels, the Belgian government agreed to build a high-speed motorway connecting Mons and Brussels. In September 1966 NATO agreed that Belgium should host SHAPE at Casteau. Six and a half months remained before the French deadline for SHAPE to leave France would expire. A massive seven-day-a-week building program began, coordinated between the Belgian central and local authorities, the building consortium and SHAPE. Highest priority was given to building command and control facilities. SHAPE closed its facility at Rocquencourt near Paris on 30 March 1967, and the next day held a ceremony to mark the opening of the new headquarters at Casteau. See <http://www.nato.int/shape/news/2003/history/h030722.htm>

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Regarding the second cover, seen at figure 2, Jean-Louis wanted to know if... "EuropAfrique" was an organization between the European Economic Community and some African countries? Does it still exist? Is there a list of the participating African countries? Which African countries issued "EuropAfrique stamps?" Here is what I know.

According to the information in the Europa Study Unit Handbook (page 11, August 1971), "...The Yaoundé (Cameroon) Agreement was signed on July 20, 1963 making 18 African nations associates of the European Common Market. This provides for expanded development through trade, tariff adjustments and financial aid.



Figure 2. Common 1965 cover franked in part, with a Malagasy Republic EuropAfrique stamp.

The 18 countries signing the Agreement were: Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Congo Republic, Chad, Dahomey, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Malagasy, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Togo and Upper Volta.

Stamps were issued on a common design/theme by some of the African members starting in 1963. A complete list of the countries and their issues can be found in the ESU Handbook. At one time or another, through 1970, all of the 18 member countries issued "EuropAfrique" stamps.

What else is known about the covers?

EUROPA FACTS

A wonderful Europa web site can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/euroswiss74/History-3.html>. It is full of useful historical and current information about Europa stamps. The quality of the illustrations found on the site cannot be questioned - they are wonderful. Here is some information recently gleaned from that site. Did you know that...

1974 was an important year for the Europa-Stamps, because since then, a common theme replaced the common design system used since 1956! (Except for 1957, ed.). Only the CEPT logo on each stamp indicates that the stamp is a Europa-Stamp. The 1974 common theme was Sculptures. 49 stamps were issued by 23 countries. The CEPT logo is featured on each Europa-Stamp since 1974. Only this logo make Europa-Stamps different from all the other stamps



1975, first Europa issue of the Turkish part of Cyprus. Due to the political situation on the island of Cyprus, the stamps issued by the Turkish part of the island aren't recognized on an international level. Even if those stamps bear the Europa logo, they are not official Europa-Stamps but most Europa stamps collectors collect them as they issue Europa-Stamps on a regular basis since 1975 !



The common theme issues by year are:

1976 Handicrafts (27 countries; 58 stamps) 1977 Landscapes (28 countries; 56 stamps) 1978 Monuments (30 countries; 65 stamps); 1979 Postal history (31 countries; 68 stamps); 1980 Famous people (32 countries; 67 stamps); 1981 Folklore (35 countries; 69 stamps); 1982 History (35 countries; 70 stamps); 1983 Inventions (35 countries; 71

stamps); 1984 25 years of the CEPT: common design (35 countries; 67 stamps); In 1984, the CEPT celebrates their 25th Anniversary. To commemorate this event, the CEPT selected a common design, as in the early years of the Europa-Stamps. The winning design is a symbolic bridge designed by the French artist Jean Larrivière.



In 1985 it was back to the common themes...1985 European year of music (35 countries; 73 stamps); 1986 Nature conservation (35 countries; 74 stamps); 1987 Modern architecture (35 countries; 74 stamps); 1988 Transport and communication (35 countries; 79 stamps) ; 1989 Children games (35 countries; 80 stamps); 1990 Post offices (35 countries; 78 stamps).

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PRICES REALIZED - AUCTION #104

1 - 6.25	37 - .45	83 - 1.75	125 - .75	184 - 7.50
2 - 3.25	38 - 2.85	84 - 1.75	126 - .80	185 - 16.00
4 - 3.25	39 - 2.75	89 - 1.25	128 - 10.00	186 - 17.00
5 - 2.75	40 - 10.50	90 - 1.50	129 - 4.25	187 - 19.00
7 - 2.25	41 - 4.25	91 - 2.50	130 - 26.00	189 - 13.00
8 - 3.25	42 - 13.00	92 - 1.50	131 - 1.70	190 - 1.45
9 - 3.75	43 - 1.00	93 - 3.25	135 - 1.40	191 - 1.10
11 - .65	44 - 2.75	94 - .70	136 - .80	196 - 1.00
12 - 1.40	45 - 2.35	96 - 2.20	137 - .75	203 - 3.25
13 - .80	46 - 3.25	97 - 4.75	140 - 4.00	208 - 4.90
15 - .60	47 - 3.50	98 - 3.50	141 - 8.00	209 - 8.25
16 - 1.00	50 - 3.25	100 - 1.60	142 - 9.00	210 - 4.75
17 - 1.00	51 - 5.50	101 - 1.25	143 - .40	211 - 4.25
18 - 1.30	52 - 2.75	102 - .70	147 - 2.00	213 - 1.65
19 - 1.20	53 - 14.00	103 - 3.45	149 - 1.75	214 - 3.50
20 - 1.10	55 - 2.50	104 - 3.25	154 - 1.75	215 - 2.10
21 - 1.20	58 - 2.10	105 - 25.00	158 - 5.25	216 - 3.10
22 - 1.50	59 - 1.75	106 - 4.25	159 - 6.10	217 - 48.00
23 - 1.35	60 - .30	109 - 3.75	160 - .45	218 - 8.25
24 - 1.50	61 - 2.00	110 - 1.50	161 - 1.10	219 - 2.10
25 - 2.00	62 - 1.75	111 - 1.25	163 - 1.65	221 - 2.20
26 - 2.00	64 - 1.35	112 - 1.10	169 - 1.25	222 - 5.25
27 - 1.80	65 - 2.50	113 - 4.25	170 - 2.20	223 - 13.50
28 - 1.60	70 - 3.25	114 - 6.50	171 - 3.25	230 - .85
29 - 1.85	72 - 5.20	115 - 3.25	172 - 1.95	232 - 1.60
30 - 2.25	74 - 1.60	116 - 5.00	173 - 1.10	233 - 15.75
31 - 2.00	75 - 2.50	117 - 5.00	177 - 2.25	234 - .95
32 - 2.25	76 - .70	118 - 5.00	178 - 1.70	236 - 1.00
33 - 1.45	77 - 1.50	119 - .80	179 - 4.60	245 - .65
34 - 2.05	79 - 2.00	121 - 3.50	180 - 35.00	246 - .65
35 - 3.25	81 - 1.75	123 - 7.00	182 - 28.00	247 - 7.50
36 - 3.75	82 - .50	124 - .65	183 - 31.00	

Number of Consignors:12

Number of Bidders:17

Number of Lots Sold: 159 (64%) Most Bid Lots: 5 Bids: 247

4 Bids each: 39, 41, 83, 97

MEMBER AD

The following ad was submitted by member Pratip Biswas from India. He can be reached at Landscape Apartment, Flat 1/14, Baquipara, Aswininagar, Baguiati 700059, Kolkata, India.

WANT LIST - Mr. Biswas prefers used stamps, but he asks you to contact him if you have these years in mint condition.

ITEM #	COUNTRY	YEARS NEEDED
1	French Andorra	1966, 68, 69, 70, 84-89
2	San Marino	1982, 84, 85, 87-89, 99
3	Monaco	1981, 87, 88, 90, 93, 96, 99
4	Turkey	1979-81, 84-89, 92, 94, 95, 98
5	Sweden	1991-94
6	Greece	1986, 87, 89, 91, 95, 98

Mr. Biswas also has surplus stamps for sale. He wrote that he is willing to donate 10% of the net sale proceeds to the Europa Study Unit AND a Unit member can receive a 10% discount on the prices quoted in this ad.

ITEM #	COUNTRY	QUANTITY	YEARS IN SET	PRICE
A. Used Lots:				
1	N/A	Lot of 1200 different Europa including Luxembourg 1956, Ireland 1960, Great Britain 1960, Cyprus 1963, and many more. About 425 complete sets.	N/A	\$225.00 (plus \$4.40 postage)
2	N/A	Lot of about 500 different Europa stamps	N/A	\$17.50 (plus \$2.50 postage)
B. Mint Never-Hinged sets:				
3	Liechtenstein	10 sets	1961, 62, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 75, 75	\$11.00
4	Liechtenstein	10 sets	1961, 66, 67, 76, 77, 78, 73, 80, 83, 84	\$12.50
5	Luxembourg	10 sets	1962, 64, 65, 66, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76	\$11.00
6	Spain	10 sets	1964, 68, 70, 69, 75, 77, 82, 88, 89, 93	\$12.00
7	Iceland	10 sets	1960, 61, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 89, 93, 2001	\$13.00
8	Belgium	10 sets	1975, 76, 78, 80, 82, 83, 87, 90, 96, 2001	\$15.00
9	Greece	10 sets	1975, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 88, 85, 93, 99	\$40.00
10	Ireland	10 sets	1962, 63, 70, 71, 74, 75, 78, 79, 82, 85	\$50.00
11	France	10 sets	1962, 64, 66, 74, 82, 83, 93, 99, 94, 2000	\$15.00

Mr. Biswas indicated that postage would be extra as follows, except as noted for lots 1 and 2:
 For ordinary air mail \$1.50 for the first lot and then add an additional \$0.20 for each extra lot to be mailed together,
 For registered air mail \$2.50 for the first lot and then add an additional \$0.25 for each extra lot to be mailed together,

EUROPA HANDBOOK - COUNCIL OF EUROPE UPDATE

(With many thanks to Don Smith for his research and preparation of the following information)

PART A: EUROPA PROPER

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3. COUNCIL OF EUROPE: On May 5, 1949 the Statute of the Council of Europe was signed by Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Great Britain with the aim of achieving

"A greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realizing ideals and principles, which are their common heritage, and facilitating their economic and social progress."

Since that time, an additional 36 countries have joined. (Saar was a member before the plebiscite which returned the area to Germany).

a. OFFICIAL ISSUES. In 1958 France began issuing stamps to be used only from the Council of Europe headquarters in Strasbourg, France.

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Scott</u>	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Designer</u>	<u>Description</u>
35 Fr	1o1	1	Jan 14 1958	1,040,000	Spitz	Overprint on France #854 (Thick & thin overprints)
8 Fr	1o2	2	Oct 10 1958	1,850,000	J. Decaris	Official flag (blue)
20 Fr	1o3	3	Oct 11 1958	1,250,000	"	"
25 Fr	1o4	4	May 29 1959	3,030,000	"	"
35 Fr	1o5	5	Oct 13 1958	2,140,000	"	"
50 Fr	1o6	6	May 30 1959	1,940,000	"	"
0.20 (Fr)	1o7	7	Jan 3 1963	1,200,000	"	" (Stars in white)
0.25 (Fr)	1o8	8		950,000	"	"
0.50 (Fr)	1o9	9		950,000	"	"
0.25 (Fr)	1o10	10	Jan 16 1965	1,500,000	"	" (Stars in gold)
0.30 (Fr)	1o11	11		1,800,000	"	"
0.40 (Fr)	1o12	13	Mar 24 1969		"	"
0.50 (Fr)	1o13	15	Feb 20 1971		"	"
0.60 (Fr)	1o14	12	Jan 16 1965		"	"
0.70 (Fr)	1o15	14	Mar 24 1969		"	"
0.60 (Fr)	1o16	16	Nov 22 1975		"	"
0.80 (Fr)	1o17	17	"		"	"
1.00 (Fr)	1o18	19	Oct 16 1976		"	"
1.20 (Fr)	1o19	18	Nov 22 1975		"	"
0.80 (Fr)	1o20	20	Jan 22 1977		Eugene Lacaque	Council headquarters bldg,
1.00 (Fr)	1o21	21	"		"	Type I
1.40 (Fr)	1 o22	22	"		"	"
1.20 (Fr)	1 o23	23	Oct 14 1978		"	(Human Rights symbol
1.70 (Fr)	1 o24	24	"		"	added upper left corner)
1.40 (Fr)	1o25	25	Nov 22 1980		"	(Without Human Rights
1.50 (Fr)	1 o26	26	"		"	symbol)
1.40 (Fr)	1o27	27	Nov 21 1981		Eugene Lacaque	Council headquarters bldg,
1.60 (Fr)	1o28	28	"		"	Type II
1.70 (Fr)	1o29	34	Nov 10 1984		"	"
1.80 (Fr)	1o30	30	Nov 13 1982		"	"
2.00 (Fr)	1o31	32	Nov 19 1983		"	"

EUROPA HANDBOOK - COUNCIL OF EUROPE UPDATE

(With many thanks to Don Smith for his research and preparation of the following information)

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Scott Michel</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Designer</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.10 (Fr)	1o32	35	Nov 10 1984	"	"
2.30 (Fr)	1o33	29	Nov 21 1981	"	"
2.60 (Fr)	1o34	31	Nov 13 1982	"	"
2.80 (Fr)	1o35	33	Nov 21 1983	"	"
3.00 (Fr)	1o36	36	Nov 10 1984	"	"
1.80 (Fr)	1o37	37	Aug 31 1985	Francois	Boot emerging from egg
2.20 (Fr)	1o38	38	¹¹	Thouvenin	"
3.20 (Fr)	1o39	39	^{2v}	"	"
1.90 (Fr)	1o40	40	Dec 13 1986	Charles	Council headquarters bldg,
2.00 (Fr)	1o41	43	Oct 10 1987	Bridoux	Type III
2.20 (Fr)	1o42	41	Dec 13 1986	"	"
3.40 (Fr)	1o43	42	¹¹	"	"
3.60 (Fr)	1o44	44	Oct 10 1987	"	"
2.20 (Fr)	1o45	45	Feb 4 1989	Eve Luquet	40' Anniversary
3.60 (Fr)	1o46	46	¹¹	"	"
2.30 (Fr)	1o47	47	May 26 1990	Claude	Map of Europe
2.50 (Fr)	1o48	49	Nov 23 1991	Andreotto	"
3.20 (Fr)	1o49	48	May 26 1990	"	"
3.40 (Fr)	1o50	50	Nov 23 1991	"	"
2.80 (Fr)	1o51	51	Jan 15 1994	Hunderwasser	Hunderwasser "36 Heads"
3.70 (Fr)	1o52	52	¹¹	"	"
3.00 (Fr)	1o53	53	June 1 1996	Alain Rouheir	Palace of Human Rights,
3.50 (Fr)	1o54	54	⁷¹	"	Strasbourg
3.00 (Fr)	1o55	55	Sept 18 1999	Aurelie Baras	Charioteer of Delphi
3.80 (Fr)	1o56	56	¹¹	"	Nike
3.00 (Fr)	1o57	57	Dec 1 2001	Jean-Paul	Black & white children
3.80 (Fr)	1o58	58		Cousin	with penguin
.50 €	1o59	59	Oct 16 2003	Tomi Ungerer	Hiker on stars going left
.75 €	1o60	60	¹⁰	"	Hiker on stars going right
.55 €	1o61	61	Sept 18 2005	Tomi Ungerer	Tomi Ungerer Stars ascending
.75 €	1o62	62		Rafal Olbinski	Rafal Olbinski Map of Europe

Council Headquarters Building



1o2



1o46



Type I (1o20)



Type II (1o27)



Type III (1o41)

Don Smith indicates that these two pages, plus the list of Council of Europe member countries will be available as an addendum to the paper version of the Unit Handbook. The pages and list will be included in the CD version when it is updated next year to include issues through 2005.

BUT...DON NEEDS SOME HELP...he wrote that "... I have been looking at the next section in the C/E section of the handbook, which states "publicity" but which is more anniversary issues than publicity (there is only 1 really "publicity" so far. Anyway, I have some problems that you might like to direct to the membership for answers: 1) Georgia Scott 212-3, Michel 318-9 is listed in Scott as issued Nov. 1999 and for the 50th anniversary of the C/E. Michel says issued Dec. 9, 1999 and for honoring Georgia's entrance into the C/E. Which is right? Other 50th anniversary problems (1999): 2) Hungary Scott 3653, Michel 4542 is listed as issued May 4 by Scott, May 3 by Michel. 3) Latvia Scott 486, Michel 500 is listed as issued Apr 24 by Scott, May 3 by Michel. 4) Malta Scott 966-7, Michel 1063-4 is listed as issued April 6 by Scott, February 26 by Michel. **Perhaps someone has FDCs of these issues and could check the dates?"**

FEATURE ARTICLE

The CARE Program Helps One Family

By

Mr. Zegert van Duijn

From good friend of the Unit, Mr. Zegert van Duijn of the Netherlands comes an interesting story about the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (C.ARE) Program. Bought as a single lot on Ebay, the items illustrating this article tell the story of how a Dr. Ernest Zimmerman, living in Los Angeles in 1949, was able to help through the CARE Program, a lady named Margaret Sammet, then living in Oberfranken, Bavaria, Germany and a lady named Marie Anna Mayerhofer, then living in Vienna, Austria. In order to make sense out of the various pieces illustrated in this article, and in order to present a coherent story, the items are arranged chronologically by date. Here is the story emerges when the items are studied by date.

Sometime in late 1947, a man named Ernest Zimmerman of Los Angeles went to the CARE office in that city and paid \$10 cash for one "New Food" package to be sent to Mrs. Margaret Sammet, Luitpold Strasse #11, Rehau near Hof Oberfranken, Bavaria, AZ (American Zone) Germany.

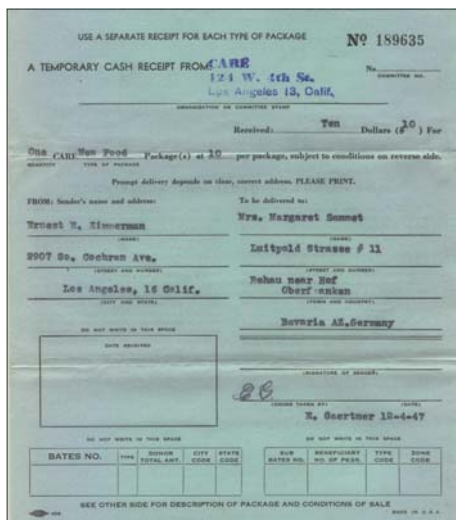


Figure 1. Receipt for cash payment issued by the Lops Angeles CARE office on December 4, 1947.

The receipt for Mr. Zimmerman's cash payment is at figure 1. The front of the receipt indicates that a picture of the contents of the food package can be found on the other side of the receipt. While I do not have a scan of the other side, I do have

a picture at figure 2, of what it might look like. Pictured are the contents of a CARE food package titled “Thrift.” We can deduce from the picture card, that the “New Food” package at \$10 had more items in it than the “Thrift” package at \$5.50

Dr. Zimmerman also paid another \$10 on



Figure 2. Picture of the contents of a CARE “Thrift” food package.

February 21, 1948 for a food package to go to a lady named Mayerhofer, then living in Vienna, Austria. The item at figure 3 is the CARE Overseas Mail Order Service's receipt that went back to Dr. Zimmerman.



Figure 3. Customer receipt from the CARE overseas service office.

Figure 4 is a formula card that was sent from the Austrian CARE office to Mrs. Mayerhofer asking her to either pick up a CARE package or designate someone else to pick it up. She designated as her agent, Mr. Rudolph Rurytorung(?). She then signed the form. The mailing date is on the back of the card so I could not read it.



Figure 4. Notice from Austrian CARE office to pick up a CARE package.

Now back to Mrs. Sammet. The item at figure 5 is a receipt with a Rehau, Germany cancel of April 22, 1949. It is addressed to the CARE central office in Germany and likely was the receipt from Mrs. Sammet for the package sent to her by Dr. Zimmerman. The boxed hand-stamp at the left of the item is the CARE office's receiving mark dated April 25, 1949. From the Rehau postmark, I assume that the receipt is from Mrs. Sammet.



Figure 5. Receipt for a CARE Package sent from Rehau, Germany to the CARE central office.

At some point, Dr. Zimmerman sent another CARE package to Mrs. Sammet. This time it was a “Holiday” type package. The item at figure 6 is the receipt that was returned to Dr. Zimmerman. The postmark is dated November 9, 1949. From that date, I will assume that the “Holiday” package was for Christmas 1949. See the more complete explanation of this item in the “Europa Briefs” section of this issue.

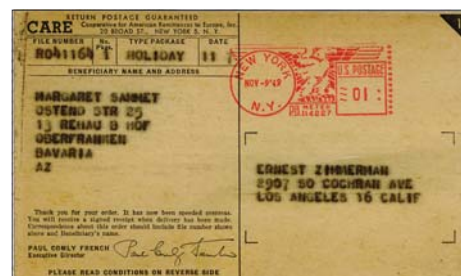


Figure 6. Receipt for payment of a CARE package to be sent to a designated person. 1¢ rate.

Do you still need more proof? Perhaps the most interesting piece in the collection is non-philatelic. It is the telegram at figure 7 on the next page. In the telegram, Dr. Zimmerman wires the CARE Overseas Mail Order Service, sending \$51 for 5 \$10 packages to Mrs. Mayerhofer at her Vienna, Austria address.

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The telegram, dated August 11, 1947, was transmitted and received on that date.

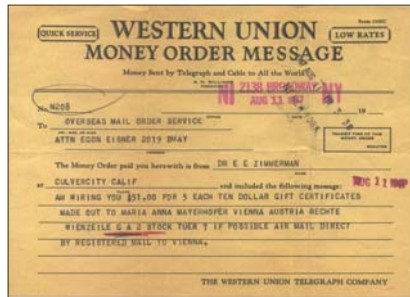


Figure 7. Telegram from Dr. Zimmerman, ordering 5 CARE gift packages.

Over the next few years, there were likely other exchanges of correspondence between the CARE office and Dr. Zimmerman. Several examples of official CARE envelopes, missing addresses, but with slogan cancels that are not recorded in the D'Urso Catalogue, are shown at figures 8 and 9. The postmarks and the fact that they were in the same lot of items, imply to me that they contained correspondence related to the people mentioned in this article. On

FEATURE ARTICLE (concluded)



Figure 8. Official CARE envelope dated March 11, 1949. Unlisted in the D'Urso Catalogue.



Figure 9. Official CARE envelope dated January 20, 1950. Cancel is similar to D'Urso VMA61.

a philatelic note, both envelopes bear 3¢ postage, the correct rate when they were mailed. While on rates, figure 10 is a receipt like the one at figure 6. Dated April 25, 1952 it bears the 2¢ rate that went in effect on January 1, 1952. Finally, to tie it all together, figure 11 is an envelope from Mrs. Mayer, dated March



Figure 10. Receipt for payment of a CARE package to be sent to a designated person. 2¢ rate.

16, 1950, and addressed to the Zimmerman family in Los Angeles.



Figure 11. March 16, 1950 letter from Mrs. Mayer to the Zimmerman family.

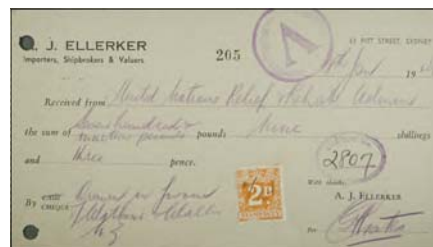
EUROPA RELATED AUCTION LOTS

My good friend Greg Galletti is an advanced collector and exhibitor of League of Nations/United Nations material. He also runs an auction of that type of philatelic material. Since I no longer collect actively, my visits to Greg's auction site, http://www.unstampz.com/auction/auction_frames1.htm, are less and less. However, I did visit his site recently and I want to share with you, some of the Europa related lots that were being offered.

Two UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) items caught my eye. The first, on piece, shows an UNRRA cancel on a revalued pair of stamps.



The second item is a receipt from the Elleker company in Britain. It is made out to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and is dated January 8, 1948 - before the Marshall Plan got into gear.



Conference affecting the future of Europe were also for sale. Some of the pieces had fairly rare cancels, but all were being offered at what I thought were reasonable opening prices. In the next column are from top to bottom, three covers with such cancels. The top cover bears a cancel commemorating the "Peace in the Orient" conference; the middle cancel is the 1937 "Capitulation" conference; The bottom cancel is the 1939 Radio conference.



FORWARD CALENDAR

COUNTRY	DATE	SUBJECT
Jersey	07MAR2006	2 stamps in a set of 4 stamps depicting winning designs of Jersey children, on the theme of "Jersey—a multicultural island."
Bosnia - Herzegovina	30JUN05	Mediterranean Games
Bosnia - Herzegovina	30JUN05	International Friendship of Cities (This is not a true "Jumelage" issue since the friendship is with a non-European country)
Bosnia (Serb Admin)	30AUG05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps
Macedonia	30JUN05	Einstein
Moldova	10JUN05	Women's European chess championship
Moldova	20JUL05	50th anniversary of Europa stamps

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COUNTRY	SCOTT #	DATE OF ISSUE	DESCRIPTION
Andorra (Spanish)	313	15-Apr-05	Europa 2005
Aruba	264e	30-Apr-05	Queen Beatrix before European Parliament
Azores	481-2	5-May-05	Europa 2005 (482 = souvenir sheet)
Bahamas	1150-3a	1-Jun-05	5& Anniversary Europa stamps (1153a = S/S)
France	3117	8-May-05	Europa 2005
Germany	2346	7-Jul-05	Albert Einstein
Ghana	2429-30	29-Nov-04	D-Day 60' Anniversary (2430 = souvenir sheet)
Ghana	2431-32	29-Nov-04	European Soccer Championships (2432 = S/S)
Hungary	3930	6-May-05	End of World War 1160' Anniversary
Hungary	3936	9-May-05	Europa 2005
Iceland	1050-1	26-May-05	Europa 2005
Ireland	1613-4	9-May-05	Europa 2005
Isle of Man	1087-91	15-Apr-05	End of World War 11 60' Anniversary
Jamaica	1013-15a	1-Jun-05	50" Anniversary Europa stamps (1015a = S/S)
Jersey	1153-4	8-Mar-05	Europa 2005
Madeira	233-4	5-May-05	Europa 2005 (234 = souvenir sheet)
Portugal	2709-10	5-May-05	Europa 2005 (2710 = souvenir sheet)

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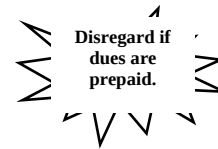
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