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Amsterdam in May is beautiful but was much more interesting for collectors as AMPHILEX '77 was underway. As the European three day holiday, Whit Monday, was also on the weekend of the 28th, more visitors than normal were evident. The AMPHILEX '77 Exhibition was a fantastic show which missed a rating of 'Spectacular' by only a few points as there were no U.N. exhibits other than that of UNPA Geneva in the 'Official' Class. The more than thirty postal administrations and row upon row of dealer stands provided the collector with a few days work alone. Frames were numerous and quality of materials shown proved to be among the best in the world.

UNPA Geneva was on hand with a special information packet again for visitors of the show. Inside was a white commemorative postal card with a 'Justice' design on one side (see illustrations this issue) which tied in very nicely with the World Court, seated in The Hague just a few miles away. A specially over-printed Globe Cover for U.N. Day, 1 June 1977, was available as well as the usual array of postal materials and stationery. The Blue mail box was emptied several times daily as visitors sent cards and letters to friends and relatives. A special 'Presentation Folder' was given to guests of an invitational ceremony at the Hague's Peace Palace. Shows in Annecy and Regiophil '77 in Lugano, Switzerland, were much smaller (five postal admins. in Lugano) each also producing Blue cards. The quantity of Blue cards in Amsterdam was astounding - six to seven thousand, the largest single show to date. We did see many of these cards used for dual country cancellations of which there were enough countries, all with beautifully designed cancellations for the show.

A new canceling device has been introduced in Geneva. Herr Wolff Hanke (editor of Lindner's) informs us that on July 7th at five P.M., the hand cancel 'j' was used for the first time. A rough estimate of between three and four hundred covers serviced first day is seemingly small. Herr Hanke also authored a recent article in the German UNO-Philatelie Journal concerning the number of Blue cards produced for the Perigueux '74 exhibition. According to the article, four hundred cards were made which contradicts UNPA Geneva's 'Official' information released figure of two hundred cards. Herr Hanke also states that the low market price of Perigueux cards indicates that these cards are much more available to collectors than those of Nancy '74 or Colmar '74. Nancy and Colmar sell at higher prices when found even though they have a total quantity of three hundred each! Through further inquiries, the results imply information concerning a total of four hundred cards for Perigueux was not correct. Another question which is producing varied opinions again is that of LUPO '75 and MODERN 75 Blue cards with different cancelation dates. Normal Blue cards have a first day of show cancel and these two cards have examples bearing both correct cancels and others after the shows were concluded. More on these subjects will be printed as soon as some reliable information is recieved.

To the checklist: The STOCKHOLMIA '74 "BROWN" card as it is listed in Lindner is an incorrect entry. Herr Hanke's information was evidently incorrect as no cancelled cards exist which were 'Officially' prepared by the UNPA Geneva as a souvenir of the show. Mint cards however do exist with a commemorative text for the show. Number 1a on last month's checklist should be deleted. Another correction - the Price Guide in this issue - delete the listing of Dove Art card (New York) 5d, no such animal. The value of WHITE card number 1 should be 1.50 instead of 2.50 as printed, sorry.

The newsletter is available to anyone wishing a copy (July 77 to date). All future issues are fifteen cents per issue (mint U.N. or U.S. at face) for the remainder of 1977. Inquiries, information, comments and opinions are welcomed regarding imprint materials. Please remember to include my name on all correspondence to me, we have over 100 people here and if possible, return postage. Thanks are extended to W.S. Cyriacus (we'll see more of him), W. Hanke, Mike Konnick, Helmut Middeldorf, Hal Quenzer, H.H. v.Renesse and UNPA Geneva for information used in this issue, Later.









