Hands on Stamps: Austria 1969—50th Anniversary of the International Labour Organization

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) is a United Nations agency dealing with labor affairs. Its particular interests are labor standards and decent work for all. The ILO was founded in 1919 as a part of the Treaty of Versailles after the World War I with the concept that universal and lasting peace can be accomplished only if it is based on social justice. The importance of social justice was seen against a background of exploitation of workers in the industrial nations of that time. The driving forces for the ILO’s establishment were security, humanitarian, political, and economic considerations.

In 1969, on the 50th anniversary of its foundation, the ILO received the Nobel Peace Prize for improving peace among classes, pursuing justice for workers, and providing technical assistance to developing nations. Austria commemorated the occasion by issuing a stamp (Fig. 1).

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