JNICEF selects Huie painting

"Mother and Child" by Jamaican artist Albert Hule has been selected by UNICEF for ic project of First Day Covers of the United Nations Flags postage series, a Foreign Ministry release said yesterday.

Last September the UN Postal Administration began issuing a series of stamps depicting the national flags of its member states. The flag of Jamaica will appear on a stamp to be issued in the last week of September this year.

The UNICEF First Day Covers bear the flag stamp, a reproduction of a work of art of the country whose flag is represented on the stamp and the official emblems of UNICEF and the United Nations.

In addition to First Day Covers, UNICEF will launch a series of philatelic items featuring the flag stamps. This programme offers the collector an educational philatelic package of United Nations mint stamp sheetlets, first day covers, art lithographs, albums and album pages, and is expected to appeal to a broad range of stamp collectors.

Proceeds from this UNICEF philatelic programme will help to support UNICEF programmes worldwide in the fields of health care, nutrition, education and other critical areas.

Albert Huie, born in Falmouth, first gained national recognition at the age of 18 when he received an award of merit in the 1938 Jamaica Art Society All-Island Exhibition. At the 1939 Chicago World's Fair he again received an award for one of his paintings mounted at the fair. Since then Mr. Huie has been honoured both locally and internationally and has staged a number of exhibitions.