

Exhibit Synopsis

United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, Havana, Cuba, Nov. 21, 1947 - Mar. 24, 1948

Scope

The exhibit documents the postal history of the 1947-48 Havana Conference, including a look at events leading up to and immediately following the Conference. The main focus is on the Conference itself. Refer to the Title Page for the History of these events.

Conference Post Offices

There were two Conference Post Offices (No. 1 and No.2) set up to serve the Conference Delegates and Staff. The following shows the known Post Office cancels, cachets and registry imprints:



Cancels: No.1 No Initials No.1 S.E.E. No.1 S.P.C. No.2 No Initials No.2 S.P.C.



Registry Imprints: No.1 No.2



Cachets: Boxed No.1 Capitolio Boxed No.2 Vedado Two-line No.2

Note that Cancel No.2 S.E.E. and Cachet Two-line No. 1 may exist but have not yet been observed. Cancels with S.E.E. and S.P.C. are rarely seen. The two-line cachet has only been observed twice.

Meters used by Western Union Telegraph:



Meter No. 1 PBC 188

Meter No.2 PBC 192

Each Post Office had a Telegraph Station, which used these meters for its correspondence. These meters are rarely observed.

Delegation Covers

The following delegation covers are shown in the exhibit:

Preparatory Committee: China, Czechoslovakia and United States

Conference: Australia, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Iran, Netherlands, Sweden

Destinations:

The following destinations are shown in the exhibit:

Brazil, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dutch Guinea, England, France, French Congo, India, Netherlands, Paraguay, Sweden, Switzerland (UN-Geneva), Switzerland, United States (UN-Lake Success), United States

Original Research:

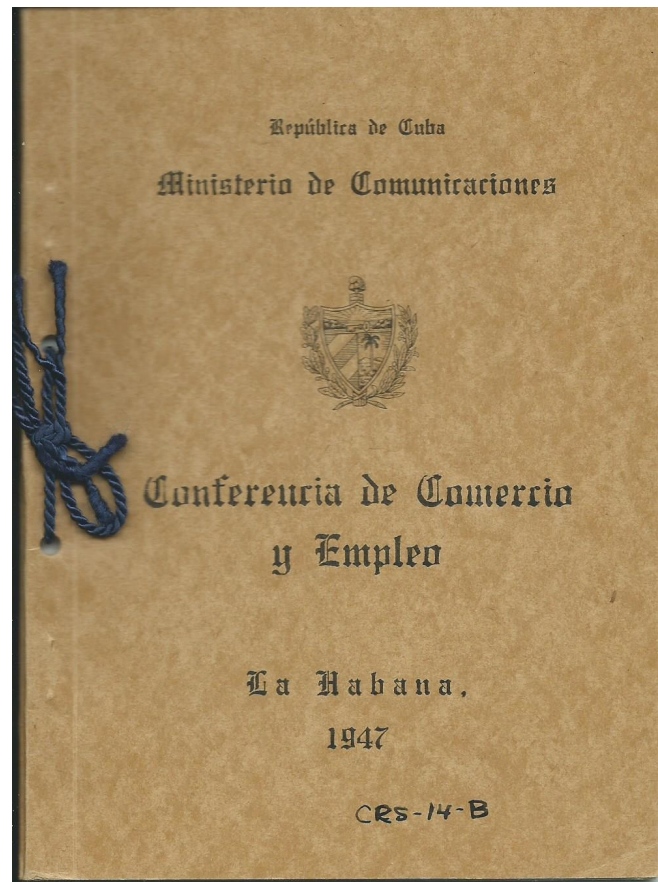
I was Conference Contributor to Gaines Catalog, author of the UN Conference Study (1981-83) and author of the UN Conference Catalog (2011-13). I wrote several articles on the Havana Conference for the Journal of UN Philatelists. During the period of the Gaines Catalog, I made several discoveries on the Havana Conference which were published in Gaines. Since Gaines went out of print, I have made additional discoveries which are documented in the UN Conference Catalog. Among my discoveries were SPC cancel No. 2, the two-line cachet, the Australian Delegation cachet, the Conference Penalty Mail cover and additional Delegations and destinations.

Rarity:

The Title Page lists Special Features of the Exhibit, which are highlighted in Dark Blue. The rarity of these items is based on Gaines Catalog, and my personal experience in looking for these covers for the past 40 years. Many of these items can be truly described as "one or two examples known".

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