

Exhibit Synopsis

United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, California, April 25 to June 26, 1945

Scope

The exhibit documents the postal history of the San Francisco Conference.

History

The objective of the conference, which was held before World War II in the Pacific was over, was to create a new World organization to keep the peace after the war. The conference wrote a UN Charter, which, when ratified, became the basis for the United Nations, which has helped to avoid another World War for over 70 years.

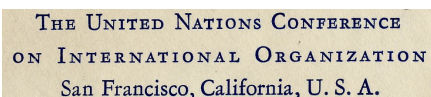
Conference Arrangements

The conference sessions and meetings were held in the San Francisco Opera House. The conference secretariat had offices in the Veterans War Memorial Building. The Army-Navy Coordination Group and the Hospitality House were in the Civic Center. Delegations were lodged in a number of San Francisco hotels, where they also had their offices. The International Press also had offices in various hotels.

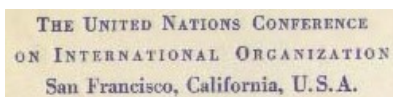
There was no special conference post office. Mail was sent from a number of post offices. The secretariat provided conference stationery, which was used by many of the delegations. Some delegations also printed their own special corner card stationery.

Conference Corner Cards

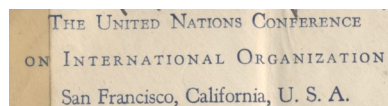
I keep an on-going inventory of all outgoing mail from the conference that has been identified. The following is a summary of the Corner Cards inventory. I have made a study of these corner cards and have identified the types which were used.



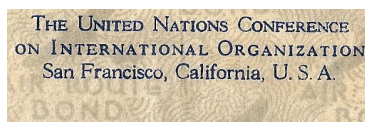
Type 1, 15 Observations
Observed Apr. 25 to May 20, 1945



Type 2, 18 Observations
Observed May 10 to Jun. 27, 1945



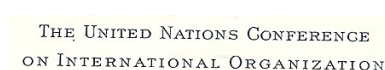
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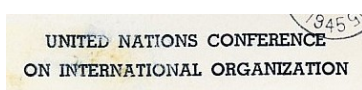
Type 4 (Air Mail), 2 Observations
Observed Jun. 14 to Jun. 29, 1945



Type 5 (Air Mail), 8 Observations
Observed Apr. 28 to June 4, 1945



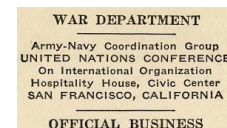
Type 6 (On black flap, Note size),
2 Observations
Observed May 19 to Jun. 16, 1945



Type 7 (On preprinted post card)
1 Observation, Date unclear



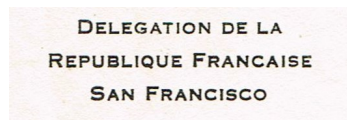
UN Conf. Committee, 2 Observations
Observed May 22-23, 1945



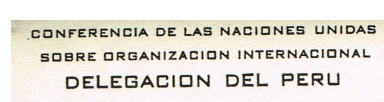
Army-Navy Coord. Group, 2 Observations
Observed Apr. 24 to May 11, 1945



Belgian Delegation, 2 Observations
Observed Jun. 6, 1945



French Delegation, 2 Observations
Observed Jun. 1-19, 1945

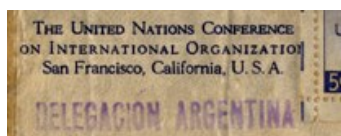


Peruvian Delegation, 2 Observations
Observed May 1- Jun. 1, 1945



Chinese News Agency, 1 Observation
Observed May 16, 1945

Delegation Cachet and Receiving Mark



Argentina Delegation Cachet
1 Observed



United States Delegation Receiving Mark,
4 Observations

Postmarks used on Conference outgoing mail

Machine wavy line cancels:

San Francisco 1, 1 observation
San Francisco 2, 1 observation
San Francisco 3, 3 observations
San Francisco 4, 20 observations
San Francisco 5, 11 observations
San Francisco 6, 1 observation
San Francisco 7, 3 observations
San Francisco 8, 5 observations
San Francisco 9, 2 observations
San Francisco 13, 2 observations
San Francisco 14, 1 observation
San Francisco 15, 9 observations

Hand cancels:

Rincon 2, 1 observation
Rincon 3, 1 observation
Double oval, 5 observations

First Day cancels:

Machine, 1 observation
Hand, 4 observations

Special Features (highlighted in dark blue)

1. UN Conference Committee Corner Card cover. *Only two observed.*
2. Conference Headquarters of Central News Agency of China Corner Card cover. *Only one observed.*
3. Corner Card #4 cover to Arkansas. *Only two observed.*
4. Corner Card #6 cover to Belgium. *Only two observed.*
5. Corner Card #7 on Post Card to San Francisco. *Only one observed.*
6. Corner Card cover from Army-Navy Coordination Group. *Only two observed.*
7. Typed address cover from Army-Navy Coordination Group. *Only two observed.*
8. Cover from Argentine Delegation with Special Cachet. *Only one observed.*
9. Cover from Belgian Delegation with Special Delegation Corner Card. *Only two observed.*
10. Cover from French Delegation with Special Delegation Corner Card. *Only two observed.*
11. Cover from Peruvian Delegation with Special Delegation Corner Card. *Only two observed.*

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 have written several articles on the San Francisco Conference for the Journal of the UN Philatelists. Among other findings, I have identified a number of Conference Corner Card types that were previously unknown. My Conference outgoing mail inventory has provided not only data on scarcity of various corner cards, but of the relative occurrence of various San Francisco postmarks.

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