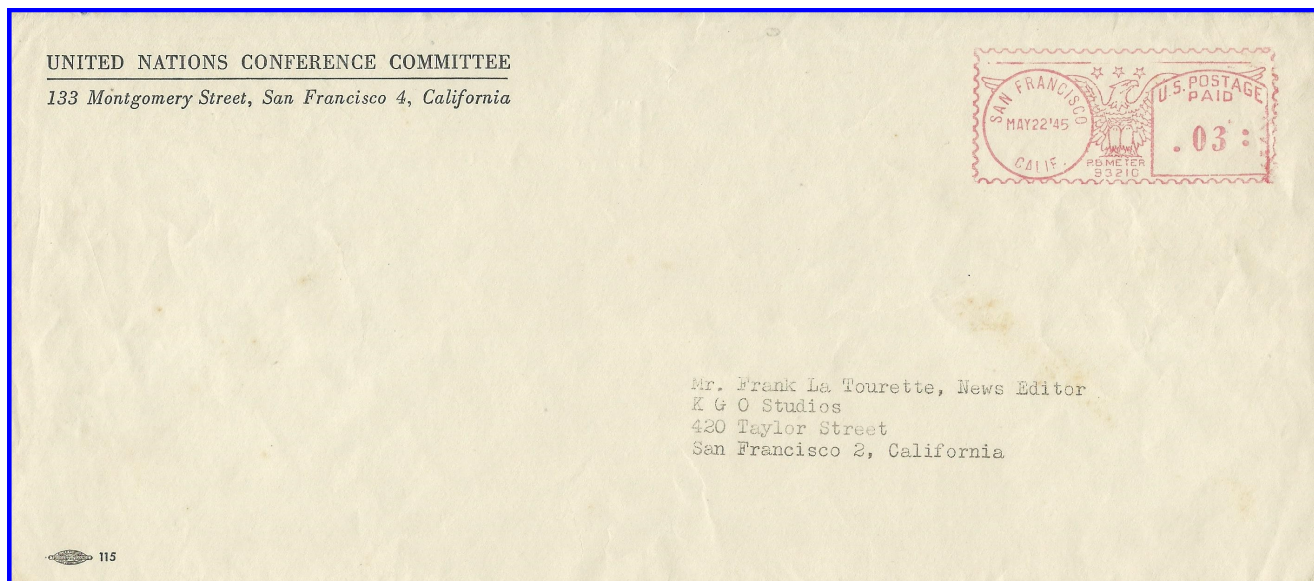


## United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, California, April 25 to June 26, 1945

As World War II was ending, the Allied Nations met with the objective to creating a new World Organization, replacing the old League of Nations. The planned organization, the United Nations, would have as its goal improved Peace, Justice, and Security for the World. The Conference was attended by 49 nations.



**The United Nations Conference Committee was set up to serve as an Organizing Committee for conference arrangements and accommodations. Special CC for the Committee. Franking: 3c local rate by Pitney Bowes postage meter 93210, San Francisco, May 22, 1945**  
*Only two of such covers have been observed. (Special features in this exhibit are bordered in dark blue)*

### Exhibit Focus

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

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### History

A new, better, world organization was first mentioned at the 1941 Atlantic Meeting of Roosevelt and Churchill. The US State Department began drafting a UN Charter, which was further discussed at the 1944 Dumbarton Oaks Conference and the 1945 Yalta Conference. The San Francisco Conference completed the work, and produced a UN Charter which was signed by all participants on June 26, 1945. When enough of the nations had ratified the charter, the United Nations came into being on October 24, 1945.

### Notes on Conference

Conference Plenary Sessions and Commission Meetings took place in the San Francisco Opera House. Offices of the Conference Secretariat were in the adjacent Veterans War Memorial Building. The San Francisco Civic Center housed the Barracks, the Hospitality House and the Army-Navy Coordination Group.

The Delegations not only stayed in San Francisco Hotels, but had Offices there. Likewise the United States and Foreign Press had rooms and offices in the Hotels. The most used hotels were the Fairmont Hotel, the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, the St. Francis Hotel and the Mark Hopkins Hotel.

There were no special Conference Postmarks. Many different Post Offices were used. The most common postmarks were San Francisco Machine cancels #4, #5 and #15. **Note: In describing machine cancels, SF is San Francisco. SF #15 is San Francisco Machine Cancel #15.**

### Conference Corner Cards

Seven different Conference Corner Cards have been identified. Five are on #10 envelopes, three for surface mail (types 1, 2 and 3) and two for airmail (types 4 and 5). One Corner Card is on the back of a small note size envelope (type 6) and one is on a post card (type 7). These are identified as they occur in the exhibit. **Note: CC is Corner Card.** Delegations used Conference stationery, or **their own special Corner Card stationery; these are rare - Examples shown are from Belgium, France and Peru.** Also a rare cachet was used by the Argentina delegation.