

Organizing Peace - Issue #2, Fall 2021

○ Exhibit Scope and Purpose

This magazine style exhibit presents a series of theme-related articles exploring the history and personalities associated with development of international peace movements. The purpose is to gain the attention of non-collecting and non-exhibiting visitors and encourage them to view and enjoy exhibits built on short storylines.

Historical Background

History offers many examples of 'Peace' efforts to better peoples' lives. Such attempts invariably result in the formation of organizations. A formal body promoting world peace remained a dream until ~100 years ago.

Exhibit Development

Development features articles of varying length with appropriate theme oriented storylines and philatelic text to enhance the material. Short articles on the most important peace oriented international organizations in this instance are chronological by subject date and, as in magazines, concentrate on only one aspect of each effort.

Exhibit Plan

- 1 London Peace Society (1844) - First major national society.
- 2 International Peace Bureau (1896) - Earliest world federation coordinating national societies and activities.
- 3 League to Enforce Peace (1919) - National society supported U.S. entry into the League of Nations.
4. League of Nations (1929) - Meeting of formal international organization with nations as members.
5. United Nations (1946) - Successor to the failed League of Nations.

○ Thematic Knowledge

The five article storylines in this presentation are of general interest and illustrated with diverse philatelic elements to entertain and educate viewers. Thematic write-up is purposely extensive to engage viewers.

Philatelic Knowledge

Care is taken to ensure proper descriptions of philatelic elements to demonstrate knowledge of philately and includes information on stamps, cancel devices, rates, rarity or other justified information as appropriate.

Philatelic Elements

The goal is to show and describe interesting and unusual items with an intimate relationship to an article's subject. Element selection includes stampless mail, specimens, overprints, printing varieties, markings, post cards, official service mail, postal history to demonstrate cross discipline knowledge ie. traditional / thematic.

Condition and Rarity

Materials are selected for condition, bearing in mind older mail is seldom pristine. Folds, nicks, etc. indicate actual mail system transit. Rarity is determined from published sources and items of special interest follow.

- Service cover from the International Peace Bureau - 1896 (earliest recorded) Page 2
- South African cover from S.S. Kenilworth Castle ship accident - 1918 (1 reported) Page 2
- League of Nations misaligned overprint on Swiss 'Tell' issue - 1928 (50 printed) Page 6
- League of Nations service cover from 55th Council Session in Madrid Spain - 1929 Page 9
- Eleanor Roosevelt service cover from 6th General Assembly in Paris - 1952 (2 reported) Page 12

○ Literature References

- *Peace - A History of Movements and Ideas*, David Cortright, 2008, Cambridge University Press, New York, NY
- *International Peace*, Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_movement)