

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.

Exhibit Focus

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

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**Program of
Conference
Opening
Session,
Opera House,
April 25, 1945**

History

A new, more effective, 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 all five permanent members of the Security Council and a majority of the other 46 nations had ratified the charter, the United Nations came into being on October 24, 1945.

Notes on the 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.

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 cancels, SF is San Francisco. SF #15 is San Francisco Machine Cancel #15.*

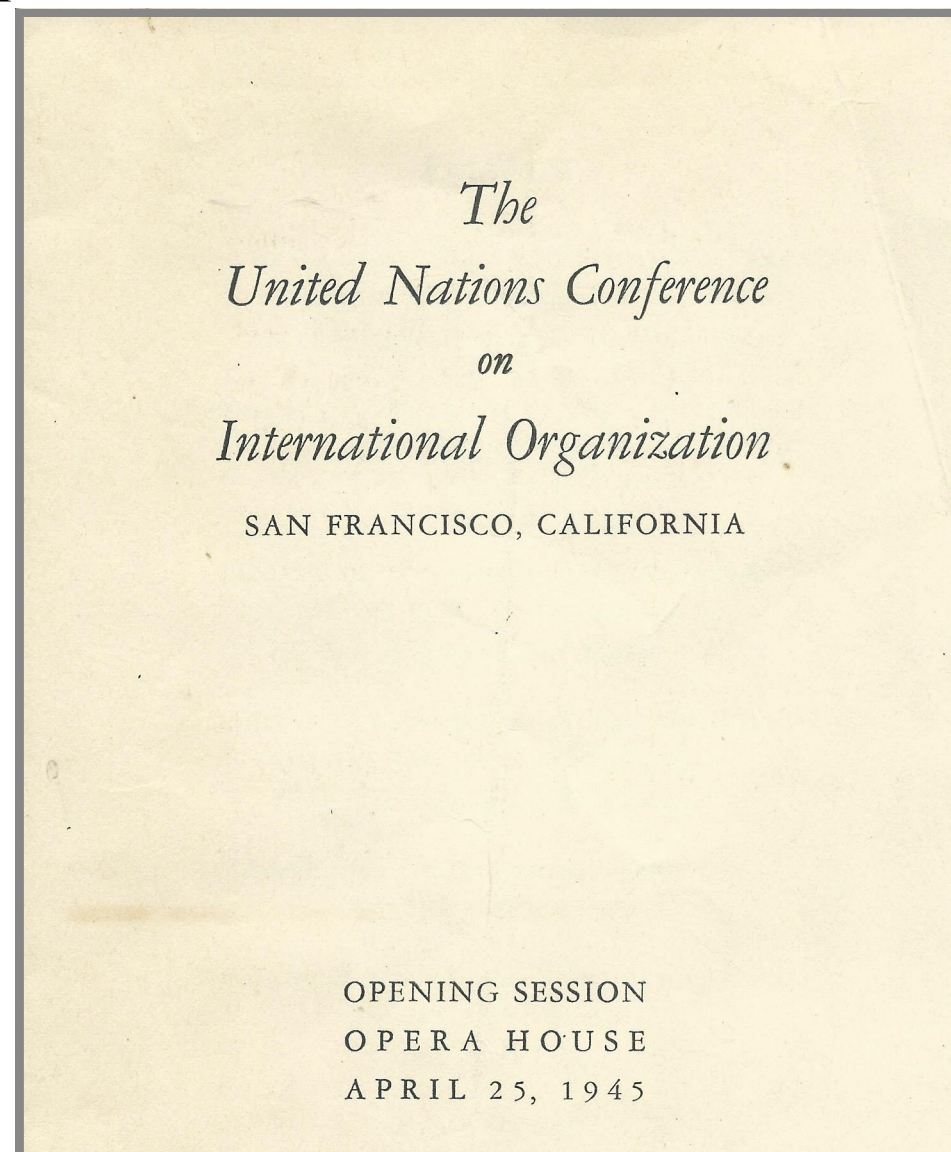
Rarity

Rare items, of which only one or two examples are recorded, are bordered in bright blue, with a [text explanation in bright blue](#). The recorded data on other scarce items is also given in [bright blue text](#).

In general, delegation covers from the San Francisco Conference are very uncommon, and this exhibit displays more delegation covers (28 covers to or from 16 delegations) than has ever before been assembled.

Research

The exhibitor has identified seven different conference corner cards, and maintains an on-going census of San Francisco covers, giving data on frequency and dates of use of corner cards, cancels, etc. *Note: "CC" is used in the exhibit to refer to "Corner Card". The seven identified Corner Cards are designated CC1, CC2, CC3, etc.*



**San Francisco War Memorial Opera House,
Photo Post Card, No Division on back, Published by "EYE"**