

United Nations Conferences and Meetings, 1945-1995

The United Nations was founded at San Francisco, CA in 1945. Over its first 50 years, from 1945 through 1995, the UN was a vital force in helping to organize the nations of the world to try to bring Peace, Justice and Security to its peoples. This was directed by regular meetings and actions of its permanent organs, and well as many conferences on diverse subjects to bring the force of world opinion and action to address world problems.

Exhibit Focus

This exhibit documents the postal history of the Conferences and Meetings of the United Nations held over its first 50 years. This will be done by showing service mail to and from the Conferences and their Secretariats.

Only organs and conferences directly part of the UN itself are included. United Nations Specialized Agencies are not a part of this exhibit.

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Label 'Publicizing
the 1945 San
Francisco
Conference



City of Paris
Department'
Store
Decorated
with flags
for the 1945
San
Francisco
Conference

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