

Exhibit Synopsis

Ninth Universal Postal Congress, London, England, May 10-June 28, 1929

Scope

The exhibit documents the postal history of the 1929 London UPU Congress, including the Meeting of the 1929 Preparatory Commission in Paris. This will be done by showing Service Mail to and from the meetings and their Secretariats.

History

Since its founding in 1874, the UPU had held Congresses about every 5 years, except for the World War I years. The Congress is the main governing body of UPU, and makes many decisions about the carrying of International Mail. The resulting convention is signed by the delegates and ratified by their countries.

Conference Arrangements

The Congress was held in Burlington Gardens, W.1, London. There was a special conference post office. The secretariat provided conference stationery, which was used by most of the delegations. Some delegations, the United States in particular, also printed their own special corner card stationery.

Corner Cards



Preparatory Commission, Type 1



On back,
9mm dia



Preparatory Commission, Type 2



On back,
19mm dia



Congress, Type 1, Embossed on back flap,
128x103mm crème or gray envelope
Nothing on front



Congress, Type 2
127x103mm envelope
CC: 39x20mm
4 rows of text



On back,
17x20mm



Congress, Type 3A
230x105mm envelope
CC: 58x24mm
3 rows of text



On back,
22x26mm



Congress, Type 3B
230x151mm envelope
CC: 60x25mm
Lines longer



On back
25x27mm



Congress, Type 3C
277x206 mm envelope
CC: 60x29mm
Lines still longer

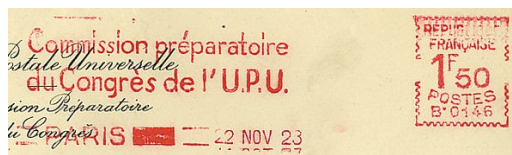


On back
33x39mm



Congress, United States Delegation
153x91mm envelope

Meters

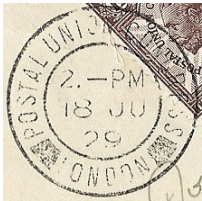


Preparatory Commission, HAVAS-B Meter used on all mail, sometimes without slogan



Congress, Neopost Demonstration, not used on Congress mail. Only example observed

Cancels



*Type 1-Double Circle
Used on most of Congress
mail*



*Type 2-Single Circle
Used on parcels*



*Type 3-Oval
Used on Registered mail*



*Label used
On Registered mail*

Cachets



*Preparatory Commission,
Dispatching Mark*



*Congress, Cachet 1
Observed on cover,
Page 9*



*Congress, Cachet 2
Only observed on favor item
Page 9*



*Congress, Cachet 3
Only observed on favor item
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Special Features in Exhibit (bordered in dark blue)

Page 1: Neopost meter with Congress slogan, only example observed

Page 3: Preparatory Commission, Corner Card rarely observed

Page 4: Embossed Congress emblem on back of crème cover (gray is usual color)

Page 5: Air mail usage on crème cover, rare usage

Page 9: Registry receipt for packet, rarely seen

Rare use of Congress mailing label and Oval Congress cachet

Page 12: Uncommon use of United States Delegation Corner Card

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, and Editor of the Journal of United Nations Philatelists. I have written several articles on the UPU Congresses for the Journal of the United Nations Philatelists. Among other findings, I have identified a number of Congress Corner Card types that were previously unknown, and discovered the unique Neopost meter with the Congress slogan.

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