

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

The Ninth Universal Postal Congress was held in Burlington Gardens, W.1., London, England. In preparation for the Congress, a Preparatory Commission met in Paris, France from October 16 to November 26, 1928. The Congress is the governing body of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), whose International Bureau is located in Berne, Switzerland. UPU was founded in 1874, as the General Postal Union. It had its beginnings with the Paris Postal Congress of 1863.

Exhibit Focus

This exhibit documents the postal history of the Ninth Universal Postal Congress held in London in 1929 and its Preparatory Commission, held in Paris in 1928. This will be done by showing Service Mail to and from the meetings and their Secretariats.

Exhibit Plan

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| Preparatory Commission, Paris, 1928 | 2-3 |
| Service Covers with Commission Corner Cards, Meter, Dispatching Mark, Registry Label | |
| Congress Stationery | |
| Embossed Congress Emblem on Back | 4-6 |
| Two different color envelopes (Crème and Gray), Rates for England (1 1/2p), Europe (Sweden & Switzerland (2 1/2p) & Air Mail (Netherlands)(5 1/2p), using all four lower valued stamps | |
| Printed Corner Card on Front and Emblem on Back | 6-8 |
| 4 Sizes (127x103, 230x105, 230x151 & 277x206mm), Manila, to Europe (Italy, France & Switzerland), 2 Registered | |
| Other Service Mail, etc. | 9-11 |
| Congress cancels, imprints, registry label, registry receipt, Mailing label | |
| Post card to Czechoslovakia | |
| Covers sent to British Secretariat | |
| London Style IRC Adopted at Congress | |
| Epilogue, Unrequited Love! | 12 |
| After end of Congress, two letters from U.S. Delegate to Former Swedish Staffer at Stockholm Congress | |

Rarity of Exhibition Items

Rarely observed items in this exhibit will be bordered in Blue. Explanation is in blue text.

Original Research and Discovery

Items which the exhibitor discovered or where original research was done by the exhibitor are noted with this symbol of an open book:

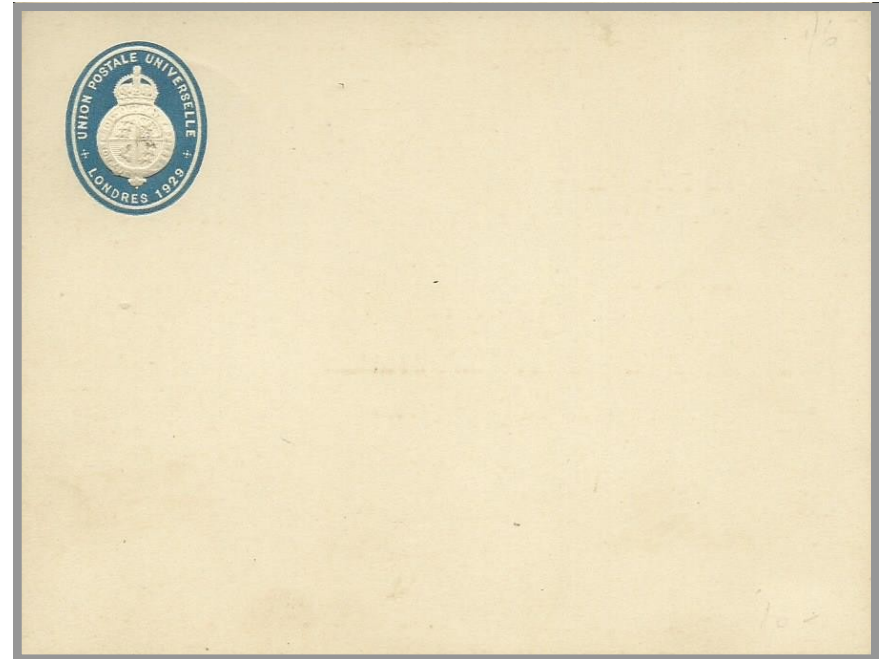


Information about Congress and Delegates:

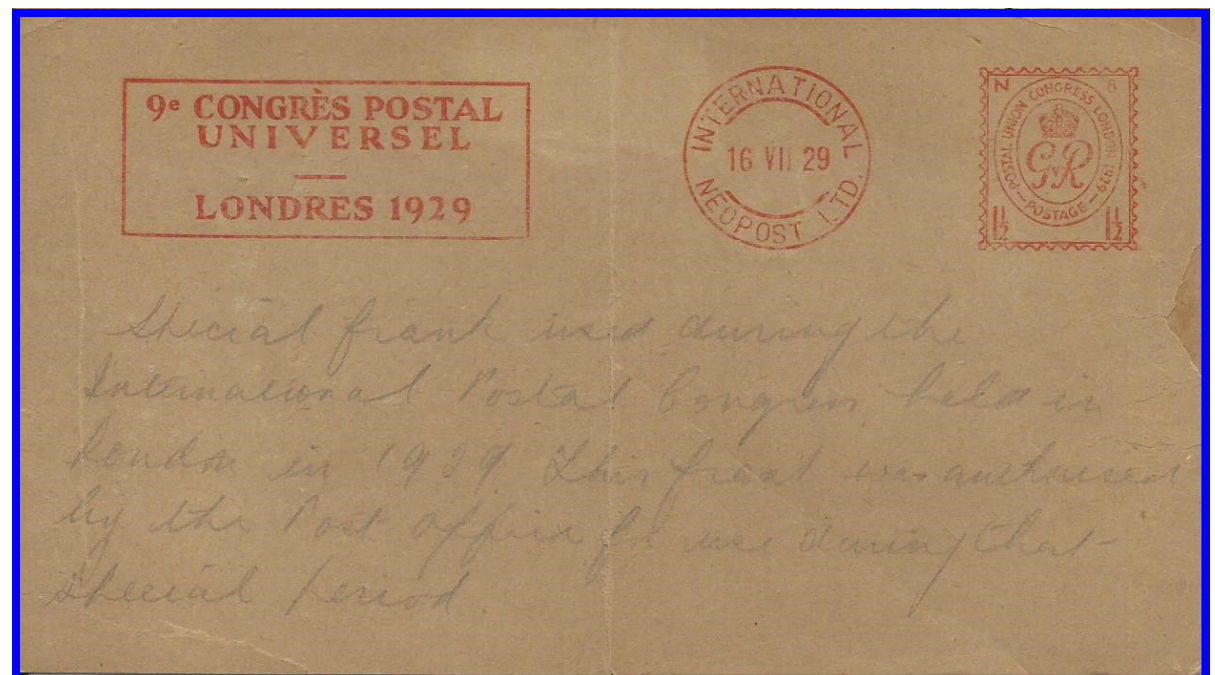
Non-philatelic information about congress proceedings, the delegates and secretariat staff is given in boxes like this.



Congress stamp (1/2p) on rear with Congress Postmark (unmailed). Five British stamps: 1/2p, 1p, 1 1/2p, 2 1/2p and £1 were issued to commemorate the Congress. The £1 stamp was used in Delegate Presentation Folders, but had no obvious postal need. For that reason, service covers in this exhibit use only the four lower valued stamps.



Congress Note Card with an embossed Congress emblem which incorporates the coat-of arms of England. Similar Congress emblems are used on other Congress stationery such as envelopes and writing paper.



Neopost Meter #N8 with Slogan for 9th Universal Postal Congress, dated July 16, 1929. Its status is unclear, and was certainly not used for Congress mail. The best explanation to date is that the meter was a Specimen prepared to demonstrate the use of meters to the Congress to the delegates. In 1929, the use of meters was in its infancy. **This is the only example known.**