

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:

Exhibit Focus

This exhibit tells the story of the San Francisco Conference, using postal history, postcards and memorabilia.

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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 enough 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 (Staff) 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 (Transportation Service).

The Delegations stayed in San Francisco hotels and had offices there. The United States and Foreign Press had rooms and offices in the hotels.

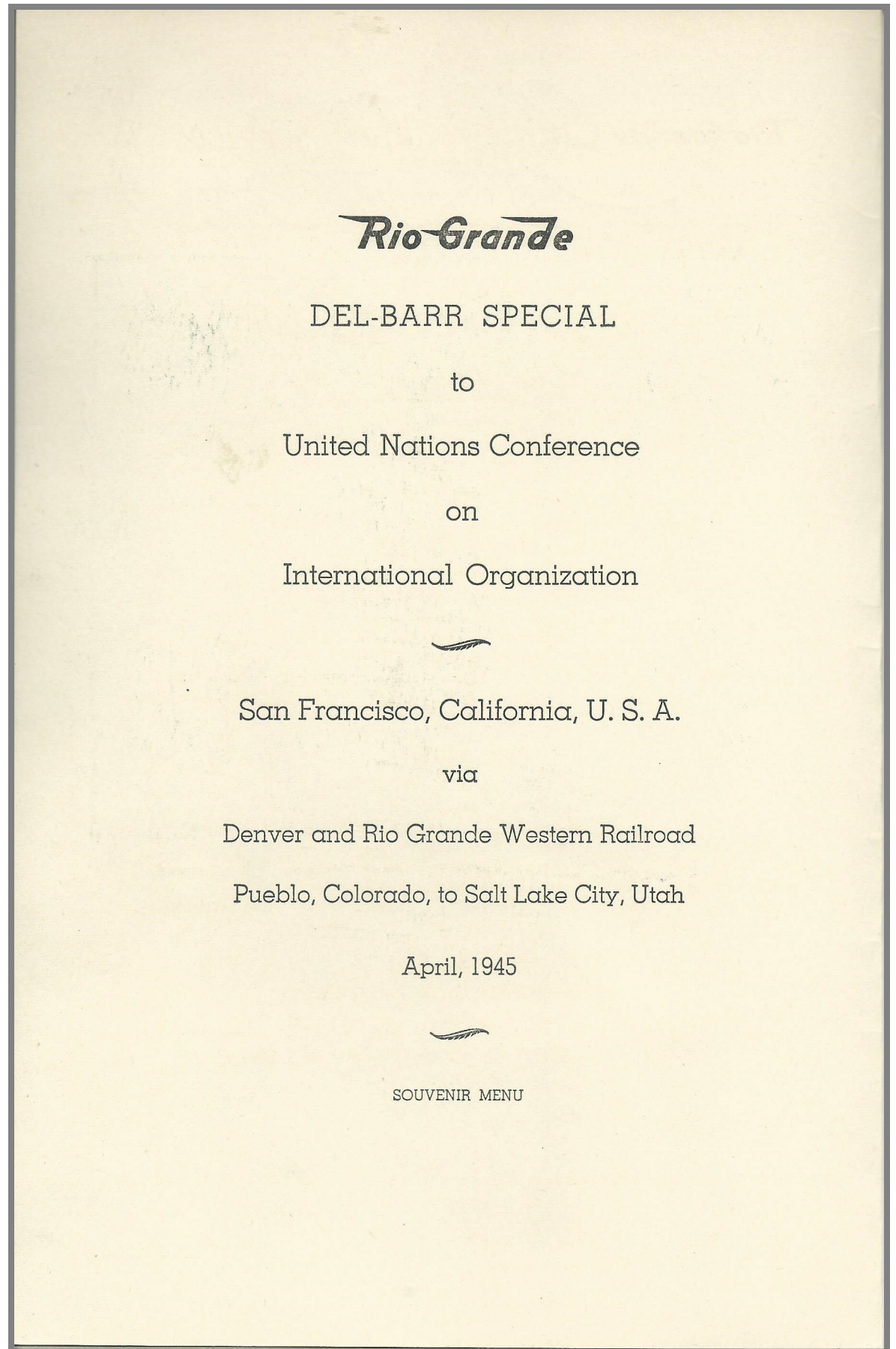
There were no special Conference Postmarks. Many different Post Offices were used. Machine cancels are designated *SF1, SF2, SF3*, etc.

Rarity

Rare items 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 (45 covers to or from 21 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.*



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