

League of Nations to United Nations

The Geneva Transition Period - 1946-1951

Exhibit Scope

This exhibit documents the transition from the League of Nations to the United Nations through service mail. The exhibit is organized chronologically, including official service mail from each event and period.

Historical Background (Subject Knowledge)

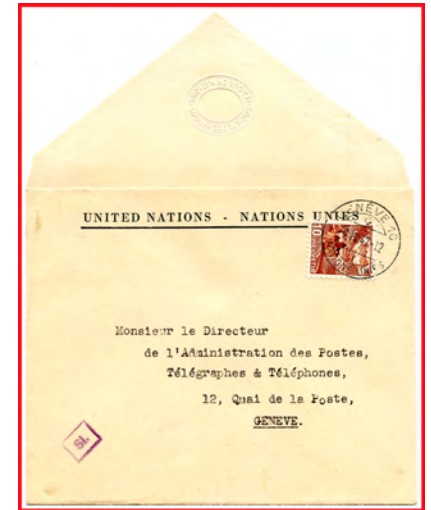
A final resolution at the League of Nations' last Assembly designated the United Nations as the League's official successor and entitled the new organization to the League's property including postal supplies.

Philatelic Knowledge

Care is taken to ensure proper descriptions to demonstrate knowledge of philately and includes information on devices, rates, rarity or other justified information as appropriate.

Condition and Rarity (Challenge)

Covers are selected for best condition, bearing in mind commercial mail is seldom pristine. Folds, creases, nicks, small tears or missing corners are indications of actual transit through the mail systems of the time.



Overprinted embossed League stationery

The Challenge factor for this area is high as a number of items are either scarce or the only recorded example and reproducing this exhibit would be extremely difficult.

Philatelic Research

This exhibit is the product of original research during 40+ years of collecting this material.

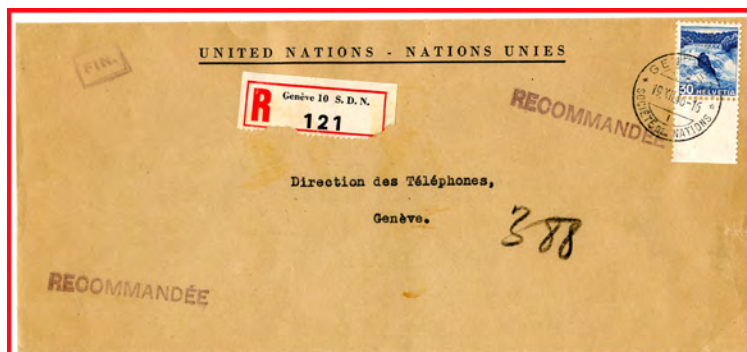
Highlights (matted in dark red)

- Service cover using postal materials from Switzerland, the League of Nations and the U.N. (pg 4)
- League of Nations service cover using overprinted issues during last week of validity (pg 6)
- Two examples of overprinted embossed stationery - 4 examples recorded (pg 9)

(Rarity is determined from research of the exhibitor, published articles / exhibits and personal correspondence)

Literature References

League of Nations Transition and Re-purposed Stationery : 1946-1955 - Fran Adams, 2017, UNEXPO17.
(http://franadams.com/digital_articles/ovpt_pres.pdf)



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