

XIV Universal Postal Union Congress, 1957



Postal stationery cover of the 1954 issue with a three-line handstamped imprint in black reading XIV U.P.U. CONGRESS / OTTAWA - CANADA / AUGUST - 1957. The origin of this handstamp has not been recorded; in particular, it is not known whether it was used officially on stationery provided at the Congress or not. This particular cover was mailed in Newmarket, Ont. on September 25, 1957 at 5:30 PM (while the Congress in Ottawa was in progress), enclosing a contest entry, and would thus seem to have no immediate connection to the Conference in Ottawa.

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Postcard and special
souvenir envelope
showing the two
slogan meters
provided by
the Pitney-
Bowes



Company
for the XIV
Universal Postal
Union Congress.

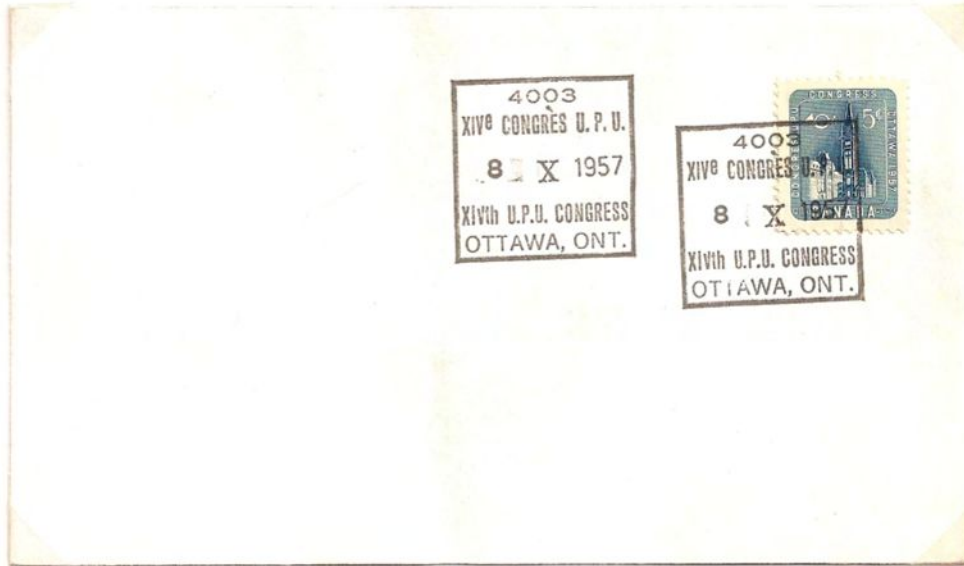
The one on the post-
card was used in a Mail-O-
Mat machine, while the #10
special cover was provided by
Pitney-Bowes as a souvenir of
the U.P.U. Congress in Ottawa,
number 169 of 1000 prepared, with
an explanatory inscription. It is post-
marked with the special Pitney-Bowes
slogan meter prepared to commemorate
the Congress, with an impression made in
Toronto on September 11, 1957.

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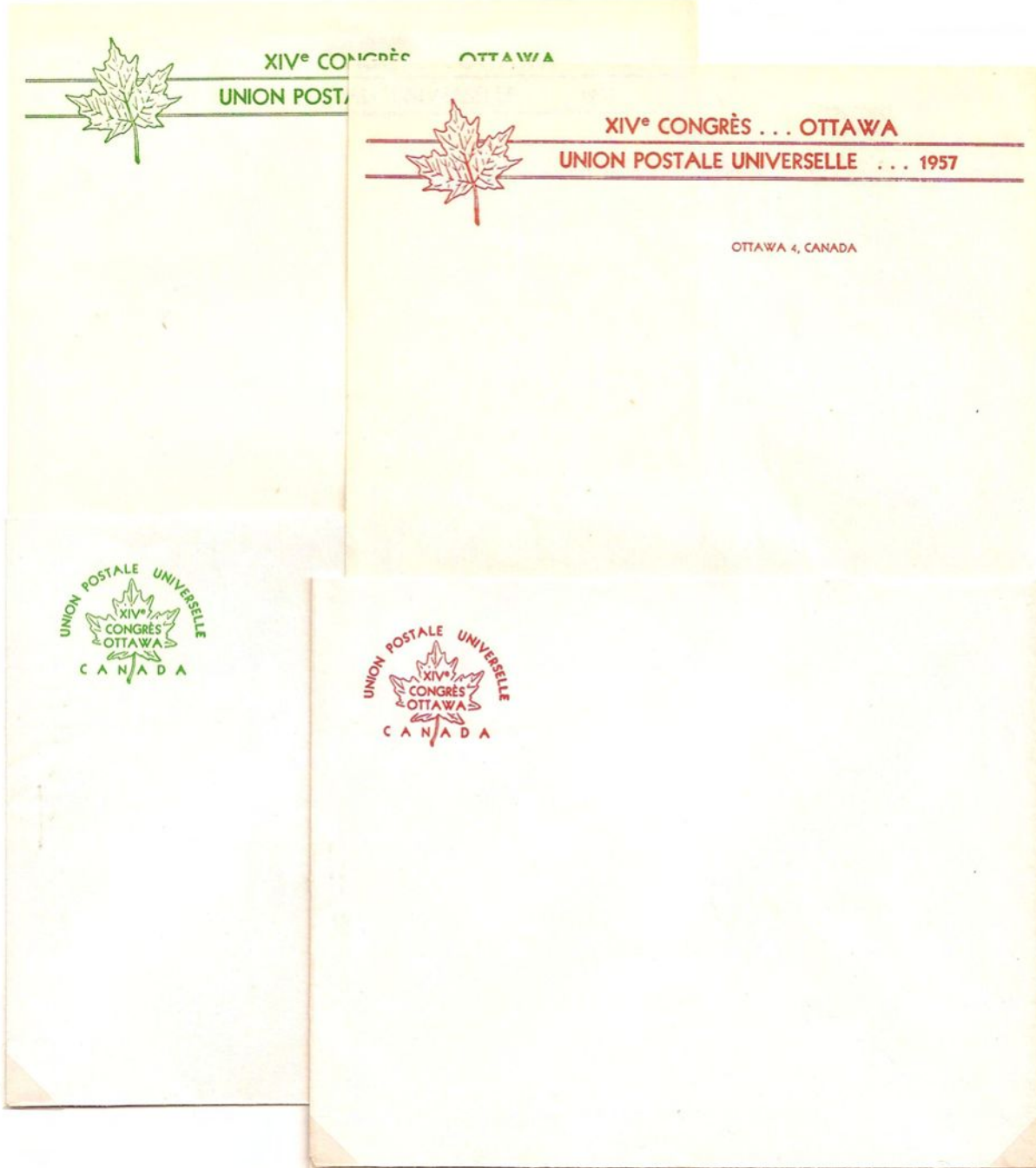
Official airmail corner card of the XIV U.P.U. Congress, with an impression of the Pitney-Bowes U.P.U. OTTAWA / CANADA machine cancel dated 4 X / 2 PM / 1957, the day *after* the last day of the Congress. The 15¢ stamp pays the airmail letter rate to Switzerland. The contents of the cover, written by delegate A. M. Girond, reads “La signature des Actes du congrès a eu lieu hier; aujourd’hui nous liquidons la dernière correspondance et emballons nos affaires.” This proves that the post office remained open at least one day after the end of the Congress.

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Unaddressed souvenir cover showing two impressions of one of the two Money Order Office Number (MOON) handstamps of the XIV U.P.U. Congress. This stamp, enclosed in a square, reads 4003 / XIV^e CONGRÈS U.P.U. / XIVth U.P.U. CONGRESS / OTTAWA, ONT., and is dated 8 X 1957, five days after the XIV Universal Postal Union Congress closed. As far as this collector is aware, no commercial mail has been discovered which bears an impression of this datestamp.

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Official stationery of the XIV U.P.U. Congress; these unused letterheads and #5 envelopes, printed in both red and in green, were intended for ordinary first-class letter mail service.

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Official stationery of the XIV U.P.U. Congress; these unused letterheads and envelopes, on lightweight paper and printed in both red and green, were intended for air mail service.