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<UAIC> Unión (A.I.C.)

La Habana, Cuba: Official bulletin of the “Agrupación Internacional de Coleccionistas (A.I.C.)” (“International Association of Collectors”) founded in 1952. A copy of the May 1956 issue of this bulletin exists in the library of the Collectors Club of New York. This [May 1956 issue is labelled Yr.III, No.7](#), and consisted of 24 unnumbered pages plus a front cover and an inside cover and had a run of a little over 600 copies as indicated at the bottom of page 14 of this issue (not including the front cover and inside front cover).

This bulletin is referenced in <HORN9600> as item 116540, citing the CCNY's library catalog as the source, but listing as dates of publication Jan 1938 to May 1956, v.1 n.1 to v.3 n.7. This is in error and is due to the fact that there were two separate Cuban philatelic journals named Unión; the other one being the official bulletin of the “Asociación Filatélica Fraternidad Postal Internacional (F.P.I.)” (International Postal Fraternity Philatelic Association) published starting in February 1938 in Santiago de Cuba until at least December 1941. This first journal Unión is listed as <UFPI> in this bibliography (see following entries). Photocopies of the May 1956 issue of the A.I.C. Unión are available at the APRL, the library of the U.S. National Postal Museum, and the Richter library of the University of Miami.

<UFPI> Unión (F.P.I.)

Santiago de Cuba, Cuba: Official bulletin of the “Asociación Filatélica Fraternidad Postal Internacional (F.P.I.)” (International Postal Fraternity Philatelic Association) published under the direction of Director M. Domingo Gelabert and Manager A. Ornellas Menéndez. Published quarterly (?) from Vol.1, No.1, 15 February 1938 to Vol.3 No.3, December 1941 (possibly later?) [I failed to record the source of the preceding publication information, so I cannot guarantee its accuracy.] Referenced in <HORN9600> as item 116540, citing the CCNY's library catalog as the source, but listing as dates of publication Jan 1938 to May 1956, v.1 n.1 to v.3 n.7. This is in error and is due to the fact that there were two separate Cuban philatelic journals named Unión; the other one being the official bulletin of the “Agrupación Internacional de Coleccionistas” (“International Association of Collectors”) which was founded in 1952 and is listed as <UAIC> in this bibliography.

Known issues of the F.P.I.'s Unión:

Vol.1, No.4, 15 Nov 1938, pp.1-7? (don't know whether there are additional pages);

Vol.1, Nos.8-9, 15 Feb 1940, pp.1-14? (don't know whether there are additional pages);

Vol.2, No.10, Sep 1940, ? pp. ([I have photocopy of front cover](#));

Vol.2, No.11, Nov 1940, ? pp. ([I have photocopy of pp.2-4](#));

Vol.3, No.1, Oct 1941, ? pp ([I have photocopy of front cover and p.1](#)). In this issue the title of the journal is preceded by the word “Nuevo” (“New”) in smaller case caps to form the new title Nuevo Unión, indicating a possible revamping of the journal, although its Director and Manager remained the same. Unfortunately, the unavailability of a larger sample of the “new” journal prevents an assessment of the extent of the changes.

<UFPI3811a> Unión (F.P.I.)

"Emisión de Sellos de la Semana Internacional Contra el Cáncer (Decreto No.1899)"

("The Cancer International Week Issue (Decree No.1899)")

UFPI, Vol.1, No.4, 15 November 1938, p.6, Span.

Interesting note on this semipostal issue, Cuba's first.

<UFPI3811b> Unión (F.P.I.)

"Emisión de Sellos Semipostales para Fines Benéficos Encomendados al Consejo Nacional de Tuberculosis"

("Semipostal Stamp Issue for Charity Goals Entrusted to the National Tuberculosis Council")

UFPI, Vol.1, No.4, 15 November 1938, p.7, Span.

Notes on Cuba's first postal tax stamp.

<UFPI3811c> Unión (F.P.I.)

"Renovación de las Emisiones de Sellos desde 1917"

("Replacement of the Stamp Issues in Use Since 1917")

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UFPI, Vol.1, No.4, 15 November 1938, p.7, Span.

Report of the announcement of a new set of stamps to replace the one in use since 1917.

<UFPI4002a> Unión (F.P.I.)

"La Primera Exposición Filatélica de la Habana"

("The First Philatelic Exhibition in Havana")

UFPI, Vol.1, Nos.8-9, 15 February 1940, pp.2, Span.

The title is misleading; the first philatelic exhibition was held in Havana in 1911. However, the one reported in the article was the first sponsored by the Club Filatélico de Cuba (Cuban Philatelic Club).

<UFPI4002b>* Unión (F.P.I.)

"Sellos Commemorativos de Heredia" ("Heredia Commemorative Stamps")

UFPI, Vol.1, Nos.8-9, 15 February 1940, pp.2-3, Span.

Presidential decree authorizing this issue.

<UFPI4002c> Unión (F.P.I.)

"Una Variedad Interesante" ("An Interesting Variety")

UFPI, Vol.1, Nos.8-9, 15 February 1940, pp.14, ill., Span.

Photograph and note of an unreported variety of Scott 317.

<ULLM9600> Ullmann, John F.

Mellone's Photo Encyclopedia of U.S.S. Akron & U.S.S. Macon Event Covers

Stewartsville, NJ: FDC Publishing Co., 1996, 352 pp., 8½"x11", ill. Cuba related covers on pp.20-21, 107, 110, 115, 118-119, 122, 132, 337. Call No. HE6221.U45 1980, U.S. National Postal Museum Library.

This book is profusely illustrated with over 2,700 photographs of Macon and Akron Zeppelin covers. It contains market values to match each photograph as well as information on cachetmakers and quantities produced. Also included is a pricing section for autographs on these covers. In addition, the catalogue also contains all known city and airship cancels that appear on Macon and Akron covers.

<UNDE0007>* Undersander, Dan

"Post Office Advertisement for Envelopes"

PSa, Vol.42, No.4, Jul-Aug 2000, pp.58-61 (4), ill.

Quoting from the article: "Throughout the 19th century and early 20th century, the [U.S.] Post Office actively promoted sale and use of envelopes, especially for business mailers. This was sometimes accompanied by the use of actual envelopes overprinted "Specimen" and with advertisement of envelope size, type and cost printed on the front. At various times framed displays of all envelope types were assembled for use in post offices." The article goes on to say that in 1907, the USPO began printing posters displaying all the envelope sizes in each paper color. The article does not mention the existence of either type of advertisement displays for Cuba, but in fact displays of actual "Specimen" envelopes for Cuba were produced and envelopes taken from these displays exist in private and public collections (ref. <CUES8600>). It is not known whether any posters that in 1907 replaced the actual "Specimen" envelope exhibits were produced for Cuba. Although the article deals exclusively with the displays for U.S. envelopes, some of the information contained in it applies equally to similar displays of "Specimen" envelopes produced by the USPO for Cuba and would also apply to the display posters if it is determined that they were also produced for Cuba.

<UNGE7700> Unger, Steve

Cuba: Specialized Stamp Album—Volume I: The Spanish Dominion, 1855-1898

Miami, Florida: New World Stamp Products, 1977, title page plus 29pp., not illustrated (no stamp images shown).

Volume I, Version 1, of what were to be four planned volumes at the time of purchase (February 1997). Don't know whether the planned volumes were ever produced as I failed to follow up on the initial purchase. The first

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volume covered every issue from Queen Isabel II in 1855 to King Alfonso XIII in 1898 with spaces for color and other varieties. Labeled rectangles with stamp and variety descriptions at top or bottom or both are provided for the stamps, but none are illustrated. The three additional planned volumes were as follows:

II. The American Administration (planned for March 1997—even though copyright date on Vol.I is 1977)

III. The Republic, Part 1 to 1961 (without planned date of issue)

IV. The Republic, Part 2, from 1961 to date (without planned date of issue).

<UNTZ9110>* Untzilla, Mikel

“Emisiones postales cubanas”

El Eco Filatélico y Numismático, No.980, Oct 1991, pp.2154-2155, Span.

Brief historical background on three stamp issues of 1991 honoring José Luis Guerra Aguiar, founder and director of the Cuban Postal Museum from 1965 to 1990 (Edifil catalog number 3617); the 1991 Pan-American Games (Juegos Panamericanos—Edifil #3663-3666); and the Panamfilex-91 Philatelic Exhibition (Edifil #3667).

<UNTZ9507>* Untzilla, Mikel

“José Martí (1853-1895)”

El Eco Filatélico y Numismático, Yr.LI, No.1022, Jul-Aug 1995, pp.22-23, Span.

<UPSS5700> United Postal Stationery Society

The Postal Stationery of the Possessions of the United States. Including: Canal Zone, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippines, Puerto Rico.

Editor: George C. Slawson

Albany, Oregon, U.S.A.: Van Dahl Publications, Inc. for the United States Postal Stationery Society; 1957; 70 pp., 13 charts.; Cuba on pp.28-32 (5); ill. Also listed under <SLAW5700>. A second edition was published by the society in 1971 edited by Austin P. Haller (see <HALLE7100> or <UPSS7100>).

<UPSS7100># United Postal Stationery Society

The Postal Stationery of the United States Possessions and Administrative Areas of the United States: Canal Zone, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Ryukyu Islands, Danish West Indies.

Inglewood, California: The United Postal Stationery Society, 2nd edition, 1971, 268 pp., ill. Includes errata. Cuba on pp.47-52 (6), ill.; illustrations of watermarks on p.251; illustrations of envelope knives on pp.264-268. Edited by Austin P. Haller.

This is the second edition of the catalog first published by the society in 1957 under the editorship of George C. Slawson (see <SLAW5700> or <UPSS5700>).

<UPSS0100># United Postal Stationery Society

Catalog of the 19th Century Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers, Cut Squares and Full Corners of the United States

U.S.: The United Postal Stationery Society, Inc.; Second Edition, 2001; 353+20pp.; ill.; 300 copies printed..

Editor: Allen Mintz; Associate Editor: Joseph Landry, Jr., Curator Emeritus Spellman Philatelic Museum. This item is also listed as <MINT0100>.

Although this work does not include Possessions items, it covers the U.S. envelopes that were surcharged for use in Cuba during the U.S. Postal Administration of the island. Noteworthy included in this catalog are the illustrations of envelope knives, an “Envelope Knife Cross-Index, Thorp to UPSS Numbers”, and “The Ultimate Envelope Size Cross Reference” by Howard Ness. [Need page numbers for the referenced items]

<UPSS0900> United Postal Stationery Society

The Postal Stationery of the United States Possessions and Administrative Areas of the United States: American Zone (Germany) Canal Zone, Cuba, Danish West Indies, Hawaii, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Ryukyu Islands.

Chester, Virginia: United Postal Stationery Society, Third Edition, 2009, xxx pp., ill. General introduction on pp.i-xi (11), Cuba on pp.61-74 (24), ill.; illustrations of watermarks on p.191; illustrations of envelope knives on pp.192-210 (19). Overall Editor: George T. Krieger. Editors of the Cuba section: Ernesto Cuesta, Octavio Cabrera, Robert Littrell, and Mark R. Tyx.

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Third edition of the catalog first published by the society in 1957 under the editorship of George C. Slawson (see <UPSS5700>) and updated in 1971 with a second edition (see <UPSS7100>). This third edition is a considerable update and improvement over the second edition that only dedicated five and a half pages to Cuba versus 24 full pages in the third edition.

<UPU190300a> Universal Postal Union

Convenio de la Unión Postal de Correos--Firmado en Washington el 15 de junio de 1897
(Treaty of the Universal Postal Union--Signed in Washington, D.C., on the 15th of June, 1897)
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Hijos de J.A. García, 1903, 103 pp., Span.

<UPU190300b> Universal Postal Union

Tarifa para el franqueo de la correspondencia internacional: Convenio de Washington--Firmado el 15 de junio de 1897 (International Postal Rates: Washington Treaty--Signed the 15th of June, 1897)
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Carrión Hermanos; Published as a "Boletín de Correos" ("Postal Bulletin"); 1903, 75 pp., Span.

<UPU190300c> Universal Postal Union

Acuerdo para el cambio de valores declarados (entre España y varios otros países)--Firmado en Washington el 15 de junio de 1897 (Agreement for the Exchange of Valuables Between Spain and Other Countries--Signed in Washington, D.C., on the 15th of June, 1897)
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Hijos de J.A. García, 1903, 39 pp. + 12 unnumbered pages of forms, Span.

<UPU192000> Universal Postal Union

VII Congreso de la UPU--Servicios Hispano-Americanos
(7th Congress of the UPU--Spanish-American Services)
Barcelona, Spain: Published by Casa de América--Asociación Internacional Iberoamericana (House of America--International Spanish-American Society); printed by Imprenta La Académica, 1920, 24 pp., Span.

<UPU192200> Universal Postal Union

Convenios de la Unión Universal de Correos y Postal Hispano Americana y acuerdos para el cambio de valores declarados; giros y paquetes postales (Treaties of the Spanish-American Universal Postal Union and Arrangements for the Exchange of Valuables, Money Orders, and Postal Packages)
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Reus, 1922, 291 pp. + index, Span.

<UPU192200> Universal Postal Union

Convenios y acuerdos de la UPU relativos a las cartas y cajas con valores declarados; giros postales--y reglamentos para ejecución de los mismos (Treaties and Agreements of the UPU on Mail and Boxes Containing Valuables; Money Orders--And Regulations Governing the Same)
Madrid, Spain: Imprenta Reus, 1922, 266 pp., Span.

<UPU200010> Universal Postal Union

The Universal Postal Union—Constitution and General Regulations
Article of 146 pp. obtained from the Internet at the following address:
<http://www.icann.org/tlds/post1/TLID-Annex-C1-Constitution.htm>

The article is part of an application dated 11 October 2000 by the UPU for the top level domain **.post**. submitted to ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). It includes a detailed history of the UPU, a General list of UPU member countries and of territories included in the Union, a listing of the UPU Constitution and “Additional Protocols to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union”, the UPU General Regulations, and a “List of Congress decisions (Paris 1947 to Seoul 1994) relating to the Constitution, the General Regulations and the operation of the Union”.

<USGPO86611> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)

Additional Mail Service to Havana

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Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, Notice No.47, Nov 1866, 1 p.

<USGPO87102> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
Havana--Discontinuation of Second Monthly Monthly Mail Service
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, Notice No.7, 6 Feb 1871, 1 p.

<USGPO89902>* USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
Report of the United States Postal Committee on the Condition and Needs of the Postal Service in Cuba
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 15 Feb 1899, 30 pp.

<USGPO89907># Posts--Cuba--U.S. Administration, 1898-1902
"Postal Code for Cuba, promulgated by the Military Governor in Havana, 21 July 1899"
Havana, Cuba: Section in unrecorded USGPO publication, pp.1-34, Eng. A Spanish translation follows starting on p.35, but I do not have a copy. Original available at the Richter Library of the University of Miami.

<USGPO90000a> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
Civil Report of Major-General John R. Brooke, U.S. Army, Military Governor, Island of Cuba.
Washington, D.C.: USGPO, 1900, 456 pp.
Excellent reference for the U.S. Administration period.

<USGPO90200a> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
"Report of the Department of Posts of Cuba for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1901"
Civil Report of the Military Governor of Cuba, 1901.
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1902.

<USGPO90200b> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
"Report of Mr. M.C. Fosnes, Director of Posts, for the Period of Six Months Ending December 31, 1901"
Civil Report of the Military Governor of Cuba, 1901.
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1902.

<USGPO90200c> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
"Report of Mr. M. C. Fosnes, Late Director-General of Posts of Cuba, for the Period January 1, 1902 to May 20, 1902" Civil Report of the Military Governor of Cuba, 1901.
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1902.

<USGPO92700a> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
Pan American Postal Congress: Principal Convention of México, November 9th 1926, Together With the Detailed Regulations for Its Execution
Washington, D.C.: USGPO, 1927, 29 pp.

<USGPO92700b> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
Pan American Postal Congress: Parcel Post Convention of México, November 9th 1926
Washington, D.C.: USGPO, 1927, 9 pp.

<USGPO92800> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
Pan American Postal Congress México 1926: Convenio Sobre Giros Postales Celebrados Entre: - Argentina - Bolivia - Colombia - Costa Rica - Cuba - Chile - Dominicana - Ecuador - El Salvador - España - Estados Unidos - Guatemala - Honduras - México - Panamá - Paraguay - Perú y Uruguay
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1928, 32 pp. (including forms), in Eng.

<USGPO94800> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)
UPAE. Postal Union of the Americas and Spain. 5th Congress--Rio de Janeiro 1946. Convention and Final Protocol and Regulations Between the United States and Other Governments Signed at Rio de Janeiro September

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25th 1946. Ratified and Approved by the Postmaster General of the United States of America February 20th 1947. Entered in Force January 1st 1947.

Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1948, 52 pp.

<USGPO95200> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)

Pan American Postal Congress. 6th Congress--Madrid 1950 Convention. Final Protocol and Regulations of Execution Between the United States of America and Other Governments. Signed at Madrid November 9th 1950. Ratified and Approved by the Postmaster General of the United States of America June 7th 1951. Approved by the President of the United States of America June 7th 1951. Entered into Force July 1st 1951.

Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1952, 68 pp.

<USGPO95600> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)

UPAE. 7th Congress--Bogotá 1955. Parcel Post. Agreement, Final Protocol and Regulations of Execution Between the United States of America and Other Governments. Signed at Bogotá November 9th 1955. Entered into Force March 1st 1956. Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, 1956, 47 pp.

<USGPO96202> USGPO (U.S. Government Printing Office)

"U.S. Treasury Department: Cuban Import Regulations and Amendments"

Washington, D.C., U.S.A.: USGPO, Federal Register, Title 31: Money and Finance: Treasury, Chapter V, Part 515, February 6, March 23, May 10, 1962

Official document on the ban of importation of Cuban stamps under Castro's regime.

< UPSS0900 > United Postal Stationery Society

The Postal Stationery of the Possessions and Administrative Areas of the United States—Cuba Section

UPSS: Third Edition, 2009. George Krieger, Editor. Contributors to the Cuba Section were Ernesto Cuesta, Octavio Cabrera, Robert Littrell, and Mark Tyx. Library of Congress Control Number: 2009935307.

The catalog is printed on 8.5 by 11 in. loose leaf pages and consists of an introductory and General Information section with pages numbered i to xi, followed by the various catalog sections of the Possessions and Administrative Areas of the United States on pages 1 to 190, followed in turn by an Appendix illustrating paper watermarks and knives and sizes on pages numbered 191 to 210. The Cuba Section itself is on pages 61-74.

The catalog section provides an overview of Cuban history with emphasis on the Spanish-American War and the ensuing U.S. Administration period and a discussion of the postage rates of the period. The body of the catalog describes the envelopes, postal cards, and wrappers issued for Cuba during the U.S. Administration period with detailed descriptions of each issue, including varieties, errors, specimens, and samples. Details are provided of envelope sizes, knives, paper color, paper watermarks, corner cards, quantities issued or known (in the case of errors, specimens, samples, corner cards, rare usages, etc.), earliest recorded postmarks, and postmarks used.

<USOPG> United States Post Office Department

United States Official Postal Guide

New York, N.Y.: Metropolitan Job Print. Published monthly as the only *official guide* of the United States Post Office Department by Order No.535 of the Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, D.C., Dec. 21, 1898.

Following are items relevant to Cuban philately:

February 1899:

p.6: Free Matter for Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, POD Order No.1, Jan. 3, 1899;

p.7: Money Orders Payable in Cuba, POD, Jan.31, 1899;

p.9: Free Matter for Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, POD Jan. 4, 1899;

March 1899:

p.5: Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters Postmaster May Endorse, POD Order No.63, Feb. 23, 1899;

p.12: Table showing the rates of foreign postage charged in certain foreign countries on articles sent by mail to the United States;

p.42: Post Offices Established, Names Changed and Discontinued; Military Stations, New York. [Includes listings of number and name of Cuban Military Stations Nos.14 to 39.]

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[April 1899:](#)

p.7: Money Order System in Cuba, POD Order No.112, March 28, 1899. This note states that in view of the establishment of the money order system in Cuba, the discontinuance of the military postal stations of the New York post office in Cuba is ordered to take effect at specified dates for each of the 39 Cuban military stations and proceeds to list each one with the dates of discontinuance.

p.8: Money Order Business with Cuba, POD March 24, 1899;

p.8: Cuban Mails to be Fastened with Eagle Locks, POD Feb. 28, 1899;

p.9: Mail Matter sent from the United States to Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, or the Philippine Islands, or sent from those islands to the United States, POD March 24, 1899;

p.24: List of Money Order Offices in Cuba.

[May 1899:](#)

p.6: Domestic Rates on Letters of the Red Cross Hospital Service, POD Order No.138, April 10, 1899, [includes reference to Cuba];

p.6: Return to Sender—Original address should be erased upon returning undelivered mail to sender, POD April 5, 1899;

p.7: Return of “Card” Letters to Cuba, POD April 21, 1899;

p.25: List of Money Order Offices in Cuba.

[December 1899:](#)

pp.5-6: Postage Rates Between the United States and Island Possessions, POD Order No.729, Nov 23, 1899;

p.6: Mode of sending packages to soldiers, sailors, and civil employees in island possessions, POD Order No. 718, Nov. 10, 1899;

p.14: Cuba. Complete List of Money Order Offices in Operation.