

## A YELLOW PERIL COVER

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A *Maple Leaves* reader's familiarity with the name "Yellow Peril" depends on how long one has been a member of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. The *nom-de-plume* was self-applied by the late dealer-member Stan Lum of Toronto, who appeared as Author of a total of 131 articles, short and long and on a myriad of subjects, printed in *Maple Leaves* between 1956 and 2011.

One of his primary subjects, the Admirals, was covered in a series of 13 articles under the title "A Sweetheart in Every Port". A further four-part series looked at "Admiral Covers". A seven-article set covered the stamps and postal history of the Postage Dues 1906-1928, which was also the subject of his book, with Elsie Drury, *Postage Due Stamps of Canada 1906 – 1928*, published by BNAPS in 2007.

Not necessarily obvious to readers as these articles appeared was that Stan was an active member of the Royal Canadian Air Force who served at various ranks and various RCAF bases in Canada, including a posting with the Royal Canadian Navy (1). In 1956 he was serving with Allied Air Forces Central Europe (AAFCE), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) command tasked with air and air defence operations in NATO's Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT) area of command, located at Fontainebleau, France (2), whence this cover originated.



Paid by six 1-cent George Washington stamps of the Presidents Series, the letter was addressed to a friend at RCAF Station Falconbridge, near Sudbury, Ontario. The letter

was processed by the U.S. Army Post Office on 20 February 1956 and, after being forwarded to Quebec, delivered by the Canada Post Office.

References:-

- (1) David Sessions, “Stan Lum *FCPS* – The Yellow Peril”, *Maple Leaves*, vol. 30, no. 6, April 2008; [mpl-2008-02-v030n06-w308.pdf \(canadianpsgb.org.uk\)](#)
- (2) [Allied Air Forces Central Europe - Wikipedia](#)