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Finding Aid for the GILBERT FOWLER WHITE COLLECTION,
1947-1957

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Gift of President Gilbert F. White, and of his secretary, Alice M. Berry, 1948 to 1956;
Gift of Gilbert White, Haverford College President and Assistant Executive Secretary for
AFSC, received and catalogued in 1997.

RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions had been placed on the use of letters by Alf M. Landon and Herbert Hoover during their lifetimes.

RELATED MATERIALS

See also: college archives (HCV & HCA) for additional materials by President Gilbert White

ABSTRACT

Some papers of Gilbert F. White (1911-2006), a geographer and president of Haverford College, relating to some of his experiences serving the American Friends Service Committee during World War II and letters received while president of the college.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Gilbert F. White (1911-2006) received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago studying water, land, and natural resources. He began work studying the Mississippi River Basin for the federal government in the 1930s, and was an advocate of keeping people out of the path of floodwaters for the prevention of disastrous consequence from floods, rather than through dams & levees. With his wife, the economist Anne Elizabeth (Underwood) White, and David Bradley of the London School of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine, he studied 30 sites in East Africa where women drew

and carried all the water consumed for domestic use. White's concern for people on an individual and community level led to his service in 1953 in the Arid Zone Program of the United Nations Education and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). White proposed that human activities led to climate change. He was president of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE). At the age of 35, he became president of Haverford College (1945-55). At the University of Colorado, he founded the school's Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center and served as director of the university's Institute for Behavioral Science. A Quaker, White was a conscientious objector during World War II, during which time he worked for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) as an administrator of Quaker relief efforts. Gilbert White was the author of 5 books and numerous journal articles.

(Information from Biography Resources <http://galenet.galegroup.com>)

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Barnes, Albert C. †q (Albert Coombs), †d 1872-1951.

Bohr, Niels, †d 1885-1962

Bourke-White, Margaret, †d 1904-1971

Copland, Aaron, †d 1900-1990

Douglas, William O. †q (William Orville), †d 1898-1980

Hu, Shi, †d 1891-1962

Lindbergh, Anne Morrow, †d 1906-2001

Marshall, Thurgood, †d 1908-1993

Michener, James A. †q (James Albert), †d 1907-1997

Mumford, Lewis, †d 1895-1990

Murrow, Edward R.

Oppenheimer, J. Robert, †d 1904-1967

Padin, Jose

Wright, Frank Lloyd, †d 1867-1959

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Part I (Boxes 1 and 2): Collection of papers, 1942-1946, pertaining to American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). This collection consists of memos, meeting minutes, brochures, reports, correspondence, proposals, and summaries regarding AFSC activities during World War II.

Part II (Box 3): Collection of papers, 1947-1956, pertaining to Gilbert White's years as president of Haverford College. This collection consists of letters written to President White by prominent people in the United States and abroad. There are letters from members of Congress, Cabinet officers, members of Parliament, ambassadors, public officials, writers, educators, sports figures, etc. They refer mostly to invitations to visit the Haverford College campus and to speak at the Tuesday morning Collection Meeting.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1

AFSC, 1942-1944. 2 Folders

1. 1942-1943 - "Reports on AFSC Activities in France (Relief Work in Vichy)." 1 document, 44 pages.
2. 1942-1944 - "A Memoir of Service Abroad with AFSC," by R. Davison (conscientious objector), also called by Gilbert White "Detention in Baden-Baden." 1 document, 49 pages.

AFSC, 1945. 4 Folders

3. A-Fi: Board of Directors (meeting minutes, report on Davis House, letter to the President), Branches (includes some entries dated Oct. 15, 1942), Budget, Civilian Public Service (CPS), Finance (committee meeting minutes).
4. Foreign Service; Committee Minutes, Gifts-in-Kind, Relief Projects (China, England, Finland), Youth Activities.
5. G-P: Miscellaneous (General Meeting minutes, original charter, 1927), Peace, Personnel (membership lists, meeting minutes, administrative memos), Personnel Committee (meeting minutes).
6. Q-Z: Society of Friends, Staff Council (meeting minutes), Youth Activities (Education Committee minutes, high school age, work camp).

Box 2

AFSC, 1946. 5 Folders

1. A-B: Administration, Board of Directors (includes Executive Board meeting minutes), Branches, Budget.
2. C-Fi: Civilian Public Service, Clothing, Finance.

3. Foreign Service: Committee Minutes (for Executive Committee, Foreign Service Section, Area Director's Meeting), Relief Services, Miscellaneous (memos, original brochures, names and addresses of contacts in Europe, budget, and statements).
4. G-P: General Meetings, Gifts-in-Kind, Membership, Miscellaneous (race relations, memo regarding committee on education, materials for children, letter from German Friends), Peace.
5. Q-Z: Personnel, Personnel Committee, Policy, Procedure, Space, Staff Council, Youth Activities (education, high school age, work camp).

Box 3 - Inventory of names of people who wrote to Gilbert White

Alexander, Raymond Pace
Allen, George V.
Angel, Norman

Barnes, Albert C.
Bell, Daniel
Bentley, Eric
Bernstein, Leonard
Biermann, L.
Block, Herbert
Bohr, Niels
Bolet, Jorge
Bourke-White, Margaret
Bowles, Chester
Boyd Orr, Sir John
Boyle, Edward C. G.
Bozovic, Aleksander
Brewster, William T.
Brilej, Dr. Joza
Bronk, Detlev W.
Brown, Paul E.
Buckley, William F., Jr.
Butler, Paul M.

Cain, Harry P.
Callaghan, James
Canham, Erwin D.
Capp, Al
Case, Clifford P.
Celler, Emanuel
Chadwick, E. Wallace
Chandrasekar, Dr. S.
Chasins, Abram
Chisholm, Brock, M. D.

Christenberry, R. K.
Clay, Lucius D.
Connelly, Matthew J.
Copland, Aaron
Cordier, Andrew W.
Coulson, Charles A.
Cunningham, B. S.

Douglas, William O.
Drake, Thomas
Dulles, John Foster

Eichenberg, Fritz
Eisenhower, Milton S.

Fairless, B. F.
Folsom, M. B.
Foss, Lukas
Franks, Sir Oliver Fromm, Erich
Funston, G. Keith

Gibbs, Walcott
Goguel, Francois

Hartree, Douglas R.
Hathaway, Gail A.
Hennings, Thomas C., Jr.
Herter, Christian A.
Hoffman, Paul G.
Hopkins, John Jay
Horton, Douglas
Hu Shih

James, Benjamin F., M. C.
Jebb, Sir Gladwyn
Johnson, Charles S.
Johnson, Mordecai W.
Judd, Walter H.

Kane, Martin
Kefauver, Estes
Kelly, Walt
Kennan, George Kimball, Fiske
Kirk, Alan G.
Kirk, Russel
Kosanovic, Sava N.

Krug, J. A.

Larson, Arthur

Laubach, Frank C.

Leader, George M.

Lerner, Max

Lindbergh, Anne M.

Lodge, Henry Cabot, Jr.

Madariaga, Salvador de

Malik, Charles

Malin, Patrick Murphy

Mann, Thomas

Maritain, Jacques

Marshall, Thurgood

May, Augustus

McConnell, Samuel K., Jr.

McGranery, James P.

Mead, Margaret

Michener, James A.

Morito, Tatsuo

Morse, Wayne

Mumford, Lewis

Murnaghan, Francis D.

Murrow, Edward R.

Nicolson, Harold

Nicolson, Nigel

Noel-Baker, Philip

Northrop, Vernon D.

Oakley, Cletus

Olds, Irving S.

Oppenheimer, Robert

Oxnam, G. Bromley

Pace, Frank, Jr.

Padin, Jose

Panofsky, Erwin

Philip, Andre

Potofsky, Jacob S.

Ransom, John Crowe

Reston, James

Rickey, Branch

Riesel, Victor

Ritchie, Andrew C.
Robinson, James H.
Rusk, Howard A., M. D.

Schlesinger, Arthur, Jr.
Schuller, Erwin
Sevareid, Eric
Shahn, Ben
Sheean, Vincent
Spellman, Francis Cardinal
Skouras, George P.
Smith, Margaret Chase,
U. S. S. Sousa, John Philip, III
Spaak, Paul-Henri
Spaeth, J. Duncan
Stassen, Harold E.
Stettler, Dr. Michael

Taylor, Hugh S.
Thomas, Norman
Tinbergen, Prof. Dr. J.
Tucker, A. W.

Uchida, Shun-ichi

Velde, Harold H.
Venkateswaran, Dr. C. S.
Viereck, Peter
Vining, Elizabeth Gray

Weaver, Sylvester L., Jr.
Weeks, Edward
White, E. B.
Wider, Amos
Wright, Frank Lloyd

Young, Robert R.
Younger, Kenneth

