

**National Policy Committee Records**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** National Policy Committee Records

**Span Dates:** 1933-1947

**ID No.:** MSS34314

**Creator:** National Policy Committee (U.S.)

**Extent:** 9,000 items

**Extent:** 22 containers

**Extent:** 8.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm82034314>

**Summary:** Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, reports, and other papers documenting the work of the committee to inform private citizens about national policy issues and encourage their active participation in the democratic process.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Buell, Raymond Leslie, 1896-1946.

Miller, Francis Pickens, 1895-1978.

Miller, Helen Hill, 1899-1995.

Moulton, Harold Glenn, 1883-1965.

### Organizations

National Policy Committee (U.S.)

### Subjects

Democracy--United States.

Political participation--United States.

## Provenance

The records of the National Policy Committee were given to the Library of Congress in 1948 by Helen Hill Miller, former executive director of the committee.

## Processing History

The records of National Policy Committee were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

## Related Material

The Raymond L. Buell Papers are also located in the Manuscript Division.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the National Policy Committee is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The records of the National Policy Committee are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, National Policy Committee Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The records of the National Policy Committee span the years 1933-1947 and include correspondence, minutes, annual reports, a scrapbook, published reports and policy memoranda, and the records of the committee's Labor Management Project. The collection is organized into the following series: [Minutes and Annual Reports](#), [Correspondence](#), [Mailings](#), [Historical File](#), [Publications](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The National Policy Committee was founded in 1935 for the purpose of informing private citizens about important national policy issues and encouraging their active participation in the democratic process. Raymond L. Buell served as its chairman and Harold Moulton and Francis P. Miller as officers. In 1937, Helen Hill Miller became executive director, a position she held until the committee's dissolution in 1947.

The collection reflects the committee's goals and organizational structure. The [Minutes and Annual Reports](#) series documents decisions made at annual meetings concerning topics for discussion at the local and regional level. The [Correspondence](#) series consists of a chronological file of the national organization's administrative correspondence, correspondence containing the committee's communications with significant policymakers and intellectuals, affiliate material sent between the national committee and local groups, and committee communications to and from organizations with interests similar to the National Policy Committee. The [Mailings](#) series includes copies of material sent to local groups. The [Historical File](#) reflects the development of the National Policy Committee and includes policy statements, programs, and other material relating to the committee's regional and national conferences. The [Publications](#) series contains reports on conferences, memoranda on policy issues, and the committee's newsletter. The [Miscellany](#) series includes a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and correspondence, memoranda, agendas of meetings, and other material relating to the organization's Labor-Management Project.

## Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Minutes and Annual Reports, 1935-1947](#)
- [Correspondence, 1933-1947](#)
- [Mailings, 1937-1946](#)
- [Historical File, 1935-1947](#)
- [Publications, 1935-1947](#)
- [Miscellany, 1935-1947](#)

## Description of Series

<b>Container</b>	<b>Series</b>
BOX 1	<p><b><u>Minutes and Annual Reports, 1935-1947</u></b></p> <p>Annual reports and minutes of meetings. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 1-7	<p><b><u>Correspondence, 1933-1947</u></b></p> <p>Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged chronologically with correspondence organized alphabetically by name of correspondent; and affiliate and committee correspondence organized alphabetically by name of affiliate or committee and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 7-9	<p><b><u>Mailings, 1937-1946</u></b></p> <p>Mailing lists, reports, circulars and form letters, pamphlets and other printed matter. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 9-12	<p><b><u>Historical File, 1935-1947</u></b></p> <p>Booklets, correspondence, policy statements and memoranda, statements of yearly plans, program arrangements, and reports on regional and national conferences. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 13-20	<p><b><u>Publications, 1935-1947</u></b></p> <p>Reports from discussions held at regional and national conferences; policy memoranda, bulletins, and papers; and the National Policy Committee newsletter. Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX 21-22	<p><b><u>Miscellany, 1935-1947</u></b></p> <p>Records of the committee's Labor-Management Project and a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>

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<b>BOX 1</b>	Minutes, 1935-1946 (2 folders)
<b>BOX 1-7</b>	<b>Correspondence, 1933-1947</b> Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged chronologically with correspondence organized alphabetically by name of correspondent; and affiliate and committee correspondence organized alphabetically by name of affiliate or committee and chronologically therein.
<b>BOX 1</b>	Chronological
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## Correspondence, 1933-1947

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BOX 9-12	<b>Historical File, 1935-1947</b> Booklets, correspondence, policy statements and memoranda, statements of yearly plans, program arrangements, and reports on regional and national conferences. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 9	Chronological file
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BOX 10	1936-1938 (10 folders)
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BOX 12	Miscellany
BOX 12	Foundation appeals, 1935-1947 (2 folders)
BOX 12	Tax exemption, 1936-1945
BOX 13-20	<b>Publications, 1935-1947</b> Reports from discussions held at regional and national conferences; policy memoranda, bulletins, and papers; and the National Policy Committee newsletter. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 13	Reports
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BOX 14	1945 (8 folders)
BOX 14	1946
BOX 14	Jan.-Mar. (10 folders)

## Publications, 1935-1947

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BOX 15	Memoranda
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BOX 19	Policy bulletins and papers
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BOX 19	Arkansas Policy Committee, 1936-1938
BOX 20	National Policy Committee, 1940-1943 (2 folders)
BOX 20	Southern Policy Papers, 1935-1937 (2 folders)
BOX 20	Newsletter, 1937-1943
BOX 21-22	<b>Miscellany, 1935-1947</b> Records of the committee's Labor-Management Project and a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 21	Labor-Management Project, 1946-1947 (11 folders)
BOX 22	Scrapbook, 1935-1939