

International Council of Women Records
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Collection Summary

Title: International Council of Women Records

Span Dates: 1931-1957

ID No.: MSS27235

Creator: International Council of Women

Extent: 4,200 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: International federation of national women's organizations; affiliated with the United Nations. Correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, press releases, and publications concerning the involvement of the International Council of Women in educational cinematography, peace and disarmament, and other global issues.

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.

Organizations

Conference of International Non-governmental Organizations.

Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations.

International Council of Women.

International Educational Cinematographic Institute.

League of Nations.

Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations.

United Nations.

Subjects

Cinematography.

Disarmament.

Education.

Motion pictures in education--Congresses.

Peace.

Women--International cooperation.

Women--Societies, etc.

Provenance

The records of the International Council of Women were given to the Library of Congress by the council in 1957 and by C. Dreyfus-Barney in 1959.

Other Repositories

Most of the records of the International Council of Women secretariat are held by the Centre d'Archives pour l'Histoire des Femmes in Brussels, Belgium. Earlier records of the ICW are in the William Allan Neilson Library of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. The records of the National Council of Women, the American affiliate of the ICW, are held by the New York Public Library, New York, New York, and are available on microform.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The records of the International Council of Women 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, International Council of Women Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the International Council of Women (ICW) span the years 1931-1957. The ICW, founded in Washington, D.C., in 1888 and now headquartered in Paris, is comprised of various women's organizations.

The records of the International Council of Women in the Library of Congress focus on its activities in three areas during the years prior to World War II. They include correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, and publications concerning the ICW's involvement in two pioneer conferences on educational films held at the International Institute of Educational Cinematography of the League of Nations, in 1931 and 1934. Also included is material relating to the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations, 1948-1954, and its involvement in the work of the Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

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BOX 1	<i>Bulletin</i> , International Council of Women, 1940-1944 (4 folders)
BOX 1	Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments (circa 1934), 1931-1935 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations
BOX 1	General conferences
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BOX 2	Miscellany, 1950-1957, undated
BOX 2	Regional conferences, 1957
BOX 2	Conference on Cinematography and Broadcasting (1931), 1931
BOX 2	Educational cinematography, 1936, 1956
BOX 2	Institute of Public Affairs
BOX 2	1941-1942 (4 folders)
BOX 3	International Congress on Teaching and Educational Films (1934), 1934
BOX 3	Peace and Disarmament Committee, Women's International Organisations, 1931-1937
BOX 3	Correspondence
BOX 3	Dreyfus-Barney, Laura
BOX 3	Dingmam, Mary, 1931-1937 (4 folders)
BOX 3	General
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BOX 5	Miscellany
BOX 5	1932-1934 (5 folders)
BOX 6	1935-1937 (4 folders)
BOX 6	Press releases, 1931-1937 (3 folders)
BOX 6	Woman's Centennial Congress (1940), 1940