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Collection Summary

Title: National Committee on Atomic Information Records

Span Dates: 1945-1948

ID No.: MSS34207

Creator: National Committee on Atomic Information

Extent: 29,500 items

Extent: 97 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 39.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Clearinghouse for information on the atomic age. Correspondence with scientists and organizations, reports, memoranda, speeches, articles, financial records, clippings, and printed material reflecting the committee's attempts to promote understanding of the implications of atomic energy in a nontechnical form through the presentation of a popular program in the press, on the radio, and with a speaker's bureau.

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

American Federation of Labor.

Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.)

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

League of Women Voters (U.S.)

National Committee on Atomic Information.

National Council of Jewish Women.

Subjects

Nuclear energy--Popular works.

Nuclear energy--Societies, etc.

Provenance

The records of the National Committee on Atomic Information were given to the Library of Congress by the organization in 1952.

Processing History

The records of the National Committee on Atomic Information were arranged and described in 1962. The finding aid was revised in 1999 and 2012.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Motion picture films and sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the records of the National Committee on Atomic Information.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the National Committee on Atomic Information is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the National Committee on Atomic Information 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 Committee on Atomic Information Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the National Committee on Atomic Information span the years 1945-1948 and consist of correspondence, reports, memoranda, speeches and articles, financial records, clippings, and other printed matter. The committee was established in 1945 to act as a clearinghouse for information on the atomic age. These records reflect attempts to present a popular program through the press, radio, and a speaker's bureau to promote understanding of the implications of atomic energy in a nontechnical form. Cooperating organizations included the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, League of Women Voters, National Council of Jewish Women, and other civic groups and agencies. Also included in the collection is correspondence with various scientists and organizations. The committee dissolved in 1948.

The collection is organized into six series: [Correspondence](#), [Cooperating Organizations](#), [Office Files](#), [Speaker File](#), [Financial Records](#), and [Newspaper File](#).

Arrangement of the Records

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