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Summary: United States Delegation to the 42nd conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Washington, D.C., in October 1953. Final report of the conference and related material.

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

United States. Delegation to the 42nd Conference of the Interparliamentary Union.

Provenance

The records of the United States Delegation to the 42nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union were given to the Library of Congress by the executive committee of the U.S. Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in 1953.

Processing History

The records of the United States Delegation to the 42nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union were processed circa 1955. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

Additional Guides

A note on the acquisition of the records appeared in the Library's *Information Bulletin* 13: no. 2 (January 11, 1954).

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The records of the United States Delegation to the 42nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union 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

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Scope and Content Note

The records of the United States Delegation to the 42nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union span the years 1953-1954. Included in addition to the final report of the conference of in Washington, D.C., in 1953 is related correspondence, registration cards, printed matter, and other material. Founded in 1889, the Inter-Parliamentary Union is an association of the members and former members of the legislatures of the world with the main purpose of settling disputes through conciliation and arbitration. A brief history of the union compiled by the Library of Congress is included in the collection. Members of Congress were automatically members of an American Group within the organization that chose representatives for the conferences. Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan was president of the United States Group at the 42nd conference.

Arrangement of the Papers

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