



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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WAR HISTORY COMMITTEE

An Inventory of Its Collected Research Materials

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota War History Committee.
Series Title:	Collected research materials.
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Location:	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Among the War History Committee's duties were to advise all government agencies, civilian organizations, and individuals involved in the making of records to maintain adequate records pertaining to Minnesota's participation in the war; to insure the preservation of those records; and to collect and coordinate information on war agencies and organizations for the Division of Civil Defense. The committee requested numerous publishers, manufacturers, service organizations, government entities, and foreign information services to place it on their mailing lists for publications relating to war work. These files contain the pamphlets, circulars, bulletins, magazines, newsletters, flyers, booklets, posters, brochures, reports, programs, guidebooks, announcements, journal and publication reprints, leaflets, and other print and near-print materials collected by the committee.

These materials relate to almost all aspects of the war, both on the battlefield and the home front. Topics covered include transportation, communication, labor, manufacturing, agriculture, neutrality, support of the Allies, education, war training, civil defense, recreation, relief programs, women's activities at home and in the military, conscription, war resisters, government regulation of prices and production, war savings bonds, both anti-Semitic and pro-Jewish movements, war atrocities, student and youth activities, all the branches of the military, information services, socialism, religion, relocation, emergency management, monetary policy, postwar planning, and soldiers' postwar adjustment.

Included are materials documenting the war in Belgium, Australia, Great Britain, Canada, France, The Netherlands, and Norway; the Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania war history organizations; bibliographies of war books and publications; Associated Press battlefield maps; Allied and Axis propaganda; and news releases collected by the *St. Paul Dispatch* documenting Minnesotan's service in the war.

The following groups either have a substantial amount of material in the collection or a strong connection to Minnesota: America First Committee; American Friends Service Committee; American Jewish Committee; American Legion; American National Red Cross; Anti-Defamation League; Association of American Railroads; British Information Services; Caterpillar Tractor Company; Commission to Study the Organization of Peace; Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies; Congress of Industrial Organizations; Reverend Charles E. Coughlin; Council for Democracy; Distilled Spirits Institute; General Mills; Girl Scouts; Greyhound Lines; Japanese American Citizens' League; *Milwaukee Journal*; Minnesota's Department of Education, Office of Civilian Defense, and Selective Service; National Association of Manufacturers; National Recreation Association; *St. Paul Pioneer Press/Dispatch*; Pillsbury Flour Mills Company; Smaller War Plants Corporation; United Nations Information Office and Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; United Service Organizations [USO]; University of Minnesota; Universities Committee on Post-War International Problems; War Resister's International and War Resisters League; and the United States' Army and Navy, Departments of Agriculture, Labor, Treasury, and War, Offices of Civilian Defense, Education, Price Administration, and War Information, Selective Service System, and War Production Board.

Note to Researcher: Many, many more organizations and agencies are represented in this collection than are listed in the Scope and Contents paragraphs or in the folder/volume list. Since most had only one item they were housed together under their beginning letter. If you are researching a specific group, please check the letter file. Also, the Committee sometimes filed items under the author, rather than the organization.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The records are arranged alphabetically.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

- Anti-Semitism—United States.
- Church war work—United States.
- Civil defense—United States.
- Draft—United States.
- Emergency management—United States.
- Food conservation—United States.
- Japanese Americans—Education and relocation, 1942-1945.
- Mass media and war—United States.
- Neutrality—United States.
- Peace movements—United States.
- Peace—Societies, etc.—United States.

Price regulation—United States.
Savings bonds—United States.
Schools—War work—United States.
Socialism—United States.
World War, 1939-1945—Atrocities.
World War, 1939-1945—Propaganda.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Children.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Civilian relief.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Communications.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Conscientious objectors.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Draft resisters.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Economic aspects.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Education and the war.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Health aspects.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Jews.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Manpower.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Moral and ethical aspects.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Pamphlets.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Press coverage.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Protest movements.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Public opinion.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Religious aspects.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Social aspects.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Transportation.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Veterans.
World War, 1939-1945—United States—Women.
World War, 1939-1945—War work—Minnesota—History—Sources.
World War, 1939-1945—War work—United States—American Legion.
World War, 1939-1945—War work—United States—Girl Scouts.

Places:

Australia—History—20th century.
Belgium—History—German occupation, 1940-1945.
Canada—History—1914-1945.
France—History—German occupation, 1940-1945.
Great Britain—History—20th century.
Netherlands—History—German occupation, 1940-1945.
Norway—History—German occupation, 1940-1945.
Oswiecim (Poland)—History.
United States—Armed Forces—Women.

Persons:

Coughlin, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1891-1979.

Organizations:

America First Committee.
American Friends Service Committee.
American Jewish Committee.

American National Red Cross.
Associated Press.
Association of American Railroads.
B'nai B'rith. Anti-defamation League.
British Information Services.
Caterpillar Tractor Company.
Commission to Study the Organization of Peace.
Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.
Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.).
Council for Democracy.
Distilled Spirits Institute.
General Mills.
Greyhound Corporation.
Japanese American Citizens' League.
Massachusetts. Committee on Public Safety (1940-1945).
Minnesota. Dept. of Education.
Minnesota. Office of Civilian Defense.
Minnesota. Selective Service.
National Association of Manufacturers (U.S.).
National Recreation Association.
New York Council of Defense.
North Carolina Historical Commission.
Pennsylvania Historical Commission.
Pillsbury Flour Mills Company.
Smaller War Plants Corporation.
United Nations Information Office.
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.
United Services Organizations (U.S.).
United States. Army.
United States. Dept. of Agriculture.
United States. Dept. of Labor.
United States. Dept. of the Treasury.
United States. National Resources Planning Board.
United States. Navy.
United States. Office of Civilian Defense.
United States. Office of Education.
United States. Office of Price Administration.
United States. Office of War Information.
United States. Selective Service System.
United States. War Dept. Bureau of Public Relations.
United States. War Production Board.
Universities Committee on Post-War International Problems.
University of Minnesota.
War Resister's International.
War Resisters League.

Types of Documents:

Battlefield maps.
Bibliographies.
Brochures.
Circulars.
Fliers (printed matter).
Leaflets.
Magazines (periodicals).
Newsletters.
Pamphlets.
Posters.
Press releases.
Propaganda.

Titles:

Milwaukee journal.
St. Paul pioneer press dispatch.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location	Box	
103.L.15.3B	1	A. 5 folders. AT&T Company. Allied propaganda. Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company. America First Committee [Gerald K. Smith]. American Automobile Association. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Location	Box	
103.L.15.3B	1	American Council on Education. American Council on Soviet Relations. American Farm Bureau Federation. American Federation of Labor. American Federation of Teachers. American Free World Association. American Friends Service Committee. 4 folders. American Jewish Committee. 2 folders. American Junior Red Cross. American League for Free Palestine.
103.L.15.4F	2	American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary. 2 folders. American Library Association. American National Red Cross. 2 folders. American National Red Cross/American Junior Red Cross—St. Paul. American Society of Planning Officials. American Student Union. American Youth Commission. Americans United for World Organizations, Inc. Anti-Defamation League [B'nai B'rith]. Appreciate America. Association of American Railroads. 2 folders. Association of the Junior League of America. Australia. Automobile Manufacturer's Association. Automotive Council for War Production. Atrocities of war. B. 2 folders. Belgium Information Center.
103.L.15.5B	3	Bibliographies, A-Z. 5 folders. Lists of books from companies, organizations, and other groups. British Information Services. 10 folders.
103.L.15.6F	4	British Library of Information. Bureau of Intercultural Education. C. 5 folders. Camp of Death: Oswiecim Concentration Camp. Campfire Girls. Campaign for World Government. Canada: Director of Public Information. Canada: Wartime Information Board. Canadian Jewish Congress. Caterpillar Tractor Company. 2 folders.

Location	Box	
103.L.15.6F	4	Catholic Association for International Peace. Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Child Welfare League of America. Children in a Democracy: White House Conference.
103.L.15.7B	5	Chinese News Service. Civilian Defense Council of Ramsey County. Christian American. Citizens Conference on International Economic Union. Commission to Study the Organization of Peace. 2 folders. Committee for Economic Development. Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources. Committee on Post-War Planning. Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. 3 folders. Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies: Letters, A-Z. 6 folders. Appear to be copies of letters of the Committee's Minneapolis Unit. Committee to Oppose Conscription of Women. Common Council for American Unity. Community and War Relief Chest of St. Paul: Worker's Kit. Congress of Industrial Organizations [CIO]. Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO.
103.L.15.8F	6	Copper and Brass Association, New York. Coughlin, Reverend Charles E. Council Against Intolerance in America. Council for Democracy. 2 folders. Council on Books in Wartime. Czechoslovak National Council of America. D. Distilled Spirits Institute. 2 folders. Dodecanesian League of America/Dodecanesian National Council. E. Eastman Kodak Company. Economists National Committee on Monetary Policy. F. 2 folders. Federal Communications Commission. Federal Union, Inc. Fellowship of Reconciliation. Food for Freedom. Food Research Institute. Ford Motor Company. Forms. Fort Snelling, Minnesota: Public Relations Officer.

Location	Box	
103.L.16.1B	7	France Forever/Free France. Friends of Democracy, Inc. G. 2 folders. General Federation of Women's Clubs. General Motors Corporation. General Mills. Girl Scouts. 2 folders. B. F. Goodrich. Greyhound Lines. H. 3 folders. Household Finance Corporation. I. 3 folders. Illinois War Council. Infantry Journal. Institute of Life Insurance.
103.L.16.2F	8	International Association of Lions. International Harvester Company. International Labour Office. International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. International Rescue and Relief Committee, Inc. International Student Service. International Workers Order. J. Japanese American Citizens' League. Jewish War Veterans of the United States. Jewish Welfare Board. K. Kiwanis International. L. 2 folders. League for Fair Play. League for Industrial Democracy. League of Nations Association. League of Women Voters. R. G. LeTourneau, Inc. Lewis Bolt & Nut Company. M – Minnesota E. 5 folders.
103.L.16.3B	9	Minnesota G – My. 3 folders. Maps: Gift of <i>St. Paul Dispatch</i> , April 1942. 2 folders. Labeled "Through courtesy of R. Eckley, copyright AP [Associated Press], not to be used without permission of <i>Dispatch</i> ." Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety. 2 folders.

Location	Box	
103.L.16.3B	9	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. <i>Milwaukee Journal</i> . Three booklets documenting life for the returning soldiers, especially those injured. Minneapolis Defense Council. Minneapolis Moline Power Implement Company. Minnesota Emergency Manpower Agency. Minnesota Department of Education. 2 folders. Minnesota Department of Highways. Minnesota Department of Military and Naval Affairs. Minnesota Division of Administrative Management. Minnesota Farm Help Coordinating Committee. Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company. Minnesota Office of Civilian Defense. 2 folders.
103.L.16.4F	10	Minnesota Office of Civilian Defense: Duluth. Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission. Minnesota Resource Commission. Minnesota Safety Council. Minnesota Selective Service. 2 folders. Minnesota State Defense Council. Minnesota United Nations Council. Minnesota War Production Board/Salvage for Victory Committee. Minnesota Welfare Defense Advisory Committee. Munsingwear, Inc. N. 3 folders. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. National Association of Manufacturers. 2 folders. National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. National Conference of Christians and Jews Inc. National Conference of Parents and Teachers. National Council for Prevention of War. National Editorial Association. National Federation of Constitutional Liberties. National Jewish Welfare Board. National Maritime Union of America. National Recreation Association. 2 folders.

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103.L.16.5B	11	National Youth Administration. The <u>N</u> etherlands. New Brunswick Government Bureau of Travel. News releases: <i>St. Paul Dispatch</i> . 3 folders. Mainly releases relating to Minnesotan's serving in the war. New York State Council of Defense. North Carolina Department of Archives and History: War Records Division. North Carolina Historical Commission. Northern Pump Company. Northwest Airlines, Inc. Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. Northwestern Bible School and Evangelical Seminary. Northwestern National Life Insurance Company. Norwegian Relief Inc. O. Ohio War History Commission. Organization Committee: Minneapolis. P. 3 folders. Peace Now Movement. Pennsylvania Historical Commission. Pillsbury Flour Mills Company. Postwar Information Exchange. Post War World Council. Puerto Rico Institute of Tourism. Propaganda: Axis. Q.
109.E.18.5B	12	R. 3 folders. Rotary International. Russian War Relief, Inc. S. 3 folders. St. Paul Air Raid Warden Service. St. Paul Community and War Relief Chest. St. Paul Council on Human Relations. <i>St. Paul Dispatch/St. Paul Pioneer Press</i> . St. Paul men in World War II. News releases. Salvation Army. E. N. <u>S</u> anctuary. Save Our Schools Committee. Scandinavian Tabernacle. Service Bureau for Intercultural Education.

Location	Box	
109.E.18.5B	12	Smaller War Plants Corporation. 2 folders. Social Democratic Federation. Socialist Party. South Africa. Swift & Company. T. Technology, Inc. Transport Workers Union of America. Twentieth Century Fund. Twin Cities Ordinance Plant.
109.E.18.6F	13	U. 4 folders. UAW-CIO. Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. Union for Democratic Action. United Automobile, Aircraft, Agricultural Implement Workers of America/UAW-CIO. United China Relief. United Committee of South-Slavic Americans. United Economic Education League, Minneapolis. United Jewish Fund of St. Paul. United Mothers of America. United Nations Information Office. 2 folders. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. 3 folders. United Service Organizations [USO]. United States Army. United States Army: Camps. United States Army: Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.
109.E.18.7B	14	United States Army Air Forces. United States Board of Economic Warfare. United States Bureau of the Budget. United States Coast Guard. United States Congress. United States Department of Agriculture. 3 folders. United States Department of Commerce. United States Department of Labor. 2 folders. United States Employment Service. United States Federal Housing Administration. United States Federal Works Agency. United States Government Printing Office. United States Information Service. United States Marine Corps. United States Maritime Service.

Location	Box	
109.E.18.7B	14	United States National Archives. United States National Resources Planning Board. 3 folders. United States Naval Reserve. United States Navy. 2 folders.
109.E.18.8F	15	United States Navy. 3 volumes. United States Office of Emergency Management. United States Office of Civilian Defense. 5 folders. United States Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services. United States Office of Defense Transportation. United States Office of Education. 2 folders. United States Office of Facts and Figures. United States Office of Government Reports.
109.E.18.9B	16	United States Office of Price Administration. 3 folders. United States Office of Production Management. United States Office of War Information. 4 folders. United States Selective Service System. 2 folders. United States Treasury. 3 folders. Mainly concerning War Savings Bonds. United States War Department.
109.E.18.10F	17	United States War Department: Bureau of Public Relations. 3 folders. United States War Manpower Commission. United States War Production Board. 2 folders. United States War Relocation Authority. Universities Committee on Post-War International Problems. 2 folders. University of California. University of Michigan. University of Minnesota: Agricultural Extension Service. University of Minnesota: War Training Office. V. Valentin, Hugo. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. W. 2 folders.
109.E.19.1B	18	WLB radio scripts. WTCN. War Resisters' International/War Resisters League. 4 folders. S. D. <u>W</u> arren Company. Watchtower Bible Tract Society, Inc. Waters, Agnes. Wings for Norway. Wisconsin War Records Commission. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Location	Box	
109.E.19.1B	18	Woodrow Wilson Foundation. World Citizens Association. World Peace Association. XYZ. Yale Collection of War Literature. Young People's Socialist League. YWCA. <i>[0.4 cu. ft. empty, legal]</i>