The Descriptive Finding Guide for the United Press Wire Dispatches Special Collection SDASM.SC.10147

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Title: United Press Wire Dispatches Special Collection
Identifier/Call Number: SDASM.SC.10147
Physical Description: 0.21 Cubic Feet 15” X 10” X 2.5” box
Date (inclusive): 1942-1945
Abstract: This collection consists of United Press wire dispatches from World War II, covering a wide range of wartime topics including military news, war production (primarily of aircraft), women and industry, accidents. The topics covered issues primarily in the United States and heavily featuring North American Aviation.
Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open to researchers by appointment.
Conditions Governing Use
Some copyright may be reserved. Consult with the library director for more information.
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The materials in this Collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.
Biographical / Historical
United Press (UP) was created in 1907 when publisher E.W. Scripps combined three smaller organizations. The company provided stories to newspapers which subscribed to the service by telegraph, and later by teletype. In 1958 it acquired International News Service and was renamed United Press International (UPI), reaching its peak in the 1960s and 70s. The Company had 2,000 full-time employees with 200 bureaus in 92 countries. In the 1980s newspapers began to trim their pages and some could not afford UPI and AP (Associated Press) news services. With the advent of television and then internet, business severely declined. In 2000, UPI was sold to News World Communications, a news media company founded in 1976 by Sun Myung Moon, who also founded the Unification Church.
Today, the company provides a service called News Track, in addition to a premium service providing more in-depth coverage of world news.
Scope and Contents
This collection is contained in one box with dimensions 15” X 10” X 2.5”. The collection consists of wire dispatches using teletype machines. These machines utilize a continuous roll of paper. Consequently, stories printed on these machines may be printed continuously, causing the stories to be as long as two feet. This collection consists of United Press wire dispatches from World War II, covering a wide range of wartime topics including military news, war production (primarily of aircraft), women and industry, accidents. The topics covered issues primarily in the United States and heavily featuring North American Aviation.
Related Materials
James Doolittle Collection
https://www.flickr.com/photos/sdasmarchives/sets/72157640985678873/
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Family
North American B-25 Mitchell
World War, 1939-1945
Tokyo (Japan) -- History -- Bombardment, 1942
North American P-51 Mustang Family
United Press International

Box 01
Folder 01 - Philippine Raids
Physical Description: This folder contains seven documents about the Philippine Island raids April 15-17, 1942 by Brig. Gen. Ralph Royce, use of North American B-25 bombers and B-17 Flying Fortress, and British and American commentary.

Folder 02 - Doolittle Raid
Physical Description: This folder contains nine documents about the raid by James Doolittle on Tokyo in 1942 - primarily May and June - and North American Aviation.

Folder 03 - War Production
Physical Description: This folder contains thirty three documents including stories about the following war production subjects: quotas, supplies, commendations, manufacture and delivery, Special Committee reports, Lockheed, North American, War Labor Board, and wage discussions.

Folder 04 - Miscellaneous Stories
Physical Description: This folder contains eleven documents including a variety of stories about war life in the U. S. and mentions of “junk dealers;” development of airports, Flying Tigers, Mitchell bombers, submarines, Japanese attack on Dutch Harbor (Alaska), and correspondence between women and soldiers.

Folder 05 - Corporate Information
Physical Description: This folder contains twenty two documents with information on the internal operations of various aircraft companies, primarily regarding North American, but also including, Lockheed, Vultee, and Boeing.

Folder 06 - Public Relations and Security
Physical Description: This folder contains seventeen documents including news bulletins and announcements regarding security, such as violence breaking out at a “Bundles for Bluejackets” party hosted by actresses Constance Bennett and Kay Francis, investigations, and Secretary of War Stimson announcing the reorganization of the Army’s PR set up.

Folder 07 - Accidents
Physical Description: This folder contains nineteen documents regarding reports of accidents and crashes, including car, train, and aircraft, training base accidents, noncombat and combat related.

Folder 08 - Espionage & Sabotage
Physical Description: This folder contains three documented stories of individuals committing espionage or sabotage.

Folder 09 - North American P-51 Mustang
Physical Description: 1. North American Tex plant to build the Mustang P-51. 2. News article referencing and praising the P-51.

Folder 10 - Lockheed Hudson
Physical Description: 1. Washington United Press article praising the Lockheed Hudson’s durability in combat. 2. Los Angeles United Press article praising the Lockheed employees for their “their skill in fashioning the durable Lockheed Hudson Bomber.”

Folder 11 - Curtis-Wright Corporation
Physical Description: 1. New York United Press article regarding the manufacturing of non-metal transport planes.
Folder 12 - Douglas C-54

Physical Description: 1. Los Angeles United Press article on the introduction and production of the Douglas C-54 aircraft to the military.

Folder 13 - Boeing B-17


Folder 14 - Lockheed Constellation