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Abstract: This collection contains material associated with conscientious objectors who were part of the Civilian Public Service (CPS) as well as in non-combatant roles during World War Two; and part of 1-W Service during the Korean War era.

Scope and Contents
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Biographical / Historical
By definition from the Selective Service System "a conscientious objector is one who is opposed to serving in the armed forces and/or bearing arms on the grounds of moral or religious principles". During World War Two and the Korean War, conscientious objectors were assigned to non-combatant roles or as laborers in Civilian Public Service (CPS) camps in lieu of conscription or military service.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
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World War, 1939-1945--Conscientious objectors--United States
Civilian Public Service. Camp #21 (Cascade Locks, Or.)
Camino (Calif.)
Civilian Public Service

box 1, folder 1
Letter from Carl B. Dahl to Bill Garber regarding Dahl's arrival and first impressions of C.P.S. Camp 31 in Camino, California. Also included are two postcards with images of the camp April 28, 1942; undated

box 1, folder 2
List of men "on look-out towers" September 2, 1942

box 1, folder 3
Letter and memo sent to Mr. William Garber written by Mark Y. Schrock, director of C.P.S. Camp 21 regarding duty assignments; camp visitors; and a camp arrest August 31, 1942; September 2, 1942

box 1, folder 4
Document entitled "Socialism and the War", with sentence that states: "the following statement of policy was adopted unanimously by the I.L.P Annual Conference, April 12-14, 1941" circa 1941
"The Way Out" by Fenner Brockway undated

Complete roster of C.P.S. Camp 21, Cascade Locks undated


Civilian Public Service Camp No. 21 [letterhead] undated

"The Reporter" Vol. 1, No. 6 December 1, 1942

Copy of a letter signed by L.J. Anderson sent to Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service; and "editor times" regarding toys that were to be sent to a Japanese incarceration camp in Poston, Arizona from C.P.S. Camp #31 (four copies) circa December 29, 1942


Conscription News, #136, 141 (three copies), 153 (two copies) March 18, 1948-October 21, 1948

Conscription News, #171, 181, 188 (two copies), 189, 190, 191, 193-201 January 20, 1950-January 15, 1953

Amnesty Bulletin. Published by the Committee for Amnesty for all Objectors to War and Conscription. #22-30 (missing 24), 42 October 30, 1946-June 18, 1948

Memorandum on National Legislation of Interest to Religious Groups issued by Friends Committee on National Legislation, #43, 46, 48, 52 July 30, 1947-April 20, 1948


"The Peacemaker", Vol.1, No. 5-6 September 7-28, 1949

Washington Newsletter of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Letters #84, 97 (three copies), 98, and two unnumbered letters. January 24, 1951-February 27, 1952

"Conscientious Objector", Vol. VII, No. 8 August 1945