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Date (inclusive): 1942-1998
Abstract: Collection of notes, articles, correspondence, photographs, and term papers collected by Yukio Mochizuki, a student at CSUDH, while researching Japanese-American and Japanese-Peruvian internment during World War II.
Language of Material: Collection material is in English and Japanese.
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History
Materials in the Mochizuki Collection were accumulated by Yukio Mochizuki. Mr. Mochizuki was an undergraduate student at California State University Dominguez Hills during the late 1970's. Mr. Mochizuki's research focus pertained to the Japanese-Peruvian internment during World War II. The collection was left in the care of Dr. Donald Hata, Professor of History at California State University Dominguez Hills. Dr. Hata graciously turned the collection over to the University Archives in May of 1998. The collection was processed during the Summer of 1998 and is open to research without restrictions.

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. This order led to the removal of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry from the west coast of the United States. The War Relocation Authority set up ten internment camps to house the Japanese-Americans. However, the United States also had internment camps for Axis nationals from South America. As early as 1938 many South American governments were working with the United States to intern or repatriate all Axis nationals. This included people of Japanese, German, and Italian ancestry in South America. It was the hope of the participating governments that these nationals could be used in POW trades. Thirteen countries from South America participated in this plan. However, eighty percent of the internees from South America were sent by Peru. The first group of Japanese-Peruvians left Peru aboard the Etolin on April 5, 1942. Many others followed soon after. The Japanese-Peruvians were housed in three different camps in Texas: Kenedy, Seagoville, and Crystal City. They lived in these camps for the duration of the war.

After being released from the camps at the end of the war, the Japanese-Peruvian internees were not allowed to return to Peru, regardless of their citizenship. Lawsuits were filed on behalf of some of the Japanese-Peruvians to allow them to stay in the United States because they had no other place to go. The U.S. Department of Immigration tried to deport the internees because they entered the country illegally. Some were still living in the old internment camps as late as 1948 because of the legal difficulties. Eventually some of the internees went to Japan and a very few were allowed back into Peru. The majority remained in the United States.
In 1988, the Japanese-American internees were offered a formal apology along with $20,000 from the United States government. Since that time, a group of Japanese-Peruvians have been lobbying for the same consideration. In June of 1998, President Clinton formally apologized to the survivors of the Japanese-Peruvian internment and each survivor living in the United States received $5000. As of this date, no apology has been forthcoming from Peru.

Scope and Content
The Mochizuki Collection contains correspondence, documents, newspaper articles, term papers, and photographs. Mr. Mochizuki’s original research was about Japanese-American internment, so there is some material related to that theme. However, most of the material relates to the Japanese-Peruvian internment.

The majority of the material was collected during 1977. Most of the material was found in an orderly condition at the time of processing. However, rusting metal binders and staples were discarded. Overall, the material seemed to be in good shape. The collection had been stored in a box which was kept in Dr. Hata’s office. At his request, copies of the donated material will be returned to him. Mr. Mochizuki’s correspondence includes research requests, interviews by mail, and memos on how his work was progressing. There is also correspondence between Japanese-Peruvian internees and various government officials. Some has been translated from Spanish by John Romero.

There are personal documents belonging to Japanese-Peruvian internees. Most of these belong to Manuel Ykari, a native born Peruvian who eventually stayed in the United States and became a citizen. There is an official report by John Emmerson, Second Secretary to the American Embassy in Peru during World War II. There are also other government memos included. Warren Rucker’s unpublished Master’s Thesis on Japanese-Peruvians is also contained in this collection. In addition, there are newspaper articles dating from the 1940’s through the 1980’s on various subjects. These include the internment of Japanese-Americans, Japanese-Peruvians, and Japanese-Canadians. There are also articles from Japanese language newspapers.

The photographs in the collection belonged to Manuel Ykari. The original photographs are in the collection as well as xerox copies and some of the negatives. Most of the pictures seem to be from the time he worked at Seabrook Farms after the war. There are a few which seem to be from an internment camp. There are some term papers by various authors in this collection. There are several on Japanese-Americans and two on the Japanese-Peruvians. Mr. Mochizuki’s finished term paper, for which he did this research, is included. Mr. Mochizuki got copies of some of his material from Michi Weglyn. He also collected quite a bit of personal documentation from his interviews with Manuel Ykari. The related term papers were added to the collection by Dr. Hata.

Arrangement
Arranged in four series:
1. Series I: Correspondence (1942-1977)
2. Series II: Manuel Ykari Documents (1943-1959)

Related Material
Asian Pacific Collection

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Crystal City Internment Camp (Crystal City, Tex.)
Japanese -- Peru -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Japanese periodicals
Crystal City (Tex.)
Hata, Donald Teruo, 1934-

Correspondence 1942-1977
Physical Description: 42 folders
Scope and Contents
This series contains all Yukio Mochizuki’s research correspondence, interview notes, and information on his research contacts. It also contains rosters of internees, government memos and reports, and an unpublished Master’s Thesis on the subject.
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<td>One letter from Yasuko Hanami in regards to research. Original envelope included. 1977</td>
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<td>Thank you letter to Isamu Kurotobi. One letter with interview questions to Kurotobi. Reply letter from Kurotobi to previous letter. Telegram from Kurotobi requesting assistance for wife's visa problem. Response letter to Kurotobi, re: wife. 1977</td>
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<td>Two thank you letters to Naoko Kurotobi (wife of Isamu). 1977</td>
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<td>Research request letter to Kanji Nishijima. (Copy of first draft also.) 1977</td>
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<td>Various letters and memos to Dr. Agnes Yamada regarding independent study project for ENG-298. One memo has background of Isamu Kurotobi, a Japanese-Peruvian interned during World War II. 1977</td>
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<td>Mochizuki Interview Notes: Harukichi Watanabe interview . Mrs. Fujie Honda interview . Isamu Kurotobi interview Includes a list of names and addresses for other possible interview subjects. 1977</td>
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<td>1, 21</td>
<td>Various research sources used by Yukio Mochizuki. Includes names, addresses and bibliography put together by Mochizuki. There is also a brochure from the Alta California Bookstore with a listing of books on or about Japanese-Americans undated</td>
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<td>Correspondence of Hector Hayashi with Peruvian government. Documents are in Spanish undated</td>
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<td>Personal document of Isamu Kurotobi, (Oregon liquor license). Includes undated copy of news article in Spanish. 1952</td>
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<td>1, 27</td>
<td>Correspondence of Isamu Taniguchi. Information concerns Japanese-Americans. Originals in Japanese but there is a translated copy of one letter 1963 -1977</td>
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<td>Translation of a newspaper article which mentions Isamu Taniguchi. New York Nichibei 1963</td>
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<td>Copies of Japanese language newspaper articles about or mentioning Harukichi Watanabe undated</td>
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Personal documents of Harukichi Watanabe. Includes receipts from U. S. Justice Department; i.e. internment camps. There is also a copy of Mr. Watanabe’s certificate of identification from the Justice Department. 1944

Jose Asin Watanabe correspondence with the Peruvian government, in Spanish. One personal note, in Spanish 1943 -1951

Copies of various correspondence of Michi Weglyn. 1) Handwritten note, author unknown, on Ballet Peruano letterhead, 2) letter from Izumi Taniguchi, 3) letter from E. Fuhr, German internee at Crystal City

Two newspaper articles about Michi Weglyn. 1977

Copy of chapter 2 of Michi Weglyn’s Years of Infamy. (Discusses internment of Japanese from South American undated

Seabrook Farm Roster. A partial listing of Japanese-Peruvians at Seabrook Farm or previously at Seabrook. There is also a list in Japanese. 1950

Roster of an unknown origin. Listing by family name, age and gender undated

Memo to a Mr. Gray. Mentions Peru’s intent and President Roosevelt’s approval of removing the Japanese from Peru. 1944

Copy of John K. Emmerson’s report, "Japanese in Peru." Written by the former Second Secretary of the Embassy in Lima. The report includes history of Japanese in Peru, maps, statistics and the possible threat to South America. 1943

Copies of various memos from throughout the State Department evaluating the "Japanese in Peru" report by John K. Emmerson undated

Warren P. Rucker’s, University of Virginia, Master’s Thesis #3884 "United States--Peruvian Policy Toward Peruvian-Japanese Persons during World War II." 1970

Mauel Ykari Documents 1943-1959

Correspondence between Manuel Ykari and government. Letters in Spanish, some with translations 1943 -1947

Correspondence between Manuel Ykari and William Collins, attorney. Includes list of payments made by Japanese-Peruvians who hired Collins. 1952

Personal correspondence of Ykari including letters, poems and stories undated

Power of Attorney papers of Manuel Ykari and Luis Sakoda 1946 -1948

Personal documents of Manuel Ykari. Includes various receipts for dental services, books, car and life insurance. Address reporting cards undated

Citizenship material of Manuel Ykari. Includes receipt for Petition of Naturalization , citizenship booklet , envelope with possible date of naturalization . Newspaper articles about citizenship swearing in ceremony 1958 -1959

Income tax information and documents of Manuel Ykari 1946 - 1957

Correspondence during Seabrook Farm years of Manuel Ykari. Includes notice of sponsorship of move to Los Angeles. There is also a document in Japanese, no translation 1947 -1949

Photographs belonging to Manuel Ykari. Includes copies and some negatives. 1940s

Japanese-Peruvian School Yearbook. Fiftieth Anniversary Issue. Includes a letter of explanation by Yukio Mochizuki regarding Manuel Ykari’s donation of the annual undated

Publications 1943-1998

Presidential Proclamation: "Removal of Alien Enemies" 1945

Internment Camp Newsletters: seven newsletters from Crystal City (English); one newsletter from Kooskia (Japanese) 1943 -1946
Box 3, folder 3  
*JACL "Outlook" newsletter Article on Crystal City camp. 1975*

Box 3, folder 4  
Copy of journal article, "Japanese Internees from Peru," written by Edward Barnhart. Published in Pacific Historical Review (XXX:2 May 1962), P. 169- 78. 1962

Box 3, folder 5  
Copies of five articles on varying subjects having to do with Japanese-Americans. All are in English undated

Box 3, folder 6  
Three articles from The Colorado Times 1943 -1944

Box 3, folder 7  
Three articles from the Rafu Shimpo, in English, about Japanese- Canadians undated

Box 3, folder 8  
Five articles on Japanese-Peruvians, various newspapers and dates 1948 -1977

Box 3, folder 9  
Various newspaper articles in Japanese. Copies included to show which articles go together. (There is one translation in English) 1963

Box 3, folder 10  
Two miscellaneous articles, in English, about Japanese subjects undated

Box 3, folder 11  
Two unpublished articles by Judy Tachibana. 1) "Commission Examines Wartime Relocation" and 2) Article on Henry Ueno undated

Box 3, folder 12  
Judy Tachibana correspondence regarding research on the subject of Japanese-American relocation 1976 -1981

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Box 3, folder 14  
Notes found with Tachibana material, but given the subject is Japanese-Peruvian, they may be notes made by Yukio Mochizuki undated

Box 3, folder 15  
Poston Poetry Book, in Japanese undated

Box 3, folder 16  
Poetry or story book in Japanese, cover has picture of a monkey. Source listed as Manuel Ykari undated

Box 3, folder 17  
Poetry or story book in Japanese, cover has a train on it. Source listed as Manuel Ykari undated

Box 3, folder 18  
Poetry or story book in Japanese, cover has a boy playing with cat and a dog. Source listed as Manuel Ykari undated

Box 3, folder 19  
Miscellaneous Japanese language material, needs to be translated undated

Box 3, folder 20  
Miscellaneous Spanish language material, two letters that need to be translated. 1943

Box 3, folder 21  
Yukio Mochizuki Term Papers: 1) "A Japanese Proverb Trilogue" for EAS-200, Spring 1977, CSUDH. 2) "A Summarization of History- 298" for HIS-298, Fall 1977, CSUDH. Both papers include a bibliography of reference sources. 1977

Box 3, folder 22  

Audio Tape Interview 1977

Physical Description: 23 folders.

Scope and Contents

This series contains audio cassette tapes of interviews done by Yukio Mochizuki.

Box 4, folder 1  
*Mrs. Ikemoto, Side 1, H. Watanabe, Side 2, 1977*

Box 4, folder 2  
*H. Watanabe, Side 1 & 2, 1977*

Box 4, folder 3  
*H. Watanabe, Side 1, M. Ykari, Side 2, 1977*

Box 4, folder 4  
*M. Ykari, Side 1 & 2 1977*

Box 4, folder 5  
*M. Ykari, Side 1, Side 2 1977*

Box 4, folder 6  
*M. Ykari, Side 1 & 2 1977*

Box 4, folder 7  
*Yoshinari Honda, Side 1& 2 1977*

Box 4, folder 8  
*Yoshinari Honda, Side 1& 2 1977*