Inventory of the Margaret E. Hill papers

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Abstract: Press releases, bulletins, correspondence, pamphlets, clippings, brochures, photographs, motion picture film, and phonorecords, relating to fundraising in southern California for World War II relief activities. Sound use copies of sound recordings available.
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Biographical Note
Margaret E. Hill graduated from Mills College in 1922 and received advanced degrees from Western Reserve University and the University of Grenoble. In 1935 she moved to Los Angeles to teach French at the Marlborough School. From 1942 to 1947 she held positions in relief organizations in the Los Angeles area, serving as the southern California chairman of American Relief for France, executive secretary of the United Nations War Relief Council for Southern California, and vice-chairman of the Los Angeles County War Chest. To commemorate her relief work, Hill was decorated by the French government with the Legion of Honor in 1947. After the United Nations War Relief Council was dissolved in December 1947, Hill resumed her teaching career at the Anoakia School for Girls in Arcadia, California. She retired in 1967.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Margaret E. Hill papers document her years working for World War II relief organizations in southern California. The papers consist of press releases, bulletins, correspondence, pamphlets, clippings, brochures, photographs, motion picture film, and phonorecords.
As chair of American Relief for France in Southern California, Hill was primarily responsible for fundraising. Her projects for the organization, including the city of Los Angeles's adoption of Calais and Argentan, are documented in the American Relief for France file. She also led a program to send packages to French orphans after the war; files about this initiative include dossiers, lists, and photographs of the children served. In gratitude, the city of Calais sent Hill albums of photographs and children's drawings, all of which can be found in the Oversize material file.
In July 1942 Hill represented French relief at the inaugural meeting of the United Nations War Relief Council (UNWRC). The Council was incorporated in California to coordinate the activities of relief agencies for China, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Holland, Norway, the Philippines, and Poland. After being appointed executive secretary in 1943, Hill ran a fundraising campaign that included radio programs publicizing relief efforts, transcripts and recordings of which are included in the United Nations War Relief Council and Sound recordings files.
As a coordinator of relief efforts throughout southern California, Hill collected and received Photographs, Films, and Printed Matter produced by other World War II relief agencies.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
International relief.
World War, 1939-1945--California.
World War, 1939-1945--Civilian relief.

**American Relief for France File 1943-1949**

Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence, clippings, photographs, reports, lists, exhibit materials, and printed matter. Around 1946, the organization changed its name to American Aid to France, which may be found on some of the later documents. In alphabetical order by project or form and thereunder chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1-2  
Argentan file 1948  
Calais file 1946-1947

Box 1, Folder 3  
Le siège de Calais et le dévouement des six bourgeois, by Maurice Martin, Calais city archivist, circa 1946

Box 1, Folder 4  
Report by American Aid to France transport driver J.A. Manley circa 1946

Box 1, Folder 5  
Aperçu de l'histoire de Calais 1947 January 3

Box 1, Folder 6  
Florence Gilliam letter on conditions in Calais 1947 March 31

**Package adoption program files 1944-1949**

Box 1, Folder 7  
Red Cross Prisoner of War package guidelines 1944

Box 1, Folder 8  
Package adoption program proposal 1945 November

Box 1, Folder 9  
Index cards 1945-1946

Scope and Contents note  
Cards include names of children, age, status of parents, and photographs

Box 1, Folder 10  
List of children 1946 March

Box 1, Folder 11  
Los Angeles Times clipping 1946 May 26

Scope and Contents note  
Article includes a photograph of Hill

Box 1, Folder 12  
Thank you letters from France 1946-1948

Box 1, Folder 13  
Fundraising appeal 1949

**Public relations bureau file 1944-1948**

Promotional materials 1946-1947

Box 1, Folder 14  
1,200,000 Thanks for 1,200,000 Chocolate Bars 1946

Box 1, Folder 15  
Le Théatre de la mode: A Creation by French Artists and Designers Organised by the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture Parisienne; Presented to New York by American Relief for France under the Auspices of l'Association Française d'Action Artistique in Aid of l'Entr'Aide française 1946

Box 1, Folder 16-17  
Reports 1944-1948

Scope and Contents note  
Includes reports on Grand-Synthe and joint activities between American Relief for France and the American Friends Service Committee

Box 2, Folder 1-5  
Exhibit material on the war in France, produced by the Coordinating Council of French Relief Societies 1943

Scope and Contents note  
Includes reprints of photographs by Thérèse Bonney

**United Nations War Relief Council File 1943-1947**

Scope and Contents note  
Contains bulletins, clippings, correspondence, flyers, minutes, radio transcripts, and reports. In alphabetical order by form or title and thereunder chronologically.

**Correspondence 1944-1947**
Box 3, Folder 1  California War Chest 1944-1945
Box 3, Folder 2  Carnet, Joseph M. 1944
Box 3, Folder 3  Coordinating Council of French Relief Societies 1944
Box 3, Folder 4  Royal Norwegian Information Service 1944, 1947
Box 3, Folder 5  Sayler, Lucie R. 1946
Box 3, Folder 6  United Yugoslav Relief Fund of America 1944
Box 3, Folder 7  Wooster, John B. circa 1945

Scope and Contents note
On the Philippines

Box 3, Folder 8-10  Clippings on fundraising events 1943-1947
Box 3, Folder 11  Bulletins 1944
Box 3, Folder 12  Flyers and clippings advertising poster exhibit 1944 April
Box 3, Folder 13  "History of the United Nations War Relief Council" 1947
Box 3, Folder 14  Letterhead, War Relief Councils 1945-1947
Box 3, Folder 15  Meeting minutes 1947 December 3
Box 3, Folder 16  Radio broadcast transcripts 1944-1947
Box 3, Folder 17  Françoise Dony interview on the German occupation of Belgium 1944
Box 3, Folder 18  Irena Grodzka interview 1944 July 19

Scope and Contents note
Grodzka was a captain of the Women's Auxiliary Service (WAS) in Poland (Pomocnicza Służba Kobiet or PSK)

Box 3, Folder 19  One minute radio spots to raise money for relief efforts in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Holland, and France circa 1946
Box 3, Folder 20  Claude Angles interview on the French underground circa 1946
Box 3, Folder 21  Jean-Pierre Aumont and Stanley Maw interview on French relief circa 1946
Box 3, Folder 22  Radio program by Ralph Rose featuring Basil Rathbone, Jean Hersholt, and Anna Mae Wong circa 1946
Box 3, Folder 23  "Your World Tomorrow," program with Donald M. Nelson, President of the Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers and Chairman of the United Nations War Relief Council, Warren A. Wilson, and Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News circa 1946
Box 3, Folder 24  "Down in Flames, Out by Underground," by Bierne Lay, adapted by Leona Wilson 1947 June 6
Box 3, Folder 25  Jean-Pierre Aumont and Stanley Maw interview on French relief circa 1946
Box 3, Folder 26  "This Day Remembered" 1947 June 6

Scope and Contents note
See also Sound recordings

Box 3, Folder 27  Charles Boyer, Jean Sablon, Louis Jourdan, and Alexandre de Manziarly interviews 1947 June 18
Box 3, Folder 28  Reports on Great Britain and Holland Relief 1943-1947

Printed Matter 1941-1946

Scope and Contents note
Contains pamphlets, brochures, and flyers. In alphabetical order by issuing organization.

Box 3, item 29  America Denmark Relief 1943
Box 3, item 30  American Aid to France 1942-1946
Box 3, item 31  American Committee for Luxembourg Relief 1943
Box 3, item 32  American Friends Service Committee 1942-1944
Box 3, item 33  American Red Cross 1943-1944

Scope and Contents note
Includes Prisoners of War Bulletin

Box 3, item 34  American Relief for Czechoslovakia 1946
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**Oversize Material 1944-1947**

Scope and Contents note
Contains a poster and albums of photographs and drawings. Arranged chronologically.

**Box 6**

City of Calais album dedicated to American Aid to France 1946

Scope and Contents note
Contains watercolor and crayon drawings by children

**Box 7**

City of Calais album dedicated to Los Angeles 1946

Scope and Contents note
Contains photographs of buildings in Calais after the war

**Box 7**

Federation of Religious Vacation Camps album presented to American Aid to France 1946 December

Scope and Contents note
Contains photographs of children in Calais

**Box 5**

Christmas poster dedicated to American Aid to France from the city of Calais 1947 December

**Box 6**

Artworks and postcards of France undated
Photographs 1940-1947

Scope and Contents note
Contains prints and negatives from press services and relief agencies

Envelope A

Calais, France, after World War II 1946-1947
Scope and Contents note
Large format negatives

Envelope B

"Le Théatre de la mode" exhibit 1946
Scope and Contents note
Photographs from an exhibit featuring the work of French artists and designers organized by American Relief for France. See Box 1 for exhibit catalog

Envelope C

Calais, France, after World War II 1946-1947
Scope and Contents note
Includes index of photographs

Envelope D

United Nations War Relief Council fundraising events in Los Angeles 1945-1947
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph of Pearl S. Buck

Envelope E

American Relief for France in Calais 1942-1947

Envelope F

Norwegian Official Photo Service 1940-1943
Scope and Contents note
Depicts bombing in Narvik, Norway and conditions during the German occupation

Envelope G

American Relief for Czechoslovakia photo service 1944-1947
Scope and Contents note
Includes the Czechoslovak army training in England and Edvard Beneš with soldiers

Envelope H

Polish Government Information Center photo service 1943-1944
Scope and Contents note
Depicts victims in Warsaw, Polish refugees in Iran, and the concentration camp Majdanek

Envelope I

Miscellaneous relief agencies 1942-1946
Scope and Contents note
Contains photographs from British War Relief, Russian War Relief, United China Relief, United Yugoslav Relief, and War Prisoners Aid

Box 5

"Let's Look at China," United China Relief 1944
Scope and Contents note
150 still pictures of China on 25mm film strip

Motion Picture Film 1940s
Scope and Contents note
Except for one 25mm film strip, all are 16mm acetate film reels. In alphabetical order by canister title.

Film shelf
"8.L.0.2"

Film shelf
"Belgium"

Film shelf
"Bridge to Yinhsi"

Film shelf
"Corsica"
Sound Recordings 1944, 1947

Scope and Contents note
Contains broadcast recordings produced by United China Relief and the UNWRC. In alphabetical order by disc title.

Record cabinet "Let's Look at China," United China Relief 1944
Scope and Contents note
16” vinyl disc

Record cabinet "A Message from France," with Jean-Pierre Aumont circa 1946
Scope and Contents note
12” vinyl disc

Record cabinet "This Day Remembered" 1947 June 6
Conditions Governing Access note
Use copy reference number: 79071_a_0002897
Scope and Contents note
Radio dramatization commemorating the third anniversary of D-Day. Describes American pilots shot down, rescued by a French farmer, and aided by the French underground. Use copy available on computer workstation

Record cabinet "United Nations War Relief Council" 1947 June
Scope and Contents note
Side A: "Sale of America." Side B: One minute cuts on the UN, Holland, Norway, Poland, Philippines, France. 16” vinyl disc