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## **Register of the American Friends Service Committee. Civilian Public Service records**

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**Abstract:** Bulletins, serial issues, reports, handbooks, correspondence, memoranda, and other printed materials relating to the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Civilian Public Service, an organization founded to provide alternatives for conscientious objectors to war and members of peace churches during World War II by establishing work camps to conduct duties of national importance.

**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Creator:** American Friends Service Committee. Civilian Public Service.

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- 1917 American Friends Service Committee founded to provide alternatives for conscientious objectors to war and members of peace churches.
- 1917-1918 AFSC provides relief during World War I.
- 1918 Committee begins working in Serbia, Russia, Poland, Germany, and Austria to provide relief following World War I.
- 1930-1945 Provides relief in Nazi Germany, Spain, and France.
- 1937-1943 Builds Penn-Craft community for unemployed coal miners in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.
- 1940 Congress passes an act creating Civilian Public Service (CPS) camps for conscientious objectors to fighting in World War II.
- 1941-1947 Civilians perform duties of national importance in CPS camps.
- 1947 Helps refugees in India and the Gaza Strip.
- 1950-1953 Provides relief during Korean War.
- 1954-1962 Provides relief during Algerian Civil War.
- 1955 Publication of the book *Speak Truth to Power: A Quaker Search for an Alternative to Violence*.
- 1956 Provides relief during Hungarian Revolution.
- 1960-present Works with civil rights and peace movements across the United States and internationally.
- 1966 Creates programs to help civilians in North and South Vietnam.
- 1967-1970 Provides relief during Nigerian Biafran War.
- 1970-present AFSC continues to provide peaceful alternatives to war and relief in war-torn countries.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection consists of newsletters, reports, bulletins, correspondence, serial issues, and other printed matter relating to the American Friends Service Committee's Civilian Public Service branch, conscientious objectors to World War II, compulsory non-violent alternatives to serving in the war for members of established peace churches in the United States

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and aforementioned conscientious objectors to war.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Conscientious objectors--United States.

Pacifism.

Peace.

Service, Compulsory non-military--United States.

World War, 1939-1945--Conscientious objectors.

World War, 1939-1945--United States.

World War, 1939-1945--War work.

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**Scope and Contents note**

Newsletters, bulletins, and other informational materials for workers who worked with livestock animals through the American Friends Committee Civilian Public Service organization.

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**Scope and Contents note**

Guidelines, curriculum, bulletins, and other informational materials on a school promoting non-violence based in Cascade Locks, Oregon.