Register of the W. Langhorne Bond papers

Finding aid prepared by Elizabeth Konzak
Hoover Institution Archives
434 Galvez Mall
Stanford University
Stanford, CA, 94305-6003
(650) 723-3563
hooverarchives@stanford.edu
© 2007
Title: W. Langhorne Bond papers
Date (inclusive): 1930-1998
Collection Number: 2005C58
Contributing Institution: Hoover Institution Archives
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 5 manuscript boxes (2.0 linear feet)
Abstract: The papers describe China during the period surrounding World War II and the Chinese Revolution. The documents, including correspondence, reports, writings, printed matter, personal documents, and photographs, contain descriptions, observations, and insights about political events in East Asia especially during the Sino-Japanese War and World War II. A majority of the material is documentation about the China National Aviation Corporation.
Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives
Access
The collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.
Publication Rights
For copyright status, please contact the Hoover Institution Archives
Preferred Citation
[Identification of item], W. Langhorne Bond Papers, [Box no., Folder no. or title], Hoover Institution Archives
Acquisition Information
Materials were acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 2005.
Accruals
Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. To determine if this has occurred, find the collection in Stanford University's online catalog at http://searchworks.stanford.edu/. Materials have been added to the collection if the number of boxes listed in the online catalog is larger than the number of boxes listed in this finding aid.

1893 November 12
Born William Langhorne in Petersburg, Virginia, son of Thomas Baker Bond, a tobacco buyer, and Mary Potter Langhorne

1917
Enlisted in World War I, serving in the army in France for the duration of the war

1929
Started working for Curtiss-Wright Corporation

1931
Accepted the position of Operations Manager for the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC), in Shanghai

1933
When Pan American Airways purchased Curtiss-Wright interests in CNAC, Bond became a Pan American employee

1935 May 15
Married Katherine (Kitsi) Dunlop in Shanghai

1937
When fighting broke out between Japan and China, Pan American withdrew from active operations in China during the United States policy of political neutrality. Bond became a CNAC employee to ensure the continued operations of CNAC as a Chinese civilian air transport company. After the war, he returned to work for Pan American

1937-1942
CNAC continued to be active through the war despite evacuations from the main operating bases of Shanghai, Hankow and Hong Kong

1941
Pioneered the "Hump" route between China and India, an essential air link to China during World War II

1947
Promoted to vice president, Orient by Pan American Airlines

1949
After the fall of the Nationalist Chinese government, CNAC assets were sold to China for the Civil Air Transport

1950
Retired to his farm in Warrenton, Virginia

1985 July 16
Died, Ponte Vedra, Florida

2001

Scope and Content of Collection
Acquired by the Hoover Institution in 2005, the W. Langhorne Bond papers describe China during the period surrounding World War II and the Chinese Revolution. The documents contain descriptions, observations, and insights about political events in East Asia during the time. A majority of the material is documentation of the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC).
CNAC was first established as a cooperative company by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation and the Chinese Government. The American interest in the company, known as China Federal Airways, was purchased by Pan American Airways in 1933. Bond, known to most as "Bondy," began as operations manager for the company in 1931 and continued to work for the company until his retirement from the post of Pan American's vice president, Orient in 1950.

CNAC provided passenger, freight, and mail services to the Chinese Nationalist government. The small but effective airline was active during World War II, even as the Japanese took over large segments of China. The materials in the collection document events such as the evacuation of Hong Kong and a CNAC plane shot down by the Japanese. Bond also pioneered the "Hump" route over the Himalayas from China to India in 1941, which brought necessary supplies to the Chinese during the war. Prints in the Photographs document the first flight over the "Hump."

Materials documenting the operations of CNAC may be found in the Correspondence series. Of note is correspondence between Bond and other Pan American employees including H. M. Bixby, a Pan American vice president in China and the Philippines, and S. E. Morgan, a corporation general purchasing agent in New York. However, most CNAC correspondence before 1937 was lost when moved from Shanghai to Hankow after the outbreak of war with the Japanese. Additional information on the overall history of CNAC may be found in materials the Writings series, as well as the CNAC Files.

Images of the CNAC Staff, airplanes, airports, the Bond family, and travel in China during the 1930s and 1940s are found in the Photographs.

Wings for an Embattled China, By W. Langhorne Bond, ed. James E. Ellis, published by Lehigh University Press in 2001 is an autobiography of Bond and overall history of CNAC.

Throughout the collection description, the Romanization of Chinese place names have been kept as they were spelled by Bond in the 1930s and 1940s.

**Arrangement**

Arranged in five series: Biographical File, Correspondence, Writings, China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) Files, Photographs, and Printed Materials

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

China National Aviation Corporation.
Pan American Airways Corporation.
Aeronautics--China.
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations.
World War, 1939-1945--China.
World War, 1939-1945--Transportation.

**Biographical File, 1936-1982, undated**

Scope and Contents note

Includes identification cards, clippings, and articles. Arranged by document type, then chronologically.

Box/Folder 1 : 1

Biography and identification cards, undated, 1936-1940

Box/Folder 1 : 2

Clippings, 1947, 1982, undated

Box/Folder 1 : 3

"New Horizons," article on evacuation of Hong Kong, 1942

**Correspondence, 1929-1984**

Scope and Contents note

Includes both personal and CNAC business correspondence, containing descriptions of life, business and politics in China, particularly during World War II. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Box/Folder 1 : 4

General, 1938-1982

Box/Folder 1 : 5

American Consular Service, 1937-1945

Box/Folder 1 : 7-11

Bixby, H. M., 1937-1950

Box/Folder 1 : 12

Bond, Kisti, 1937-1948

Box/Folder 1 : 13

Bond, Mary (mother), 1937
Correspondence, 1929-1984

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Folder</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 : 14</td>
<td>Brock, Horace, 1977</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15-17</td>
<td>China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC), 1929-1949</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Soong Ching Ling, 1942, 1950</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Leary, William (Bill), 1969-1979</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20, 1-2</td>
<td>Morgan, S. W., 1937-1940</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Mulroney, J. D., 1970</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Neumann, Gerhard, 1971, 1983</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Pan American Airways, 1937-1950</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>United States Armed Forces, 1937, 1942</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>United States Embassy, Chungking and Hankow, 1938-1939</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Writings, 1965 1972, undated

Scope and Contents note
Consists of histories of the CNAC. Arranged chronologically by date of publication.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Folder</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>CNAC Chronology, undated</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Typescript</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>History of the CNAC, undated</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Typescript</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Operating History of the CNAC, undated</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Typescript</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Wings for an Embattled China, Chapter 6, undated</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Typescript</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Handwritten chapter drafts, undated</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Concerning the 1949 evacuations of refugees</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Wings over Asia; A brief history of CNAC, by CNAC Foundation, 1972</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Printed copy</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) Files, 1930-1947

Scope and Contents note
Brochures, contracts and reports describing CNAC operations. Arranged by document type. Additional information on the company may be found in the Correspondence and Writings series.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Folder</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Brochures, circa 1930</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Contracts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Folder</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Ministry of Communications and Directorate of Posts, National Government, Republic of China, 1930</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Pan American Airways, circa 1933</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Box/Folder 2 : 18
National Government, Republic of China, 1933
Box/Folder 2 : 19
National Government, Republic of China, American Armed Forces, 1947
Box/Folder 2 : 20

Report on air freight service to China, 1941

Photographs, 1935-1949, undated
Scope and Contents note
Photographic prints of Bond, his family, homes, travels, and CNAC operations. Photographs identify CNAC planes, airports, routes, and events. Arranged by subject.

Box/Folder 3 : 1
W. L. Bond and Kitsi Bond, undated, 1938, 1945
Box/Folder 3 : 2
Groups with W. L. and Kitsi Bond, undated, 1938, 1942

Homes
Box/Folder 3 : 3
Shanghai apartment, 2030 Joffre, 1935
Box/Folder 3 : 4
Shanghai house, 279 Route Charles Culty, 1937
Scope and Contents note
Includes baby Langhorne

Box/Folder 3 : 5
Repulse Bay cottage, Hong Kong, 1938

Travel
Box/Folder 3 : 6
Chinese scenes, undated.
Scope and Contents note
Unidentified
Box/Folder 3 : 7
Photographic post cards, undated
Box/Folder 3 : 8
Calcutta, undated
Box/Folder 3 : 9
Nanking, undated
Box/Folder 3 : 10
Japan, undated
Box/Folder 3 : 11
Shanghai, undated
Box/Folder 3 : 12
Houkow flood, 1931
Box/Folder 3 : 13
Great Wall of China trip from Peking, 1935
Box/Folder 3 : 14
Chungking, 1936
Box/Folder 3 : 15
Hangchow Bore, undated, 1936
Box/Folder 5 : 1-2
Yangtze River trip, 1936
Box/Folder 5 : 3
En Route to Hong Kong, Repulse Bay Hotel, 1940

CNAC
Box/Folder 5 : 4
Airplanes, undated
Scope and Contents note
Includes CNAC staff and a Sikorsky helicopter
Box/Folder 5 : 5
Airports: Lunghwa, Shanghai, and Kai Tak, Hong Kong, undated
Box/Folder 5 : 6
Staff, undated
Box/Folder 5 : 7
New office, Peking, undated
Box/Folder 5 : 8
Airplanes, street scenes, and damage photographed by Captain Higgins, undated.
Scope and Contents note
Printed 35mm film proofs
Box/Folder 5 : 9
War scenes, undated
### Photographs, 1935-1949, undated

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box/Folder</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5 : 10</td>
<td>Airplane piloted by Captain H. L. Woods shot down by Japanese, 1938</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 : 11</td>
<td>First survey flight over the “Hump” from Linking, China to Dinjin, India, 1941</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 : 12</td>
<td>Twentieth anniversary staff photo, 1949</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Printed Materials, 1935-1998, undated

Scope and Contents note

Clippings and published materials. Arranged chronologically.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box/Folder</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 : 1</td>
<td>General brochures and pamphlets, undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 : 2</td>
<td>Curtiss-Wright Corporation brochure featuring CNAC, undated.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Scope and Contents note

In Chinese

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box/Folder</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 : 3</td>
<td>Pan American Airways Flying Clipper Ships map, undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 : 4</td>
<td>A Pictorial Map of Peiping, undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 : 5-9</td>
<td>Clippings, 1935-1953, undated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 : 11</td>
<td>Handbook of the American University Club, Shanghai, 1935</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 : 13</td>
<td>War Messages and Other Selections, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, 1938</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Scope and Contents note

Inscribed by author

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box/Folder</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Scope and Contents note

Typescript

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box/Folder</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 : 15</td>
<td>Clipper newsletter, Pan Am Historical Foundation, 1997-1998</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>