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1911 Nov. 7 Born

1935-1937 Student, Japan

1937-1940 English teacher, Taipei, Taiwan

1942-1943 Analyst and consultant on Formosa, U.S. Department of War

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- 1944-1946 Director, Formosa Research Unit, Naval School of Military Government and Administration, U.S. Navy, Columbia University, New York
- 1946-1947 Foreign service staff officer and vice consul, U.S. Department of State, Taipei, Taiwan
- 1947-1949 Lecturer, University of Washington
- 1949-1950 Lecturer, Stanford University and University of California at Berkeley
- 1950-1955? Research Associate, Hoover Institution
- 1952 Published The Ryukyu Islands: A Preliminary Checklist of Reference Materials Arranged Alphabetically (with Higa Shuncho and others)
- 1953 Published Ryukyu Kingdom and Province Before 1945
- 1958 Published Okinawa: The History of an Island People
- 1959 Published Science Information Services in Japan, a Brief Survey
- 1961 Published Bibliography of the Ryukyus
- 1965 Published Formosa Betrayed
- 1974 Published Formosa: Licensed Revolution and the Home Rule Movement, 1895-1945
- 1986 Published The Taiwan Confrontation Crisis
- 1992 Aug. 27 Died, Honolulu, Hawaii

Scope and Content Note

The George H. Kerr Papers provide information about economic and political affairs in Taiwan in the 1930s and 1940s, Taiwan's transition from Japanese rule before and during World War II to postwar Chinese rule, Taiwanese rebellion against Chinese rule in 1947, and U.S. foreign policy toward Taiwan. Some information about economic and political conditions in Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands after World War II is also included.

The series CHRONOLOGICAL FILE OF EVENTS IN TAIWAN covers the period during which Kerr served as U.S. vice consul at Taipei. It consists chiefly of translated local press reports, many of which were issued by the United States Information Service, Taipei, and handwritten chronologies of local events in Taiwan. Some of the chronologies are written in composition notebooks that span several months in a single notebook; these are filed under the first month listed in the notebook.

Most of the material in the SUBJECT FILE series was collected during Kerr's service as a Taiwan specialist with the U.S. military during World War II. Included are translations of selected chapters of Taiwan Jijō (Conditions in Taiwan), 1939, and Taiwan Keizai Nempō (Taiwan Economic Annual Report), 1943, prepared at the Military Government Translation Center of the Naval School of Military Government and Administration at Columbia University. Also included are outlines of a series of lectures that were directed toward U.S. civil affairs officers assigned to Taiwan. The dates provided in the container list for this series are limited because many of the documents do not bear dates, some have only a translation date, and others have only a publication date. The few photographs available depict Taiwan's geographic features.

The CLIPPINGS FILE series also relates primarily to Taiwan, with the vast bulk dated 1950. The articles were cut from English-language newspapers in the U.S., such as the San Francisco Chronicle, Chinese World (San Francisco), and the New York Times.

The UNIVERSITY SEMINAR FILE series relates to courses on East Asia at the Hoover Institution and the University of California in which Kerr served as instructor or co-instructor. The files are incomplete, consisting of miscellaneous course materials and a few student papers. Other student papers are interfiled in the SUBJECT FILE series.

In addition to material in the WRITINGS series, some notes and drafts that were probably written by Kerr are interfiled with other documents in the SUBJECT FILE series. In the series CHRONOLOGICAL FILE OF EVENTS IN TAIWAN, a few brief memoranda by Kerr are interfiled from January 1947, and syllabi in the UNIVERSITY SEMINAR FILE series were probably written by him.

Most of the papers in this collection are in English; a few are in Japanese. Folders consisting entirely of material in Japanese are indicated in the container list.

A major portion of Kerr's research collection is held by the East Asian Library at the University of California at Berkeley; additional Kerr papers are held at the 2-28 Memorial Museum Archives in Taiwan and the Okinawa Prefectural Archives.

Indexing Terms

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Subjects

United States. Dept. of State.
Okinawa-ken (Japan)

Ryukyu Islands.
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Taiwan--Foreign relations--United States.
Taiwan--History.
Taiwan--Politics and government.
United States--Foreign relations.
United States--Foreign relations--Taiwan.
Japan.
United States. Consulate (Taipei, Taiwan)

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