Register of the William La Varre Papers

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Communism.
Latin America.
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United States--Politics and government.
United States--Foreign relations.
United States--Foreign relations--Latin America.
Journalists.

1898, August 4
Born, Richmond, Virginia.

1914-1920
Educated, Townsend Harris Hall, New York, Columbia University Extension, Harvard College (special student).

1919
Author, *Up the Mazaruni*.

1920-1927
Explorer, South America.

1928-1930
President, Piedmont Press Association.

1933-1938
Foreign correspondent, South America.

1934
Author, *Johnny Round the World*.

1935
Author, *Gold, Diamonds, and Orchids*.

1939
Author, *Southward, Hi*.

1941
Author, "The 114 Markets of South America."

1941-1943
Chief, American Republics Units, U.S. State Department.

1944
Director, Foreign Service Council.

1950
Consultant, Economic Cooperation Administration.

1957-1958
Editor-in-Chief, *American Mercury Magazine*.

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Box: 1
**BIOGRAPHICAL FILE, 1922-1941**
Scope and Content Note
Biographical data relating to the career of William LaVarre, arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box: 1-5
**SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, 1919-1978**
Scope and Content Note
Printed copies of newspaper and magazine articles by William LaVarre as well as typescripts of his autobiographical writings, arranged chronologically.

Box: 6
**SUBJECT FILE, 1957-1977**
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence, pamphlets, and printed material by others, including records of the *American Mercury*, arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box: 7-12
**ISSUES OF THE AMERICAN MERCURY, 1954-1977**
Scope and Content Note
A file of the *American Mercury Magazine* and address lists of subscribers, filed chronologically.

**BIOGRAPHICAL FILE, 1922-1941.**

Box 1
Appointment, Chief of the American Republics Unit, Department of Commerce, 1941. Newspaper clippings.
Publicity for lectures and articles by William LaVarre. Printed copies, 1937-1940.
**SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, 1918-1978.**

Box 1
General, n.d.
"He Wanted To Be a Professor," The Harvard Magazine, November 1920. Printed copy.
"A Thousand Miles Up the Amazon," Travel Magazine, February 1921. Printed copy.
"Diamond Hunting in British Guiana," Young America, July 12, 1935. Printed copy.
"Meet the King of Nuthin," Courier Express, February 28, 1937. Printed copy.
"A Night in a Cocaine Eaters' Village, Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 2, 1937. Printed copy.
"Titicaca, the Disappearing Mountain Sea," Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 23, 1937. Printed copy.
"Auf der Suche nach dem Weissen Gott," (In search of the white god), Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung, August 26, 1937. Printed copy.

"Featherless Chicken of the Andes," *Young America*, September 17, 1937. Printed copy.


"South American Abe Lincoln," *Sunday Mirror*, April 7, 1940. Printed copy.


"War Invades America," Look, July 1940. Printed copy.
"Yankees of the South," Sunday Mirror, July 14, 1940. Printed copy.
"Hitler Sure He'll Boss South America by 1941," Boston Sunday Post, July 21, 1940. Printed copy.
"Spontaneous Combustion, Hitler's Plan to Gain Control of Latin America," The Hartford Daily Courant, July 26, 1940. Printed copy.
"Hitler’s Plan for Latin America," The Family Circle, August/September 1940. Printed copies.
"Nazis Use Threats to Gain Indirect Control Over French, Dutch Indies," The Houston Chronicle, August 4, 1940. Printed copies.
"Pilfered Products," Sunday Mirror, August 18, 1940. Printed copy.
"U.S. entering War Under Roosevelt Fait Acompli," The Tribune Sun, September 11, 1940. Printed copy.
"Golden Skeletons," Junior Scholastic, September 16, 1940. Printed copy.
"U.S. to Ease Heavy Burden of British in West Indies by Expenditures on Bases," St. Louis Post Dispatch, September 23, 1940. Printed copy.
"Our Caribbean Defense System is Still on Order. It Has Been For Over Two Years," November 2, 1940. Mimeographed copy.
"Voice of America or Dulcet Tones of Sycophant Choice for Voters," The Tribune Sun, November 4, 1940. Printed copy.
"While We Have Been Fortifying Our Back Door Our Front Door Remains Wide Open," Sunday Mirror, December 22, 1940. Printed copy.
General, photograph features, 1941.
"The Fight for Control of South American Skies," Sunday Mirror, April 6, 1941. Printed copy.

Draft I.
Part I.
Part II.
Exhibits for Part II.
Part III.

Draft II.
Part I.
Part II.
Part III.
Section I.
Section II.

Draft I.
Part I.
Part II.
Part III.
Exhibits.

Box 5
Draft II.
Part I.
Part II.
Part III.


Box 6
American Mercury.
Advertising.
Letters to the editor.
Letters from corporations.
"Mercy Forum."
Reprints.
Subscriptions.
  General.
  American Legion subscriptions.
  Newspaper publishers' subscriptions.
  Rural subscriptions.
Anti-Defamation League.
Balfour Declaration.
Church League of America.
Jews in Russia.
Jews in the United States.
Jordan, George Racey, testimony re atomic materials.
Zionism.


Box 7
1954.
  January (1).
  February (1).
  March (1).
  April (1).
  May (1).
  June (1).
  July (1).
  August (1).
  September (1).
  October (1).
  November (1).
  December (1).
1956.
  May (1).
  June (1).
  July (1).
  August (1).
  September (1).
  October (1).
  November (1).
  December (1).
1957.
  January (3).
  February (3).
  March (2).
Box 8

April (3).
May (3).
June (3).
July (3).
August (3).
September (1).
October (3).
November (3).
December (3).

1958.
January (4).
February (3).

Box 9

March (3).
April (15).
May (11).

Box 10

June (5).
July (1).
August (1).
September (1).
November (1).
December (1).

1959.
January (2).
February (2).
March (2).
April (2).
May (2).
June (2).
July (2).
August (2).
September (1).
October (1).
November (2).
December (2).

Box 11

1960.
January (1).
February (1).
March (1).
April (1).
June (1).
August (1).

1977.
Spring (1).
Summer (1).
Fall (2).
Winter (1).

Address lists of subscribers.

Box 12

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