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Descriptive Summary
Title: Charles Kikuchi papers
Date (inclusive): 1941-1988
Collection number: 1259
Creator: Kikuchi, Charles
Extent: 58 boxes (29 linear ft.) 4 oversize boxes
Abstract: Charles Kikuchi (1917- ) worked for the California State Employment Service, surveying Nisei occupations. He was recruited by Berkeley sociologist Dorothy Swaine Thomas for the Japanese Evacuation and Relocation Study (JERS). He began to keep a diary and completed field surveys at the Tanforan Assembly Center in Northern California and at the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona and in 1943 chronicled camp resident settlement in Chicago. He was drafted into the United States Army just before the bombing of Hiroshima. The collection consists of Charles Kikuchi’s diaries, correspondence, and related printed material about Japanese Americans and their relocation during World War II. Many diaries include clippings and programs related to the career of Kikuchi’s wife, Yuriko Amemiya, a professional dancer and a member of Martha Graham’s dance group.
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Digital Representations Available
Digital image files of the journal of Charles Kikuchi were made from the originals by UCLA’s Office of Instructional Development Photographic Services using a Fuji FinePix S1-Pro digital camera with a maximum resolution of 3,040 x 2,016 pixels. The camera was equipped with a Micro-Nikkor flat field lens. Images of the individual pages of the journal were captured as uncompressed 24-bit RGB TIFF files. These archival images were used to create JPEG user images to the specifications of the MoAII viewer.
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Biography/History
Kikuchi was born in 1917 in the San Francisco Bay Area; his father was an Issei barbershop owner; he was placed in an orphanage when he was 8 years old; in 1934 he headed for San Francisco; BA, San Francisco State College, 1939; anonymously published an autobiographical essay, A Young American with a Japanese Face, in Louis Adamic’s anthology titled, From Many Lands (1939); worked for the California State Employment Service, surveying Nisei occupations; attended School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley, and received certificate in social work in 1942; recruited by Berkeley sociologist Dorothy Swaine Thomas for the Japanese Evacuation and Relocation Study (JERS); Kikuchi began to
keep a diary and completed field surveys at the Tanforan Assembly Center in Northern California and at the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona; began chronicling camp resident settlement in Chicago, 1943; he was drafted into the United States Army just before the bombing of Hiroshima; received master's degree in social work, New York University (NYU), 1947; worked as a social worker with the Veterans Administration, New York; married Yuriko Amemiya, a professional dancer, in 1946; died September 25, 1988.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of Charles Kikuchi's diaries, correspondence, and related printed material about Japanese Americans and their relocation during World War II. Includes 63 volumes of Kikuchi's original diaries, May 1942-June 1948. Copy diaries span the years 1941-79. Also includes materials related to Kikuchi's work and surveys for the Japanese Evacuation and Relocation Study (JERS) and his study of Japanese American relocation to Chicago, Illinois. Contains various War Relocation Authority (WRA) publications, National Defense Migration reports, various issues of the Gila News Courier, and related publications. Many diaries include clippings and programs related to the career of Kikuchi's wife, Yuriko, a professional dancer and a member of Martha Graham's dance group.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Original diaries (Boxes 1-10).
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3. Loose items from diaries (Box 56).
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11. Proclamation documents (Box 61).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Kikuchi, Charles--Archives.
Yuriko, 1920- .
Tanforan Assembly Center (San Bruno, Calif.)
Gila River Relocation Center.
Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material
Diaries.

Related Material
Title: Japanese American Research Project collection of material about Japanese in the United States (Yuji Ichioka papers) - Collection number 2010.
Available at the Library Special Collections, UCLA.

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**Loose Items from Diaries [Additions, 1989, 1998]**

**Note**

*Loose items from diaries have been foldered. Original box, volume and page numbers of these items are listed below.*

Box 56, Folder 1

Box 8, vol.[55]: p. 0(6), 1, 58(2), 207, 232, 262, 270-27(3).

Box 56, Folder 2

Box 56, Folder 3  
Box 11, vol.1: attached to Charles Kikuchi's letter of December 20, 1941.

Box 56, Folder 4  
Box 11, vol.1: attached to end of vol.[1].

Box 56, Folder 5  

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Box 12, vol.6: p. 2244, 2303.

Box 56, Folder 8  
Box 13, vol.8: p. 2843.

Box 56, Folder 9  
Box 13, vol.9: p. 3512, 3554(7).

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Box 18, vol.24: Attached to Charles Kikuchi's diary (1947) inside of the cover page.

Box 56, Folder 20  
Box 18, vol.24: attachment to program, Martha Graham Dance Company.

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Box 19, vol.27: attachment to program, Martha Graham Dance Company.

Box 56, Folder 22  
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Box 45  
Correspondence & miscellaneous writings.

Boxes 57-60  
Correspondence, etc. Early 1980s.

Note  
[Additions, 1989, 1991]

Oversize Box 62, Folder 4  
Copies of letters.

Physical Description: [half legal size document box]

Note  
[Additions, 1989, 1991]

Japanese Evacuation and Relocation Study (JERS)

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Chicago case studies of evacuation and relocation, vols.1-14.

Box 47  
Chicago case studies of evacuation and relocation, vols.16-32.

Box 48  
Chicago case studies of evacuation and relocation, vols.33-46.

Box 49  
Chicago case studies of evacuation and relocation, vols.48-50.

Note  
[Volume 47 is UNAVAILABLE.]
| Box 54 | Case histories taken by Mr. Kikuchi of the following Japanese Americans in the Chicago area. |
|       | Note |
|       | Papers donated per Warren Tsuneishi. |
|       | Scope and Content Note |
|       | 5. Iwagami, Ichiro |
|       | 10. Sawamoto, Chutaro |
|       | 35. Ikenaka, Ike |
|       | 37. Saruwatari, Akira |
|       | 49. Saruwatari, Masako |

**Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play**

| Box 54 | Records including minutes and correspondence, of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play (of Galen M. Fisher. 1941-45, as sometime secretary of the Committee). |
|       | Note |
|       | Papers donated by Warren Tsuneishi given to him by Kikuchi. |

**Photographs and Biographical Data [Additions, 1989]**

| Box 54 | 10 prints made from originals retained by Mrs. Charles Kikuchi, of Charles Kikuchi. ca. 1938-1944, and accompanying biographical information. |
|       | Note |
|       | Papers donated by Professor Arthur Hansen. |

**Printed Materials**

| Boxes 50-51 | Government publications relating to the Japanese. |
| Box 52 | Various printed items. |
| Box 53 | Various publications by Japanese Americans, mostly copies of Trek [Utah Relocation Center newspaper]. |
| Oversize Box 62, Folder 3 | Newsprint items: newsletters, clippings. |
| Physical Description: [half legal size document box] |
| Oversize Box 62, Folder 4 | Theater program. 1988. |
| Physical Description: [half legal size document box] |


| Box 55, Folder 3 | Totalizer - Tanforan Assembly Center, California, vol.I no.19. September 12, 1942. |
| Physical Description: 6 copies. |
| Box 55, Folder 4 | Desert Sentinel, vol.II. October 22, 1943. |
| Physical Description: 1 item. |
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Box 55, Folder 10  

Box 55, Folder 11  

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**Reports**

Box 61, Folder 1  
**Bob Spencer Gila reports, vol.1. 1942-43.**

   Physical Description: Fragile carbons in large binder.

   Note: Kikuchi copy.

Box 61, Folder 2  
**Gila report - Ivers, Arizona, vol.2. April 1943.**

   Physical Description: Fragile carbons and mimeograph sheets in large binder.

**Proclamation Documents**

Oversize Box 62, Folder 1  
**Letter, copies of proclamation documents**

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Oversize Box 62, Folder 2  
**Copies of proclamation documents, etc.**

   Physical Description: [half legal size document box]