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Guide to the Rita Fikkert Collection, ca. 1937-1951

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Rita Fikkert Collection
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Collection Number: Bernath Mss 26
Collector: Fikkert, Rita
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Rita Fikkert, 1969.

Biography
Ruth Fikkert grew up in the Netherlands, was educated in part in the U.S., worked for the YWCA in California and New York, and had extensive training and experience in housing issues. Much of the material in the collection apparently came to the YWCA offices where she worked.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains correspondence, pamphlets, reports, articles, newspapers, flyers, tracts, and clippings from the World War II and post-WWII era, relating primarily to wartime relations with other countries; wartime mobilization of resources; support organizations; housing, labor, discrimination, and women's issues within the U.S.; propaganda; and censorship.

Some journals from the collection, such as Foreign Policy Reports and Voice of Freedom, have been transferred to the main stacks of the UCSB Davidson Library and can be searched on Pegasus, the UCSB Libraries online catalog.

A related Rita Fikkert Collection in the Performing Arts section of UCSB Special Collections [PA Mss 8], focuses on costume and costume design.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. World War, 1939-1945.

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Box 2:  6  Jewish National Welfare Fund, 1937
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Box 2:  9  National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., 1942
Box 2: 10  National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc., 1946
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Box 2: 15  Pacific Coast School for Workers (Berkeley, CA), 1940
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Box 2: 17  Post War Problems Club (San Diego, CA), n.d.
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Box 2: 27  World Federalists, 1942
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Series 4. Photograph

Box 2: 29  Photograph (possibly of Rita Fikkert, and man in uniform, Hermosa Beach, CA), 1944

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