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## **Finding aid for the Aneita Tidball papers 0437**

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**Abstract:** The Aneita Tidball papers consist of correspondence, memorandums and reports, 1951-1956, created primarily by Aneita Tidball in the course of her duties for the United Community Defense Service.

**creator:** Tidball, Aneita, 1896-1982

**creator:** United Community Defense Services (U.S.).

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**Biographical and historical note**

Aneita Tidball, a nationally known social worker and former executive Secretary of the Travelers Aid Society of Chicago, was Field Representative in the western states for the United Community Defense Service (UCDS), from 1951 to 1953. The UCDS was federation of fifteen large national agencies created in 1951 to assist undeveloped communities in meeting social service needs created by defense mobilization for the Korean War. It did so by functioning as a private cooperative fundraising agency that usually worked with local Community Chests. Tidball's three year assignment with the UCDS was to identify communities in the western region, including California, that had been adversely impacted by the growth and problems associated with the establishment of military installations because of the Korean War. Tidball's energetic and vivid field reports on the state of communities in the West, ranging from Oakland, to China Lake, to Moses Lake, Washington, form an important part of this collection.

**Arrangement**

The papers are arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content**

The Aneita Tidball papers consist of correspondence, memorandums and reports created primarily by Aneita Tidball in the course of her duties for the United Community Defense Service. Most of the material was generated during the years 1951-1953; all material is textual. The bulk of the holdings is correspondence, typewritten excerpts or summaries of newspaper clippings/releases, Aneita Tidball's and others' field reports and community summaries, and UCDS memoranda to or from Aneita Tidball. Most material is not found on UCDS stationary, for example, but onion-skin typing paper, suggesting that this material served as copies or records of work that had been sent. Some material is clearly designated as copies or else is clearly carbon copies.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Tidball, Aneita, 1896-1982 -- Archives

Tidball, Aneita, 1896-1982 -- Correspondence

United Community Defense Services (U.S.). -- Archives

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Memorandums

Minutes

Reports

Social service--West (U.S.)--20th century--Archival resources

Social workers--West (U.S.)--20th century--Archival resources

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Box 1, Folder 1-2

**[Correspondence and reports] 1951**

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence re Aneita Tidball's expense advance, confirmation of Aneita Tidball's hiring by UCDS, Traveler's Aid budget request.

Aneita Tidball's worklog (carbon copy).

A. Tidball field reports and field report excerpts to UCDS re Oakland, San Francisco, East Bay, Seattle Girl Scouts, summary interviews, Governor's committee meeting, etc. (copies).

Typewritten excerpts of newspaper clippings-releases.

Memoranda (2 copies) re philosophy of UCDS programs and work from A. Tidball to Irene Conrad, Executive Associate, UCDS.

UCDS personnel policies and job specifications for field representative.

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**[Reports, information sheets, and schedules] 1951-1952**

**Scope and Content**

Typewritten excerpts/summaries of newspaper clippings-releases re California economic and housing developments.

A. Tidball field reports, field reports excerpts, and summary interviews re Lancaster, Dorothy DeLaPole telephone conversation, Marysville, Yuba City, Petaluma, Riverside, Social Welfare Assembly Meeting, etc. Some material is copies.

Information sheet on UCDS (for San Diego Club).

A. Tidball appointment schedule in San Diego for 11, 12 March 1952.

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**[Memorandums, minutes, reports, and correspondence] 1952**

**Scope and Content**

Memorandums from A. Tidball to Irene Conrad, UCDS Executive Associate, or Margaret D. Hackfield re Tidball field visits, UCDS approach to its programs and work, communities visited by A. Tidball.

Information sheet on State of Arizona social services.

Field reports re South Alameda County; telephone call from Malcolm Harris, co-ordinator, Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Bremerton, Washington, etc.

Typewritten copy of article from "The Social Service Review."

Position sheet from UCDS on Community Chests.

A. Tidball paper on UCDS work in the urban community: for USC School of Social Work Alumni Annual Dinner.

A. Tidball UCDS Western Region Area Report for UCDS Annual Report.

A. Tidball paper on adequate shelter presented at California Forty-First Annual Conference of Social Work (2 copies).

Correspondence.

Minutes of UCDS Western Regional Meeting at Seattle Washington, and of UCDS Western Regional Meeting at San Francisco.

Agenda and minutes of UCDS Western Regional Meeting, San Francisco; list of invitations extended to and copy of invitation re same meeting.

Minutes of UCDS Western Regional Meeting at Pasadena, California.

Analysis of agency staff relationships and jobs, by A. Tidball for UCDS.

List of attendees for National Social Welfare Assembly, Conference of Emergency Community Needs.

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**[Agendas, minutes, reports, and lists] 1952**

**Scope and Content**

Mailing list for 2nd UCDS Western Regional Staff Meeting (2 copies).

Attendance list, agenda, and minutes of UCDS Western Regional Meetings at Pasadena, California (multiple copies).

Agendas for Western Regional Staff [Meetings].

Attendance list for UCDS staff meeting at San Francisco.

Minutes, attendance lists, and agenda of UCDS Western Regional Meeting at San Francisco (multiple copies).

Agenda and minutes of UCDS Western Region meeting at Seattle.

Field report re day care programs at military installations (copy).

Memorandum from Aneita Tidball to UCDS agency representatives in Western Region re minutes of 9 May 1952 meeting of UCDS Western Region Staff.

A. Tidball paper on relationship of local and national financing and planning organizations to local community operations.

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**[Reports, memorandums, and correspondence] 1951-1954**

**Scope and Content**

Field reports re Pocatello, Idaho Falls

Memoranda from Irene Conrad, UCDS Executive Associate, to A. Tidball re UCDS approaches, evaluation of UCDS project; memorandum from A. Tidball to Irene Conrad re state funds and Oregon report (attached); evaluation of UCDS project, tentative March 1952 schedule, etc. Some memoranda are file copies or drafts.

A. Tidball paper on relationship of local and national financing and planning organizations to local community operations (2 copies).

Correspondence re A. Tidball and closing of Western Regional Office of UCDS.

A. Tidball report on Rosenberg foundation.

UCDS file index.

UCDS personnel policy; UCDS job specifications for regional representative.

UCDS community summary report by Stanley C. Elsis, A. F. of L. field representative, to A. Tidball.

Memorandum from A. Tidball to John Moore re UCDS Western Regional Advisory Committee.

UCDS statement of purpose and organizational information.

UCDS Report of the Committee on Field Service; report on community needs because of defense mobilization.

UCDS information sheet on its services, local operations in such places as Paducah, Kentucky, etc.

American Social Hygiene Association, Child Welfare League of America, Inc., Family Service Association of America, Committee on Careers on Nursing, National Catholic Community, etc., Services Preliminary Statement on Services to Local Committees.

National Committee on Social Work in Defense Mobilization program highlights.

UCDS Report of the Field Service Sub-Committee on Criteria for Local Operations.

UCDS roster of officers, corporate members and board of directors.

UCDS list of participating organizations.

Roster of field staffs of UCDS's participating organizations in UCDS field service program.

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Folder 11-12

**[Correspondence, memorandums, reports, and papers] 1953**

**Scope and Content**

Correspondence re closing UCDS Western Regional Office.  
Letter from Lillian Fletcher, member of UCDS Board of Directors, to Gertrude Wilson re meeting about the program of the UCDS.  
Memorandum from A. Tidball to UCDS agency representatives re UCDS Western Regional meeting.  
Memoranda from A. Tidball to Irene Conrad re State of California Off-post Recreation Committee, San Bernadino County Planning Council, Tri-City area, etc.  
Program for Fifth Annual California Recreation Conference session on off-post recreation.  
Correspondence between A. Tidball and Congressman Edgar Hiestand re tax bill and copy of same; correspondence between Congressman J. Arthur Younger and A. Tidball re same tax bill. Some letters may be rough draft or copies.  
A. Tidball paper on dynamics of community leadership; for presentation at California State Conference of Social Work.  
Minutes and agendas for UCDS Western Regional Staff Meetings at Pasadena.  
Memorandum from Irene Conrad to Temporary Committee on UCDS Regional Advisory committees re summary report.  
UCDS information sheet re national juvenile and adult probation services.  
Correspondence and report from National Probation and Parole Association to A. Tidball (copy).  
Various papers re community services.

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Folder 13-14

**[Reports and correspondence] 1953**

**Scope and Content**

UCDS community summaries for Wyoming, South Alameda, Oregon, by A. Tidball; community summaries of, e.g., Riverside, by Stanley Elsis, A. F. of L., for A. Tidball.  
UCDS summary reports, by A. Tidball.  
UCDS service report, by A. Tidball.  
Field reports by Stanley Elsis, A. F. of L. representative UCDS.  
Report on Arizona visit by A. Tidball and Mrs. Sherwood Anderson, Defense Services, National board, Y.W.C.A. (2 copies).  
Program for Fifth Annual California Recreation Conference session on off-post recreation.  
A. Tidball paper on dynamics of community leadership; for presentation at California State Conference of Social Work (2 copies).  
UCDS local operations budget and contacts list.  
Correspondence re end of A. Tidball's position with UCDS.

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**[Reports and minutes] 1956**

**Scope and Content**

Memorandum, outline, and prospectus re UCDS report, from Reginald Robinson to "Friends of UCDS."  
UCDS Field Service Committee meeting minutes.