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PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE FOR TOTAL DISARMAMENT RECORDS, 1930-1938

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**Restrictions:** None
Introduction to the Collection

History

The Pennsylvania Committee for Total Disarmament was active from 1930 to 1936, chiefly in and around Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Although the group had formed in 1929, its official organization took place following a dinner in honor of A. Fenner Brockway (British member of Parliament and chair of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation) on February 4, 1930. Dr. William I. Hull was chair of the Committee throughout its existence, with Sophia Dulles serving as its executive secretary. Active members included Mary Winsor, Mrs. Walter Cope, William Eves III, and Edward N. Wright. The main emphasis for the Committee’s work was to bring pressure, through public opinion and personal contacts, on Congress to support total disarmament, including passage of the Frazier Amendment outlawing war. During the General Disarmament Conference, held in Geneva, Switzerland, during 1932, Dr. Hull was the Committee’s representative and sent back many reports on his activities.

Other objectives of the Committee included a congressional investigation of the munitions industry, opposition to all preparations and training for war (including ROTC), and support for conscientious objectors, both American and those from other countries whose stance caused them to be denied U.S. citizenship. The Youth Committee was especially active in providing support to conscientious objectors enrolled in college.

The Committee’s efforts were accomplished through correspondence, public meetings, marches, dissemination of literature, and a well-organized Youth Section. Although membership of the Committee was mostly from the Philadelphia area, cooperation with other groups—such as the Women’s Peace Union, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Committee on Militarism in Education—provided a national forum for expressing concerns and working together toward solutions.

The Committee was disbanded in 1938.

Arrangement

Two scrapbooks were removed to the Oversized Items Collection: Scrapbooks, as was a financial ledger. The following items are not included on the microfilm:

- Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Literature from the Committee, 1930-1936
- Treasurer’s Cash Record, 1931 (April)-1936 (June)

Six poster designs by students at Moore Institute of Art, Science and Industry (the Philadelphia School of Design for Women) were removed to the Poster Collection. These items also are not included on the microfilm.
The manuscript material (Boxes 1-21) for this collection is stored off-site. Microfilm reels may be borrowed (three at a time) through interlibrary loan.

Scope and Content

This archival collection comprises the complete records of the Committee, as well as the personal files of Dr. Hull regarding his involvement. Further correspondence of Dr. Hull may be found in the Miscellaneous Correspondence (“H”) files, and his correspondence and reports from Geneva are located in the 1932 General Disarmament Conference file. The bulk of the Committee’s collection is from 1930 to 1936.


After the boxes were sent off-site, the Reel Contents were rewritten and retyped from old versions, thereby accounting for some of the possible discrepancies between the box listings and what might appear on the actual folder labels within the boxes themselves.
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