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Summary

Title: American Movement for World Government. Records, c1953-87

Size: 22 linear feet (44 archival boxes)

Source: The collection was donated to the Library in July of 1994 by Sylvia Nash on behalf of the late Carmel Kussman.

Access: The records in Series IV. Restricted Papers (Boxes #42-#44) are restricted until the year 2012.

Description: The American Movement for World Government (AMWG) was founded in 1953 by William H.D. Cox for promoting world government as necessary to world peace and security. The records include correspondence of William H. D. Cox, minutes of the board of directors, media files including press releases and other publicity materials, direct mailing lists, financial records, and printed ephemera. Included are papers of Carmel Kussman relating to her work with AMWG and to her interest in world government, United Nations reform and other global concerns.
Historical Note

The American Movement for World Government (AMWG) was founded in 1953 by William H. D. Cox, a commercial airline pilot, in order to show the need for a world government in the move toward world peace and international security. The founder was influenced by Albert Einstein's postulate that "mankind's desire for peace can be realized only by the creation of a world government..." The goals of the AMWG set forth in its by-laws include "the dissemination of information and education relative to the establishment of a federal world government; to encourage the establishment of a federal world government through utilization of all reasonable and loyal means; to promote world government and provide an organization of members working to those ends; all by virtue of meetings, discussion groups, preparation and dissemination of publications and other lawful means."

Toward these ends, the non-profit organization, incorporated in 1954, recruited spokespeople such as science fiction writer Isaac Aisimov who wrote an article entitled "World Government – Science Fiction or Reality"; Ellsworth T. Carrington, a co-pilot on one of the of the six B-29's that bombed Hiroshima; astronomy professor Carl Sagan and celebrity Ed Asner. A large-scale media campaign urged people via direct mail to take out newspaper advertisements in their communities advocating world government and nuclear disarmament. Such ads appeared in prominent newspapers including the New York Times. Other efforts included the promotion of a motion picture which documented the life of Emery Reves, author of the 1945 book _The Anatomy of Peace_, and attempts to republish the book.

In 1985 the AMWG hosted an event called "Ed Asner Meets Albert Einstein: A New Way of Thinking About Planet Earth," in which Asner and an actor playing Einstein entered into a dialogue about world government. In June of 1985, the AMWG hosted a public meeting at its World Government Center which featured Isaac Asimov.

Much emphasis was placed on developing real world government and linking efforts with other similar minded groups. Because of this effort, the collection has vast amounts of information on related groups and their efforts toward world peace, world government, nuclear disarmament and similar interests. Some archival information relating to the World Federalists Association is contained in this collection (See NYPL Schwimmer-Lloyd Collection for WFA papers).

AMWG founder and president William H. D. Cox, Jr., led the organization through financial distress and flagging membership as well as internal organizational pressures. A United Airlines captain for 32 years, Cox was also involved in the Executive Council on Hazardous Material. He was a Navy pilot from 1946 to 1954. Additionally, Cox attended Brown University from 1943 to 1944, graduated from Columbia University in 1949, and attended Yale Medical School, where he founded a United World Federalist Chapter. He left Yale to work for the United World Federalists.
Carmel Kussman, a psychotherapist who resided in Brooklyn, New York, was active in AMWG for several decades, and also in other peace groups and world government movements. Her level of activity in the AMWG fluctuated between member, board member and vice president. She wrote "A Constitutional Approach to World Government" which became a part of the AMWG's publications library. By the end of the 1980's her involvement with AMWG had lessened although she still gave the group intermittent financial support. At this time she concentrated her efforts on "helping groups of people learn how they could live their daily lives without repeated resort to verbal or physical violence," as she explained in a 1989 letter to AMWG President Ward Harrington. She was referring in part to her activities at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility on Staten Island where she taught an Alternatives to Violence Basic Workshop.
Scope and Content Note

The bulk of the records relate to administrative matters, media efforts and the organization’s networking attempts. Included are many sources and publications of other movements and organizations in which the AMWG and its members were interested. The records include literature actively distributed by AMWG along with writings of Albert Einstein, Edith Wynner and other peace advocates. Press releases and direct mailings document the efforts of the organization to expand its press coverage and its membership. Documentation on the functioning of the board of directors and financial statements indicate the day-to-day workings of the organization including its financial struggles, spending priorities and goals. The records include personal papers of Carmel Kussman, arranged separately, which document her relationship with AMWG, and her interests in the world government movement. Included also are papers relating to the World Federalists Association which shared many members with AMWG.

Arrangement Note

The papers are arranged into four series: I. American Movement for World Government; II. Papers of Carmel Kussman relating mainly to the American Movement for World Government; III. Papers relating to the World Federalists Association; and IV. Restricted Records. The series are described in sequence below.
Series Descriptions

Series I. American Movement for World Government (Containers #1-36)

The AMWG series is arranged into ten sub-series: A. Board of Directors; B. Correspondence of William H. D. Cox, Jr.; C. Correspondence of William W. Kenney; D. Financial Records; E. Legal Records; F. Media Efforts; G. Membership; H. Printed Matter; I. Publications and Events; and J. Subject Files.

A. The records of the board of directors include minutes of meetings, documentation relating to agendas, reports of the presidents, financial reports, by-laws, amendments, and correspondence with board members.

B. The bulk of the correspondence (1969-87) of William H. D. Cox is arranged alphabetically. Included are letters to and from William H. D. Cox as president; follow-up letters on meetings with representatives from other world peace and like-minded organizations. Included also is correspondence relative to speaking engagements, responses to media appearances, development of literature, and AMWG events with members.

C. The bulk of the correspondence of William W. Kenney as executive director falls in the period 1984-85. The correspondence is both incoming and outgoing. Included is a separate file of outgoing correspondence.

D. The financial records include bank statements, tax and expenditure records, bills paid, receipt books, and insurance and tax papers.

E. The bulk of the legal records relate to the lease and later sale of the building which housed the organization.

F. The records relating to media efforts include press releases, documentation of successful and attempted publicity efforts, media networking, and publicity events.

G. The membership records include papers relative to academic and celebrity contacts, contributions, form letters and other matters.

H. The printed matter consists of a topical file of materials relating to nuclear disarmament, world government, world peace, and human rights.

I. The publications and events subseries consists of a topical file of events planned and executed by AMWG. Included are literature and brochures, direct mail pieces, and in-house publications.

J. The subject files contain correspondence, newsletters, and press clippings from organizations and movements similar in goals and methods to AMWG. Most of the files
which date from the early to mid-1980’s focus on disarmament, the threat of nuclear war, human rights, and world government.

Series II. Papers of Carmel Kussman relating mainly to the American Movement for World Government (Containers #37-38)

The papers reflect Carmel Kussman’s involvement with AMWG including her correspondence with Ward Harrington (president of AMWG) and various members of the board; and her associations with other organizations advocating world peace and world government.

Series III. World Federalists Association (Containers #39-41)

This series contains correspondence and papers relating to various aspects of the World Federalists Association including the campaign for United Nations reform and world citizenship.

Series IV. Restricted Papers (Containers #42-44)

These records which are restricted until the year 2012 consist of mailing lists and mailing labels which contain names and addresses of members, contributors, and of persons contacted during fund-raising efforts; and applications and resumes of persons seeking employment with AMWG.
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   -1987
   Board members pledge
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3  B. Correspondence of William H. D. Cox.
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Abbot, Lawrence
Adams, Robert
Anderson, Charles W.
Asimov, Isaac
Asner, Ed
Acomb, Robert

“B”
Bahm, Archie
Baker, Carol (Zero Population Growth)
Belitsos, Byron
Baratta, Joseph P.
Blake, Mildred
Blake, Mildred Riorden
Boose, Andrew (Kay, Collier & Boose)
Brooke, Mrs. Avery Rogers
Bross, Dorothy

“C”
Cabot, Henry B.
Canadian
Canfield, Cass
Carrington, Ellsworth
Chandrasejhar, Dr. Sripati
Chase, Stuart
Chernow, Ronald & Associates
Colaire, Addison
Compton, Randolph P.
Cooper, Lyman
Cousins, Norman
Cox, Eric

Crank Mail / Conspiracy Theories / Hate Mail
Cranston, Senator Alan

“D”
Dana, Betsy
Davis, Garry (World Service Authority)
Dimond, E. Grey

“F”
Fahner, Tyrone C. (Attorney General of Illinois)
Falk, Richard A.
Falwell, Rev. Jerry
Fendrick, David
Foote, Emerson
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Forbes, Mrs. Stuart C.
Franklin Mint
Frost, Carl K.
Fyler, Thomas, Jr.
“G”
Galbraith, John Kenneth
Gambino, Thomas (The Umano Foundation)
Gayler, Admiral Noel
Gersten, Lori
Grant, Rev. G. G.
Greene, Alice
Green, David M.
Greenberg, Hilman C.
Greenberg, Morton A.
Griessemer, Mrs. Tom (Winnie)
Gromet, Robert Y.

“H”
Habicht, Max
Harriman, Richard L.
Hastings, Courtland
Higgins, Donald H.
Hiller, Dale M.
Knottenbelt, Martin
Lyman, Hinkley
Hoagland, Dr. Hudson
Hodge, Peter
Holt, John (Growing without Schooling)
Hudson, Dick
Hudgens, Thomas A.
Inquiries
“I, J, K”
Kassa
Kendall, Henry P. Foundation
King, Reva & Jack (SERVAS International)
Kussman, Carmel
Lens, Sidney
Lord, Mia
Loque, John

“L”
Liggett, Thomas (World Peace News)
Lloyd, Georgia
“M”
Mattern, Douglas
MacLeish, Archibald
McClintock, Beatrice
Melchior, Alan C.
“N, P”
New members
Modaressi, M. R.
Motley, John (Jack)
Mott, Stewart R.
Mowrer, Lillian
Newman, Paul
Parmalee, Foster
Platt, Stanley K.
Potts, Col. R. Frazier
Price, Charles C.
Priest, Hartwell
Priest, Paul
Raber, Sam
Radl, Shirley L.
Rapoport, Bernard
Reiss, Trudie
Reves, Wendy and Emery
Rice, Victor
Rockefeller, David
Roland, Jon D.
Rosamond, Robert (Committee of United Peoples)
Rouse, Glenn R.
Rubin, Josephine
Rubinow, Raymond Seymour
Russell, Ruth P.
“S”
Saly, Alan
Schary, Dore
Sagan, Carl

Schaffer, Harold G.
Shaw, Rev. Rodney
Skewes-Cox, Bennet (Academy of World Study)
Skinner, B. F.
Stuart, Robert
“T”
Trudeau, Pierre Elliot
Truong, Mac
Tucker, Helen
Tyler, Gus
Tyner, Carolyn V.
“U, V, W, Z”
Uhrdin, Lars
Von Wettberg, Agnes B.
Walke, Frank (The Planetary Bargain)
Whitehead, John C.
Williams, Alfred C. (World Citizens)
Williams, Stillman P.
Wilson, Abraham
Yudell, Esther

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   Correspondence December 1983
   Correspondence 1984
   Correspondence January 1984
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10  Correspondence 1984–85 (copies from Cox)
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    International Office Centers
    Merger agreement (proposed)
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Bio and photos – Fendrick, David
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Fairfield Advocate
Good Morning America
The Great Rehearsal (motion picture)
Interlink Press Service
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Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel
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Proposal – Michael Washburn & Associates
Publicity and public relations
Radio & TV Stations
Speaker’s bureau - cards
Speaker’s bureau– 1981-84
Speakers’ notes
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Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors
Constitution for the Federation of Earth, A
Critical Mass Journal
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Freethought Today
Human rights publications
Nuclear disarmament publications
Peace Progress (journal of International Association of Educators for World Peace)

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Peace Progress
Peace Research Reviews
The Stanley Foundation
Transnational Perspectives
United Nations publications
War and Peace Digest
WGOC News (World Government Organizations Coalition
Women’s publications
World Citizen News
World Democracy News
World Education
World Federalist
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World Federalist Authority Committee
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Public meetings

Religious leadership
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Speaking invitations
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“Time for a Fresh Start”
The Treaty Trap
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“The Wild Flag” (by E.B. White)
World government statements
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Abolish War, American Movement to
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Americans Against Nuclear War
American Film Foundation
American Fund for Free Jurists
American Humanist Association
American International Association for Economic & Social Development
Amnesty International
Animal treatment
Anti-ballistic missile
Arms Control Association
Arms race
Association for Creative Change
Association for Creative Citizens
Association for World Education
Association for Voluntary Sterilization
Atlantic Council of the United States
Atlantic Union (partial federation)
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Bicentennial – Philadelphia
Breakthrough Foundation
Buckley, William F.
Bucknell Colloquy 1971
Business Executives for Peace
Business International Corporation
California State University – Fullerton
Campaign Against Nuclear War
Campaign for Peace and Democracy
Campaign for United Nations Reform
Campaign for World Government
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Catholic Association for International Peace
Catholic Peace Fellowship
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Center for Creative Communication
Center for Economic Conversion
Center for Non-Broadcast Television, Inc.
The Christophers
Citizens Against Nuclear War
Citizens Call
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City-As-School
Civil defense
Clergy & Laity Concerned
Coalition for International Cooperation and Peace
Coalition Network
Combat Pour l’Homme
Committee for Education on World Government
Committee on National Security
Committee on Present Danger
Common Cause
Community Service Society
Competitive ratification
Conflict resolution
Congressional Opinion on World Government
Congressional Record
Connecticut Campaign for a U.S. / U.S.S.R. Nuclear Arms Freeze
Conservation Consultants
Consortium on Peace Research, Education and Development (COPRED)
Cosmic Awareness Communications
The Cooperators
Council on Foreign Relations
Council for a Livable World
Council on Religion and International Affairs
Council on World Tensions
Curriculum Development
Death ray
Declaration of Atlantic Unity
Declaration of Independence
Declaration of Interdependence
Defense and Disarmament News
Defense Monitor
Delhi Declaration
Democracy International
Department of State
Disarmament
Drought (U.S.)
Economics
Educational Film and Video Project
Education for Social Responsibility
Encyclopedia of Associations
Enforceable World Law
Environmental Peace & Justice Coalition

Environment
Environmental crisis
Esperanto
Ethical Culture movement
Evolution
Fair immigration
Fate of the Earth I
Federal Union
The Federalist Caucus
Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
Fellowship of Reconciliation
Films
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Forecast letter
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Friends of the Earth
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Great Decisions
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Hazardous material
Heritage Foundation

High School World Citizens
Humanist Society
In These Times
Inform
International Association for Religious Freedom
International Center for Economic Policy Studies (ICEPS)
International Cooperation Council
International Flavors and Fragrances
International Peace Academy
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Inc.

International Registry of Organizational Development Professionals
International Women’s Tribune Centre, Inc.
Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies
Institute of International Education
Institute for International Order
Institute for Policy Studies
Institute for Soviet-American Relations
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Institute for World Order
Iranian Liberation
Jane Addams Peace Association, Inc.
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Microsecond
Middle East Conflicts
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National Center for Constitutional Studies
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National Peace Academy
National People’s Congress
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National Women’s Conference to Prevent Nuclear War
Networking Institute
Network to Educate for World Security
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One World
Our World, Inc.
Peace Associates
Peace Center (Nachman Gerber)
Peace Making Ministry
Popline (World Population News Service)

PROUT (Progressive Utilization Theory Today)
Reagan policies
Religious leaders
Resolutions
Right Livelihood Foundation, The
Rockefeller Foundation
Salisbury State College – Terrorism Information
SANE (Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy)
School for International Training
Scientists on Survival and Other Peace Conferences
Search for Common Ground
Sierra Club
Smith Kline Forum for a healthier American Society
Stanley Foundation
Sterling Institute
Stockholm Environmental Conference
Symphony Space
Telecosm
Temple of Understanding
Terranian Nationalist Association
Terrorism – VP Task Force Public Report
Tokyo Convention
Tri-Lateral Commission
Turn Towards Peace
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Uniterra Foundation
Union of Concerned Scientists

United Nations
United Nations Center for Disarmament
United Nations University for Peace
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