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Guide to the

Frances Fenner and Merwyn Fenner papers

1949-1958

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Summary

Creator: Fenner, Frances

Title: Frances Fenner and Merwyn Fenner papers, 1949-1958

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Abstract: Frances Fenner and Merwyn Fenner were married supporters of the world government cause, active primarily in Afton, New York in the 1950s. The Frances Fenner and Merwyn Fenner papers contain records of the Fenners' world government activism, including copies of their speeches and articles, correspondence with other world government figures, records from their involvement in the New York Citizens' Committee for a People's World Convention, clippings, and notes. Materials range in date from 1949 to 1958.

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Creator history

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Scope and content note

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Key terms

Subjects

Activists -- New York (State) -- New York -- 20th century

International organization -- 20th century

Names

Fenner, Frances

Fenner, Merwyn

New York Citizens' Committee for a People's World
Convention

Special formats

Clippings (information artifacts)

Speeches

Container list

Series I: General Records, 1949-1958

This series contains records of joint activities of Frances Fenner and Merwyn Fenner in relation to world government causes, including correspondence with other world federalists, clippings, notes, articles, and information on the New York Citizens' Committee for a People's World Convention, which both Fenners participated in. Materials range in date from 1949 to 1958.

- b.1 f.20 Articles, 1952
- b.1 f.1 Bunker, Sarah, 1951
- b.1 f.2 Catelle, Angel, 1949-1950
- b.1 f.3 Class visit letters, 1955 May
- b.1 f.4 Clippings, 1951-1955
- b.1 f.5 Freedom Foundation award, 1952
- b.1 f.6-7 New York Citizens' Committee for a People's World Convention, 1953-1955
- b.1 f.8 Notes, 1958
- b.1 f.9 Urie, Caroline, 1951-1953

Series II: Speeches, 1950-1957

The Speeches series contains notes and drafts of speeches given by Frances Fenner and Merwyn Fenner in support of world government causes. Some speeches were later published in world government literature.

Frances Fenner, 1953-1957

- b.1 f.10 "Jots and Titles", 1953
- b.1 f.11 "What is Your Two Cents Worth?", 1954
- b.1 f.12 "Consent of the Governed: Proposals for United Nations Charter Revision", 1955
- b.1 f.13 "Double Jeopardy", 1955
- b.1 f.14 "Statement in Support of S.C.R. No. 12: For an Arctic Exploratory Convention", 1955
- b.1 f.15 "Build a World for Man", 1957

Merwyn Fenner, 1950-1956

- b.1 f.16 "Replace the Straw Man!", 1950
- b.1 f.17 "Mice or Men?", 1951
- b.1 f.18 "Study Plan: The Sovereign Citizen and Constitutional Government", 1951
- b.1 f.19 "Cart Before the Horse: Disarmament Before World Government", 1956